

# KEOKUK'S BIG POWER COMPANY

Is Helping the Widow of a Former Employee Fight Insurance Company for the Collection of a Policy.

## SOCIOLOGISTS NOTICE IT

Foreman McPetridge, Killed by the Falling of a Derrick at the Sand Plant Had a Policy Now Contested.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—A suit filed here against the Commonwealth Casualty company of Philadelphia by which Mrs. H. F. McPetridge seeks to enforce the payment of a policy, presents some unusual features of corporation practice and a distinct step forward and upward in the attitude of big corporations toward their employees.

McPetridge was killed at the sand plant of the works, at the mouth of the Des Moines river, where he was foreman. A derrick fell on him, and he lived but a short time thereafter. While the pleadings here do not mention it, it is understood that the company paid the widow a considerable amount of money without admitting any liability but merely as a part of its policy of taking care of its loyal and efficient employees.

**Company Helps the Widow.**  
That this last motive is sincere in this big corporation said to be capitalized at \$22,000,000 is indicated by the circumstances of the suit filed here. It appears that the widow felt unable to fight the insurance company for the collection of the \$3,000 policy her husband held, and the big water power company has taken her place and is using its money and legal departments to enforce the collection for the widow of its former employee. That it has no selfish motive is proved by the fact that it satisfactorily closed all its business relations with her long ago.

The case is attracting some attention among sociologists and students of the relations of labor and capital.

## TELEGRAPH TABLOIDS

**KARDEN CITY, I. T., Jan. 2.**—George W. Beattie flew over Long Island, dropping New Year's cards from his aeroplane into the front yards of his friends.

**Could Not Go To Dance.**  
ORANGE, N. J., Jan. 2.—Miss May Donnelly, 19, is dying of poison she swallowed because her parents would not let her go to a dance after she and her sister quarreled over the finery each was to wear.

**A Hard Squeeze.**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Henry Opperman shook hands with a friend who was sailing for Europe. The friend sneezed Opperman's hand so hard a \$400 diamond fell from its setting in Opperman's ring.

**Falling Into the Sea.**  
LONDON, Jan. 2.—Hundreds of thousands of tons of the great white chalk cliffs of Dover, including Shakespeare's Cliff, have fallen into the sea.

**Time Clock.**  
SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Jan. 2.—Because high officials have been getting down late to work, Charles M. Schwab has a "time clock" in his steel mills.

**Fatal Joy Rides.**  
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—New Year's joy riding claimed two victims and six injuries here. Robert Curry, 30, and Samuel Patterson are the dead.

**The Early Bird.**  
EAST WALPOLE, Mass., Jan. 2.—Taking no chance at having some one



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also get him during leap year, Robert P. Bach, governor of New Hampshire has announced his engagement to Miss Edith Bird, of East Walpole.

**Foreign Missions.**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Unofficial figures show that protestants the world over last year gave \$25,297,074 for foreign missions. The United States and Canada gave half that sum.

**Engagement Ended.**  
TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 2.—Anthony Task was engaged to Miss Jennie Anskie from the time he leveled a pistol to her head until the police arrived. Then the engagement ended and Task fled.

**Out of Season.**  
CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Fishing through a broken window in a jewelry store's collection of pearls, two thieves armed with poles, lines, hooks and reels were arrested. They were reeling in a \$350 necklace.

**Usual Condition of Grooms.**  
LOANSFORT, Ind., Jan. 2.—Charged by his wife with desertion, E. H. Graves, 19, declares the woman had him drugged and married him while he was in a semi-conscious stupor.

**Hotel for Women.**  
CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—A magnificent hotel for middle aged working women is to be built by Mrs. Mary Eddy and Mrs. Edna Garis, two wealthy widows. The hotel rates will be \$3 a week for room and board.

**Once a Year.**  
GRANITE CITY, Ill., Jan. 2.—"A man has a right to be heard once a year," said Police Judge Riggs, as he discharged Thomas Lane, arrested for firing a revolver on New Year's eve.

**Frat House Burned.**  
COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 2.—It was estimated today that it would cost \$4,000 to rebuild the Beta Theta Pi frat house, destroyed by fire here yesterday. The Missouri University men have already started to collect the necessary amount.

**Skinned Clean.**  
CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Thomas Fay and James Devury, the latter a Pinkerton detective, were held up and robbed of every stitch of clothing they had on. In the wash room of a downtown billiard hall early today.

**Boycott is Failure.**  
ODESSA, Jan. 2.—The boycott instituted against American-made agricultural implements is meeting with indifferent success here. The people prefer American machinery to any other make.

**No Cabinet.**  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 2.—Turkey's government is being run without a cabinet, the grand vizier having as yet been unable to select ministers to succeed those who resigned Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Harmon, 506 Star Ave., Burlington, Iowa, and Mrs. E. Morse, Council Bluffs, Iowa, the only Iowa women in Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It has been found to answer most perfectly all the purposes of a laxative, and its very mildness and freedom from griping recommend it especially for the use of children, women, and old folks generally—people who need a gentle bowel stimulant. Thousands of American families have been enthusiastic about it for more than a quarter of a century. Anyone wishing to make a trial of this remedy before buying it in the regular way of a druggist at fifty cents or one dollar a large bottle (family size) can have a sample bottle sent to the home free of charge by simply addressing Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 405 Washington St., Monticello, Ill. Your name and address on a postal card will do.

## ROOSEVELT ONLY ONE IN 1912 RACE

Former Iowa Expects "Teddy" to be the Only One in the Race for the Next Presidential Nomination.

## GARFIELD SECOND PLACE

Expects Roosevelt to Receive the Largest Popular Vote Ever Given a Presidential Nominee — is a Booster.

Willis George Emerson, formerly of Denver and Wyoming and for many years a resident of Iowa, has been in Denver several days meeting old friends and is doing a lot of boosting for Roosevelt for the presidential nomination. In an interview printed in the Denver Post of last Thursday he gives his impressions and makes the following predictions:  
"Nothing to it but Roosevelt," he declared, "so far as President Taft is concerned, I consider him entirely out of the running. Indeed, it is my opinion that President Taft's name will not even be presented to the republican national convention. If, however, Mr. Taft should be nominated he would lead the republican party to sure and certain defeat. Neither is Senator La Follette's candidacy a factor worthy of serious consideration, although Mr. La Follette's popularity seems to be growing with the progressives."

**No Power in Politics Can Prevent it.**  
"Theodore Roosevelt is the man who will be nominated by the republican convention. It is my belief," continued Mr. Emerson, "that there is no power in politics that can prevent 'Teddy' from being selected by the republican party as its presidential nominee. I rather expect that Mr. Garfield of Ohio will be his running mate."

"Theodore Roosevelt has a personality beyond any man of his generation. Less than a week ago, in Boston, as he rode down the street from the hotel, he was greeted by 10,000 people as the next president of the United States. Those who had criticized in New York City gave expression to their adverse views in some of the newspapers.  
"The following day, when Colonel Roosevelt arrived at union station, Forty-second street, New York, 15,000 people were waiting to receive him, and fully a thousand policemen were necessary to hold the people in check and make an opening for Mr. Roosevelt's automobile, while the people with loud acclamations hailed him vociferously as Mr. Taft's successor."

## Masses Believe Him Honest and Fearless.

"A majority of the people of the United States believe that Mr. Roosevelt is honest, even if he makes a mistake; also fearless, independent and progressive. Personally I happen to be one of the majority who share unflinchingly in this belief.  
"Not only am I absolutely certain that Mr. Roosevelt will be nominated by the republican national convention but I also believe he will be elected by the most stupendous majority and largest popular vote ever given to a presidential nominee."

## JOHN BROWN OF MONTROSE, DEAD

Old Citizen Passed Away After Two Weeks Illness From Pneumonia.

MONTROSE, Ia., Jan. 2.—After an illness of two weeks, from a complication of diseases, followed by an attack of pneumonia, our esteemed townsman, John Brown, passed to his reward, at 9 p. m. Thursday, December 28, 1911.

John Brown was born in the state of New York in the year of 1836 and came to Lee county, Iowa, in 1845, since which time he has been a continuous resident.  
Fifty-two years ago he was united in marriage with Eliza Bullard and to this union six children were born, five of whom, with the aged wife, survive. The children surviving are: Mrs. Mary Caldwell, Bellingham, Wash.; Mrs. Letitia Geere, Mt. Hamill, Iowa; Mrs. Frank Campbell, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; Mrs. James Cale, Montrose, Iowa; Mrs. James Brown, Fort Morgan, Colo.  
Mr. Brown has been since childhood a strict churchman of the Methodist denomination, and a member of the Masonic order for about fifty years, having joined Claypool lodge, Fort Madison, and being transferred to Joppa lodge, A. F. & A. M. of this place.

He had achieved success as his chosen occupation, that of farming, as his fine four-hundred acre farm gives evidence; but about six years ago he bought residence property in Montrose, retired his farm and retired from active work.  
The funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church Sunday at 2 p. m. by the Rev. Alexander, after which the remains were taken charge of by the Masonic order. Interment was made in the Montrose cemetery.

## ADDING UP THE COLUMNS

Merchants Taking Stock and Finding Out How Business Progressed for the Year Just Passed.

## IT WAS A GOOD YEAR

Keokuk Business Was Flourishing in 1911 Both for the Retail and Wholesale Houses of This City.

This is the time of the year when jobbers, manufacturers, retail merchants and all lines of trade are busily engaged in finding out "where they are at." They are engaged in taking stock and everybody from the big boss to the office boy are sweating in their shirt sleeves working on the periodical invoice.  
Many of Keokuk's business men have completed the taking of stock, and are now anxiously footing up the long columns of figures for the final result which will reveal to them the success or failure of their business efforts during the year of 1911, which is now reckoned with the yesterdays in the lifetime of the world.

"If the Keokuk jobbers do not find from their invoices that they have made money the past year they will never make any, for last year was one of the most prosperous in the history of the wholesale grocery trade," was the remark of an old and experienced Keokuk man who is an expert in the wholesale grocery trade. And he spoke what has been the general opinion of many others who have kept somewhat in touch with Keokuk's business trade during the past year. There is a reason. Keokuk jobbers purchase large stocks of many articles early in the season at nominal prices and sold nearly through the entire season on a rising market. This was not the case in every instance, but it was the rule with many articles for which there was a tremendous demand.  
The wholesale dry goods trade has a similar record. And the merchants in this line will have no cause to complain when the balance sheet of the past year is completed.  
Manufacturers and wholesalers in other lines are evidently pleased with their year's large transactions of which their good humor is evidence.

Keokuk retail merchants in every line faced the new year with smiling faces for past successes and with great expectations for the new year of 1912.

Take it all in all, no town in Iowa, or any of the surrounding states have been more bountifully blessed in a commercial way than Keokuk. There is being laid here a new foundation for future prosperity and growth which will rapidly develop as the months of 1912 go by.

When you want a reliable medicine for a cough or cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Wilkinson & Co., Pharmacy and J. F. Kiedaisch & Son.

## PACKING HOUSE FIGURES FOR YEAR

Increase Shown at Four of the Chief Packing Centers of the Country.

The year 1911 shows a great increase in the packing industry of the country, according to the following reports.

**Kansas City, Mo.**—The number of animals slaughtered by packing houses at Kansas City in 1911 increased 30 per cent over 1910. The greater part of the increase was in hogs, although

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**\$1.00 Value Ladies' Garments, at . . . 69c each**  
**\$1.25 Value Men's Garments, at . . . 89c each**  
**\$1.50 Value Men's Double Breasted, at \$1.19 each**

Children's Red Wool Underwear at almost half price to close out the entire line.

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32,000 more sheep were killed in 1911 than in the preceding year.  
There was a slight decrease in the number of cattle slaughtered due, it is asserted, to the beef market conditions following the high cost of living agitation.  
St. Louis, Mo.—Nineteen records were broken in the receipts of live stock at the National stock yards in 1911. The total number of animals received were 5,300,000, a gain of 800,000 head over the previous record year, which was two years ago.  
The hog receipts, 3,120,000, were the greatest ever known here, showing a gain of 52 per cent over last year. Except cattle, the market showed gains in all departments.  
Omaha, Neb.—Records for receipts on live stock at the South Omaha yards were broken with the ending of the present year, during which six and a half million head were received. The gain over 1910 approximated over half a million head, according to the report given out.  
The gain in sheep, which was almost a million head, was the most gratifying. Officials believe that the high price of beef is responsible for the larger demand for mutton.  
St. Joseph, Mo.—The increase in cars of live stock received at the stock yards in 1911 was 361 per cent over 1910. Receipts of horses were over 41,000, the largest in the history of the market. Hogs increased half a million over 1910. The gain in sheep was 158,000. A decrease in cattle is shown, owing to the shortage in the country.

to the panograph, so completing a circuit that the voltage instantly passed through his body. Like a flash he fell from the car, and to his companions it seemed that he had been killed instantly. In falling his head struck against the corner of a flat car, cutting a deep gash in itself almost fatal, but within a short space of time he was conscious and physicians attending him at the hospital this afternoon say that he should recover.  
In many respects it is one of the most remarkable escapes experienced by a local man. Trainmen and physicians alike are unable to explain his escape, for the high voltage in itself was sufficient to kill an army of men. Then the blow on the head, unless it caused a reaction which saved his life, was severe enough to cause a fatality.  
The only outward effects Mr. Young shows are the painful burns on his hands and feet and the deep gash in his head. The physicians say he is resting easily and that he will probably recover.  
Mr. Young has been working for the Rock Island Southern some time as an electrician at the car barns. He was helping repair an engine at the Burgess station, when the accident occurred.

**The Danger of La Grippe**  
Is its fatal tendency to pneumonia. To cure your la grippe coughs take Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. R. E. Fisher, Washington, Kas., says: "I was troubled with a severe attack of la grippe that threatened pneumonia. A friend advised Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and I got relief after taking the first few doses. I took three bottles and my la grippe was cured." Get the genuine, in the yellow package. Wilkinson & Co.

**11,000 VOLTS IN BODY OF MAN**  
Survived the Shock Received While Engaged in Electrical Work.  
MONMOUTH, Ill., Jan. 2.—To have 11,000 volts of electricity pass through the body and still live seems contrary to all laws of the known medical world, but such seems to be the only solution of the remarkable escape from instant death by Howard Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Young, No. 321 South Eleventh street, when he received the entire voltage in the current of the Rock Island Southern north line.  
While engaged in repairing the pantograph on an electrical freight engine, near Burgess, the young man accidentally touched a piece of tubing

**PEOPLE VS. CARS IN TOLEDO FIGHT**  
New Ordinance Passed Last Night is Going to Cause a Big Rumpus.  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.] TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 2.—The people of Toledo vs. the Street Railway company. This is the lineup for a battle which will probably start in Toledo today when Mayor Brand Whitlock is expected to sign a city ordinance passed last night, which amounts to an appeal to the people to take charge of their own franchise rights on all street car lines and force a three cent fare.  
The ordinance, framed by City Solicitor Schrieber, forces an arbitrary three cent fare provision on the car company to be effective until a permanent franchise is drawn. The ordinance holds that the street car fare of the city is three cents and the people are called upon to pay no more. Schrieber stands ready to bring suit for damages for any citizen who may be evicted from a car when refusing to pay a higher fare.  
It is not known what move the car company contemplates to meet the city ordinance, but it appears they must either submit or their lines will be practically paralyzed because of alterations between car operatives and the public.

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**Crazy Woman.**  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Miss Katharine Heisdorf, a domestic of Milwaukee, who brought a breach of promise suit against William C. Rucker, surgeon of the marine hospital service, then acting health commissioner of Milwaukee under the socialist administration and who later sued Victor L. Berger for \$50,000 damages, because the congressman said she was insane, was sent to the Washington asylum today for observation.  
Surgeon General Wyman exonerated Rucker from the woman's charges.

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This Offer Should Gain the Confidence of the Most Skeptical.  
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If you suffer from chronic or habitual constipation, or the associate or dependent chronic ailments, we urge you to try Rexall Orderlies at our risk. Remember, you can get them in Keokuk only at our store. 12 tablets, 10 cents; 36 tablets, 25 cents; 84 tablets, 50 cents. Sold only at our store—The Rexall Store, McGrath Bros. Drug Co., corner Fifth and Main streets.

# What's The Matter With Your Baby?

The young mother—and many an old one, too—is often puzzled to know the cause of her child's ill nature. The early indications are not necessarily trouble. It may have nothing more the matter with it than a headache or a feeling of general dullness. It cannot, of course, describe its feelings, but as a preliminary measure you are safe in trying a mild laxative.  
Nine times out of ten, you will find it is all the child needs, for its restlessness and peevishness are perhaps due to obstruction of the bowels. And once that has been remedied the headache, the sluggishness and the many other evils will quickly disappear.  
Don't give the little one salts, cathartic pills or watery waters, for these will act as purgatives, and they are too strong for a child. In the families of