

EXPERT ANALYZES KEOKUK'S NEEDS Modern, Moderate Renting Houses and First Class School Buildings Vital Necessities.

SEES A BRIGHT FUTURE James A. Bell of Saskatoon, Canada, Visits City and Talks Encouragingly of Prospects.

James A. Bell, industrial commissioner for a growing Canadian town, says Keokuk must get her city ready before she can expect factories.

"Keokuk has impressed me more favorably than any city I have seen in the last three months in traveling over ten thousand miles," said James A. Bell, city builder and banker who arrived here today to investigate the city and transact some banking business.

As industrial commissioner of the city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, he was confronted with a similar situation here today. In four months he secured for his city over \$5,000,000 worth of factories of the most substantial kind and housed the population of the town to 30,000.

"Before you get a single factory here you must make your city ready to receive factories," Mr. Bell said. "You have your power, your industrial tract, and a number of other things necessary. What you now need is to touch up the city itself. You must have plenty of good, modern houses for rent to workmen; you must have good schools and educational facilities, markets, parks, amusements of various kinds. The town must be made a good place to live in, and a cheap place to live in. It must be the kind of a town that factory help will be satisfied to live in, not only for the men, but for the women and children as well.

Works Along Right Lines. "The men in your industrial Association here are working exactly along the right lines. They are good headed, efficient men, and will be able to do wonders for your city if they are given the right kind of support from the citizens. Without this support, they can do nothing. I have already learned from direct experience that there are many knockers in this city. They are one of the biggest assets of the town, although few may realize this fact. A knocker, once shown where he is wrong, will turn out to be one of the best boosters, and one of the most influential workers for the welfare of the city that you will encounter anywhere.

"But in putting through these issues for the development of the city they will meet with great opposition. They will have to be forced. That is the only way the matter can be accomplished. Your power here can be developed at almost half the cost found in any other power development of the kind in the country. At Saskatoon we had to transmit our power from Prince Albert, 128 miles away, and the cost there is much greater than here. Even at Niagara the cost of producing power is greater by almost twice than it is here.

trial Association working along the lines it has adopted, and with the progressive spirit that prevails almost universally throughout the city, Keokuk should one day be one of the largest manufacturing centers of the middle west. It rests entirely with your people. They should not expect a New York to grow up over night. It takes work on the part of all, co-operation, push, boost and support."

CITY NEWS.

Retail grocers will be closed all day tomorrow. See our electric reading lamps before buying. King Plumbing Co.

Announcement was made this morning that the Wabash and Rock Island offices will be closed on Christmas day.

A warrant deed was filed with Recorder Vaughn today by which Frederick D. Grave, Jr., and his wife, Jennie E. convey to Christina H. H. Washburn, three lots on the corner of Ninth and Blondeau streets.

Electric reading lamps. King Plumbing Co. Court of Honor meets Friday night at Hawkes' hall, 8:00 o'clock. Christmas lunch. Every member come.

A reading lamp will make a very suitable gift. King Plumbing Co. The holiday recess of the district court commenced at noon today and will continue over Christmas.

Judge Bank will be at the court house next week but there will be practically no business transacted until court reconvenes January 5. Today Judge Bank was busy with probate and civil matters.

Electric devices of all kinds. King Plumbing Co. A Christmas dinner will be served at the new Hotel Iowa tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 1:00 o'clock. Both the lobby and main dining room of the hotel have been very prettily decorated for the holidays.

Wreaths of holly have been placed around the walls and on the windows, while a long streamer of mistletoe hangs from the ceiling in the center of the room.

Our prices are right on electric reading lamps. King Plumbing Co. Supervisor Young stated this morning that the poor families on the county's list which are not being taken care of by either the Ladies of Charity or the Good Fellows will be taken care of by the county. Twenty Christmas dinner baskets have been ordered prepared. A chicken, cranberries, bread, raisins, potatoes, and butter are included in the list of things to go in the baskets. Poor-master Korschegan is doing the ordering for the dinners.

New styles and designs in electric table and floor lamps. King Plumbing Co.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Engelhardt, of Chillicothe, Mo., arrived in the city last evening to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Helen Oertel left Saturday to spend the holidays at Cedar Falls and Dewitt, Ia., with her aunts Mrs. Sam W. and Mrs. James Samuels.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wiesemann left this morning for Toulon, Ill., where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Wiesemann's parents.

Fred Z. Gosewisch, United States weather observer at Keokuk left for Chicago to spend Christmas with his daughter and is expected to return Monday morning.

Mrs. Johanna Bush and son Edwin of Peoria are visiting relatives in the city.

Rev. W. Vanderzee of Lincoln, Neb., arrived in the city today, the guest of Mrs. M. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wright of Chicago are the guests of Mrs. La. Ayette Brown and Miss Brown.

Matt Leindecker and wife of Quincy, Ill., are visiting John Leindecker, justice of the peace, over Christmas.

Mr. Frank Quinn of San Antonio, Texas, will arrive in the city this evening and will spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Henry Montgomery, 923 Bank street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Everman will leave this evening for Brookfield, Mo., to spend the holidays.

No Excuse for High Price. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—No shortage in the 1913 potato crop of this country exists, nor will quarantine against foreign potatoes on account of prevalence of powdery mildew and black rot seriously affect the price of potatoes this winter, according to a statement issued by the department of agriculture today.

Eugenic Selections. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Eugenic selection of immigrants and regulations that would prohibit the landing of all those unfit for parenthood was advocated in a letter received here today by Gilbert H. Grosvenor, director of the National Geographical society from Prof. R. L. Deward of Harvard university.

Hives, eczema, itch or salt rheum sets you crazy. Can't bear the touch of your clothing. Doan's Ointment cures the most obstinate cases. Write. All druggists sell it.—Advertisement.

—Read The Daily Gate City.

We will be open all day Christmas Wilkinson & Co. G. Arthur Kiedaloch, Mgr. Keokuk's Biggest, Builest and Best Drug Store. 522 Main Street.

AT SLOWPOKE'S HOME. 'Twas the night before Christmas And all through the house Not a creature was stirring They could not, because They had put off their shopping Until the last day And were all fagged out But, it's always that way.

EVERYTHING IS READY FOR COMMUNITY TREE Chaperones will be Advised of Any Change of Plan in Singing of Carols Tomorrow.

The following contributions to the community Christmas tree fund have been received yesterday afternoon and today:

- Mrs. Herbert J. Fields \$2.50 Geo. Hassell 5.00 Mrs. Matilda Matless 1.00 Ette & Prasse 1.00 Cash 2.00 Cash 2.00 Jesse E. Baker 1.00 Miss Mayme Dolan 1.00 Cash 3.00 A Friend 1.00 St. John's church 10.75 A Friend 1.00 Cash 2.00 Dr. A. B. Hughes 1.00 Cash 1.00 A Friend 1.00 St. John's church 10.75 A Friend 1.00 Cash 2.00 Dr. Robt. M. Lapsley 1.00 Cash 2.00 Cash 4.00 Cash 2.00

Because of the uncertain condition of the weather the committee is not certain about the arrangements for the children's singing Christmas night from 7 to 8 o'clock, but the committee will telephone to the chaperone definite arrangements tomorrow.

It is hoped that nothing will prevent following out the full program of the day. The band which leads in the singing will be composed of the following: Cornet, Mr. Miller; Cornet, Mr. Stewart; cornet, Mr. Radasch; clarinet, Mr. Hoffman; trombone, Mr. Thomas; tuba, Mr. White.

SANTA CLAUS GIVES MARRIAGE LICENSES Five Couple Secure Permits From Clerk's Office to Wed on Christmas Day.

Cupid and Santa Claus are working hand in hand today. Curtis M. Hart, clerk of the district court, issued five marriage licenses during the morning and early afternoon up until 2:00 o'clock.

Following are the names of the couples applying for licenses to wed: George Edward Sibbach, 23, and Barbara A. Engel, 20, Keokuk; Ernest G. Gilbert, 21, Edin, Ill., and Hazel Edna LaDuke, 20, Montrose, Iowa; Ralph D. Curtis, 21, Elizabeth C. Johnson, 18, Montrose; Ernest H. Scott, 22, Margaret E. Kerr, 18, Keokuk; Walter J. Ruble, 22, and Ethel M. Burch, 18, Warsaw, Ill.

KEOKUK PLANNING TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY Christmas Will be Generally Celebrated by People in New and Old Way.

Tomorrow will be Christmas day, and Keokuk will generally observe the day as a holiday. Business houses will be closed the entire day. Christmas services will be held in the Catholic and Episcopal churches in the morning tomorrow, and in the evening at 5:30 o'clock the community Christmas tree exercises are scheduled.

Tomorrow morning the Knights Templar will hold their annual Christmas service. The place for the meeting is the Odd Fellows hall. In the afternoon the tango tea at the Elks club will be a feature attempted for the first time here. The proceeds go to the community fund.

Fourteen Year Sentence. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—John O'Donnell, former city policeman, was today found guilty of the murder of Philip Sullivan, a saloon keeper, and sentenced to serve fourteen years in the Joliet penitentiary. The killing resulted from a political feud.

SOCIETY

Pretty Christmas Greeting. Among the beautiful cards sent of this year is one written by Dr. Newcomb. It is in the form of an invitation and reads: "In honor of the spirit of Christmas you are invited to join us in celebrating Christmas day by attending a banquet to be served in Memory's hall."

Tango Tea Tomorrow. The tango tea to be given tomorrow afternoon in the Elks club house for the benefit of the community Christmas will be largely attended. Many tickets for couples have been sold at \$1.00, single admissions are 50c including refreshments. Ten tables will be spread in one end of the ball room. Mrs. John N. Hueston and Mrs. Alois Weber will pour tea which will be served by a dozen young society women.

Christmas House Party. At the Daxton Reed farm, which is the old Fulton homestead, there will be a Christmas house party from this afternoon to Friday. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fulton and two sons, Mrs. Harriet Fulton and the Misses Emma and Harriet Fulton of Keokuk will be among the guests.

To Attend Wedding. Mrs. D. B. Hillis will leave this week for Omaha to attend the marriage of Miss Edna Shafer Hills to Mr. Charles Abbott Sawyer of New York, which will occur on Dec. 30th. Many friends of the late Dr. D. B. Hillis and Dr. J. M. Shafer will be interested in the wedding of their granddaughter.

Carol Singers at 5:15. All singers who know the four familiar Christmas hymns which are to be sung, are asked to meet at the corner of Fourth and Concert at 5:15 tomorrow afternoon. The instruments which will accompany the chorus are two cornets, a clarinet, a trombone and a bass horn. Mrs. Leonard Matless has had charge of the securing of the musical accompaniment. The program as given in Tuesday's Gate City will be followed. The chorus will form in a semi-circle about the tree and it is hoped that all will join in the singing.

K. C. Dance Friday. The Knights of Columbus will give a dancing party Friday evening, Dec. 26, in their hall. Agne's orchestra will furnish the music, and refreshments will be served.

Amici Club Dance. The Christmas dancing party given by the Amici club at the Co. L hall last evening was very successful. About sixty-five couples attended the dance. The music furnished by the Agne orchestra was exceptionally good. Quite a number of out of town guests were present.

Approaching Marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. Bartruff announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Edith to Mr. Edward Hollis Keator. The wedding will occur on January tenth, 1914.

AT THE TRIAL OF HANS SCHMIDT Only One Woman Spectator in Court Room Today, to Hear the Testimony.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Following stirring scenes when one young woman fainted in the court room where Hans Schmidt is being tried for the murder of Anna Ammuller, and another young woman was led from the chamber and rebuked by her fiancée, only one woman was present when the trial of the priest-murderer was resumed today.

The defense rested its case today. Former Judge Olcott reserved the right, however, to reopen should an anticipated hypothetical question be propounded by Assistant District Attorney Delahanty. Dr. M. S. Gregory was recalled to the stand for cross examination. He agreed with other alienists of the defense that Schmidt was insane.

The chart prepared by Dr. Jeliff, showing sixty members of the Schmidt family with the taint of insanity, was hung on the wall in full view of the jury. Dr. Jeliff then explained it, using his walking stick as a pointer. Cases of absolute insanity were represented on the chart by blood red characters. It was Dr. Gregory's opinion that Schmidt's mind was so obsessed with the idea of making human sacrifice that no man made law could have prevented him taking Anna Ammuller's life. Dr. A. O. Aglio was the first witness by the state in rebuttal.

Navy Orders. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The navy department today ordered the Minnesota to leave Philadelphia January 2, pick up a draft of men at Lynn-Haven Roads and proceed to Mexico to relieve the Michigan. The New Hampshire was ordered to Norfolk for repairs and the California and Yorktown were ordered to target practice at San Diego for December 29.

MRS. STAHL DIED THIS MORNING

At Unionville, Missouri—Was for Many Years a Respected Resident of This City.

WAS BORN IN GERMANY

Left Keokuk Almost Thirty Years Ago and Has a Number of Relatives Here.

Relatives in this city this morning received the sad intelligence by wire of the death of Mrs. Mary Stahl, widow of the late John Stahl, which occurred at her home at Unionville, Mo., at 8 o'clock this morning after a long illness.

Mrs. Stahl had been confined to her bed since the first of last August, from complications, due to old age and last Saturday she suffered a stroke of paralysis which proved the climax to her other serious ailments and she passed peacefully away.

Mrs. Stahl was born in Germany and came to this country many years ago, locating in Keokuk where she resided for some time, leaving here for Missouri, thirty years ago, perhaps longer. She was reared in the Catholic church in which she continued to the end of her life. She was a woman of earnest convictions and adhered strictly to the principles of right. She will be remembered by many Keokuk people, among whom she had a number of relatives and many friends who knew her as a kind-hearted woman, cordial in her associations and a true friend. She was a loving wife and a fond mother.

Among other relatives, Mrs. Stahl is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Jas. Beller and Mrs. Henry Ebner, both of Keokuk and one son, Will Stahl, of Missouri; also by one sister, Mrs. Catherine Spring of Keokuk, and Mrs. Frances Smith of Watson, Mo.

The funeral will take place in the vicinity of her home Friday.

Y.W.C.A. NOTES

Children's Party. A very pleasant children's party was given by the Saturday Afternoon club at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Young Woman's Christian Association rooms. There was a good attendance and the afternoon before Christmas was very highly enjoyed by those present. Innocent games and other amusing features were the sources of enjoyment.

POWER COMPANIES DAMAGED BY SNOW

Northern California Visited by Storm Which Has Been Destructive.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] REDDING, Calif., Dec. 24.—All of California, north of Tahama county, was visited last night by a terrific snow storm which continued until early today. The fall here amounted to six inches. Heavy damage was done to power companies and telephone and telegraph wires. Redding will be without electric lights tonight. The same situation will prevail at Keswick, Kennett, Coram and Anderson.

Officials of power companies declared it would require several days to repair the damage.

Dewoddy Has Resigned. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Charles F. Dewoddy, chief investigator for the federal department of justice in Chicago, resigned that position today to take up new duties as head of the trust and economic investigation bureau. A new bureau will be established for the investigation of vice to be placed in charge of one of Dewoddy's assistants.

Case to the Jury. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The case of Harold Schneider, vaudeville actor, charged with the murder of Joseph H. Loxue, wealthy diamond broker, went to the jury at 12:05 this afternoon. The state asked the death penalty.

Any skin itching is a temper-temper. The more you scratch the worse it gets. Doan's Ointment cures piles, eczema—any skin itching. At all drug stores.—Advertisement.

Want Column

WANTED. WANTED—By gentleman, modern room, north side. Address Roomer, care Gate City Co.

WANTED—Railway mail clerk. \$75.00 to \$150 month. Details free. Franklin Institute, Dep't 104 F., Rochester, N. Y.

FOR RENT. FOR RENT—After Jan. 1st, furnished cottage on north side; water and gas. Inquire 1123 Franklin street or phone Black 662.

FOR RENT—Three upper furnished rooms for light housekeeping, 1113 Concert.

FOR RENT—Eight room house, 718 North Seventh street; bath, furnace and electric light; rent reasonable to good tenant. Ben B. Jewell, 315 High. Phone Red 163.

FOR RENT—Fairly modern furnished room in private family, for gentleman. Two blocks from Sixth and Main. Phone Red 1395.

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished rooms, 223 Blondeau.

FOR RENT—Five room house at 220 North Ninth street. Has city water and gas. Inquire 227 North Ninth street.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE—Brown rattan baby carriage; will sell cheap. 1118 Blondeau. Phone Black 831.

FOR SALE—A gasoline lighting plant in No. 1 condition. Call at John G. Stadler's cigar store, 822 Main street, Keokuk, Iowa.

FOR SALE—A fine 560 acre farm in Clark county, Mo. It is unsurpassed in fertility of soil, in agriculture, production of fine stock, crops of all kinds. So much could be said of its beauty and worth that it would require considerable space. It will be offered at a bargain. Don't wait. Address John M. Dawson, 28 North Fourth street, Keokuk, Iowa, for particulars, or better still go and see him and get full particulars.

FOR SALE—American Adding Machine. Address "Machine" this office.

LOST. LOST—Helfer, eighteen months old, deep red, has brass ring in left ear. Notify Gate City office. Reward.

MISCELLANEOUS. MONEY TO LOAN—See William Timberman, 522 Main street.

Daily Stock Letter. [Copyright, 1913, by the New York Evening Post.] NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Insofar as President Wilson's public statement on signing the banking bill was expected to be a highly reassuring influence, it is probable that the financial community was disappointed.

Mr. Wilson spoke quite within the facts in his reference to the light which this measure throws on the democratic party's capacity for conservative action in finance. But he missed the opportunity of laying stress on anything tangible, which the new law promises to confer, and his suggestion that the banking bill is the first of a series of legislative measures, will by no means be unqualifiedly welcomed. Wall street, at least, has hopes that its successful enactment would mean less, not more, of legislation. This may have been responsible for some hesitancy in today's earlier movement on the stock exchange. But the market rather quickly shook off this mood and proceeded to advance again. Before the day was over, advances ranging from 1/2 to 3 points had been scored in the active shares. Europe again gave no assistance. It sold a trifle here and its own markets were irregular.

British Consolidated however, rose again nearly 1/4, making a gain of 1/2 within two days. This no doubt, resulted from temporary influences such as year end "window dressing" but even if so, it suggested a much decreased supply of the securities for sale at present prices.

WILL GET BUSY ON CURRENCY Secretaries McAdoo and Houston to Talk the Matter Over on Christmas.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The administration will let no grass grow under its feet in putting the new currency law into operation. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo today said he and Secretary of Agriculture Houston, two of the members of the organization committee, would meet Christmas day to arrange plans. Appointment of the comptroller of the currency and third member of the board will not be made until after the holidays. "We will determine first what districts require regional banks and decide in what cities such banks shall be located," said McAdoo. "We will not be influenced by purely local

We wish all our customers and friends A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year ROYAL CLOAK 420 Main St. Keokuk

MONEY for Christmas If you do not have money enough to meet the extra demands of the Holiday Season we will supply all the funds you need on your HOUSEHOLD GOODS, PIANO, HORSES, VEHICLES, ETC. You can borrow when you need it, pay it back as you earn it in small weekly or monthly payments. Do not deny yourself the pleasure of remembering those near and dear to you. Write or phone us No. 16, and our Agent will call on you, he is in Keokuk every Wednesday. We make no charge unless you borrow. We have no office in your city. Burlington Loan Co. 224 Tama Building, Burlington, Iowa

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conditions but only by the interests of the country at large. "Will you recommend only eight regional banks or the full number that the new bill allows?" he was asked. "That is a matter we will have to determine. Secretary Houston is one of the last students of currency questions in the country and he and I will have to go over the whole situation before we can make any definite statement." Impure blood runs you down—makes you an easy victim for organic diseases. Burdock Blood Bitters purifies the blood—cures the cause—builds you up.—Advertisement. She is a Good Fellow. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 24.—Miss Helen Frick, daughter of Henry C. Frick, completed plans today for her annual Christmas surprise at "Clayton," the Frick home. One hundred of the city's waifs and very poor children will be treated to a full day of auto rides, games and feasting and given warm clothes and toys. After a heavy meal, take a couple of Doan's Regulents, and give your stomach, liver and bowels the help they will need. Regulents bring easy, regular passages of the bowels.—Advertisement.