

COST OF PROPOSED BOND ISSUE SMALL

Argument That Taxes Are Too High Proves Groundless so Far as the School Levy Goes.

COST IS MERE TRIFLE

Money Spent for School Maintenance in Keokuk Slight, Compared With Other Cities.

The school tax levy in Keokuk is lower than in practically any city of its size and lower than some of the smaller ones, even. The cost of maintenance of schools in Keokuk is less than other cities in the state.

Still whenever any one talks about the proposed school house bond issue you hear it said that the school tax is already too high, and that schools are costing Keokuk too much now.

The question of taxes appears to be one of the stock arguments used in Keokuk against every bond issue. You can frequently hear it said that taxes are higher in Keokuk than anywhere in Iowa.

Tax Argument Answered.

The following is a fair sample of some of the cities with which we might compare the tax rate in Keokuk:

City.	Population.	School tax levy in mills.
Burlington	24,324	40
Ottumwa	22,012	39.5
Oskaloosa	9,466	33.15
Fort Dodge	15,543	36.5
Waterloo	26,693	34.2
Marshalltown	13,374	38.65
Delwain	6,028	52.4
Mason City	10,347	39.6
Creston	6,924	40.1
Boone	9,466	41.6
Centerville	6,936	54.9
Waterloo	26,693	34.2
Ft. Madison	8,900	32.00
Keokuk	14,008	31.7

It is therefore apparent that the rate of taxes in Keokuk is not higher than other cities with which it should be compared, but as a matter of fact the tax rate is much lower.

Maintenance Cost Small.

We sometimes hear the argument presented against the school bond issue that the expense of the maintenance of schools in Keokuk is excessive. A recent compilation of school statistics indicates that in Keokuk the cost annually is \$30.28 per pupil to run the public schools.

Small Additional Tax.

Under the proposed plan of issuing the bonds, they are to be paid in ten equal annual installments, and that is the equivalent of adding to the school taxes as shown by the tax receipts of this year an additional one-tenth. In other words where the tax receipt shows that the tax payer pays \$5.00 for school taxes this year, the proposed bond issue will add 50c annually for ten years to that amount.

The extreme lightness of the burden which the proposed bond issue would place on the property owner will be illustrated as follows: Suppose a property owner owns a home

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with other cities with which Keokuk should be compared, we find the per capita cost very much lower in Keokuk than other cities in the state. In Keokuk the per capita cost of maintaining and operating the public schools is \$5.09. In Centerville the annual per capita cost is \$5.61; in Oskaloosa \$5.57; in Ottumwa \$5.55; in Boone \$5.52; in Fort Dodge \$5.44; in Council Bluffs \$5.32; in Creston \$5.86; in Burlington \$5.97; in Marshalltown \$6.33 and in Mason City \$8.76.

The total amount expended in the Keokuk public schools during the past year was \$71,294.49; in Fort Dodge \$84,468.95; in Marshalltown \$84,632.82; in Muscatine \$88,363.19; in Mason City, which has a population of three thousand less, \$97,281.39; in Ottumwa \$122,000; is spent annually; in Burlington \$145,566.39 and in Waterloo \$153,675.87.

The school tax levy for this year will produce \$91,000 and if the school taxes were doubled for a single year, they would approximately pay off the entire amount of the proposed issue of bonds.

that is assessed at \$2,000. The school taxes would be \$15.85, the cost of the proposed bond issue would add to his taxes annually \$1.53 or about 80c annually for ten years for each \$1,000 of the assessed valuation of property.

KEOKUK TO BE CONGRATULATED

Burlington Hawk-Eye Predicts Moorhead's Administration Will be a Successful One.

The following editorial appeared in the Burlington Hawk-Eye this morning: Keokuk is to be congratulated in the election to its mayorality of S. W. Moorhead. The Hawk-Eye does not know anything about Rev. Mr. Sanders, Dr. Moorhead's opponent, except that he is an honest, reverend gentleman, bent on some kind of civic reform in Keokuk; but it does know Moorhead, and it is unreserved in its commendation of the people of the city by the big dam for their wisdom in choosing him to sit at the head of the city council. Dr. Moorhead, for many years has been editor of The Gate City, and for the past eight years has been Keokuk's postmaster. He is a man of keen judgment, of high ideals and of progressive spirit. He holds the respect and confidence of everyone, and the Hawk-Eye thinks even his unsuccessful rival, Rev. Mr. Sanders, must be satisfied with the administration that is in store for Keokuk.

PETER FETT ELECTED MAYOR AT DONNELLSON

103 Votes Cast—Extension of Town Limits Carried by Big Majority.

DONNELLSON, Iowa, April 2.—There were 103 votes cast at the town election held Monday. The extension of the town limits carried almost unanimously, as but five votes were cast against the extension. Mr. Peter Fett was elected mayor, Emil Hennies, David McCullough, E. J. Lowenberg and F. C. Tabor were elected as councilmen. From statements made before the election, it is to be hoped that Donnellson will be given "a progressive, economical, honest, efficient and business administration." The outgoing officials deserve much credit for the many things that have been accomplished during their terms of office. The new officials will be watched by friends and opponents and any action that does not mean the best interests of Donnellson will mean retirement at the next election.

AMUSEMENTS.

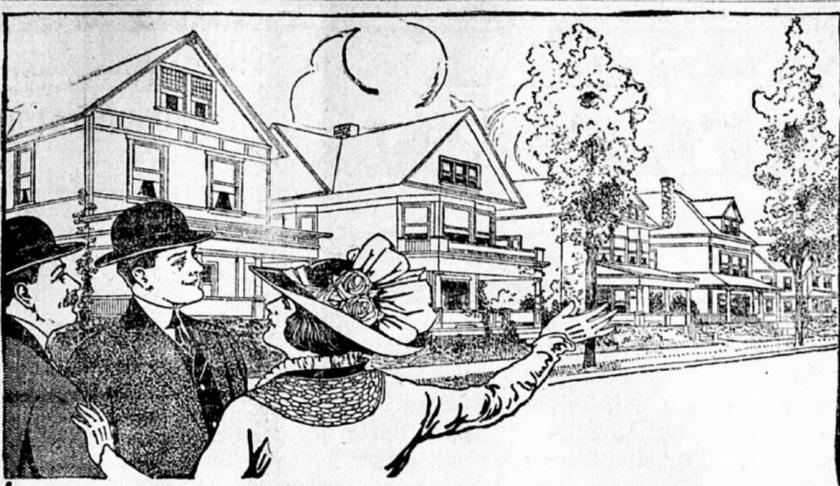
At the Grand. The All Star Feature Corporation, makers of the two now famous motion picture versions of Augustus Thomas' "Arizona," with Cyril Scott, and Henry M. Blossom's "Checkers," with Thomas W. Ross, has completed a tremendous new film of Richard Harding Davis' great story and play, "Soldiers of Fortune."

"Night on Broadway." "Night on Broadway" is hardly what its name implies. While it depicts certain phases of life on the great white way, it is presented in a way that will please the most fastidious lady in the land. It is a refined musical comedy with just enough of the real human comedy to make it appeal, simply being a touch of nature which every married man encounters once and maybe more in his life. It has enough plot to make the story coherent, always treating life from its humorous side. Halton Powell presents Harry Emerson in his original creation, Herman Fleider, the candy-maker, whose little lark almost costs him his home. The old saying "when the cat's away the mice will play," was thoroughly evinced in this case. But Herman in this had fun being taken in hand by a couple of young bloods. He sees Broadway in all its gaily, imbibes freely, falls in love with a whole show troupe, invites them to his house. Wife returns unexpectedly. Herman in a dilemma. Girls in chaos—explanations. Fleider happy in the arms of his family. Forty people, mostly girls. Gorgeous costumes and scenery. Novel electric effects.

"A Night on Broadway," will be seen at the Hippo, the last half of this week, starting today.—Advertisement.

On the Firing Line.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SEATTLE, Wash., April 2.—If the United States gets into a war with the rest of the world Representative Humphrey of Washington will be given a conspicuous position on the firing line, if the citizens of Seattle can arrange it. Thos. R. Honer, a local attorney, and a number of other prominent men telegraphed Humphrey at Washington, as follows: "We



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SUGAR CREEK.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walker spent Sunday with C. C. McKinney and family. Ruth Loveless spent Sunday afternoon with Leona Maggart. Miss Myrtle Walker who is visiting in Keokuk is expected home Wednesday. Misses Mable and Flossie Brown, who are attending school in Keokuk,

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are spending a week's vacation with their parents.

Fritz Zinnert is working for his uncle, Wm. Delnat, this week. Mr. and Mrs. Elcheleger spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Cartwright, in Kahoka.

Arthur Delnat who has been teaching our school, has resigned and his sister, Miss Anna, will finish the term.

C. J. Alexander and daughter, Ona, were callers at the Brown home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Homer Callison, who was called to the bedside of her father, Julius Clark, of Kahoka, has returned home and reports him some better.

Look to Your Plumbing. You know what happens in a house in which the plumbing is in poor condition—everybody in the house is liable to contract typhoid or some other fever. The digestive organs perform the same functions in the human body as the plumbing does for the house, and they should be kept in first class condition all the time. If you have any trouble with your digestion take Chamberlain's Tablets and you are certain to get quick relief. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

KAHOKA, MO.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donaldson while playing with a hatchet last Thursday accidentally cut off the middle finger of the left hand. Eighteen applicants took the rural route carrier's examination in Kahoka last Saturday. A number also took the examination at Wyaconda. There is only one vacancy, at Wyaconda. The county A. H. T. A. association will be in session at Wyaconda in April, and a large delegation is expected to be in attendance. The county Woodmen camp will be held at Wayland in April. Camps from all over Clark county will be in attendance. H. K. Johnson received a 16-foot boat Tuesday for use at the dredge boat. B. J. Kirch has sold his Kahoka residence just west of the M. P. church to Owen Morris. Consideration \$800. Hugh Miller arrived Sunday from Beloit, Wis., for a short vacation. Mrs. C. W. Yant was operated on at St. Louis Monday for appendicitis. Her mother Mrs. Lattie Turner is with her. C. T. Duer and H. D. Ferguson attended the meeting of the Burlington

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

I wish to announce to my friends and the voters that I will be a candidate for the nomination of auditor of Lee county, subject to the action of the republican primaries. ALBERT R. SMITH, Ft. Madison.

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I wish to announce to my friends and the voters that I will be a candidate for the nomination of clerk of the district court of Lee county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries. W. W. GWIN, of Keokuk.

Just Tired in Bed

Clyde, Ky.—Mrs. I. A. Decker, writes from Clyde: "I recommend Cardui, the woman's tonic to any woman in need of a remedy. For five years, I was unable to do my own work. Half my time was spent in bed. At last I tried Cardui. Now I am well and happy, and can do my own work." Don't suffer pain, headache, backache and other womanly miseries, when your own druggist has on his shelf a remedy for such troubles—Cardui. Get a bottle for your relief. As a general tonic, for weak women, nothing has been found for 50 years that would take its place. Try it. It will help you.—Advertisement.

short ship circuit at Fort Madison last Friday. They represented Clark county. Centerville, Iowa, will probably be added to the circuit.

Cleason Arnold and Paul J. Thompson attended the lecture of S. S. McClure at Keokuk Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Ira H. McCarty has sold her residence in south part of Kahoka to Wm. McCarty of near Bethlehem church. Consideration \$550. Mrs. McCarty shipped her household goods to Centerville, Iowa, Monday and will make her home with her grandson Guy McCarty. Joe Vandolah has returned from a trip to Fruita, Colo. Kahoka city and school election next Tuesday. Circuit court will convene in Kahoka next Monday. The docket is scheduled for nine days. Jack Ferris of Keokuk has accepted the position of foreman of the Free Press office. The recent rains have put crop prospects in Clark county in a fine way. Most of the oats are in the ground, wheat is looking fine, and grass is coming along in great shape. Wm. Keester had a public sale at his farm near Revere Tuesday and

WABASH

No. 2 daily, leaves at..... 6:30pm
No. 4, daily except Sunday, leaves at..... 4:40am
No. 76, daily except Sunday, freight, leaves at..... 7:00am
Arrive.
No. 77, daily except Sunday, freight, arrives..... 6:00pm
No. 15, daily except Sunday, arrives..... 9:35pm
No. 3, daily, arrives..... 11:15am
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Train 3—Arrives..... 12:10 pm
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xNo. 12, St. Louis, west and south, leaves..... 9:23am
xNo. 8, St. Louis west and south, leaves..... 12:45am
No. 40, K. & W. to Sedan, C. B. & K. C. to Carrollton leaves..... 8:45am
xNo. 4, St. Louis, west and South, leaves..... 1:32pm
*No. 10, Quincy, Hannibal, Kansas City, St. Louis, leaves..... 8:40pm

NORTHBOUND.

xNo. 7, St. Paul and points west, leaves..... 2:35am
xNo. 13, Burlington, Chicago and points west, leaves..... 7:43pm
*No. 3, Burlington, Chicago and east, leaves..... 1:40pm
xNo. 1, Burlington and Chicago, leaves..... 7:25am
*No. 51, Mt. Pleasant branch leaves..... 8:30pm
No. 5, K. & W., Sundays only, leaves..... 7:25pm
*No. 6, K. & W., leaves..... 9:10pm
*No. 4, from K. & W., arrives 1:15pm
*No. 50, from Mt. Pleasant branch, arrives..... 11:45am
*No. 2, from K. & W., arrives 9:10pm
No. 6, from K. & W., Sundays only, arrives..... 11:55am
xDaily. * Daily except Sunday.

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Leaves	East.	Arrive
Keokuk	Hamilton Jct.	Warsaw
6:00 am	6:40 am	7:40 am
7:00 am	7:25 am	8:15 am
8:45 am	9:00 am	9:15 am
10:15 am	10:30 am	10:50 am
12:05 pm	12:25 pm	12:45 pm
2:30 pm	2:45 pm	3:00 pm
4:10 pm	4:25 pm	4:45 pm
5:25 pm	5:35 pm	5:55 pm
6:05 pm	6:20 pm	6:40 pm
7:45 pm	8:00 pm	8:20 pm
9:30 pm	9:45 pm	10:00 pm
10:45 pm	11:00 pm	11:15 pm
West.		
Leave	Leave	Arrive
Warsaw	Hamilton Jct.	Keokuk
7:45 am	8:05 am	8:50 am
9:20 am	9:40 am	9:55 am
11:00 am	11:25 am	11:40 am
12:45 pm	1:05 pm	1:20 pm
3:10 pm	3:30 pm	3:45 pm
4:45 pm	5:05 pm	5:20 pm
6:00 pm	6:20 pm	6:35 pm
7:00 pm	7:20 pm	7:35 pm
8:45 pm	9:05 pm	9:20 pm
10:15 pm	10:25 pm	10:40 pm
11:20 pm	11:40 pm	11:55 pm
*Daily except Sunday. †All other trains daily.		



*Train 473—Leaves Keokuk.. 7:40am
*Train 741—Leaves Keokuk.. 8:30pm
*Train 472—Arrives Keokuk.. 7:35pm
*Train 470—Arrives Keokuk.. 1:05pm
*Train 86—Arrives Keokuk 11:45am
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will leave in a few days to join his family at Bakersfield, Calif., where they expect to make their home. Clark countians regret to see the Keester family leave. The aged father of Collector P. I. Wilsey is seriously ill at the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. B. Bates near Alexandria. Col. H. B. Hammat is able to be out again after a week's illness.

Shows Man at His Worst. Another paradox is the fact that a case of "exaggerated ego" almost invariably makes a man look like a pig-head.

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On the Firing Line. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] SEATTLE, Wash., April 2.—If the United States gets into a war with the rest of the world Representative Humphrey of Washington will be given a conspicuous position on the firing line, if the citizens of Seattle can arrange it. Thos. R. Honer, a local attorney, and a number of other prominent men telegraphed Humphrey at Washington, as follows: "We