

# Keokuk Merchants Talk Fall Celebration

## RETAIL LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED

Keokuk Retail Merchants Organize at Meeting Held at Elks Club Last Evening.

## JUSTICE NAMED HEAD

Thirty Join as Charter Members—Constitution and By-Laws—Officers Are Elected.

The organization of the Keokuk Retail League was perfected at a meeting of forty business men held at the Elks club last evening. Constitution and by-laws were adopted, thirty charter members were signed, and the temporary officers elected at the first meeting held two weeks ago were permanently elected. A board of directors, consisting of five men, no two of which are engaged in the same line of business, was named. The question of whether or not Keokuk should hold a fall celebration was discussed at some length.

Forty were present at the meeting last evening, not so large a number as attended the first meeting, but they were even more enthusiastic and interested in making the organization a success. Discussions on various points brought up during the meeting were engaged in by practically all present.

### Hard to Select Name.

Probably the one thing that required the longest time to decide was that of a name. The committee on constitution and by-laws reported the name—Keokuk Retailers' Association. After reading the report of that committee, Captain Evans said that he believed the name should be changed to federation in place of association in order to make this organization easily distinguished from the industrial association, the grocers' association, the retail merchants' association, and other local associations. There was some objection to this proposed name, although practically all were agreed that the word "association" should not be used. A number of names were suggested before the matter was finally decided.

### Business of Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the temporary president, M. E. Justice. O. B. Towne read the minutes of the last meeting and they were adopted. Captain Evans read the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws, and they were adopted as reported with the exception of the change in name. Thirty of those present then signed the constitution. It was voted to hold the books open for a period of thirty days for others to sign as charter members. The temporary officers were then elected permanently. They follow: President, M. E. Justice; vice president, John W. Rovane; secretary, James M. Fulton; treasurer, B. L. Auwerda. The election of the board of directors was then held, the following being chosen: J. N. Dumenil, J. B. Weil, Jacob Schouten, G. Arthur Kiedatsch, and Emil Renaud. The remainder of the time of the meeting was spent in discussing the fall celebration. Sandwiches and lemonade were served after the meeting.

The following are the charter members who formed the organization at last night's meeting:

- Stafford Grocery Co.
- J. H. Anderson.
- Keokuk Electric company.
- Wm. Ewers.
- Schouten Bakery, Inc.
- E. S. Piggott.
- Duncan-Schell Furniture company.
- Hodge & Hawkes.
- A. H. Evans and Company.
- Ayres & Chapman.
- The Golden Rule.
- Wilkinson & Co.
- Smith Hardware company.
- The M. Younker Store, Inc.
- McGrath Bros. Drug Co.
- Sullivan & Auwerda.
- John W. Rovane.
- Baur-Mullarky Co.
- Keokuk Steam Laundry.
- J. N. Dumenil.
- Nathan Lowitz Co.
- Otto Rockenbach.
- Lowitz & Sons.
- F. P. Rehmeier.
- Frank Vollers.
- Fwers-McCarthy Co.
- Jules Renaud's Son.
- Royal Cloak Co.
- Constitution-Democrat.
- Eugene O'Neill.

### CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this organization shall be the Keokuk Retail League.

### ARTICLE II.

Object.

The objects of this association shall be: First—To safeguard and serve the interests of all the members of the association.

Second—To oppose all legislation detrimental to retail trade.

Third—To promote all just legislation designed for the benefit of retail trade.

Fourth—To demonstrate the importance of the retail merchants to manufacturers, wholesalers and the community.

Fifth—To promote a spirit of co-operation and good fellowship among the retail merchants of Keokuk, Iowa.

Sixth—To co-operate with all other organizations having for their objects the advancement of the best interests of commerce.

Seventh—To extend the trade limits of Keokuk as far as possible and to increase the popularity and accessibility of Keokuk as a trade and shopping center.

### BY-LAWS.

#### SECTION I.

##### Membership.

Persons, firms or corporations, dispensing public service or carrying a stock of any kind of merchandise within the city of Keokuk, Iowa, and selling such service or merchandise at retail may become active members of this association upon making application in the prescribed written form, accompanied with one quarter's dues, and by an affirmative vote of a majority of members present at the meeting when their applications are presented.

Persons, firms or corporations doing a retail business outside the city of Keokuk, and traveling salesmen, may become associate members in the same manner as active members, except that each application shall be accompanied with one year's dues. Each person, firm or corporation holding an active membership is entitled to but one vote in the business transactions of the association. Associate members shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.

#### SECTION II.

##### Officers.

The officers shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer. They shall be directors ex-officio, and shall serve for one year. There shall also be five directors elected. Following the first election of directors, three of them shall be chosen for two years, and two for one year, the terms of service to be determined by lot. After the first election the selection of directors, to fill vacancies caused by expiration of term, shall be for two years. The election of all officers and directors shall be by ballot at the annual meeting of the association. No two directors shall be from the same line of business.

#### SECTION III.

##### Duties of Officers.

The president shall preside at all meetings of the association, and of the board of directors. In his absence the vice president shall preside. Should both be absent, the presiding officer shall be chosen by the members present.

The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, notify all members of their election, keep a roll of the members, issue notices of all meetings and conduct the correspondence. He shall collect all dues, turning same over to the treasurer. He shall present a report in writing at the annual meeting and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the directors, and those usually pertaining to that office.

The treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the association, disbursing same upon the order of the president, attested by the secretary. When authorized by the board of directors, his accounts shall at all times be open to the inspection of the directors. He shall make a statement of the receipts and disbursements at each monthly and annual meeting of the association.

The secretary and treasurer may be required to give surety bonds in such amounts as may be determined by the board of directors, and approved by the board, the premium to be paid out of the funds of the association. The president shall be the custodian of the books.

#### SECTION IV.

##### Meeting.

A regular meeting of the association shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month. The regular annual meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday in January each succeeding year. The place of such meeting shall be in the city of Keokuk and shall be named by the board of directors. Special meetings may be called by the president of the board of directors or upon the written request of five members by sending to the members notice thereof at least three days prior to the date of such meeting.

#### SECTION V.

##### Committees.

The president shall appoint all

standing committees, the first named in each case shall be the chairman of the same. All appointments by the president shall be subject to the approval of the board of directors. The standing committees shall consist of five members each, and shall be as follows:

- Legislation.
- Grievance.
- Membership.
- Publicity.
- General Improvement.
- Trade extension.
- Entertainment.

The president and secretary shall be, ex-officio, members of all committees. Special committees may be appointed by the president when so authorized by a resolution of the board of directors.

#### SECTION VI.

##### Dues.

The active membership dues shall be three (\$3) dollars per year, payable quarterly in advance. A major fraction of a quarter shall be counted a full quarter.

The associate membership shall be one (\$1) dollar per year, payable yearly in advance.

Any member in arrears for one quarter's dues shall be notified by the secretary of his delinquency, and if he fails to pay within a month after such notice he will by his failure to pay, lose his membership. However, he can be again reinstated on the payment of the past dues and on receiving a favorable vote of the majority of the members present at any meeting of the association.

#### SECTION VII.

##### Vacancies.

Any vacancies in committees shall be filled by the president. Vacancies in office shall be filled by the board of directors, pending a regular meeting of the association.

#### SECTION VIII.

##### Failure to Perform Duties.

Failure on the part of an officer of the association, member of the board of directors, member of any standing or special committee to perform the assigned and prescribed duties of his office, on three successive occasions without logical and sufficient excuse, due notice of all meetings and all duties having been regularly made, shall be considered a resignation, ipso-facto, and the vacancy shall forthwith be filled as provided in section VII.

#### SECTION IX.

##### Order of Business.

The order of business at each meeting of the association shall be:

1. Call to order.
2. Reading of the minutes.
3. Audit and payment of bills.
4. Reports of standing committees.
5. Reports of special committees.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Reception of communications.
8. Election of new members.
9. Report of board of directors.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Adjournment.

On motion, regularly seconded and carried, the regular order of business may be dispensed with, or added to, at any meeting.

The board of directors shall adopt such order of business as they deem best for their government.

#### SECTION X.

##### Quorum.

The members present, at any regular, or called meeting of the association, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### SECTION XI.

##### Amendments.

The constitution and by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular or called meeting of the association, notice of the proposed change having been published at a previous meeting.

##### Fleas One Would Avoid.

The most injurious flea is the Chigoe, or sand flea, which comes from the Kerguelen islands, in the Indian ocean. There is also one with claws like those of a lobster, which is found on a small bird in South America.

## Diarrhea Quickly Cured.

## Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy

Can always be depended upon.

During the summer months children are subject to bowel disorders and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any unnatural looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy should be given. Costs but 25 cents a bottle, and it is economy to always keep a bottle handy. You do not know when it may be needed, but when you do want it you want it badly. Get a bottle today.

## TO CANVASS CITY FOR CELEBRATION

Merchants Will Be Visited in Effort to Find Whether Celebration is Desired This Year.

## NAGEL HAS NEW IDEAS

Says Old Fashioned Street Fair Would Not Attract People From Outside—Would Have Centennial.

Within the next ten days or two weeks one of ten business men will have called at every retail store and wholesale house in the city to get an expression of opinion from the manager or proprietor as to whether or not he is in favor of a fall celebration in this city and how much money he is willing to contribute toward making the celebration the big success it unquestionably will be if undertaken. This course of action was decided on at the meeting of the Keokuk Retail League held at the Elks club last evening.

At the request of those present, John Nagel opened the discussion on the celebration. At the previous meeting of the league a committee had been appointed to see Mr. Nagel and ask him if he would undertake to manage the celebration if it should be decided to hold one. Mr. Nagel appeared himself last night to say that he would be glad to undertake the management of the celebration if it could be put through.

### What Nagel Had to Say.

"For the last three days I have been spending the most of my time searching through the history of Keokuk, trying to find some excuse for holding a celebration. So far I have been unsuccessful. I found one place where the first house in Keokuk was built in 1820—but that's six years short of being 100 years, so we couldn't hold a centennial celebration on that account. I found several other things besides that but they were all either a few years over or a few years under the one hundred mark.

"I know that many present tonight will differ with me, but I do not believe that we should hold an old fashioned street fair as was suggested at the first meeting of this association. The old street fair is a thing of the past—people will not come out to see them as we want them to if we go ahead with a celebration. I believe also, and I know too that many will not agree with me on this, that the celebration should be kept off of Main street, although the attractions should be placed near Main street.

### Should Decide at Once.

"With the kind of celebration I have in view, we would not be able to realize the money from concessions that we received in the old celebrations that have been held here. That means we will have to raise quite a bit more money than we would otherwise. I think we ought to hold a celebration if we can raise enough money to hold a good one. The attractions should all be of high class and they ought to be free. If we can find something that happened here about 100 years ago to celebrate, such as St. Louis recently did in its peasant, there are many interesting and beautiful attractions that could be built up around it. But if we hold a celebration at all we will have to begin early and we ought to know what we are going to do as soon as is possible."

Although the large majority agreed with everything Mr. Nagel said, and expressed themselves as being in favor of holding the celebration, several expressed the opinion that it would be almost impossible to raise enough money to hold the celebration in the right way. It was estimated that the cost to the merchants would amount to between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Considering the fact that large donations have been made by merchants in support of conventions held here this year and that business conditions are not as good as they might be, it was thought that to raise the money would be an extremely difficult proposition.

### Sentiment Favors Celebration.

But after a number of arguments against holding the celebration had been made there was still a decided sentiment in favor of it. It was pointed out that although the celebration would be costly and that many merchants would receive from it practically no benefit whatever, that civic pride and the desire to see Keokuk looked upon favorably by not only the people who live here but by those who would be tempted to come here for the affair would be enough to repay even those to whom a celebration would be a dead loss in dollars and

cents. One man expressed the thought of that pretty accurately when he said that when a city of the size of Keokuk failed to hold a fall celebration of some kind it was looked upon by outsiders, and by not a few of our own people as a "dead one."

The meeting was finally brought to an end upon the adoption of a motion presented by John W. Rovane that the chair appoint a committee of ten men to make a thorough canvass of the stores and wholesale houses of the city to get an expression from the business men on whether or not they favored a fall celebration and as to how much they would be willing to contribute should it be held.

### Surprising Cure of Stomach Trouble.

When you have trouble with your stomach or chronic constipation, don't imagine that your case is beyond help just because your doctor fails to give you relief. Mrs. G. Stengle, Plainfield, N. J., writes, "For over a month past I have been troubled with my stomach. Everything I ate upset it terribly. One of Chamberlain's advertising booklets came to me. After reading a few of the letters from people who had been cured by Chamberlain's Tablets, I decided to try them. I have taken nearly three-fourths of a package of them and can now eat almost everything that I want." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

### DONNELLSON.

E. J. Dahms spent the Fourth with friends in Muscatine. Miss Anna M. Wiegner was a Farmington caller Wednesday.

Miss Mary Best visited in Ft. Madison the past week.

Mrs. Fred Kast returned to her home in Fairfield Saturday evening after a pleasant visit in our city.

Harry Dulmmit of Los Angeles, Cal., was a recent visitor in our city with his son George.

Irwin Hentzel of Keokuk was an over Sunday visitor in our city.

Miss Ruth Schmidt visited in Burlington the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Krebbel have gone to Colorado Springs for a several months stay.

Carl Fauth of West Side visited in our city the forepart of last week.

Casper Fett, a well known and highly respected citizen of Lee coun-

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### Washington's Birthday

Washington's birthday under the proposed scheme would fall on the first Monday following February 22. Lincoln's day would be transferred to the first Monday in April. Then would follow Memorial day on the last Monday in May, Independence day the first Monday in July, and civic day the first Monday in August. Labor day would fall on the first Monday in September as it does now, Columbus day on the second Monday in October and Thanksgiving on the last in November would complete the list except Christmas and New Years which Hatton would leave unchanged. With the help of progressive associates Hatton will attempt to have his plan framed into a bill and introduced at the next session of congress.

Mrs. John Bellman at West Point quite suddenly Wednesday morning. The G. E. Sunday school picnic given on July 4th was as usual well attended and a good time had by all. The music which was furnished by the Donnellson band was excellent.

Mrs. Irwin Hentzel and children of Keokuk visited home folks the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Barnes and daughter Winona Sunday in La-Crew.

Mrs. Katherine Sperthelmer died at the home of her son Edgar, Thursday evening, July 2. Death coming quite sudden and unexpected. The funeral services were held at the G. E. church, Sunday afternoon at 2:30, the services being conducted by Rev. Wm. Kreis and the remains laid to rest in the G. E. cemetery, north of town, by the side of her husband who died Aug. 2, 1913. She leaves to mourn her loss five sons and two daughters, seven grandchildren, one brother Geo. Goebel of near Warren, four brothers and two sisters in Germany besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Miss Emma Schneider of Keokuk is visiting with her aunt Mrs. John Gompf.

Wants All Holidays on Monday. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CLEVELAND, July 7.—"All holidays on Monday," is the plan which has been worked out by J. F. Hatton, an official of the Cleveland waterworks department. Hatton would also rearrange the distribution of holidays so that they would fall at approximately regular intervals instead of in groups as is now the case. Hatton points out that his plan would be welcomed by all workers because ten times each

year it would give them a short vacation of two and one-half days. Employers would also endorse it he thinks because a holiday which falls in the middle of the week hampers their work.

The Best Medicine in the World. "My little girl had dysentery very bad. I thought she would die. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured her, and I can truthfully say that I think it is the best medicine in the world," writes Mrs. William Orvis, Clare, Mich. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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