

HAMILTON PAPER'S VIEW ON BRIDGE

Possibilities of Gain or Loss Are Wrapped Up in Facilities, Is View Taken by Press.

SHOULD PROFIT BY PAST

Need of Both Cities Now is Said to Be Cheaper and Better Inter-City Travel Over the River

Hamilton Press: Theodore Gilman, secretary of the company owing the K. & H. bridge, after a week spent in Keokuk has returned east. Mr. Gilman's visit to Keokuk was for the purpose of securing from Keokuk consent to pay for the expense of building the viaduct that will be necessary for the approach from the street line to the second deck of the proposed new bridge.

The Keokuk mind is not altogether a unit on this proposition. It will require some considerable explaining to get the Keokuk taxpayers to understand why they should assume a burden that is clearly a load for Andrew Carnegie and his millionaire friends. Before Keokuk consents to assume this burden she should look well into the future and gauge the possibilities of weal and woe that are wrapped up in this proposal to reconstruct the K. & H. bridge.

If our cross-river neighbor will view the future by the past she should be impressed with the belief that one thing needed for the development of both towns is a cheap trans-river fare. The ten cent fare now demanded is too high. It should be half that. And under present conditions the cities could go before the interstate commerce commission, or by ordinance seek to reduce the rate. In the dispute that would result we would have a fighting chance on the present valuation of the bridge. But if Carnegie spends \$300,000 more on the bridge, that expenditure will buttress the present excess toll charges for years to come.

The immediate and present need of Hamilton and Keokuk is cheaper inter-city travel, and more frequent trolley connection. Before lending assistance or consenting to any proposition, the matter of fares should be threshed out. The Press has faith that the congressional committee having the bridge matter in charge, will listen to an earnest canvass of the matter and the presentation of our claims. If we present them in a forceful and concise manner.

Further we believe that better results will be obtained if the two city governments work together and agree on a plan of action. So far Hamilton has not been consulted by the bridge people. The courtesy extended this side by inviting some gentlemen from here to attend an informal discussion of the plans for the new structure some months ago, should not be construed as city representation. Hamilton and Keokuk have something of a nut to crack in the matter of bridge facilities and together they will fare far better than single-handed.

No Use for It. Atchison Globe: Left to his own devices, a boy wouldn't run up much of an expense account for soap.

FARMER'S WIFE TOO ILL TO WORK

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GOOD PROSPECTS FOR STATE OF IOWA

Assessors' Reports Show Many New Buildings Were Erected in Cities and on Farms.

DES MOINES, July 25.—New buildings to the value of \$24,600,000 were erected in cities and on farms in Iowa during the year 1913, according to the assessor's reports which were presented to the state executive council yesterday.

The investment in improvements on city and farm property in the past showed an increase of more than 40 per cent over the corresponding period of 1912. In 1912 the new buildings reported were valued at \$16,283,571, of which \$10,915,962 was represented by buildings in cities and \$5,367,609 was spent on farm improvements.

The gain reported in moneys and credits in the past year is \$42,984,312, increasing the total value of the moneys and credits for taxation this year to \$250,218,178.

There has been a gain in the value of farm animals and personal property in the state also. While hogs showed a decrease of \$5,000,000 by the loss of 500,000 animals by hog cholera, an increase of 120,000 of cattle in feeding and other farm animals, has overcome the loss in porkers.

It is the policy of the executive council to adjust realty values every other year. This is the year for the assessment of personal property. It is probable therefore that the value of real estate will remain as it was last year, with the value of the new buildings added.

Here's a Question. Sioux City calls itself the "Indianapolis" of Iowa, but who is its Tom Taggart?

MAY FORCE "Q" TO SELL K. & W.

District Attorney Porter Has Been Authorized by Government to Investigate Complaint by Patrons.

MAY FILE INFORMATION

U. S. Agent Says He Will Press Matters if Investigation Warrants Any Such Action.

The government may force the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad to relinquish its control of the Keokuk & Western and the Humeson and Shenandoah railroads, by invoking the Sherman anti-trust act.

The department of justice has authorized Claude R. Porter, district attorney for southern Iowa, to investigate complaints that the Burlington is driving out competition by operating two roads across the state which run almost parallel and only a few miles apart.

Special Agent Barkey of the government's bureau of investigation is assisting Mr. Porter in ascertaining whether the complaints made by residents along the Keokuk and Western are well founded.

Ever since the Burlington acquired the K. & W. a decade ago complaints have been made regarding the alleged inadequate freight and passenger services, says the Register and Leader. At intervals, the Burlington has added an extra train or two only to discontinue them a few months later.

The Keokuk & Western railroad extends from Keokuk to Van Wert and from Van Wert to Des Moines. The tracks of the Humeson and Shenandoah are used between those towns.

Residents Appeal Their Case.

After trying for many years to induce the Burlington to better the service on the K. & W. the residents in the various towns it traverses decided to appeal to the department of justice.

In many of the towns and villages, associations were formed and meetings were held regularly to discuss ways and means to compel the Burlington to meet their demands.

Earl Ferguson of Shenandoah and W. F. Stipe of Clarinda were among the leaders in the fight for better service on the line.

"I have made little investigation so far," said Mr. Porter yesterday. "If the inquiry reveals such conditions as have been pointed out, I undoubtedly will institute a civil action to force the Burlington to dispose of these branches. Such a proceeding necessarily would have to be brought under the Sherman anti-trust act."

Shenandoah View.

The following from the Shenandoah Sentinel-Post reflects the sentiment of that community in the matter:

Trans-continental train through Shenandoah is a possibility of the next few years now that indications are that the Keokuk & Western railroad will be separated from the Burlington system. In this case the Santa Fe railroad of the Baltimore and Ohio will take over this connecting link and have a great system from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Barkey Investigates.

Arthur L. Barkey from the department of justice at Washington, who was sent by J. C. McReynolds, attorney-general, to secure testimony in view of filing suit in the United States court this fall to divorce the K. & W. from the Burlington, was in Shenandoah on Wednesday until last night. He said there were indications of violation of the law. He was checking up the complaint filed with the department last spring, stating that the K. & W. was acquired by the Burlington in restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman law. This complaint was filed by Earl Ferguson of Shenandoah and H. H. Scott of Clarinda representing the commercial clubs of the towns along the K. & W.

Mr. Barkey left last night for Omaha to see more witnesses and will return here next week. Most of the testimony taken here was from old employees of the Humeson & Shenandoah railroad, as the K. & W. was then called.

The K. & W. railway is the connecting link that the Baltimore & Ohio need to have a route from New York to the Pacific. The end of the B. & O. at Beardstown is fifty miles from Keokuk. The road would then connect with the Union Pacific which owns the Baltimore & Ohio. This route would also give the Santa Fe a short line from Chicago to Omaha. They would probably build from here to Omaha. In case that the Burlington has to give up control of the K. & W. one of these lines will most likely take advantage of the opportunity and get possession.

—Read The Daily Gate City, 10 cents per week.

Random Sketches

Old Fort Des Moines. The barracks known as Fort Des Moines located at Montrose was commanded by Cois. Kearney and Mason from 1834 to 1837 and for three years got its supplies at Keokuk. The furniture used at Fort Edwards became in possession of J. B. Knight of Keokuk and may be held as valued relics by somebody in the city even to this day. It was long after coming into private possession in a good state of preservation and consisted of cherry lumber falling leaf tables, a large old-fashioned hair cloth sofa, which opens out to be used for a bedstead, having a hair mattress inside; also a large haircloth-covered rocking chair in which Generals Winfield Scott, Robert E. Lee, Sumner and Browne, then captains. Lieut. Roberts, Jeff Davis, Harney and Kearney and many other distinguished men had sat.

Captain Sumner was a general in the war of the rebellion, Capt. Jesse B. Browne was prominent in the affairs of the county serving in early day legislation of this vicinity for the county in the lower house and state senate. He left here many years ago and later died in Kentucky. Nathaniel Boone, a son of the illustrious pioneer of Kentucky and Missouri, was another captain at this early fort. The three companies of the first U. S. dragoons composed the force that occupied the barracks November 1, 1834, under command of Lieut. Col. Stephen D. Kearney afterwards as a gallant military leader rising to the rank of general.

Col. James B. Parrott, afterwards a prominent citizen of Keokuk, a distinguished officer in the war of the rebellion was a member of one of the companies of dragoons occupying Fort Des Moines. Colonel Kearney's quarters were built of willow logs cut and hauled from the island. The logs were lightly "scutched" on the outside, and the next spring, the building was covered with green sprouts that grew out from the scarified logs. Colonel Parrott, a member of one of the companies of dragoons, and who afterwards became a prominent citizen of Keokuk, a distinguished officer in the civil war, and afterwards postmaster of Keokuk for a number of years, said of this building, that it was then the prettiest building he ever saw. After the barracks were abandoned, Colonel Kearney's building was used at a hotel, and was called the River House. It was kept by William Coleman. The barracks were used until the spring of 1837 when the troops were removed to Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

"I once knew every flower that grew Upon the sloping green-clad hill; My friend was every bird that flew. They'd come to me if I stood still; The squirrels frisked and ate the nuts; I bought down at the corner store; I once was wise, who have today A stupid hoard of dull book lore.

I knew the wood—the trees—the hill; I found the little green banked pool Where leaping trout made boy hearts thrill. When we came wandering home from school. Now I've forgot those country joys That filled my youthful clear-gazed eyes. The city gave me brand new toys And I forgot, who once was wise.

Later Memories. But why continue to prattle of the old days—when something of a reminder of the higher education in these palmy days of progressive civilization would probably be more suited to the advanced thought of those who have so far outstripped the wisdom and culture of their sires and grandfathers, and this reminds the writer of a current conversation reported as recently enjoyed between two up-to-date, cultured ladies.

"Oh, yes," she remarked in reply to her incredulous friend's question. "I changed doctors quite a long time ago—before Christmas in fact."

"But I thought you had such confidence in Dr. Healen."

"O, so I did! But he is getting so frightfully old-fashioned, you know; doesn't move with the times, and that sort of thing at all. Perhaps you remember me telling you how terribly I felt the cold last winter?"

"Yes."

"Well, I went to Dr. Healen about it and he told me to wear flannel. Flannel if you please."

"Yes."

"So I went to Dr. Nicely. He suggested sealskin." And won a brand new patient.

Industrial Association Bulletin No. 52.

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some loose hay into the press with his foot.

The barn on the Douglass Aleshire farm northeast of here was struck by lightning and burned with twelve tons of old hay. Insurance on it is \$100.

Mrs. J. F. Scott, Mrs. Fred Ochiltree, Chas. Stepp, Frank Scott and Miss Betty Scott motored to Quincy yesterday for the day. Mrs. Scott remained to visit Mrs. Martha Dyke and Miss Lucile Dyke returned to Carthage with the party to visit Miss Helen Elder.

RAILROADS PREPARE FOR CROP MOVEMENT

Warning to Shippers is Issued in Order to Safeguard Big Shipments.

Believing that Iowa is in imminent danger of car shortage when her bountiful crops are moved this fall, railroads issued their first warning to shippers last week. The danger is greater that it has been in ten years past, railroad officials believe. They are making a concerted effort to prevent a disastrous shortage of cars.

The state commerce counsel department received the warning from W. S. Tinsman, secretary of the Association of Western railroads. Tinsman does not mince matters as to the conditions for the crop movement this fall. He sets out six instructions to shippers, as follows:

Move all other heavy shipments before the grain movement starts and have them out of the way.

Load and unload cars quickly that they may be back in service without delay.

Load all cars to their full capacity. Anticipate the disposition of the cargo before it arrives that there may be no delay in unloading it.

Order cars only that can be loaded and moved promptly.

Do not bill shipments to intermediate points unless absolutely necessary to be fulfilled by reconsignment.

To Banish Wrinkles and Freshen Up Quick y

After a strenuous day outdoors, when winds, heat and exhaustion have combined to take away one's freshness and caused the skin to wrinkle and sag—or after a tedious or fretful day indoors—one often has urgent need for some quick rejuvenator. Maybe there's a tango garty on for the evening, or some other social event. How in the world can one make herself presentable, looking as she does? It's quite easy.

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