

KEOKUK INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION
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with every conceivable kind of a factory proposition. Some of the large majority of them are not. Naturally then, every proposition has to be investigated carefully in order that the good ones may not be overlooked.

Thousands of letters have been written by the Industrial Association during the four years. Hundreds of personal investigations have been made and everything has been done to bring the legitimate factory project into touch with Keokuk.

Many local people have believed all that was necessary, after the power project was completed, was to sit on front porches, mark up prices on property and receive unthinkable prices for real estate, factory buildings and residences. There has been much disappointment and some hardship as a result of this unnatural belief. Some have become so badly discouraged that they are ready to throw up their hands, cease to try to do anything and let the city take care of itself.

Takes Years to Develop.

This never develops anything and is very apt to result in hardship, as well as hindrance to the real growth of the city. It will take years to develop the city, a fact which is commonly known. In order to realize the full benefits the people of Keokuk have discovered that they must put their shoulders to the wheel and assist in the work being done. It is the only way, so experts have discovered, to make a city metropolitan. But it will take a constant effort.

A great deal of effort has been expended by the Association in the entertainment of conventions. Since the organization of the Industrial Association approximately twenty conventions a year have been entertained in this city. The effort on the part of the Association to secure conventions has been so successful that at the present time the Association is having all it can do to meet the demands incident to their entertainment. Conventions and excursions are now coming to the city weekly.

Dedicating Power Plant.

An important event of 1913 was the celebration commemorating the opening of the great Mississippi hydro-electric project, held on the 26th, 27th and 28th of August. This celebration had the backing of the Industrial Association and was handled through its officers, being one of the largest of its kind known in the central west. On that occasion there were present the governors of Missouri, Illinois and Iowa, besides engineers and scientific men of high reputation from all parts of the world, together with several thousand visitors, making the occasion a notably successful one.

Because of the increase in traffic between Keokuk and the east, agitation was started soon after the construction of the dam, looking toward the establishment of a railway bridge on the top of the dam, around the north end of the power house across the forebay and extending to the union station. The discussion of the subject led to the organization of a company of citizens of Keokuk and Hamilton for the purpose of securing from congress the right to build this bridge. The Industrial Association has stood behind the effort to secure the final consent of the national government and is at present continuing its interest along this line. During January, 1914, a sub-committee of the congressional committee on interstate and foreign commerce visited Keokuk as the guests of the Industrial Association for the purpose of going over the dam and power house in person with an eye to determine the suitability of the present installation for that purpose. An entire day was spent with this committee, together with representatives of the war department, river engineers and government officials, in making this investigation and inspection. The result was satisfactory, but the committee felt that the old bridge company should rebuild its bridge and make it capable of handling the increased traffic. The immediate prospect is not great, however, because the old bridge company, backed by Andrew Carnegie, has authorized the reconstruction of the old bridge for the purpose of taking care of increased traffic.

City Improvement in Progress.
During the spring of 1911 the first clean-up campaign of the city was instituted under the auspices of the committee on parks, playgrounds and general improvements of the Association, resulting so successfully that it has become a part of the regular calendar of the Association for each year. During the summer of 1913 the streets and alleys committee began a campaign for oiling the streets in the residence portions of the city in an effort to better the conditions, permanently lay the dust and thereby render driving much more pleasant during the dry season. About sixteen blocks in the residence part of the city were oiled during that summer and Keokuk's people gratefully acknowledged the worth of the improvement.

The Association is at present agitating the improvement of the river front and has assisted the city council in raising funds for this purpose. At present a fund of considerable size is in the treasury of the city for the construction of a harbor wall at the levee, running south from Main

street and the river. This wall will be put in during the dry months or this present summer, the complete equipment for passenger and freight traffic will be installed as soon thereafter as possible.

For Improvement of Navigation.
Ever since the Association was established considerable interest has been taken by its members in the improvement of the Mississippi river and navigation. On October 15th last, the annual convention of the Upper Mississippi River Improvement Association was held at Hannibal, Mo., to consider the latest developments and improvements and to make recommendations for the future work to be done. Fifteen citizens from Keokuk attended this convention and took an active part. Since then members of the board of directors have attended similar conventions at St. Paul and at St. Louis for further consideration of the same general plans. It is the hope of the Association to have some definite work done along this line this summer.

Officers of Association.

The officers of the Association are: president, C. R. Joy; first vice president, J. A. Kiedalsch; second vice president, C. F. McFarland; secretary, J. F. Elder, and treasurer, Ira W. Willis; and on the board of directors are A. D. Ayres, T. A. Craig, J. F. Elder, L. A. Hamill, A. Hollingsworth, Stephen Irwin, C. R. Joy, J. A. Kiedalsch, J. T. McCarthy, C. F. McFarland, C. A. McNamara, L. F. Rollins, Jacob Schouten, G. S. Tucker and Ira W. Willis.

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