

SOME SUGGESTIONS ON CARE OF POOR

Problem of Dependent is One of the Big Ones Which Keokuk Has to Face Each Year.

HOW HELP CAN BE GIVEN

Communication to Gate City By One Who Knows, Advances Some Ideas Which Are Timely.

The season is approaching when the city and its people must face the problem of caring for the dependent. The problem is one which must be faced every year and is admittedly the great problem of any community. The following communication is handed to the Gate City regarding this problem. It is written by "one who knows," and is timely: "The problem of the care of the poor is one which must engage our attention at the present time. During the coming winter all classes of unskilled labor will be dependent upon the county to a certain degree in the city of Keokuk as well as elsewhere throughout the country. The question at present is 'How are we going to care for them in a reasonable and adequate manner?'"

"One way would be to set aside a sum of \$10,000 of \$15,000 for use during the winter and give them two or three days employment a week, according to the fund available to pay for their fuel and other necessary supplies. All of the appropriation is usually exhausted before the rigors of winter arrive when the people need it the most."

Little Chance for Labor. "The poor man has been deprived of his opportunity to labor at street work to a certain extent, as it is now done with patent labor saving washer or flusher which work is now done by four men and one team where it formerly had to be done by fifteen to twenty-five men. There are many strangers coming to the city every winter thinking it possible to get employment. This is brought about by a certain class who make a great ado about them as soon as they arrive here, and our own poor and dependent have to get along the best way they can. They make a great ado about the poor and give nothing in the way of relief but advice."

Advice and Help. "In fact we give ten dollars in the shape of advice and about \$100 relief when we should give \$10 relief and about \$100 in the way of advice. So it was done in New York when Mayor Gaynor investigated the question and found where \$18,000,000 was given for charitable purposes, \$16,000,000 for salaries and \$2,000,000 for relief, which was a very bad showing. "It is the same all over this country of ours. There are entirely too many of our people who are very free to give their advice, but want and expect pay for it, or boss the job and pay the fellow who is willing and wants to be bossed by the bosses."

How the Trouble Starts. Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life miserable. Take Chamberlain's Tablets, keep your bowels regular and you will avoid these diseases. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

Safe Against Starvation. Springfield, Mass., Republican: With the promise of abundant potatoes the country can face the situation with some calm. While the potato barrel is full nobody can starve.

Fellow Feeling. Louisville Courier-Journal: A French army invading Alsace knows how it feels to be a flying wedge of apple pie reaching the interior of a small boy.

Seeing the Movies in Keokuk

Once Every Ten Days the Entire Population of City is Represented at This Popular Priced Diversion.

ONCE EVERY ten days Keokuk turns out to a picture show. The whole population goes, or, if some persons are unfortunate and not able to go, others will go a second or a third or a fourth time to round out the total figures. What does it mean? Simply that more than 10,000 people go to see the picture shows in Keokuk every week; that the picture shows have exerted a tremendous influence on the amusement loving people of this city; that the business has become one that is here to stay, with the possibility of marked improvements every year.

Eighteen Years of History. The motion pictures have a history which dates back over the last eighteen years. It is not quite this long ago that they were first seen in Keokuk. When first brought out, they were much inferior to what they are now, but managed to have a great run for several years because they were something new. For three years following this successful period the pictures did little business, but then came a revival due to the fact that wonderful progress had been made and the producers were beginning to see new fields from which could be taken an exhaustible supply of material.

The first pictures were reproductions of things in motion, like a moving train. The film men did not think of going out to produce, they simply had the camera record what was happening in the ordinary course of daily events. The first films were fifty feet long, and Mr. Dodge had one of the first machines that went around making one night stands. It took about three-fourths of a minute to run the film through and fifteen minutes to substitute one film for another.

Reels Short and High. The price of these early films was very high. They cost \$15 for the fifty-foot stretch, while today the theatre man rents 1,200 feet for the same price. As soon as the longer films were in to stay the pictures became popular in the black tent with carnival and circus. Up to this time, however, few machines were owned to remain in one place. They were carried about, doing one night stands or having week runs with the carnival people.

The business took on a more permanent and standard character with the opening of what was called the store show room. This was simply a long show room fitted up with screen, machine and chairs. Today handsome motion picture theatres are being built all over the country. Houses which formerly were thrown open only to the legitimate are now being well with the pictures. With better pictures has come this tendency for better houses.

Making Big Pictures. One of the first big pictures produced was Uncle Tom's Cabin, on 1,200 feet of film. It was followed shortly by The Train Robbery. Both of these went big. Another was "The Life of an American Fireman," a complete 300-foot story based on a fairly good dramatic element and introducing the fireman's life in the entire home and in his home. Encouraged by the success of these experiments, many of the companies devoted all their resources to the production of all their stories, instead of disconnected and unrelated scenes.

From the time the first pictures were seen in Keokuk to the present time the work of development and

systematic formulation has been proceeding steadily, until at last it is possible not only to present short dramatic pictures, but the great dramatic successes of the stage.

The Reel Cost. The films received by Keokuk houses, are rented, as is the case with all motion picture houses in the country. You can buy a reel for fifty cents and then you can pay as high as \$20. The average price for a new film, used only a few times, is from \$10 to \$20.

Whiskey gets more expensive with age. It is just the opposite with the films—the older the cheaper. So when an owner pays fifty cents for a reel you can bet its over thirty days old and will show rain effects. With this cheap film the posters to be put on display to advertise are thrown in. The higher priced films vary with the age. If you want to be first to put a reel on the machine it may cost you \$20. If you are satisfied to have it after once used it may only cost \$18. There is a gradual reduction to the fifty cent price. Very often a film is better after having been once through the machine. It shows no rain effects for at least three weeks, but by the end of a month gives evidence of use. With the films which feature news events of a current nature it is more essential to have an early release. You can get them the first day out at a top price. About \$5 a reel is lopped off on the second day. After three weeks they cost \$1 a reel, but seeing them is like reading a monthly newspaper.

Like Combination Pictures. The films arrive in the morning and must be put on the first train out after the show to reach the next place on the routing. Special films may be received direct.

Keokuk people have tastes which are about on an equality with the tastes of all picture loving people of the country. They like the combination better than the long feature program. For instance, Quo Vadis in nine reels was a big long feature and a good one. But ordinarily it's a trifle too long, consuming more than twice as much time as the regular bill. A popular bill is a melodrama, a news feature and a comedy to close. Picture show men say it is always better to end with a comedy because it leaves the people feeling good and they come back the next night. The serial pictures are popular everywhere, but it is a mistake to overdo them. Many people who are regular patrons remain at home on serial night, while others who do not attend so frequently never miss one of those good thirty week story.

A marked improvement has been made in the moving picture machine. About sixty per cent of those in use are made by one company and cost \$277.50.

Random Sketches

Wedding Memory. Considerable attention has been paid from time to time in these sketches at random to the early scenes in this locality and the pioneers and old settlers. There have been younger settlers grown up amongst us who are entitled to a friendly remembrance and deserve it. Running hurriedly over the pages of an old home-made scrap book, the title "Married 'Mid Flowers," caught the eye. It is the story of a marriage of a Keokuk young couple, prominent and popular, and who are still residents of Keokuk, known and respected by the people and still known and honored in the social circles of the city. It will be an interesting sketch to their many friends here and elsewhere, besides bringing back memories in the dimly growing past of over twenty-three years ago. It was a June wedding in 1891, and below is given what was said of the happy event at the time:

"Married 'Mid Flowers." "Another happy firsides has been established in Keokuk. The elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Sawyer, at No. 5 Park place, was the scene Thursday afternoon wherein the lives and fortunes of two of Keokuk's most esteemed young people were cemented in marital bonds. They were the eldest daughter of the household, Miss Nellie N. Sawyer, and Thomas R. Board. Freedom from ostentation characterized the event, although it was not lacking in the elegance of simplicity. Flowers abounded everywhere and their bright hues were given added loveliness by the intermingling of smilax and ferns. At 4:30 o'clock the bridal couple unattended, entered the parlor and stood before Rev. John B. Worrell of Westminster Presbyterian church, under an elaborate floral bell. When the magic words had been spoken the happy twain received the congratulations of their well wishing friends. Then all repaired to the dining hall, which was decorated with white flowers, ferns and smilax, and partook of a tasteful repast. Invitations had been extended

LOOM END SALE

Aug. 31 to Sept. 5

Simpson and American Calicoes in blues, pinks, grays, blacks and fancies, in lengths from 1 yard to 8 yards. Best grade and fast colors. LOOM END PRICE, 3 1/2c yd.

A strictly all wool Storm Serge, 50 inches wide, sponged and shrunk ready for use, regular \$1 grade in a good line of colors including navy, brown, green, black and Copenhagen. An elegant value at our LOOM END PRICE, 79c yd.

15 pieces of Oil Cloth, in assortment patterns, full 45-inch width and only the above amount to be sold. LOOM END PRICE, 14c yd.

Plain colors, stripes, checks and plaids of the genuine Bates Seersucker Ginghams and other grades that sell regularly for 12 1/2c and 15c yd. All good lengths. LOOM END PRICE, 10c yd.

Best quality of Apron Check Gingham in blue checks only. Colors fast and good assortment of styles. LOOM END PRICE, 5 1/2c yd.

Ladies' Fleece Lined Vests and Pants in all sizes. Good weight, nicely finished and our regular 35c garments. LOOM END PRICE, 25c each

Full bleached Twilled Outing or Shaker Flannel, 27 inch width, good weight, soft finish, 10c and 12 1/2c values. LOOM END PRICE, 8 1/2c yd.

64-inch heavy pure linen Table Damask; fine assortment of patterns. Our regular 65c grade. LOOM END PRICE, 50c yd.

150 pairs of extra heavy Cotton Blankets, size 64x80 inches. A good, strong and soft blanket. Regular \$1.49 blanket. LOOM END PRICE, \$1.09 pr.

LOOM END SALE

We are going to hold Our Great Loom End Sale for just one week

From Monday Morning, Aug. 31 to Saturday Night, Sept. 5

You will find here during this sale a great many very attractive bargains which mean big savings for you.

We have arranged for the usual amount of Loom End goods as heretofore, but any articles which are closed out before this sale ends cannot be duplicated on account of the advance in prices.

36-inch full bleached, fine muslin, free from starch, good grade for underwear, regular 10c value. LOOM END PRICE, 8 1/2c yd.

100 pairs of extra large size Wool-Nap blankets in beautiful plaid. Fine for wear and are good \$3.00 values. LOOM END PRICE, \$2.09 pr.

All pure linen Unbleached Crash Toweling, good width and weight. A fine 10c value. LOOM END PRICE, 8 1/2c yd.

36-inch fancy Art Ticking in a good assortment of light figures very desirable for curtains, box coverings, etc. Regular 19c value. LOOM END PRICE, 11c yd.

100 Ladies' fast black umbrellas with American taffeta covers, with wide taped edges and silk tassels, and most of them with sterling silver mountings. Regular 26-inch size. These are regular \$1.49 umbrellas. LOOM END PRICE, 98c

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Ready Made Garments

During this sale we will have on display a large part of our NEW FALL and WINTER

Coats, Suits and Dresses

FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN.

We expect to show this season the largest and most up-to-date line ever shown in Keokuk and we want you to be sure and see what we show. As an inducement for you to make your selections early we will give you during this sale only, a discount on all new garments of

10 Per Cent

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Winger Bros
619-621 Main St.
Keokuk's Largest and Best Store
KEOKUK, IOWA

Hamilton Gate City

Hamilton, Ill., August 30

Mr. Roy Sherwood is visiting his parents Thursday and Friday and attending the fair. Geo. Cooper went to Kahoka, Mo., Thursday to attend the fair. Henry Cueden who had his limb broken some three weeks ago, is still confined to his bed, although improving slowly.

Mr. Wm. Krueger spent Thursday with friends in Keokuk. Mrs. E. E. Dumbauld and daughter Vera May, is visiting Mr. Dumbauld's parents this week at Bowling Green, Mo.

The band concert and picture show was a grand success Wednesday night, as the streets and sidewalks were crowded with people and they came from miles around to enjoy an evening of fine music furnished by our band and to view the moving pictures which were given the people after the concert. There will be free moving picture shows and band concert every Wednesday evening until cold weather.

Miss Ruth Flynn of Ferris is visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Luddington this week. Mrs. Herman Hamberg who has been seriously ill for several weeks is improving nicely the last few days. Mr. Charles Wegehengel lost a fine horse Thursday which got caught in a barb wire fence and was cut so badly that it was necessary to kill it.

Don't forget to attend the ball game Sunday, Aug. 30, between Hamilton and Keokuk Electric at the Hamilton baseball park at 3 o'clock. This game has been matched for some time and will prove to be one of the best

games seen on the local diamond this year. Batteries for Hamilton, Mekemson and O. Haven, pitchers, Gerard, catch; Keokuk, Williams and Burch, pitch, Anderson, catch. You can't afford to miss this game. Frank Battrell who has just completed the commercial course at the Gem City Business college at Quincy, has accepted a position as instructor in the commercial course in the Rushville high school. Prof. Billingsby is president of the school board in Rushville which will make it pleasant for Mr. and Mrs. Battrell. Frank Graham is here from Centerville visiting with his mother Mrs. J. W. Graham. Chas. Hunter left Wednesday for Wyatt, Ill., to work for the government. In June he took an examination in civil government in which he made an average of 99 1/2. This is his first position he has held as a result and his many friends wish him the best of success.

Miss Violette Byers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Byers was operated on last Monday at St. Joseph's hospital for adenoids and also had her tonsils removed. She is getting along nicely. Mrs. Ernest Leroy, Mrs. Joseph Lefler, Mrs. Frank Lefler and Mrs. A. L. McArthur will entertain the Oakwood Improvement club at the Odd Fellows hall, Thursday, September 3. F. E. Herold is home again after several months' visit with relatives in Iowa. Quite a number of our citizens went to Burnside Saturday to the annual picnic, taking with them our baseball

team where they crossed bats with that team there.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining in the Keokuk postoffice, uncalled for, for week ending August 29, 1914:

Ladies. Mrs. Lola Berdsaw, Mrs. Lizzie Cather, Mrs. Charles D. Horton (2), Mrs. J. A. Hudson, Miss Edna Lambert, Miss Nellie O'Reilly, Mrs. Lorend Pyles, Miss Cora Sheppard, Miss Lille Simmons, Mrs. E. N. Smith, Mrs. Anna Terfexson.

Gentlemen. Harry Barr, Ray Beldon, W. W. Benjamin, Jim Flynn, Sammie Greer, B. H. Gray, John H. Heindel, J. T. Henderson, August Hiland, Hilton A. Johnson, John A. Mitchell, Dr. J. S. Paey, Fred Prety, Louis Reinbrecht, Lawrence Rhoads, Boyd Rhoads, Crear Scawtchey, Walter Tucker (2), Fred Wellman, Monroe Watt, Francis Yales.

Persons calling for letters in above list will please say they are advertised. E. P. NIMANUS, Postmaster.

Frankness itself. The Breezy One—I say, old man, if you'll let me have the loan of \$20 I'll be eternally indebted to you.—Puck.

Sister: Read My Free Offer!



I INVITE YOU TO SEND TODAY FOR MY FREE TEN DAYS' TREATMENT and learn how these ailments can be easily and surely conquered at home without the dangers and expense of an operation. When you are cured, and able to enjoy life again, you can pass the good word along to some other sufferer. My home treatment is for young or old. To Mothers of Dumb children, I will explain how to overcome green sickness, cholera, irregularities, headaches, and lastly, to young women and restore them to plumpness and health. Tell me if you are worried about your daughter. Remember it costs you nothing to give my free ten days' trial, and accept my generous offer and does not interfere with daily work. If health is weak, including my illustrated booklet, "Woman's Own Medical Advisor." I will send all in plain wrappers postpaid. To save time, you can cut out this offer, mark your feelings, and return to me. Send today, as you may not see this offer again. Address, CHAS. M. SUMMERS, Box 11, SOUTH BEND, IND.