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MUSIC. (Sweet.) Music, thou sweet toned queen of Art! Reigning supremely on thy throne, Claiming all countries as thine own— Bidding all discords to depart.

Warsaw, Ill. —F. E. COOK. Rather than go to the judicial mat with jurymen who refused to sign a verdict ordered by the court, a St. Louis judge simply dismissed the jury. Foxy boy!

W. H. Holmes of Ruby, Nev., deftly adjusted action to the surroundings in celebrating Nevada's apple day by taking into himself a wife whose name was Apple.

A quick-witted man in Atlantic City put out a fire which threatened his home by pouring 2,000 gallons of wine upon it. The importance of having an adequate supply of fire extinguisher in one's cellar is again demonstrated.

Atlantic City, N. J., compiled a "Jag list" of chronic boozers and sent it to saloonkeepers with a caution to "cut 'em out." Any Atlantic Cityan who cannot tread a chalk line on the boardwalk with both feet is an object of suspicion nowadays.

The Burlington Gazette says that Hugh Cooper, the father and mother of the Keokuk water power, still has faith in Keokuk and the Gazette hopes that his faith will eventually be realized not only for Keokuk but enough left over to cover Burlington.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving day. Surely the United States is in a most favored position to give thanks for the peace that prevails in this country. Contrasted with the conditions that prevail in Europe the Thanksgiving on the part of the American people should be of the most intensified character.

A Washington dispatch says that Congressman Rainey will again resume his attack on the Keokuk dam

at the coming session of congress and ask for a congressional probe. It is hoped congress will grant his request so that he can get correct information about a project of which he now seems to possess but little accurate knowledge.

The department of agriculture has undertaken the investigation of a serious disease which is affecting the Rocky mountain bighorn sheep and the mountain goats, and is reported as existing on the Lemhi national forest in Idaho. The forest officers think that it is the same disease that caused the mountain sheep to die in great numbers during 1882-3.

PUBLIC OPINION

Municipal Facts. To the Editor of The Gate City: Hon. John L. Bleakly, auditor of the state of Iowa, has just issued his seventh annual report of finances and municipal accounts, for the year ending March 31, 1914.

To make comparisons we shall endeavor to take cities having a population of from eight thousand to 22,000. Leaving out the hundreds for convenience, Ottumwa has 22,000 and its tenth in population in Iowa, then follows Muscatine, 16,000; Fort Dodge, 15,000; Keokuk, 14,000; Marshalltown, 13,000; Mason City, 11,000; Boone, 10,000; Iowa City, 10,000; Oskaloosa, 9,000; and Fort Madison, 8,000.

The indebtedness of Keokuk, which is thirteenth in population, is given as \$1,177,110 (evidently a mistake of a million). Its percentage of indebtedness according to its assessed valuation is enormous thereby, being three times higher than any other city.

Keokuk is the only city quoted as having no cash on hand at the close of business and the opening of business March 31, 1914. And makes a bad showing on this account. The report showed Keokuk reduced its indebtedness about \$40,000 or during its first year of commission government; but afterwards went back to its former indebtedness of about \$1,177,110.

For maintenance of fire fighters Keokuk spends \$10,662; and for fire hydrants, \$11,988; Marshalltown, \$8,570, and no expense for hydrants. Fort Dodge, larger than Keokuk, \$5,840, and \$3,500 for hydrant rentals. Muscatine spends \$878 for fire fighters, and \$5,291 for hydrant rentals. While Ottumwa with 22,000, spends only \$8,208 for firemen and \$2,688 for hydrant rentals (perhaps owns its own water works). Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Council Bluffs spend approximately \$3,000 each for hydrant rentals.

Keokuk has a very efficient fire fighting force and pays out far more

money than any city in Iowa of its size. But it is a good investment at that. Keokuk has many large buildings, erected during the boom days, and must always maintain an efficient service.

For policemen, Keokuk spends \$13,993; Ottumwa only spends \$7,193; Muscatine, \$7,240; Fort Dodge, \$13,810; Marshalltown pays out only \$5,750, the other towns down to the Fort Madison class, about \$5,517. The Keokuk police department should be efficient, for its per capita, like fire, is more than any of the cities its size, and it is money well expended.

For public libraries, Keokuk is credited with spending \$6,534, being as much as Muscatine and Fort Dodge, and only \$1,000 less than Ottumwa which is six thousand larger.

In assessed valuation of property for taxation, Keokuk is assessed at eleven and one-half million. Fort Dodge ten million and Muscatine nine million, while Marshalltown is only seven millions. As previously stated on account of Keokuk having an indebtedness of over a million, one hundred and seventy-seven thousand dollars, its percentage of indebtedness to the actual value of property is 10.22 percent and other cities being one, two and three percent, but the indebtedness is wrong.

Keokuk's area in square miles is seven, Fort Dodge four, Muscatine seven, Marshalltown seven, Fort Madison eight, Des Moines has forty-four, Sioux city forty-two, while Davenport has only thirteen and Dubuque as large as Sioux City has only eight square miles of area. Iowa City has only two and a half square miles, Grinnell two and Webster City has twelve, or four more than Keokuk, with one-third the population.

The statistics and figures are interesting. The more compact a city the more beautiful it can be made. For it is costly for paving, sewerage, street cleaning, cross walks, fire hydrants, electric lights, and repairing and policing and for fire protection over a large area. Many improvements have been made in Keokuk for its betterment in every way the first two years of commission government in Keokuk, and during the past summer. Keokuk is destined to always be a show place by reason of its water power, the Mississippi river, its fine new hotel, the splendid parks, drives, and magnificent views. While New York has the Hudson river, Iowa has the Mississippi river and Keokuk from whose banks and high bluffs views unsurpassed in the world are to be had.

There is municipal jealousy as well as social jealousy. The Blair Steamboat company never ceases knocking on Keokuk and Captain Blair and his excursion steamers have done more business and made more money, and hauls more passengers and had a fine stage of water and run their boats at less expense within a radius of sixty miles of Keokuk than any time since steamboating began on the Mississippi river. And it is time for Keokuk to resent the insults heaped on Keokuk and Senator Cummins, Keokuk's staunch friend in the United States senate; notwithstanding Captain Blair knocks on the senator; and Keokuk and its water power and its bridge.

Keokuk is all right. It's the people who unjustly find fault and suggest no remedy or better way out. "MUNICIPAL NEWS."

Keokuk, Nov. 17, 1914. P. S. Since writing the above I am in receipt of a letter from the auditor of state that Keokuk's indebtedness is not \$1,177,110, but \$226,601, and notification slips will be sent to all recipients of his report so Keokuk will stand in the right light in the municipal and commercial world. M. N.

PACKET KEOKUK HAD ITS BEST SEASON

White Collar Boat Carried 15,787 Passengers During the Past Summer, Also Much Freight.

The river season which was officially closed last Sunday was the most prosperous one the little steamboat of the White Collar line has ever had. The passenger business increase was slight, 15,787 passengers being carried excluding excursions, but the freight increase was 35 per cent and a total of 2,223,390 pounds were received and 339,000 pounds despatched. Of the outgoing business 279,300 pounds were shipped by local factories. The packet departed for Port Louise, Iowa, from whence it will tow a barge to Clinton. From Clinton it will proceed to Rock Island to go into winter quarters. The Black Hawk, which was in the Burlington-Davenport service for the past three weeks, tied up at Rock Island Thursday. The local boat house will be closed for the season as soon as the freight received on the last few trips is delivered.

The Dubuque of the Streckfus line, made its last trip between St. Louis and Quincy Saturday and is now in winter quarters at St. Louis. The Sidney is in service at New Orleans, where it makes excursion trips and regular afternoon trips to the winter resorts near. The St. Paul, Quincy and W. W. have finished for the year and will remain at Paducah, Ky. The Washed line boat, G. W. Hill, is being used at the scene of dismantling the sunken Majestic at St. Louis. All fixtures and machinery are

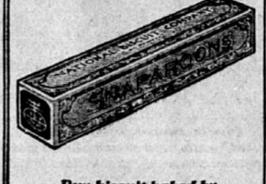
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being removed from the boat and when the work is completed the remains will be dynamited. Plans are being formulated for building a new boat this winter to take its place. The loss to the company is not thought to be over \$15,000 above the insurance. The boat was valued at \$60,000.

The steamer Frontenac and barge Mississippi have been in quarters at Rock Island for the past month. The White Collar line boats, Helen Blair and Morning Star, are also domiciled at Rock Island.—Burlington Hawk-Eye.

Baraca-Philatheas, PALATKA, Fla., Nov. 20.—The second annual three-days' convention of the Florida Baraca-Philatheas Union opened today. Several hundred delegates and national and southern states' officers of the organization are attending.

To Help Cotton. NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—In order to buy cotton for the Red Cross in Europe and at the same time help the south, southern women now in this city will hold a benefit performance this afternoon at a local theatre. Three professional women's clubs, the Gamut club, Professional Woman's league and the Twelfth Night club will each present a one-act play. Willa Helt Wakefield planned the affair.

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COLLECTOR WARNS IOWA TAXPAYERS

Louis Murphy Says People Must Go to Government, That Uncle Sam is Not Required to go to Them.

SOME DEALERS ARE LAX

Many Have Failed to Make Their Declarations and in Consequence Run Risks of Being Prosecuted.

The following letter is from Louis Murphy, collector of international revenues at Dubuque and explains many of the phases of the war tax. One of the important things to remember is that tax payers must send in their remittances without demands being made on them. Some are under the impression that they can wait until the government calls for the tax. They are required under penalty, to go to the government, however.

Mr. Murphy's letter to The Gate City follows: "All dealers in tobacco (except manufacturers of tobacco, of cigars, and dealers in leaf tobacco, who are otherwise specially provided for) whose annual receipts from the sale of tobacco exceed \$200, must pay \$3.20 for each store, shop or other place in which tobacco in any form is sold. There are 8,000 grocery stores in cities and towns of over 500 population; there are 1,700 druggists in the state; there are 2,500 retail liquor dealers, and all of these sell tobacco in some form. There are besides a few hundred exclusively tobacco shops and many barber shops and confectionary stores handling over \$200 worth of cigars and tobacco a year. Notwithstanding the special tax on these dealers became effective on November 1, and that if the tax is unpaid on December 1, a penalty of 50 per cent will also have to be paid, not a hundred of them have sent in their \$3.20," the collector says.

"However, dealers in cigars and tobacco are not alone affected by special taxes and are not the only ones derelict in paying the tax. There are brokers handling investments, who must pay \$25; pawnbrokers, who must pay \$33.34 and commercial brokers, \$13.34.

"Then there are theatres, museums and concert halls, the tax on which is graduated according to seating capacity, as follows: 250 seats and under, \$16.67; 250 seats to 500 seats, \$33.34; 500 to 8 seats, \$5; more than 800 seats, \$66.67.

"Next there are the proprietors of bowling alleys and billiard rooms who must pay \$3.34 for each table and alley. There are, too, the commission merchants, who receive goods, wares or merchandise to sell on commission and who must pay \$13.34.

"The amount of tax as I have given it in each case is correct. It is eight-twelfths of the annual tax, due to the fact that four months of the government's fiscal year had elapsed when the tax became effective on November 1.

"Banks, private and incorporated, are taxed on the capital, used or employed during the government's fiscal year, ending June 30, 1914. In estimating capital, surplus and undivided profits must be included. The banker will compute this amount for the year and then take eight-twelfths of the total, paying the tax on this at the rate of \$1.00 on each \$1,000 of capital. For illustration, let it be assumed a bank on June 30, 1914, had \$100,000 capital, \$50,000 surplus and \$25,000 undivided profits. The total is \$175,000. Eight-twelfths of this amount is \$116,667. The tax on this would be \$116.67.

"Bankers must, under pain of penalty, send form filled out before December 1. "Special taxpayers covered by this law should at once write the collector at Dubuque stating what their business is and asking for form on which to make returns. They should then send the form, filled out, together with the amount of the tax, to the collector. The whole transaction must be completed by December 1 to avoid penalty.

"Some taxpayers are under the impression that they need not pay the tax until demand for it is made, and that they are not supposed to know the law until an officer has called and explained their obligations. In this they are sadly in error. They are required, under penalty, to go to the government, not the government to them."

Hunting Season Starts. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 20.—The "bang bang" of guns and baying of hounds were heard throughout the everglades and other haunts of the nimrod today, when the "open season" for hunting began. Hundreds of tourists are here to join in the sport, which lasts only three months. Licenses are required from all sports-

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men. Sale or shipment of game is prohibited by state law. "Drys" Will Come Back. CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 20.—Badly defeated in the state elections November 3, when state wide prohibition was defeated and forty "dry" counties became automatically wet by the passage of the "home rule" amendment to the state constitution, Ohio "drys" are already preparing to come back strong. More than fifty villages and town-

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