

POWER COMPANY FINANCES HOTEL

Common Stock Taken Over at Meeting Today, and Arrangements Made to Take Care of Floating Debt.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Kellogg Named President and Elder Vice President—Holmes Will Continue as Manager.

At a meeting of the stockholders, the reorganization committee and the directors of the Hotel Iowa company this morning, arrangements were made whereby funds are secured to pay the floating indebtedness.

The reorganization committee has for several months been strenuously endeavoring to get the affairs of the hotel Iowa put in strong hands so that there need be no further financial embarrassment.

Various hotel operators have been consulted and various plans proposed. Following today's meeting it was announced that the Mississippi River Power company has been induced virtually to take charge of the financial affairs of the hotel company.

Acquires Common Stock. The common stock formerly belonging to the Interstate Hotels corporation has now been acquired by the Mississippi River Power company and the power company has consented to pay off the floating indebtedness amounting to approximately fifty-five hundred (\$5,500.00) dollars, and to exercise an oversight and control of the hotel affairs in conjunction with the reorganization committee.

The reorganization committee will continue to represent the preferred stockholders and will co-operate with the power company in the management of the hotel.

Kellogg Made President. At this morning's meeting, Messrs. C. W. Kellogg, J. H. Bissell, C. C. Callif and J. F. Elder were elected directors to succeed George H. Gaylor, H. P. Wells, H. G. Vanderhoof and W. V. Holmes, the latter resigning in order that the new board of directors might have two members, John Nagel and J. F. Elder, as representing the preferred stockholders, instead of only one as heretofore.

The directors immediately elected C. W. Kellogg, the manager of the Mississippi River Power company, as president of the Hotel company, J. F. Elder, vice president, J. H. Bissell, treasurer, and C. C. Callif as secretary. W. V. Holmes will continue as manager.

Elder Praises Plan. This places the hotel company under a strong management and with ample financial backing and it is hoped that eventually the new management can show substantial profits for the stockholders.

"We are well pleased with the arrangement reached today," said J. F. Elder, vice president. "The hotel is in the hands of our friends. About 1,200 shares of the preferred stock have been deposited with the committee, and an effort will be made to secure the few remaining shares at the time of the annual meeting on January 2."

A Turkish Slaughter. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] PETROGRAD, Dec. 28.—Only thirty men of the population of Bushkara escaped from the Armenian town following a massacre there ordered by the Turkish commanders upon the approach of Russian troops, according to stories told by fugitives from the war region today.

Old men, women and children were slaughtered it is declared. Homes of christians were entered and the occupants thrown from the windows into the street.

Fish Still in Trouble. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Joseph Fish, wealthy fire insurance adjuster, recently acquitted of charges of arson, today refused to plead either guilty or not guilty when arraigned on another indictment returned against him during the alleged arson trust investigation. He acted on advice of his attorneys. They will argue Fish has not been on trial within four terms of court since the indictment was returned, in accordance with Illinois law.

The Bachelor's Will. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] FREESPORT, Ill. Dec. 28.—Practically all of the \$35,000 estate left by Andrew Swartz, wealthy Freesport bachelor, will go to the support of orphans at the Lutheran orphanage at Nachusa, Ill., by the will which was filed here today.

CITY NEWS.

Join the National bank Christmas savings club any time before January first.

Mrs. J. W. Nichols of 1208 Des Moines street, fell this morning, when she slipped on some ice just outside of the door, and broke her arm between the elbow and the shoulder.

A scarf which was lost was recovered through the medium of a Gate City want ad. The scarf was lost Thursday night and the owner used a Gate City lost ad. The scarf was returned today. This shows that Gate City ads bring results.

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Commissioner F. T. F. Schmidt has gone to Ames to take a short course in road building which begins Tuesday and continues over January 2. The city is standing the expense of the commissioner's education.

Acting Captain Clarence Powell is said to be the choice of Company L to succeed Robert Richardson, the former captain. A meeting will be held this evening to elect officers. Every member of the company is urged to be present.

Masonic.—Special meeting of Eagle Lodge No. 12 A. F. & A. M. (10) ten o'clock Tuesday morning, December 29, 1914, to attend the funeral of Brother J. N. Cherry. Visiting brethren fraternally invited. By order of the W. M., S. H. Johnston, Secy.

Special meeting of Eagle Lodge No. 12 will be held tomorrow evening. There will be a special school of instruction for initiation staff for work in the third degree.

J. B. Watkins, the new deputy sheriff at Fort Madison, was in the city this afternoon, and was conferring with John C. Scott, his new chief. Mr. Watkins was named deputy by Mr. Scott some time ago. Mrs. Watkins accompanied Mr. Watkins here, and visited with Mrs. Scott.

Henry Loewenstein will turn key at the county jail to succeed Tim Chimmings when the new administration takes hold. Mr. Scott is as yet unable to state definitely who will be his deputy here.

Lee Booher 21 and Carrie Hinman 21, both of Meyers, Ill., were granted a marriage license here today. They were united in marriage by James S. Burrows, justice of the peace, this afternoon.

In consideration of \$1,000 F. J. Ewers and Ella Ewers transfer to Arthur O'Blennes the front 33 1-3 feet of the front 100 feet of lots 11 and 12 in block 203.

The petit jury in the district court was excused this afternoon until January 9, 1915 at 2 o'clock.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Roth of Ottumwa are spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prasse, Leake, of 529 North Fifth street.

John M. Kenney returned last night to Chicago, after spending Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Keiner of St. Joseph, Mo., are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Bentz.

Harry A. Trost returned to Ottumwa this morning, after a short visit at the home of Mrs. D. F. Miller, 307 Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris A. King and children, who visited in Keokuk over Christmas, will return to their home in Des Moines, today.

Mr. M. H. Stiveron and daughter Etta Marie of Clarinda, Iowa, were in the city Saturday to attend the Standard Oil company banquet Saturday night.

Miss Mabel Mesmer of Burlington, Iowa, attended the Standard Oil company banquet in this city.

Miss Mary Forgy of Creston, Iowa, visited over Saturday and Sunday in the city and attended the Standard Oil company banquet Saturday night.

Mrs. Tony Filker of Quincy, Ill., is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Lena Bode, 1110 Palean street.

Miners Must Move. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 28.—The Purg Love Maher Coal company of Cleveland, operating mines at Maynard, Stewartsville, Neff and Glencot, in the eastern Ohio coal fields, today served notice on United Mine Workers officials that striking miners must vacate houses owned by the company before January 15, or be evicted.

The Purg Love Maher company owns about two hundred houses, T. K. Maher of the company urged that the strikers vacate peacefully to avoid force.

C. J. Albertson, president of the eastern Ohio sub-district of the United Mine Workers organization stated miners would fight the proposed action in courts. A meeting of the mine association will be called within a week to decide proposed action of the Purg Love Maher company, which will be followed by other mines in the district.

Holy Roller Treatment. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] MURPHYSBORO, Ill. Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. George Heuse of Murphysboro, this afternoon were held for grand jury action by a coroner's jury that investigated the death of their six months old baby last week. The coroner's jury heard considerable evidence that the pair had discarded medicine prescribed by a physician and had sought to effect a cure through application of "Holy Roller" faith treatment.

Cold Wave is Over. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Dissipation of the recent cold wave was reported today by the weather bureau. General and decided moderation everywhere is reported. The only zero temperature is in Minnesota and Dakota. Still more warmth tonight and tomorrow and no further cold snaps for eastern United States for at least a few days is reported.

CONSENT PETITION APPROVED TODAY

Board of Supervisors in Session at Fort Madison This Morning Officially O. K.'s Liquor Proposition.

NAMES NUMBERED 2,177

Vote in Keokuk at Last Election Was 3,196 and Petition Contains Necessary Per Cent of Names.

The board of supervisors in session at Fort Madison this morning, canvassed the petition of consent required under the Iowa liquor law, and approved this petition. The members of the board each voted aye on the question of approving this petition.

The petition of consent needs a certain number of names attached to it, in comparison with the number of votes cast at the last election. The vote in Keokuk, it was found in the canvass, was 3,196 and the names on the petition of consent number 2,177.

This petition for consent was being circulated the second week in December. It is necessary to secure the proper number of names and then to submit the petition to the board of supervisors. Approval from the board allows the saloons of the county to run for a certain length of time.

The Keokuk city council has already approved the licenses of the fourteen saloons now operating in Keokuk and has renewed same.

ANOTHER OLD RESIDENT DIED THIS FORENOON

John McNeff, Born in Ireland, and a Resident of Keokuk for Thirty Years.

John McNeff, another of the old residents of the city, died at a local hospital at 11:15 o'clock this morning, the cause of his death being attributed to the infirmities of old age.

Mr. McNeff was born in Ireland in 1836, and when quite a young man came to this country. He located at Peoria where he resided for a time, and about thirty years ago came to Keokuk where he had since resided. Four children were born to the family, all of whom are dead. His wife died about five months ago, leaving him in declining health and since then he has made his home at the hospital where he died.

He is survived by two brothers, Lawrence McNeff of Keokuk and Daniel McNeff of La Harpe, Ill. He was a faithful member of St. Peter's Catholic church, faithful in the discharge of his duties and is said to have been a very devout christian man. He had many friends and acquaintances in the city who will be grieved to hear of the death of their faithful old friend and interesting companion, who was always true, genial and agreeable. His friends were many, as he was kind and courteous to everybody.

AMUSEMENTS.

Tonight at the Orpheum.

The management of the Orpheum theatre presents for your approval tonight "The Yellow Streak," a great drama of the prize ring in two parts, also "The Dog Raffles," the favorite dog comedy, also "De Feet of Father," a laughable comedy of the warring soles. This and a musical program will give you a big show treat. Come tonight.—Advertisement.

At Hippodrome.

The Billiken Girls, Chas. Gramlick's Billiken Girls, presenting in Old Mexico, a clever musical comedy, in two parts, with a vaudeville olio between the acts, will hold the boards at the Hippodrome the first three days this week, beginning with matinee today at 2:30. The company is headed by Chas. Gramlick himself, and Helena Hall, a charming comedienne. The company also boasts of a clever comedy quartette, and several splendid vaudeville specialties. In Old Mexico tells of a stranded theatrical company on the Mexican border. A rich Dutchman buys the show, goes broke, and in the second act, winds up in Egypt hunting a treasure, which is found, and they return to America. The piece is full of bright comedy and late song hits.

Matinee daily; one show at night, starting 8:15. Pictures and musical program starts 7:35. Come early and see it all.—Advertisement.

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I Stepped in Your Steps All the Way. "A father and his tiny son Crossed a rough street one stormy day, 'See, papa,' cried the little one, 'I stepped in your steps all the way.'"

Ah, random childish hands that deal Quick thrusts, no coat of proof could stay; It touched him with the touch of steel—"I stepped in your steps all the way."

If this man shirks his manhood's due And heeds what lying voices say, It is not one who falls, but two, 'I stepped in your steps all the way.'"

But they who thrust off greed and fear, Who love and watch, who toil and pray, How their hearts carol when they hear, 'I stepped in your steps all the way.'"

—Roy Temple House.

New Year's Week Parties.

Dancing parties will continue through this week, completing the round of holiday dances. Tonight the Masonic dance will be given in the ball room of the Masonic temple, the grand march beginning at nine o'clock. On Tuesday evening in the Elks ball room the Keokuk club will hold its annual holiday ball. On Thursday evening the annual New Year's tango tea will be given in the main dining room of hotel Iowa. Friday afternoon there will be dancing in connection with the Keokuk club's open house. On Friday evening the Elks will give their dance in the club house ball room. This will be accompanied by a very elaborate supper, almost in its menu equalling a banquet. On Saturday evening the U. C. T. will close the week with a dancing party in Woodman hall.

Keokuk Club Party. The Keokuk club party, which is the biggest social event of the holiday season, will be given in the Elks ball room tomorrow evening. Stone and Wells orchestra of Burlington which has a wide reputation for a varied state, will furnish music for a varied program of twenty dances and four extras. Among the dances will be the one-step, hesitation, maxixe, waltz canter, castle walk, half-in-half and Lu Lu Fado. Present indications point to one of the largest crowds that has ever attended the club parties. Mr. and Mrs. E. Carroll Taber will lead the grand march. The program of dances and music follows:

One-step—Mississippi Cabaret, Hesitation—Cecile. One-step—From High Jinks, Hesitation—Henrietta, Maxixe—Densoze. One-step—Tingle-lingling, Waltz canter—Just a Moment, Fox trot—Meadowbrook, Hesitation—Un Peu d'Amour, Castle walk—Creoney Melody, Hesitation—Love in My Garden, Half-in-half—Castle's Half-in-Half, Waltz canter—Reve d'Avenir. One-step—I'll Do It All Over Again, Hesitation—Midnight Girl, Fox trot—Davis Fox Trot, Hesitation—Girl from Utah, Lu Lu Fado—Lu Lu Fado. One-step—By the Beautiful Sea, Hesitation—Sari.

Standard Oil Banquet. The first annual banquet of the Standard Oil company was given at the Hotel Iowa, Saturday evening, December 26. The affair was given to stimulate the feeling of good fellowship existing among the employees of the office and to celebrate the close of a prosperous year. About thirty-five were present and the affair was a great success. The menu consisted of:

Oyster cocktail, Consume, Dressing, Turkey, Giblet gravy, Mashed potatoes, Celery Peas, Vienna rolls, Cranberries, Olives, Mints, Clear.

The committee in charge was composed of the following: Miss Catherine Cody, P. L. Welsh, F. C. Stockton, C. O. Frazier and Frank Westhoff. Short talks were made by Mr. R. W. Loquist, C. M. Vogler, A. C. Bode, Leo Tighe, P. L. Welsh, C. O. Frazier, W. O. Phillips, F. C. Stockton, Earl Frank and F. O. Boughner. At the close of the banquet plans were discussed for organizing a club for promoting the interests of the company in a business and social way in this territory. The officers elected were:

President—C. M. Vogler, Vice president—A. C. Bode, Secretary—M. Dee, Treasurer—Catherine Cody.

Choir is Remembered. In appreciation of the excellent work done by the choir of the First Westminster Presbyterian church, each of the twenty-five members were presented with a handsome box of candy at choir practice on Saturday night. When they walked into the choir loft in every chair was placed the box with a spray of holly. To Mr. James Young, the director, was sent a letter containing personal expressions from various members of the church in commendation of the

faithfulness and efficiency of the choir. The idea of the gifts came from Miss Martha Hornish who was very ably assisted in carrying out the plan by Mrs. Leonard Matless.

Were Guests of Mrs. Sage. Mrs. W. N. Sage had for guests during the week of Christmas her mother Mrs. L. M. Stafford of Kahoka, her sister Miss Blanche Stafford of San Francisco, and brother Mr. Roscoe Stafford of Milwaukee. They left Keokuk this morning.

Hostess to Whist League. Mrs. John W. Hobbs will be hostess to the Woman's Whist League Tuesday afternoon.

B. U. Directors Saturday. The board of directors of the Benevolent Union will hold their regular monthly meeting in the Birge home on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Friday is the regular meeting day, but being New Year's the meeting is changed to Saturday.

In Honor of Miss Strickler. Miss Lora Paggett will entertain a company of young women tomorrow afternoon in honor of Miss Grace Strickler whose wedding will occur on New Year's day, and of Miss Ethel Dawson of Kansas City who is here for the wedding.

Luncheon for Bride-to-be. Mrs. Frank Anderson will entertain on Wednesday at a luncheon in honor of Miss Grace Strickler. The luncheon will be at half past one o'clock.

Sleigh Ride and Dance. A number of members of the younger set will enjoy a sleigh ride this evening, ending up in Hamilton with an oyster supper and dancing.

One Man Killed. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—One man was killed and six dangerously injured this afternoon when a wooden walk canopy on the east side of the Muchlebach hotel building at Twelfth and Baltimore streets fell to the ground.

The dead: "RUBE" DICKINSON, Orpheum monologist, skull fractured, died on way to hospital. Four of the injured are believed to have chances of recovery.

The weight of snow, brick and other building material on top of the canopy, built to protect workmen and pedestrians, is believed to have caused the accident.

Miss Clark Engaged. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of the speaker was showered with congratulations today upon announcement of her engagement to James M. Thompson, publisher of the New Orleans Item. The wedding will take place in the spring at the Clark home at Bowling Green, Mo., following adjournment of congress.

The engagement is a romance begun at the democratic convention at Baltimore where Miss Clark as a campaigner for her father met Thompson, a Clark delegate.

No nuptial engagement since those of white house brides has created as much interest as the betrothal of Miss Clark.

An Unfulfilled Promise. Burlington Hawk-Eye: Do readers of the Hawk-Eye recall to mind the democratic claims on the stump and in party platforms that the "trusts" could be killed by putting trust-made roads on the free list? That was a great slogan a few years ago. Just put the democrats in power and they would show the country how to solve the trust problem.

Nearly two years of democratic opportunity have passed but no attempt has been made by President Wilson and his congress to put the democratic theory in practice. Instead, the administration is seeking to break up trusts and monopolies by the enforcement of the Sherman law, the product of republican administration and legislation. And following out that line of policy the democratic congress has enacted still more sweeping and stringent legislation against trusts, but not a voice is raised in behalf of the one-time popular proposition to put protested products on the free list. This is only another of the several platform pledges of that party that have been ignored after the party attained to power.

Of course, there was no merit in the propositions. The trusts were not the creatures of the protective tariff. Many of the imported articles admitted under the present tariff are made by foreign trusts, yet the democratic policy welcomes them at our ports and admits them free. The foreign manufacturers pay no taxes to the support of our government, but our home manufacturers are discriminated against in favor of the foreign, besides paying the corporation, the income and war taxes. The American people are not going to tolerate such a gross discrimination against themselves.

The Church. According to the London Telegraph, the Bishop of London, speaking at the Mansion House, said that many people nowadays had a false idea of the church. "The popular idea was that you had only to put three pence in the slot, or rather in the offertory, and you got a handsome vicar, two good-looking curates and a peal of bells."

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WANTED—Dining room girl at the Grand Hotel.

WANTED—Good delivery boy. F. D. Haubert, 1408 Main St.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, modern. 418 Blondeau street.

FOR RENT—One large room on main floor. Furnished or unfurnished. Modern, Call 329 North Fourth street.

FOR RENT—723 Morgan and 716 Fulton. Modern, eight rooms. Inquire next door or 727 Morgan.

FOR RENT—Private garage. Enquire 1301 Timea street.

FOR RENT—Floor space and window in prominent Main street store. Address Floor, Gate City.

FOR SALE—One thoroughbred Jersey cow and calf. Walter Bailey, Keokuk, R. 2.

FOR SALE—1 set adjustable Miller attachment sled runners, cheap. McGrath Bros. Drug Co.

LOST—Pocketbook containing money. Return to 1105 Exchange street. Reward.

LOST—Account book containing some bills, on 11th and Main. Return to 1020 Blondeau. Reward.

LOST—Gold bracelet with initials W. V. engraved. Lost between county court house and 1003 Exchange St. Return to this office. Reward.

LOST—On 5th street between High and Grand avenue or between 5th and 9th on avenue, a cluster of artificial flowers. Return to this office. Reward.

LOST—Pink cameo pin, Saturday afternoon. Return to this office. Reward.

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Daily Stock Letter. [Copyright 1914, by the New York Evening Post.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The two most important events of the day were the striking decline in foreign exchange rates to the lowest level touched for a year and the very general gains in prices on the stock exchange with net advances of from 1 to 2 1/2 points. The upward movement of security prices was well sustained, and while it was not on a very large volume of business, it took in most of the active shares and notably those in which the public is often interested. This advance naturally led to better sentiment and helped the whole market. Strength was pronounced in such stocks as Union Pacific, St. Paul, Atchison, Northern Pacific, Pennsylvania and some of the copper shares. The movement in United States Steel attracted general attention with good buying on the advance. In the last hour the market held its strength, and most of the standard shares sold at or near their high level for the day. There was no news to affect the market other than the rather vague report that some of the buying orders were of European origin. There was nothing, however, on which to base such stories. On the other hand there were no selling orders to speak of from abroad. Reading was one of the strongest stocks at the close. Wheat again made a new high record and there was some excited trading at Chicago.

The decline in sterling exchange was the feature of the day. The movement reflected large offerings of bills by various banking interests which had accumulated exchange in anticipation of having a broad demand for it in connection of meeting end of the year remittances.

Loose Screw. Very often a screw hole gets worn so that the screw will not stay in. To remedy this cut some narrow strips of cork and fill up the hole completely, and then force the screw in. This will prove just as tight as if driven into a new hole.