

CONTEST BETTER THAN CELEBRATION

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INTEREST WAS STRONG

Large Number of People Attracted From Out of Town—All Were Much Interested in the Contest.

"Better than a celebration," said Harry Culklin, one of the three judges of the window display contest, in talking it over this morning. "It's the greatest thing the merchants have ever done here in the way of an advertisement."

Mr. Culklin is enthusiastic over the contest. He is of the opinion that the displays of the next contest two weeks away will far surpass those of Saturday and that by the time the contest is over and the prize cup awarded that there will be a wonderful change for the better in the quality of Keokuk stores and window.

In discussing the work of the judges, Mr. Culklin stated that the judges anticipated much dissension to their awards. This, he said, was largely because the judgments were made by the methods given them by the committee, and not from a personal standpoint.

In artistic arrangement, color, and harmony, one of the points on which the awards were made the average person would hardly think of considering the display of a grocery store equal to that of a jewelry store. Yet the judges had to make such allowances for the material displayed as placing all stores on an equal footing.

Pointers for Merchants. The three judges for this first contest could give the merchants some valuable pointers for the next contest. While many of the stores were strong on some of the points considered, they fell down on others. Practically all the stores ranked high on the general effect and impression created by their displays. Many fell down on cleanliness, many on sales value, and a few on the appearance of the store in general. There was a marked absence of price cards on some of the windows, reducing the sales value of the window. In other windows the merchant failed to exhibit the kind of goods pertaining to his store in particular, thus reducing the sales value in the estimation of the judges.

Outsiders were interested. Mr. Culklin stated that he was surprised to see how much interest was taken in the contest by the people of the city and was still more surprised to learn that farmers and people from nearby towns were evidently as much interested in the contest as Keokuk people themselves. He said that in his opinion the contest was a better thing for the town than a celebration because it centered the interest of the people in the goods sold by the merchants rather than in side shows and amusements, at the same time bringing many people from out of town. The contest was of further value, he said, in that it tended to take the merchants out of the old rut of failing to improve his store and keep it in good condition. Practically the same opinions were expressed by the other judges, and all were of the opinion that the remaining contests will be more interesting, more closely contested, bring forth better displays, and attract more people to the city.

LINDSEY HAS HIS FOES SCARED Lower House Recalls Bills Since Arrest of Member and Sudden Publicity.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DENVER, Colo., March 15.—A hurried effort on the part of the lower house of the legislature to recall the four anti-Lindsey bills from the senate for reconsideration, was reported in prospect today, as a result of the sudden prominence which has been given the measures following the arrest of Representative W. W. Howland and charges made by Judge Lindsey.

The four bills, providing for the naming of an extra district judge to handle the juvenile court work, would have been passed by the house. They have not been formally introduced in the senate as yet, however. The

COULD NOT STAND ON FEET

Mrs. Baker So Weak—Could Not Do Her Work—Found Relief in Novel Way.

Adrian, Mich.—"I suffered terribly with female weakness and backache and got so weak that I could hardly do my work. When I washed my dishes I had to sit down and when I would sweep the floor I would get so weak that I would have to get a drink every few minutes, and before I did my dusting I would have to lie down. I got so poorly that my folks thought I was going into consumption. One day I found a piece of paper blowing around the yard and I picked it up and read it. It said 'Saved from the Grave,' and told what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for women. I showed it to my husband and he said, 'Why don't you try it?' So I did, and after I had taken two bottles I felt better and I said to my husband, 'I don't need any more,' and he said 'You had better take it a little longer anyway.' So I took it for three months and got well and strong."—Mrs. ALONZO E. BAKER, 9 Tecumseh St., Adrian, Mich.



Not Well Enough to Work. In these words is hidden the tragedy of many a woman, housekeeper or wage earner who supports herself and is often helping to support a family, on meagre wages. Whether in house, office, factory, shop, store or kitchen, woman should remember that there is one tried and true remedy for the ills to which all women are prone, and that is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It promotes that vigor which makes work easy. The Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

house is said to desire to reconsider the bills and if again voted on, their defeat is predicted. Howland was still in jail today, having been confined in a cell since Saturday night, charged with perjury. The grand jury today will take up its investigation of the package of money handed to Howland on the floor of the house and definite action may also be taken on the question of expelling him from the legislature.

SECOND WEEK OF ELECTION TRIAL Police Station Accused of Being Headquarters for False Registration Plot Work.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 15.—With the opening today of the second week of the Terre Haute election corruption conspiracy trial, conducted by the government in an attempt to establish its power to purify local politics when the election of a United States senator is concerned, District Attorney Dailey expected to open a new phase of the alleged election steal. Through Jack Nugent, former night police chief, and Jack Hines, once the political "boss" of the red light district, Dailey expects to show that the segregated district was the second big factor in the "steal."

The trial to date has developed through former Police Chief Ed Hoier, that police headquarters was also headquarters for operations that placed 2,500 false registrations on the books, Nugent and Hines was, it is expected, that from a companion desk at "headquarters," wires were pulled that brought in from every bawdy house and saloon its sufficient contribution to the slush fund.

THIEVES OPERATE IN "Q" STATIONS Several Lee County Towns Have Been Visited by Crooks Who Rife Depots.

The operations of thieves in the smaller towns in the vicinity of Port Madison again continues after a lull of several weeks, says the Gem City. The more recent appearances of thieves occurring Thursday evening when the burglars broke into the C. B. & Q. depots at both Houghton and Salem.

The thieves gained an entrance to the Houghton depot by prying open one of the windows of the building. Although they rifled the office from one end to the other, their efforts succeeded in gaining them only a razor and a small quantity of dry goods. The burglars also made an unsuccessful attempt to break into the general store at Houghton. They could not gain an entrance for some reason, it being thought that they were probably frightened away. At the Salem station the money

drawer was torn open and rifled, but only 25 cents was secured. Several other small articles were taken. It is generally believed by the authorities that the thieves who operated in Houghton and Salem are the same as appeared recently in other small towns in this section. Their operations seem to radiate within a certain radius of Port Madison, which might substantiate the belief that the thieves are making their headquarters here.

ARE NOT MAKING SMOKELESS POWDER Rumor to Effect That Moar Plant is Working on War Munition is Denied.

There is absolutely nothing to the story that the Du Pont powder mills at Moar are turning out smokeless powder, some of the officials of the company stated this morning when asked regarding the rumor which has become so well defined within the last few weeks. To turn out smokeless powder, the plants must be peculiarly equipped, and the officials at Moar say that they have no such equipment and consequently can not manufacture war ammunition.

The story which seems to have gained circulation within the last few days is to the effect that the mills are working day and night, and that there are no lay offs for any of the men, and that the factory is working to its fullest capacity.

JAIL YARD SHOWS ITS IMPROVEMENT New Fences Have Been Constructed and Yard is All Cleaned up—Garden is Planned Next.

The yard of the county jail has greatly improved as has also the yard in the rear of the sheriff's house. A new tight board fence has been constructed between the jail yard and the other yard, and one of similar construction has been erected between the sheriff's yard and the property next door. The jail yard itself has been made more slightly by a system of keeping trash and stuff which accumulates in the yard picked up, daily. The old beards and lumber which was of use the way it was, has been stored in one of the sheds, or is being chopped into kindling wood.

It is the plan to have a garden in the jail yard, and some good dirt and fertilizer will be brought in to mix with the other earth. Sheriff Scott has some chickens in the shed in the rear of the sheriff's house. The work has been done by the prisoners in the jail under the supervision of Henry Loewenstein, turnkey at the jail.

WHAT NEURASTHENIA IS

Neurasthenia is a condition of exhaustion of the nervous system. The causes are varied. Continuous work, mental or physical, without proper vacation periods, without proper attention to diet and exercise, also worry over the struggle for success, are the most common causes. Excesses of almost any kind may produce it. Some diseases, like the grip, will cause neurasthenia. It is also a severe shock, intense anxiety or grief. The symptoms are over-sensitiveness, irritability, a disposition to worry over trifles, headache, possibly nausea.

The treatment is one of nutrition of the nerve cells, requiring a non-alcoholic tonic. As the nerves get their nourishment from the blood the treatment must be directed toward building up the blood. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills act directly on the blood and with proper regulation of the diet have proved of the greatest benefit in many cases of neurasthenia. A tendency to anemia, or of neurasthenia from the blood the treatment must be directed toward building up the blood. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills act directly on the blood and with proper regulation of the diet have proved of the greatest benefit in many cases of neurasthenia. A tendency to anemia, or of neurasthenia from the blood the treatment must be directed toward building up the blood. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills act directly on the blood and with proper regulation of the diet have proved of the greatest benefit in many cases of neurasthenia.

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John F. Scott who has had a siege of the gripe and tonsillitis, is improving. Rev. Jacob Diehl, the new pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church has arrived. D. Selover and wife who have been traveling in California for several months will arrive home Tuesday.

Oscar Brink of the "Gazette" force is at a Maccomb hospital for treatment. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Selward of La Harpe, Ill., are visiting relatives here.



In "Stars Their Courses Change," to-night at the Hippodrome.

Official Council Proceedings

March 1, 1915, 9 a. m. Council met in regular session with all members present; Mayor Moorhead presiding. Minutes of meetings of February 25, 26 and 27, 1915, were read and approved.

Communication from Hazen I. Sawyer, objecting to a proposed 5-foot cement sidewalk being laid in front of Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 58, City, was received and filed; also

A communication from W. B. Collins, objecting to the proposed improvement of North Second street between Main and Blondeau, was received and disallowed.

Resolution No. 999. Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk: That the following pay rolls be, and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid: Warrant No. 1341 Park \$ 92.80 Warrant No. 1342 Sewer 2.62 Warrant No. 1343 River Front 42.35 Warrant No. 1344 Street 168.20

Roll Call—Ayes—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt. S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor. Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

Resolution No. 1000. Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk: That the contract made and entered into by and between the City of Keokuk and James Cameron's Sons, dated March 24, 1914, for cleaning and flushing of certain streets in the City of Keokuk during the season of 1914, and of the same is hereby renewed for a period of one year from the expiration of said contract, to-wit: From March 24, 1915, to March 24, 1916, and that the provisions of said contract shall apply to the cleaning and flushing of said streets by James Cameron's Sons until March 24, 1916.

Be It Further Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to sign on behalf of the City of Keokuk the renewal endorsed upon said contract.

Roll Call—Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt. S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor. Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

Resolution No. 1001. Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk, that it is deemed advisable and necessary to make improvements by reconstructing with concrete paving, seven inches deep, and curbing with cement, the foundation to be prepared and paving and curbing to be constructed in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the City Engineer, and approved by the City Council, the following named street and parts of streets, to-wit: Blondeau from east side of Second to west side of Fourth streets.

The expense of making said improvements—to be assessed against all privately owned lots and parcels of land abutting thereon and adjacent thereto, according to area, so as to include one-half of the privately owned property between the street—improved and the next street—, whether such privately owned property abut upon said street—or not, but in no case shall privately owned property situated more than three hundred (300) feet from the street—so improved be so assessed. (and against the railway and street railway companies whose tracks are located thereon), to the extent that the same is assessable by law, said assessments to be made in accordance with the law governing the same.

Be It Further Resolved, That the City Council will meet at 9 o'clock a. m., on the 22d day of March, 1915, in the council chamber in the City of Keokuk, for the purpose of considering objections to the passage of the said proposed resolution, and to the construction of the said improvement, at which hearing the above resolution may be amended and passed, or passed as proposed.

Be It Further Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby instructed to cause notice of the pendency of the above resolution and the time at which the said proposed resolution will be considered by this council, and objections to the passage thereof heard, to be published as provided by law in the Constitution-Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Keokuk.

Adopted March 1, 1915, by the following vote: Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt. Ayes, 3; Noes, 0. Approved and signed: S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor of the City of Keokuk. Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

Resolution No. 1002. Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk, Iowa, that the plans and specifications for the improvement of Exchange street from the east side of Seventeenth, to the west side of Kilbourne Place, Leighton street from the west line of Thirteenth to the east line of Fourteenth, Second street from the north line of Main to the south line of Blondeau streets, by paving and curbing, prepared by the City Engineer and submitted to this council pursuant to a certain resolution passed on the 17th day of February 1915, be and the same are hereby approved.

Adopted March 1, 1915, by the following vote: Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt. Ayes, 3; noes, 0. Approved and signed: S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor of the City of Keokuk. Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

There being no further business, Council took a recess until March 2, 1915, 9 a. m. S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor. Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

Resolution No. 1003. Whereas, At a meeting of the City Council of the City of Keokuk, Iowa, held on the first day of March, 1915, there was duly passed a resolution declaring it advisable and necessary to improve Blondeau street from the east side of Second to the west side of Fourth, by paving with concrete, and curbing with cement.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk, Iowa, that the City Engineer be, and he is hereby, directed to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of the said improvement, and to submit the same to this council for its examination and approval, at a meeting to be held on the 22d day of March, 1915.

Adopted March 2, 1915, by the following vote: Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt. Ayes, 3; noes, 0. Approved and signed: S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor of the City of Keokuk. Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

Resolution No. 1004. Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk, Iowa, that the plans and specifications for the improvement of Blondeau street from the east side of Second to the west side of Fourth streets, by paving and curbing, prepared by the City Engineer and submitted to this council pursuant to a certain resolution passed on the first day of March, 1915, be and the same are hereby approved.

Adopted March 2, 1915, by the following vote: Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt. Ayes, 3; noes, 0. Approved and signed: S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor of the City of Keokuk. Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

There being no further business, Council, upon motion, adjourned. S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor. Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

Resolution No. 1005. Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk, Iowa, that the plans and specifications for the improvement of Blondeau street from the east side of Second to the west side of Fourth streets, by paving and curbing, prepared by the City Engineer and submitted to this council pursuant to a certain resolution passed on the first day of March, 1915, be and the same are hereby approved.

Adopted March 2, 1915, by the following vote: Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt. Ayes, 3; noes, 0. Approved and signed: S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor of the City of Keokuk. Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

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New Dress Goods 50c to \$1.50 per yard.

New Wash Goods Crepes, organdies, lace lenos, batistes and other fancy wash goods, a large line to select from, 10c to 50c per yard.

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New Gloves Kid or fabric gloves, 25c to \$2.00 per pair.

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