

OFFER ACCEPTED FOR HEADQUARTERS

Industrial Association Tenders Use of Directors' Room to the Community Christmas People.

FIRST MONEY IS GIVEN

Donation of Two Dollars is Made for Christmas Work—How Work is Being Done Through City.

The Industrial association, through its president, J. Albert Keldasch, tendered the use of their offices to the headquarters of the committees in charge of the community Christmas. The offer has been accepted, and the co-operation of the Industrial association is greatly appreciated by the women in charge, since the rooms are centrally located and are convenient in every way.

The young women have been most business-like in their preparation to handle the work next week. Miss Agnes Trimble has a file of cards on which the names of those to receive gifts are written, with the name of the one by whom recommended and some notes regarding the investigation of the conditions, etc. Much of the investigation of cases has been done by the visiting nurses, while the Ladies of Charity, the community Christmas committee and church representatives and Secretary Glasscock of the United Charities, have investigated other cases. Miss Trimble's file is such as is used by social service workers.

Miss Buck has a set of books showing receipts and disbursements for several years and the records are of most aid each year in planning the big task of a city's Christmas celebration.

Miss Irwin and her committee have sent out letters to various business firms and individuals reminding them that Santa Claus is due to arrive next week in every quarter of the city, from Grand avenue to Cabin boat row there will not be one empty stocking this Christmas if all the plans materialize, and whenever did Keokuk fail to make good on a stunt like this?

One contribution of \$2 already has been received at The Gate City office from a friend.

F. D. HAUBERT'S SPECIAL THIS WEEK. Pork chops 12 1/2c per lb. Pork roasts, 12 1/2c per lb. Pure pork sausage, 11c per lb. Fresh pigs feet, per dozen 25c.

License is issued. (United Press Leased Wire Service.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The license for the marriage of President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt was obtained this afternoon. Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector at St. Margaret Episcopal church here, was named as minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Diggs (United Press Leased Wire Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Maury Diggs were honeymooning today. Mrs. Diggs formerly was Miss Marsha Warrington, who testified in her present husband's trial for white slavery of which he was found guilty and given two years' imprisonment. He was recently divorced by his first wife on the Warrington girl's testimony that they made a trip from Sacramento to Reno. Diggs is out on bail. Miss Warrington, whom Diggs married in Oakland last night, will refuse to repeat her testimony in the event of a new trial.

Meyer Found Guilty. (United Press Leased Wire Service.) WINTERSSET, Iowa, Dec. 16.—Fred Meyer, 21, VanMeter farmer, was found guilty in the second degree by a district court jury this morning of the murder of his bride, Ethel, over a year ago, and will be sentenced later by Judge Hayes. Meyer's mother, Mrs. Ida Meyer, indicted with him, will probably be placed on trial on the same charge within a few days. The evidence was all circumstantial.

CITY NEWS.

Ladies' wool knit slippers, 50c. 75c and \$1 per pair at the Central

SOCIETY

Call Black 666. For Society Editor

Delightful Dinner Last Night. One of the most delightful social functions of the winter was the dinner given last night by Mr. and Mrs. A. Hollingsworth at their home on Grand avenue, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Arthur Bridgman. Covers were laid for forty-eight. The guests were seated at two tables; one laid for thirty-six and the other for twelve. The center of each table held a great bouquet of red roses with garlands of smilax reaching to the chandeliers. The tables were lighted with red candles and at each plate was a tiny red Christmas candle in a crystal candlestick. The dinner cards and nut cups were also in red and the whole decoration was very beautiful and effective. Following the dinner the evening was spent in dancing and cards.

Ruthean Class Meeting. At the home of Mrs. W. Frank Brown the Ruthean Bible class was entertained this afternoon at a Christmas party. Mrs. Brown was assisted by Mesdames Courtwright, Holbrook, Elvins, Morris, Scott, Hull and Ebnor. A Christmas tree and an exchange of gifts was a feature of the entertainment. Christmas colors were used in decoration and the refreshments served carried out the idea of the season.

Meeting is Postponed. Because of the weather conditions today, the meeting of St. John's auxiliary was not held this afternoon. The date of the meeting will be announced later.

Charming Tea Yesterday. Mrs. Harvey J. Bonham and Mrs. Charles Laubersheimer were hostesses to twenty ladies at a very charming tea yesterday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Bonham. The tea was given in the series of Y. W. C. A. teas and was one of the most pleasant that have been given.

Date is Changed. Through an error the wrong date was given yesterday in this column in the item referring to the luncheon to be given in honor of Mrs. Beebe, Mrs. Gotte and Mrs. Tucker. The date of the luncheon is December 28, and the recital on December 27. Mrs. Beebe will be the guest of Mrs. John M. French during her stay in the city.

Pythian Sisters Christmas Box. Following the regular meeting of the Evening Star temple, Pythian Sisters, tomorrow evening, a Christmas box will be packed for the work of the United Charities. This is a part of the altruistic work done by the Pythian Sisters.

Vincennes Christmas Bazaar. The Ladies' "Willing Workers" society of Vincennes will hold their Christmas bazaar and supper in the chapel next Wednesday afternoon and evening, December 15. Ladies in charge of the various departments are as follows:

Fancy work—Madge Chronicle, Nettie Cruze, Mrs. Pence, Mrs. Mott. Aprons—Lora Smith, Mahala Scovern, Mrs. Norman Cruze. Quilts—Misses Madge Chronicle, Mabel Cruze, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. J. W. Brock. Bargains—Mrs. C. L. Kerr, Mrs. A. Gillaspay. Candy—Maymie Burnette, Anna Kerr.

Supper—Mrs. Chronicle, chairman, Mrs. Pence, Mrs. N. Cruze, Mrs. Mott, Mrs. J. B. Cruze, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Gillaspay, Mrs. Kerr. Cashiers—Mabel Cruze, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Brock. Supper will be served throughout the evening, which will be given over to social enjoyment.

Goes East to be Married. Miss Margaret Duerlin left yesterday afternoon for Boston, Mass., where she will be married on Saturday to Mr. R. F. Hornberg. Miss Duerlin will stop in Chicago for a day on her way to the eastern city. A shower was given Monday evening by a number of her friends.

Club Entertained. The Clover Leaf Crochet club was entertained this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Mrs. Albin O. Peterson and Mrs. J. W. Wheeler, at the home of the former, 829 Carroll street.

Cummins to Open Campaign. (United Press Leased Wire Service.) ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 16.—Senator A. B. Cummins of Iowa, aspirant for the republican presidential nomination,

Hamilton Gate City

Hamilton, Ill., Dec. 16.

Talk about slick times, we sure have them in Hamilton now. Every where you look there is ice. It is almost impossible for anyone to walk, the worst storms have had for several years. The work on the bridge is going on the same, but the men are suffering with the cold, but for all that the public kick if they are delayed a short time by the cars being held up. The public should appreciate the wonderful work that is being done to rebuild a bridge across the Mississippi river without interfering with travel. It is a big job and so far no accident has happened. This, we think, is almost a miracle.

The construction company that bought all of the machinery at the dam when it was completed, are now dismantling all the machinery and shipping it away. We are glad to see this, for the Illinois end of the dam will look a lot better and strangers visiting Hamilton can get a better view of the dam and surroundings.

The High Tension club invaded Hamilton one hundred and fifty strong and had a fine banquet at Hotel Granite. The Hotel Granite people know how to give a banquet. We

hope to see the High Tension club in Hamilton again. The death of Mrs. Angelina Arnold occurred Wednesday morning at 12:30. Mrs. Arnold was fifty-seven years old and had been a resident of Hamilton for twenty-five years. She was esteemed by all her friends and was a good wife and mother. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Thursday at the family residence. Interment in Oakwood cemetery. She leaves to mourn, her death her husband and five boys and four girls.

S. L. Fletcher of Chicago was a Hamilton visitor yesterday. E. B. Powers of St. Louis was a business caller yesterday. O. S. Hass of Cincinnati, was a business caller yesterday. J. L. Kimp of St. Louis was a business caller yesterday.

C. E. Balesley of Springfield was a business caller yesterday. C. C. Martin of Bowen was a Hamilton visitor yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Evans of Peoria were Hamilton visitors yesterday.

Robert D. Hill of Canton, Ill., was a business caller yesterday. C. W. Reno of Milwaukee was a business caller yesterday.

tion, will do his first campaigning in Minnesota during the Christmas holidays.

He wired his local boosters that he has arranged a speaking tour that will carry him to Duluth and Moorhead, back to St. Paul and Minneapolis and then out to Fargo, N. D. He is after the favor of the voters in the presidential primary, to be held throughout Minnesota next spring.

THOUSAND WORDS IS ALL ONE NEEDS

In This List is Nine-tenths of all Words Used by Average Person.

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Dec. 16.—In nine-tenths of all we write we use a vocabulary of only one thousand words. By learning to spell these words correctly, the average person will rarely be guilty of a mistake in spelling.

This is, in substance, the information which was given 250 school superintendents and principals who gathered here today for the second annual conference on supervision held under the auspices of the college of education and the extension division of the University of Iowa.

Leonard P. Ayres, director of the division of education of the Russell Sage foundation, told of his work in selecting the one thousand foundation words in spelling. Two thousand short letters were examined and it was discovered that the two thousand writers had used, in a total of 25,000 words, only 2,000 different ones.

Director Ayres constituted one-fourth of the whole number written, while fifty, with their repetitions, made up one-half. The ten commonest words are: "the," "and," "of," "to," "I," "a," "in," "that," "you," and "for." He also discovered that there are three hundred words of which stand about three-quarters of all the wear and tear on the language.

FUNERAL RECORD

C. F. Hornung. The funeral of the late C. F. Hornung was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Trinity M. E. church. The services were conducted by Rev. F. C. Edwards at the casket placed in a vault in Oakland cemetery. The body bearers were H. Knight, C. Shafter, S. Krum, Edward Johnson, R. Seabold and C. Leindu.

EAGLES PLANNING CHRISTMAS PARTY

Reception in Afternoon, Turkey Supper and Christmas Tree in Evening.

Keokuk aerle No. 683, Fraternal Order of Eagles is planning a Christmas day celebration for the members and their families. The day will be observed on Saturday, December 25, and there will be a big Christmas tree in the evening.

The program for the Eagles' Christmas party comprises a reception in the afternoon, a turkey supper at 6:00 o'clock, and in the evening at 8:00 o'clock there will be a Christmas tree and program.

The Christmas day celebration will be for the members and their families, and the committee in charge is planning to make the event a very pleasant one. Those who compose the committee are:

Fred Dressel, Henry Kesselring, Frank Moeller, H. M. Arnold, H. R. Crawford, John Bowser, Fred Temme, Phil Glaser, Fred Koppenhafer and Fred Glewe.

117 IOWANS ARE KILLED BY AUTOS

Dr. G. H. Sumner Issues His Report for Year—21,853 Deaths in State.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 16.—There were 117 persons killed in Iowa by automobiles during the year ending September 1, 1915, according to the records in the office of Dr. G. H. Sumner, secretary of the state board of health. Of this number eleven were killed in Polk county.

The total number of deaths in Iowa during the period of this report was 21,853. Of that number, 1,624 deaths were due to violent means. Railroads killed 215 persons; motorcycles took two victims; suicides averaged 23 to 30 a month. Fifteen persons died of starvation. Homicides numbered al-

most 100. During August, 1915, there were ten homicides.

The record of auto accidents follows: September, 1914, 18; October, 14; November, 25; December, 1; January, 1915, 2; February, 1; March, 3; April, 9; May, 10; June, 18; July, 12; August, 14.

During the same period the railroads killed the following number: September, 1914, 24; October, 22; November, 20; December, 14; January, 1915, 14; February, 15; March, 11; April, 16; May, 20; June, 26; July, 20; August, 21.

The general mortality record for the fiscal year follows: September, 1914, 1,662; October, 1,690; November, 1,731; December, 1,924; January, 1915, 2,072; February, 2,028; March, 2,329; April, 2,034; May, 1,746; June, 1,571; July, 1,583; August, 1,534.

In Iowa the probability of an individual meeting death accidentally is one chance out of 1,370. The accident record shows 1,624 deaths by violence during the last fiscal year.

CHILDREN BACKWARD IN IOWA SCHOOLS

One-fifth of Those of School Age are Not Up to the Standard.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 16.—One-fifth of the school children of Iowa are backward and need special help, Dr. R. H. Sylvester, psychologist from the University of Iowa, said in his address this afternoon in the child welfare meeting of the conference on charities and correction.

"Nearly 50,000 of Iowa's 45,000 school children are two or more years retarded," Dr. Sylvester declared. "Fifteen thousand of these, it is estimated, are so extremely backward that without individual help they can learn practically nothing. They are incapable of being taught in the regular classes. Many of the other 35,000 would make much better progress if they could have the help of a special teacher, for part or all of the time. These 50,000 children represent a great waste of time and money and they constitute a problem to which school authorities are giving serious attention. Our state institution at Glenwood provides care and training for about 1,500 of the most extreme cases, but the great mass of dull, retarded and defective children are in the public schools.

"In twenty Iowa school systems, children whose backwardness is due to physical ailments are being helped by school nurses, school dentists and school physicians. In nine, the most backward children are taught by expert teachers in ungraded rooms, organized much like the old-fashioned country school. In twelve, auxiliary teachers are employed who give the entire time to helping backward children individually and in small groups. In four, all three of these plans are in operation.

"Special help for backward children is still in the experimental stage, but that it yields valuable results has already been demonstrated."

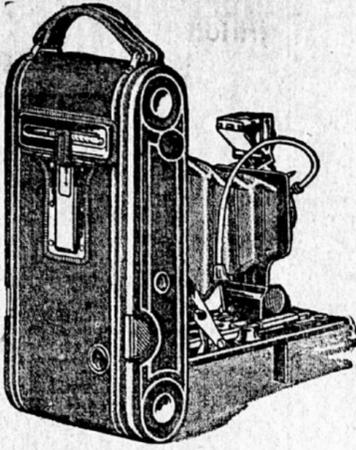
Predicts Wins for Fulton. CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Mike Collins, manager of Fred Fulton, the Minnesota giant, who fights Jess Willard at New Orleans, March 4, said today he would spend Fulton's \$7,500 end of the purse for sparing partners and instructors, if necessary to get Fulton "right." Collins predicted a win for his man in ten rounds.

Your Health Account

Don't allow it to be "overdrawn" as a result of

LOSS OF APPETITE POOR DIGESTION INACTIVE LIVER CONSTIPATED BOWELS HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters

may help correct such condition and improve your general health.



KODAKS

Every kodak in our stock is this year's model, brand new and not shopworn. We do not trade cameras or handle second-hand goods. We have in stock every style kodak, Kodak Junior and Brownie and to select a camera from our stock is the easiest shopping task you ever undertook.

\$1.25 to \$150

Wilkinson & Co. DRUGGISTS 422 Main St.

Birth Stone for December

For love's sweet sake, the

Turquoise

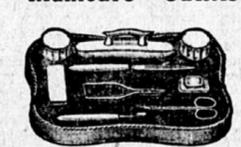
should adorn December's maidenhood.

We have a beautiful line of Turquoise Rings

\$1.25 to \$12

Renaud's Jewelry Store

Manicure Outfits



In leather roll, fitted with Parisian Ivory, Pearl and Ebony. Also trays. These make very acceptable gifts for ladies. See our lines before you buy.

From \$1.00 to \$10.00

McGrath Bros. Drug Co.

500 Main

St. Louis Cash Grain. (Furnished by Long Commission Co., 402 1/2 Main. Telephone No. 100.) ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 16.—Wheat—No. 2 red, new, \$1.20; No. 3 red, new, \$1.17@1.20.

Corn—No. 2, 69¢@69 1/4¢; No. 3, 67 1/2¢; No. 4, 64 1/2¢@65 1/4¢; No. 2 yellow, 68¢; No. 3 yellow, 66 1/2¢; No. 2 white, 66 1/2¢@67¢; No. 3 white, 66¢. Oats—No. 2, 29 1/2¢@40 1/2¢; No. 3, 28 1/2¢@40 1/4¢; No. 2 white, 43¢@43 1/2¢; No. 3 white, 42 1/2¢@42 3/4¢.

Kansas City Cash Grain. (Furnished by Long Commission Co., 402 1/2 Main. Telephone No. 100.) KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 16.—Wheat—No. 2 red, new, \$1.07@1.13; No. 4 red, new, \$1.00.

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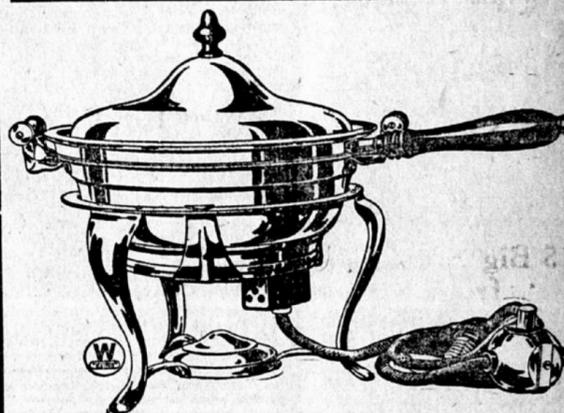
PERSONALS.

Herman J. Schroeder of Fort Madison was in Keokuk today on business. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar H. Adams, of Keokuk, were in Quincy today, attending the funeral of John G. Giering.

Could Hughes Refuse? Leslie's Weekly: Justice Hughes, himself in his several statements declining to be considered a candidate, has not made it appear that he would decline the nomination for president. He has said merely that he does not care to be considered for the presidency. No man has ever refused a presidential nomination. It is doubtful whether any man ever will refuse it. He might decline to yield to the entreaties of any group of leaders for authority to present his name to the convention without consulting him, but were these leaders to place him at the head of the ticket, there is no doubt that even a justice of the supreme court would yield to reason and place himself at the disposal of his party. The people are all powerful. It is solely in their interest that justices of the supreme court have in the past kept away from the lure of politics. Justice Hughes is fond of judicial work, and has devoted himself to it whole heartedly and in apparent total forgetfulness of political matters.

—Read The Gate City want column

You know She Would Be Delighted With One of Our Handsome Electric Chafing Dishes



We are showing an Elegant line this Christmas. Chafing Dishes made by Westinghouse American Heating Co. and Landers, Frary-Clark.

Keokuk Electric Co.

800-802 Main Phone 750

Money for Christmas

at special low rates. If you have a loan or need more money, call and see us. We make all loans private and under the new state law.

NOTICE!

Beginning Saturday, December 18th, our office will be open every evening until Christmas. Phone 963.

KEOKUK LOAN CO.

614 1/2 Main, over Miller's Shoe Store.

Want Column

WANTED.

WANTED—25 button cutters; can use some not experienced men. Hawkeye Pearl Button Co.

WANTED—Lumber suitable for erecting a barn, or would wreck an old barn for lumber. Call 2233-F-11.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Modern seven room house, extra store room, with electric lights, gas, furnace, gas stove furnished. Phone B-1482.

FOR RENT—No. 908 Leighton Ave., eight room modern house, \$25.00 per month. John Tumelty.

FOR RENT—No. 314 Exchange, modern except furnace; three rooms and reception hall down, four rooms and bath up; \$18.00 per month. John Tumelty.

FOR RENT—Six room cottage, \$10.00 per month, 1300 Orleans avenue. Inquire 716 Main street.

FOR RENT—Six room cottage, 618 North Thirteenth. Enquire 716 Main.

FOR RENT—New 5 room cottage on California avenue, West Keokuk, J. A. Pollard, 12 South Sixth.

FOR RENT—2128 Johnson street, five room house, \$7.00 per month. See Van Pappelendam Bros.

FOR RENT—300 North Fifth street, seven rooms, modern, \$15.00 per month. Van Pappelendam Bros.

FOR RENT—1120 Concert, first floor, furnished three room apartment, suitable for two; water and gas. Inquire 1118 Concert street.

FOR RENT—No. 413 Fulton, six room house, furnace heat, bath and electric lights, interior refinished. \$23.00

Billiards and Bowling

FOR SALE—BILLIARD TABLES Brand new, carom and pocket, with complete outfit, \$115; second-hand tables at reduced prices. Easy payments. Bowling alleys and accessories. Cigar store fixtures a specialty. See our catalogue. THE BRUNN, WICK-BALKE-COLLENDER CO., Des Moines, Iowa. I. C. Sanders, Agent, Blackhawk Hotel.

per month to small family. John Tumelty.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Four good used upright pianos; good makes, fine condition; priced at \$115, \$150, \$162 and \$173; easy payments. Duncan-Schell Furn. Co.

FOR SALE—Easy payment, new 6 room house with pantry and large closet. California Ave. See J. A. Pollard.

FOR SALE—Two good square pianos, taken in trade on player pianos, one at \$25.00, and one at \$30.00. Duncan-Schell Furniture Co.

Those Nicknamed Solons.

Cedar Rapids Republican: There are two congressmen who print their nicknames, in brackets, following their regular names in the congressional directory. One is "Alfalfa Bill" from Oklahoma and the other is "Cyclone Bill" from Texas. Their other names do not matter, they have printed themselves as clowns in congress. Think of having our laws made by such creatures.

Keep Your Eyes on Hughes. Fremont Tribune: No matter what other candidates may do or say, when the convention meets the Hughes term is going to be alive and working, and it is just as likely as not to give us Hughes for a candidate.

Advertisement for Gold Dust cleaning product. Includes text: 'Use a tablespoonful of Gold Dust in a pail of hot water for cleaning pots and pans, kitchen utensils, washing dishes, windows, woodwork, bathtubs and bathroom fixtures, for cleaning and brightening silver, plated, copper, aluminum and all other kinds of kitchen and table ware.' and 'The Active Cleaner GOLD DUST'.