

RETAIL LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

Election of Officers and Two Directors Will be Made at Session on Tuesday, January 11.

JUSTICE IS PRESIDENT

General Satisfaction Given by His Administration, Makes Him Slated For Re-election to Place.

The date for the annual meeting of the Keokuk Retailers' league is Tuesday, January 11. It is expected that the session will be held then. The league will elect a president and vice president and two directors at this meeting. The secretary will be appointed by the president. The two directors whose terms expire are Jacob Schouten and G. Arthur Kiedalsch. M. E. Justice, president, and John W. Rovane, Sr., vice president, are the two officers whose terms expire, and James M. Fulton is secretary.

The administration of President Justice has been a very successful one, and the league membership has been steadily increased, and much interest has been developed in the league's activities. It would seem that the league could not do better than to re-elect President Justice. It is quite generally believed that the present officers will be returned to power. Mr. Rovane very acceptably filled the president's chair at the time Mr. Justice was absent from the city. Mr. Fulton has proved a worthy secretary, and will no doubt be re-appointed.

J. N. Dumenil, E. F. Renaud, and Otto Rothenbach are the three directors who will hold over. The league has staged a second window contest, two big dollar days, an appreciation sale, and has inaugurated trade extension trips by automobile, as well as holding meetings in the neighboring towns during the summer. Altogether it has been a most successful year for the Retailers' league.

NAME SUCCESSOR TO JUSTICE LAMAR

President May Select Member of His Cabinet to Take Place in Supreme Court.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Prompt action by President Wilson in nominating a successor to the late Associate Justice Joseph Rucker Lamar of the United States supreme court, who died yesterday, was anticipated in administration circles today. Lamar's successor unquestionably will be a democrat, avoiding a change in the party line-up of the bench.

Many possibilities for the court vacancy were discussed. Prominent in the gossip were Secretary of the Interior Lane; Frederick W. Lehmann of St. Louis, former solicitor general of the department of justice; Secretary of War Garrison; Secretary of Agriculture Houston; Counsellor Folk of the interstate commerce commission, and John W. Davis, present solicitor general.

It will be President Wilson's second appointment to the high court. Associate Justice McReynolds was first, succeeding the late Justice Linton.

That former President Wm. Howard Taft would not be considered for the vacancy was stated on authoritative information.

Reported desire of the president for changes in his cabinet emphasized prospects of Secretary Lane's mounting the high bench. He is said to have such an ambition and is regarded by the president as of unusual ability. Secretary Garrison formerly was an New Jersey's supreme court. By appointing Secretary Houston it was pointed out the reported double desire to shift Houston and promote Assistant Secretary Carl Vrooman could be achieved.

The president is known to think highly of Frederick W. Lehmann, who served many years at the bar of the court and was Justice Lamar's colleague, by Wilson's appointment in the A. B. C. Mexican peace conference at Niagara Falls. Justice Lamar's body will be taken, probably tomorrow, to his old home at Augusta, Ga., for interment.

President Wilson today sent a message of condolence to Lamar's family.

—Read The Daily Gate City, 10c a week by carrier.

BY REV. FATHER AGATHO ROLF

Capuchin Father of St. Augustine's Parish, Pittsburg, Tells of Benefits Received from Father John's Medicine—Safe For Colds.

Writing from the parochial residence of St. Augustine's Parish, 220 Thirty-seventh St., Pittsburg, Pa., Rev. Agatho Rolf, O. M. Cap., says, "Father John's Medicine is so effective in lung troubles and in the building up of run-down constitutions, that I am glad to help whom I can by giving them a bottle. My own sister is much improved after taking the medicine. I cannot raise Father John's Medicine too much. Our fathers have also used it and received the greatest benefits from it."

(Signed) Rev. Agatho Rolf, O. M. Cap. Because of its freedom from dangerous drugs in any form, Father John's Medicine is a safe medicine for the family. It is pure and wholesome food nourishment for those who are weak and run down. It has had more than 50 years of success in the treatment of colds and throat and lung troubles. Not a patent medicine but a doctor's prescription for the Rev. Father John'Brien of Lowell, Mass., from whom the medicine got its name and by whom it was recommended.

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Brass Goods AT COST CLEARANCE SALE. Odell & Hoar

WARM DECEMBER, SUMMARY SHOWS

Mean Temperature for Last Month of the Year Was 29, While Normal is Only 23.4.

PRECIPITATION LESS

Normal for Month is 1.87, But Figures for the Month Show Only 1.49—Few Clear Days.

December, was warmer than the normal temperature for the month for the last forty-five years, and the precipitation proved to be somewhat less than the normal for the month. The temperature for the month of December was 29, according to the monthly meteorological summary issued by the local weather bureau, F. Z. Goswisch in charge. The normal for the last forty-five years was 23.4. The highest temperature was found on December 22, when the thermometer registered 50. The lowest was on December 28 when the thermometer registered 7.

Total precipitation for December was 1.49. The normal for the month is 1.87. The greatest precipitation occurred on the 15th when .42 was recorded. December, 1915, was a cloudy month. There were only seven clear days. Twelve were partly cloudy and there were twelve cloudy days. Sleet occurred on December 10, and 15. The prevailing wind direction was west and the total movement was 4,952 miles.

FLOOD DANGER HAS BEEN CHECKED

Freeze Up of River and End of Rain Gives Hopes of No More Damage.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 3.—Possibility of serious flood damage in Ohio had passed today when freezing weather set in and rain stopped. Floods in northern Ohio, due to melting snows and twenty-four hours' rain caused considerable damage. At Belmont, many families were driven from their homes when the Sandusky river overflowed its banks, causing \$100,000 property loss. At Lima there was three feet of water in the factory district. Twenty families were forced to move when the Ottawa river overflowed. No damage is reported at Dayton where the Miami river rose to thirteen feet. The Ohio river at Cincinnati reached 49.9 feet, one-tenth of an inch of the flood stage.

ANNUAL REPORT MAJOR HOFFMAN

Amount Expended on River Work in 1915, Was \$1,250,000, Figures From Chief Engineer Show.

HARBORS ARE IMPROVED

Keokuk Work is Included in This Budget—Several Dams Were Built in Upper Waters.

The sum of \$1,245,589 was spent during the year of 1915 in improving the Rock Island district of the Mississippi river or all territory between Minneapolis, Minn., and the mouth of the Missouri river, according to a recent report of Major G. M. Hoffman, who is in charge of the river work in this district.

The report gives a detailed account of the work done in this district during the past year. Portions of the report of interest to Keokuk people follow:

"In the division, Rock Island to Burlington, hired labor work was carried between Buffalo and Fairport and below Oquawka. A dredge, 'Mayon,' was used for a time in building sand formations for dams, and during remainder of season in dredging a 6 foot channel in Muscatine slough. By hired labor there were built nine dams, six were repaired. Two lengthened and one piece of shore protection. By contract in vicinity of Fairport, 12 dams were built, four repaired and six lengthened.

"In addition to channel improvement, much has been accomplished in the improvement of various harbors, among which may be mentioned St. Paul, Red Wing, Lake City, Stockholm, Pepin, Fountain City, La Crosse, Casaville, Prairie du Chien, Dubuque, Clinton, Port Byron, Moline, Rock Island, Muscatine, Burlington, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Quincy, Hannibal, Louisville, Hamburg, and Clarksville. "This office built the levee from the Iowa river to Burlington, and performed considerable work on the Warsaw-Quincy and Sny levees."

FACTORY PROSPECTS ARE VERY BRIGHT

R. H. Bowen Believes Hamilton Will Get Many New Industries in the Near Future.

[Hamilton Press:] During the first month R. H. Bowen has written to eighty of the leading manufacturing institutions of this country, calling to their attention the advantages of Hamilton. He has received thirty replies, a large number of which indicate that if the proper steps are taken large factories may be secured for Hamilton. Mr. Bowen, during the past two years, has written over two thousand similar letters, and is now carrying on negotiations with some of the largest manufacturers in the country, which he has gotten in touch with in this manner.

The dismantling of large factories and the moving of these factories to new locations is difficult to obtain and involves a slow process, but Mr. Bowen's persistent hammering away is bound to produce results, as is shown by his recent correspondence. The recent correspondence are greater in number and more encouraging, which indicates that general conditions are getting better. Mr. Bowen's persistent efforts should be encouraged by every one that desires to see Hamilton an industrial center.

Delirious from Ill Health.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 3.—In ill health, which is believed to have made her delirious, Mrs. W. O. Collins, 40, wife of a traveling broker, today shot and seriously wounded her husband and then committed suicide in a hotel.



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Roosevelt?
Peoria Journal: There is no ignoring the fact that Theodore Roosevelt at the present time stands a better chance of being the republican nominee for president in 1916 than any other man. The very vehemency with which the "old guard" of the party protest the folly of such a prediction is excellent evidence of the ill concealed anxiety they feel on the subject. Whether the Roosevelt article appearing with growing frequency in the press of the country are inspired or not, it is undeniable that they are leaving their impression on the public mind. "Roosevelt talk" is heard everywhere, and wise politicians who once scouted the suggestion of Roosevelt as a 1916 nominee on any ticket privately confess their fears that he will "come back" with irresistible force at Chicago.

Who Reads History.
Cedar Rapids Republican: The Omaha Democrat thinks that history will record Col. W. P. Hepburn one of Iowa's greatest men. But who reads history nowadays? A man might as well be immersed in a deep well as in history.