

TRYING TO TAKE COUNTY OFFICES FROM THIS CITY

Real Import of Petition Being Circulated to Reduce Expenses as It is Stated.

ECONOMY IS FOUND

Will Take Same Number of Officials and Jury and Prisoners Expenses Would Be Much Greater

A number of Keokuk people have been solicited to sign a petition "to reduce the cost of taxes in the county," as the idea is stated, and many of them have done so without realizing what they are doing. Persons who sign this petition are asking the legislature to take all of the county offices away from Keokuk, abolish the court house here, make Ft. Madison the county seat, and instead of reducing the cost of running the county it is said such a move will do, it is stated out by persons who have made a study of affairs that it will tend to increase the cost of county business, and more than that, if Keokuk and the district in this section of the county which has heretofore transacted all business at Keokuk loses the court house and county offices, it will cost a two-thirds vote to get them back here.

The petitions are invariably presented with the plea, "Won't you sign this petition, it's to reduce county expenses." Nothing is said about taking the court house and county offices away but that is what is contemplated by this very petition. And it is a very poor booster for Keokuk who hasn't stamina enough to say "I will not." For when people who really have the interests at heart of Keokuk and this section of the county, which by the way, includes fully one-third of the total population of the county, realize that it will be more expensive to combine the two county seats, and that it will make the transaction of county business more difficult and more expensive, they will hesitate about affixing their names.

And it is stated upon good authority that while many people in Fort-Madison are signing the petition, the attorneys and court attaches there do not expect to sign the petition, neither do they consider that there will be a saving affected by any such arrangement. One county official who signed the petition, when he found that it would mean, made an attempt to have his name taken off the petition.

Idea is Doubtful One.
"It is very doubtful," said a man who has been identified with courts in this county for years, "if the proposed idea to take the county seat away from Keokuk will affect the saving it is stated it will. In the first place, you can't transact the county business in one city when it has been previously transacted in two, and do it with any fewer officials. If Keokuk loses the court house it is possible that for a time one judge only can hold court. But this will prove so unsatisfactory that a second judge will have to be put on the bench. One judge cannot possibly take care of all of the court business. The docket will be overcrowded and we'll be no better off than we are now."

The reason for the division of the county years ago was a matter of economy. It was felt that the busi-

ness could be more economically transacted in Keokuk for Keokuk and the six townships or more contiguous to Keokuk. The expense of juries is lessened by this division, the expense of prisoners is less, and the general routine business, such as tax paying, recording deeds and the like is done more cheaply at Keokuk for people living in Keokuk, Montrose, Sandusky, Moor, Summitville, Argyle, Belfast and other towns nearby.

Jury Cost Much More.

"With the courts taken away from here and combined at Fort Madison, the cost of juries will be much greater, for a man who resides in Keokuk and is drawn on a jury is allowed 19 cents for mileage. If there was one court only at Fort Madison, he would have to be paid the full mileage there and back, every time the jury was called, and would also get his per diem besides for the time he spent traveling. The grand jury expense would be much greater for the same reason. The expense of prisoners would be more, because where prisoners now are taken to our county jail or terms, they would have to be transported to Fort Madison, and the county would have to pay the expenses of the prisoner, and the officers taking them there. This in itself would be a large item.

"If we had only one court house, the expense of other business would be increased. People like to see the tax books when they pay taxes. It would cost a whole lot more to go to Fort Madison from any point in this part of the county than it would to come to Keokuk to pay taxes to the treasurer here. And as for the county recorder, the office here is kept busier for the most part, than the one in Fort Madison.

Same Number Employed.

"It is very doubtful if there would be any saving anywhere in a combination of the present county offices. If there was one office at Fort Madison, it would take the clerk deputy and at least one stenographer to take care of all the business. The same would be true for the other offices. The same number of officials would be required, no matter what the combination was. You can't expect to combine two factories which have each been employing ten men, and have the work done by ten, alone. You would have to keep the same number, twenty, in order to have your work all done. This is the same situation as here."

That the people are signing the petition on the representation that it will reduce county expenses is the general belief of people who have to do with the matter. It is not that it is being represented that the idea is to take the court house away from Keokuk.

Will Politics Coming this Year, cut any figure in signing these petitions?"

"Well, it shouldn't any more than to turn the vote of Keokuk and this section of the county against every official in the upper district who signed the petition," was the reply. "If Keokuk will say to these people, there is one-third of the county here, and if you sign the petition we won't vote for you, it is not likely that there will be many signatures of present county officials on the list. And by the same token the officials at Keokuk should be Keokuk-spirited enough to refuse to put their names on the petition.

That the Fort Madison attorneys are not in favor of the petition and do not expect to sign it is the statement of one man from Fort Madison, whose name, of course, can not be used in this connection, but who believes that many people in Fort Madison do not consider the plan feasible. Another Fort Madison man demanded to know of a certain county official of Fort Madison who signed the petition, why he did so. And when told that he didn't realize the extent of the idea, gave the official some good advice on signing petitions without reading them.

Not only take signatures of one-half of the voters to sign away a county seat, but it takes two-thirds vote to bring it back again.

By all means, let loyal Keokuk stand by the city and not sign away our rights just because it is the fashion to sign petitions to shorten the way to Tipperary or because it is the fashion to holler for economy.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining in the Keokuk postoffice, uncalled for, for week ending February 25, 1916:

- Ladies.
 - Mrs. Bertha Cochran
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 - Mrs. Sara Flynn
 - Mrs. Bessie Hall
 - Mrs. Annie Lee
 - Mrs. Mable Paterson
 - Leona Stratton
 - Mrs. Mae Williams
 - Mrs. J. P. Wright
 - Gentlemen.
 - Rev. D. A. Parker
 - R. H. Darrell
 - C. H. Holmes
 - Mr. George Kennedy
 - Mr. Barney McNally
 - Mr. G. Neuman
 - Mr. Max Pate
 - Mr. John M. Rittenhouse
 - Mr. G. W. Taylor
 - Mr. Charles Young
- Persons calling for letters in above list will please say they are advised by E. P. McMANUS, Postmaster.
- Read The Daily Gate City, 10c a week by carrier.

EIGHTY SEVEN DIE IN AUTO MISHAPS

This is Record on Iowa Highways, According to Reports in the Hands of Iowa Highway Commission.

CARS SKID IN RACING

Amateur Drivers at Fault in Several Cases—One in Fifteen Found to be Fatal.

There are in the commission office reports of eighty-seven fatalities in automobile accidents on the public highways of Iowa since January 1, 1915. In many of these, details are so meagre that it is difficult to determine the cause of accidents. However, available newspaper accounts of these same accidents usually give some basis upon which to form an opinion. A study of these reports and a careful reading of newspaper clippings indicate very clearly that the great majority of the accidents were caused by reckless or careless driving and not by unsafe conditions of the highways. There were a number of fatalities where it would seem from accounts available that road or bridge conditions were partially if not wholly to blame. In some cases negligence or carelessness of road officials or crew foremen in not protecting danger spots in the highways with sufficient barricades seem to have been at least contributory causes.

Unsafe speeding, road conditions considered, accompanied in many cases by various degrees of intoxication, was undoubtedly responsible for more than half of these accidents. It must be noted that a speed which is safe on a perfect roadway, free from obstructions or other vehicles, may be extremely unsafe on a roadway which is rough, rutted or obstructed by traffic. In a majority of the accidents the cars "turned turtle." No matter whether the driver is strictly sober or partially or wholly intoxicated, barring breakage of the machine, there is usually some road condition somewhat responsible for such accidents. Rough spots, ruts, stones, sticks, or slippery condition of the surface due to rain, make instantaneous demands upon the driver at the steering wheel of a speeding car and the slightest false judgment or more, instantly sends the car rolling over and over down the roadway or into the side ditch.

Skidded While Racing.

There were twenty-seven such accidents where life was lost. There were fifteen other fatalities where the speeding car left the roadway and rolled down steep embankments or went through handrails on bridges and dropped into creeks. The start of several of these accidents came when drivers attempted to pass other vehicles and lost control of their machines on the rough side of the road or skidded off the side of the embankment. In several cases it is claimed the drivers were racing when control was lost.

There were two lives lost when speeding autos collided because drivers attempted to pass too closely. In one of these cases the wheels actually locked because of a slight swerve or skid of one of the machines. There were several fatalities traceable directly to the fact that the driver attempted to make too great speed where there was but a thin film of mud on top of the road due to sudden heavy showers and before the mois-

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Medicine that acts on the blood alone will never cure catarrh. And neither will the sprays, and other temporary remedies that so many catarrh victims make a habit of using. To cure catarrh so it won't come back, you must first drive from your body the millions of germs that are flourishing in the inner recesses of your nose and throat and are causing the disease. There is a preparation used to do this called Hyomei (pronounced Hye-mey). Hyomei is a germ-killing (antiseptic) air formed from the purest oil of Eucalyptus combined with other healing and antiseptic ingredients. You breathe Hyomei through the mouth and nose by means of a little hard rubber inhaler which drugists furnish with it. This medicated germicidal air penetrates into every fold and crevice of the mucous membrane of your nose and throat, kills the catarrh germs that lodge there, soothes, reduces and heals the swollen inflamed membranes, stops the discharge and opens up the clogged nose and air passages in a truly wonderful way. It gives blessed relief in five minutes from catarrhal distress of every kind and if you make a practice of breathing Hyomei for a few minutes each day for just a few weeks not only will all the symptoms of catarrh vanish but the disease itself will be a thing of the past. No one need try or buy Hyomei on pure faith. Wilkinson & Co. and many other leading drugists in Keokuk and vicinity sell it with the positive guarantee that it must cure catarrh; or that the money paid for it will be refunded. Hyomei is very inexpensive and with this protecting guarantee behind your purchase there is absolutely no reason why any sufferer from catarrh should not give it a fair trial.



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Amateur Drivers. There were a number of fatalities that are traceable to inexperienced driving. Two of these occurred with drivers who had never before touched a steering wheel, yet they were driving cars at good speed in which there were several persons. One woman lost her life when she grabbed the steering wheel as the car which her husband was driving skidded. One woman and one man lost their lives when cars in which they were riding plunged off embankments where bridges had been washed out. Three lost their lives when cars struck avoidable obstructions in the roadway and were wrecked. Two lost

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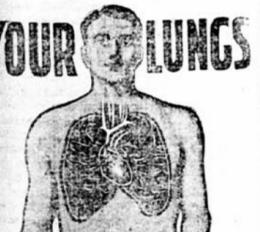
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ture had time to penetrate deeply into the road surface. With its firm surface beneath the film of mud, such a condition on dirt road is extremely treacherous. The mud is not deep and the car can make good speed, but the road surface is in most ideal condition for a fatal skid.

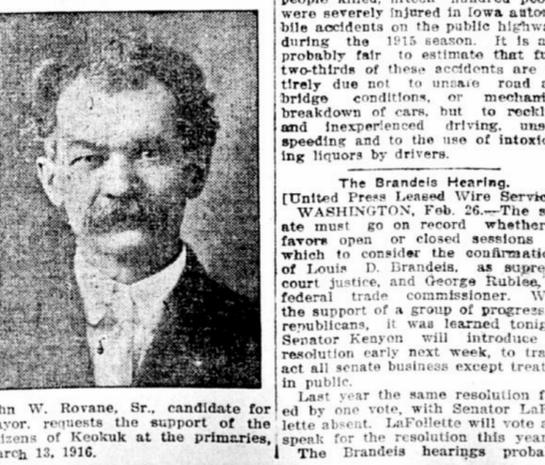
POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT.

The Brandeis Hearing. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The senate must go on record whether it favors open or closed sessions in which to consider the confirmations of Louis D. Brandeis, as supreme court justice, and George Rublee, as federal trade commissioner. With the support of a group of progressive republicans, it was learned tonight, Senator Kenyon will introduce a resolution early next week, to transmit all senate business except treaties in public.

Last year the same resolution failed by one vote, with Senator LaFollette absent. LaFollette will vote and speak for the resolution this year.

The Brandeis hearings probably will conclude Tuesday or Wednesday. William S. Youngman, Boston attorney, who is counsel for Edward B. Warren, fought against the disposition of the Warren estate as drawn up by Brandeis, testified late today that Brandeis' actions in that case were neither those of a "high minded attorney nor of an honorable man."

The witness refused, however, to say Brandeis was party to a fraudulent transaction, as it had been announced he would testify.



John W. Rovane, Sr., candidate for mayor, requests the support of the citizens of Keokuk at the primaries, March 13, 1916.

CHILD GETS SICK

GROSS, FEVERISH IF CONSTIPATED

"CALIFORNIA SYRUP OF FIGS" CAN'T HARM TENDER STOMACH OR BOWELS.

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish; stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

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