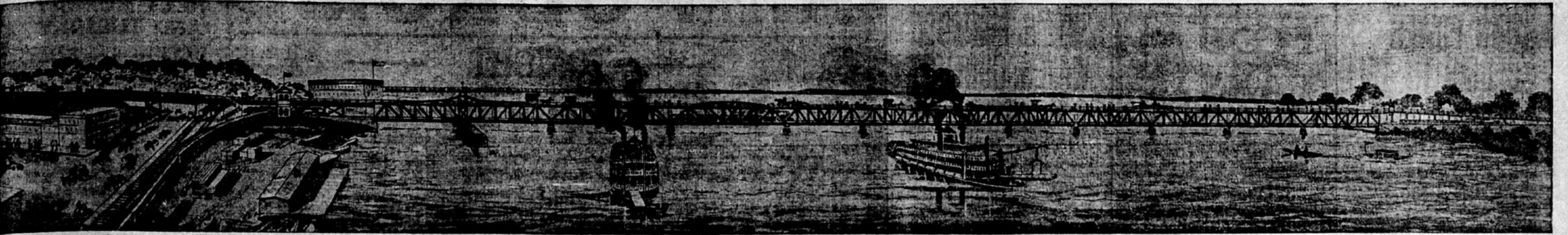


NEW KEOKUK AND HAMILTON BRIDGE WHICH WAS OPENED THIS MORNING

[From The Gate City of Wednesday, September 8, 1915.]



The cut above shows the new bridge which the Keokuk and Hamilton Bridge company are erecting on the same piers that have carried the old bridge for forty-five years. By an act of the legislature of Illinois approved February 13th, 1865, the Hancock County Bridge company was given a perpetual charter to bridge the Mississippi river between Keokuk and Hamilton and under the general laws of Iowa the Keokuk and Hamilton Mississippi River Bridge company was incorporated on January 15th, 1866. Congress, by act approved July

25th, 1866, authorized the consolidation of these companies and through that the Keokuk and Hamilton Bridge company was formed. The incorporators of the Hancock County Bridge company were Alexander Simpson, George Edmunds, Jr., Francis M. Corby, Wm. A. Patterson, Hiram G. Ferris, Robt. W. McClaughery, Andrew J. Griffith, Bryant T. Schofield, and Phineas Kimball, Jr., and for the Iowa company, H. T. Reid, Jas. F. Cox, D. W. Kilbourne, Robt. F. Bower, Henry Strong, Smith Hamill, Wm. Leighton, Guy Wells, C. H. Perry, Geo. C. Anderson, Wm. Thompson and H. K. Love, Major McClaughery being

the only one of all these now living. Behind the building of the bridge was the expectation that it would form a link for a continental line from ocean to ocean and that enlisted in its support the Toledo, Wabash and Western railroad companies, the Pennsylvania railroad company, the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw railroad company, and the Keokuk and Des Moines Valley railroad company. These roads united in guaranteeing the interest on the \$1,000,000 bonds that were issued to furnish the funds. In addition to this \$1,000,000.00 in stock was issued. Through various means all of these roads have been relieved of their guarantee and the interest on the

bonds is in default by about \$1,300,000.00 and of course not a penny in dividends has ever been paid on the stock. The old bridge was built to carry the loads of that day, when car loads were thirteen tons and locomotives from thirty-five to forty tons weight. Modern engines run so far above that and car loads five or six times what they were that the bridge company decided to erect a modern bridge that will allow any engine or load of the day to cross. In deciding on the type of a bridge they concluded that a double deck bridge, carrying all highway traffic on an upper deck, would give better satisfaction to the

public and they hoped would increase their earnings by providing a crossing that starting right out of the business district of Keokuk, would land in Illinois without so much as having to cross a street railway track. Coupled with the lowest tolls on the Mississippi river this should attract people from far and near and be of great value to the business of Keokuk. At the east end an approach of about 600 feet is brought up on a grade of 6 per cent that corresponds with the grade on Third street between Main and Blondeville streets. At the west end the approach runs level with the bridge floor to where it crosses the C. & B. & Q. tracks, and from there rises

to First street on a grade less than 3 per cent. In crossing Water street, the floor will be thirty-five to forty feet above that street. The iron work for the western approach terminates about 150 feet from Water street, as it goes up over the lot adjoining the building of the Standard Oil company and from there the bridge company have deeded across lots 7, 8 and 9 a strip fifty feet wide to be known as Bridge street, to the city of Keokuk who are to fill and pave it to First street. The city has also taken steps to condemn right of way across the properties of Diamond and McCarty that will extend Bridge street to a point on Main street just below Blom-

Collier company's property. A close estimate of the travel over the bridge since it was opened June 18th, 1871, gives these figures: Footmen, 1,000,000; vehicles, 2,700,000. A fair average for each vehicle is four to the rig, which would show that practically 12,000,000 people have passed over the highway on this bridge. In addition to this 2,500,000 have been carried by the street car and probably 2,000,000 more by the steam roads. In conclusion the bridge company are congratulating themselves that in all these years not a single person has been injured or lost his life through any fault of the company.

FIRST PASSENGER ON NEW BRIDGE

Isaac Blom Walks Across the Top Deck of Structure and Back at 6:30 O'clock This Morning.

WAS OPEN HERE TODAY

Fred G. Glaser Drives First Automobile Over New Structure—Dedication on Saturday.

Isaac Blom, 513 North Fifth street, had the distinction of paying the first bridge fare this morning, with the opening of the new \$300,000 double decked Keokuk & Hamilton bridge. Mr. Blom made the trip over the bridge and back on the second deck at 6:30 o'clock in the morning, on foot. The first automobile to cross was driven by Fred G. Glaser of this city and Samuel Hyndman of Hancock county, brought the first load of hay across.

The first woman to come across in an automobile was Mrs. Charles Albers of Warsaw. Traffic this morning was light, bridge officials stated.

The bridge was opened this morning for the first time. Work on this great structure has been going on for fifteen months and although it is open to traffic on both decks, it is still incomplete. On the first deck, new ties and new rails are to be laid and the passenger platform on the upper deck is not entirely finished. Foot passengers today walked in the roadway. This has been sprinkled with an inch or two of sand.

An exceptionally beautiful view of the river for miles to the south and north, can be obtained from the top deck of the bridge. High up above the level of the water and almost on a level with the town, the new bridge gives to lovers of scenery, an unparalleled view of the river and country in this vicinity.

The bridge is to be dedicated on Saturday afternoon, with the program starting at 2:00 o'clock. Keokuk officials and officials of towns in Hancock county will meet in the middle of the structure following which there will be an address on Bridge street by Theodore A. Craig of this city and a response by Warren H. Orr of Hamilton.

Bridge street is practically finished now. The brick pavement has been put in and the last stretch of sidewalk is being constructed.

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FUNERAL RECORD

James N. Wade. The funeral of the late James N. Wade was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the family home, 812 Palean street. The services were in charge of Rev. F. C. Edwards. Burial was in the Oakland cemetery. Monroe Dunn, Samuel Dunn, Richard McLaughlin, John Kunzman, John Hanson and William Hall were the pallbearers.

COUNCIL ORDERS SCREENS REMOVED

View Into Soft Drink Parlors Must be Unobstructed Commissioners Decided Yesterday.

GIVEN SHORT NOTICE

Proprietors Have Twenty-four Hours in Which to Remove Screens and Clean Paint From Windows.

Screens in Keokuk's soft drink parlors are taboo. According to a ukase issued yesterday afternoon by the city commissioners, all such screens and obstructions to vision in these establishments must be removed by tonight.

Chief of Police Charles H. Hennemann notified the proprietors of the places of the action of the authorities, and gave them twenty-four hours in which to remove the screens, and in two cases, to scrape the paint off the windows. All the men promised to comply with the order without trouble.

The action was taken after a conference between Mayor Lofton and Fred Hubert Jr., commissioner of public safety. The screens and painted windows make it a more difficult matter to make enforcement of the prohibitory law certain.

Several soft drink parlors have been raided by the police for alleged liquor selling recently. Many have criticised the use of screens by the places, and nearly all the proprietors told Chief Hennemann yesterday afternoon, when he explained the matter to them, that it was really for their best interests to remove the obstructions to view, as well as an aid to the police department in enforcing the law.

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Y. M. C. A. WORK IS COMMENDED

Association is Playing Big Part in the Life of Hawkeye Regiments on the Mexican Border.

IS EXTENSIVELY USED

Piano and Phonograph Have Been Donated to Tent, While Books and Magazines Go South by Carload.

Favorable comment on the part being played by the Young Men's Christian Association is being received here in letters by relatives from members of the Iowa national guard, now in camp on the Mexican border near Brownsville, Texas. The letters state that the Y. M. C. A. headquarters established in the camp of the Iowa guard is playing a big part in the camp life of the Hawkeye regiments.

The headquarters established at Camp Dodge virtually have been transplanted to the Rio Grande, it is said. A big tent has been raised, furnished with chairs and tables, and writing material is furnished free to the soldiers, who spend a great deal of their leisure time in writing. A phonograph, with hundreds of records donated by people all over the state, is located at one end of the tent, while a piano, had been set up at the other end.

Books, old magazines and newspapers are being sent from Keokuk and other Iowa points to Brownsville almost by the carload.

Later on, it was said, branches will be organized in the various guard units and it is planned to stage championship athletic events, including foot races, boxing and wrestling matches.

Summarizing the purpose of the military Y. M. C. A. on the border an official of the local association said today:

"It affords the men wholesome entertainment and acts as a moral safeguard for them. Through the field Y. M. C. A. they are enabled to spend their leisure in doing things that will conserve and build up their moral and spiritual energy."

NEW YORK STOCKS.

American Beet Sugar	89 3/4
American Car & Foundry	61 1/4
American Locomotive	72 3/4
American Tel. and Tel. Co.	132 1/4
Anacosta	85 3/4
Atchafalaya	103 3/4
Baltimore & Ohio	178 3/4
Canadian Pacific	178 3/4
Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul	95 3/4
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific	17 3/4
Erie, common	37
General Electric	169 3/4
Illinois Central	101 3/4
Lehigh Valley	79 3/4
Northern Pacific	111 3/4
Ray Consolidated Copper	25
Reading	104 3/4
Studebaker	131 3/4
Union Pacific	139 3/4
United States Steel, com	92 3/4
United States Steel, pfd	118
Western Union	96
Willam Overland	56 3/4
Cotton, October	1429 @ 30
December	1449 @ 30

He Shot Man and Woman. SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 17.—Detectives searched today for Frank Young, who shot and killed Miss Martini, a woman and Jack Collinson in a jealous rage near Providence hospital late last night. They believe he took his own life after the tragedy. Young wished Collinson "good luck" a few hours before he killed him. Young, who was in a hospital received a telephone call from the woman last night and when he hung up the receiver nurses noted he was crying. Ten minutes later he left the hospital. At 9 o'clock six shots were heard across the street. Collinson and the girl were found dying.

SIGNALING AT THE CROSSINGS

Iowa Boosters Are Showing a Great Deal of Interest in the New "Safety First" Regulations.

A UNIVERSAL SYSTEM

Nation-wide Co-operation Between the Railroads and Public Service Commissions.

Members of the Iowa railroad commission and other "safety first" boosters have expressed great interest in recently published statements that there is to be nationwide co-operation between public service commissions and railroads in an effort to bring about a uniform system of signaling at grade crossings to the end that there may be fewer accidents to automobiles and other traffic.

According to published reports for the year ending June 30, 1914, 1,147 were killed at grade crossings and 2,935 were injured. These figures, it is said, are the latest available but many believe that with the decrease in the price of automobiles and the consequent increase of the number of motor cars in use the number of grade crossing accidents steadily is increasing. Following is a statement made by a Des Moines citizen, one of the first in the state to devote serious study to the safety first movement:

"From the time that great industries sounded the slogan 'safety first,' sporadic efforts have been made in some states to devise some method for safeguarding more efficiently dangerous crossings where travel is comparatively heavy. It is believed by many railroad men and public officials that the majority of the accidents would be prevented if proper warning could be given of the prox-

Doctors Eat This Cereal Instead of Drugs for Their Own Bowels

No one realizes so well as the physician himself, the harm that comes from continued use of drugs to regulate the bowels. Until recently, drugs, mineral waters and all seemed the only dependable relief, but today many doctors, a large number of hospitals and sanitariums are prescribing and using a cereal that is composed of the finest selected wheat flaked and toasted, crushed flax seed roasted, and given a delicious taste by savoring with ground celery seed and salt. It is highly efficient even in obstinate chronic cases of constipation and usually gives quick relief to the various degrees of indigestion and stomach trouble. This new cereal is as delicious to eat as any breakfast food, or ready to serve cereal when eaten with sugar and milk or fruit. Ask your grocer for Uncle Sam's Health Food and quit the use of drugs, pills and mineral waters. Your own doctor probably knows about it—most physicians do and recommend it to their patients and use it in their own families. A prominent New Haven physician, whose name we will give on request, recently said: "I have ordered Uncle Sam's Health Food for several patients who required a laxative food with very satisfactory results—both to them and myself." If your family grocer does not have it write to Uncle Sam's Breakfast Food Co., Omaha, Neb., and they will tell you of a grocer in your neighborhood who keeps it regularly in stock, crisp and fresh. A well known Binghamton physician says: "This is the best food preparation I know of for stomach and bowel trouble." You will make no mistake in trying it, no matter how obstinate your case may be.

THINK AND WORK FOR AMERICANISM

This is the Kind of Training Women Rookies in Camp at Lake Geneva Are Getting.

WILL HELP THE MEN

Women Do Not Expect to Shoulder Arms, But They Plan to be Useful in Case of War.

HERCULES MET HIS EQUALS

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—"Hercules" Fred Sommers, of St. Louis, where he is wanted on a charge of locking five men in a gas-house and defying the St. Louis force, was arrested here last night and will be taken back to the Missouri city today.

Two husky Chicago police had to knock Sommers out before they were able to arrest him.

"You fellows ain't like them St. Louis police," Sommers said.

STEAMER GOES TO HOUSTON. GALVESTON, Texas, Aug. 17.—The interned Austrian steamship Campania, which has been here two years, was towed to Houston today because of the advantage of lying in fresh water.

LAKE GENEVA, Wis., Aug. 17.—The 150 women rookies who are here in khaki and military training so they can think, talk and work for American ideals have settled down to their routine duties and are making rapid headway toward military efficiency today.

These women represent the 499,850 other American women members of the women's branch of the Navy league. They are under the direction of Mrs. Vylla Poe Wilson, relative of Edgar Allan Poe and militant Quakeress from Washington, D. C. She originated the women's branch of the league.

"The league so far as we are concerned has been organized little more than a year," said Mrs. Wilson today, "yet we have half a million members. Mrs. George Dewey is president."

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Save the garbage, says Charles P. Thornton, a Jamaica drugist, who announced today he can manufacture paper from rubbish. He says he can make water paper.

See America FIRST WEST BEST

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The National Park Line

Start in with America's Only Geyserland—Yellowstone Park. Go via the new Cody Road through Shoshone Canyon and over Sylvan Pass—the ONLY auto route into the Park. Then see Glacier—the most awe-inspiring and stupendous of all the National Parks. Come back by Rocky Mountain National-Estes Park and Colorado. A grand circle tour that includes the BEST of the National Park wonders in America—all on one tour—all on one ticket—if you go via the Burlington.

Let me tell you more about it and help you plan your trip. I'll be glad to do it.



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