

HILL FURNITURE COMPANY'S NEW HOME
LARGEST AND FINEST IN THE MIDDLE WEST



The Hill Furniture company's new building which is being erected at a cost of approximately \$120,000, is situated on the site of the old Rock Island House on the north-west corner of Second avenue and Seventeenth street. The start on the new home of the Hill Furniture company began in the early part of September. The furniture building will be completed by April 25, 1923. The remodeling of the warehouse for the new furniture building is now under way. The warehouse is situated in the rear of the new furniture store and extends from the alley to First avenue. It is two stories high and is 40x150 feet. Electric elevators are being installed and other improvements will be made.

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Rock Island investors by reason of the blue sky committee's activity. Urging Roads Building. The Chamber of Commerce good roads committee has been most active in the work during the last year, and has urged the state to let early contracts for route No. 7, south of Rock Island. It is informed that actual construction work will begin this spring and that bids are now being advertised for this work. When this road is completed it will open up a new valuable trade territory. The committee was also very active in securing the adoption by the voters of the \$1,000,000 bond issue, and a great deal of credit is due A. F. Sala, who is chairman of this special committee.

The merchants division has been most active during the last year in various cooperative attempts. Early in the spring it directed a spring opening, which was duplicated in the fall. A combined Dollar day was also staged, and it is to the credit of this division, as well as to the retail trade extension council, that aggressive steps have been taken to secure for Rock Island a large portion of the business that rightfully belongs to the merchants of this city. Boy Scout week, supervised by the retail trade extension council, was a very successful affair. This organization fostered the first retail merchants' institution in this city.

In October, the first active membership campaign staged by the Chamber of Commerce since its inception two years ago, was held, resulting in a net gain of 65 members, or an increase of nearly 80 per cent. In this campaign valuable assistance was rendered by the organization service department of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. A special committee is at work on the food situation and some definite recommendations of ways and means will be presented during the coming year. Although the situation is not serious, it has caused considerable inconvenience to industrial establishments within the food district in recent years.

Hotel Project Pending. At the November membership meeting announcement was made by members of the hotel committee that Rock Island would be assured an up-to-date hotel in the near future; that a contract had been signed with the Hockensberry System for a financial campaign to make the hotel possible, but that the campaign was being withheld awaiting more favorable local conditions. The hotel project will undoubtedly be for early consideration in 1923.

The legislative committee has gone on record as vigorously opposed to the closing of the Great Lakes naval training station, and several other matters of national importance. It recommended to the Illinois Chamber of Commerce that the present loan law be changed to the rate of interest from 4 1/2 per cent monthly to 1 per cent monthly; that township elections and primaries be held on the same day as county elections and primaries, and that the polls open at 7 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock; to prohibit the sale of firearms except through licensed dealers, and the prohibition of the advertising of firearms in magazines and publications through the mail.

While the above paragraphs give the major items of activity of the Chamber of Commerce during the last year, it must not be assumed that this was the only work of the Chamber of Commerce during the last year. It is continually being called upon for services and information of all kinds and nature. The Chamber of Commerce is responsible for the present Mississippi Motor club, which is being developed into a most active organization, comprised solely of motorists.

Lookout for 1923. The year 1923 should be one of the most active for the Chamber of Commerce, for with local conditions bettered great impetus should be given to the various projects which have been withheld on this account.

SCHOOL SAVERS
HAVE \$28,340
UPON DEPOSIT

Children of the public schools of Rock Island saved \$28,340 in the first year of the school savings system which has been in operation 17 years. The balance Dec. 15, 1922, was \$28,340. That year the average savings per pupil was \$1.66. This is a considerable increase over the average of \$1.10 for the year ending Dec. 15, 1921. The average savings per pupil for the year ending Dec. 15, 1922, was \$1.66. This shows an average of more than \$20 for each pupil. Last year the average savings for each individual was \$1.10. There were not as many depositors in September this year as there were in the same month last year, but the number of depositors now is about as large as last year. The figures for 1921 and 1922 follow:

Balance Dec. 15, 1921... \$38,164.93
Collections to Dec. 15... 5,574.03
Total... \$43,738.96
Withdrawals... 6,398.67
Balance Dec. 15, 1922... \$37,340.29

This shows a gain of \$2,175.56 in school savings for the year ending Dec. 15, 1922.

The school saving plan has been inaugurated by the parochial schools of Rock Island and Milan recently with encouraging results. The practice which was inaugurated in the schools in 1911 had as its purpose the making of thrift a fixed habit to be practiced regularly and over an appreciable length of time. The financial training of children is not less important than the moral and intellectual training, the teachers and banks believe.

Pupils are taught that it requires little intelligence to earn money but to save it well requires self-control. Under the counsel and encouragement of teachers and parents, as evidenced by the rapid growth of the movement, the children are being trained in economy and have been quick to grasp the lesson.

Money that is once deposited can be withdrawn only with the consent and upon signature of the parent. All accounts that remain in the school savings banks three months or more receive interest as regular deposits.

COUNTRY BANKS
CONDITION FOR
1922 IS SHOWN

Bank Name	Capital	Surplus and profits	Loans	Deposits
Rock Island Savings Bank	\$200,000	\$380,661	3,878,503	3,905,176
First Trust and Savings	\$100,000	\$26,178	532,364	531,021
State Bank	\$200,000	\$165,789	2,204,508	2,370,983
Central Trust and Savings	\$200,000	\$340,617	4,050,581	4,470,442
Moline Trust and Savings	\$225,000	\$126,405	3,265,758	3,470,138
Fifth Avenue Trust and Savings	\$150,000	\$25,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Peoples Savings Bank	\$250,000	\$241,767	4,505,132	4,132,777
State Savings and Trust	\$300,000	\$180,038	4,132,777	4,132,777
Commercial Savings Bank	\$100,000	\$25,615	\$100,000	\$100,000

YEAR'S REPAIRS
AT POSTOFFICE
TOTAL \$11,005

A total of \$11,005.31 was expended in improvements and maintenance at the Rock Island postoffice during the past year, according to Custodian Harry P. Simpson. The improvements included the cutting of a number of doors, connecting the rooms occupied by the revenue force on the third floor, necessary repairs and building maintenance. The expenditures of the Rock Island postoffice during the year, totaled \$120,873.61, of which amount \$10,847.30 went into the salaries of the employees. The receipts for the present year, have not, of course, been compiled, but Postmaster Simpson expects an increase of at least \$30,000 over the preceding year, or with aggregate receipts between \$250,000 and \$300,000. "If this is accomplished," said Postmaster Simpson, "it will give the Rock Island postoffice a new classification, and the postmaster a new rating."

It is the ambition of every postmaster to raise the standing of his office, and if the present incumbent succeeds this year, as he hopes to, it will be the third time that the office has been raised in the estimation of the department during his administration.

The past year has witnessed a continual growth in all transactions, and the improvements essential to handling the business and to serve the public, have kept pace with the growth of the business.

PLAN SUBMITTED
BY COMMISSION
FOR FUTURE CITY

closed by Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets and Fifth avenue, should be provided, the group of buildings proposed include a city station, future expansion, auditorium and several smaller structures.

The river front, called the "front yard," now occupied by the river, should be provided, the group of buildings proposed include a city station, future expansion, auditorium and several smaller structures.

The suggestion is made that the space between the landing and the Milwaukee road bridge be made into public parks and driveways connecting a certain area necessary for additional trackage, utilities and docks.

Suggest Aerial Park. The consent of the areal authorities would be necessary to claim submerged land at the western end of the island of Rock Island to be jointly used by Rock Island and Davenport.

A harbor line out in the Mississippi at a distance varying from 200 to 300 feet is suggested. In addition to the river-front park and the areal park the plan proposes a large park reservation in the southern end of Rock Island, this to include the Watch Tower with the land extending to the Rock river and the adjoining quarter section tract to the north containing sites of historic interest.

These sites are connected with local history of Daniel Webster, and with Abraham Lincoln. A park in the vicinity of Thirty-eighth street and Twenty-fifth avenue is recommended.

The program in Rock Island, compared with that of many other cities is not regarded as formidable by the commission, and the greatest difficulty, it is stated, will be the water-front improvements.

It is stated that while the program extends over many years, it is essential that the plan should not be allowed to lapse.

Enlisting Public Support. Depending for its success upon the will of the people, the commission states that the program should be promoted by the following means:

- Publication of plans and explanatory report in attractive form for general distribution.
- Cooperation of the press.
- Lantern slide lectures and discussions for various clubs and civic organizations.
- Instruction in public schools covering the main purpose.
- Establishment of headquarters for the commission in a public or semi-public building, where the plans can be on permanent exhibition, where a city planning library can be collected, and where interested citizens may gather for discussion.

Publication of the plan, it is urged, should be followed closely by the passage of a zoning ordinance.

GET WORK FOR
9,403 THROUGH
STATE BUREAU

Placements Double Number of Previous Period; Road Construction Demand Great.

Slightly more than 88 per cent of the men and 70 per cent of the women who applied for work at the Rock Island-Moline office of the Illinois free employment bureau, 1915 Fourth avenue, during the year ending Nov. 30, were placed. This is over double the number placed by the office last year. The report of a year ago showed that less than 40 per cent of the applicants were placed during the year. During the 12-month period 9,403 men and women secured employment through the state bureau.

The record for 1922 shows that of 7,801 men who applied for jobs during the year, 6,865 were placed. Fred W. Rinck, superintendent of the office, announced in his yearly report. This is considered a remarkable record in view of the industrial situation in this community.

The greatest and most steady demand for help during the season was for laborers for general construction and road work. The very active building operations in the three cities and the large number of road building projects created a heavy demand for laborers.

The second greatest demand was for farm help. The records show that 581 farmers were supplied during the season. In some instances the farmers called for two or more hands, as in the case of harvesting, threshing and corn-picking. All calls for farm help were filled.

There were not many calls for skilled workers for factory work. This is owing to the fact that very few factories are running full capacity and when they resumed operations they called back veteran employees, making demand on the office only when they were not able to get a full force from their regular employees.

While the women's department of the office does not show as good a per cent record as the men, the total report of the year's work is much better than it was a year ago. There were 4,555 women filed for work with 2,555 placed. A large number of girls and women were placed in the new garment company plant, and there has been an increased call for girls for domestic and hotel work which the office is not able to meet.

CHICAGO TAKING
LEAD IN CANDLE
MARKET OF U. S.

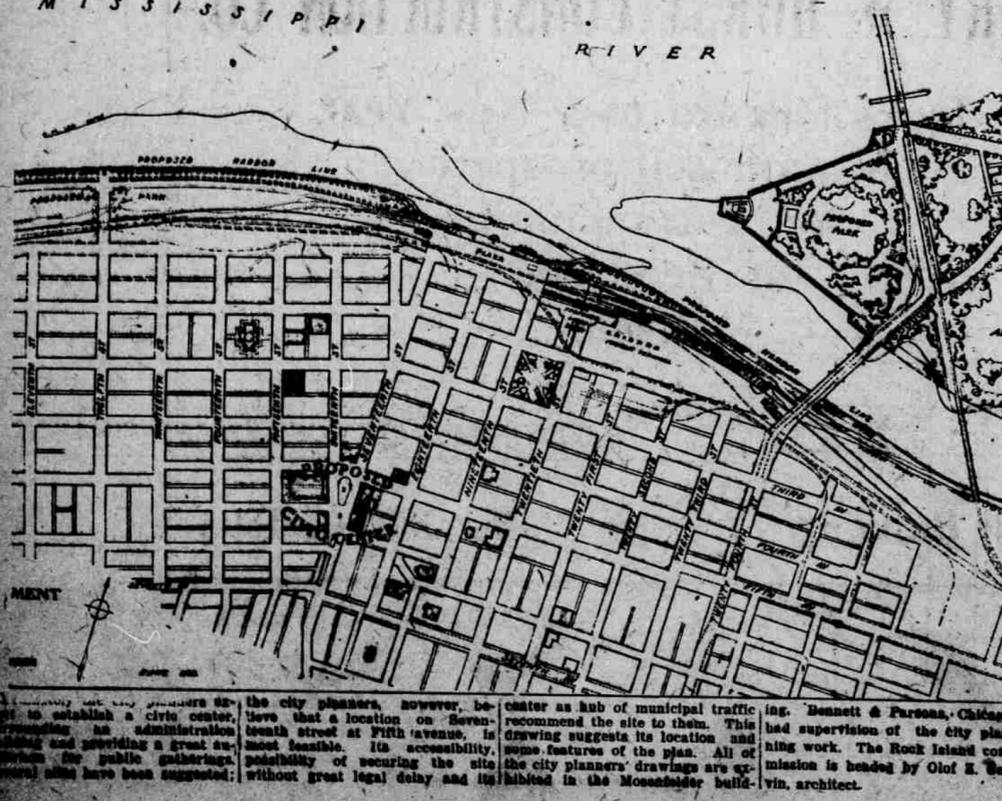
Chicago—This city, having one of the two largest Christmas candle making factories in the world, is also the great western market through which hand painted candles for use in churches and decorative purposes are distributed, according to information gathered by a local bond and mortgage company. More than half of the 150,000,000 candles, the year's output of the factory, were for Christmas use.

The making of Christmas candles begins the day after Christmas and continues throughout the year. The "Yuletide" candle is about an inch and a half in diameter and comes in three sizes, 8 1/2, 17 and 34 inches long.

DEPOSITS IN BANKS IN ROCK ISLAND, MOLINE AND EAST MOLINE SHOW STRONG FINANCES

ROCK ISLAND.					
Rock Island Savings Bank.					
	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
Capital	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus and profits	380,661	345,375	378,921	383,443	408,613
Loans	3,878,503	4,044,515	4,477,403	4,250,651	4,331,181
Deposits	3,905,176	4,057,936	4,443,839	4,295,481	4,462,983
First Trust and Savings.					
Capital	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Surplus and profits	26,178	26,131	29,811	29,811	29,811
Loans	532,364	679,619	918,321	918,321	918,321
Deposits	531,021	623,562	893,692	893,692	893,692
State Bank.					
Capital	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus and profits	165,789	173,450	82,986	197,503	212,338
Loans	2,204,508	2,416,983	2,371,422	2,148,622	2,294,302
Deposits	2,370,983	2,424,425	2,448,571	2,202,469	2,236,298
Central Trust and Savings.					
Capital	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus and profits	340,617	355,704	379,474	333,106	401,967
Loans	4,050,581	4,615,110	4,957,060	4,478,820	5,021,026
Deposits	4,470,442	5,034,681	5,139,465	4,784,532	5,226,319
MOLINE.					
Moline Trust and Savings.					
Capital	\$225,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Surplus and profits	126,405	173,570	213,341	224,316	232,100
Loans	3,265,758	3,470,138	3,879,063	3,437,156	3,687,326
Deposits	3,470,138	3,470,138	3,879,063	3,437,156	3,687,326
Fifth Avenue Trust and Savings.					
Capital	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Surplus and profits	25,000	28,694	25,880	25,880	25,880
Loans	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Deposits	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Peoples Savings Bank.					
Capital	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus and profits	241,767	303,081	352,842	352,087	452,127
Loans	4,505,132	5,533,641	5,243,558	5,372,076	5,294,839
Deposits	4,132,777	4,852,590	4,532,729	3,878,960	4,033,400
State Savings and Trust.					
Capital	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Surplus and profits	180,038	219,558	252,547	264,392	269,500
Loans	4,132,777	4,852,590	4,532,729	3,878,960	4,033,400
Deposits	4,132,777	4,852,590	4,532,729	3,878,960	4,033,400
Commercial Savings Bank.					
Capital	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Surplus and profits	25,615	35,511	85,764	42,715	43,715
Loans	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Deposits	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

CIVIC CENTER AIM OF CITY PLAN; FIFTH AVENUE AND SEVENTEENTH STREET MOST FAVORED LOCATION FOR IT



the city planners, however, believe that a location on Seventeenth street at Fifth avenue, is most desirable. Its accessibility, possibility of securing the site without great legal delay and its center as hub of municipal traffic recommend the site to them. This drawing suggests its location and some features of the plan. All of the city planners' drawings are exhibited in the Mossbacher building. Bennett & Parsons, Chicago, had supervision of the city planning work. The Rock Island commission is headed by Olof E. Berwin, architect.