## THE ARGUS.

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ROCK ISLAND is a city of earnest purpose and honest value.

It is located in the valley of the Mississippi, midway between St. Louis and St. Paul, Chicago and Omaha and Kansas City.

It is by nature, geographically, commercially, and industrially, the gateway of the west, northwest and southwest.

It is favored by situation on the Mississippi at the mouth of the Hennepin canal, connecting river and lake.

It has the main line of the Rock Island railroad, three branches springing from the stem at this point to the northwest and far southwest, while the main line goes on to the Pacific.

It has the Milwaukee's Kansas City line, and the Burlington's St. Louis and St. Paul line, with direct communication with Milwaukee and Racine, and with Peoria and Springfield.

It has three interurbans under way.

It has miles of paved streets.

It has beautiful parks, including the historic Black Hawk's Watch Tower.

It has handsome churches, of all denominations.

It has a Y. M. C. A. building.

It has modern school buildings.

It has a college and a seminary.

It has flourishing factories, and free sites for more.

It has three first class hotels and numerous smaller ones.

It has three theaters.

It has a Turner hall.

It has a model system of rapid transit.

It has six substantial banks.

It has up-to-date business blocks, and three more in course of erection.

It has immense department stores and hundreds of other branches of mercantile pursuits.

It is the location of the Rock Island arsenal, the greatest in the world.

It has the head offices of the Modern Woodmen of America, the largest fraternal society in the world, housed in a quarter of a million dollar fireproof building.

It has the head office of the Fraternal Tribunes.

It has local lodges of all the great fraternal societies.

It has a quarter of a million dollar court house.

It has a city hall, owned by the city.

It has a public library building.

It has a postoffice building, in which are the offices of the government engineer corps in charge of upper Mississippi improvements.

It has 25,000 population.

It has an industrial commission that is boosting the town along legitimate and substantial lines.

And everybody is helping.

All for Rock Island.

All for Rock Island.

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Uphold Rock Island. It is your duty as a citizen.

Save up your loose change for a booster button.

Boost for Rock Island. Contribute to the $100,000 new factory fund.

Work together for the upbuilding of Rock Island, and make it a greater city.

We will all be wearing booster buttons and a pleasant smile at the end of another week.

Let your light shine among men, that they may see your good works in what you do for the cause of Greater Rock Island.

Now that Wall street has gone into the wheat speculating business, it behooves others that are buying wheat on margin to look out that they don't get their fingers burnt.

Dr. Dana W. Hartshorn, 80 years old, of Cincinnati, former dean of the Pulte Homeopathic Medical college, who was major surgeon on General Sherman's staff during the civil war, has just died. It is said that he was the last surviving member of General Sherman's staff.

Those who like "schnaps" or good old Holland gin will be glad to know that the administration has agreed to reduce the duty 25 per cent and in return our products are to be admitted to Holland as from a "most favored nation."

Louis Brennan, the man who invented the gyroscope railroad in England, is to have a chance to demonstrate his project in India, the government having granted him a subsidy of $25,000. Moody Boynton, the first monorailer, is not so fortunate.

Prince Edward, the eldest son of the prince of Wales, has developed quite an amount of ability as a singer. It is said he has a singing voice far above the average and has been selected as a member of the choir of the Royal Naval college, where he is attending school.

Our canned beef is being refused more and more in Europe in consequence of the exposure of beef trust methods. During the 10 months ending with April, 1907, there were only 13,032,703 pounds exported, against 56,730,873 pounds during the same period in 1906. In former years we exported 60 to 70 million pounds a year and in 1891 the total reached 109 million pounds.

The coal roads, known as the anthracite coal trust, seem determined to defy the law which goes into effect May 1, 1908, which prohibits railroads from carrying in interstate commerce any commodity, other than timber, mined or produced by them. The Delaware & Hudson has just purchased coal lands costing $9,000,000, when it would seem it should be arranging to dispose of what it now owns.

That $5,000,000 conspirators' fund is evidently getting in its work, for the reactionaries appear to have captured Illinois with Cannon; have so shaken up New York that the delegation will be split, and have Ohio in such a turmoil of doubt that the president to hold his own has been compelled to appoint postmasters favorable to Taft. The "dough bag" has always been a powerful lever in republican politics.

### Now for the Roundup.

It is confidently believed that the end of another week will see the realization of Rock Island's plan to raise a fund of $100,000 for the encouragment of new factories and by this means to accomplish Greater Rock Island.

The coming week will be the week of final rally. Words have at times escaped the lips of pessimistic individuals to the effect that when it came to the round up, Rock Island would fall down on its great undertaking, and in nearby cities the boast has been openly made that Rock Island would never in the world round up a fund of $100,000 in subscriptions for new industrial enterprises.

But the undertaking is going through to success just the same. The unwavering spirit of the people assures this. The determination of the people irrespective of their worldly opportunities to give, has not halted a second since the canvass began, and it is not going to fail in the end.

The fund is as good as raised if the committees and the citizens generally maintain the patriotic determination during the remaining days of the canvass that has been so gratifyingly manifest in the time that has been occupied with the work so far.

### Advertising.

Newspaper advertising is the most effective advertising. Among those who have discovered this is the United States government, and it has resolved that the billboard must go. The government seems to have discovered the superiority of newspaper advertising by experience. Some one connected with the navy department conceived the idea of posters printed in colors and stuck up about a city as the best advertising medium through which to secure much needed recruits for the navy. Thousands of dollars were spent upon lithographs. Men were hired to plaster every city in the country with these flashy posters, and the navy department got ready to receive the floods of recruits that would follow. But they didn't come. Then the government announced through advertisements in the newspapers that it wanted men for the navy, and the response came, and the navy is being filled with men who read the newspapers and who profit thereby.

Moral: If you want results, advertise in the newspapers. That is the only legitimate advertising. All the rest is mere flub-dubb and excuse.

### Time for Reform.

The cost of living is still advancing with rapid strides, and those who have fixed incomes are the chief sufferers. It would seem that anyone not individually benefited by tariff protection must arrive at the conclusion that high trust prices have been plundering them for the benefit of infant industries long enough and be willing to welcome competition that can be obtained by tariff reduction.

The trusts are anxious to get as much profit as conditions and the law will allow, and the republican party, that has been standing pat for so many years and has received compensation for so doing by being supplied with campaign funds from those tariff-protected monopolists, should certainly be held to account.

### Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given to contractors that bids will be received at the mayor's office up to the hour of 9 a. m. June 10, 1907, for paving of Thirty-eighth (38) street from Fifth (5th) to Seventh (7th) avenue and Seventh (7th) avenue from Thirty-eighth (38th) street east to the city limits, at which time such bids will be opened.

Specification for improvement are on file at the office of the city clerk and the city engineer's office, No. 43, M. & L. building, Rock Island, Ill. Contractors will be paid in bonds which bonds shall draw five (5) per cent interest.

All proposals or bids offered shall be accompanied by cash or by a check payable to the order of the president of the board of local improvements, certified by a responsible bank, for an amount which shall not be less than ten (10) per cent of the aggregate of the proposal. Said proposals or bids shall be delivered to the board of local improvements at the time and place fixed, which board will then examine and publicly declare the same.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

H. C. SCHAFFER,
President Board of Local Improvements.
W. Treichler,
City Engineer.

### Licensed to Wed.

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| Herman Stark | Rock Island |
| Anna Pankow | Rock Island |
| Jens Christenson | Chicago |
| Anna Fredericksen | Moline |
| David McCutcheon | Rock Island |
| Lucy Hamilton | Hampton |
| George M. Strombeck | Moline |
| Amanda Nelson | Moline |
| Philip Livingston | Rock Island |
| Anna Goldman | Rock Island |
| Mell Modde | Rock Island |
| Ledora Cobb | Rock Island |
| Frank Bealer, Jr. | Rock Island |
| Sallie C. Means | Rock Island |
| Bert Barnes | Rock Island |
| Blanche Bradshaw | Moline |
| George W. Hyde | Rock Island |
| Nellie M. Smith | Rock Island |
| George W. McGuire | Rock Island |
| Tillie Rabu | Geneseo |
| Lee Roy Bland | Rock Island |
| Lulu Pearl Cross | Rock Island |

### Remarkable Rescue.

That truth is stranger than fiction has once more been demonstrated in the little town of Fedora, Tenn., the residence of C. V. Pepper. He writes: "I was in bed, entirely disabled with hemorrhages of the lungs and throat. Doctors failed to help me, and all hope had fled when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery. Then instant relief came. The coughing soon ceased; the bleeding diminished rapidly and in three weeks I was able to go to work." Guaranteed for coughs and colds, 50c and $1.00, at W. T. Hartz's drug store, 301 Twentieth street. Trial bottle free.

A Prompt, pleasant, good remedy for coughs and colds is Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. It contains no opiates and does not constipate. Children like it. Sold by all druggists.



## DAILY STORY.

### A DOUGH HEAD OF A MAN.

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William Brice applied to a rich ironmaster for work on the ground that his father had been the ironmaster's friend. He was given a job, but it was reported to the chief that he was no good.

"Shift him," said the ironmaster. "Every man has his niche." So Brice was shifted again and again, but after he had been the cause of one or two accidents the men complained to the foreman and the foreman to the head of the department, and the second complaint was carried to the ironmaster.

"Still a dough head, eh?" he queried. "Well, we must try another niche. I knew a man once who entered into thirteen different occupations before he finally made a success as a horse trader. Shift him along."

Brice was shifted, and at the end of a week one of his fellow workmen tried to brain him with a crowbar because he let go when he should have held on. Then he was shifted again. He was on his fifth or sixth shift and had become a butt of ridicule among 500 men when the great man said:

"The man is finding it a difficult road to hit his own particular niche. It may be that it's clerical instead of physical labor he should be put to. Try him in one of the departments as a timekeeper."

The man was tried. He had a smile of self confidence on his face as he assumed his duties, but inside of three days he had the time business so mixed up that the men did not know 7 o'clock in the morning from 2 in the afternoon. He was then tried as a messenger, and he held that place for two weeks. It was the general opinion among the heads of departments that he held it two weeks too long, but subsequent events proved to the contrary. It took Brice two weeks to make a score of blunders and to learn that new and larger works were to be erected farther down the river. All the land except an acre belonging to an aged widow had been secured, and he heard it whispered that she had refused to sell at any price.

"Oh, well, don't let's be discouraged over him," said the ironmaster when told that Brice ought to be sent to an idiot asylum. "He is simply hunting for his niche. He is the son of an old friend of mine, and we must bear with him until he finds it. I will never go back on my contention that every man has his niche. Outside of it he is almost worthless; in that particular spot he may do great things. Shift the man along."

There were three more shifts, and then William Brice found his niche. No one but himself had the least suspicion of it. When they saw him smiling and grinning and heard his chuckling they simply thought he was one week nearer the idiot asylum.

On a certain Sunday William Brice had gone down to see the aged widow. He was twenty-five years old and she almost seventy. He was sturdy and in the best of health; she was all knotted up with rheumatism and full of complaints. The young man might have been a dough head in the shops, but outside of them he knew a rabbit track when he saw one. He fell in love with the widow. She was necessary to his future happiness. She was old, but he didn't believe in flighty young girls. She was all twisted up, but marriage at the best was full of twists. He loved her gray hairs, her cracked voice and her wrinkled face, and in a month they were married, and he assumed the head of the house.

When he had been shifted for the twelfth time in the shops he had found his niche. No foreman or head of department discovered this fact. It was the ironmaster himself, or, rather, the lawyers who were slyly working to get hold of the widow's land. Its actual value was about $1,200. She had been offered $2,000 to quietly sell out.

She had partly consented when she suddenly changed her mind. A scrawling letter reached the lawyers to the effect that "we" don't care to sell at the price, and the men of law hustled around to find that the widow was a widow no longer.

At about the same time William Brice "resigned" his position amid hoots and jeers. Three days later he was being offered $25,000 for his property. He replied that he was a dough head and afraid of being cheated, and it was not until they bid up to $50,000 that he and his aged wife passed the deeds and retired to the country to go into chicken raising on a wholesale scale.

"Just as I told you," observed the ironmaster as he handed over his check. "Every man has his niche in life, and when once found he can hold the fort. Our dough head was a little slow in finding his, but he got there at last, and I'm $48,800 out of pocket for upholding my opinion." M. QUAD.

### Notice to Contractors.

Sealed proposals will be received at the city clerk's office, Rock Island, Ill., until Monday, June 3rd, 1907 at 5 o'clock p. m. for the construction of a concrete areaway at the waterworks plans and specifications on file at city clerk's office. Certified check in amount of $200 to accompany each bid. The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

M. T. RUDGREN, City Clerk.
Rock Island, Ill., May 23, 1907.

All the news all the time—THE ARGUS.