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CHILDREN'S CLEANUP

In response to the query of their teachers, "What I Did to Help Clean up Keokuk," the children in the Keokuk, Iowa, schools have written the parts they played in the cleanup campaign, and some of the compositions were remarkable examples of industry, worthy of emulation by much older heads.

A number of things the children did showing the important part they took are given below:

"Tearing down old, unsightly fences," "Cutting down old dead trees," "Raking yards and raking up brush," "Gathering up tin cans, ashes and rubbish," "At school before cleanup day we cleaned the school room, scrubbed our desks, dusted the cases of models, and specimens, hung up clean white curtain at the windows which some of the pupils had taken home to be washed."

One boy said he began the next day after the Woman's Civic league announced cleanup day and cleaned the alley and picked up all the sticks and stones in the yard.

A little girl said after she had worked all day cleaning, she thought of these lines: "Something attempted; something done, has earned a night's repose."

Another little boy wrote: "On the morning of cleanup day, I cut the grass; afterward I cleaned the gutter

and put the mud and leaves in piles. When the men came to clean the streets they took the piles and our yard was very clean."

One boy helped the neighbors after he had cleaned his own yard. "That night people on every street looked with pride around their residences and felt it was a fine idea for the city to be thus clean and beautiful."

AGAINST WILD CAT BANKING.

Added prestige for the American Bankers association is proposed through the safeguard to investors which will result from affiliating the big investment banking houses of the country with the Bankers association as a committee with headquarters in Chicago has proposed. This committee of 32 members has undertaken to organize this new section of the national organization of bankers for the declared purpose of the plan being "to protect the public from wildcat securities of unscrupulous promoters." Millions of dollars are sacrificed each year through the operations of the "wildcat" corporations and thousands of people are disillusioned but nevertheless the sound bonds and stocks have met a serious competition from their alluring and irresponsible promises. The proposal to organize, sent out by Chairman George B. Caldwell, of Chicago, is said to have met with an immediate response from investment bond houses from coast to coast and every effort will be put forth to carry out its purpose. It is predicted that members of the American Bankers' association will favor the plan at the convention of that body to be held in Detroit next September. The first definite step in negotiations with the bankers' association was taken at the meeting of the latter's executive council held at Briars-cliff, Me., on May 6 and 7, when the special committee on amendments of the proposed investment bankers' section conferred with that body. Following this will be at least one meeting of the general organization committee of the investment section before the American Bankers' association holds its convention in the autumn. This meeting will be held at some convenient place to be named later.

Dr. Hibben's Inauguration.

Princeton, N. J., May 10.—Scores of visitors, including many men of national or international fame, arrived here today to attend the inauguration of Dr. John G. Hibben as president of Princeton university. In succession to Woodrow Wilson who resigned when he was nominated for governor of New Jersey. The ceremony of inauguration will take place tomorrow morning in front of historic Nassau hall. The speakers and other prominent participants in the ceremonies will include President Taft, Chief Justice White of the supreme court of the United States, President Hadley of Yale university, President Lowell of Harvard university, President Butler of Columbia university and Dr. Francis L. Patton, president of the Princeton Theological seminary, associate Justice Pitney of the supreme court of the United States, a close personal friend of Dr. Hibben will administer the oath of office to the new president.

Arcade Theatre

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"THE CLEMENCY OF ISABELLA" G. C. P. C.
A dramatic story

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QUACKENBUSH IN CITY.

Veteran Engineer Now Living in Iowa Visits Old Time Friends. Engineer "Quakey" Quackenbush, who railroaded here about 16 years ago, is in the city visiting old time friends. He quit here in the famous strike and has been working on the Iowa Central since leaving here. After visiting here for a few days he will go on to Portland. Mr. Quackenbush at one time owned the property on Sixth street now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd.



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Alabama Underwriters Meet.

Mobile, Ala., May 10.—An important meeting of insurance men—the Alabama Fire Underwriters' association—convened in annual session here today with many members in addition to a considerable number of insurance men of prominence from outside the state. The business today was largely of a routine character after the opening address of President Clennon. The proceedings will conclude with a banquet tomorrow night.

Sir Melbourne Tait Honored.

Montreal, May 10.—At a special convocation of McGill university this afternoon, attended by many leading citizens and prominent representatives of the bench and bar, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Sir Melbourne Tait, the retiring chief justice of the superior court of Quebec.

Indiana College Editors Meet.

Richmond, Ind., May 10.—The Indiana Intercollegiate Press association began its fourth annual meeting at Earlham college today with an attendance of delegates from eight of the leading colleges and universities of the state. The leading feature of the two days' program will be an address by Talcott Williams, director of the new Pulitzer School of Journalism at Columbia university.