

Scarcity of Help

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Aside from their great measure of usefulness these publications are very necessary as an act of justice to the soldiers who sustained the credit of the State and Government on so many bloody fields. So far as we are aware this act has met with very general approval throughout the State, though we are of the opinion that the funds provided for it will prove insufficient. This, however, should cause no further delay. The work is universally demanded, and its completion will be hailed as a proud event in the history of Iowa.

SCARCITY OF HELP.

Newspapers in Iowa and throughout the country indicate a scarcity of help along all lines. The condition is measurably the same in Europe. This can not be held to be from an extraordinary season of the year, nor is there any considerable disturbance in trade or labor circles. History records many crises from both lack and overplus of labor, but perhaps every instance can more nearly than the present be accounted for from local or temporary causes. The "want ad" departments of the newspapers denote calls from our Government for men to fill up its establishments. Municipalities ask for men on their public works. Calls appear for from one man to bodies of hundreds of men. The latter are desired to aid in fulfilling the great contracts in Alaska and elsewhere, and often come from the bureaus through which much labor is obtained. True, the "situations wanted" departments are strong along the Atlantic seaboard, but these are for individual places and often reflect a desire for changed or advanced employment. Help both indoors and out is needed. Domestic circles, the trades and professions as well as the industrial fields appear in need of help. The farm, streets, carrying lines, mines and structural enterprises predominate in calls for male help, while households, hotels, shops, stores, offices and the trades call for female help or for both. In Iowa the situation has existed for several years and has been a factor in

an evolution in agricultural and in domestic processes. Devices and methods which have been exploited as "labor saving" have in fact been of necessity labor substitutes. Herewith is presented a showing from leading newspapers in and out of Iowa of the number of classified "help wanted" advertisements appearing in their respective editions of September 15, 1907.

E. R. H.

"HELP WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS APPEARING IN IOWA
NEWSPAPERS, SEPTEMBER 15, 1907.

Newspapers	For Male Help	For Female Help
Burlington Hawk-eye.....	18	10
Cedar Rapids Republican.....	10	6
Council Bluffs Nonpareil.....	25	27
Davenport Democrat.....	24	5
Des Moines Daily News.....	63	36
Des Moines Register & Leader.....	92	50
Dubuque Telegraph-Herald.....	10	10
Dubuque Times-Journal.....	22	10
Sioux City Journal.....	62	40

"HELP WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS APPEARING IN AMERICAN
NEWSPAPERS, SEPTEMBER 15, 1907.

Chicago Tribune.....	916	644
Detroit Free Press.....	297	196
Lincoln State Journal.....	81	52
Louisville Courier-Journal.....	75	25
Minneapolis Journal.....	197	70
New Orleans Picayune.....	103	71
New York Sun.....	21	5
Omaha Bee.....	133	58
Portland Oregonian.....	190	172
Saint Louis Globe-Democrat.....	797	328

A. SECOND HISTORIC ART GALLERY.

One of the chief works in which we take especial pride in the Historical Department is the Art Gallery, in which there are now one hundred portraits, more or less, with many others promised in the near future. There are still many other Iowa pioneers whose portraits, as a matter of strict justice, should be secured "before the mould gathers upon their memories." But it unfortunately happens that no fund has been placed at the disposal of the Trustees or Curator, with which to defray the expense. We have been compelled to rely upon solicitation, either of the parties themselves, or

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