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## OUR SPECIAL DES MOINES EDITION.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

BY REV. T. L. GRIFFITH.

The Negro Baptists of the United States number two million, two hundred thousand (2,200,000.)

Their church membership range from the smallest number possible to (7000) seven thousand. Several of these churches have properties worth over a hundred thousand dollars, notably in Washington, Philadelphia and New York.

The educational and missionary work of these great numbers has been done by two means: by the Northern white Baptist working through the American Baptist Home Mission Society and by the Negro Baptists themselves working through their district associations, State Conventions, district conventions and the National Baptist Convention. Every southern state has one or more schools owned and operated by the Negro Baptists of that state. In addition to these there are about fifteen schools owned by the American Baptist Home Mission Society which are operated for the education of our people. These schools are literary, professional and industrial. Many of their presidents are the peers of any living men. Among these are Prof. Jno. Hope of Atlanta; Dr. J. R. L. Diggs of Louisville, and Dr. Jos. A. Brooks of Little Rock.

The National Baptist Convention is the representative body of the Negro Baptists of the United States. It meets annually and is attended by from two to five thousand delegates. Its work is done through Boards whose members are nominated by the various states and elected by the Convention.

The Foreign Mission Board with headquarters at Louisville, Ky., does the foreign mission work for the de-

Mission Society is seeking the evangelization of the hosts of our people in the South.

Time and space fail to tell of all the other Boards whose work is as important as those already named.

Negro Baptists of the west are now getting together into a convention which will seek to develop their interests in the west. They will no doubt rally around the institution at Macon, Mo., to make that a centre of influence for this denomination in the west.

Prominent among our Baptist laymen are Dr. Booker T. Washington, Hon. Judson D. Lyons, formerly register of the treasury.

The whole world can afford no able preachers of the gospel than some that are found among us, notably, Drs. C. T. Walker, Geo. Lee, W. H. Brooks, Harvey Johnson and a score of others.

dealing out justice with equity to all men.

The Negro lawyer should be careful and cautious and never at any time allow himself to inject anything in his case that would remind the jury or the bar that he is a Negro lawyer. We are to apt in our management to keep referring to color or some condition that has nothing whatever to do with anything in the case and anything that don't help a case has no business in it. If you want to insult the judges of the courts in Des Moines just attempt to raise the question of color and they are insulted. So you must try a case on its merits and not on color. There is no need to remind the courts and jury that you are colored; they will know it, to be sure, so be dignified, courteous, manly, ever looking to the proper interest of your client. That should be the great aim of the Negro lawyer, to try his case better than any other lawyer, make a better impression at the bar, and you will succeed, reflecting much credit upon your race and yourself before the bars of the whole land.

In conversation with the assistant city solicitor here, W. H. McLaughlin, on the question of the Negro lawyer, a few days ago, he said the Negro lawyer of the local bar is entitled to great credit both for ability and professional dignity. I have seen them, he said, in the trial of cases and the management was above any criticism. Some have been trained and educated in the colleges of the state and entered the practice ripe with culture of university training, while others by force of their own ambition and self-culture won them an honorable standing at the bar, equal to any other lawyer.

The fact that a lawyer is a Negro cuts no figure at the bar just so long as he meets the requirements. The fact that as a rule he is not employed to represent large corporations and such cases where large fees are paid for service can be very easily accounted for, for the reason we don't own or control any of the corporations and the class of the Negro that has money don't involve himself into litigations when large fees are paid.



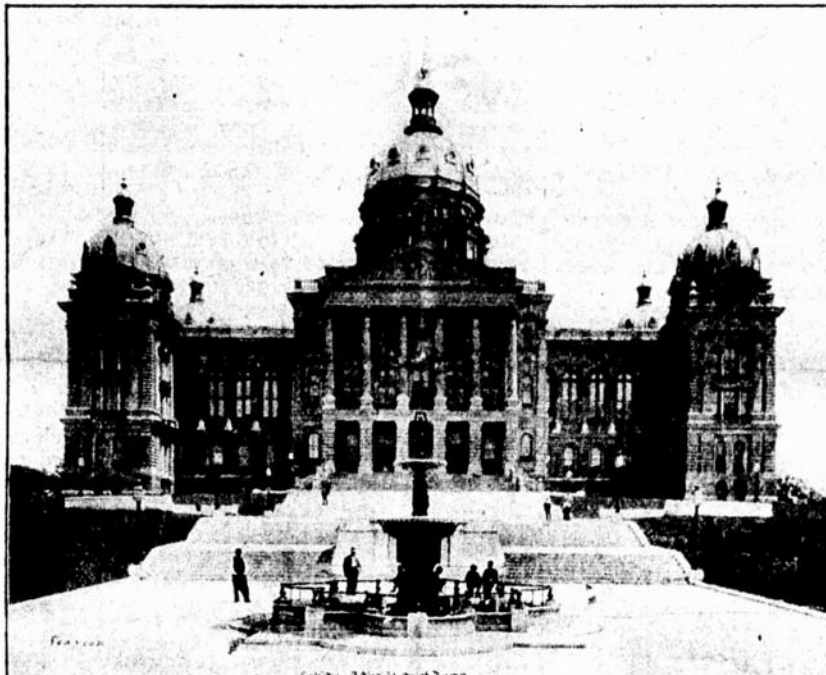
E. T. BANKS.

The name of Edward T. Banks is so interwoven in the history of the Des Moines colored people that it is interesting. He was born in Huntsville, Ala. in 1844, came here about 25 years ago and settled, where he has been ever since. He is now janitor of the Court House where he has been for 15 years. He is good church worker in the A. M. E., having held nearly all the offices. He is a Mason and has been since 1877 a member of the Iowa Masonic Lodge, having held every elective grand office in Iowa except two, and is now Grand Custodian, a 32 degree and Deputy Grand Commandry of the Illinois Commandry of which Iowa is a part. He is a member of the Bystander Company; his good wife is indeed a great help mate. He is an old soldier, having served in Company K, 97 U. S. Colored volunteers



HARRISON GOULD

It is a pleasure to present the cut of one of our industrious young men Mr. H. Gould, born in Mississippi in 1876 he moved to Missouri with his parents in 1881, where he attended the common



IOWA STATE CAPITOL.

nomination. It operates mission stations in Northern, Eastern, Central and Southern Africa, in the West Indies and South America. It has the care of over a hundred mission stations. This Board has been in successful operation about twelve years, and its usefulness and its obligations are increasing with every passing year.

This work has been developed through the untiring efforts of Dr. L. G. Jordan. The Publishing Board operates the business house of the denomination. At Nashville, Tenn., is the publishing plant, where one hundred and fifty Negroes are employed in printing literature for the Sunday Schools, and books by our authors. This work has had a phenomenal success and is the pride of Negro Baptists and lovers of this race of every creed or color. It has been built up by that prince of organizers, Dr. R. H. Boyd.

The Home Mission Board in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Home

schools. He is a self made young man an active church worker in the A. M. E. church holding many places in the church; an enthusiastic Mason; a High Priest in Chapter and in the absence of Rev. O. A. Johnson he is Eminent Commandry of King Solomon Lodge No. 6. He owns a beautiful little home on Day street; his remarkable wife is a successful cateress and this young couple is very helpful in our society.

#### THE NEGRO AT THE BAR.

The Negro lawyer is the subject that I prefer to address your minds, but there is quite a number of Negro lawyers who never appear before the bar of any court. So it is better to simply speak of the Negro engaged in the actual practice of the law, and in that he is not different to a lawyer of any other nationality. At least I have found it so in my experience. The theory of the bar is the same everywhere, but no doubt the practice may differ in many courts. The bar in my judgment is the most dignified and refined tribunal on earth.

Now considering these things and trying a case on its merit and meeting all the requirements this most dignified profession the Negro lawyer is a success anywhere, both north and south, as well as the west.

James B. Rush,  
Attorney at Law.

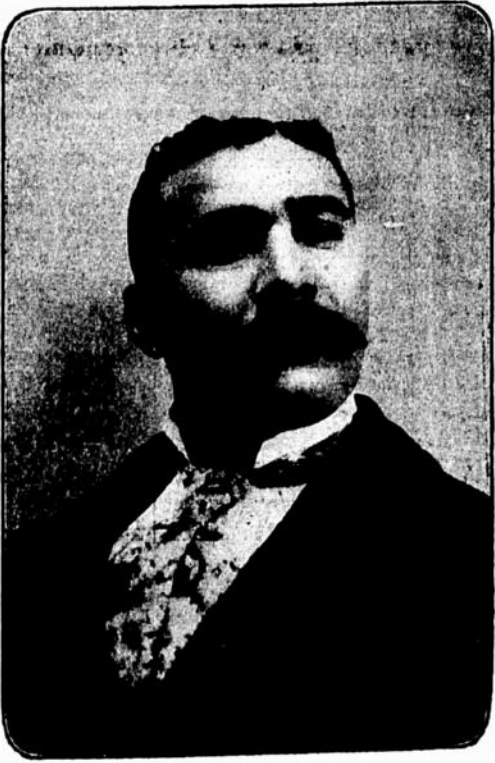
#### Good Words for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

People everywhere take pleasure in testifying to the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Edward Phillips of Barclay, Md., writes: "I wish to tell you that I can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My little girl, Catherine who is two years old, has been taking this remedy whenever she has had a cold since she was two months old. About a month ago I contracted a dreadful cold myself, but I took Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and was soon as well as ever." This remedy is for sale by all druggists.



DR. A. G. EDWARDS.

It is with a degree of pleasure that we are permitted to present to our readers the likeness of Dr. Aug G. Edwards. The doctor began the study of medicine in Chicago in 1890, but finished at Maharry Medical Department of Waldron university in 1895. Later he spent several months in the post graduate schools of New York and Chicago. He has practiced in Knoxville, Tenn., before he moved here. He was for five years professor in anatomy of histology in the medical department of the Knoxville College, he being the first person of color to be selected to the faculty of that college. He was for several years physician in chief of the East Tennessee Hospital and Nurse Training school. He has a large and lucrative practice among the colored and white citizens of Des Moines. He is a fine gentleman to meet and will succeed.



GUS WATKINS.

It is with a degree of pleasure that we present our readers a true likeness of Gus Watkins, the only blacksmith we have in Des Moines. Born in Warren county, Kentucky, moved with his parents to Kansas in 1881, and to Albany, Mo., in 1882, where his parents have remained ever since, although Mr. Watkins worked on the C. B. & Q. Ry., locomotive department, also for the M. & C. Ry. Company, later he returned home and engaged in the blacksmith trade with his father Nelson in Albany, Mo., and about eight years ago he came to Des Moines, Iowa, where he pursued his trade. He is now a member of the Schleimann & Co., on 20th and Forest Avenue. Mr. Watkins is a great church worker, also a member of the Trustees of the Union Congregational church. He is also a member and treasurer of the North Star Masonic Lodge. He is one of our most reliable and honest citizens and has a bright future before him.



These beautiful and commodious press brick flats are owned by Thos. McDaniel. They are located at 818-820 822-824 West Seventh street, entirely modern costing \$8,000 a piece and rent at \$50.00 per Suite.



CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Corinthian Baptist church was organized about nine years ago. The first pastor Rev. S. Bates was located on E eventh between Crocker and School streets. The present location on Fifteenth and Linden streets was purchased a little less than three years ago and the entire debt is now secured. Extensive improvements are being planned for the near future. Present pastor Rev. T. L. Griffith took charge January 1st, 1902. Present membership is 325.



L. J. SHELTON.

The above cut represents one of the rising young business men. Mr. Lou J. Shelton was a Hawkeyean by birth, born in Keokuk and attended the common schools, and the additional education that he received was at odd times, in fact he was one of the self made men, having learned the barber trade, and worked in several towns in Iowa, he also learned the shoemakers trade, but finding it more profitable when he came to Des Moines and went in the tonsorial business, and owns a neat two chair shop on Sixth and Forest Avenue, with modern and up-to-date furniture. He is quite a musician, a teacher of the Mandolin and Violin, He is now organizing an orchestra, and was at one time an organizer of a good colored band in Ottumwa. He owns a nice home on Day street in addition to some other property in this city. Mr. Shelton is a very pleasant and sociable man to meet and has many friends.



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The secret of happiness and success is a constant work.

There is no trouble getting along with a woman if you let her have her own way.

Japan says it is for peace, and to prove it launches the biggest warship ever.

Come to think of it, almost everybody has a cat, a dog, a bird, or a baby named Teddy.

Do your task with cheerfulness and the master mechanic or proprietor will see to your promotion.

It is said that Lake Erie produces more fish to the square mile than any other body of water in the world.

There is an old saying that in England the wife is the queen, in France the companion, in Germany the housekeeper, in Italy the slave.

Already six Carnegie hero medals have been found in the pawn shops. Which merely goes to show that even heroes at times suffer from thirst and hunger.

There are more fences to a farm in Ireland than in any other country in the world. So many of them are wide turf affairs that much good land is wasted.

Here is a woman who has actually given up \$10,000,000 for a husband, and yet there are husbands who grudge giving up ten dollars occasionally to their wives.

The hiss of the snake, the laugh of the hyena, the bray of the ass, the growl of the bear, the grunt of the hog, the bark of the wolf and the roar of the lion are duplicated in the so-called lordly man.

Maybe Wellman will find water at the north pole, in accordance with his expectations, when he gets there, but we venture to say that it will be solid blocks that he will have to melt, if he wants to utilize it for navigating purposes.

Hawaiians are talking of tapping a volcano there and using the lava to build a needed breakwater. Nature may do things from the grandeur standpoint, but man is beginning to see the business end in her awe-inspiring sublimity.

For many years now the people of Putney, near London, have been accustomed to see Mr. Swinburne leave his home, The Pines, at the same hour every day for his "constitutional." He returns from his walk the same time every day. So punctual is he in leaving his residence and returning to it that watches might be set by him. The poet's walk is always to the same spot on the beach.

The editor of the Museum Gazette of London has made an attempt to estimate the length of time man has inhabited Great Britain. He allows 250,000 years. The period seems long, but the tendency of late has been to extend it, so that the historic period of some 2,000 years in Britain is a small fraction of man's existence here, as the whole human epoch is a small fraction of the world's history.

Two German aeronauts have accomplished the feat of traveling from Berlin to Leicestershire in England by balloon, a distance of 812 miles, in just 19 hours. This recalls the world's balloon long-distance record of 1250 miles achieved by Count de la Vaux in 1900 in a journey from Paris to Kiev, in Russia, but it doesn't make it sure that Walter Wellman will reach the pole.

A good many housekeepers will be interested in the fact that Franklin Square house since it opened a little less than five years ago has accommodated 11,462 young women, whom have been served approximately 1,550,000 meals; also in the statement that the meals to all permanent residents have cost a trifle more than 14 cents each. To furnish good meals at that price under present conditions, says Boston Globe, requires good management.

Europe sometimes overwhelms her American child with blessings. One week's shower of English periodicals contains the declarations that the American army is the most intelligent, highly trained and best equipped in the world, and that the American woman is better read and more cultivated than the English woman of corresponding class. These things are pleasant to read, but it will be well to offset them with the warning of a German critic who has lived among us, that the prevailing culture of our men is very low, that we leave the high and fine things of life too much to our women.

Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, wife of the New York traction millionaire, has so much charity work in hand that she has a private office and staff of clerks and stenographers. She has given away about \$4,000,000 in building hospitals, convents, schools and churches.

"The best that can be said about automobiles," remarks the Charleston News, "is that they will stand still without being hitched." But the trouble is that too often they persist in standing still when they ought to get a move on.

The abdication of the czar has been announced as probable ever since he became the "little father," but he, nevertheless, seems to be hanging on to his job quite persistently. Perhaps he needs it to support his family, poor fellow, for none of his royal relations seemed to be inclined to take him in.

Among the wonderful jewels worn by Englishwomen is a weird necklace 3,000 years old, taken from an Egyptian mummy and presented to Mrs. St. John Brodrick at a wedding gift by Sir John Scott Murray.

# IOWA STATE NEWS

Events of Recent Occurrence Throughout the Commonwealth.

## PROMINENT MAN INDICTED.

**W. G. Clark of Centerville Under Serious Charges.**  
Centerville.—The Appanoose county grand jury has returned four indictments against one of its most prominent business men, W. G. Clark of the Clark & Peatman Investment company, charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses, and securing signatures to written instruments under false pretenses.

The indictments created a sensation here when they were announced, both because of the prominence of Clark and his partner, W. M. Peatman, and because of the long series of alleged frauds that were disclosed by the evidence taken in the grand jury room. Peatman is not now a resident of Centerville, having gone to Oregon about a year ago.

Clark alleged frauds were conducted through misrepresentations as to the amount of incumbrance of property on which loans were secured and the falsifications of abstracts and other evidences of the official records. One instance furnished an index of the character of numerous alleged cases of fraud.

Clark secured some time ago a loan of \$600 from the school fund on property which he said was not incumbered. Clark presented abstracts and other documents to support his representations, but now it is disclosed that when the loan was made the specific property was part of a larger parcel of ground that was incumbered with \$7,000 in mortgages.

It is believed here that operations of this character extended over a long period, and that the amount of money advanced is a large sum. It is now known that the liabilities of the company are in the neighborhood of \$150,000, while the assets are uncertain.

Whether or not Peatman, the absent member of the company, was concerned in the transactions was not disclosed by the authorities.

## HOPES TO FREE THOMAS.

**Mother Claims to Have Discovered New Evidence.**

Des Moines.—Mrs. J. N. Thomas announces that she has secured evidence through her own efforts as a detective and with the help of former Policeman Thompson which will, she claims, result in the conviction of the murderer of her son. She will go before the grand jury with the evidence. She has already talked the matter over with County Attorney De Graff and Detective E. E. Johnson. She believes that when her evidence is made public it will cause a tremor in the foundations of the County Attorney. De Graff refused to make any statement further than that he will make an investigation of the evidence Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Thompson claim to have secured. It was announced that Attorney Walter McHenry asked for a continuance of the recent hearing in the supreme court. The lawyers, detectives and Mrs. Thomas decline to divulge the nature of the new evidence. Mrs. Thomas last week sent word to her son Charles that he must be of good cheer as he would soon be out again.

## COUNTY CLERK IN TROUBLE.

**Clerk Arrested for Passing Worthless Checks.**

Burlington.—B. P. Ogden, county clerk of Linn county, was arrested here for presenting two worthless checks for \$20 apiece to Gue Garolins, a gambler. He settled the matter and was released. Ogden has been coming to Burlington regularly and playing poker in local resorts. A few days ago he presented a check for \$20 on the Wapello Savings bank. Later he gave Garolins another check. The first check came back protested.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Ogden. He was captured in Smith & Dalton's gambling house and attempted to escape when taken to the police station. He is about 50 years old and has a wife and grown-up family of sons. He sings in the Presbyterian church choir and has been leading a dual life for several years. He is serving a second term as clerk.

## Chicken Mystery.

Iowa Falls.—Iowa Falls has marvelled for weeks at the poor results in the spring chicken crop, but the mystery has at last been solved. The park commissioners have been using a large amount of manure in making the Ellsworth river drive and it is claimed that the jar and shock has affected the hatching of the eggs. If sundry housewives could prove their claims that a lot of damage suits the board of park commissioners would face an account of damage to "spring fries."

## Falls From Tree; is Paralyzed.

Humboldt.—Clyde Coyle, the 19-year-old son of Judge D. F. Coyle, fell from a tree and sustained injuries which have resulted in almost complete paralysis. At the time of the accident he was chopping a limb from a tree near the house and losing his balance, fell 12 or 15 feet and struck on his back, the force of the fall being received in the shoulders. The doctors cannot tell as yet whether the paralysis will be permanent or how serious the injuries will prove.

## Miner is Ground to Death.

Albia.—Ernest Miller, a miner employed at the Hocking colliery, was crushed to death while handling box-car loaders. Noticing that one of the chutes which carries the loaders was closed he reached in to unfasten it, when his clothing became entangled. He was drawn in between the loader and the shaft house and horribly mangled. He cried for help, but died on being taken out. His neck and shoulders were broken.

## Banker Barlow Acquitted.

Mason City.—Banker Barlow of the defunct Bank of Thornton, is county, was acquitted of the charge of fraudulent acts in connection with the failure. The trial has occupied the district court of this county for several days. It took only one hour for the jury to express its opinion.

## THEY FIND BIG PEAT FIELDS.

**The Town of Fertile Claims Deposits of Remarkable Value.**

Mason City.—Fertile, a small town northwest of this city about twelve miles, has suddenly bounded into prominence over the discovery that it has the most wonderful and valuable peat bed in the world. Carl G. Kleinstick of Kalamazoo, Mich., paid a visit to the scene of the bog, in company with local capitalists with a view of passing upon the quality of the peat. He pronounced it excellent.

"It is the finest peat I have ever seen, and I have visited all the peat beds of Germany and Canada," said Mr. Kleinstick. He was very enthusiastic over the deposit.

Several tests were made, and it was found that the layer of peat lies from twenty to forty feet in depth and covers an extent of between 700 and 800 acres. It has never been seriously examined by any one, though that peat was there has been known for years. The supply is practically inexhaustible was the inference of Kleinstick, and there is a movement now to incorporate a company and start the process of excavation.

Mr. Kleinstick is a peat expert and was brought here by those interested in the peat to make a test.

## CROWE FREED ONCE MORE.

**Famous Character Announces Return to Stage.**

Council Bluffs.—Pat Crowe has again been acquitted by a jury of the charge of murdering George Pat on a charge of poisoning. Pat on a charge of poisoning, with the assistance of a pal, held up the crews of two Omaha and Council Bluffs street cars and robbed them, found that he did not do it. Three hours after the case was given to the jury they reported their verdict.

Mr. Crowe accepted the judgment of the jury much as a matter of course, though he was secretly relieved. This disposes of the last criminal charge against Pat Crowe and he is free to pursue and capture the new and higher life which he declares he is now striving for. He plans to return to the stage, the vaudeville this time.

## PRINTER SUICIDES.

**Kills Self in Register and Leader Editorial Rooms.**

Des Moines.—Thomas M. Hughes, a printer in the city since 1891, walked into the editorial rooms at the Register and Leader office, sat down in a chair at the telegraph editor's desk and calmly blew out his brains with a .38 caliber revolver.

Constant brooding over a murder which he committed in Salt Lake City seven years ago and for which he was acquitted had also preyed upon his mind and doubtless contributed to the causes which brought about the suicide.

## GRAND JURY IN PROBE.

**Hearing Evidence in Seymour Case at Corydon.**

Corydon.—The Wayne county grand jury has taken its sessions and the first work taken up was an investigation into the affairs of the wrecked Farmers and Drivers bank of Seymour. Bank Examiner Winsor and Receiver Bird Fry were called before the body and submitted the evidence gathered from the probe of the institution. A number of depositors were also examined. LeRoy Ware, cashier of the bank, was not able to attend, owing to his illness. Sheriff Merritt, who is still guarding him, and the attending physician, said he would appear before the grand jury. His condition is about the same with a slight improvement noted.

## CONGER IS LAID TO REST.

**Men Prominent in Country's Service are Pallbearers.**

Pasadena, Cal.—With impressive ceremony the services of the late Edwin Hurd Conger, who died Saturday afternoon, were held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at his late residence, 105 South El Molino avenue.

Legations of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and of the Grand Army of the Republic, which organizations Mr. Conger was a member, attended the services in a body. Honorary pallbearers were Lieut. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, Gov. O. H. La Grange of the Soldiers' home, Gen. H. G. Otis, Gen. W. L. Alexander, ex Gov. John L. Beveridge of Illinois.

## Baby Falls on Hot Stove.

Mason City.—While in the garden on an errand, the baby of Mrs. George Elder tipped over in its chair, which was left standing near a hot stove, throwing the little fellow on the hot surface. Mrs. Elder hearing the screams ran to the rescue. The child was most seriously burned, as its face was flat on the stove. It is thought he may survive, but will be marked for life. The family live in the country near this city.

## Banter Drove to Suicide.

Grinnell.—Because he was twitted by his companions in his unsuccessful suit in winning Miss Libby Adkins, John Miller, a young farmer living two miles northeast from here, committed suicide by hanging himself from the rafters of the barn. He had been at church and the boys engaged him by teasing him on the hostile attitude of the young lady's father. He drove home, turned the horses loose and used the reins for a noose.

## Farmer Killed by Lightning Stroke.

Moyle.—Charles Gifford, a farmer, while engaged in milking a cow in his barn during an electrical storm, was instantly killed by a stroke of lightning. The cow was split wide open and fell on Gifford. The barn and all the contents were consumed, causing a loss of \$4,500. Mr. Gifford was thirty years of age and leaves a wife and two small children.

# E. H. CONGER DEAD

IOWA MAN DIES AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA.

WAS IN BED SEVERAL WEEKS

Was Long Prominent in the Affairs of the State of Iowa and the Nation.

**Edwin Hurd Conger:**  
Born Knox county, Illinois, March 7, 1843.  
Educated Lombard university, class 1862.

Enlisted Company I, One Hundred and Second Illinois Infantry. Promoted captain, brevetted major. Graduated from Albany law school, class 1866.

Practiced law at Galesburg, 1866-'68. Married Miss Sarah J. Pike of Ohio, 1868.

Located south of Dexter, Iowa, in Madison county, 1868.

Member Madison county board of supervisors, 1870.

Engaged in banking at Dexter and Stuart until 1878.

Treasurer of Dallas county, 1878-'81.

Treasurer of state of Iowa, 1882-'85.

Member of congress from Seventh district, 1885-'91.

Minister to Brazil, 1891-'95.

In business in Des Moines, 1895-'97.

Minister to Brazil, 1897-'99.

Minister to Mexico, 1899-1905.

Did at Pasadena, Cal., May 18, 1907.

Pasadena, Cal., May 18.—Edwin Hurd Conger, former United States minister to Brazil, China and Mexico, died yesterday, succumbing to the attack of dysentery which had confined him to his bed for several weeks. This disease he originally had contracted during the civil war.

He is survived by Mrs. Conger and their daughter, Laura, the wife of Lieut. Fred Buchanan of the regular army, who is stationed at Manila. At his bedside at death was Willard Pierce of Des Moines, a nephew, and his only living relative in that city.

Major Conger was a native of Illinois and he had not finished college yet when he joined the 101st Illinois infantry and went to the front. He was a captain and was brevetted major. Then he studied law at the Albany law school and returning to Illinois, practiced at Galesburg. In 1868 he came to Iowa locating in Madison county near Dexter where he conducted a large farm. Later he moved to Dexter and engaged in banking. In 1887 he was elected county treasurer of Dallas county and moved to Adel. Here he remained four years when he was elected state treasurer and served two terms. At that time he returned to Des Moines. Then he was elected to represent the seventh district in congress for two terms, and while in congress he took a prominent part in important tariff and currency legislation.

It was while serving in the Fifty-first congress that Major Conger was offered by President Harrison the position of United States minister to Brazil. He served with eminent success in this post and returned home when administrations changed. When President McKinley was fairly settled in office he offered Major Conger the post of minister to Brazil again, and he went to Rio. At the same time he had been offered the post of minister to Mexico, but he declined it. At the same time he had been offered the post of minister to Mexico, but he declined it.

He might need him for a more important post, and when it became evident that troublous times were ahead in

the Orient, President McKinley sent Major Conger to Pekin to represent the United States. He was reluctant to go, because he learned to love Rio, and he realized the difficulties ahead, but he was a good soldier and obeyed the word of command.

It was in Pekin that the splendid courage of Major Conger manifested itself. He refused to leave the situation with great tact and when the "boxer" crisis came on Major Conger was virtually in command of the beleaguered legation perched up in a compound in the great city of anarchy. When it was first learned that the legation was surrounded there was talk of having a special commissioner sent to handle the situation, but the president had supreme confidence in Major Conger and kept him in command, and later when the army and navy came into the game Major Conger still retained his command, and he was the only man who was not shot.

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# WHAT! AGAIN?



**JUDGE FINES DESK TRUST**  
COMBINE PUNISHED FOR CRUSHING COMPETITION.  
Sum of \$28,000 Assessed by Landis at Chicago for Alleged Violation of Law.

Chicago.—Fines aggregating \$28,000 as a means of smashing a trust were used by Judge K. M. Landis in the United States district court here Monday, when Frederick A. Holbrook and 12 church and school furniture companies were punished for stifling competition. The court action was a bomb in the government anti-trust crusade and brought consternation to the trust officials.

Holbrook, who was indicted as the moving spirit of the furniture trust, was fined \$5,000, the maximum penalty. The American Seating company and the A. H. Andrews company, which were the principal corporations in the combine, were fined \$5,000 each, while the other nine companies were given fines from \$500 to \$2,000.

In imposing the fines Judge Landis scored the officials of the companies for the methods they used and declared the legal punishment is inadequate. He delivered a scathing denunciation of the trust conspiracy by which, it was shown in the grand jury proceedings, churches, schools and theaters were mulcted by the trust prices for furniture to the extent of thousands of dollars annually.

The American Seating company and the A. H. Andrews company are Chicago corporations, and were the largest companies in the combine. Through the conspiracy, operated as the Prudential club, the prices for furniture was maintained, straw bids were made to insure distribution of the business and the profits were divided among the corporations in the trust. Holbrook was the agent of the government as the chief conspirator.

Pleas of poverty by the smaller corporations resulted in leniency by the court. Judge Landis imposed the fines after hearing the pleas of guilty of the companies and testimony of some of the principal officials. The E. H. Stafford company, of Chicago, has filed a demurrer to the indictment and is the only company which will fight the case in court.

## END TEMPERANCE FIGHT.

**Presbyterians Adopt Resolutions Approving Anti-Saloon League.**

Columbus, O.—Following two hours of exciting debate, which, at times became acrimonious and verged upon personalities, the Presbyterian general assembly Wednesday at the close of one of the liveliest sessions in its history adopted without a dissenting vote resolutions declaring as its policy that the permanent committee on temperance shall not embark upon or interfere in political work and endorsing the American Anti-Saloon League as a "safe, sane and effective organization in the great cause of temperance," and pledging to it the fullest cooperation "consistent with the constitution of the church."

## Lutherans in Session.

Sunbury, Pa.—The forty-third annual convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church of the United States convened in Zion Lutheran church Wednesday night. All the incoming trains brought crowds of delegates and visitors and the various committees were kept busy assisting them to their respective places of entertainment.

## Wheat Passes \$1.05.

Chicago.—Amid the wildest scene presented on the Chicago Board of Trade at its opening Wednesday December wheat took the biggest jump in the present campaign. It soared 5 1/2 cents over the dollar mark at the very opening of the pit. The panic in the pit was almost terrifying to witnesses. The buying orders from all over the country were pouring in by the thousands and the prices of wheat for July and September, as well as for December, kept above the one dollar mark. No May wheat was sold.

## Injured in Wreck.

Cincinnati.—Two persons were dangerously injured and 20 others slightly hurt Wednesday afternoon when the Chesapeake & Ohio flyer was wrecked at Lawrence creek, the sleeper being thrown into the ditch by the bucking of the track under it. The accident occurred between Broshers and South Ripley, Ky., and help was at once sent from these and other nearby towns and within two hours all the injured had been removed from the scene of the wreck and on their way to Maysville and Cincinnati.

## Superman Wins Brooklyn Handicap.

New York.—Superman, the three-year-old colt of James R. Keene's stable, won the Brooklyn handicap Monday, covering the distance of one mile and a quarter in 2:09, beating Beacon Light, who was second, by a length. Nealon took third money.

## Buffalo Freight Handiers Out.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Nearly 2,000 freight handiers on the docks here quit work Monday, demanding an increase of wages from 17 1/2 to 20 cents an hour.

# BOAT BURNS; FIVE DIE

STEAMER NAOMI TAKES FIRE MIDLAKE.

ONE PASSENGER VICTIM

Four Coal Passers Penned in Flames Below Deck—Captain Last to Leave Vessel—Loss is \$225,000.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Four passengers perished and one passenger, M. Rhoades of Detroit, was burned fatally when the Crosby line steamer Naomi, formerly the Wisconsin, was destroyed by fire in the middle of Lake Michigan. Rhoades died in hospital here. Fifty passengers and all the crew except the four coal passers were taken off in small boats by the freighter Kerr, the steamer Stratford and the Naomi's sister ship the Kansas, which was en route from Milwaukee to Grand Haven.

Loss Will Be \$225,000.  
The loss on the Naomi, which was in command of Capt. Thomas Traill, is estimated at \$225,000.

The fire started near the kitchen between decks, and spread so rapidly that the whole ship was a seething furnace before the crew could get the fire apparatus working.

Fire swept the whole length of the ship and the upper works burned like tinder. It is considered miraculous that the passengers all escaped, many were taken off in their night clothes, while scarcely any one was more than partially clad.

The fire was not discovered by any of the Naomi's crew, but was seen first by the lookout on the steamer Kansas, which was proceeding in the opposite direction from Milwaukee to Grand Haven. The Kansas made directly for the Naomi and meanwhile the passengers of the ill-fated boat were being awakened.

Capt. Traill was the last man to leave the steamer alive and his clothing was almost burned off him. The four coal passers who perished were below in their bunks and are believed to have been penned there by the flames. They are thought to have shipped from Milwaukee.

It is said by the passengers that the screams of the men trapped in the hold were heard, but that it was impossible to reach them.

Charred Bodies Found.  
Grand Haven, Mich.—The burned bodies of the four missing coal passers were found in the forecastle of the Naomi when the bulk was boarded here. They were not able to make their way to the ballast tank.

## JUDGE ENJOINS PICKETING.

**Sweeping Decision Against Union Rendered at Milwaukee.**

Milwaukee.—A sweeping decision against union picketing was rendered Monday by Judge A. L. Sanborn of the United States district court in the case of the Allis-Chalmers company against the striking union molders. The strike began about a year ago and last fall Judge Quarles issued a temporary injunction restraining the unions from interfering with non-union workmen and with the business of the company. Later Judge Sanborn convicted several union men for contempt in violating the injunction, and suspended sentence as to the greater number of them, 20 or more. Now he makes the injunction permanent and so sweeping in its provisions that concerted picketing will be practically impossible.

## ILLINOIS VETERANS MEET.

**Col. Matthews Elected Commander at Decatur Gathering.**

Decatur, Ill.—Six thousand visitors were in Decatur on account of the meeting of the department of Illinois Grand Army of the Republic and six affiliated organizations. The business sessions Wednesday were chiefly occupied with reports of officers. In the afternoon a parade was held, with 18 visiting posts and many bands and drum corps in line, 4,000 men in all. Col. A. C. Matthews, of Pittsfield, was elected department commander without opposition. Quincy was chosen as the next meeting place. Mrs. Anna B. Tuck, of Plymouth, was elected department commander of the Women's Relief Corps and W. C. Creighton, of Champaign, was elected commander of the Sons of Veterans.

## Jury Disagrees.

St. Paul, Minn.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Fargo, N. D., says: After being out more than 94 hours the jury which has been trying Mrs. Laura Cramer, charged with ordering her son, a mere boy, to shoot and kill her husband, Fred Cramer, at Page, N. D., Feb. 14 last, disagreed late Wednesday afternoon. This is his longest time on record that a jury has remained out without reaching a verdict. Two other juries have disagreed while considering the case.

## Frost Damages Fruit in Ohio.

Cleveland.—At points in northern Ohio the temperature fell to below 33 degrees above zero Monday night. Cloudy skies generally prevented much damage to crops by frost, although in some localities great destruction is reported.

## Selection of Lands Approved.

Washington.—The secretary of the interior approved the selection of 123,348 acres of land selected by the state of Colorado in lieu of school lands otherwise disposed of.

## Goets to Prison in an Auto.

New York.—In a big touring car Abraham Hummel left his home in East Harlem second street Monday to go to Blackwell's Island to serve a year in the penitentiary for conspiracy in the Dodge-Morse divorce case.

## Pat Crowe on Trial.

Council Bluffs, Ia.—Pat Crowe, the kidnaper, was Monday placed on trial on a charge of holding up and robbing two street cars on the night of July 4, 1905. Crowe has pleaded not guilty to the indictment.

MINNEAPOLIS BUDGETARIAN.

can see if not feel some indications of spring.

seems as though death is in our air as it is on the right.

left. This time we regret very much to announce the death of Mrs. Wright who passed away last Friday night May 16th at her home 1212 Twelfth Avenue So.

away from home in Dakota when she was brought home just a few days before she died.

her funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock conducted by pastor Rev. Wade assisted by Rev. S. Graves of St. Paul and Rev. Will. She leaves to mourn her loss an only daughter Mrs. Gardner, two devoted sons, Geo. Morton of Des Moines and Mrs. Lizzie Wilson of Colfax, Iowa also a host of friends.

Peace to her ashes. Our correspondent has been somewhat indisposed the past week, but is now back of duty once more.

James E. Combs of Chicago is in the city to remain indefinitely. He is stopping with his Aunt Mrs. Geo. H. Wade. The Royal Legion of Labor held its monthly meeting at St. Peter's church Sunday afternoon.

GALESBURG, ILL., NEWS.

Mr. Chas. Davis is confined to his home by sickness. Mrs. Violet Stephens who was called to this city by the death of her grandmother, Mrs. T. Collins, has returned to her home in Chicago.

Mr. Baxter Harmen has returned from a visit in Peoria. Mrs. Payton of Chicago gave an interesting talk on missionary work Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church. Miss Bertha Bates of Davenport, Ia., has arrived in Galesburg for a visit with her grandfather, Mr. William Elsey.

Mrs. Jesse Hazle Jr. left Sunday evening to attend the convention. The Ladies Improved Sewing Circle will serve a coffee Thursday evening at the residence of Miss Ruby Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Patterson of Iowa City arrived in town today and will make this city their future home. Mrs. Wm. Taylor Sr. of Rock Island departed Saturday for Elgin to visit her daughter Mrs. Grace Remington.

The annual sermon of the Eastern Star Order will be held the first Sunday in June at the Second Baptist church. Messrs Chas. Golden and Burris also Mrs. Anna Leeper Morgan were baptised Sunday morning by Rev. Cotrell of the A. M. E. church.

Miss Polena Bass. Can again see after being almost blind for 15 years. Her case is an interesting one and has attracted much attention among the Doctors of Optics of Des Moines and throughout the state.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 17, 1904. For more than fifteen years and up till about one year ago, I was almost blind; so much so that I was not safe in walking the streets alone, to say nothing of being unable to read and work.

I doctored for granulated eyes, ulcers, nearsightedness, astigmatism and many other eye diseases until at last my eyes got so dim and inflamed from the use of poisonous remedies and imperfectly fitted glasses that I think in a short time I would have gone entirely blind. But my eyesight has again returned. I can today read ordinary print and do my work without any difficulty, and had it not been for the skill of Dr. Lew Arntz in prescribing glasses for me, I think I never would have gotten any help.

My eyes were steadily growing stronger and they are now not far from normal. The eye-washes, which were entirely burned off by poisonous remedies, have grown out again and are altogether normal. POLENA BASS. 825 Sixth avenue, city.

Foolish Question. A magazine writer asks: "Why do men wear suspenders?" Well, in our case, old chap, they feel a whole lot better than a rope.

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There is probably no medicine made that is relied upon with more implicit confidence than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. During the third of a century in which it has been in use, people have learned that it is the one remedy that never fails. When reduced with water and sweetened it is pleasant to take. For sale by all druggists.

CLINTON HAPPENINGS. Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. Presiding Elder Phillips was present at the afternoon and evening services. At the latter service the Elder delivered a very high interesting discourse.

Mrs. J. H. Sayles and grand-daughter Josephine left for Minneapolis and other northern points last week where they will visit awhile. Mrs. S. C. Smith is visiting in Waterloo for an indefinite time.

Miss May Taylor is at home for the summer vacation from school duties in Buxton. The Misses Estella Bush and Clara Chandler will give a concert at the G. A. R. Hall Wednesday evening of this week. They will be assisted by some of the best local talent of the city.

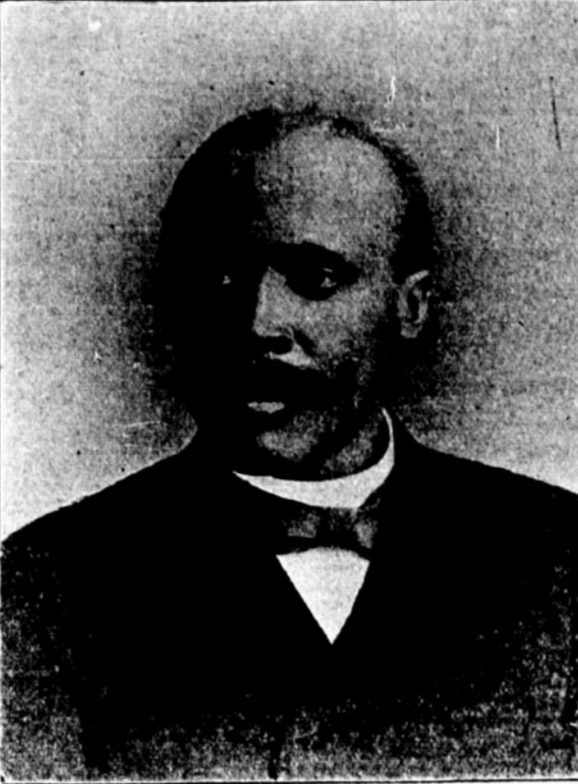
Once more we call your attention to your indebtedness to the Bystander; some of you are considerably behind. We expect a liberal payment when we call on you in the near future. We have been patient and lenient with you for a long time, and now we ask you kindly to make an effort to pay your indebtedness.

Hartwell Parm an old resident of this city passed away last Sunday. The ladies who will attend the Federation of Women's clubs next week in Keokuk expect to leave the latter part of this week. Mrs. Emma Herron left last week for Chicago where she will take a course in hair dressing and other branches of the art.

Sore Nipples. Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by all druggists.

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J. H. SHEPARD.

The subject of this sketch is without a doubt one of the best known and most reliable and influential men among the race in our city, born in Missouri in 1854,



WEST WALNUT STREET.

ing at boyhood he came to Des Moines forty years ago, where he has since lived. He is a great church worker, was active in the A. M. E. church for twenty years, was sent as delegate to the general conference in Columbus, Ohio, was Sunday school superintendent ten years; he was one of the organizers of the Union Congregational church; was its S. S. superintendent, and is now president of the trustee Board; an active Mason, having held many Grand honors; was the youngest Grand Master in Iowa, and is now chairman of committee on Foreign correspondence; is business manager of the Iowa State Bystander Company.

Proving His Power. "He makes me so angry," remarks Miss Bute; "he's forever remarking to me that 'beauty is only skin deep.'" "And when you get angry," remarks Miss Chellus, "it just shows him how thin-skinned you are!"—Stray Stories.

Hurts Flour Trade. The Chinese boycott is being felt by the flour men of California. Two years ago the Stockton mills were shipping 10,000 barrels a year to Chicago. Now they are shipping only 4,000.

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First African Baptist Church—corner of Tenth and Fourth streets. Rev. E. L. Lott, pastor. Preaching 11 a. m.; Sunday School 9:30 a. m.; Epworth League 7 p. m.; Sunday Prayer and Class meeting every Wednesday 8:30 p. m. J. M. Harris, pastor 846 11th St.

Maple Street Baptist Church—situated on E. Maple between Ninth and Tenth streets. Preaching 11 a. m.; Sunday School 9:30 a. m.; C. C. Cox Superintendent, Mrs. C. C. Cox, list Bible teacher; preaching 8 p. m. Rev. J. O. R. Wimbush, pastor.

SECRET ORDERS. North Star Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M.—Meets first Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall—North-west corner of Tenth and Center streets. John L. Thompson, W. M.; H. E. Jacobs, secretary.

Officers of the Iowa State Federation. President—Gertrude D. Culberson, 324 11th Avenue, Clinton, Iowa. Vice President—Belle Bannister, 2019 Morgan street, Keokuk, Iowa.

Grand Lodge Officers. W. H. Milligan, M. W. Grand Master, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Rural Route T. H. Sturgis, R. W. S. Grand Warden, Sioux City.

High Prices for Antiques. Old furniture collectors in this city have lately been driving prices higher and higher. The rage for Chippendale and Sheraton patterns of the finer lines is greater than ever. Chairs especially fetch astonishing prices. Even dealers are paying in some cases as much as \$50 for a single Chippendale chair of rare pattern, though it be out of repair. A collector in this city paid the other day \$275 for a Chippendale armchair. Chairs of less unusual pattern are sold every day for \$40, \$50 and \$100.—New York letter.

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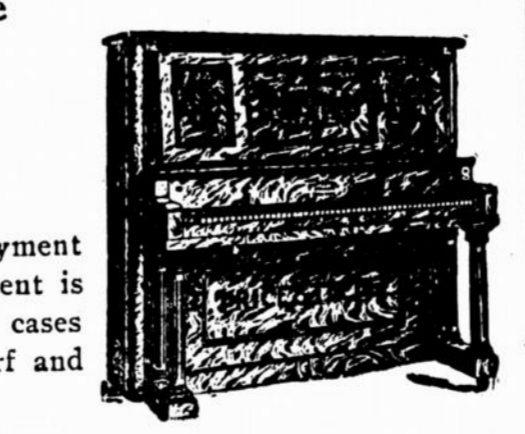
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# CITY NEWS.

(N. B. If you have relatives or friends visit in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us, we will call on your local news—2d.)

Mr. C. H. Richardson is on the sick list.

Remember the Bystander is now located over 203 Seventh street.

J. B. Rush made a business call at Enterprise this week.

The Iowa Woman's Convention convenes in Keokuk next Monday May 27.

Mrs. James Woods will attend the Iowa Woman's Federation in Keokuk next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Watkins are making improvement on their house on Zeline Avenue.

Rev. Porter is attending the annual state meeting of the Congregational Church at Grinnell this week.

Services at the Corinthian Baptist Church 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday, Rev. T. L. Griffith, Pastor.

Miss Beatrice Hicklin returned last Wednesday from St. Joseph, Mo. where she visited her old home.

The Bystander office is now located on the North-east corner of Seventh and Mulberry streets up stairs rooms 201 302.

Rev. Wm. Beckham, field Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board will be in the city Wednesday the 29th and will preach that evening.

Dr. Beckham is one of the leading men of our denomination and an able speaker and we bespeak for him a large audience.

Professor M. J. Gilliam of Buxton, Iowa who lectured at St. Paul's A. M. E. church Monday night the 20th was the guest of Mrs. Adam Dixon.

Mrs. Adam Dixon entertained at six o'clock breakfast Saturday morning Misses Susie and Veletta London of Buxton and Mrs. Mozee who were enroute to Colfax.

Mrs. Jane Koene who has been visiting her daughters Mesdames H. Gould and Al Smith will leave Monday for her home in Canton, Mo.

Don't forget the six o'clock dinner and literary programme to be given next Tuesday evening at Union Congregational church by the M. C. T. Club.

Mrs. S. E. Wilcox wife of the secretary of the Baptist State Convention will deliver an address under the auspices of the Missionary Society next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, all are cordially invited.

At the residence of Mrs. Minnie Neals 206 West Fourteenth streets Monday evening Rev. Griffith, H. B. Britt A. R. of Louisville, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bryant and Chas. Bryant and Miss D. Williams spent a pleasant afternoon at a six o'clock.

The following ladies will leave Monday morning for Keokuk to attend the Women's State Federation Club Mesdames Harrison Gould, S. Joe Brown, J. W. Fields and daughter Margarette, Miss Tibbith Mash and Mr. Oscar Glass.

Mrs. L. R. Palmer was selected as a delegate to the Women's State Federation of the H. B. S. Club yesterday. She will leave Saturday for the gate city; after the convention is over she will go to Burlington to spend Decoration Day.

The Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. Rachel Jefferson last Friday about twenty people responded to their names. Rev. Roy C. Butler of Syracuse, New York made a splendid talk to the club, after which a two course lunch was served. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Eva Smith on Fourth and Ascension streets.

Our Des Moines Base Ball team will return home to-day and play with Omaha O'Roke man from Omaha until Monday then comes the Docklins from Leola for a four days game and last of these home games is Denver the first four days of June. Admission only 25 cents.

The special Christian Endeavor programme given last Sunday evening at Union Congregational church was very interesting. The ladies quartet composed of the Misses Pearl Hammitt, Sophia Hookaday, Minnie Morris and Jesse Bell was good, also the duet by Lettie Carey and Iona Wilson. The subject for next Sunday evening is Home Mission, the public is invited.

The M. C. T. Club will give a dinner and programme at the Union Congregational church Tuesday May 24 at 6:30 o'clock. Admission 25 cents. Programme Innovation, Rev. H. W. Porter Instrumental Solo, Miss Bertha Allen; Toast, Mr. M. L. Mackay; Solo, Miss Lillian Fields; Reading Mrs. Chas. Turner; Prophecy of the club, Mr. A. Tillary; Solo Miss Marie Bell; Address, Mr. Thornton Graves.

The Intellectual Improvement club met last week with Mrs. H. W. Hughes at 1426 West Twenty-Sixth street and were favored with an eloquent address from Miss Lydia Lockridge A. B. of the State University, of Kansas now

one of the teachers in the public school of Buxton and who is however a member of the club. Miss Lockridge address was filled with helpful suggestions and was highly appreciated by the members present. Miss Bernice Crosby was elected to membership and a delectable repast was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Chas. Cousin East Sixteenth and Lyon streets this afternoon.

The Des Moines Negro Lyceum Association met at the residence of Attorney and Mrs. S. Joe Brown Tuesday evening and spent the evening in the discussion of the American Negro Woman and Miss Francis Walker the Vice-president read a splendid paper on "The Possibilities of the American Negro Woman," the next meeting will be held at the residence of Miss Walker 1953 East Lyon street, at which the life and character of Abraham Lincoln will be discussed.

The Local Afro-American Council will celebrate Memorial Day with appropriate exercises at St. Paul's A. M. E. church next Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Attorney Geo. H. Woodson of Oskaloosa president of the State Council will be present and deliver the principal address. J. Clifford Williams will read Dunbar's Memorial Day Ode; Miss Bessie Reeves will deliver Lincoln's Gettysburg address. St. Paul's choir will sing, the general public are cordially invited to attend by order of S. Joe Brown, President, Mrs. W. H. Warricks, Secretary.

The Sunday School Concert given by the children of Union Congregational church last Tuesday evening was a great success, the attendance was large and the programme was far beyond the expectation of all. The May poll drill by the little primary class was fine and showed that Mrs. Chas. Turner was a good instructor. The Rainbow drill by the young Misses was perfect, the vocal solo by Miss Ethel Stewart was well rendered also the recitation by Miss Blanch Lewis; little Beatrice Turner and Lillian Russ recited well. The address of Mr. Thornton Graves on his experience of eight years in the Philippine Islands was extraordinary fine and interesting. Hiawatha was excellently rendered by Miss Ada Hyde; the tableau in the Indian tent with Indian costumes pleased the audience; Topsy Turvey and the closing song brought the applause of all. The recitation of Paul Lawrence Dunbar poems by J. C. Williams was good. This was perhaps the best Sunday School Concert ever given in the city.

## EDITORIALS.

### BUILDING A RACE.

Fifty years ago there was scarcely a single colored person in the city of Des Moines, and not one owned an inch of real estate. In fact it was against the law of the land for them to read, write or even own property, for they themselves were chattels, therefore in less than half a century ago we came to Des Moines, a stranger, with no money, no education, no experience, and settled here to enter the great human struggle in the battle for the bread of life. Among the shrewdest and best business men of the Anglo Saxon and yet we have increased our population from nothing to 3,400 colored people in our city. We have purchased real-estate until fully 400 families are owning their homes. There are four colored men alone whose property holdings are estimated to be worth \$85,000. One man last year paid over \$500 taxes. One man who recently moved to our city owns nearly 2,000 acres of valuable South Dakota land in the natural gas belt.

There are hundreds and hundreds of our race slowly, but surely toiling upward and onward, even though their earnings may be small, they are saving a little. As I said a half century ago we had no church or society here, but now we have six church buildings, and all a credit to the city. We have Sunday Schools, literary, Christians Endeavor societies Men's League and numerous secret societies; also Women's Clubs and business organization. We have one organization of life insurance, one real estate company, one blacksmith, two linotype compositors, one job printing office, five type setters, ten barber shops owned by colored men, four restaurants, one newspaper, four colored lawyers, two colored doctors, four gardeners, who sell vegetables, two stenographers, one dentist, one contractor and builder, four paper-hangers, two painters, one pipe and tile maker, four stationary engineers, one civil engineer, one palmist teacher, one employment agency, two city patrolmen, two mail carriers, three on the fire department, one court bailiff, one electric carpet dusting company, four janitors at court house, three janitors in West Des Moines school houses,

one janitor and one messenger at the state house, one janitor at city hall, one depute county recorder.

Our High Schools, colleges and universities have turned out over forty graduates. Certainly this is a pretty good record for a race just beginning. There are just as good, honest, hardworking and law abiding, self sacrificing colored men and women in our city today as among any class.

With these encouraging signs of our race progress and race building, ought not we to be encouraged and go on to do even better in the next fifty years then we have in the first fifty years of our life in our beautiful city.

## JUDGE OUR RACE BY THE SAME TEST YOU JUDGE OTHERS.

How often do you hear the remark or see an article that the Negro is not progressing or not meeting my expectations than those same people will point you to some inferior colored man to prove their assertion that is not right, not fair, not justice. If you judge the white race you select some one who has made a mark. Like Roosevelt, Lincoln, Shakespeare, Bryant, Milton, or Emerson; they never point to a white man in the gutter or in the penitentiary. Why not select the best of the negro race and compare them in your judgment? Select such men as Booker T. Washington, Alex. Dumas, Richard T. Greener, DuBois, Bruce or Douglass. Then again, if a colored man commits larceny or steals a few dollars, or a few chickens, our whole race must bear the blame for the acts of that one. While on the other hand the white man robs trains, steal thousands of dollars from banks, and dozens of horses and you do not condemn the white race. Is this fair? Is this justice? A white clerk may steal from every bank in Des Moines, yet they put another in as clerk again; while if one colored man fails or steals you seem afraid to try another. Then again, my kind friends judge us us from the depths we have come rather than the heights we have reached. We only ask as any reasonable person can ask an equal chance in the race of life. Let merit and not color prevail. Open the doors of your offices and workshops free to him or her who is qualified.

### OUR CONDUCT.

It is indeed very necessary that the parents should teach their children good manners, civil conduct and a quiet disposition for many of our race and very noisy, uncouth, rough and boisterous, especially do they seem to be the worse when in public on the streets in stores or street cars, in depots you see our people making lots of unnecessary noise either by loud talking or laughing, this should be stopped, our parents, our teachers, our ministers and our leading public men should call a halt to this if it hurts the race as a whole; if the actions continue by some of our people as I have observed in our city, it is going to hurt us and very soon the restaurants and ice cream parlors will not want to serve us and we will be ready to say that it is our color when it was not but our own rough uncouth department; as I said last week by your actions and manners you are judged and your home life is known also your parents. We simply call attention to those things that we might see our faults and improve ourselves before it is too late; be kind, polite courteous honest punctual and use good manners and you will succeed.

### SOME FACTS WORTH KNOWING AND DOING.

Be a booster and not a knocker. Live a virtuous life and pay your debts. To-morrow may never come, do it to-day. Remember that a busy mind is God's mint, but the idle mind is the devil's work shop. Think twice before acting, then act well. It is the duty of every colored man and woman to subscribe and pay for the Iowa State Bystander. To-day the world is calling for men of knowledge, power and character to do the work of this world; are you prepared? Let us cultivate the friendship of our neighbors, use good manners, treat all fair.

The old ship of state is sailing on loaded down with cargo of humanity, are you on board?

We would like to received the subscription of 1,000 white people. Why not read our papers, we read yours.

Cease continually complaining about your burdens and injustices, push them aside and strive onward and upward.

The system of our city and state government is not faulty, but it is often the character of men you elect to run the government.

Let us all unite and do the right thing. Let justice, equality, honesty and brotherly love prevail and you will succeed and humanity will be advanced a notch higher.

## DES MOINES STATISTICS 1906.

- DES MOINES**
- Has 110 miles of paving (Brick and Asphalt)
  - Has 146 miles in its sewerage system.
  - Has 151 miles of curbing.
  - Has 112 miles of water mains.
  - Has 120 miles of gas mains. (dollar gas).
  - Has 96 miles of electric street railway tracks.
  - Has 750 acres of beautiful parks.
  - Has Interurban lines to the north, south, east and west.
  - Has 19 steam roads in and out of the city.
  - Has 94 churches—all denominations.
  - Has 49 schools, public and private.
  - Has 13 colleges and Technical schools.
  - Has 5,000 college population.
  - Has 28 hotels; ten of which are large and important.
  - Is the home of 44 Insurance Companies.
  - Has 6,000 insurance workers.
  - Has fully 250 important factories.
  - Supplies paving brick to other cities.
  - Has 6 Express and 2 Telegraph Companies.
  - Has 19 Banks, with twenty-five million deposits.
  - Entertains 80 Conventions annually.
  - Has 5 regular theatres and 3 vaudeville houses.
  - Has a great Chautauqua yearly.
  - Has a large Auditorium, seats 3,000.
  - Has three great daily newspapers.
  - Has 24 newspapers and periodicals.
  - Has 10 farm implement houses.
  - Has 10,000 telephones in use—2 systems.
  - Has Iowa State Fair every year.
  - Has cheap coal in abundance.
  - Has an immense jobbing trade.
  - Has many great retail stores.
  - Postoffice business is equal to that of any other city in the U. S. of twice its population.
  - Business transacted in Des Moines annually exceeds 80 millions, about as follows:
    - Manufacturing, including coal out put 20 Millions; Jobbing and Wholesale 40 Millions; Retail—all lines 25 Millions



REV. PORTER.

Few men there are who have come to our city and have made the record as has Rev. H. W. Porter, pastor of the Union Congregational church. He came here three years ago an entire stranger. Now both white and colored know, honor and respect him for his worth, his Christian manhood and his high ideals. He was born in Marietta, Ga., in 1875. After attending the public schools he entered Talladega College, where he graduated; then he went to Atlanta University in Atlanta, Ga., studying theology. Rev. Porter laid brick on that church for many months. He was just recently honored by being elected secretary of the State Congregational Association, which is in session in Grinnell this week. He is a ripe scholar and a great thinker and the world will yet hear from him.

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DR. J. DULIN

Perhaps no Negro in the city of Des Moines, has a more unique history than has the subject of this sketch. He was born in slavery about 1824. His grand-mother was a native African and his grand-father an Irishman.

He served his country during the war of the rebellion, after which he took up the study of medicine and completed a regular course in St. Louis, Missouri but until recently, has divided his time between preaching the gospel and practicing medicine, during which time he built and pastored some of the largest Baptist churches in the country.

He came to the state of Iowa in 1881, and to the city of Des Moines about twenty-two years ago, and was formerly pastor of the "East Side Baptist," and Moderator of the Iowa Baptist Association. But his fame as a healer of diseases so rapidly, and his practice grew so extensive that he was compelled to give up active pastoral work, and at present devotes his entire time to his practice, which is almost entirely among those of the Caucasian race, who come from every state in the Union to consult and receive treatment from this remarkable physician. During his residence in Des Moines he has accumulated property to the value of over \$6,000, including a lovely residence and Sanitarium at 1610 East Walnut street. The Doctor contributes much of his success to the kindly assistance of his devoted wife Mrs. Mary Dulin with whom he has lived happily for more than half a century. He has been a mason for more than fifty years; has a carriage and driver, and is a credit to our race, for he is full of work for the race.



REV. HARRIS.

The above is a true likeness of the pastorate of the Rev. James M. Harris, D. D., who has recently been assigned to the pastorate of Burns M. E. church. While the Reverend has only been here a short time he has impressed the people that he is a ripe scholar, high minded Christian man and a deep thinker. He was born in Missouri in 1875, attended the public schools, then the Lincoln University at Jefferson City, then entered Baker University at Baldwin, Kan., graduated with distinction in 1898, then entered the

Gannon School of Theology at Atlanta, Ga., graduated in 1900, receiving the degree of M. A. L. and in 1901 the degree of D. D. His first church was at Fulton, Mo., then to Kansas City, and was there five years. He built one of the finest stone churches in the state. He is high in the Masonic circles, past master of Chapter and Commandary. He is an eloquent and able speaker and no doubt will reflect great credit to the dignity of the city ministry. It is a pleasure to meet his active and interesting wife and family.

### BURNS M. E. CHURCH.

The Burns M. E. church, corner Twelfth and Crocker streets, under the pastorate of the Rev. James M. Harris, D. D., was one of the first churches established among the colored people of Des Moines, formerly located on the East Side. The present structure was built under the pastorate of Rev. O. A. Johnson at the cost of about \$1,500. The church, parsonage and grounds are valued at \$2,500. This church is blessed in having the support of some of the best white citizens of the city, among which are Mr. C. C. Crowell, one of the leading business men, and Mr. T. A. Ray, of the Center Coal Mining Co., as trustees. It will be remembered that this church is a branch of the Methodist Episcopal church, which has been one of the great agencies in helping the colored people in the south land. There it has erected and maintains twenty-six colleges and universities for the educating of colored

people alone. Of the colleges and universities ten have colored presidents receiving a salary from \$1,000 to \$3,500.

Gannon School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga., of which the Rev. J. W. E. Brown, Ph. D., D. D., is president, is the largest school of theology in the world. More than two-thirds of the colored ministers of the south receive their instructions at this institution. It is also said one-half of the colored physicians of the south receive their medical training at the Maharry's Medical School, Nashville, Tenn.

In this church there is one colored bishop and eleven general officers and one colored editor receiving from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per year.

This church has done and is doing much for the solution of the great race problem. The Burns church of this city is only a component of this great church.

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W. M. HUBBARD.

The subject of this sketch is one of the progressive and successful business men. Walter M. Hubbard was born in South Carolina in 1857, attended the common schools there and later entered the Alcorn College, Mississippi. He came to our city about fifteen years ago, entering the tonorial business. He owns a neat up-to-date shop on Sixth avenue and State street. He owns some more valuable Sixth avenue real estate. His industrious wife is a very successful cateress and is having more work than she can do. Mr. Hubbard is an active church worker in the A. M. E. church. He belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is a race loving man.



J. C. WILLIAMS.

One of our coming young men is Mr. J. Clifford Williams, whose cut is before you. He is a self-made young man, acquiring all his knowledge through reading at odd times. Elsewhere will be found one of his poems. He has a natural love for poetry and we hope some day soon he may be situated where he can devote more time to this love.



REV. BROOKS.

The above cut is Rev. W. Sampson Brooks, D. D., pastor of the A. M. E. church. He is a very able and eloquent speaker and one of the leading young ministers in the A. M. E. connection. He was born in Baltimore, M. D., in 1865, attended the public schools, later entered the Morgan College, Baltimore, where he graduated in 1892. He was ordained a minister in 1892. His first charge was in Minneapolis, where he stayed six years; then to Chicago, Ill., where he remained for seven years; then here. He is the only colored man in the middle west that is employed by three Lyceum Bureaus to deliver lectures. He has traveled very extensively for a young man, in nearly all the European countries. He has a very amiable and Christian worker in his wife.

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THOMAS McDANIEL.

We deem it a pleasure to be permitted to run the true picture of Thomas McDaniel, one of the wealthiest colored men in Iowa, and very highly esteemed citizen by all. He was raised on a farm, lived in Illinois, also owned a valuable farm in Lee county, near Keokuk, Iowa. He also learned the barber trade and later became a cook; moved to this city more than twenty-five years ago, he came chef at the Savery hotel. He is a very fine man to meet, pleasing yet positive. His very refined and able lady died in our city three years ago. She was well liked by all. Mr. McDaniel has solved the race question by his frugality and true manhood.



MRS. ADAM DIXON.

The above cut is a true likeness of one of our most useful and interesting ladies, Mrs. Adam Dixon, who has done more real good to our race than any other one person perhaps in Iowa. She has found homes and has caused more of our people to buy homes and pay for them. More than thirty-six of our people have found homes in our city in the last four years. She was born in Clarksville, Tenn., married in Illinois to Mr. Adam Dixon, in 1883, moved to Nebraska in 1884, took a claim, remained there ten years, then moved on farm in Mahaska county and to our city in 1902, went into the grocery business and remained about one year, then she took up the real estate work, and has been very successful. She is an active church worker in the A. M. E. church, is chairman of Stewardess board. Her husband is superintendent of the Flynn block. Her amiable disposition and christian womanhood bespeak her usefulness.



There are perhaps but few ladies who have made such financial success in Iowa as the subject of this young lady, Miss Mary Montague. She was born in Missouri and came to Des Moines in 1880 where she has remained every since. She attended the public and High School, and by her good judgment and frugality she has saved her earnings, and by careful investment she now owns several pieces of valuable real estate in our city. The above picture represents her beautiful home which was planned and built by her. By her conservative life and lovely disposition she has made many friends who are proud to note her progress. If more of our young ladies would pattern after this young lady the future of our race would be great. Her brother, Artemus, lives with her, as their parents are dead. She is a busy woman, working in church and society.



REV. GRIFFITH.

One of our able and leading ministers is Rev. T. L. Griffith, who was born in Middleburg, Va., in 1872; attended Wayland Seminary and the Morant Park Academy of Chicago, graduating in 1895. His first church was in Muchaknock, Iowa. He is having great success financially, as he has a good home. He is president of the Western District Baptist Association and the Western Baptist Association. He has done more to lift the standard of his denomination higher than any other minister.



This is the home of Dr. J. Dulin on 1619 East Walnut street, entirely modern.



WM. COALSON.

The above cut is one of our well known men of Iowa. Wm. Coalson was born in Clark county, Mo., in 1854, moved with his parents in 1863 to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; came to Des Moines about thirty-two years ago and opened a barber shop where he worked for several years, until he was offered a position as messenger for Ex-Governor Frank D. Jackson, and made such a valuable man in his position that he was retained in that place under Gov. F. M. Drake, Gov. L. M. Shaw, and present Gov. A. B. Cummins. He is an active church worker, one of the original men who organized the new Union Congregational church. Mr. Coalson is the president of the Bystander Publishing Company.

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A Chance for a Bargain. An Irishman who had begun to practice photography went into a shop to purchase a small bottle in which to mix some of his solutions. Seeing one he wanted, he asked the chemist how much it would be. "Well," said the chemist, "it will be two pence as it is, but if you want anything in it, I won't charge you for the bottle." "Then," said Pat, "put a cork in it."

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IOWA. "Iowa, the Beautiful Land," The Home of the Brave and Free." It is the brightest star in the Union of States. The marvelous daughter of the mighty west, which was the first state in the Union to wipe the black laws off of her statute books.

Iowa is first in value of grains and cereals. Iowa is first in value of agricultural products generally. Iowa is first in rank in the number and value of its hogs.

Iowa is second in rank in the number and value of its horses. Iowa is second in rank in the number and value of its cattle.

In the total value of live stock. Iowa is grandly in the lead of all the states. Illinois is second, but with a total valuation of \$22,000,386 less than Iowa.

Iowa has 30,591,000 acres of farm lands, only 16 per cent of which is unimproved. Illinois has the lowest percentage of unimproved farms (15), Iowa second (16), and Ohio third (21). In 1850 Iowa's true wealth per capita was \$123.39; in 1900 over \$2,000,000 (estimated).

Iowa is central in a blue grass region of over five times the area of Kentucky. The fertile farms of Iowa, having a soil that never sickens, are able to feed a vast number of factories. A background of stability.

Equal promise of perpetuity is in its coal deposits. Less than 1 per cent of its known coal fields have been worked over. Des Moines is the natural manufacturing and distributing center, not only for the great State of Iowa, but for the Middle West.

Manufacturing is by no means the whole thing in Des Moines, but our factories have done more than their share.

WE ARE BUILDING A CITY Des Moines is the Hub of the Middle West.

A little more than fifty years ago, Des Moines, nothing except wild hills and prairies dotted here and there with a few trees, running rivers, creeks and Indian huts. Not the sound of an axe or anvil was heard; nothing save the sharp shrill bark of the wolf and the cooing of the prairie chicken; but immediately the building progress without booms, riots, conflagrations or excitements were transformed into the thriving, substantial, prosperous metropolis of the richest agricultural states of the American Union, with her paved streets, her towering office blocks, her magnificent public buildings, her beautiful parks, her many large department stores, her palatial residences, her numerous churches and colleges. One cannot but feel sure that truly Des Moines is the Hub of the Middle West.

In another part of this paper the Bystander produces statistics to prove our statements which we hope will be cut out and pasted in your scrap book (while we do not belong to the booster's committee, yet we desire that the public may know the plain truth. To a prospective emigrant or visitor we would invite you to visit our magnificent state capital, historical building, costing \$300,000. Our court house, costing about \$850,000. Our Free City Library costing \$300,000. The Y. M. C. A. building; the Auditorium, seating 3,000 people. Our fourteen colleges and universities, our 84 churches, our 28 hotels, our great military post, Ft. Des Moines. Our State Fair exposition; our many parks. Then take a drive out grand avenue; university ave-

nue, and you will see a city of magnificent homes. We have the largest number of home owners of any city of its population in the world.

The largest medical laboratory west of Buffalo, N. Y., one of the largest seed stores west of Detroit, and the largest nurseries in the west. In fact our location and advantages geographically cannot be excelled; nearly midway from ocean to ocean and nearly central from the great lakes to the gulf; located in the heart of the most happy, industrious and contented people in the world. Equal advantages granted to all races. We invite you here to see the superior advantages of this, our Greater Des Moines.

DES MOINES' EDITION. In presenting our readers in the middle west this special Des Moines edition, it is for two great reasons, first, because the average white man who does not come in direct contact with our race is inclined to judge us by those whom they see on the street corners or depots, the criminal acts of some they might read about for the white newspapers as a rule go to the County Court House to the criminal department and publish all about those of the race who are in trouble. Why not go to the Treasury department and publish the record of the colored man who is buying homes, paying taxes and then let the unbiased white man judge whether we are progressing. Second, because we believe by publishing a history of a few of the good honest men and women with their cuts, also their homes, we can dispel the present feeling of doubt and stimulate a present feeling of Altruism for our race. We often wonder why such false reports, such caricatures, such ludicrous language that some of those would be half educated white reporters get and print. Why the managers of those great dailies will permit this trash to go in is a wonder to us. Often they know it is not true. We want the truth, the pure, the good as well as the bad. Then we hope that this edition will induce good, honest, colored citizens to come here to live and enjoy our city hospitality, and wealth.

DES MOINES IN THE SIXTIES. By Joseph H. Shepard. In the sixties Des Moines was little more than a village. Perhaps it might be classed with the towns when we reached it, with less than 7,000 population and a colored population of less than 200. Just who was the first one of our people to reach this now beautiful city, with more than 75,000 inhabitants, and about 4,000 of our people, we have never learned. But we can assure our readers that it brings many pleasant memories as we go back over those days and recall those who have taken active part in church, society and politics which has brought about the present conditions that we enjoy, those whose love for the race has made them prominent and whose lives and works have been so interwoven in everything for good that the history of this city could not be written without mentioning of their names, and among these early pioneers we recall Geo. Johnson, John Page, Uncle Dick Buris, Isaac and James Carter, J. H. Pondexter, A. Brown, Chas. Davis, John Bell, Walter White, Jeff Logan, Parker Carter, John Williams, Jeff and Robt. Mash, Thos. Thompson, Geo. Taylor, M. N. Bell, Chas. Sykes, John Allen, Uncle Roby Henderson, Johns Robinson, Mash Turner, Joe Servis. In the seventies we were reinforced by H. H. Lewis, Thomas McDaniels, C. S. Stewart, J. T. Blagburn, D. Miller, H. McCraven, G. H. Cleggott, Wm. Coalson, R. N. Hyde, C. W. Henry, N. E. Morton, W. A. Birney, B. J. Holmes and E. T. Banks.

We have only mentioned those that memory brings to us and in almost every case we would have you include the wife, mother and daughter, for in those days they did their full part and in many instances they went further and did more to elevate than did the men.

Churches. Burns M. E. church was the first to enter the field and blaze out its own way. It was organized in 1866. The Rev. Wells was its first pastor and since that date it has continued to invite mankind to a higher life. Several years later the Baptists broke the ground by organizing a church, out of which has grown the Corinthian, the African Baptist and Maple Street Baptist. All are claiming to have done much in leading mankind to a better life. The St. Paul A. M. E. church began its work here by organizing in 1870 with a few followers and out of which has grown one of the largest churches in the state. The Rev. Geo. Binson was the first pastor. There was a couple of efforts made to organize a Christian church in the nineteenth hundreds. The Union Congregational church was organized almost four years ago. It has not a large, but a strong and energetic membership, which has the support and encouragement of a host of friends. The Rev. H. W. Porter was the first pastor. When completed it will be the finest building in the state.

Schools. In 1865 a school was conducted in almost the forks of the Reconco and Des Moines rivers for the education of the colored people. Afterward it was taken to the basement of Burns M. E. church on the East Side. The teachers that taught in this school were Miss Chittola, Mr. Dewey, Mr. Mills, Mr. Harris and Hays. Perhaps Mr. S. J. Loughran and his friends were the first to open a school for our people. This form of schooling continued until 1868, when the supreme court in a well prepared opinion admitted colored children to all public schools. This opinion was written by that able jurist and scholar, Judge C. C. Cole, after the case had been fought through the lower courts by the late Alexander Clark, whose untiring efforts has made it possible for every boy and girl to secure a good education in the public schools of this state. Will the boys and girls appreciate the efforts of those who are demanding his God-given rights and the other manly enough to do his duty by swinging open the doors of the public schools to all its citizens. Every one should read that opinion, as it is recorded in the 24th Iowa, page 267.

Societies. We have had a host of them. The Masonic lodge dates its organization in this city in the sixties and its members have even since been practicing the tenets of the order. The Odd Fellows is another strong society which holds its influence for good. The Pythian, the chapters, the Courts, the I. O. O. F., the H. B. S. and a number of others whose work can be seen trying to elevate men and women.

Politics. We are quite sure that much good work in this way has been done. When we consider that we entered this field when many were unprepared and did not know the value of the ballot, Geo. Johnson, Joe Lewis, Ira Miller, Geo. Taylor, E. T. Banks, J. E. Todd, Clay Lewis, Ira Jones, Ed McAfee and Levi Riley have all been police officers. Geo. H. Cleggott and C. S. Stewart have been elected constables. Jeff Logan, R. N. Hyde, Walter White, J. H. Pondexter, H. McCraven, J. H. Wickes, G. H. Cleggott have been legislative employees. J. L. Thompson, J. D. Reeler, H. R. Wright, E. W. Thompson have been file clerks of the general assembly. E. W. Vaughn, W. H. Birney and Wm. Coalson have been the messengers for the different governors for almost twenty years. Sam Davis, H. H. Lewis, J. H. Shepard and John Walker have been state employees. S. P. Clark, W. H. Morgan, J. H. Shepard and Geo. Logan have all served terms as county bailiffs. John L. Thompson has served in the county treasurer's office as clerk for a number of years. J. Frank Blagburn was elected and served two terms as city market master. He now holds a government position in Washington, D. C. W. H. Birney is one of the deputies in the assessor's office, the one position where ability has merited it is in the city engineer's office by E. Tracy Blagburn. He is the head draughtsman and has charge of the office. Those who have or are now carrying Uncle Sam's mail are E. Williamson, M. N. Bell, Alex. W. Burn, G. I. Holt and H. W. Hutchins. Those that have been custodians of the public schools are B. J. Holmes, H. Pisk, R. Harris, H. Gould, J. C. Williams and J. H. Shepard. Janitors at the city hall, W. L. Tomlin and H. C. Brown. We have been compelled to condense and compress much as we pass over this long space of time. We have not mentioned many things that would link the past with the present.

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ALBIA NEWS. Quite a number of Buxton people were in town this week. The District A. M. E. Sunday School Convention will be held in Albia June 19 to 21. The children of the A. M. E. Sunday School are preparing their Children's Day programme. Rev. Robinson held services on the square Sunday.

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# A FLAG OF TRUCE

By DANIEL CLEVELTON

AS BOY and man, Col. Bryant had been a soldier. As a boy his ambition had been a cadetship at West Point, and the army as a life career. Blessed with wealthy parents, there seemed nothing in the way to the accomplishment of his ideal when the opportunity time arrived. At 15 he began a course of study that would fit him to pass the required examination and admit him to the United States military academy. At 18 the opportunity came. There was a vacancy at the academy to be filled by appointment from his congressional district, and he entered eagerly into the competition for the coveted place, feeling confident of winning the prize.

His most formidable opponent was Billy Edwards, the son of a struggling clergyman, into whose path fate had thrown no special opportunities, but who had improved every chance for study that had been given him, and who wished the appointment merely as a means of securing a desired education.

The two had never been friendly, and on one of two occasions had had some boyish quarrels over the attentions each had attempted to bestow upon Blossom Nathan. When Billy Edwards won the coveted appointment every semblance of friendship between the two boys ceased, and Bob Bryant refused even to associate with anyone who called young Edwards his friend.

Grievously disappointed in not winning the cadetship, young Bryant entered a military academy with a determination to prepare himself for a military career, trusting to his father's wealth and influence to secure for him an appointment to the army.

that she would choose her own friends, and he accepted her decision. Six months after Lieut. Edwards had graduated from West Point and entered the army he made Blossom Nathan his wife, and took her to the western post, where his command was stationed.

Bryant in the mountains had finished his college course, and not finding it so easy to secure a civil appointment to the army, had settled down to the study of law in his home town, and confined his military ambitions to a place in a local company of state guards.

Then came the call to arms to save the union. The southern states had seceded; the flag had been fired upon. Every available company of the regular service had been rushed

eastward for the defense of Washington. Volunteers in companies, battalions and regiments were flocking into the mustering camps. With the volunteers went Bob Bryant as captain of his company. With the regulars sent to Washington went First Lieut. Edwards, while Mrs. Edwards went back to her old home to await the return of her husband from the front.

The four years of war dragged wearily along. Lieut. Edwards stuck to the regular service and rose to the rank of major, and brevet lieutenant colonel, as which he commanded his regiment. Capt. Bryant of the volunteer service rose to the rank of colonel.

similar to one he carried idly in his hand. At one grave he noticed the flag staff had been broken, and the flag blown away. He stepped to read the name on the stone. It was: BVT. LIEUT. COL. WILLIAM EDWARDS.

Instantly all the old animosity of the years gone by returned. The man buried here had stolen from him his opportunity, had stolen the girl he loved and then there came to him the thought that this man had sacrificed his life for the flag; that this man had lost his life in bringing success to himself and his comrades, and had helped in saving them from probable annihilation at the hands of the enemy.

Reverently he stooped over the grave and planted the flag he carried beside the white stone. As he did so a woman's voice close behind him said: "I thank you."

He turned. It was Blossom Nathan. The same Blossom, though a sad, sweet-faced woman now, instead of the chit of a girl he had known so many years ago. The years of exposure and hardship had changed him so she did not know him.

"It is my husband's grave," she explained. "The wind has evidently blown the flag away, and I have been looking for it, but without success. It seemed so lonely without a flag like the others."

"Blossom!" he cried. "Don't you know me?"

The voice brought back to her the days of her girlhood; the impetuous boyish lover.

She gave him her hand, and together they left that battlefield, where hope had died and hope was born again.

A few months later she again journeyed to the west to spend her life at an army post—a soldier's wife.

HE MADE A MISTAKE. New Jersey Private Mistook Violin Resin for Shaving Soap. "A soldier named Ed Morton," said a veteran from New Jersey, "was one of the quickest men with the fiddle I ever listened to, and he carried it with him to beguile camp life. A fellow named Charles Foster was his tent mate, who, having discovered a slight down on his chin, endeavored to coax it forward by frequent application of his razor."

## MEMORIAL DAY

Something of Its Origin and a Prophecy as to Its Future.

By MAJ. GEN. FRED. D. GRANT

THE idea of this beautiful custom was first suggested and made a great national holiday by Gen. John A. Logan. He was a thoughtful man, away by sentiment of the highest order, and a close student of the classics. He read much and frequently referred to historic episodes in his speeches.

By nature Gen. Logan was inclined to be heroic, and so after the war, after reading much about the beautiful customs of the ancient Greeks in honoring their dead heroes with ceremonies and flowers at annual festivals, it came to him in a moment of inspiration that it would be a patriotic and popular thing to likewise honor the dead soldiers of our own country in a similar way.

It was a fact, as he well knew, that nearly every household had lost one or more members or relatives or dear friends. Gen. Logan's inspiration awoke a response in every heart and his movement was soon organized and made of national importance. Grand Army posts were established

in every section of the country. All agreed that decorating the graves of soldiers with flowers on the day appointed would give the nation new life and be welcomed by all the people.

But this is not all. The religious sentiment at the bottom of the idea of honoring the dead soldiers and perpetuating the memory of their heroic deeds made the day something higher and nobler than anything known in the days of the Greeks. Thus it came about that Memorial Day became the greatest of all our American holidays. It was a day for the bereaved to commune at the tombs of their honored dead.

For many years, as we all know the custom was an event—the most beautiful, pathetic and sacred of our holidays—but later on, as the ranks of the survivors grew thinner and the families who had contributed so many lives to the war passed away, the day became more like other holidays—a day more noted for military parade, a day for games and picnics and having a good time generally, until now the general public are coming to look on Memorial day as an ordinary national holiday, like Washington's Birthday or the Fourth of July.

Had it not been for the deep religious sentiment, with prayers and church services held in honor of the soldiers, Memorial day would from the beginning in all probability have been attended with the noise and display of the Fourth of July. Fortunately this religious sentiment has made the people more thoughtful, and instead of noise and gun firing we have gone in for more quiet recreation—country picnics—making the day more like a festival than a day of mere noise and parade.

I think it is a beautiful idea, this decorating the graves of those who sacrificed their lives in the tremendous days of the war and purely out of patriotic devotion, and it is a pity indeed that public sentiment is gradually changing and we are forgetting the solemn lessons taught by the war and of the sacred meaning of honoring the dead—drifting away and making the sacred festival more and more a common holiday of races, noisy picnics and having a good time generally, with no particular sentiment animating the thousands who should take a higher view of Memorial day.

## IN MEMORIAM

TICK-TICK-TICKET-TICK-TICK. The telegraph instruments spelled out the nation's cry for help. Unto every city, village and hamlet went the rallying call to Columbia's sons.

A nation's emblem—Old Glory—had been fired upon. Flying from the mast head it had been met in a southern port by the ominous boom of defiant cannon.

War, grim visaged war, had come. A conflict that was to leave its record of heroic deeds, of unexampled valor, upon all history.

A conflict that was to pit brother against brother, friend against friend, each battling for the right as he saw the right.

From the farm and factory, the store and office, the pulpit and schoolroom came the answer. It echoed from ocean to ocean, from east to west and north: "We're coming, Father Abraham, Five hundred thousand strong!"

The roll of the drum, the shrill notes of the bugle, marked the mustering camps, and into them gathered the flower of the nation's manhood.

From out these mustering camps there marched an army clad in blue, each eager to perform that duty, no matter what it be, assigned to him.

"Southward, ever southward," was the battle cry. "Southward to meet the foe, an army clad in gray."

For four long years the din of battle resounded through the land. For four long years there was an incessant boom of cannon, a rattle of musketry, the clash of steel upon steel. For four long years the army in gray proved a valiant foe for the army in blue. Sons of the north and of the south fell upon hundreds of stubbornly contested battlegrounds, and found a last long resting place side by side in nameless graves. The prayers that ascended unto heaven from those battlefields were for both blue and gray; one bugle's strains sounded the final "taps" for the valiant sons of both the north and south.



Near half a century has passed away since the disbanding of those two mighty armies; since the victorious blue and the defeated gray parted with a handshake at Appomattox. The heartaches and pain of four years of strife swallowed up in the glories of peace and a reunited nation. Back to the plow and the factory, back to the store and office, back to the pulpit and school room, back to the duties of peace, to the work of repairing the devastations of war, went Columbia's sons, north and south.

As we gather today with spring flowers to do reverence to the heroes who have gone we must look back that half a century to review those scenes of conflict.

The cannon that then dealt death and destruction are today moss covered and buried beneath the debris of the battlefields of old.

Time has healed the ravages of war, and covered with a softening hand the evidences of that four years of warfare.

But we have the remaining gray-haired veterans, and the graves of those passed away, to remind us of the valor of Columbia's sons.

The generation of today has not forgotten, and the generations yet unborn will not forget, the care due these final resting places of a nation's dead.

We scatter flowers upon them in token of our appreciation of their services to our country of yesterday, our country of today.

Whatever their place in life, whatever their station, whatever their fortune, they are deserving of equal honor at our hands.

And unto them a grateful nation has dedicated this day; a day on which we, with freshest flowers, pay tribute to the memory of the nation's heroes.

In the immortal words of him who called that army in blue into being; who directed it during its hard fought campaigns; who bid the men that comprised it a God speed back to their homes when its work was done: "But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living or dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

Wright A. Patterson.

## WHEN COLUMBIA CROWNS HER DEAD

By T. C. HARBAUGH.

What has set the drums a-beating 'neath the tender skies of May? Why troop the children from the fields with flowers fresh and gay? I see the wet rans gather in their buttoned coats of blue, With here and there an empty sleeve to prove the wearer true; I hear them talk of battles in their youth—time long ago, Where side by side they stood and met the onslaughts of the foe; And now the voice is silent, and each soldier bows his head, For well they know this sacred day Columbia crowns her dead.

The flag half-mast is flying and the air is filled with praise Of those who by the Nation stood throughout her trying days, When strode the God of Battles in his fury o'er the land, And crimson grew Potomac's tide and red the Rio Grande; When the cannon tore the cedars in the green valleys of the South, Where now the blue-bird builds her nest deep in the moriar's mouth; But ah! the snowy wings of Peace above those fields are spread, And Columbia, like a mother, comes to crown her gallant dead.

No more I hear the rumble of the battle's brazen car, I hark to the flowers fair to find the sounds of war; I hear a robin singing where the colonel bravely died, And a butterfly is hovering where the legions multiplied; The bugle is no longer heard on fields we love to name, And the roses bloom in beauty in the sacred camps of Fame, And down the street a-marching, with Old Glory at their head, Come the wet rans, for Columbia bids them all salute her dead.

Sleep on, O wearers of the blue! the need of praise you've won, Sleep on the long, long summer thro' in shadow and in sun; The sweetest bloom that Nature yields lies on the soldier's breast, And nevermore war's clarion notes shall break your peaceful rest; The battle echoes vanish like a distant cannon's boom, Behold! Columbia gently lays a wreath upon a tomb, "My chi dren! Peace be with you!" speaks she low with drooping head, Then she kisses all the roses she has laid upon her dead.



John A. Logan

## CIVIL WAR FIGURES.

Statistics of the Army That Put Down the Rebellion.

The enlistments in the union army during the civil war reached the enormous total of 2,898,304. It is not possible to know exactly how many enlistments there were in the confederate army, because the confederate states failed to keep a reliable record of the number of men furnished to its service, and such statistics as are to be had are incomplete. It is estimated, however, that there were between 600,000 and 700,000 men in the confederate armies, and that fully 200,000 of this number died in battle or from wounds and disease.

In the union army it is estimated that 280,000 were killed in action or died of wounds, while to this may be added a large number of men on both sides who died from disease brought on by the privations and the sufferings they endured while in the service. This enormous loss of life has not been equalled by all the other wars in which our country has been engaged, and the great war of the rebellion stands in history as one of the most terrible wars of modern times. Its cost in money runs up into the hundreds of millions, the bounties paid by the United States government amounting to something more than \$300,000,000. The result of this terrible conflict was the freeing of 4,000,000 of slaves.

## WORN TO A SKELETON.

A Wonderful Restoration Caused a Sensation in a Pennsylvania Town.

Mrs. Charles N. Preston, of Elkland, Pa., says: "Three years ago I found that my household was becoming a burden. I tired easily, had no ambition and was fading fast. My complexion got yellow and I lost over 50 pounds. My thirst was terrible, and there was sugar in the kidney secretions.

My doctor kept me on a strict diet, but as his medicine was not helping me, I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They helped me at once, and soon all traces of sugar disappeared. I have regained my former weight and am perfectly well."

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The Last Dash. The autoists in highest latitudes gathered around and mournfully contemplated a dark body that lay upon the gleaming ice before them.

At that moment De Villiers, the last of the party, who had been detained by a faulty adjustment, rode up. "What's the trouble?" he asked.

One of the fur-clad group looked around. His voice was choked with rage. "That idiotic chauffeur whom Dash insisted on bringing along didn't look where he was going."

"Yes." "He smashed into the pole and broke it short off!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

Shoemaker's Last. The following is taken from a handbill issued by a provincial bootmaker: "The shoemaker is a man of great learning. He is a doctor as well as a surgeon, for he not only heels but performs many cutting operations. He is a fishmonger, for he sells soles and heels. He is a schoolmaster, for he gives good understanding. He is a good speaker, for he always works the thread of his argument, waxes warm to his subject, and holds all to the last."

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Free Medical Advice. A well known London physician at a dinner party one evening was much worried by one who was seeking gratuitous advice. "Do you know, doctor," said his questioner, "I know a man who suffers so terribly with indigestion that at times he can do nothing but howl with pain. What would you do in that case?"

"Well, I suppose," responded the medical man, "I should howl with pain, too."

Seoul and Its Inmates. A recent estimate of the population of Seoul gives the total at 199,305. In every ward but the north one the number of males exceeds that of females, but in that part of the city the number of males is given as 17,000, while the females are 90,000. This would be hard to explain on any ordinary theory of population. Seoul has no quarter set aside for the exclusive residence of females.—Korea Daily News.

His Classification. "Oh, I don't intend to be scrupulous about the way I get on," said the young lawyer, who thought himself the greatest ever. "I frankly intend to rent out my head to anybody who wants to make use of it." "Then, if you advertise it," replied his cynical friend, "they'll put you under the heading of Empty Flats."

Sartorial Outcry. A change of some sort in nether garments would be welcomed by many for since the introduction of the crease they have been stationary from the standpoint of style, and it would be well if some fluting, pleating or strapping could be introduced to revivify this garment.—Tailor and Cutter.

## FIT THE GROCER

Wife Made the Suggestion.

A grocer has excellent opportunity to know the effects of special foods on his customers. A Cleveland grocer has a long list of customers that have been helped in health by leaving off coffee and using Postum Food Coffee.

He says, regarding his own experience: "Two years ago I had been drinking coffee and must say that I was almost wrecked in my nerves. Particularly in the morning I was so irritable and upset that I could hardly wait until the coffee was served, and then I had no appetite for breakfast and did not feel like attending to my store duties."

"One day my wife suggested that inasmuch as I was selling so much Postum there must be some merit in it and suggested that we try it. I took home a package and she prepared it according to directions. The result was a very happy one. My nervousness gradually disappeared and to-day I am all right. I would advise every one affected in any way with nervousness or stomach troubles, to leave off coffee and use Postum Food Coffee." "There's a Reason," Read, "The Road to Wellville," in pkg.

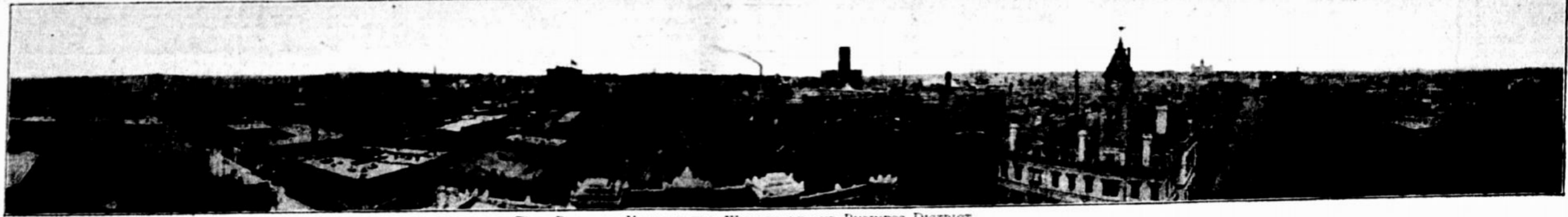


Lieut. Col. Edwards Fell.

som Nathan, until at the end of three years Bryant insisted that she could not retain the friendship of both he and Edwards, and that all correspondence between her and his rival must cease, or he would have nothing more to do with her. The young lady very promptly informed her angry suitor,



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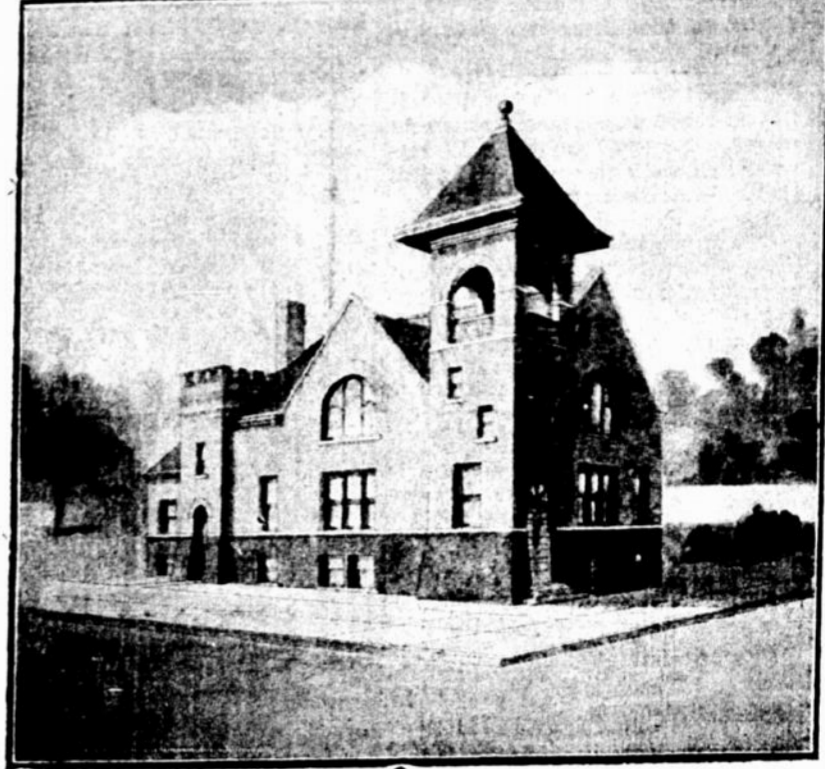
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**A Good Church Member.**

Life may well be compared to a chariot race, it is so swift and passes away so soon; and it is proper I think that a time like this we should earnestly consider some of the characteristics of a good church member.

In the first place this is, supremely, matter of the heart. No man or woman ever yet fulfilled his or her obligations in the Christian church unless the heart was in it. Our religion requires the intellect too, but the heart rules the head, hence the first question to ask of any one coming into the church is, "Is thy heart right?" Is your heart with the church? Is your sympathy and your affection there? The first thing in becoming a Christian is the giving of the heart to Christ. Whole-hearted enthusiasm will atone for multitudes of blunders of the head. If you have given your heart to Christ and his church, then your hand and the personal confession of your whole life ought to follow. A good church member will as far as possible attend the church services. When Jesus has certain of Jehonadah's loyalty, he took him up into the chariot with him. He knew that Jehonadah had a good name everywhere. It wasn't a very pretty name, but it stood for honest and faithful dealing, and a pure life. If you have given your heart to Christ and he has forgiven your sins, honor the church by your presence and influence.

Our churches are weakened by casual attendance. The people whom the pastor counts on, as a general does not on tried soldiers, are those whom he knows he can be sure will be present whenever it is possible at the regular services of the church. A good church member must have a willing spirit to help. There are always some people whom you must handle with gloves as long as they get buffy or annoyed about something. Each church has in it what is known as the "Miff Tree" up in that old gaunt leafless tree is sitting the grim and gruesome bird whose corns had been trodden on, whose feelings had been hurt or whose feathers ruffled until they had flown up into the "Miff Tree" and would no longer sing in the choir or pray in prayer meeting or help in the work of the church. For your own sake give the "Miff Tree" a wide berth. Get right with God and man, life too short and the great work of the church is too great to allow yourself to be useless in the church on account of nothing. Don't wait for a big office.

A good church member must be generous to share according to his ability in supporting the church. The church doesn't do much for you unless it enters into your life and will help you to give of your money and service for its prosperity. A religion that stops short of man's pocket-book hasn't got a very deep hold on him yet. A stingy miserly member of the church is never happy in the church. How could he be? His conscience prods him all the time he feels so mean that he imagines everybody else is as mean as he feels. On the other hand, the most charitable and gracious and happy spirits in the church that I have ever had anything to do with, have been those who have given liberally according to their means. God loves the cheerful giver and the love of God is the sweetest atmosphere that can pervade any man's life. A good church member holds his church and its good name and property as sacred as the apple of his eye. He is always ready to stand up to defend it. He is ever seeking to bring credit to it and to so live that his life will reflect honor upon his church. He is careful about the reputation of his brethren, knowing that in a church in a human body, one member cannot suffer without bringing some shame upon all, and that, on the other hand, honor cannot come to any member of the church without reflecting something of its light and glory upon all.

In living such a life, in being such a man or woman, we shall attain our duty without difficulty the service which ought to render to our church and our God.

The Union Congregational church which I am pastor is endeavoring to produce such church members, believing that if we can have faithful and true men and women in the church, we shall have the same in our city and state.

It is much to the detriment of our race that many of our churches are mistaken the real purpose of the Christian church which Jesus Christ instituted. Let us in the spirit of Jesus Christ drive out of our churches the money changers, men pleasers and all who tend to retard the progress of the coming of the kingdom of our God and make room for Jesus Christ.

Rev. H. W. Porter, Pastor,  
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The maiden's heart beat quick and free  
As plucking Love's first flowers,  
She thinks of the glad day, when fate,  
Shall link her heart forever,  
To one, who, come be soon or late  
No power on earth shall sever.

IV

But man! Proud man! Disdains the call  
And heeds not nature's wooing;  
Hears not the music in the fall  
Of raindrops nature's brewing,  
For him the glistening grass doth hold  
No charm, he knows not nature;  
The Springtime of his life is old,  
Forgot its nomenclature.

V

Give me the man whose becoming eye  
Can gaze in raptures pleasure,  
On nature's sweets; on the bright sky,  
And prize them as his treasure,  
That man is rich howe'er so poor  
He be, by worldly measures;  
His soul can enter through the door  
Of nature's bank of treasure.

VI

His well trained eye can pierce the dross  
Of artificial living;  
He will bear up beneath his cross  
And joy in gladly giving  
From out his store of cheerfulness  
A word, a smile, a blessing;  
No niggard he; of helpfulness  
When hand of fate is pressing.

VII

Oh! give me Spring in all its wealth;  
Its energizing power  
Doth cause my cheeks to glow with health;  
I vie with bird and flower,  
To pay my homage joyfully,  
To Spring in her chaste bower,  
Where she in Queenly dignity  
Sits crowned as nature's dowry.

VIII

Oh! give me Spring; it gladdeneth

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JEFF LOGAN.

No history of the colored people will be complete without Jefferson Logan, whose cut has appeared in more newspapers in Iowa than any other. He was born in Johnson county, Missouri, came to this town forty-six years ago and began his successful life as a work hand for Wesley Redhead, where he worked twenty-three years for one man. He was punctual and honest with his employer, saved his earnings and now he owns property valued at many thousand dollars. He has become widely known, having worked in the State Senate Cloak room as janitor for many years, and gives an annual O'possum dinner in which the State officials are nearly always there. He has only two children, George, who is court balliff, and Clarence who is managing a theater.

**SPRING TIME.**

I greet the Spring! Thou vernal Queen  
That bring to us the flowers,  
Thou blithsome sprite; all clad in green  
And purged by April's showers,  
King frost must yield to thee full sway,  
That thou may show your graces  
Through leaf and flower; and the gray  
Soul laughter on our faces.

II

The lambs leap forth in gleefulness  
Upon a Springtime mornin';  
The robins chirp in cheerfulness;  
The following rain-drops scorning;  
The violets in beautiful grace  
Burst from their Winter's hiding;  
Their birds hold converse, face to face  
Their secret love confiding.

III

The blood flows forth in raptured glee,

My heart; no gloomy shadow,  
Can loom across my path; her breath  
Shall drive it o'er the meadow.  
My yearning soul would drink its fill  
Of her pure fountain, gleaming  
"Like crystal lake, viewed from a hill  
Or the north star's bright beaming."

IX

Oh give me Spring in her estate  
Of wealth: Earth's fairest treasure;  
My soul becomes inebriate  
At thought of such a pleasure;  
It's nectarine has magic spell  
To pierce the gloom; to view the dell  
Where Spirit forms are thronging.  
J. Clifford Williams.

Will Develop Youth's Voice.  
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man, who has a remarkably fine tenor  
voice, to the Royal Academy of Mu-  
sic.



This is the home of Mr. Thomas McDaniel, 844 Sixth Avenue where he lives.

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Peace. Making peace with an ax is diminishing in popularity among modern rulers. With the ancients, however, the above means seemed to be the only kind that really counted.

Helping People to Self-Help. In America we are just learning that the greatest gift you can give a blind man is the ability to earn his own living.

M. T. Oblaski writes in the Revue Scientifique concerning the North American Indians, particularly those of Canada. He is pessimistic as to their future.

When the Paris cab drivers attempted to make it impossible for half a dozen women to earn a living driving cabs in the city, the chivalrous Frenchmen went out of their way to hire the women drivers.

Whatever others may think, a small boy of New Hampshire has the proper opinion of his mother. He has sent a photograph of her to the managers of a New England beauty contest.

Cleopatra was pretty fast in her barge, but she never had the accommodations of a modern swift steam yacht. If she possessed them she would, no doubt, have emigrated to America and avoided that little trouble with the asp.

That rush of immigration is in full swing. About 15,000 aliens are seeking admission to this country through the Ellis Island station, and still there are more to follow.

The Cleveland street-cleaning department uses an electrical process to remove the solder from the tin cans that are picked up by the garbage wagons, and as a result is selling about \$3,000 worth of solder a year.

Handles President's Mail.



From stereograph, copyright, by Underwood & Underwood, N. Y. William Loeb, secretary to the President, is one of the busiest men in the national capitol.

English Chemist Discovers New Method of Producing the Metal. Baltimore—Dr. Ira Remsen, president of Johns Hopkins university, is authority for the statement that Sir William Ramsay, a famous chemist of Cambridge university, has discovered the method of making artificial copper.

A SEA OF ELECTRICITY.

MEANS BEING SOUGHT TO CURB STRAY WIRELESS VOLTS.

Feared That Telegraph Station at Brooklyn Navy Yard Will Make Trouble in a Variety of Ways for Neighbors.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—A vast electrical sea will be formed in the environs of the new wireless telegraph station at the Brooklyn navy yard, when the apparatus is put into operation.

GETS WATCH AFTER YEARS.

Civil War Veteran Recovers Timepiece Left with Woman in 1862.

Denver, Col.—Seeking the aid of two representatives to find the owner of a watch which was lost in the civil war, A. C. Kogole, of Denver, has at last been successful.

Harmless Duels Fad in Paris. Paris.—Pistol duelling clubs are the latest fad of French sporting clubs. When Dr. Devillers last year introduced the harmless bullet to Parisians it immediately "caught on."

Baden's Physique on Wane. Berlin.—Curious statistics were gleaned in southern Baden in the recent enrollment of recruits. In the Lindau and Aligan districts out of 604 young men liable to service only 20 were found to be up to the physical standard of the military authorities.

A Natural Barometer.

Stone That a St. Louis Man Says Foretells the Weather.

St. Louis.—A storekeeper on South Broadway has a piece of stone about as large as a man's fist in which he places more confidence as a weather indicator than he does in all the weather bureaus of the country.

Chicago Gets Famous Gun. El Paso, Tex.—James M. Guthrie of Chicago has departed for his home after spending some time at Alamogordo. He took with him the rifle that Geronimo, the famous Apache leader, used in his fight against Gen. Crook in Arizona.

Senator Nixon, of Nevada, is a mining magnate in the new Goldfield region. He also runs a string of newspapers and a string of banks. In his early days he was a telegraph operator.

tion is devised, the energy from the station will seriously affect the operation of trolley cars. When the thousands of volts are released upon the wings of the air, many of them are expected to rush straightway to the trolley wires and trolley poles, to the old cannon decorations of the gate, and even to the bayonets and metallic insignia on the hats of the marine guard stationed at the gate.

Last summer at times when atmosphere was surcharged with natural electricity, as well as with manufactured energy from the wireless station, the marine guard at the Sands street gate were perceptibly affected by the fluid. They absorbed it into their systems so that their hair stood out on end.

The trolley wire on Navy street will be freighted with the electrical fluid this summer. And when a trolley car comes along there may be brilliant displays of electrical flame.

MAKES COPPER IN LABORATORY.

English Chemist Discovers New Method of Producing the Metal.

Baltimore—Dr. Ira Remsen, president of Johns Hopkins university, is authority for the statement that Sir William Ramsay, a famous chemist of Cambridge university, has discovered the method of making artificial copper.

Prof. Remsen, who is prominent as a chemist, has a private letter from the famous Englishman stating that Sir William has succeeded in accomplishing the production of copper by the synthetic or combining process from the elements, sodium, lithium and potassium.

The Salmon Industry.



The salmon industry is easily the largest in the north Pacific coast country; thousands of persons are annually employed in catching and preparing the fish for market.

Has Only One Bricklayer.

Lone Student in School Founded by Andrew Carnegie.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The School of Bricklaying, intended to be one of the most important departments of the great \$10,000,000 technical schools which Andrew Carnegie founded here, has one scholar.

When Lieut. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, who already has been virtually placed on the inactive list, shall be retired by the operation of law within the next 18 months, Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood will be the ranking officer of the army for 16 years, barring accidents.

FRENCH PRIESTS EARN LIVING.

Forced by the Separation Act to Support Selves in Business.

Paris.—The separation act, which deprived the French Roman Catholic clergy of official position and stipends, has led many to adopt curious forms of co-operation, with a view to earning their living in Paris.

Many priests who are capable gardeners and carpenters find employment from Roman Catholics through this federation. Its members undertake to copy the celebrated Socialist division of the day by giving eight hours to manual work, eight to clerical and eight to rest.

In the department of Cher priests have formed a beekeepers' association and make as a yearly income from the sale of honey about \$150, almost as much as their former stipends.

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She Didn't Understand. A small boy who applied for admission to a New York public school, when asked as to his father's business, proudly responded: "He's a book maker."

Oldest Ships in Service. Denmark claims some interesting specimens of marine architecture in the five oldest vessels in the world.

The Strategy of War. Major's Wife to her husband—Could you not find some fault with Capt. Lehmann during the drill to-morrow morning, so that he will get into a bad humor? Then he will refuse to let his wife buy the Paris hat that she wants.

Only Road to Success. If you want to succeed in the world you must make your own opportunities as you go on. You cannot commit greater folly than to sit by the roadside until some one comes along and invites you to ride with him to wealth or influence.—John B. Gough.

Science Says We Eat Too Much. Medical science declares that practically seven-eighths of our ills are due to over-feeding. Colds in the head are often due to eating too much.

Slow in Learning. "You will have no difficulty in learning English," she said by way of encouragement to the Russian who spoke brokenly. "I have heard that the Russian language is so difficult that all other languages are child's play by comparison. Now, you—how long have you been in this country?" expecting him to say about six months "Twenty years," he answered.

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**IOWA'S COLLEGE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL NEGRO GRADUATES.**

By Atty. S. Joe Brown.

In view of the fact that it is so often stated that the Negroes of the south are outstripping those of the north in the acquisition of higher education it may be of interest to the readers of The Bystander to know that out of the ten or twelve thousand Negroes in the state of Iowa quite a respectable proportion have taken degrees from the various colleges and professional schools of the state.

Perhaps the first two Negroes to take professional degrees in Iowa were the venerable Alexander Clark, late minister to Liberia, and the Rev. Dr. A. H. Higgs, now presiding elder of the St. Joseph district of the M. E. church, which includes the city of Des Moines. These gentlemen received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from the State University at Iowa City in the year 1886.

About the same year Prof. H. T. Keating, now editor of the A. M. E. Church Review, and Prof. E. L. Blackshear, now president of the Texas State Normal School, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Tabor College at Tabor, Iowa.

In 1890 this same school conferred a similar degree on Rev. W. H. Stevens, now a minister of the A. M. E. church. From Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant there have been four Negro women graduates in the persons of Mrs. S. Mosby Grandison, A. M., Misses Agnes and Louise Mason, both of which are Bachelors of Science, and all three of which still reside in Mt. Pleasant, and Miss Ida May Godfrey, B. S., now primary principal in Kansas City, Mo.

From Iowa College at Grinnell we only know of one, Mr. Leo Welker, A. B., who will receive the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Harvard University next month, but we understand that there have been other Negro graduates from this school.

From the State Agricultural College at Ames there has been Prof. Geo. Carver, B. S., now professor of Agriculture at Tuskegee, and Mr. P. C. Parks, who holds the same degree and is now director of Applied Agriculture at Tuskegee.

From Drake University there are Attorney I. E. Williamson, LL. B., now in Washington, D. C.; Prof. Geo. I. Holt, LL. B.; Editor John L. Thompson, LL. B., and Dr. E. A. Lee, D. S., all residents of Des Moines. Mr. L. L. Henderson, Ph. B., now professor of Psychology in Oklahoma University, and Rev. M. W. Thornton, B. D., now a minister of the A. M. E. church.

Of the more recent graduates of the State University are Attorney S. Joe Brown, A. M. LL. B., now of Des Moines; Attorney H. T. Wright, LL. B., now United States consul at Philadelphia, Honduras, and Mr. Edward A. Carter, Ph. B., who will receive the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the same school next month.

There are also several Negro college bred or professional men who are not products of Iowa schools, among whom are Attorney Geo. H. Woodson of Oklahoma, who is an A. B. of Petersburg College and an LL. B. of Howard University; Dr. A. G. Edwards of Des Moines and Dr. J. H. Williams of Buxton, both of whom are graduates of Maharra Medical College at Nashville, and Dr. C. Sumner Taylor of Buxton who is a graduate of Howard University Medical College; Prof. M. J. Gilliam, A. B., of Cornell University; Miss Lydia Lockridge, A. B., of Kansas University, both of whom are connected with the public schools of Buxton; Rev. W. S. Brooks, D. D., of Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., now pastor of the A. M. E. church, Des Moines and Rev. H. W. Porter, A. B., of Talladega College, Alabama, now pastor of the Union Congregational church, Des Moines; Mr. G. J. Wiley, Buxton, civil engineer of Lincoln University, Penn.

There are also in the State University two other Negroes who will receive degrees at the commencement next month and who we feel should therefore be mentioned here. They are Mr. E. W. Thompson of Des Moines, who will graduate from the College of Pharmacy, and Mr. L. C. Jones of Marshalltown, who will graduate from the College of Liberal Arts, and there are probably others of whom the writer has no knowledge, but we feel that these are sufficient to justify our statement made in the beginning that the Negroes of Iowa had quite a respectable proportion of college bred and professional people for it must be remembered that only forty years ago we had none whatever and that the present proportion of college bred people among the most favored race of Americans is one in five thousand.



**E. T. BLAGBURN.**

It is with a degree of pleasure that we present our readers a true likeness of Mr. E. Tracy Blagburn, who has made a name not only for himself and family but for the race as well. He has been at the bottom in the city engineer's office and by his own indomitable will and adeptness for the science of civil engineering he has become proficient as a draughtsman and so thoroughly familiar with all the office work that the new city engineer, young Geo. D. Dobson, has promoted him until now he is the head office man. He now gets a salary of more than \$1,000 per year. Every true race man should feel proud of this worthy young man and should ever feel grateful to Mr. Dobson for this promotion. He has made plans and specifications for many public improvements. He is a Mason, active church worker, is leader of the choir at the Union Congregational church. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1877.



This is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coalson 291 1/2 Center street, it is nine rooms entirely modern.



**POLK COUNTY'S NEW COURT HOUSE.**



**R. N. HYDE.**

One could not write a complete history of Des Moines colored people and omit the name of R. N. Hyde, one of the best known and most successful business men of our city. He has done more for our race in helping to see that they be treated with the same accommodation at the public inns and before the bar than any other one man. He was the patentee of the world's famous soap bearing the label of H. and H. After he discovered the art Mr. Henry went into partnership, hence the name of Hyde & Henry. He also patented the electric fan and carpet duster and is now sole owner. He has a very lovable and interesting family. Miss Gertrude, the oldest, is a graduate from the business college and is his stenographer and office girl. Brannon, his son, is a student in the West Side High school and will graduate next month. Miss Ada is in high school. Mr. Hyde is a shrewd politician, delegate to all the conventions. He has lately entered into real estate, owning fifteen or more houses. He is a true race man and well liked by all classes. He is a Mason and was selected as one of the public comfort committee at President Roosevelt's inauguration. He has been chief janitor of the Iowa house of representatives. He is one of The Bystander's staunch friends.



**J. L. THOMPSON.**

It is with a degree of timidity that we publish the picture and brief biography of Editor John L. Thompson, for fear of public criticism of egotism, but perhaps many of our readers would like to know this man Thompson. He was born in southern Iowa on a farm in Decatur county Iowa, in 1869, educated in the common school, North Star Masonic lodge, a church graduate from Iowa Business College, taught school two years in Missouri, then entered Callanan College, later Drake University; graduated from the law department in 1898; was a gold medal in oratorical contest, elected clerk in Iowa senate, deputy county treasurer under John McKay, delegate to many state publican conventions; was secretary of the state convention, Master of a farm in Decatur county Iowa, in 1869, educated in the common school, North Star Masonic lodge, a church graduate from Iowa Business College and Sunda school worker.



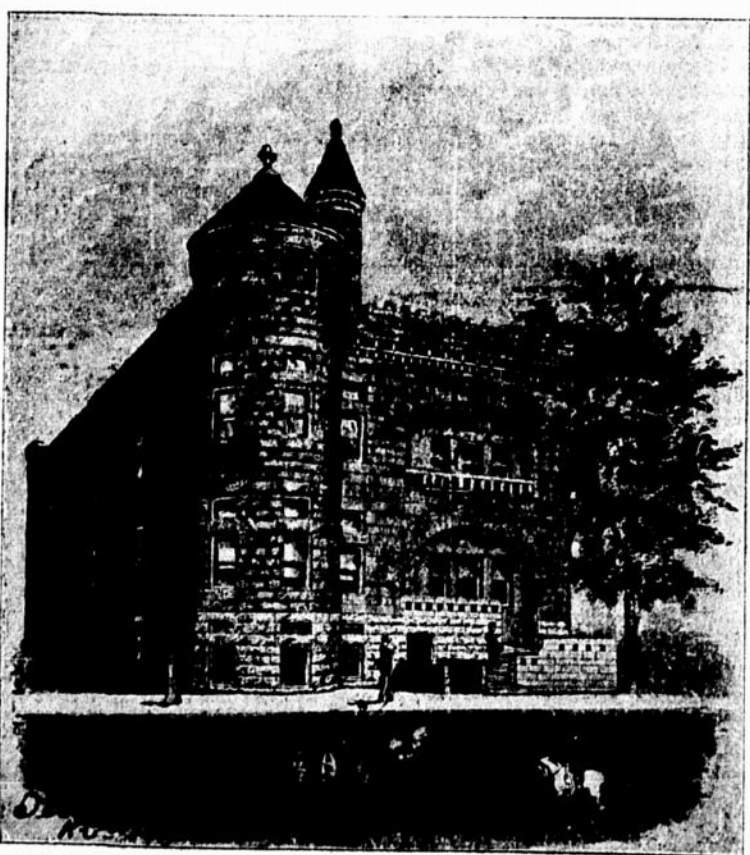
**ATTORNEY S. JOE BROWN, A. B. A. M. LL. B.**

The subject of this sketch is a young lawyer, practicing in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, and who though he has not yet reached his thirty-second birthday, has a record as a lawyer which has been equalled by that of but few lawyers of any race even after many more years of experience. Mr. Brown is a graduate of three cities of Iowa, having received the degree of A. B. from the College of Liberal Arts in 1898, LL. B. from its College of Law in 1901 and A. M. from its Graduate College in 1902. Immediately upon his graduation from the College of Law five years ago he formed a co-partnership with Attorney Geo. H. Woodson, a graduate of the Howard Law School, who had already built up quite an extensive practice in our state, and during the time that he has been engaged in the practice he has defended fifteen persons, who were being tried for their lives on the charge of murder in the first degree, in eight of which cases he has secured absolute acquittal, and in all the others except two verdicts of lesser offenses than that charged and in which two life sentences were imposed. He is president of the Negro Republican Club of Polk county and of the local Afro-American Council. He is also assistant director of the National Afro-American Council's Legal Bureau, of which J. Douglas Wetmore of New York City is chief director, and in that capacity drew up and by the assistance of other influential members of the local council succeeded in having passed by our city council an ordinance making unlawful the production in our city of such inflammatory plays as the Clansman. He is married and owns a comfortable home at 1187 West Seventh street.



**MISS RICHARDSON.**

There being but few of our young ladies shorthand and typewriters in Iowa that have proven satisfactory, the above picture is the best all round stenographer in our city, perhaps state. She is Miss Zoe Richardson, an Iowan by birth, born, raised and educated in our city. She is the only daughter of Mr. Charles H. Richardson, an old and highly esteemed citizen, who lives at 1321 West Thirty-first street. She attended the Iowa Business College, where she learned shorthand and typewriting. When in school she was the fastest scholar in the college on the machine. She has worked for Republican State Central Committee, Iowa Seed Co., A. Guttman and the stenographer for the Iowa State Bystander for five years. She is a musician, having been organist at the Union Congregational church.



**GRANT CLUB HOUSE.**



**J. B. RUSH.**

In the legal world in our city the name of James B. Rush is well known. He has more actual practice than any other colored lawyer in our city. Born in North Carolina in 1861, during the great civil war, after a limited common school education he attended the Normal School in Fayetteville and later Howard University, admitted to the bar twenty-two years ago, he practiced in Indianapolis, Ind., Arkansas, Kansas and Iowa. He is a good criminal lawyer, a fluent and forcible speaker. He is president of the David and Jonathan League, an active member of the Union Congregational church.

**TO CLUB WOMEN.**

The annual meeting of the State Federation is at hand I hope the delegation will be large as the members of Cleve Circle and Frances E Harper Clubs have made preparation to entertain all who can attend. Monday evening session will convene at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist church. Wednesday evening session at the Seventh street Baptist church, all other sessions will be held at the A. M. E. church. The choirs of the different churches will render selections we will also be favored by other local talent. Owing to sickness of three months duration, Mrs. C. H. Marshall of Davenport will not be able to respond to the welcome address so Mrs. Belle Watkins of Buxton will give the respond. Let there be a goodly array of club banners and I hope that every club will send several articles to enlarge the Art- and Crafts display.

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