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CITY NEWS.

(N. B. If you have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us; we solicit all your local news.—Ed.)

Mrs. Gertrude Cannaday will spend the holidays in Kansas City, the guest of relatives and friends.

Miss Ada Hyde, accompanied by Mrs. Daisy Lemme of Iowa City will spend her Christmas vacation from college with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hyde.

Mrs. Wm. Smith of Pierre, S. D. arrived in our city this week to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Price Alexander. Mrs. Smith formerly lived here.

Enola V. Thompson who has been very sick is improving, also little Nelson is much better which is good news to their friends.

The members of St. Paul's A. M. E. Sunday School will present the beautiful Christmas Cantata at the church to-morrow, Christmas evening under the direction of W. H. Warricks.

Miss Zoe Richardson which to thank her many friends for their kind assistance in the social and entertaining part of her recital.

At the installation of Doric Lodge No. 30, A. F. & A. M., held at their hall on East 5th street, Worshipful Master elect J. H. Reynolds appointed the following additional officers; Grant L. White, Enterprise Senior Deacon; W. L. Riley, Des Moines, Junior Deacon; D. T. Moseley Enterprise; Senior Steward; L. Garneth, Enterprise; Chaplin; Gesley J. Hurd, Des Moines, Tyler.

Mrs. James Hamilton formerly of this city but now of Chicago, arrived in our city this week to spend Christmas with old friends and her relatives. While here she will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Price Alexander, of Highland Park.

Mrs. E. B. Elliott, 519 13th st. makes a specialty of Human Hair Goods, also Shampooing and straightening. Mail orders promptly filled.

Dr. J. H. Williams left Thursday for Indiana to spend the holidays with his wife and her folks. From there the doctor will go to Tennessee and Alabama on a prospective business trip; returning sometime within two months. Dr. Flouney of Keokuk has come up here to attend to the doctor's practice while he is away.

The recital given at Union Congregational church last Friday evening is said to be one of the best ever given in this city. A large and appreciative audience listen to good classical music. Miss Richardson was a little nervous on her first piece, but she soon calmed down and showed her ability as a musician. Her tone work and expression of each number was fine. Misses Ethel Bowmer and Florence Gater, soprano singers with a good accompanist Mrs. Wm. Coalsen, sang better than they ever did before. These young ladies are among the best singers in the city. Miss Edith Comely the elocutionist was good in her funny boyish manner. Miss Comely will soon give a recital at Drake Auditorium, this will be the first colored girl to give a recital at Drake. It is hoped ere long Miss Richardson who is taking post-graduate work at Drake will give a musical recital.

At the meeting of the Des Moines Negro Lyceum at the residence of the president Branham N. Hyde last Tuesday honored Attorney S. Joe Brown the found of the organization by electing him honorary president and also elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Wm. Warrick, President; Mrs. J. B. Rush, vice-president; Miss Jessie Bell, secretary; Miss Colleen Alexander, assistant secretary; Mrs. J. H. McDowell, treasurer; Mr. Jesse Graves, correspondence secretary; S. Joe Brown, constitutional advisor; Mrs. E. R. Hall, critic; Miss Bertha Allen, accompanist; Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Attorney J. B. Rush and Dr. E. A. Lee, executive committee. There will be no meeting of the Lyceum next week on account of the inter-state meeting at Kansas City Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; but on Tuesday Jan 4th the meeting will be held with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hughes 2014 Center street, at which time the newly elected officers will be installed.

MRS. L. DENNY,
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and reports from the Inter-state Association meeting will be made.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bowmer of 938 Thirteenth street, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ethel, to Mr. Luther H. Smith of New York, sometime during the holidays. It will be remembered that Mr. Smith was formerly in business in our city.

Mr. L. H. Smith of New York City will arrive in our city this week to spend the holidays. Mr. Smith was here two years ago the western representative of the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Co. of New York.

DAVENPORT NOTES.

General Houston, an old resident of this city, is very sick at his home. The doctors have given him up and there is no hope for his life.

Sunday was Stewardess day at Bethel A. M. E. church, and was a success. After the program was rendered, Mrs. Cass Lambert of S. R. I. made the financial report. Mrs. Lambert had good success, and reported a neat little sum in the Stewardess treasury.

The Church Aid Society held its Japanese entertainment at the Bethel A. M. E. church Monday evening. A fine audience was had, from the tricolored. Those taking part in the drill were Mrs. A. D. Sumlin; Misses Flora, Mable and Eleanor McGraw; Miss Norris; Mrs. G. Smith; Mr. Myer; Mrs. Christina and F. Foster. Others appearing on the program were Miss Cass, Shepherd, Mrs. Davis, Master W. Bussey. The schoolroom and the dining rooms were beautifully lit up with electricity, which was paid for by this society. Mrs. R. Bright was the chairman. They are doing a great work for the church.

Rev. T. B. Stovall was somewhat indisposed Sunday, and was hardly able to fill his pulpit. He is some better. Mr. J. R. Bussey was confined to his room for a few days last week. He is at his post now.

Davenport will soon be blessed with a colored brass band.

KEOKUK NOTES.

The death of Leroy Hampton occurred at the home of his father, John Hampton, 1525 Franklin street, Saturday morning, Dec. 11th, of tuberculosis. The funeral occurred from the A. M. E. church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Jones, pastor of the church, officiated.

D. W. Anderson is recovering slowly from his injuries, received at a fire some time ago. He was obliged to resign his position as pastor of the Baptist church on account of his injuries.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. The Rev. P. H. Phillips, presiding elder, officiated morning and evening.

The funeral of the late Samuel Jackson, whose death occurred in Chicago last Friday, was held from the A. M. E. church, Seventh and Morgan street, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Jackson was taken to Chicago about one month ago for treatment, having suffered a stroke of paralysis.

The family of Rev. W. A. Searcy left for Monmouth, Ill., where is located during the conference year.

The Rev. William Bruce, pastor of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, left for Quincy Saturday, where he was ordained deacon by the Right Rev. Bishop Fawcett of the Diocese of Illinois.

Mrs. B. L. Anderson very pleasantly entertained the Cotere club at her beautiful home at 14 Fulton street, Thursday evening, Dec. 9. What was indulged in until a late hour after which a dainty luncheon was served by the hostess.

Little Elizabeth Gross is ill at her home, 1319 High street.

Miss Myrtle Craig, who is quite ill, is reported a little better.

Union Lodge, A. F. & A. M., held their election of officers Tuesday evening, Dec. 14. The election resulted as follows: A. J. Fields, W. M.; Wm. Mills, S. W.; Wm. Burnes, J. W.; A. A. Bland, Treas.; Wm. Martin, Sec.

There will be service at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin Christmas eve, beginning at 11 o'clock. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated. The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. Josephine Weaver of Kalamazoo, Mich., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Charles Goens. She will also visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. S. J. Goens.

The Sunday school of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin will have their Christmas tree Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, at the Parish Hall on North Fourteenth street.

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WE DESPISE A SYCOPHANT.

Gloomy View of Taft's Present Attitude Toward the Negro.

President Taft has just recently closed a long and most interesting tour through the south and west. He has been making addresses of more or less importance on matters of national concern. Once in awhile he has had something to say upon the race question. He visited Jackson, Miss., where he eulogized the late president of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis, but we are informed that the Negro citizens of that city failed to enthrone and joyfully declined to make a spectacular affair of themselves, saying frankly that they did not like the president's Negro policy, and we give them credit for their manhood and honesty. We despise a sycophant. If you don't like a thing, say so. The Freeman doesn't see very much encouragement for us to lose the franchise in the south wouldn't do the race any special harm, and, besides, if this is accomplished, why, the gain would be enormous for the party. Eloquent southern states would be gained for the Republican party and thus the obliteration of the Mason and Dixon line and a sure enough reunited country at the expense of the poor Negro. The Negro, who has always been true to the Republican party and has helped to make it what it is and has even helped largely in the election of the present chief executive, is now to be given what his blessed Master had offered him on the cross—"vinegar and gall." From one cause and another the Negro has been a ball, tossed between the political parties of the country, and charged and countercharged have done but little to relieve him. But he is now "wounded in the house of his friends." Will he profit by the lesson? We shall see what we shall see.—Indianapolis (Ind.) Freeman.

PROMOTION FOR B. O. DAVIS.

Tenth Cavalry's First Lieutenant Assigned to New Post at Monrovia.

The war department has detailed First Lieutenant Benjamin O. Davis, Tenth Cavalry, now stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., to the legation of the United States at Monrovia, Liberia, as military attaché.

The success of the European powers, as shown by the report of the recent expedition sent by the government of Liberia, in effectively controlling the many tribes of natives who inhabit the African interior, chiefly by means of military bodies in the nature of a police force or constabulary organized from among the natives themselves and officered by Europeans, has created a desire on the part of this government to study the methods of the colonial authorities in Africa and the organization of their military forces.



with a view to the utilization of such information as may be so obtained in dealing with the native inhabitants of our own tropical possessions, where conditions somewhat similar to those in the interior of tropical Africa obtain, having special reference to the southern portions of the Philippine Islands; hence the sending of Lieutenant Davis to Monrovia, which appears to be the most available place for the detail of an American army officer and the one affording the best opportunities for the purpose of this government.

The republic of Liberia has requested the assistance of the United States in organizing a police force of its own, and the presence of an American military man at Monrovia will be of great assistance to the government in working out the details of such a plan of assistance should the government, upon a full consideration of the Liberian commission's report, decide to comply with Liberia's request.

Young Amateur's First Appearance.
One of the most enjoyable affairs of the past week was the cantata given by a committee of ladies at Sumner hall for the benefit of the Lincoln settlement work. The title of the cantata was "A Merry Company; or, Cadet's Picnic." It was rendered in three acts by seventeen young misses and boys. It was their first public appearance. The tambourine drill by seven girls was a feature of the occasion. Mrs. Georgia M. DeBaptiste, head worker of the settlement house, was director of music. Miss Martha B. Upson, who instructed the young amateurs, deserves much credit for the thorough and effective manner in which each performer rendered his part. The settlement work is principally supported by voluntary contributions and by the proceeds from occasional entertainments.

FIRST BID FOR EXPOSITION.

R. A. Elliott Says Baltimore Could Handle Bicentennial in 1913.

By FRANKLIN J. JOHNSON.
That Baltimore is the place where the proposed exposition to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the issuance of the emancipation proclamation in 1913 is to be held is the opinion held by many Baltimoreans.

Prominent business and professional men of the city say that Baltimore's proximity to Washington and Philadelphia, as well as the fact that the city could amply take care of a project of this kind, entitles the city to the proposed big show of Negro industry, thrift and progress.

Mr. Robert A. Elliott, one of Baltimore's most successful business men, said the other day: "Baltimore has many advantages which entitle it to the bicentennial celebration of Lincoln's emancipation proclamation. The fifty years since Abraham Lincoln struck the deathblow to slavery have meant much to the Negro race in the United States. Out of the remarkable



strides from nothing to something we are developing race pride and self reliance. In the grand march toward success Baltimore's colored people have not lagged behind. We have probably the best housed colored people in any city in this country, and we have good schools, plenty of churches and many successful business and professional men.

Our public spirited citizens and business men are in favor of the proposed exposition being held here for many reasons. The fact that this city is only forty miles from Washington and less than 100 miles from Philadelphia would give many of our southern friends a chance to visit those cities. This city is rich in historic associations, and the liberal spirit manifested here makes Baltimore the most desirable city for such an ambitious project.

Let our friends not overlook the many claims of this city of 90,000 progressive colored people.

Mr. Elliott is one of the most successful funeral directors, white or colored, in Baltimore. During the fifteen years he has been in business he has made such rapid progress that he has probably the largest undertaking business among colored people in the city.

NOW IS THE TIME TO AWAKE

Growing Sentiment For More Effective Use of Ballot by Afro-Americans.

Editor Murphy of the Afro-American Ledger, commenting upon the attitude of the two great political parties toward Afro-Americans, strikes the current of racial thought and opinion in a large measure when he says:

"Some day the Afro-American will awake to the fact that his vote counted means something and that he is a factor in securing something for somebody and, as office seems to be the acme of all parties, that it would be well for the Afro-American to take a look around before casting his ballot. If he is not to be the gambler by belonging to this or that party, then probably it would be better to belong to neither and take his chances by voting for the best man regardless of party. A little thinking along about these narrow will probably result in doing some good."

The Race Taking Care of Itself.

In a speech delivered at a meeting held in the interest of the Robert Gould Thaw House, a social settlement work for Afro-Americans at Boston, recently, Dr. Booker T. Washington made the following statement, which is significant of the thrift, self reliance and energy of our people:

"Our race in the south has thus far taken care of itself, for while the government pays out \$10,000,000 to help feed, clothe and shelter the Indians, it does not pay a dollar to feed, clothe and shelter the Negro, except in the case of some special calamity."

Protective League Aids Church.

An entertainment has been planned by the Colored Protective League of the Eighteenth ward, South Side Hilltop, Pittsburg, to be given for the benefit of the St. Paul A. M. E. church, of which the Rev. E. P. Herrington is pastor, Tuesday evening, Dec. 28. There will be a musical and literary program of exceptional merit, and as the organization has a large membership every Afro-American voter in the community is expected to be present. A successful affair may be counted on.

Pittsburg to See "Dessalines" Played.

The drama of "Dessalines" will be produced at North Side Carnegie hall, Pittsburg, Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, for the benefit of the Y. M. C. U. of that city. Miss Henrietta Clinton Davis and company. It is a thrilling story of life and times in Haiti.

Poems of First Negro Author.

Published in Book Form by R. R. Wright, Jr., at Philadelphia—They Show Marked Intelligence of the Writer For That Early Period in Negro Scholarship.

Perhaps the most notable book published during the year in which Afro-Americans are chiefly concerned is the poems of Phillis Wheatley. There are few Afro-Americans of intelligence who are not familiar with the name of the famous Afro-American poetess Phillis Wheatley, who evoked the profoundest and sincerest admiration of two continents in the early days of the American republic. Phillis was born in Africa and was brought to Boston about 1761, where she was sold as a slave to a Mrs. John Wheatley. Although only eight or nine years of age, she was very apt to learn and soon had a speaking knowledge of the English language, to which she was originally an entire stranger. For her own amusement she began to write, and soon classical Boston was attracted by her productions. She, though a slave, had the association of the best people of New England, and even George Washington and Thomas Jefferson complimented her in true southern style.

But while Phillis Wheatley is known by name to thousands of Americans today and notwithstanding the fact that she was one of the founders of American literature, she is to most people, even of her own race, only a name. Thousands of the best educated persons have never seen or read her poems because they have been generations out of print. The first volume was published in 1773, another in 1786, another in 1793, another in 1801, and so on until 1832. Her books are such rarities as to be hidden behind lock and key in the great libraries of the English speaking race, such as the British museum, Boston Public Library, Harvard university library and the Congressional Library at Washington.

The bringing out of this book is quite a contribution to race history and race literature, and it should be an inspiration to the youth of the race, who unfortunately learn but little either of the history or literature of the race in the public schools.

Credence for the restoration of these poems is due to Professor R. R. Wright, Jr., of Philadelphia, the suc-



PROFESSOR R. R. WRIGHT, JR.

cessful young editor of the Christian Recorder, who is following in the footsteps of his illustrious father, Major R. R. Wright of Georgia. The book is itself a gem. It contains about a hundred pages, with green and gold binding, and is printed on the laid paper with a beautiful half tone cut of Miss Wheatley. It was printed by the A. M. E. Book Concern, which is the oldest printing establishment of the race in the United States. The book contains thirty-nine poems on various subjects, chiefly moral and religious. They show a mind highly religious and well trained in the classic, sincere, simple, yet quick and precise.

Will Stay Where God Has Put Them.

Major Moton, commandant of the Hampton cadets, Hampton, Va., said in a recent speech in Brooklyn while on his northern tour: "You have all heard of the mental and industrial progress of the black man, but I can say a word for his physical progress. He has kept pace with the white man in that respect and is liable to stay with him. I feel sorry for the white man who has to assume this vexing problem of the Negro, but you give the black man a chance and your burden will be less heavy. Because God has brought us from Africa and put us side by side with the greatest white people on earth we are going to stay here."

Howard's Latest Play in High Favor.

Stephen Howard made a decided hit at Pittsburg recently in the production of his latest play, entitled "Under a Cloud." Mr. Howard enacted the role of Morley and was ably supported by the following cast: Miss Tracey, Sara Reese; Joels Reed, Odessa Grimes; Mr. Tracey, Frank Whitlock; Durkin, William Showden; Sharp, Charles Johnson; Detective Smith, James Reese. The play will be repeated at the St. Matthew A. M. E. Zion church in January by the same company.

BURLINGTON ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Badgett very delightfully entertained with a six-course dinner last Thursday, a few of their intimate friends. Mrs. L. Washington entertained the same party in the evening at luncheon.

Mrs. Ida Martin of Kansas City and Mrs. Hattie Tiggs have returned from a delightful visit in Keokuk with Anna Holmes. Ruth and Nioma Tiggs accompanied Mrs. Tiggs.

Mr. Eugene Greene of Davenport was in the city last week to see his sister, Mrs. Julia Holden, who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tyler entertained a company of friends at dinner Sunday. A very excellent dinner was served. Mrs. Tyler was assisted by her mother, Mrs. H. Early.

Mr. J. W. Macky is suffering with a sprained knee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Trent will depart for California the 1st, where they will spend the winter.

The Independent Improvement Club meets with Mrs. J. Drew this week. While paying up your debts for the old year, please don't forget The Bystander.

CLINTON.

Mr. Rout of Huntsville, Mo., is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Robinson, in Lyons, through the holidays.

A few of the members of the Women's Loyal Club dropped in on Rev. Taylor one night last week, leaving several articles of tinware. The Rev. says come again, but bring more of a variety.

We kindly ask all delinquent subscribers to please pay your back subscriptions at once. Start the New Year right. Do not wait for the agent to ask you for it.

The annual Christmas tree of Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school will be held Friday night, with the rendering of an appropriate program by the children.

E. W. Mann of Champaign, Ill., spent Sunday with relatives in Clinton and Lyons.

Married—Miss Julia Wilson of Huntsville, Mo., to Mr. Ike Robinson of this city, at the A. M. E. parsonage. Rev. B. U. Taylor officiated. The many friends of the happy couple extend their best wishes.

The Deaconess Board and Normal class gave a social on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15. The proceeds were for the trustee board. A neat sum was realized.

Mrs. D. O. Greene, who has been the guest of Clinton relatives for the past month, leaves this week for her home in Chicago.

The Clinton girls who are pursuing studies in Chicago schools of learning are expected home this week for the Christmas holidays.

ALBIA NEWS.

Miss Henrietta Jones of Chicago is spending the holidays at the parental home.

Rev. W. Rhinehart passed through Albia from Hawkeye on Thursday of this week, enroute to Ottumwa.

The Sewing Circle Club met at the home of Mrs. E. Grayson on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Lulu Miller and Mr. Bittan Thomas attended a holiday wedding in Hawkeye this week. Mr. Cornelius Miller marrying a young lady from Yankton, Dakota, in Hawkeye. Mr. Miller is an Albia young man and the son of Mrs. Lulu Miller.

Mr. Goshner of Tuskegee Institute passed through Albia Thursday and visited with Rev. S. S. Brit and attended the Vesta Club Concert.

Wallace M. Davis was a Hocking visitor Friday of this week.

The Vesta Club Concert, given under the auspices of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Washington at the A. M. E. church, was a success financially and intellectually. The music was nicely rendered, the singing and speaking good. Mr. Washington should be commended as a trainer and cornet player. All parts were well rendered. The visitors from Hocking were Miss Bessie Garland, Miss Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grayson.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

"The Rivals," Miss L. S. Smith's new play, with a cast of eighteen characters, will be produced at Dania Hall, corner of Fifth street and Cedar avenue, Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, 1909, for the benefit of the Fidelity Court of Calanthe No. 345. Admission 25c. Curtain raises at 8:30 p. m. Mrs. Geo. Barnett, W. C.; Miss Alice Marshall, R. of D., and Miss L. O. Smith, director.

The building committee of St. Thomas Mission is delighted with the progress being made by the contractor and builder of the new church, at Twenty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, south. The congregation expect to hold their first ceremonies in their new church building Christmas morning.

Dr. Adam Speed, chiroprapist, has arranged with Messrs. Utley & Vass, of the Commercial Barber Shop, 94 East Fifth street, to receive patients there. He relieves corns, bunions, ingrowing nails, and all afflictions of the feet without pain. He will call at residence or place of business without extra charge. Prices reasonable and work guaranteed. Office hours, 9 to 11 a. m.

The grand Christmas ball which was given by the Ames Lodge No. 106, in P. O. E. W. at Dearborn Hall last Thursday evening, Dec. 23, 1909, was a grand affair. Refreshments were served by the members of the lodge, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The music was furnished by

Mme. Hale-McCullough's full orchestra. There will be a public installation at South Side Auditorium some time in January, due notice of which will be given. The third of the series will be a masquerade ball in February.

At the B. A. C. club's last meeting a captain and manager for its 1910 football team were elected. Halback Steward was elected manager, and Halback Wilson captain. There was also a captain elected for the club's 1909-10 hockey team. Harvey Moss was the one elected.

Tyler's Dancing Academy is now open at South Side Auditorium, formerly Normana Hall, Twelfth avenue south and Third street. Dancing classes every first and third Mondays in each month. A. C. Irwin, dancing master.

Mrs. S. Sample and daughter, Miss Laura Sample, left the city last Sunday evening, Dec. 20, for a few weeks' visit with friends in Indianapolis, Ind.

The Choral Study Club, with a chorus of twenty-five voices, under the direction of W. C. Jeffrey, will give another annual sacred program at St. Peter's A. M. E. church, Sunday evening, Dec. 26, 1909.

There will be special Christmas services at Bethesda Baptist church, both morning and evening, Sunday, Dec. 26, 1909. In the morning the pastor, Rev. J. T. Carter, will preach, and in the evening Mrs. Ridges will talk. Special music will be rendered at both services.

Ill Health is More Expensive Than any Cure.

This country is now filled with people who migrate across the country in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Ninetenths of them are suffering from throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and the more serious disease may be avoided. For sale by all druggists.

MT. PLEASANT NOTES.

A beautiful baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edd Pickett Tuesday Dec. 21.

Mr. Wm. Keith was very seriously hurt by the breaking of a cable rope. His limb was broken in two places. He is feeling better at this writing.

Invitations are out for a reception given by the "400 club" Dec. 26.

Miss Lillie Washington left Monday for Aurora, Ill., where she will spend the holidays with the Beckwiths.

Mr. Elmer Richardson is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Mandy Robbins of Quincy, Ill., visited at the home of Mrs. Maggie Walters of 309 N. Lincoln street last week.

School let out on the 17th until Jan. 3rd 1910.

There will be a Christmas tree at the A. M. E. church Friday evening. All are cordially invited to be present.

PEORIA, ILL., NEWS.

Miss Jannette Wood of Champaign, Ill., is the guest of her cousins Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Gibbons.

Rev. Hall of Blooming was the guest of Rev. Murrell last week for a few days.

Mrs. Mammie Brown Rhodes who has been making this city her home for some time, expects to leave soon for her home in Buxton.

Miss Clara Gibbons assisted by her cousin Miss Jeannette Wood and Mr. Francis Gibbons will give a musical recital in the near future. Watch for the date.

Mrs. Eliza Wood of Champaign, Ill., is expected here during the holidays, and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons.

The ladies Art Club of the city will entertain New Year.

How One Doctor Successfully Treats Pneumonia.

"In treating pneumonia," says Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., "the only remedy I use for the lungs is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. While, of course, I would treat other symptoms with different medicines, I have used this remedy many times in my medical practice and have yet failed to find a case where it has not controlled the trouble. I have used it myself, as has also my wife for coughs and colds repeatedly, and I most willingly and cheerfully recommend it as superior to any other cough remedy my knowledge." For sale by all druggists.

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"Whimsical weather" suits it well enough.

Airships are almost as brittle as gingerbread.

The most popular book in the home of the workman is his handbook.

Surely the professor had a bad ear for music who killed himself because the baby cried.

New York society makes a better appearance at the horse show than in the divorce court.

The Indians never hunted any thing fiercer than the Indian summer that bears their name.

The auto is said to promote appendicitis, but this will not deter those who can scrape up the price.

If in 1,000 years from now it will be possible to live 120 years it is to be hoped that it will be worth while.

Virtue does not consist in doing right, but in choosing to do right. This is the great distinction between the animal and man.

Germany is now viewing with complacency the Monroe doctrine, which has all along viewed Germany with imperturbability.

King Mampel of Portugal has gone to England to get him a wife, if possible. St. Joseph, Mich., is also recommended for that purpose.

Many a man is wearing a plush hat who would shudder at the idea of rowing a feather from his wife's top piece to make it complete.

Word comes that a New Yorker is to be relieved from the stress of poverty by an inheritance of \$100,000. He is not much of a New Yorker.

It will be almost impossible to counterfeit the new French bank notes, but we get this information from the designer, not from the counterfeiters.

Women may, as the learned Dr. Hillis says, own all the property in 1,000 years, but many of those now living willingly would discount their share.

After reading about mental malpractice and treatment for prosperity in New York we have more charity for the ancient New Englanders who believed in witchcraft.

Vienna has an enterprising marriage broker who offers to unite bankrupt European titles to useful American millions. Judging the present by the past, he can do it.

Just at present we have in the North Dakota the fastest and best Dreadnought in the world, but some other nation may get a better one next week.

Honduras has lost its navy. The only warship of that country, a tug-boat transformed into an armed cruiser, was run into near Puerto Cortez by a fruit steamer and sunk. Thus the coast of Honduras is defenseless against foreign aggression. But the Honduras can go inland and out of range if serious danger shall threaten.

A heartless court has appointed a conservator for the 70-year-old bride who recently married an eastern university student, aged 21, and the young husband will be arraigned for perjury in gallantly swearing that his wife was only 24. There was a time in this country when people admired an enterprising young man who tried to work his way through college.

The international art exhibition at Venice has just come to an end, and one feature of the finale was the sale of some of the paintings on exhibition. Six of the more notable were by American artists, and they were bought for the gallery of the International Art association at Venice. That is a tribute to American talent the significance of which will be recognized.

Turkey, after disposing of old and obsolete war vessels, proposes to construct a new navy at a cost of not less than \$100,000,000, and part of the outfit planned will be seven battleships of the Dreadnought class. No doubt a navy will serve a useful purpose, but could not the Young Turks spend the money to better advantage? Does not Turkey need other things more than a big fleet of war craft?

The treasury department at Washington has given orders that revenue cutters shall patrol the waters about certain Hawaiian islands where poachers are ruthlessly destroying the birds. This protection is intended to prevent such indiscriminate slaughter and to assure the preservation of birds the value of which is coming to be more thoroughly appreciated. This is another form of conservation that is to be commended.

King Menelik of Abyssinia is again said to be improving. He has been reported dead so frequently that he must have a choice collection of obituary notices.

A veteran captain reports the sea alive with whales between Sandy Hook and the West Indies. It is a hint that would have been as good as a fortune to the Yankee harpoonists of other days. But apparently the decay of an industry once great has been as good as a game law for the mammals of the deep.

A Parisian dress designer says with twenty years both men and women will wear garments that do not reach below the knees. Twenty years? The way cotton is going up we are looking for something that kind within a shorter time.

A man in Connecticut bet his good mixed girl against an old horse on the result of the election. He won, but on learning of the bet the hired girl did the rest. It was not pleasant for the winner, the good mixed girl is not an entirely common sight.

Women Please on School Board. Humboldt.—E. G. Brown having resigned from the school board the board has appointed Mrs. Jennie French Loren to fill the vacancy.

PRIZES FOR GRAIN

Given By Iowa Small Grain Growers Association.

MEETING AT AMES, JAN. 3-15

The Small Grain Growers of State to Put on First Annual Contest During the Short Course at Ames.

Ames, Ia., Dec. 23.—The Iowa Small Grain Growers' association is to put on its first annual contest in the agricultural hall at Iowa State college at Ames, January 3 to 15, 1910. This convention and show will run concurrently with the annual short course. Previously the work has been all with corn, and within the last two years the importance of developing the small grains has become recognized. This is the purpose of the above-named organization, which is an outgrowth of the Iowa Corn Growers' association and which is this year putting out a premium list.

Show samples are to be one-half bushel of the grain exhibited. The prizes include: One \$125 small grain drill, one \$125 binder, one \$150 gang plow, a \$50 case of Keen Kutter tools, one \$50 disc harrow, one \$50 litter carrier with tracks, one \$50 Corcoran School scholarship, two premiums of \$10 in cash and \$10 in flour, one of \$15 in flour, 150 pounds of Manila binder twine, one \$50 hay tedder and one \$25 seed cleaner.

At the same time, the Kellogg special of \$1,000 for corn will be competed for. Besides these contests, the boys and girls of the state will hold a contest in corn, for which a list of premiums valued at \$5,000 is provided. For particulars concerning this write William McArthur, Ames.

The agricultural departments are now in the splendid new agricultural building. This fact insures a better short course than ever before. The new auditorium in this building and the many fine laboratories mean more ample facilities and better work for all.

Big Dinner at the Home. Marshalltown.—The 1032 members and employes of the Iowa Soldiers' home are going to fare just as well for the Christmas dinner this year as any prince of the land. They are to have turkey, even though it does cost 28 cents per pound. It will require an even 1,000 pounds of turkey to feed this big family. Other articles that will go toward making up the dinner will include twelve bushels of potatoes, 160 three pound cans of peas, 100 five pound loaves of bread, thirty gallons of pickles, half cucumbers and the other half pickled onions, 420 pies, divided equally between mince and pumpkin, eight boxes of oranges, 100 dozen bananas 150 pounds of candy, 100 quarts of cranberries, twenty-five pounds of coffee, five pounds of tea and forty gallons of milk.

Dedicate New Hospital. Iowa City.—A new \$200,000 hospital has been dedicated, and was duly affiliated with the University of Iowa, though not a part of the state's property, at all. It is the new and great wing of the Mercy hospital owned by the Sisters of Mercy. It is second to none in equipment, and to few, in value, in Iowa.

Dog Case to High Court. Allison.—In the McCarthy vs. Butz last dog biting case from Greene, Judge Clyde granted the motion of plaintiff for a new trial, but defendant will appeal from the judge's decision to the supreme court and the case must go before that tribunal before it can be carried farther in the district court.

Tries to Assault Girl at Church Door. Nevada.—An unknown man grabbed little Florence Knight, a 10-year-old girl of this city, in the shadow of a church, and attempted to assault her. The screams of the girl frightened the man away. The girl gives a good description of the man. She is positive that she knows him.

Decatur County Pioneer Dead. Decatur City.—Henry Hendrickson, a pioneer of Decatur county and a highly respected citizen of Grand River township, dropped dead, supposedly of heart disease, after driving to Decatur City for the purpose of bringing a sick neighbor to the doctor.

Dollar Gas Granted City. Burlington.—At a special session of the city council an agreement was announced with the local gas companies by which Burlington is hereafter to receive dollar gas instead of paying \$1.50 as heretofore.

Fireman Killed by His Engine. Clinton.—Frank Lonergan, aged 25, a Northwestern fireman, was struck by engine No. 6 at Stanwood and instantly killed. The body will be brought to Clinton for interment. Lonergan was unmarried.

Girls Go to Home. Legan.—Henry Marley, held for the murder of his wife, has signed papers giving his two girls, Sina and Alice, to the Children's home at Des Moines. They will be adopted by good families.

Oskaloosa Has Bad Fire. Oskaloosa.—The Koss bakery was burned with a loss of between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The oven was damaged and will have to be rebuilt. Much material and a car load of flour brought in for the holiday trade was destroyed.

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Big Yield of Corn.

Sac City, Iowa.—Mr. G. Keir stated that his men had just finished husking and cribbing the corn from an eighteen acre field on his farm one and one-half miles west of the Sac City cannery factory and had obtained no less than 1,555 bushels, or a yield of almost ninety-one bushels per acre.

Mr. Keir says that the measurements are correct and that he is confident that he might have obtained 100 bushels per acre if the corn had been taken out before the severe storms.

This splendid yield is not so hard to understand after Mr. Keir tells how he proceeded in order to get it. He began last fall by covering the field with manure, scattered by a spreader, and then plowed the field.

In the spring he gave the field a light top dressing of manure and thoroughly disked it into the soil.

The seed bed was carefully prepared by disking and harrowing and the corn was checked in on the usual plan. The seed was strong, the stand perfect. He cultivated entirely with a god cultivator and went over the field five times, twice after the fourth of July. As a result, he says that nothing was grown in the field but corn, and it is now absolutely clean so far as weeds or grass are concerned.

It is probable that the average farmer hereabout will be pleased this year if he obtains a yield of thirty bushels per acre. It is worth while ascertaining whether the excess of sixty bushels per acre did not amply compensate for the extra expenditure of labor. Smaller fields, better cultivated, must become the motto of farmers on \$150-an-acre land.

Historic Character Dead. Cedar Rapids.—E. H. Taylor, a pioneer resident of this city, died, aged 78 years. In 1849 he left his home in Vermont to go to California, stopped at Boston and worked on the Methodist Seaman's Bethel, founded by the late Father Taylor. Then he took ship for Colon, crossing the Isthmus of Panama with a party, most of whom died of fever. He stayed two years in Panama and finally reached California, where he was an eye witness to the historic lynching by vigilantes. As a special officer he helped arrest Jas. King, Casey and Richardson, three of the men executed after a court martial.

New Clear Lake Resort. Clear Lake.—Ventura Heights is the new resort which is to be platted and opened up here in the early spring by H. H. Shepard and a syndicate of traveling men of the state. Land amounting to over fifty acres was purchased lying along the south shore of the west end of the lake at \$200 per acre from farmers who own adjoining land. The land lies high, some fifty feet above the lake level, and is well wooded. It is expected that the resort will be reserved for traveling men purchasers and at a figure which will allow all who can afford to buy.

Farmer in Raid on School. Mason City.—Threatening to do bodily harm to the teacher and to the director of the school who had been summoned, caused the arrest of S. V. Johns, a well known farmer near here, who resented when the teacher punished his boys in school. The irate father came to the school house and caused a scene, one of the children in the meantime running home to tell his parents, the father happening to be Director James Lucas, who at once went to the scene. Johns drove the teacher, director and all from the building.

Higher Land Values. Murray.—Land values are rapidly advancing around Murray. A few days ago F. S. Smith bought of William Taylor 320 acres of land near Murray at \$100 per acre. This is a nice farm, lying one-half mile east of Murray. The land was owned by Charles Burd, now deceased, and was sold by Mr. Taylor, as referee. This is the first large tract that has been sold at \$100 per acre.

All Burn Candles. Corning.—Because the oil man could not make his rounds over the rough roads, people in towns and farms surrounding this place are burning candles which are at a premium. A hay and grain famine threatens the small towns because the farmers cannot haul over the roads. Some of the rural mail carriers are again trying to cover their routes.

Sidney Woman Celebrates. Sidney.—Mrs. Emily Penn, who has been a resident of this community for nearly half a century, celebrated her eighty-fifth birthday. She was the object of a postal shower, receiving 1,100 postal cards, two telegrams from friends in Pennsylvania and various other expressions of felicitations from her many friends.

County Farm Stock Fine. Sidney.—Marion Grove, the superintendent of the county farm, delivered to one of the stock buyers here a bunch of hogs—fifty-one head—that sold for 74 cents per pound and added the snug sum of \$1,085.25 to the farm's balance at the bank.

Dies of Elephantiasis. Council Bluffs.—Mrs. Mary E. Malory, who has suffered with elephantiasis for sixteen years, despite the efforts of physicians to cure her, is dead. The disease is very rare.

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Books and Magazines

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In foods, we are shipped trainloads of ready-to-eat, sometimes pre-digested, breakfast foods, biscuits, meats, soups, and desserts. In clothes, all of us who are not museum freaks are offered ready-to-wear uniformly designed suits, shirts, underwear, collars, hosiery, and shoes. In medicines, ready-to-alleviate cures cure all diseases, and produce a host of rural centenarians. In travel, we are urged to join ready-to-start excursions and parties to every part of the habitable globe. In music, the ready-to-grind phonographs and pianolas have given the art of the few to the mob. In education, the ready-to-fit curriculum of our great colleges, business and correspondence schools are adapted to every youth in the land who is not an idiot in dwellings, the ready-for-anybody flat is making a whirlwind obliteration of the American home.—Loren H. B. Knox, in the December Atlantic.

For the Benefit of Long Evenings. There are no lovely winter evenings in the homes where The Youth's Companion is a weekly visitor, and there need be no idle hours. The variety of the paper's contents appeals to every member of the household and before one issue is exhausted the next is waiting at the post office. During the winter season The Companion prints nearly a hundred complete stories of considerable length, besides the absorbing serials, some 25 articles by men and women of renown, and about twice as many short character and humorous sketches as there are winter nights. Such an article as "Winter Gardening" suggests an interesting occupation which can be carried on in Alaska with snow twenty feet deep, and without the cost of a dollar. It is well "worth while" to read a paper so carefully and ably edited.

Send your subscription (\$1.75) at once so as to receive free all the issues of The Companion for the remaining weeks of 1909, as well as The Companion's "Venetian Calendar for 1910, lithographed in thirteen colors and gold.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, Companion Building, Boston, Mass.

The Social Life of Pittsburgh. Socially, Pittsburgh may be likened to a huge pie, with upper and lower crust a-plenty, but a noticeable lack of what the good housewife realizes is the chief feature of her culinary triumph, the filling. The top crust is extremely light, and therefore has various elevations or excrescences. Sticking to the under side of this upper crust you will find many traces of what was once Pittsburgh's social filling, or middle class. Their connection is a bit precarious, almost perilous, but they manage somehow to stick far below, through a great space, they see the under crust, absorbing that part of the filling which failed to rise and cling to the upper crust. In no other city of America will you find the words "middle class" regarded as a term of contempt. In no other American city will you see so many individuals drawing comfortable salaries and yet regarding life as a hopeless sort of game, hardly worth the playing. Pittsburghers have reduced the art of being pessimistic to a science.—From Woman's Home Companion for November.

January St. Nicholas. There is the first of a new Ralph Henry Barbour story in the January St. Nicholas, and it starts right off with a new boy in boarding school and some football complications. "Kingsford, Quarter," is the title of it; and Relyea is making the pictures, as he has for most of Mr. Barbour's stories.

Charles Battell Loomis's "The Three Golden Showers" is one of the good, old-fashioned "once upon a time" and "they married and lived happily ever after" kind, with six delightful drawings by John Wolcott Adams.

There is the usual seasonal store of rhymes and pictures, stories and sketches, and almost best of all, the Brownies again. Palmer Cox tells about "The Brownies' Quilting Bee" this time; and there will be more of the fun and adventures all through the year.

Artists in the Christmas "Harper's Weekly." A remarkable series of pictures in color distinguishes the special Christmas issue of Harper's Weekly. The cover is a charming treatment, in three colors, of a winning phase of child life, painted by Alice Barber Stephens; while among the other well-known artists who are represented elsewhere in this issue are Elizabeth Shippen Green, J. A. Williams, Harold Matthews Brett, Harry G. Dart, Dan Bayre Groesbeck, Albert Levering, Horace Taylor, Arthur William Brown, Howard V. Brown, J. Conacher, and H. C. Wall.

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PET STOCK SHOW

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AT COLISEUM NEXT WEEK

The Prizes for the Best Chickens and Other Animals Aggregate \$3,000 and the Show Will Be a Winner.

Des Moines, Dec. 23.—With more than \$3,000 offered in merchandise in addition to twenty-six silver trophies for the prize winners, entries for the poultry and pet animal show, which will be held in the Coliseum next week, are pouring into the office of George S. Phillips, secretary. The show will open Tuesday under the auspices of the Iowa Poultry and Pet Stock association and continue the rest of the week.

The time for filing entries closes at midnight tonight and it is confidently expected that there will be between 2,800 and 2,500 entries. More than 1,800 entries have been made. Indications are that the show this year will be by far the biggest ever held in Iowa, which is partly accountable to the fact that the association has a building big enough to handle it. In past years the show has been crowded for room.

Almost everything that has feathers that is tame will be exhibited. In addition there will be an exhibit of Angora cats and blooded dogs. Des Moines' dog breeders are showing considerable interest and a big exhibit in this class is anticipated.

All entries should be made before tonight. The installation of the exhibits will begin Monday and the show will open Tuesday.

Commercial Club Asks for Names of Those Who Are Willing to Enumerate City Residents.

Des Moines, Dec. 23.—Jobs as enumerators for the federal census in April are apparently not in demand, as very few applications have been made to the Commercial club, which will supervise the taking of the census. Something like 100 enumerators are needed and announcements must be made that all applications must be in before January 25, and that the examination to determine those eligible for Des Moines and Polk county will be held in Des Moines February 5. The census-taking will begin April 15.

The city has been divided into districts so that each can be canvassed in about ten days. The pay is 3 cents a name, and in some districts it will be possible to earn between \$40 and \$50. A duplicate copy of all applications must be mailed to Cam Culbertson of Knoxville, superintendent of the census for this district.

Proposition to Aid Iowa and Southwestern Line Carries at Creston Special Election.

Clarinda, Ia., Dec. 23.—The proposition to vote a per cent tax of the city to aid the Iowa & Southwestern railway carried by a majority of four to one. This means the road will be built from Clarinda to College Springs and Blanchard, and work will begin not later than April 1, 1910. The work of promoting this enterprise has been in the hands of the Engineering Construction & Securities company of Chicago under contract with the Clarinda Commercial club, and this victory is due to the good work of the business men in the club and of C. A. Ross, the president of the engineering company, and Charles Judd, their chief engineer.

Corn Growers Made Money. Des Moines, Dec. 23.—John Sundberg, president of the Iowa Corn Growers' association is in Des Moines to wind up the affairs of the seventh Iowa corn exposition, which closed more than a week ago. Despite the fact that the exposition had a light attendance it is known that the corn growers will come out to the good financially. The exact amount of the profits of the exposition will not be known for several days.

Caught by Shaft and Strangled. Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 23.—Thos. L. Liddington, aged 60 years, employed as night miller at the Central City mills, was found dead by his employer with his clothes caught in the shafting in such a manner as to indicate that death was due to strangulation.

Dine Hull and Cummins. Des Moines, Dec. 23.—Senator A. B. Cummins and Congressman J. A. T. Hull will be the guests of the Press

