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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.)

Remember the big rally next Sunday at Union Congregational church.

J. L. Thompson spent Tuesday in Burlington on legal business.

Mr. Henry West who is sick, returned home from the hospital last week and is improving.

Mrs. Mary Coalson has returned from Lake Okoboji where she spent the summer.

Messrs. R. N. Hyde and Henry Taylor are the only two colored men drawn on the September jury.

Mrs. Elmer Morton of Omaha, Neb., formerly of this city, is now visiting her mother, Mrs. Wm. Whitfield.

Misses Emma and Maggie Graves of Brunswick, Mo., are in our city visiting their relative, Mr. Yancy on Twelfth street.

Mrs. Isaac Robinson of Huntsville, Mo., who has spent three weeks visiting her sister and re-entering her girl in the schools, returned home last Saturday.

Mr. Howard Griffin, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Griffin of East Capitol avenue, has gone to South Dakota with a fair exhibitor to spend a few weeks.

A very nice reception was given last week by Mrs. I. M. Jones in honor of Mrs. Elmer Morton of Omaha, Neb. A good time reported.

The M. C. T. club will give a lawn social Tuesday evening, Sept. 27th, at the home of Mrs. H. R. Graves, 207 Arthur avenue, Highland Park. Everybody welcome.

Mr. C. E. Baldwin, the eldest of the Baldwin brothers of Creston, spent a week visiting in our city the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. B. J. Hack on Penn avenue.

Mr. Nelson Watkins of Albany, Mo., arrived in our city last Tuesday to bring his little child, Fay Johnson, to put her in the public schools. He is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Thompson on West Twentieth street. Fay will make her home at Mr. Thompson's.

Rev. O. A. Johnson of Independence, Mo., formerly pastor of Burns M. E. church, came to our city yesterday to visit a few days with old friends.

Mrs. H. E. Jacobs who has been quite ill the past week at her home, 1238 W. Twentieth street, is improving.

Mrs. L. R. Palmer left yesterday for an extended trip through the east. Her first stop will be in Chicago, then to New York City, Buffalo, Washington, D. C. and other cities along the New England coast.

The Intellectual Improvement club is making elaborate preparations for their first Annual Autumn Festival, to given Friday evening, Sept. 30th at the Young Men's Progressive Association, rooms Ninth and Park streets. The entertainment will consist of a literary and musical program and a bazaar. Refreshments will be served. They ask all clubs of the city and the general public for a large attendance. Admission 10 cents.

Mr. Henry Clay, one of our highly respected citizens, has just returned from Tuskegee, Ala., where he took his little daughter, Daisy Gerada, to enter the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. He speaks very highly of the Booker T. Washington school.

The M. C. T. club met last Monday, Sept. 19th, at the home of Mrs. Theodore J. Bell, 1651 Lyon street and listened to a very interesting program. A special feature of the program was an address by Mrs. J. P. Sims on the value of domestic science. Mrs. Sims is a woman of rare ability and has a thorough and complete knowledge of the value of domestic science. We are only sorry all the ladies clubs of the city did not hear this most interesting and instructive address. The

club will meet next Monday afternoon, Sept. 26th, at the home of Mrs. Green on Fourteenth Street Place.

A beautiful party was given last Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Isaac Robinson of Huntsville, Mo., by Messrs. James Wm. Woods, Wm. Matthews, Jas. Mitchell, A. Gater, B. Carr and E. Morton. Part of the evening was spent in an auto ride over the city, after which a delightful luncheon was served at the home of Mr. Wm. Woods, 838 Eleventh street.

### INTER STATE LITERARY NOTICE

There will be a special session of the City Literary Convention at the residence of S. Joe Brown 1058-W 5th St. Monday evening Sept. 26th at 8 o'clock. All delegates are urged to be present and all committee chairman will please be prepared to make full reports as this will be the last session before the meeting of the Inter-State Executive Comm. at Kansas City, Kans., Saturday October 1st and it is very much desired that all matters of the city convention be prepared for report to that body when they meet.

### CHORAL CLUB ORGANIZED

A splendid mixed chorus comprising some of the best voices in the city has recently been organized and is held a rehearsal every Monday evening, preparing themselves to furnish music for the Inter-State Literary Ass'n meeting in December. At the meeting on last Monday they unanimously voted to adopt the name "Warrick's Choral Club" in honor of their director, Prof. W. H. Warrick.

Miss Bertha Allen the accomplished pianist has been selected as accompanist and about fifty persons have already given in their names to become members.

Any other persons who are musically inclined are cordially invited to meet with the club at the Warrick Studio 1006-W 13th St. on any Monday evening as it is desired to increase the membership to one hundred if possible. Only the highest grade of music is to be used.

### DES MOINES NEGRO LYCEUM.

The Des Moines Negro Lyceum met last Tuesday with Miss Pearl Hammit 1404 Crocker street. The life and political career of Ex-President Benjamin Harrison was fully discussed by the club. In view of the fact of the recent school trouble at Enterprise, the following resolutions were drawn up and adopted:

Whereas, We express our full confidence in the ability and integrity of Miss Nell Leffrage, an honorable member of this organization, commend the school Board of Enterprise, also the editor of the Register and Leader for encouragement and support they have given her in the struggle.

The application for membership of Mr. Beverly, a student at West High, was accepted. Mrs. Durden, mother of Mrs. J. B. Rush, was present and made a short but interesting talk. The Lyceum will meet Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at the home of Mrs. H. W. Hughes, 919 Thirteenth street, at which time the following program will be rendered: Quotations, William Howard Taft; vocal solo, Prof. W. H. Warrick; biography of Taft, Dr. A. J. Booker; character and political career, Branham N. Hyde. [discussion by society; current events; report of critic.

### GREAT CHURCH RALLY.

The members and friends of the Union Congregational church will hold a rally Sunday to finish securing the \$500, necessary to liquidate their church of any interest bearing debt. While the membership is small and has been somewhat divided, yet the new pastor and his amiable and helping wife have united the members again, and it now seems that the goal is very near. Let every race loving man and woman come out sometime during the Sunday and help in this rally. Union church is a beautiful and valuable church, so let us all go and help them pay off all interest bearing debts. Below is a part of the day's program:

Morning sermon by Dr. T. O. Douglass, Sr., of Grinnell.

AFTERNOON AT 3:30.

- Organ Voluntary.
- Song by choir.
- Prayer by Rev. LeRoy Woolrich.
- Anthem by choir.
- Sermon by Dr. A. L. Frisbie.
- Prayer by Rev. T. O. Douglass, Jr.
- Address, Hon. C. A. Dudley.
- Offertory—Rev. F. W. Hodgdon
- To be called by church auxiliaries
- Remarks by J. G. Olmstead, chairman.
- Anthem by choir.
- Remarks by Dr. T. O. Douglas Sr.
- Evening sermon by Rev. J. P. Burling.

### THE WESTERN NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION.

This week the President has issued his annual official call for the Writers, Journalists, Reporters and contributors to meet in regular session for two days Nov. 25 and 26 in Muskogee, Okla. This meeting promises to eclipse and meet in some of the best held independent of some other gathering, let those who have literary taste and possess literary talent come and join in with us in making it the best and most profitable to the development of the race in the great West and Middle West, such distinguished men and women of our race have

been ask and have promised to be present are Hon. W. T. Vernon, Register of the U. S. Treasurer; Hon. Gurley Brewer, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Hon. R. W. Thompson of Washington, D. C., president of the National Press Association; Mrs. A. G. Edwards, editress of the Woman's Aurora, of Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. J. Stone Yates of Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo. Let us plan to visit one of the coldest states in America at the season when she will be in full bloom, and see some of the progress that those of our race are doing in the South-west.

### ALBIA NEWS.

Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Griffith and children arrived in Albia Monday. The reverend continued his trip on to Albia, while Mrs. Griffith and children visited at the parental Cornelious Thomas home.

Mrs. Cora McCarthy of Hawkeye was a visitor at the C. Thomas home Monday and Tuesday this week.

Mrs. Morton of Decatur county was in Albia Monday on her way to Buxton to visit her daughter.

Mrs. E. Grayson returned home Tuesday of this week from her visit in Des Moines and her stay at Lake Okoboji, where she was employed three months.

Lawyer Geo. H. Woodson of Buxton was in Albia Tuesday and Friday of this week.

Miss Gertrude M. Jones returned to her home in Chicago after a two weeks visit at the parental H. Jones home.

Miss Viola Washington has returned to her home in Chicago after a three months stay in Albia and Hocking.

Mr. L. Lewis of Oskaloosa came over to Albia Sunday on his bicycle. Mrs. Lewis and little son John have been visiting several days with Mrs. Ben Lewis and her sister Mrs. Eva Roper.

Samuel L. Birt, Jr. and Mary Ruth Birt left Monday for Chicago where they will stay indefinitely. They are the children of Rev. S. L. Birt who will leave Albia Tuesday of this week for conference.

Mr. Lon E. Franklin returned home from Des Moines this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grayson and Benjie M. were in town from Hocking Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Butler were in Buxton over Sunday.

### OLINTON HAPPENINGS.

Rev. B. U. Taylor left Monday night for Minneapolis where he will attend the annual conference, which convenes on Wednesday.

The supper which was served on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the officers of Bethel church for the pastor, was a success in every way. A large number were in attendance and a good sum was realized. The affair was in charge of the Stewardess, Mrs. Hol and Williams chairman.

The Misses Freda Foster and Irene McGaw of Davenport were guests in Clinton recently of Miss Esther Culbertson.

Mrs. P. P. Taylor and daughter Ida arrived home last week from a two weeks visit spent in Chicago and Cairo, Illinois.

The celebration given by the members of the Baptist church will take place Thursday of this week at Union Park.

The officers of Bethel A. M. E. church were entertained at a dinner given at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening, Sept. 13th, by A. A. Bush in the commodious basement of the church. The event which was considered the most pleasing function in the church history by those present, was given in honor of Rev. B. U. Taylor, the efficient pastor of the church during the past year. The large round table at which the eleven guests were seated, was done in green and red. The favors were tube rose boutonnières. The dinner was served in four courses. The following gentlemen were present: Rev. B. U. Taylor, Rev. P. P. Taylor, Messrs. J. T. Culbertson, M. O. Culbertson, G. J. Robinson, Wm. Henderson, Scott Robinson, Wm. Henderson, Holland Williams, T. G. Dozier and A. A. Bush. Remarks of appreciation of the guest of honor by those present, concluded this very happy event.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fisher of Des Moines are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robinson on De Witt street.

Don't waste your money buying plasters when you can get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment for twenty-five cents. A piece of flannel damped with this liniment is superior to any plaster for lame back, pains in the side and chest, and much cheaper. Sold by all druggists.

### BURLINGTON ITEMS.

Miss Lulu Marie Forrester of Cedar Rapids, who has been with her uncle, C. Weaver of Brook street, and has been quite ill during her visit with lung trouble, passed away Thursday evening. Miss Forrester was fourteen years, seven months and fifteen days old, and was born in Kirkwood, Ill. Brief funeral services were held in the chapel and she remains taken so Denmark, Ia. where she was buried by her mothers side. The services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Smith. The floral offerings

were beautiful and a large number of friends turned out to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. Miss Forrester leaves a father and six children and many friends who will mourn their loss.

Mrs. Emma Bud who has been an invalid for years is still declining. There's but little hope for her recovery. Lawyer J. L. Thompson of Des Moines arrived in our city Tuesday to defend a case which is being tried in our courts. We feel it an honor to have a colored lawyer to grace our courts. Mr. Thompson made several calls while in the city.

Mrs. James Ray and son James were on the sick list last week, but is able to be out again.

Mr. A. Hughes and Mrs. E. Murray visited in Quincy, Ill., last week.

Mrs. A. Pleasant is visiting in Kansas City this week.

Mrs. J. E. Johnson is on the sick list. Edward and Lavern Martin left Wednesday afternoon for their home in Dubuque, after a delightful visit with relative and friends in Burlington, Ft. Madison and Keokuk.

Mr. Lafayette Martin of Chicago was in the city Tuesday on business.

Mrs. L. Wheeler and niece, Miss Lulu Scott of St. Louis, Mo., are in Keokuk for an indefinite stay with relatives.

Mrs. A. Pleasant and H. Earlie visited in Gladstone, Ill., last week the guests of Mrs. Ashby.

### SIoux CITY ITEMS.

The Inter-State Fair opened up in our city Monday, Sept. 19th and last to the 24th. The streets are thronged with strangers, many of our color being among them.

Rev. J. W. Dowden, pastor of the A. M. E. church, left Tuesday for Minneapolis, Minn., to attend the annual conference which convenes in said place.

Mr. Louis Smith came down from his claim at Boonsteel, S. D., to take in the fair.

Messames Charlotte Lee and Hudson left Tuesday for Minneapolis, Minn., to attend the A. M. E. conference.

Miss Emma Mitchell left Tuesday for her home in Boston, Mass., to spend the winter.

Mrs. Mary Baker arrived home Sunday from Minneapolis, Minn., where she has been visiting friends for several weeks.

The ladies of the A. I. P. club will be tendered a reception by their husbands on Friday evening at Simeon's hall.

Mrs. Green of Carbondale, Ill., mother of Messrs. Green, arrived in our city Saturday for a visit with her sons.

Mr. Laville of Chicago is in our city visiting his sister, Mrs. Bryant.

The financial report was read at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening and found to be in a flourishing condition financially. The sum of \$1,021.30 being raised during the conference year.

Mrs. David Shores and children returned home last week from Norfolk where she has been visiting her parents for two weeks.

### OTTUMWA NEWS.

Mr. Joseph Reid of St. Paul, Minn., is visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Reid.

The Afro-American Council gave an entertainment Tuesday evening at the A. M. E. church. Brief addresses were made by Rev. J. C. Reid, W. S. Page and Joseph Hopkins.

Mrs. James Weeks of Des Moines is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weeks. Miss Margaret Horne left Tuesday for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Samuel Green, in Seattle, Wash.

The members of the Second Baptist church gave a surprise donation party for their pastor, Rev. J. C. Reid, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Hattie Hutchison of Buxton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Williams.

An invitational dance was given Thursday night by members of the Golden Led club at the M. W. A. hall.

The funeral services of Mr. Daniel Bradshaw were held Sunday afternoon from the A. M. E. church. Mr. Bradshaw accidentally shot himself about four weeks ago. Services were conducted by Rev. P. M. Lewis, pastor, assisted by Presiding Elder M. I. Gordon and Rev. J. C. Reid of the Second Baptist church. Interment was made in Ottumwa cemetery.

The Faithful Few of the A. M. E. church will give an entertainment Monday. The proceeds will go on the piano indebtedness.

Mr. Lonnie Carter and Mr. Bolden of Buxton attended the funeral services of Daniel Bradshaw Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Wagner is visiting her parents at Milan, Mo.

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### THE OFFICIAL CALL OF THE WESTERN NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Des Moines, Iowa, September 14, 1910.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted and by virtue of the official power vested in me, after conference with the executive committee and other officers we have called the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Western Negro Press Association, to convene in regular session in Muskogee, Okla., Friday and Saturday, November 25 and 26, 1910, for the purpose of discussing all things pertaining to the growth, development and advancement of human society, and especially the welfare of the African race, realizing that the pen is the most potent power when rightly used for the betterment of civilization, and the ultimate solution of all social, industrial, economic and political problems of this century; therefore, we urge upon the editors, correspondents, journalists, publishers and co-workers, books and magazine writers, and men and women engaged in the industrial arts allied to newspaper work to meet us here in regular session, with papers, essays, etc., to be read and discussed at this meeting, pertaining to the real needs of our down-trodden struggling race. All papers are asked to be prepared to be no longer than ten minutes, except those that are specially invited; the discussion will only be eight minutes, unless by common consent.

All publications west of the Mississippi river are eligible to membership, annual dues one dollar. This meeting will bring together some of the leading orators and thinkers of the country, and the program when published will bear out this statement.

Urging the press to publish this call, and hoping to meet the members of our fraternity in our annual meeting.

Witness my hand this 14th day of September, 1910.

JOHN L. THOMPSON, President, Editor of the Iowa State Bystander, Des Moines, Iowa.

J. DALLAS BOWSER, Cor. Sec., Care of Attux School, Kansas City, Mo.

Buxton, Iowa, Sept. 20, 1910.

Dear Editor: A week ago the Iowa-Nebraska Baptist association closed the most successful session in its history, success in every way. It gave inspiration to the church and community.

Last night the school under the management of Prof. C. W. Rogers, rendered a program which was one of the most interesting school entertainments ever witnessed in this community. He and his pupils deserved the highest appreciation for the most excellent program rendered before a very appreciative audience.

There were three prizes awarded to the first, second and third best speakers. Music was furnished by the Mt. Zion Baptist church, which rendered some excellent selections. Hon. Geo. H. Woodson addressed the school in his usual manner and presented some stubborn facts to those striving to advance to a higher degree of civilization. Mr. Woodson is always ready to give advice and render assistance when called upon.

Mrs. Minnie B. London, Mrs. Maymie Findley of the public schools, and Miss Cora Waddington of Brooklyn, N. Y., were the judges of the contest. The prizes were awarded as follows: Robert Alexander Lowery, 1st prize, \$2.00; Oval Leonard Carter, 2nd prize, \$1.25; and Robert Floyd Booker, 3rd prize, \$1.00. Attorney Jas. A. Spears presented the prizes and all seemed well satisfied with the decisions of the judges. While the prizes were given to three every member on the program deserves much credit for the part he took.

Rev. Woodard, the able pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church, made some very pointed remarks, encouraging the efforts of those who are taking advantage of the opportunities extended to them. He gave a few personal experiences necessary to give new life to any one desiring to rise to a higher degree of civilization. The night school has demonstrated the fact that not only the young but the old can learn if the will power is put in force. We wish that every community had such character as Prof. Rogers to create life in the people.

### COUNCIL BLUFFS ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Haggood left Saturday night for Hot Springs, Ark., for the former's health.

Mr. M. G. Newman, son of Rev. M. G. Newman, has gone to Kansas City to live.

Mr. Joe Tannahill returned from Lincoln after a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Frank Walker celebrated his 98th birthday last week and is hale and hearty.

Mrs. M. Stewart was called to Cincinnati by the serious illness of her mother.

Rev. Nash of the Kansas conference will fill the pulpit in Rev. M. G. Newman's absence Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker of Fulton, Mo., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Anna Madison and expect to make this their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady have gone to Canada to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lefos and daughter Dorothy have gone to Canada to reside.

Mrs. Beatrice Sweeney of St. Joe, Mo., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Florence Thompson.

Mr. J. J. Adams has returned from Charlton on business.

Rev. M. G. Newman preached his farewell sermon Sunday evening and left for conference Monday evening.

Mr. Henry Sims of Mason City is visiting his sister, Mrs. Janet Turner.

Mrs. Rosie Thomas of Chicago is visiting her mother, Mrs. Emily Nealey.

### MOLINE GREETINGS.

Rev. P. W. Lewis left Monday evening for St. Paul to attend the annual conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. McCoy of Rock Island and Mrs. Stockland of Ft. Wayne, Ind., were Molle callers Monday at the home of Mrs.

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Ella Tarver. The stewardess of the A. M. E. church had a farewell entertainment in honor of Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Lewis last Wednesday evening. An old English supper was served.

Miss Clara Tarver, Mrs. Robert Lee and Mr. Lorenzo Williams visited in Galesburg last Thursday evening to attend the grand installation of the grand session of the Jurisdiction of Illinois.

Miss Mabel Grace Tarver returned home Sunday night from Chicago, after a three weeks' visit with friends and relatives.

Last Thursday evening the members of the Baptist church had a musical entertainment at the Masonic hall. One of the main features was a selection by Professor Robinson's mandolin club.

A number of Moline people attended the last quarterly meeting in Davenport Sunday.

Mrs. Rufus Proenix was a Moline caller Sunday.

### PEORIA, ILL., NEWS.

Miss Mabel Woods celebrated her nineteenth birthday anniversary on Monday evening. Cards were the evening's amusement. The young lady received many beautiful presents. The guests departed at a late hour wishing her many happy returns of the day.

Last Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. Miss Hattie Saunders and Mr. Albert Ford were married at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Annie Short on Saratoga street. Rev. H. W. Jameson officiated. The young couple have the best wishes of a large number of friends.

Mrs. Minnie Sledge, who has been making an extended visit in the city, left Saturday for St. Joseph, Mo., to join her husband and children. From there they will move to Montana, their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudley of Monson street have moved to their new home lately purchased at 803 E. 11th street.

Dr. G. H. Shepard has gone to Tennessee to visit his mother.

Mr. Alex Hughes of Evansville, Ind., has come to the city to reside. Mrs. Hughes will come later.

The object of the conference held at Mt. Zion Baptist church last Friday evening was to give the children a sense of relations, duties and obligations with regard to others. Those who attended the meeting agreed that every child needs pleasant surroundings, that a bond of loving companionship should exist between parents and children, so they may not chafe under home restraint but be convinced that this restraint is a loving protection against temptation, that the best way to teach politeness is by being polite. The sum of it all is to begin character building in the child by teaching the Golden Rule.

Rev. Dr. H. W. Jameson is returned to Peoria for another year. The congregation and friends are much pleased, as no one could well begin where he left off and he rightly deserves to enjoy some of the fruits of 4 years' labor.

Mrs. Sarah Floyd of Wisconsin avenue, who has been ill for several days, is some better.

Mrs. Ida Murray, who spent the past two months in Boston, Mass., returned home Tuesday night, September 20, feeling very much improved by the rest.

Mrs. Hattie Green and daughter, Miss Lillian Pittman of Alpacca, Ill., spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Grace Walker, 1025 Jackson street. Mrs. Green is a very loyal member of the Baptist church, and was present at both services Sunday.

To the careful observer the signs of the times in Peoria are in many respects favorable. Each month the roll of negro real estate buyers is increased. Some cash purchasers, others paying for their homes by the monthly payment system. There has been a greater number of marriages solemnized this year than in any equal number of months in the past 4 years.

### MONMOUTH NOTES.

Miss Florence Brown has just returned from a several days' visit with friends in Burlington.

Rev. Smith of Lawrence, Kan., was a visitor in the city last week. He delivered an address at the Calvary Baptist church Friday evening.

One of the swellest affairs given this year among the colored people was a reception given in the honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Searcy Thursday evening, September 15.

An elaborate four course luncheon was served to the one hundred and twenty-five or more guests present. A delightful toast program was rendered between the courses. Dr. E. L. Scruggs, Rev. Smith, Rev. Searcy and Misses Brown and Saunders gave some of the most interesting toasts. Much credit is due to the pastors and society under whose auspices the reception was given for the decided success.

Rev. W. A. Searcy left Tuesday evening for Minneapolis, Minn., to attend the Iowa annual conference.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOTES. The reception tendered the pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church was quite a success. At the hour of 9 o'clock the following program was rendered: Organ voluntary—Mrs. A. Perkins. Prayer—Mrs. R. Ford. Duet—Messames Brooks and Martin.

Remarks—Mrs. G. Gray. Trio—Hicks-Boyd-Tyler.

Song—White Harvest Fields. Reading—Ruth Boyd. Duet—Messames Tyler and Hicks. Reading—Ruth Boyd. Trio—Hicks-Boyd-Tyler. Remarks—Rev. J. H. Farrisbee. Song—Marching in His Name. Much credit is due the social committee for their excellent work of entertaining.

Quite a few of Cedar Rapids people attended conference. Rev. Farrisbee, Professor Lowery, Mrs. E. C. Thomas, Mrs. Clara Price, Mrs. Addie Gray and son left Tuesday night for conference.

Rev. Maays of Buxton was seen in town Monday on his way to Minneapolis to attend conference.

Mrs. Susie Jackson, who left two weeks ago to visit her mother in Bloomington, was taken very ill but is much better now. We hope to see her home again, as she is missed very much.

Miss Colman of Buxton is the guest of Lena McDavis.

Bro. E. C. Thomas will fill the pulpit Sunday in the absence of the pastor.

Rev. Ford left last week to attend conference in Illinois and to visit his nephew.

Mr. Chas. Davis died at the home of Mrs. Aline Thompson Saturday evening at 5 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Buxton where the Elks will have charge of the body.

Mrs. Harry Horne called a joint session of the J. S. Y. club and Culture club at which time it was decided to ask for the Iowa State Federation and by vote Mrs. Horn was ordered to extend the invitation.

### ENTERPRISE.

Mrs. Maud Johnson and sister returned home last week for a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Kansas City.

Mr. S. Barber left for Evans, Iowa, Saturday for a five days visit with his parents.

Rev. and Mrs. James Bowles, Mrs. Nettie Hunter and Mr. William Battles returned home



# CONVENTION OF NEGRO EDITORS

National Negro Press Association Holds Big Meeting.

WELCOMED BY J. H. ANDERSON

Members of the Profession From Many Sections of the Country Attended Second Annual Session in New York. Duty of Negro Journals to Lead in Racial Advancement.

By N. BARNETT DODSON.  
The morning and afternoon sessions of the second annual meeting of the National Negro Press association was held in the Metropolitan building, New York, on Tuesday, Aug. 16. The evening session was held at St. Cyrilian P. E. church on Sixty-third street.

The meeting was called to order by James H. Anderson, editor of the Amsterdam News, New York. In bidding the editors and correspondents welcome to the city Mr. Anderson said: "You will find New York a very pretty place. Here you may come in contact with the best and most helpful influences of journalism. We have here the best typographers and most finished reporters."

"The great need of Negro journalism in this country," he said, "is affiliation with some great association which distributes news, such as the Associated Press."

"If we prove that we mean business," he continued, "I have no doubt that the day will come when many of us will have an Associated Press franchise."

"You will find the press of this city cordial and courteous in its treatment of race questions. It is true that we do things that deserve condemnation, and the newspapers here condemn us. On the other hand, they do not withhold commendation when it is due."

"There are times when we are caricatured and ridiculed, but I will not say that is not generally our own fault. Prejudice does exist here. It could not be otherwise when you consider that in this city every nation is represented, and as a consequence we must feel what I may term a combination of prejudice."

"Our duty should be to lead in the advancement of the Negro race. We can mold sentiment, white sentiment as well as colored, and I feel that in these causes we should be systematically aggressive. The white press appreciates intelligent aggressiveness and is more impressed by it than by indecision and lack of definite policy."

After Mr. Anderson's address President R. W. Thompson outlined the program for the day and introduced N. Barnett Dodson, editor of the Afro-American page of the American Press Association, who told in a brief way how the service began and the manner in which it is supplied to editors and publishers.

M. Lewy, editor of the Florida Sentinel; Paul H. Bray of the Yonkers (N. Y.) Standard; Rev. Myrd of the Rochester (N. Y.) Sentinel; Horace D. Slatter, F. F. Johnson of Baltimore, C. W. Singleton of the Omaha (Neb.) Enterprise; N. D. Brascher of the Cleveland (O.) Journal; Rev. T. S. Boone of the Atlantic City (N. J.) Messenger; Dr. Jackson of the Dallas (Tex.) Express; Rev. Dr. L. G. Jordan of Louisville, Ky., and Emmett J. Scott of Tuskegee, Ala., were among the other speakers at the morning session.

Editors from twenty-five states were present, and the sessions of the convention were marked by earnestness and enthusiasm. President Thompson's annual address was received with hearty approval.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, Miss Geraldine Troutman of Paris, Ill., and Miss Irene L. Mootman of Brooklyn took an active part in the proceedings of the convention. Charles Stewart of the Associated Press gave some of his experience as a newspaper correspondent in the south and west, where he contributes largely to the white dailies as well as to our own weekly papers.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, M. Lewy, editor of the Florida Sentinel, Pensacola, Fla.; vice president, N. D. Brascher, Cleveland, O.; recording secretary, Horace D. Slatter, Hopkinsville, Ky.; corresponding secretary, R. W. Thompson, Thompson's National News Bureau, Washington; treasurer, Dr. L. G. Jordan, Louisville.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

**DECLARATIONS—NATIONAL NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION.**  
The National Negro Press Association, in convention assembled, congratulates the Negro newspaper men of the country upon the steady progress they are making in the number, character and influence of their publications. Never before in the history of the race has there been a stronger demand for honest, fearless and well equipped journals than now, and we feel greatly encouraged by the many evidences that our 200 or more representative organs are proving equal to the task confronting them.

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# CHURCH HONORS ITS MINISTER

Union Baptist Gives Rev. Dr. Lawrence Grand Reception.

WHAT HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED

Well Known Clergyman, Who Has Achieved Success in Many Fields, Is Feasted and Presented With Large Purse Before Going on Extended Trip South—Called Sunday School Pastor.

By N. BARNETT DODSON.  
The testimonial reception given by the Union Baptist church, Orange, N. J., on Thursday evening, Sept. 1, in honor of its esteemed pastor, the Rev. William P. Lawrence, Ph. D., was in every way commensurate with the high character of the man and the services which he is rendering the people of his church and the community.

Dr. Lawrence accepted the call of the Union Baptist church three years and a half ago. He was then pastoring in Elizabeth, where for six years he has met with marked success.

As a pastor he has had a wide experience. Among the ministers of the New England Baptist missionary convention his advice in matters which require the most careful and thorough investigation is eagerly sought and relied upon by men many years his senior in the ministry.

Dr. Lawrence may be justly called a Sunday school pastor. He is not only interested in the school of his own church, but in Sunday school work generally. He has successfully led the Sunday school forces of the Baptist denomination in New Jersey for the past nine years as president of the state Sunday school convention.

During his three years' pastorate at the Union Baptist church Dr. Lawrence has added 510 persons to its membership, put in new pews, a large pipe organ and a new fighting plant. These improvements are paid for.

In addition to the above, a new parsonage has been bought, upon which



REV. W. P. LAWRENCE, PH. D.

\$1,100 has been paid, besides reducing the principal debt on the church at the rate of \$700 a year. The total sum raised by Dr. Lawrence and his church for the three years amounts to over \$15,000.

The church has a membership of about 915. The morning congregation and the Bible school are more largely attended than those of any other church in the state.

Dr. Lawrence will leave within a few days for New Orleans, where he will attend the annual meeting of the national Baptist convention, which convenes on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

The literary program, which was presided over by the Rev. George E. Morris, D. D., of Morristown, N. J., was both interesting and instructive. The address of welcome was made by W. H. Corbin, president of the board of trustees.

"What I Saw and Heard in Europe" was the subject of a most timely address by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Love, pastor of the Union Baptist church, Montclair, N. J., who has recently returned from an extended trip abroad.

Other speakers and their subjects were Rev. M. W. Vaughan of Plainfield, subject, "Dr. Lawrence as a State and National Worker"; Rev. R. L. Harris of Hackensack, subject, "Dr. Lawrence as a Pastor and Leader"; Rev. J. C. Dunn, pastor of St. John's M. E. church, Orange, subject, "Dr. Lawrence as Viewed by Other Denominations."

Greetings from Afro-American state Sunday school convention, by Messrs. C. H. Hunter and Thomas Woody; from B. Y. P. U. State President Rev. W. T. Watkins of Orange; from Young Men's Christian association, Mr. I. R. King, president; Laymen's league, Mr. George Eggleston, president; Business Men's league, Mr. A. A. Hill, president; the medical profession, Dr. A. E. Smyth, Elizabeth, N. J., and Mr. B. J. Gaines; the Afro-American page of the American Press association, New York, and Mr. A. E. Rooney, who represented the League Journal, New Rochelle, N. Y.

The vocal solo by the Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Patterson of Orange, N. J., was received with much applause. Professor J. H. Buford and choir discoursed appropriate music throughout the evening, which gave evidence of careful training and exceptional ability.

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Mrs. Oscar Roper and sister, Mrs. Udell Lewis, entertained Mrs. T. L. Watson and sister, Mrs. B. T. Lewis, at supper Tuesday evening.

**MT. PLEASANT.**  
A reception was given last Friday afternoon by the King's Daughters in honor of Mrs. Moore. Light refreshments were served and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. Mrs. Watts left Friday for a short visit in Chicago.

Miss M. Glover left last week for her home in Quincy. Prof. and Mrs. Gardner left last week for Ottumwa.

Rev. and Mrs. Moore left Monday for Minneapolis to attend the conference. Mr. Frank Wulbur left last week for Ottumwa.

A social was held at the A. M. E. church Friday night by the missionary society. A neat sum was realized.

Miss Edna Wicks has been quite ill at her home on West Madison street. Rev. Jackson has returned from Buxton.

Mr. Wm. Wietje is making a ten day visit in Centerville. Miss Agnes Mason passed through here last week en route to Des Moines.

A sacred concert was given at the A. M. E. church Sunday night. It was enjoyed by all.

**DAVENPORT NOTES.**  
Sunday was the last quarterly meeting in this conference year at Bethel A. M. E. church. Presiding Elder Phillips was present. He conducted the morning and evening services. Rev. T. W. Lewis of Moline delivered the sacramental sermon in the afternoon. It was the winding up of the grandest conference year in the history of the church.

Rev. T. B. Stovall, Presiding Elder Phillips and Mrs. B. Bright and Mrs. J. Scott of Moline all left Monday evening for conference.

Mrs. D. S. Johnson is visiting relatives in Jacksonville, Mo. From there she will go to Springfield to attend the Illinois conference.

Mrs. R. Battles of Canton, Mo., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Levi Cunningham.

Mrs. Henry Burns, Sr., will entertain the Violet club Wednesday afternoon.

Thomas Mitchell will conduct the morning services Sunday during the absence of the minister. The Sunday school will give a program in the afternoon under the direction of Mr. C. P. Jones. In the evening the choir will have charge of the services under the management of Mr. E. Green.

The fuel and light committee gave a rag social at Bethel A. M. E. last Tuesday evening. A very interesting program was listened to by quite a large audience. Webster Stovall was awarded the prize for being in the most rags. The net proceeds were about \$20. Mrs. Sadie Washington is chairman of this committee.

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