



# Iowa State Bystander

When doctors graft it is folly to be sick.

Another thing that will make Milwaukee famous is a "woman policeman."

Why worry over good roads when we are all on the verge of taking to wings?

If war scares keep on accumulating they may be offered by the dozen at reduced rates.

When women are required to sit on juries they should be permitted to bring their knitting.

Western farmers are returning to the effete east to buy up the deserted farms of that section.

Fir lumber has gone up one dollar on the thousand. Now, all together: This is going too far!

Goose-bone prophets are of the opinion that this winter will stretch out as long as a British election.

Alfalfa in various forms is to be served at a banquet in Colorado. Now who is "brother to the ox?"

Alexander wept because he had no more worlds to conquer when he should have hustled around and found a few.

Pittsburg wants to annex about a dozen suburbs. This is likely to start a new annexation movement in Cleveland.

The unarmored cruiser Detroit, which cost \$2,233,000, has just been sold for \$20,000. So run the fighting ships away.

New York's largest hotel is to cost \$17,000,000. It is to be built on Herald square at Twenty-fourth street and Broadway.

School teachers think they are entitled to pensions, but can teaching be called war since corporal punishment has been abolished?

A Boston man declares that he can prove that there are nine hells, and we presume that discovering that the furnace fire is out is one of them.

That New York man who started to shoot himself but thrice changed his mind in time to dodge the bullets may live to congratulate himself on his fickleness.

Morocco is to pay money to Spain for the war which Spain recently fought in Morocco. Such is the embarrassing consequence of coming out only second best.

Maybe some time they will invent a padded aeroplane which will not rise more than ten feet from the ground. Then the careful man will become interested.

He has football in the fall and track athletics and baseball in the spring and now the college student has ice hockey all winter. And yet he is said to play too little.

In the year 1916 the American hen laid 17 dozen eggs for every man, woman and child in the country. We have reason for believing, however, that at least several dozen of those eggs are still in cold storage.

A report from Berlin has it that Emperor William has become interested in boxing. It is not likely, however, that he will at his time of life try for the middle-weight championship of Germany.

Men who began life as waiters now own one of Chicago's biggest hotels. But, of course, they were good waiters and never spilled soup down anybody's back nor forgot to renew the contents of the finger bowls.

The Episcopal bishop of Michigan says that bridge whist players are just as much gamblers as Wall street plunger or Monte Carlo patrons. They must play for more than a quarter of a cent a point out that way.

By drinking 20 bottles of beer a day for 30 days a St. Louis man won a suit of tailor-made clothes and \$250 in money, but the chances are that a man with a throat like that will pawn the clothes, and be certainly not have the money long.

If that ship that got into New York the other day with a load of elephants and pythons and other creatures could have been stuffed into the stockings of several million children it would probably have settled for all time their demand for Noah's ark.

When rat carry plague and cats and dogs that kill or drive them away carry diphtheria and tuberculosis, both of which are affirmed by the experts, it seems there is nothing left for threatened humanity but to get off the earth.

That technical secret attack upon the Atlantic coast by our returning battleship fleet will be valueless unless the mole St. Nicholas bar and the New England fakes who heard so much cannonading at sea in 1898 are allowed to get into the game.

A barber in Duluth has invented "buttonless suspenders." If you have contracted the habit of wearing suspenders with buttons on them, fellow mortal, here is your chance to break yourself of it.

Missed by the jaws of the country at large over the brand of water they are supposed to start by the refrigeration of sea water. Medicine Men proposed to change for some. When the

## TEST ALL SEED CORN

### Frozen Corn Makes Testing Necessary, Says Prof. Holden

### WARNS AGAINST MOLDY CORN

### Famous Seed Corn Expert Says Much Corn Was Partially Frozen and Cautions Farmers to Make Efficient Tests.

Ames, Iowa.—An unusual amount of frozen corn in Iowa this year makes the necessity of testing seed corn more extreme than ever, according to a statement made by Prof. P. G. Holden of the Iowa State college at Ames. The famous seed expert says he has found a large per cent of the corn he has examined to be at least partially frozen and cautions the farmers to make efficient tests before planting.

"Because of the good weather during the fall, many Iowa farmers are of the opinion that the corn will make excellent seed," said Professor Holden. "They will be mistaken in this, however, for much of the corn is frozen. Corn that is badly frozen can easily be detected by the dark color. Partially frozen ears can not be detected except by testing and it is with them that the farmer is liable to experience considerable trouble. All seed corn this year should be tested if the best results are to be obtained. I also wish to caution the Iowa farmer against the use of moldy corn for seed. One ear of moldy corn might spoil a whole bushel of seed corn."

### Pneumonia Kills Many.

Des Moines.—Pneumonia was the most active agent of the Grim Reaper during the month of December and a record of 283 deaths is laid at the door of the disease.

The report of the deaths for the month of December was made public by Dr. G. H. Sumner, secretary of the state board of health.

In spite of the epidemic in Des Moines and the state, there were only forty-nine deaths reported as due to typhoid fever. Fourteen of the forty-nine lived in Des Moines.

A delinquent report made by Dr. Sumner shows that there were a total of 21,470 deaths in the state of Iowa last year due to disease.

### Grain Men Name Officers.

Ames.—The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of members of the Iowa Grain Improvement association. B. A. Haymond, LaPorte City, president; Fred McCulloch, Hartwick, vice president; L. C. Burnett, Ames, secretary-treasurer. The proceeds of the corn and grain sale were \$140, with about \$100 worth unsold for lack of time. The proceeds of the junior sale were \$261.

### Build New Packing Plant.

Sioux City.—A new packing plant to cost \$125,000 and to have a killing capacity two-thirds as big as the Armour plant will be erected here by the Sioux City Packing company. The new plant replaces a smaller one, which was destroyed by fire some weeks ago. Between 400 and 500 men will be employed.

### To Vote Bonds to Extend Waterworks.

Lohrville.—The Lohrville and community booster club are taking steps toward a special election, to vote bonds for the extension of the water mains for fire protection, which are found to be inadequate for that purpose at present. The club also has a movement on foot for the making of good roads leading in all directions from town.

### Millionaire Is to be City Assessor.

Burlington.—Horace H. Rand, millionaire lumberman and banker and son-in-law of the late Senator Gear, has accepted the position of assistant city assessor at a salary of \$2,500 per day. While the law allows him \$2,500 per day, the work will be done without charge by Mr. Rand.

### School Is Given Flags.

Logan.—Mrs. F. A. Young, patriotic instructor, accompanied by Mrs. John Hall, Mrs. Arthur De Cou, and Mrs. Lewis Hass, representing the Women's Relief corps of Woodbine, with appropriate speeches, presented the Woodbine Normal school with seven silk flags.

### Gets Verdict For Damages.

Marshalltown.—George Powers of Lincoln, this county, who was badly injured eighteen months ago when he was struck by an Iowa Central train on a public road crossing, was given a verdict in the Hardin county district court for \$2,000, the full amount of his claim.

### Corn Men For Bureau.

Des Moines.—Officers of the Iowa Corn Growers' association appeared before the committee of eleven at its meeting and declared that their organization heartily indorsed the state publicity bureau idea. A. L. Plummer, president, and M. L. Bowman, secretary, represented the corn growers.

### Mrs. Anna Hirsch Dies.

Charles City.—Mrs. Anna Hirsch, aged 90, mother of President Hirsch of Charles City college, died here.

### Big Beet Contract Let.

Granger.—Three hundred acres of sugar beets have been contracted for at Kanawha, south of here, by the Iowa Sugar company, located at Waverly. The price which will be paid is \$5 per ton.

### Indorse Sultoway Bill.

Oskaloosa.—Members of Phil Kearney post, No. 40, G. A. R., of this city adopted resolutions commending the action of the house of representatives in the adoption of the Sultoway pension bill.

## Miss as Mother Enters Church.

Sioux City.—When Mrs. Henry Stehr followed the little casket containing the remains of her son, Kurt Stehr, into St. James Lutheran church at Norfolk, Neb., hisses greeted her, and three women in the church cried "Hang her up."

The sensational turn to the tragic ceremony was the upshot of the published testimony in the Stehr inquest, as a result of which Henry Stehr the stepfather of the boy, was practically charged with murder. The boy was allowed to freeze in his bed, which caused his death, according to the coroner's jury.

The mother fainted when the cries went up, and fell into the arms of August Braum.

In his sermon the Rev. Otto Bergselder, looking at the mother, declared the dead boy had never received her love. The boy's arms and legs had been frozen off from exposure.

The pastor declared it was better that he went to heaven lacking his members than to hell through the evil influences of a home.

### Boasting New Highway.

Sidney.—Commercial clubs of Sidney, Shenandoah and Nebraska City have been active lately in booming the new river to river road from Keokuk, Iowa, to Nebraska City, Neb. The road runs through the southern tier of Iowa counties, and will be called "The White Line." Automobile parties have just completed the painting of the telephone posts between Shenandoah and Nebraska City. Every seventh post is painted with a strip of white margin with black. It is the intention later to mark the route with guide and mileage posts. A meeting of the commercial clubs of Fremont, Page, Taylor and Ringgold counties was held in Shenandoah Jan. 30, to boom the new road.

### Mason City Farm Electric Lighted.

Mason City.—The O. T. Balmat farm just to the northwest of this city will be the first farm in this community to be electric lighted. Mr. Balmat has just closed a contract with the Gas & Electric company to run a line to his farm and install a motor which will furnish the power for every piece of machinery capable of using this power. The barns and house will be lighted throughout with these new lights. This new innovation for farm lighting may be carried to other farms in the near neighborhood to Mason City. Mr. Balmat is the owner of the line from the city and is putting it in at an expense of \$500.

### Preferential Primary Bill.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Preferential voting in primary elections is provided for in a bill, introduced in the house by Representative Lund of Hamilton county. The measure provides for a first and second choice by the voters for all except township officers and delegates to county conventions.

First and second choice are allowed the voter on governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, United States senator, representatives in congress and state senators. The bill is similar to the Washington law now in use in that state.

### New Water Plant For Marshalltown.

Marshalltown.—The city council has authorized the mayor to advertise for bids for machinery necessary to install a water power plant at the city pumping station, with the view of utilizing the power of the Iowa river as far as possible. Prof. B. J. Lambert, of the state university, Iowa City, has prepared the plans upon which the bids will be called for.

### Fire Destroys Vinton Dormitory.

Vinton.—The men's dormitory of Tiltford academy burned. The structure was a three-story frame building, accommodating 100 students, and the fire broke out. All lives were safely rescued but the building and contents were totally destroyed.

### Seek Methods to Kill Germs.

Des Moines.—Plans for preventing the spread of disease were discussed by the health officers of the state at the opening session of their two day's convention in Des Moines. The initial meeting was held at the state house and was attended by about thirty physicians.

### Two Lose Pay Checks.

Fort Dodge.—An unidentified man recently called at the freight office of the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad for the pay checks of J. B. Brockway and B. F. Allen, amounting to \$180. He later passed them on local merchants and left town.

### Fireman Asks \$25,000.

Iowa Falls.—W. E. Shaffer of Cedar Falls has instituted suit against the North-Western for \$25,000 damages for injuries sustained in a wreck near Sanborn, last July. He was fireman on an engine which went through a bridge.

### Academy Building Burns.

Vinton.—The boys' dormitory of Tiltford academy here burned to the ground, causing a loss of \$10,000, with \$3,500 insurance. Other buildings were threatened but were saved by the local fire department.

### Probe Made at Mason City.

Mason City.—An investigation conducted by Chief of Police Lock of the alleged misconduct of members of the force, has resulted in the resignation of Charles Sage, a member of the night force.

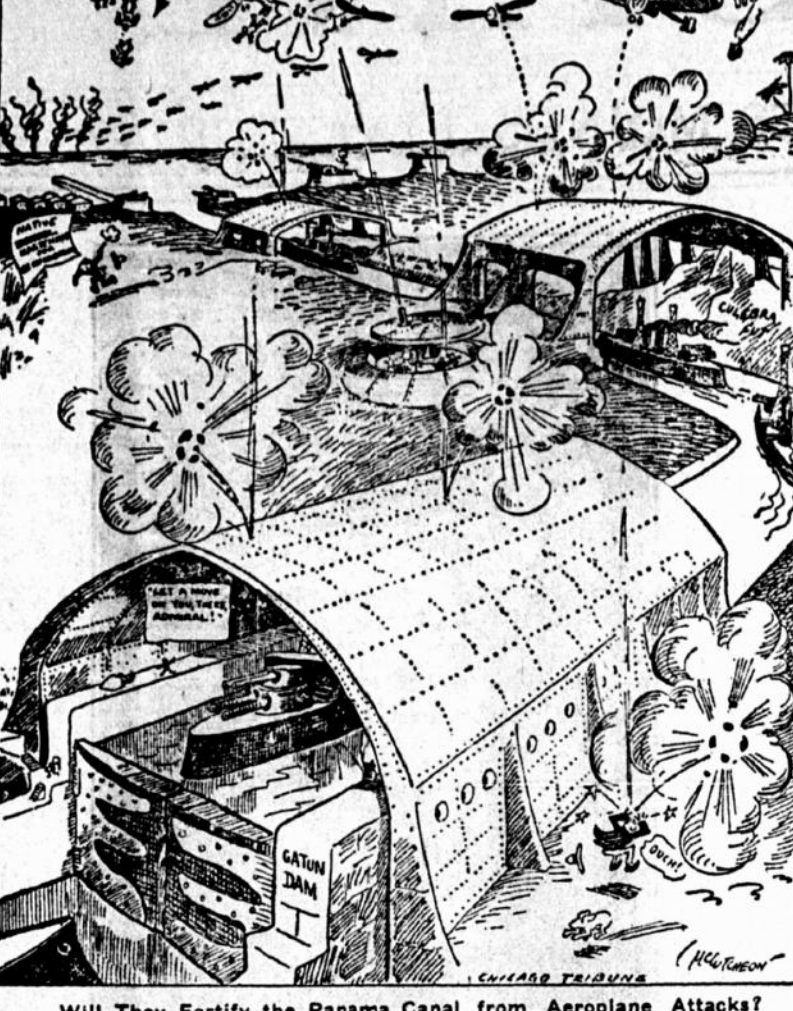
### Girl Leads Debating Team.

Ottumwa.—The eloquence and forcefulness of the arguments presented by Josephine Denise of the Ottumwa High school debating team was largely responsible for the victory of the Ottumwa students over the Winfield High school team at Winfield.

### To Build Cottage.

Eddyville.—At a meeting of the Eddyville camp of Modern Woodmen of America, it was decided to erect a cottage at the station, at Colerado Springs, Colo.

## NEW PROBLEM OF DEFENSE



## FRISCO IS WINNER

### HOUSE FIXES ON PACIFIC COAST METROPOLIS AS SITE FOR PANAMA SHOW.

### WINS BY VOTE OF 259 TO 43

Western City Gains Its Strength From Republicans While Democrats Vote for Southern Constantant—Bill Now Goes to Senate.

Washington.—San Francisco won a signal victory in the house of representatives Tuesday in the fight with New Orleans for the Panama exposition in 1915. The resolution declaring in favor of San Francisco was passed by a vote of 259 to 43. The house first voted to take up the resolution favoring San Francisco.

While the resolution must be passed by the senate before the struggle is ended, it is generally believed now that the contest was good as settled and that San Francisco will be the final victor.

San Francisco's strength came almost wholly from the Republican majority in the house, while New Orleans was favored by the Democrats.

San Francisco scored its first victory when the house voted, 188 to 159, to take up the San Francisco proposition ahead of that for a New Orleans exposition.

The San Francisco proposition is contained in a joint resolution which simply asks government recognition of the exposition and inviting foreign nations to participate.

The New Orleans measure is a house bill asking recognition by the government, an invitation to foreign nations to participate and calling for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for a government exhibit.

The advocates of San Francisco led the debate with twenty minutes. New Orleans followed with thirty, and San Francisco closed with ten minutes.

Most of the San Francisco speeches were limited to two minutes and the debate had not progressed far when it was seen that party lines were not to be strictly drawn.

Enthusiastic demonstration from the Democratic side of the house greeted Mr. Rodenberg of Illinois when he arose to present the New Orleans argument.

Mr. Rodenberg in a half hour's speech declared that the New Orleans exposition would develop South and Central American trade and benefit American producers and manufacturers more than any other exposition.

### DRY FARMING MEET OPENED

Hundreds of North Dakota Agriculturists Attend the Two Days' Congress at Dickinson.

Dickinson, N. D.—With every prospect of being a great success, the North Dakota dry farming congress opened here Tuesday. The sessions are being attended by hundreds of farmers from all parts of the state. The exhibits of agricultural products are quite extensive, and a number of prizes have been provided by the business men of Dickinson. The Dickinson experiment station also has a fine exhibit of grains and forage crops.

### Banker Is Sent to Prison.

New Orleans.—Judge Grubb Tuesday sentenced William Adler, former president of the defunct State National bank, to serve six years in the Atlanta federal penitentiary. Adler was recently convicted of the misappropriation of the bank's funds.

### Woman Gets Vote for Senator.

Denver, Colo.—A woman received a vote for United States senator in the legislative Tuesday. She was Mrs. Katherine M. Cooke, former state superintendent of public schools.

### House Falls; One Dead, Two Dying.

Boston.—One workman was killed, two were fatally injured and a couple others were seriously hurt Monday when a wall of a building under construction at Beacon and Brimmer streets collapsed.

### Slater, Mo., Founder Dies.

Kansas City, Mo.—Joseph Baker, a pioneer settler of the southwest, died at his home here Monday of pneumonia. He was sixty-two years old. He was the founder of the town of Slater, Mo.

## TIDAL WAVE KILLS 300

### FIVE VILLAGES DESTROYED IN THE PHILIPPINES.

### Disturbance Follows Eruption of Mount Taal—Manila Natives Alarmed—Luzon in Panic.

Manila.—An American school teacher who has traversed the west shore of Lake Taal telegraphed Monday that five villages have been destroyed by a tidal wave and that not less than 400 persons have been killed in that vicinity. Many were burned in fires started by molten masses.

The disaster is due to an eruption of the volcano Taal, in Batangas province. The disaster is due to an eruption of the volcano Taal, in Batangas province. The disaster is due to an eruption of the volcano Taal, in Batangas province.

All the towns within a radius of fully 20 miles have suffered damage from the rain of mud and stones, which still continues.

The native population in all directions are abandoning their villages and fleeing to the hills in terror.

The observatory authorities believe that Manila is in no danger, but there is some alarm among the natives, who recall the destruction caused by Mount Mayon, the other volcano of Luzon, in 1897.

### CONDEMNNS CIVIC FEDERATION

### United Mine Workers' Convention Declared National Body Is a Foe to Organized Labor.

Columbus, O.—By a vote of 497 to 369 the substitute offered to the motion condemning the National Civic federation as opposed to the interests of organized labor was adopted by the United Mine Workers of America.

This disposes of the original motion which called for the condemnation of the federation and the withdrawal of all the members of United Mine Workers from that organization and also the minority report which provided that no action regarding the Civic federation be taken.

### PLAGUE IN CHINA CONTINUES

### Chinese Drag Bodies to Vacant Lots in Efforts to Elude the Police.

Harbin.—The spread of the plague in Harbin still continues, although the sanitary authorities have gained control in the Russian town. The Chinese throw the bodies of those who have died from the disease from the windows of their houses and drag them to vacant lots, in an attempt to elude the police and escape the isolation camps.

It is believed that the plague in Peking is under control. No new cases are reported there.

### TOWN OFFICIAL KILLS MAN

Alderman Willis of Westville, Ill., Shoots Butcher-Shop Employee With Whom He Quarreled.

Danville, Ill.—Sam Willis, a prominent mine manager of this district, who is an alderman of the town of Westville and prospective candidate for mayor, shot and killed Tom Buttermavich, an employe in Mayor Slaza's butcher shop, blowing the top of his head off with a shotgun. The two had had trouble for several days.

### Hospital Burned; Rescue Sick

Altoona, Pa.—Fire broke out in the Mercy hospital here Wednesday, imperiling the lives of scores of persons and throwing the patients into a panic. The sick persons were carried to the street by firemen. There was a number of narrow escapes.

### "Porky" Flynn Wins on Points.

London.—"Porky" Flynn won from Jack Burns on points in their 20 round bout at the Olympia Wednesday. Flynn was the more aggressive and shaded Burns at all stages.

### Robbed of \$2,000; Gafe It Back.

Mount Pleasant, Ia.—Two thousand dollars in deposit notes stolen from Sanford Boyd, a wealthy farmer, while in Chicago last week, were returned to him by postal authorities Tuesday. It is thought the robbers discovered the notes were useless and dropped them in a mail box.

### Pass Direct Primary Bill.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—The lower house of the state legislature Tuesday passed bills providing for direct primaries and for the recall.

## BLAST KILLS SCORE

### DYNAMITE EXPLOSION IN JERSEY CITY CAUSES PANIC IN NEW YORK CITY.

### MORE THAN 150 INJURED

### Detonation Felt Many Miles Away—Skyscrapers Are Rocked—Men and Women Rush into Streets Fearful of Earth Shocks.

New York.—At least a score of persons were killed, 150 or more injured and property damaged to the extent of \$500,000 when an explosion of 25 tons of dynamite occurred Wednesday at a pier close to the Central railroad of New Jersey's passenger ferry slip at Communipaw, N. J.

At the same time the terrific force of the blowup reached through the underlying strata of rock not only in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Richmond and the Bronx, but far way points in Long Island and Connecticut, rocking skyscrapers, smashing glass, tearing away window frames and sending, panic stricken, tens of thousands of men and women into the streets, fearful that an earthquake or some other vast natural turmoil was upon them.

As in all upheavals of tremendous force, persons near by escaped death; buildings close at hand were not injured; persons far away were killed; structures at great distances were almost torn apart.

Wall street for a time suspended business through fright and anxiety. New York's fire engines and ambulances clanged violently up and down the streets searching for the scene of whatever had happened—nobody for a long time knew. There was semipanic for nearly an hour in this city until it became known that the cause of the great roar was a good mile away.

What happened, briefly, was this: Two cars of dynamite, containing 25 tons each, from the Dupont Powder company works in Wilmington, Del., had arrived on the tracks at the end of pier No. 7 almost adjoining the big Central station at Communipaw, on the Hudson, for use in blasting out rock.

Two lighters, the Katherine W. and the Whistler, had drawn up to the pier end to receive cargoes of the dangerous stuff. On the former was Captain John Healy and eight men, on the latter four men.

On the pier end itself were twelve Polish laborers, some starting to eat their dinners from their palls; others engaged in transferring the dynamite from the freight cars to the lighters. There were at least 24 men within actual handling distance of the dynamite.

Next there was an awful roar, a great cloud of haze and dust, a tremble of earth and structures above the earth within a radius of 30 miles square, an immense wave from the river that splashed high above everything near by, and then a vision of death, maiming and wreckage.

Later the railroad officials in a formal statement said that possibly the steam or gasoline engines of one of the two lighters had exploded and set off the dynamite, though they did not state this positively. The Jersey City police declared that one box of dynamite had become stalled at the bottom of a chute down which big packages of the explosive were being shot and that another had struck it and gone off.

### KING'S HONOR IS CLEARED

### Editor Mylius, Who Charged British Ruler With MORGANATIC Marriage, Is Sent to Prison.

London.—After brief proceedings a special jury before Lord Chief Justice Alverstone cleared King George of imputations against his personal character by finding Edward F. Mylius guilty of circulating a libel. The defendant was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

Mylius was charged with distributing in England copies of the Liberator, a Paris publication edited by Edward H. James, in which it was alleged that his majesty while prince of Wales contracted a morganatic marriage with the elder daughter of Admiral Sir Michael Seymour at Malta in 1890. The crown called the admiral as a witness and he testified that the daughter in question, now the wife of Captain Napier of the British navy, never had seen his majesty before 1898, when the king called on the witness at Portsmouth. His only other daughter died in 1895 and for three years preceding her death had been with her father at Malta, where he was commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean squadron. The king had not visited Malta while his daughters were there and the younger daughter never had spoken to him.

### England Faces Labor Struggle.

London.—The Master Printers' Federation of the United Kingdom at a meeting Wednesday decided to declare a national lockout from February 25 if the compositors persist in their demand for a working week of fifty hours.

### Accident in Panama Canal.

Panama.—Four men were killed and seven other seriously injured as a result of a collision between a work train and a string of dirt cars at Miraflores Wednesday.

### Missionary Leaps into the Sea.

New York.—The death of Miss Alice Darjeef of Newark, N. J., a missionary in China, is announced in cable dispatches received here Tuesday. She committed suicide by leaping overboard from the Pacific mail steamer Manchuria on Friday.

### Adds \$1,250,000 to His Gifts.

London.—It was learned that Andrew Carnegie has donated an additional \$1,250,000 in furtherance of his philanthropies at his birthplace, Dunfermline, Scotland.

## WOMAN HAD KNIFE?

### S. G. Knepper Says Woman Entered Room Brandishing Knife

### WAS IT MURDER OR SUICIDE?

### Young Man, Nearly Dead, Makes Statement—Iowa Hotel Keeper Declares Injured Boy Was Not Victim of Another.

Des Moines, Feb. 3.—Was S. G. Knepper of Collins, Ia., the victim of a woman who entered his room at the Iowa hotel shortly after noon Monday and sliced his body with a butcher knife, almost disemboweling him, or did he attempt to commit suicide?

Young Knepper, on the brink of death at the Iowa sanitarium, where he has moaned in a semi-conscious condition since he was hurried there declares a woman entered his room while he was asleep. He says the first he knew a woman was standing over him on his bed brandishing a long knife. He says he felt the knife tear at his vitals and then—darkness. He is not in condition to make a more detailed statement of the mysterious affair.

J. H. Paulson, proprietor of the Iowa hotel, is of the opinion the young man made an attempt at suicide and is confident that no woman attacked Knepper in the hotel.

Dr. W. W. Knepper, of Collins, the young man's father, who is a well to do physician, believes the story of his boy and thinks he was the victim of an attack by an unknown woman.

Dr. G. B. Young, who was called, made a statement at the hotel that the wounds were inflicted at least an hour and one-half before he made an examination.

### KENYON VOTE TO SCATTER

### Kenyon Supporters Plan New Move to Break the Senatorial Deadlock.

Des Moines, Feb. 3.—Thursday's vote for U. S. senator was practically the same as the previous day. The figures:

Candidate	Feb. 1	Feb. 2
Porter (D)	49	54
Kenyon (R)	48	66
Young (R)	37	36
Garst (R)	1	1

The supporters of Judge W. S. Kenyon, in the pending legislative struggle over the Doolittle senatorial succession, held a meeting at his headquarters last evening at which Mr. Kenyon was present.

He stated to the meeting that he deeply appreciated the support received, that in his judgment the best interests of the state demanded an early settlement of the deadlock, that the personal ambition of no man should stand in the way of the best interests of the state; and, therefore, he requested his supporters to take such action as would, in their judgment, assist in terminating the deadlock and suggested that they give their votes to others for a time, in the hope that such solution might thus be reached.

As a result of the conference a large part of the Kenyon vote will today be cast for Senator Funk while some will go to

# ARCHIBALD'S AGATHA

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## PART ONE CHAPTER I.

I found my wife and told her all about it. "You see, Agatha," I said, "it's going to be rough on old Arch if he doesn't. After all, she's always promised him the property; it should go to him."

The secretary, that is, my wife—I sometimes refer to her in that way in memory of a certain six weeks I and my friend Terhune once spent at Castle Wyckhoff, during which she bore that title and I fell in love with her—my wife put down her sewing to answer me. She was doing me a knitted tie, by the way, green, with at least six different stitches in it. Awfully clever at that sort of thing, my wife.

"Yes, I see," she said; "but, Wilfred, isn't it a little—just a little—how can he expect to get married in so short a time as ten days?"

It was sudden, surely, and unusual. But for the matter of that, the whole thing was out of the ordinary. You see the point was that an eccentric old aunt of my friend Archibald Terhune, a Mrs. Georgiana James of Essex, had written to acquaint her nephew with the fact that she intended to leave a certain piece of property which she had long ago promised him to a third cousin of hers who lived in America if Archibald did not immediately get married. In fact, she gave him exactly and only ten days from the receipt of her letter in which to accomplish the holy estate, or, rather, in which to get himself engaged. The actual ceremony she would leave to follow as soon as possible when the proper order of things should permit.

Arch, when I saw him in London that morning, was in the wildest state of mind imaginable. He had only just received the letter, and he'd be blessed if he'd take unto himself a wife at all, merely to humor the impossible whims of his Aunt Georgy, much less accomplish the deed with any such indecorous haste. She had always badgered him to death on the subject of getting married, and now he supposed this was her way of punishing him for his systematic disregard of her wishes.

"Wants to jolly well push me to the wall and force my hand!" he told me indignantly. "She'd do anything to get her own way, that old woman! And the reason she says she's bringing things to a climax now is just because I'm forty years old today! She says that if I don't get married soon, I'll be so old no one will have me! Fancy that!" His tone was positively shrill with spleen and disgust. "Just as if that were so very old!" He went on, twitching about on his chair and plucking angrily at his eye-glass string. "Why, lots of men don't even begin to think of marrying till they're forty-five!"

I smiled. The old boy's weak spot is his love of admiration, and I often feel convinced that if it were not for his delight in being considered one of London's most eligible bachelors, and his pride in being one of the most popular dinner guests in town, he would long ago have entered the bonds of matrimony.

"She says," he continued, jerking over a page of the closely written letter that he held in his hand and glancing down at it as he spoke, "that although she has always looked forward with pleasure to leaving that piece of property which represents the bulk of her fortune, to her nephew, that she cannot allow herself to do so unless he complies with her wishes and becomes a married man. To bestow so rich an inheritance upon a single man, she says, is like putting a premium on selfishness!" Terhune snorted with impatience when he had read that last sentence, but I couldn't help but admire the old lady for it. I thought she must have been something of a character to express herself so forcibly.

"She goes on to explain," said Arch, resuming his reading after letting his eye skim down the page to the close of the letter, "that the reason she limits the days of grace in which I am supposed to persuade a girl to promise to marry me, to ten, is because she thinks I deserve to have to hurry, leaving thwarted her wishes so long, and that a little anxiety will do me no harm." His face was a picture as he read this, and his voice trembled so with a sense of outrage that he could hardly go on.

"She concludes by saying that I will be more likely to achieve the result she desires, if I am put under a certain amount of pressure. She knows my procrastinating habits only too well!"

His glare was so vindictive by this time that I could hardly keep from laughing at him.

"It's no laughing matter!" he growled. "She means every word of it. She's gone and notified the third cousin in America about it, so there'll be no possibility of changing her mind!"

"Is he married?" I asked.

"Nine children," returned my friend gloomily. "And she's even instructed her solicitor," he added, "Old Barnes of Barnes, Willoughby & Sons to call upon me and be with me at one o'clock ten days from now, when the period expires, to see that everything's fair and square about the proceedings and that I do not overstep the prescribed time by so much as a minute!"

"Capital!" I cried enthusiastically, full of an ill-timed, I fear, enthusiasm for the business-like methods of Mrs. James.

"You'll have to invite him to lunch! Why, it's as good as a play! What an old sport your Aunt Georgy must be!"

"O, hang my Aunt Georgy!" exclaimed Arch peevishly, not appreciating my point of view. "Meddlesome old busybody!"

"And that reminds me," I said alertly, "how old is she, anyway, Arch?"

"Eighty-two," he snapped; "old enough to know better!"

"Old enough to be thinking about making her will, at any rate," I said meaningly. And of course Arch had in reality too keen an interest in his own welfare not to appreciate that fact without needing me to emphasize it. He was not the boy—I thought—if I knew him at all, to sit sulking in a corner when there was only a little thing like getting a wife in ten days between him and a chance at a fortune! If he did, he could not certainly be the same Terhune that had proved so earnest an aspirant for the millions. And I was right. It was not long before he'd forgotten his disapproval of Aunt Georgy's methods and was excitedly discussing ways and means of obeying her behest. I thought myself the thing didn't sound so hard. I thought at any rate that it would be a regular lark to have a try at it. But he was much less optimistic, much more downhearted. Not because he doubted his ability to get some girl to marry him, for he felt quite sure on the contrary that his only trouble would be in making a selection. But it was the shortness of the time that stumped him. He couldn't seem to see himself an engaged man in ten days, his imagination somehow failed to sum up the picture. I did my best to cheer him up and pointed out that the property, which was a sheep farm in Australia, formerly belonging to Aunt Georgy's brother, now deceased, and yielding a yearly income of about \$20,000, was worth having a try for. And as I said, it might have been much worse. Aunt Georgy might have insisted on his actually attaining the married state in ten days' time, instead of merely getting engaged, and that I thought would have been well nigh impossible. Girls are so queer about that sort of thing. They must have a trousseau, and bridesmaids and churches and furs and feathers of one kind or another. He would certainly have had



"A Nephew is Much Nearer Than a Third Cousin, You Know!"

trouble in pulling off the wedding in such short order. He was inclined to agree with me. He thought it more than likely his bride would balk at such unceremonious haste.

But, by Jove! I know a girl who has no such foolishness about her—

When I married Dearest—who had been the Hon. Agatha Wyckhoff, you know—she did not make me wait for anything. We were married at the unfashionable hour of seven in the morning in a certain little well-remembered chapel in the village of Wye, with Mrs. Armistead, her aunt, as our only attendant. And then—but I forget—I am not telling our story, but Terhune's. Poor old chap!

"If you could have seen him!" I said to Dearest, throwing myself on the terrace at her feet. "Never saw him in such a state! He was in the wildest hurry to begin his record-breaking campaign for a wife, but didn't know how to go about it at all. And I couldn't blame him really. Twenty thousand dollars a year would make all the difference in the world to him!"

CHAPTER II.

"And to the cousin in America, with nine children!" said Agatha.

"Not so very much," I said. "He's very well off, they say. All those Americans are. Besides that, Terhune's really got more right to the stuff than he has! A nephew is much nearer than a third cousin, you know!"

"Not if he isn't married, apparently," remarked Dearest, but I knew she only said it to tease me.

"O, come, now!" I expostulated; "you know you aren't going to stick up for a wild westerner from the American backwoods."

"Wherever they may be," put in my wife, who has spent the greater part of her life in the states and is

fonder of that country than I think she should be.

"From the American backwoods," I repeated, "that you've never even seen, against poor old Terhune! Why, he probably wears a scalp lock and brandishes a tomahawk, for all you know!"

She smiled pityingly at my primitive notions of American civilization.

"Which?" she said. "Terhune or the third cousin? You're very ambiguous, Wilfred. Besides, you know lots better than that!"

I hung my head in well-affected confusion and admitted that I did.

"Don't be a silly!" she admonished, though I could see she thought my attitude a good one, and tapped me on the head with her thumb. It hurt a little and I pretended to be very angry at the liberty.

"Just you stop that!" I cried, suddenly flinging my arms around her and pinning her so tight to her chair she couldn't speak. "And don't pretend you're not going to agree with me about Terhune! It's a serious matter, and you know it! The old boy's a hole and I want to help him out!"

"And you expect me to provide the method of exit, isn't that it?" asked my prisoner as soon as she could get her breath.

"Exactly!" I said, setting her free and settling myself in another chair that was conveniently close to her.

"Pitch in and tell us how to go about it!" And I leaned back and lit a favorite pipe of mine for which I had long ago gained permanent pardon from Lady Vincent. Which title, by the way, explains the fact that my older brother Edmund had died shortly after our wedding trip, making me Lord Vincent instead of Lord Wilfred, and at the same time my father, the duke of Totten's, heir. At length my oracle ceased peckering her pretty brows and spoke. "I think," she said, "we might manage it if we gave a small house party and had two of the Agathas who stayed with me a year ago during the time when I was carrying out the conditions of my father's will and friend Terhune as my only guests."

I withdrew my pipe from my mouth and my gaze from the broken roof-line of Wyckhoff castle and the tops of our famous Wyckhoff oaks, which was all my lazy line of vision held, and sat up.

"I know it's an idea," I remarked, "but I can't seem to get the inner significance of it—a house party for a week with just two Agathas and Terhune for guests. How—"

## KICK ON AUTO TAX

IOWA COUNTY NOT IN FAVOR OF THE HORSE POWER METHOD

Blackhawk County People Think Four-Year Term for County Officers Would Result in More Efficient Officers—Re-submission Petition.

Des Moines.—A protest from Iowa county against the bills before the general assembly providing for the taxation of automobiles per horsepower was registered in the house in a petition presented by Representative Fletcher. The petition is signed by 122 residents of Iowa county who declare that there already is too much tax on automobiles and that they should be taxed no more than other vehicles.

Representative Dabney of Davis introduced a resolution providing for the commemoration of Judge Henry C. Travers, a former member of both bodies of the Iowa legislature, who died Sept. 24, 1909. Dabney of Davis, Hamilton of Lee and Shane of Wapello were appointed as a committee on commemoration.

Representative Cousins of Butler county presented a petition signed by thirty-nine voters and nineteen nonvoters of Butler county asking for the resubmission of the constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale and manufacture of liquor in Iowa.

Thirty citizens of Hardin county ask for favorable action on the five mile limit bills before the legislature.

Representative Downey of Crawford county presented a petition from a number of his constituents asking that the legislature repeal the law that gives the taxes of the itinerant medicine vendors to the pharmacist.

Representative Patterson of Keokuk introduced a petition from Keokuk county which asks for a special primary.

A four-year law, whereby county officers will be allowed to hold office for four years instead of two, is asked by citizens of Blackhawk county in a petition introduced by Representative Groat. The "Blackhawkers" believe that a four-year law would result in more efficiency in county offices.

Representative Jacobson of Audubon county presented a petition from 169 residents of his county asking that the legislature repeal the present law which allows operators of traction engines to cross bridges without planking. The petitioners wish to make the operator of the engine responsible in case of accidents.

Vote for United States Senator.

The following table gives the vote of leading candidates for United States senator:

Ballot	Forster	Frank	Kenyon	Young	Byers	Grant
1st	50	21	22	38	13	7
2d	53	21	22	32	14	0
3d	49	30	25	33	14	7
4th	52	22	27	32	13	7
5th	45	22	24	26	11	7
6th	47	21	24	31	0	7
7th	53	27	34	35	0	8
8th	52	34	35	33	0	1
9th	53	35	34	34	0	1
10th	48	31	37	33	0	1
11th	49	30	35	28	0	1
12th	38	20	38	32	0	0
13th	47	0	66	36	0	1
14th	49	0	66	37	0	1

For Inheritance Tax.

Senator Shirely Gilliland of Mills introduced an inheritance tax measure in the senate. It is similar in a majority of its provisions to the bill he fathered in the Thirty-third assembly.

He provides that the legal share of the wife shall be exempt and that \$10,000 of the share of legal heirs be exempt, but all in addition to that be taxed on a graduated scale.

He also fathered a measure which makes it incumbent upon all railway companies to stop all trains at stations where a state institution is located.

House Bills Passed.

H. F. No. 10, by Lounsbury of Marshall—Amended by judiciary committee fixing fees allowed at \$3, \$5, \$8 and \$10 to county clerks for collecting money from guardians, trustees or persons acting in representative capacity or against him. Passed unanimously.

H. F. No. 59, by Boettger—Legalizing water franchise by town of Bettendorf passed unanimously, 97 for, 0 against and 11 absent and not voting. Ripley of Hancock objected to the title. Amendment to title accepted.

Would Abolish Tax Ferrets.

Tax ferrets will be a thing of the past in Iowa if the senate concurs in the bill passed in the house abolishing them. The measure, which was presented by Fulton of Jefferson, makes it illegal for counties and cities to employ tax ferrets.

Raise Limit of Exemption.

A bill raising the limit of exemption in the old soldiers' and sailors' exemption law from \$500 to \$1,000 was introduced in the house by Representative Dewey of Guthrie county.

Pardon Bill is Presented.

A bill transferring from the legislature to the board of parole the power to act on petitions for the pardon of those sentenced to life imprisonment, was presented in both the house and the senate by the committees on pardons.

## MAY CUT OUT MANY EMPLOYES.

Senator Webber Says the Iowa General Assembly Hands Out Altogether Too Many Plums.

Senator Webber of Ottumwa started a movement in the senate which may result in a lot of employes about the legislature losing their jobs.

Just before recess in the morning Senator Webber sent down a resolution calling upon the committee of the senate on retrenchment and reform to send in a report to the senate showing how many additional employes the senate used during the four preceding sessions.

"I have investigated this matter somewhat and I find that the senate is now paying out \$840 in salaries for employes where it was paying but \$300 two sessions ago. I don't believe the senate is doing so much work now that it is necessary to hire more help at an increase of \$500 to keep the work up."

Some New Legislative Bills.

Senate file No. 145—By Dunning—Asking for appropriation for \$138 to reimburse S. J. McCord for efforts to extradite J. F. Milligan.

House file No. 174—By Cousins of Butler—Compelling owners and tenants of land to cut weeds and brush in adjoining highways. Referred to the committee on roads and highways.

House file No. 175—By Greene of Clinton—Prohibiting camping on public highways or adjacent lands for more than twenty-four hours unless with the consent of the owner. Referred to the committee on roads and highways.

House file No. 176—By Skinner of Jasper—Providing that roads should be forty feet wide and in no cases more than sixty feet or less than thirty-five feet. Referred to the committee on roads and highways.

House file No. 179—By Hazen of Pottawattamie—Providing for the payment of damages caused by deer and elk out of the state fish and game fund and providing for the assessment of such damages against township trustees. Referred to the fish and game committee.

House file No. 180—By McCullough of Dubuque—Providing that women liable to be committed to the state industrial school may be committed to accredited institutions. Referred to the committee on judiciary.

House file No. 181—By Taylor of Union—Relating to the admission of soldiers' wives to the Iowa soldiers' home at Marshalltown. Referred to the committee on military.

House file No. 182—By Brady of Dallas—Requiring that county and school treasurers deposit funds at a rate of 2 per cent per annum on 90 per cent of the daily balance and providing that banks receiving such funds must give bonds. Referred to the committee on ways and means.

House file No. 184—By Dewey of Guthrie—Providing a bounty of 10 cents for crows. Referred to the committee on agriculture.

House file No. 185—By Goodykooz of Boone—Creating a state board of publicity and providing for the support of the institution.

House file No. 186—By Goodykooz of Boone—Providing for free passes for peace officers, health officers and mail carriers while on duty within the city limits. Referred to the committee on railroads and transportation.

## PASSES HARBOR BILL

MEASURE CARRYING \$36,000,000 ADOPTED BY SENATE.

Numerous Amendments Sends Act to Conference—National Waterways Commission to Be Continued.

Washington.—After three hours of consideration the senate Tuesday passed the river and harbor bill, carrying appropriations aggregating \$36,000,000.

Amendments to the bill provide that \$125,000 shall be spent to improve the Illinois and Mississippi canal at a point where it crosses East Bureau creek. The life of the national waterways commission shall be continued to 1913, and it shall report upon the feasibility of a canal from Lake Erie, by way of the Maumee river and Fort Wayne, Ind., to the southern end of Lake Michigan.

The original bill having passed the house, consideration of the amendments will be taken up by a conference committee at an early date.

## BIG DEAL IN MICHIGAN LAND

Purchase of Vast Tract Almost as Large as the State of Rhode Island.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.—As a result of the purchase of 712,000 acres of land in the upper peninsula of Michigan by H. H. Hamilton of Saint Paul, for the Western Land Securities company of that city, employment will be given to 5,000 men in that district this year. It is the intention of the company to spend \$5,000,000 on drainage and other improvements.

Work will be rushed as rapidly as possible and as soon as spring opens laborers will be in demand on the peninsula. Dredging crews will invade the territory and will start work as soon as the weather conditions permit. Manistique river will be the natural outlet for all the water which is to be removed from the land and carried into Lake Michigan. As the ditch diggers build ditches around each section of land, they will at the same time be building a road. The huge dippers of these dredging machines as they lift the soil from the earth will cast it on either side of the ditch and deposit it in such a manner that steam rollers and grading machines will find it very little trouble to roll it out and level it into a road. This plan of simultaneous ditching and road building has been successfully followed in the upper portion of Minnesota and in other states, and the old cry of farmers that they could not get their products to market because of the lack of highways will not be heard in the upper peninsula of Michigan because of the fact that the settler will find a good roadway near his land when he begins to till the soil.

Great interest has been manifested in this district by the announcement of the purchase of this vast tract of land, which covers 1,113 square miles and is only a trifle smaller than the state of Rhode Island. Farmers who have already located in that district are highly pleased by the fact that a company with ample funds to carry on improvements has become the owner of this small empire and appreciate the fact that the improvements in the way of drainage and clearing will make their land more valuable. The expenditure of such a sum as \$5,000,000 in the district will undoubtedly cause a wave of prosperity in Sault Ste. Marie, Rudyard, Manistique, Escanaba, Pickford, Trout Lake, Menominee, Munising, Marquette and Newberry, the like of which has not been felt in many years.

## VOTE DOUBLE TRACK TO SEA

Union and Southern Pacific Lines to Make Improvements Costing Upwards of \$75,000,000.

New York.—The executive committee of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific roads Tuesday voted to complete double tracking of the lines from the Missouri river to San Francisco.

They would also double track the Oregon Short Line from the junction with the Union Pacific main line at Granger, Wyo., to Huntington, Ore.; also the line along the Columbia river in Oregon to Portland, a total of 1,373 miles. The cost of the double tracking, which will be distributed over a period of five years.

In a statement accompanying the announcement of the project President Robert S. Lovett commented on the reasons which had impelled the roads to reach their decision and declared that present conditions, considered unfavorable to the railroads, were only temporary. He said that by July 1 the lines west of Omaha would have about 630 miles of double track and that experience with the growth of the system's business during the last two years had demonstrated that a continuous double track connecting with the eastern system soon would be necessary to handle the business of the roads.

House Wrecked; Woman Hurt.

Laporte, Ind.—The home of George Francis, a farmer, east of Laporte, was wrecked Wednesday when an acetylene machine in the basement exploded. Mrs. Francis and two daughters were badly burned.

Many Hurt in Wreck.

Calgary, Alberta.—Nine persons were seriously injured and several others were slightly hurt when west-bound Canadian Pacific train No. 1 was derailed near Glendon, 55 miles east of here Wednesday.

Big Drop in National Bank Deposits.

Washington.—The combined national banks, in response to the call for condition on January 7, show a loss in loans and discounts of \$48,002,034, a gain in cash of \$20,196,699 and a loss in individual deposits of \$191,566,468.

## HER SMALL BROTHER

The small brother is a very important factor, for good or evil, to the young man who is engaged in making love to the small boy's grown-up sister.

Some small brothers are worse than a hundred Egyptian plagues distilled down into one, while some other small brothers are born matchmakers, and thoroughly enjoy helping along the fun of courtship.

The small brother frequently elects to entertain the anxious suitor while Mamie Marie gets ready to come down. Getting ready to come down is, with the majority of girls, a Herculean undertaking, and consumes a great deal of time and thought, and draws seriously upon the brain power of the young woman who desires to make a good impression on her waiting young man.

The anxious suitor may consider himself in luck if the star of his life gets her hair into the requisite state of fluffiness, and her ribbons and bows into the regulation state of stylishness in half an hour; and he must possess his soul in patience if she keeps him waiting a full hour before she comes down.

But if there is a small brother to entertain him, the time will pass quickly, and he will learn more of the true inwardness of his love's family in that short hour than he would learn in a lifetime of ordinary calling acquaintance.

The small brother comes sliding into the parlor and looks askance at the nervous young man, who is holding his hat on his knees, and has the general appearance of being ready to jump out of his chair in a minute's warning. The small brother is either chewing molasses candy or gum, as the condition of his supplies may be—for a boy is a great deal more at home when his mouth is full.

The expectant suitor is anxious to propitiate him, because he is her brother, and he addresses him with that idea.

"Hello, Jimmy? Fine morning for skating, isn't it?"

"Naw, it's too sloppy. Say! you don't skate such, do you? Girls said you couldn't keep on your feet, and was afraid to strike out. Said you looked like a grasshopper on ice. Huh! Them's new shoes, ain't they? Ain't big enough, he says? I'll bet yer feet ache. Guess Mamie'll smell new leather when she comes down. Say! did you come ter see Mamie or Gussie? Ma said she'd bet you'd git all you'd bargained fer if you took Mamie. Pa he said fer her ter hush up. Say! don't you want ter chew my gum while I eat this apple? I don't want it ter git cold, 'cause it gits brittle sooner. Mamie said if I'd keep out of the room tonight she'd give me lots of maple sugar when Tom Fletcher brings her some. Tom, he's awfully sweet on Mamie. Say! what cher do you think Mamie don't want me fer? You're courtin' her, ain't you? Mamie she's got some powdery white stuff that she puts on her face ter hide the freckles, and you'll git some of it on yer coal collar if you don't watch out. John Perkey he got some on his, and Mamie she brushed it off. I see her. I was hid behind the window curtains. She told him she guessed he'd been leaning up against something. I guess he had, too."

"Ma says she dunno whether Mamie likes Tom Fletcher or John Perkey, but Tom's got an awful long nose, but he's got the most money; but John's freest with chocolate and ice cream. My Uncle Dick says you're a dogged dude. He says your collar looks like the sides of a wheelbarrow. Does it saw your eyes? When I'm a man I'm a-goin' to have a tall collar, so's to see how it feels to be tawed. Don't you see small burned hair? I do. Mamie's crimpin' her, and she's scorchin her curls. That's cause she's hurrying. She spanked me awful that day I hid under the sofa, and you told her that folderol stuff about her being the sum of your existence, and the queen rose in your—in your—flower bed. I told Gussie and George Latimer of it, and Mamie heard me. My! wasn't she hopping? George he said you was always a sotty. Was you?"

"Hark! that's Mamie coming. Ain't she been awful quick? I'll make myself scarce. Say! hadn't you just as lief as not that I should stay just outside, and see what she does when she sees you? Tom Fletcher he give me five cents ter find out if you kissed her, and I'm saving up half a dollar ter send her the Philippine Islands ter help the Filipinos. And courtin's awful entertaining, anyway. Most as tickling as the monkeys and the clowns in the circus."

And as the small brother slips out of the door, the young lady sister glides in at the other, and lifts her eyes to her young gentleman's face, and says how sorry she was to be obliged to keep him waiting so long, but she had just commenced a letter which must go that very evening, and she thought he wouldn't mind being alone just a few moments.

Some Superstitions.

A great many country people believe that the screeching of an owl indicates impending calamity.

To dream of a funeral is a sign of a wedding. To dream of a wedding is a sign of a funeral.

In Dalmania it is an exceedingly suspicious omen for a cat to sneeze when a bride enters the house.

The last Friday of each month is the almanac index for the next month. If the weather be fair the month will be likewise; if foul, so will the month be.

When you find tea grounds floating in your cup you know that you are going to have company. If the grounds are soft it is a woman who is coming; if hard, a man. If the grounds are long the person coming is tall; if short, the visitor will be short.

Positive Knowledge.

Englishmen Have you any Dream-oughts in America?

Yankees—Surely, I married one.—Town Topics.

# Freedom of the Negro

**National Negro Business League**  
Makes Recommendations for Prop-  
er Celebration—Next Meeting of  
League to be Held at Little Rock,  
Arkansas, August 17 and 18, 1911.

Tuskegee, Institute, Alabama, Jan. 21.—The Executive Committee of the National Negro Business League held its midwinter session at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Jan. 10th, 11th and 12th.

The members of the Committee are: J. C. Napier, Chairman, Nashville, Tenn.; J. E. Bush, Little Rock, Ark.; S. E. Courtney, M. D. Boston, Mass.; S. A. Furniss, M. D., Indianapolis, Ind.; W. L. Taylor, Richmond, Va.; F. D. Patterson, Greenfield, Ohio; W. T. Andrews, Sumter, S. C.; J. B. Bell, Houston, Texas; J. C. Thomas, New York City; J. C. Jackson, Lexington, Ky.; M. M. Lewey, Pensacola, Fla.; Robert C. Owens, Los Angeles, Cal.; R. E. Jones, New Orleans, La.

Ex Officio: Booker T. Washington, President, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Chas. Banks, Vice-President, Mound Bayou, Miss.; Emmett J. Scott, Corresponding Secretary, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Gilbert C. Harris, Treasurer, Boston, Mass.

**NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.**

1. In view of the fact that the Congress of the United States has thus far failed to make provision as suggested by President Taft in his message to Congress for a proper celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the emancipation of the Negro in the United States.

In view of the further fact that should Congress now make an appropriation we fear the time would be too short to enable us to carry out a celebration in the form as first planned.

Therefore we, the Executive Committee of the National Business League advise that the race should not await the expected action of Congress, and suggest instead of the large central exposition as first planned, that the celebration should make the following form:

2. That the third week in October, 1913, be set aside for the celebration, and be known as Fiftieth Anniversary week.

3. That instead of a Central Exposition, the Schools, Churches and all other Societies and Organizations in each community unite and co-operate for the purpose of holding a local celebration; this celebration to take the form of an exposition of the progress in commercial, professional, moral, intellectual and religious directions made by the race in that community.

4. We suggest that where it is possible these exhibitions be held in connection with existing county or state fair organizations; it will not be necessary to change the regular date for holding such county or state fairs.

5. We suggest that, in case money is secured from Congress, it be apportioned among the states, to be expended under the control of the governor, in proportion to the number of colored people residing in the different commonwealths.

6. We believe that the plans here outlined have several advantages over the plans previously proposed: (a) First, it makes it possible to put the whole race to work in planning and preparing for the exposition and celebration suggested. (b) It will enable more people to see the progress the Negro has made, than would be possible if they had to travel many miles to some Central Exposition.

7. In conclusion, we strongly urge that our people begin now to plan and that this be made at once a means and an occasion for calling attention of the world to the immense progress the Negro race in America has made during fifty years of freedom.

It is the earnest hope and desire of the Executive Committee of the National Negro Business League that the above suggestions shall be read before the various churches, lodges and other organizations, to the end that the Fiftieth Anniversary Week of Freedom shall be generally observed everywhere.

## DIXTON BRIEFS.

Mrs. Wm. Thomas of Danville, Ill., who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Brown, left for home last Tuesday.

Mr. Wilson Brown suffered a painful accident by having his thumb broken in 15 Mine last week.

Rev. D. E. Butler left last Tuesday for Chicago on business. Rev. J. B. Lucas occupied his pulpit last Sunday. While Rev. Lucas is only a local preacher, he delivered a splendid sermon to the morning congregation. He preached at the evening hour also.

The Mt. Zion Mission circle met in the home of Mrs. Rosi Brown last Thursday. After the business of the circle had been finished, Mrs. Brown served a dainty lunch by Mrs. Mary Parker and Miss Ethel Fields.

Mrs. Lottie Baxter, cashier in Buxton Savings Bank was on the sick list last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herndon Reasby are the proud parents of a fine daughter, Mother and babe doing nicely.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Brooks of Colfax are breaking the news that a bouncing boy came to their home last week.

Postmaster, E. T. Mills was wrestling with lagrippe last week, but we are glad to report him much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Myrtle Rhodes of Des Moines is visiting her aunts, Mesdames Mary Miles and Bonnie Jackson, this week.

Chiffon Mills, who shot his finger some weeks ago in sawing nicely, and the finger will not have to be taken off as

was at first thought by the physicians. Mrs. Mary Miles is a new subscriber to the Bystander.

Mrs. Anna Cary was the leader at Y. P. S. C. E. meeting last Sunday. Mrs. Cary gave a very interesting lesson from the Missionary subject. Mrs. A. P. Sharp, forelady in the cloak department of the company store will lead the meeting next Sunday. Subject: Why do you Believe in Christian Endeavor Solos and duets will be rendered.

The Mission circle of Mt. Zion Baptist church gave a nice reception Monday evening in honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Simmons who are taking their departure today, Jan. 31, for Paden, Okla. After the welcome address to the invited guests by the President, Mrs. Sally Jackson and farewell remarks from the deacons, by L. G. Cheatham, from the Sunday School, by Supt. Marshall Lowry, from the church by Rev. Woodward, from the B. Y. P. U. by Prof. C. W. Rogers, and a few words of appreciation and Mrs. Simmons, "God be with you till we meet again," was sung, and everyone enjoyed the spread prepared by the Mission Circle. It was indeed a pleasant affair, yet mingled with strains of sadness at the thought of friends leaving us.

Prof. Woodward, who was in Goldsboro, N. C., visiting his father who is quite sick, returned Saturday reporting his father yet in bad condition.

The Christian Workers Alliance met at the Y. M. C. A. Monday morning 10:30. Revs. Caloway and Woodward made reports of their Sunday services. Rev. Caloway preached at the morning service, Matt. 7:21. Showing that we must be doers of the word and not bearers only. Good B. Y. P. U. meeting at 6:30 and at the evening service he preached: 1 Kings 6:7.

Rev. Woodward reported good services and well attended. He preached Acts: 5:15 in the morning and at evening from John 12:21. Secy's Brown and Tucker reported their Sunday work.

As we finish our notes for this issue the sad news of the death of Mrs. W. S. Bryson who died Monday night, comes to us. We extend our sympathy to Justice Bryson and family.

Mr. W. H. Simmons, who is moving his family to Prden, Oklahoma, left \$1.50 for one year's subscription to the Bystander to be sent to that address.

The last number of the Y. M. C. A. lecture course occurred last Wednesday evening. Wassaman, the Magician had the closing number.

Mrs. Booker Dews and Miss Minnie Mills were the two lucky ones to get their purchase free by being the tenth person to buy at the company store's great sale.

How to cure a cold is a question in which many are interested just now. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and immense sale by its remarkable cure of colds. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

## FT. MADISON.

Rev. Lowry was out of the city two days this week on business.

Miss Louise Harper, who has been confined to her bed for the past week with a serious attack of pneumonia is feeling much better at this writing.

Messrs. Cyrus Boyd and Homer Anderson, both of Keokuk, Iowa, were Ft. Madison visitors Sunday evening.

Miss Mayme Lewis, who has been indisposed for the past two weeks is convalescent.

Rev. James Hudson has accepted the call as pastor of the Second Baptist church of this city. Rev. Hudson is an Evangelist, and through his experience in the great evangelistic work, he has been able to hold his audience spellbound. His greatest ambition is to do something for fallen humanity in the spiritual world, and we feel that that ambition will be accomplished if he remains with us for any length of time. Although he has not been here any length of time, he has already done much good by winning five souls back to the folds of Christ.

Deacon Fred Henry is very ill at his home on Spruce street.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Anderson and Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Daniel Isom are all on the sick list.

## MT. PLEASANT NOTES

Mr. Ed. Buckner of Fairfield is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Clifford Cowden of Burlington, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Palmer.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pickett was buried Sunday afternoon. It was only a few days old.

Mr. Albert Stephens of Fairfield is in town Sunday.

The Odd Fellows gave an entertainment last Thursday evening which was a success.

## BURLINGTON ITEMS.

Mrs. J. Earle is greatly improved after an attack of lagrippe.

Mrs. Vaughn is able to be out again after a weeks illness.

Mrs. R. Brooks, who has been indisposed, is much better.

Rev. Douglass is in Peoria assisting in revivals.

Mrs. J. Earle entertained Mrs. Wilson and daughter.

Mrs. Douglass of Sheridan, Wyoming, at dinner, Sunday.

The P. S. Circle was the guest of Mrs. Wm. Jones, Friday.

Mrs. C. Jones and daughter, Miss Anna and Edna Jones are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Badgett.

Mrs. Wm. Washington very delightful entertained with a luncheon, Thursday evening, complimentary to the Misses Jones of Oskaloosa.

Mrs. A. Lamb is on the sick list.

Mrs. Fred Williams, of Washington, visited in our city a few days ago, the guest of Lees Tyler.

The Burlington hotel open the 5th, which we expect will bring more colored people to the city looking for work.

## ENTERPRISE, IOWA.

The M. O. A. society met Thursday at the home of Miss Laura Brown. After the transaction of business and Bible Study, the hostess served a two course luncheon. This club is doing a great work with a membership of twenty-four faithful women.

Rev. and Mrs. Grant White entertained at dinner Friday. Rev. M. J. Burton and Rev. Jas. Bowles.

Mrs. Jas. Bowles, Ada Harris, Allen and Thompson, has been on the sick list for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Divers entertained Sunday at a beautiful three course dinner. Rev. M. J. Burton, Rev. and Mrs. Jas. Bowles and Mr. and Mrs. John Ousley.

We are still carrying on the meeting here and feel that the Lord is with us. Rev. M. J. Burton preached two soul stirring sermons, Sunday, and at three o'clock gave a lecture to the men. He took for his subject: "The Suffer of Death." A large attendance was spell-bound for nearly an hour, and all went away rejoicing. They had been out to the "The House of the Lord."

## CLINTON HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. Holland Williams is confined to her home on account of illness, during the past week she has been quite ill. She is some better at this writing.

The stewardess held a social on last Thursday night, notwithstanding the small number in attendance. Those present had an enjoyable time.

The marriage of Miss Anna Cooper to Mr. Asa Williams of Paducah, Ky., was solemnized at the home of the bride 339 Second avenue, on the evening of Jan. 18th, at 7:30 o'clock, the Rev. S. B. Moore officiating. The ceremony took place in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Anthony. Those in attendance from one of the city were B. F. Cooper, brother of the bride of Buxton, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clark of Sterling, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are now at home to their friends on North Third street.

Mrs. Williams has been the organist of Bethel A. M. E. church for the past two years, until about three months ago.

In the midwinter promotions which took place recently in the Clinton schools, in a class of sixty-three which graduated from the Grammar school to the High School, were Mae Culbertson, Thos. D. Evans and Curtis C. Bush. Their many friends congratulate them on their success.

Mrs. David Wingeld is reported as quite ill with pneumonia.

A Memorial social will be held Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday night, next, for the late deceased Bishop Abraham Grant.

Mae Culbertson and T. Delight Evans' children of Mr. and Mrs. O. Culbertson are quite sick, the former having an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Eva Nickles who has been in the interest of the Raydith Perfume Co., of Chicago, left Saturday for Mt. Carroll, Ill., and her home in Delevan, Wis.

## DAVENPORT NEWS.

Mrs. C. H. Marshall who has been quite sick for the past ten days is up and around again to the pleasure and comfort of her many friends.

Master Busey, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is able to take his place in school again.

Mrs. Georgie Perkins remains quite ill at her home on South Ripley St.

Misses Lavern Washington and Marie Wilkerson were graduates from the Ninth grade to the High School, this Summer, making us have nine students enrolled in the high school, seven boys and two girls.

The A. M. E. choir went to Moline Sunday, Jan. 29th, and delighted all with their sweet music. It is comforting to note the spirit of union existing between the colored churches of the Tri-Cities.

The revival meeting closed here Jan. 29th, with eighteen additions, twelve of whom were candidates for baptism. The meeting was a glorious success throughout.

Rev. J. K. Swain preached with telling all the while he was with us. The unity of the brotherhood is growing strength. The Sunday school, the sewing circle and the Sunset Bible class are all exhibiting the deepest interest.

Rev. Swan goes from here to Rock Island, Ill. and he is an Illinois man. It is hoped he may do much good here.

The Third Baptist church will hold a rally on the Second Sunday in Feb.

We were glad to receive a letter from our Missionary, Rev. Burton.

Mrs. Lillie Annie Porter an acceptable member of class No. 2 of Bethel A. M. E. church, was recommended by the Second Conference the next Dist. Conference of the Keokuk Dist. for Evangelist license.

Rev. T. B. Stovall had a following of forty-five Davenporters to Moline Sunday afternoon to Rev. Saunders quarterly meeting. The Rev. is all smiles over this fact, and says that this looks like union, and where there is union there is strength.

For information regarding literature published and handled by our race, call up the A. M. E. parsonage, phone No. 484-L.

Sunday, Feb 5th is rally day at Bethel A. M. E. church. Don't fail to attend and help a worthy cause.

The Bystander will keep you abreast of the times if you only take it.

Mr. Harry Hockett is on the sick list. Mrs G. W. Mott, who has been quite ill is some better.

As the Secret Orders are growing so fast in this city it would be a nice thing if they all would get together and put

un a building that would accommodate all the orders, and the society folks and their functions.

Feb. 15th is the date set for the official convention. All the officials, both male and female, of all the colored churches of the Tri-Cities are asked to meet at Bethel A. M. E. church on the date. The convention will open at 9:30 a. m., and will last all day and evening. The subjects to be discussed will pertain to the betterment of the Negro condition in this immediate vicinity. One of the subjects, and possibly the most important of all, is the mixed schools and advantage or a disadvantage to our race? A full program in the next issue of this paper.

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Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers.

## ALBIA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bowman celebrated their twentieth anniversary at their home, on North Clinton street, January 28, 1911. Their many friends gathered at their home at 8:30, with many tokens of their love and best wishes to the worthy couple in our town. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman has resided in Albia for a number of years. They own a very nice home on North Clinton and to their happy married life has been added four children. A nice supper was served by the ladies friends, while Miss Zoe Bowman presided at the Flappa bowl. Music was furnished throughout the evening by Mr. John Washington and Miss Ora Lewis. Solo by Miss Mildred Lewis and Mrs. J. Washington. After supper Mr. Ed. Butler was chosen toastmaster a worthy one. Rev. R. Manley briefly but with well chosen words addressed the host and hostess and friends of the worthy couple. After which many of the friends spoke very highly of Mr. and Mrs. Bowman as citizens of Albia. After which congratulations were given all returned home.

Mrs. Virginia Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Hocking were out of town guests, and Mrs. Maggie Gordon and children of Bussy a sister of Mrs. Bowman.

Miss Ora Lewis returned Wednesday from a weeks visit in Oskaloosa.

A called meeting for election of new officers and business was given at A. M. E. church Monday evening.

A few strangers in town the past week.

You are probably aware that pneumonia always results from a cold, but you never heard of a cold resulting in pneumonia when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. Why take the risk when this remedy may be had for a trifle? For sale by all dealers.

## CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.

The One More Effort club held a successful meeting at the home of Mrs. Allie Marshall on last Friday. After the transaction of business the hosts had prepared a well cooked dinner which all present did justice for themselves and those that were absent. The club will meet at the home of Mrs. Raspberry on Friday, Feb. —

Mrs. Martin Brooks and Master Forest Martin entertained at dinner, Sunday, Mrs. French Perkins, Mrs. French Perkins, Mrs. Fannie Hawkins and Master Mayo Perkins.

Master Forest Martin is still working in Tafts dry goods store on Saturday. Go on, Forest, and climb the ladder to success.

Miss Jessie Walker, of Marshalltown, Iowa, was the guest of Mr. Harry Horn and also members of the J. S. Y. Culture Club.

At the home of Mrs. Amelia Jackson where the two clubs gave an informal reception in honor of Miss Walker who is now president of the I. S. of C. W. C.

After a well rendered program the ladies listened to many encouraging remarks from Miss Walker. A two course luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Flora Lovell.

Mrs. Ella Lucas, Mrs. Fannie Jackson and Mrs. Harry Horn at a later hour all bade Miss Walker good bye.

The city Federation met at the home of Mrs. Jessie Smith.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at Bethel. Three good services was held during the day.

Rev. Ferribee will leave some time this week for Chicago. Rev. McDaniels of Chicago was a visitor at Bethel Sunday night.

Grand Master Milligan has returned home from his annual trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack have returned a two weeks visit in Troy, Kansas.

The Christian Endeavor League will give an entertainment Feb. 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann left for Chicago, their future home.

When her child is in danger a woman will risk her life to protect it. No great act of heroism or risk of life is necessary to protect a child from croup. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and all danger is avoided. For sale by all dealers.

## ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the District Court of Iowa, in and for Polk County, March term, 1911. Mary L. Shampay, Plaintiff vs. J. A. To J. A. Shampay, Defendant.

You are hereby notified that on or before the 20th day of February, A. D. 1911, the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause will be filed in the office of the clerk of the District court in and for Polk county, praying as against you an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony on the grounds of non support and cruel and inhuman treatment, such as to endanger her life and health and that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term of said court, which will commence at Des Moines, Iowa, on the sixth (6) day of March A. D. 1911, default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon.

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Toulon.—Slight seismic shocks occurred again Monday in Draguignan, Vaucluse and Puy-St. Raphael. No damage is reported, but the residents were panic-stricken.

## LOCALS

Mrs. T. L. Griffith was called to Albia by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. J. C. Williams, who was improving, took a relapse this week and was sick again.

The Maple St. Baptist church, which has been conducting revival meetings for several weeks, will close next Sunday, at which time they will administer baptism to 12 of their candidates.

Rev. Thos. L. Porter, who has been conducting a series of meetings at Colfax, Iowa, spent several days this week visiting with his old friend, Rev. S. Bates, 1111 Fremont Street. He preached for Rev. Bates Tuesday evening. He is an able minister and is considered a call to Colfax, Iowa.

The Misses Zella White and Ada Crews entertained 30 of their friends at a Dutch luncheon and dancing party last Monday, January 30th, at the residence of Mr. Penter Early at 1049 4th Place. An enjoyable time is reported.

The services at Union Congregational church next Sunday at 10:30 will be conducted by Rev. Simon E. Terry, subject "The greatest sermon in the world." All are invited. Sunday school immediately after the services at 12 o'clock, to which the public is invited. The Sunday school is growing by leaps and bounds. A very interesting Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

Sedentary habits, lack of outdoor exercise, insuigent mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, are the most common causes of stomach troubles. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.

The Intellectual Improvement club held their reception in honor of Miss Martha Leffler, winner of the first prize in the poetical contest in the Interstate Literary Association of Kansas and the west on last Thursday evening at the residence of the president, Mrs. S. Joe Brown. Other guests of honor were Miss Helen Bolden of Indianola, winner of second place in poetry, and Miss Bertha Allen, winner in the musical contest, Attorney S. Joe Brown, president of the Interstate, and the husbands of the members.

The following program was rendered: "Our Club," by Mrs. Jas. H. Woods; "The 1910 Interstate Meeting," by Mrs. Jas. B. Rush; "The 1911 Interstate Meeting," by Mrs. O. L. Glass. Mrs. Geo. H. Mason gave a reading, Miss Allen rendered several piano selections and the honored guests made brief but interesting remarks. Mesdames J. R. Erickson, J. H. Williams and Harvey Brown assisted in receiving. The club meets this afternoon with Mrs. Geo. H. Mason, 1187 14th St., at which time they will discuss the life and character of Bishop and Mrs. Abraham Grant.

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You are further notified to answer the interrogatories filed with this petition. For further notice see petition now on file; and unless you appear and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the March term of court, which will commence at Des Moines on the 6th day of March, 1911, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon.

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## GALLESBURG ILL.

Miss Margaret Payne of Davenport is the guest of Mrs. R. E. Lyons.

Mrs. Jane Duke passed away at her home, Tuesday afternoon, after long illness due to old age. Mrs. Duke was one of the pioneers of Gallesburg and she leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her death.

Mr. Geo. Fletcher is confined to his home by an attack of tonsillitis.

The Thimble Circle and the Autumn Leaf clubs were royally entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. Pauline Anderson and Mrs. Celia Moline, at the home of the latter. Following the business meeting, the time was pleasantly spent in conversation. A dainty collation was served the guests by the hostess.

Mrs. John Butler, who has been ill for some time at the cottage hospital is much improved.

Rev. Hackley, pastor of Lincoln Memorial chapel, presented the W.M. family of Mt. Pleasant to the public here, when they held two night's entertainment at his church. Quite a number were present each evening.

Mrs. Alice Dunaway has returned from Davenport after several week's stay.

Mr. F. W. Richardson is ill at home on Grand avenue.

Revisalservices at the Baptist church continue and much interest is being shown. Rev. Smith was assisted last week by Rev. Berry.

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