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CITY NEWS.

By the way, if you have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to visit, please inform us; we will send all your local news.—Ed.

Tickets go on sale this week for the grand song recital to be given by Madame Hackley.

Mrs. I. M. Jones, who has been very sick, is improving this week, which is good news to her many friends.

The M. C. T. club will be entertained by Mrs. H. R. Graves, Sunday afternoon, May 14th at 3 o'clock.

Mr. I. M. Jones has taken back the restaurant sold to Jeffers Bros. last Fall and Mr. Jones is now in full charge.

Mr. Wm. Ousley, Jr., of Chicago, one of their promising and energetic young men, arrived in our city, and accepted a position as floor officer at the Savery Cafe.

Rev. LeRoy Woolrich, pastor of Burns M. E. church, has moved his residence to 910 Fourteenth street place, where he is easily located, and invites all his friends to call on him.

Mrs. Lizzie Palmer Berry left Tuesday for Burlington, Chicago and to her home in New Jersey, having a short but pleasant visit among her old friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. Wm. Gray was hostess to the members of the West End Bridge Club last Friday evening. After several interesting games, the prize, a beautiful piece of lingerie, was awarded to Mrs. Edward Morton. Dainty refreshments were served. Miss Gertrude Hyde will entertain the club Friday evening.

Mr. A. M. Rivers is remodeling his home on 16th and University streets. His home is being raised and two additional rooms are added, which when completed will be a comfortable home.

The Union Congregational Sunday school last Sunday was addressed by Mr. Young, the Probation officer. A big crowd was out and a very interesting school.

Mrs. Gus. Watkins is making extensive preparation for a house party a week end to be given next month. Twelve young ladies are invited and are coming from Kansas City, St. Joseph, Albany, Mo and Chicago. The society ladies are planning any number of parties for that week.

Mr. Hayes Bell, one of our active young men with a trade namely, that of Interior Decorator, Painting and Paper Hanging, is meeting with great success this year. He is very busy, employing one or two men all the time. He just contracted to do a big job for Frank Bros., down town building. Go on, Mr. Bell.

The City Convention met Monday, May 8th with Mrs. W. H. Warrick at her home on 13th street. Arrangements were completed for the contest, June 12th, in which the different clubs of the city will participate. On account of the contest the convention will abandon the June meeting, but will meet July 10th with Mrs. B. Hall, 817 Maple street.

The Rev. H. R. Pinckney of Kansas City, Mo., who spent two weeks in our city, conducting a series of meetings at the Union Congregational church left Monday for his home. He made many friends while here; his lovable disposition and high cultured christian character, appeals to all who met him. The church extended him a call unani-mously and he accepted and will soon return to take up his work.

Married, last Monday evening at her parents' home, Miss Pearl Hammit, to Mr. Blaine Thompson of Mexico, Mo. It was a very quiet wedding as only a very few witnessed the ceremony. The bride is one of our girls, who was raised and educated in our public and high schools. The groom is an industrious young man, who at one time worked in our city and is well liked. There were several dinner parties given in honor of the happy couple before they left for their future home in Mexico, Missouri. Among those who served dinner parties were Miss Anna Reeves and Miss Roxana Durden and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Davis.

On next Wednesday evening the following public program will be given by the Dramatic Art Club at St. Paul's A. M. E. church.
Quotations "Mare Antony"
Reading "Mrs. Chas. Turner"
Reading "Mrs. Spaulding"
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There will be regular services Sunday morning at 10:30 at the Union Congregational church. All are invited.

The Callanan club fishing party given by Mesdames Dixon and Rivers last Wednesday was a success. They will meet next Wednesday with Misses Allen, 1205 Park street.

John L. Thompson was elected as the lay delegate to the 72d annual meeting of the Congregational conference to be held in Webster City, Iowa, May 16-18, by the members of Union Congregational church.

All Negro men and boys of Des Moines should hear the discussion on "What is Worth While" by Mr. I. L. Brown of Marshalltown and Mr. J. H. Spencer of Grinnell, at the Young Colored Men's Association, Ninth and Park streets, Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

The M. C. T. club will give a musical at Union Congregational church, Monday evening, May 15, 1911. The program is instrumental solo, Miss Bertha Allen; Quartette, Instrumental solo, Reading, Miss Gertrude Hyde; Vocal Duet, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Graves; Solo, Mr. C. H. Wilson; Solo, Mrs. M. Armstead; Quartette. Program will begin promptly at 8:15. Everybody welcome. Admission 10c.

The Bystander collector will start out upon his annual collection tour next week and will be in the following towns on or near the time mentioned. It is hoped that every one indebted to the Bystander will be prepared to pay up. You have had one year to save up the amount. On Thursday and Friday, May 18 and 19 he will be in Sioux City, Iowa, Saturday and Monday, May 20 and 22 in Omaha, Nebraska; Tuesday, in Council Bluffs, Iowa; Wednesday in Red Oak and Shenandoah, Thursday, May 25 in Clarinda; Saturday in Creston.

Having received several letters and so many words of cheer, through the Bystander correspondents the past few weeks regarding my recent sickness, I take this means of thanking most heartily my friends who were interested in my condition and recovery. While not entirely well yet I hope ere soon to regain my former health again. Thanking you all, I remain yours truly,
JOHN L. THOMPSON.

NEGRO LYCEUM.

The Des Moines Negro Lyceum met Tuesday, May 9th, with Mr. Geo. McCraven at the home of Mrs. W. H. Warrick, Thirteenth and School. Mr. Arthur Branham, the Lyceum's delegate in oratory, resigned and Mr. J. G. Dillinger was appointed to fill the vacancy. The program for the evening consisted of a reading from Holmes by Mr. Geo. McCraven and a very interesting discussion upon the subject, "Is the Protective Tariff a Protection?" The Lyceum adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 16th, with Mrs. McDowell, 908 Eighth street, at which time the following program will be rendered: Quotations, miscellaneous; vocal solo, Mr. Geo. Mason; essay, the Beauties of Nature, Mr. Jesse Graves; discussion by society. Paper, Mr. James Windsor, discussion by society; current events. Report of critic.

Mr. Wm. H. Hampton, the U. S. Federal Court Bailiff of Red Oak, Ia., is in our city this week attending to his duties as Bailiff of the Federal Court.

Mr. Alex. Birney, who spent several weeks in Chicago last month, arrived in the city this week. He is preparing to go to visit his brother in South Dakota, next Monday.

Mr. J. E. Emanuel whole family was taken to the city detention hospital last Monday. They claimed to have the small pox.

At the meeting of the Des Moines Literary convention, Monday evening, the following names of contestants were reported for the City Contests to be held at the A. M. E. church, Monday evening, June 12th. In Oratory: Catharine Windsor, Phillis Wheatley club; Gertrude Hyde, M. C. T. Club; Lofbridge, Dramatic Art Club; J. W. Holmes, Intellectual Improvement club; Mrs. E. R. Hall, Cosmopolitan Literary and J. G. Dellinger, Lyceum. In poetry: D. G. Patterson, Cosmopolitan Literary; Chenna Graves, Lyceum; Vivian Warracks, Choral Club; Mrs. H. W. Hughes, Intellectual Improvement club; and Mrs. W. H. Shackelford, Dramatic Art Club. In Music: Bertha Allen, Phillis Wheatley Club; W. H. Warricks, Choral Club; Lalah Brooks, Cosmopolitan Literary and Marie Bell, M. C. T. Club. Any other societies desiring to enter these contests will please hand name and the subjects of each contestant to Mr. E. R. Hall, chairman of the publicity committee on or before Saturday May 20th as the programs will go to press about that date.

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OBITUARY.

AT REST.

On Monday noon, last week, the very sad news spread over our city that Mrs. Mary J. Mayweather, the wife of Mr. John Mayweather, had died of congestion of the lungs and other complications at her home, 1046, Fourteenth St. She was 40 years old. Death was very unexpected and her many friends were much surprised. The funeral service was held from the A. M. E. church, Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. I. N. Daniels. Messrs. Jones and Lucas, our popular undertakers had charge of the body and rendered efficient service. She leaves a loving husband and three children. The youngest, only five days old, and many friends to mourn their loss, and extend heartfelt sorrow to the bereaved father and children. The remains were laid away in Woodland Cemetery.

GALESBURG, ILL.

Mrs. Henry Owens, of Ottumwa, is in Galesburg indefinitely, having been called here by the serious illness of her father, Mr. I. McGill.

The Phyllis Wheatley club met Sunday at the home of Mrs. Lulu Richardson, at the Young Colored Men's Association, Ninth and Park streets, Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

The Improvement club met their hall, Tuesday afternoon. Following the program, eight names were handed in to become new members. This club has recently opened a reading and rest room for the young men of the city.

Mrs. R. E. Lyons is confined to her home by illness.

Mr. Henry Richtie of Moline has returned to his home after a visit here with friends.

Dr. Auler of Evanston has arrived in Galesburg and expects to make his home. Dr. Auler comes highly recommended and is deserving of a large practice.

Mrs. Taburn, representative of Tuskegee is spending a few days in the city in the interest of the school.

(Special to Bystander.)

La Grange, Ill., May 2, 1911.

A mock wedding was given at the A. M. E. church which was joined by Mrs. W. H. Roberts was a great success. The stage arranged as a parlor was beautifully decorated with myriads of roses. The marriage of Miss Sallie Longtree was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Slocum. Mr. E. Green read the service. Miss Evalyn Arbuckle and Mr. Arinton Saunders made an ideal couple. The bride was attended by Mrs. C. Saunders as matron of honor. Mr. H. B. Hammond served as best man. The brides gown was of navy Messaline satin, trimmed with dutch lace and pearls. Her "tulle" veil was caught with orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of white bridal roses forsaken. The melodrama was almost effected when the Mrs. Silas Longtree, the first with her two children, fainted. After the wedding supper, the bride was hurried to Chicago in a "taxi" where was awaiting Mr. Longtree's brother, who was to accompany them on their honeymoon trip around the world in an aeroplane. They will make their home at Nobody's street at nowhere, Ills.

CLARINDA ITEMS.

The W. H. and F. M. met at the home of Mrs. Low Nash, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Morgan died at her home last Tuesday, at the age of 80 years. She had suffered a short time with appendicitis, which caused her death. Funeral services were held at the A. M. E. church of which she was a faithful member Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. H. Bell. She leaves to mourn her loss, a husband, one son, a daughter and three grand children, and a host of friends. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the community.

Mrs. Florence Adams is suffering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Mr. Emmett Morse has been traveling with the Reed's Jubilee Singers, has returned home.

Mrs. Allen Jones is ill at this writing. Mr. John Williams of Creston visited relatives in this city, Sunday.

Mr. Robert Brown of Blanchard visited in this city, Monday.

A surprise birthday post card shower, was given on Mrs. Martha Wright, in honor of her 65th birthday, on Monday evening, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Allen Jones. She received many beautiful cards of greeting; also other nice presents. Music, games and conversation being the feature of the evening. After which refreshments were served by Mesdames Allen Jones, Eliza Jones and Miss Jesse Parker. All report a pleasant time and wish Mrs. Wright many more happy birthdays.

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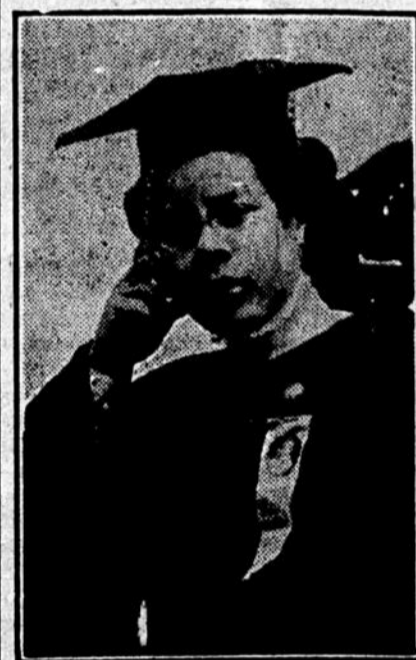
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MUCH GOOD ACCOMPLISHED.

Interesting Story of the Career and Work of Mme. Adena C. E. Minott, Founder and Principal of an Institution Especially Designed For the Study of the Mental Sciences.

By N. BARNETT DODSON.
New York.—Among the great number of institutions of learning both public and private in New York, the Clio School of Mental Sciences at 487 Sixth avenue is worthy of the name it bears. It is the only school of its kind where a thorough and practical course of instruction is given in phrenology, physiognomy, psychology and kindred subjects. The institution is



MRS. ADENA C. E. MINOTT.

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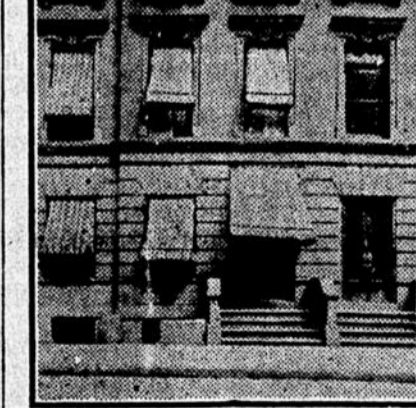
In order to facilitate the work of the main school and because of the increasing number of persons from other cities who desire to avail themselves of the many helpful advantages which the Clio school offers, a splendid building suitable for class work and dormitory purposes for students, visitors or permanent guests has been procured in the excellent neighborhood of West One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, No. 121, known now as the Clio school studio. Elegant rooms with or without board may be had at a nominal figure. The necessity for such a school to those who teach or are engaged in business or the professions is obvious. In the measure that the mariner's compass is necessary to the captain for the successful guidance of his ship over rough seas, in the same measure it is necessary for those engaged in other lines of work to have a knowledge of the science of the mind in order to steer successfully over the difficulties which they must necessarily meet in their life work.

In the onward sweep of civilization man has done great wonders in the production of new inventions. He has conquered the air and made it subservient to his will. His keen mind and penetrating eye have enabled him

to peep into the heavenly bodies and tell of their mysterious makeup and heeding the doctrine of the Greek philosophers. "Know thyself," he has discovered the art which brings him in closer touch with mankind, which also enables him to perform his mission with more ease and with greater results.

Mme. Minott's Literary Achievements.

The leading spirit in the work of this great institution is Mme. Adena C. E. Minott, who has been practicing the profession of mental science in New York city and vicinity as well as in other cities for the past twelve years. She received her grammar and high school education in this city,



CLIO SCHOOL STUDIO BUILDING.

where she matriculated for college. While waiting the opening of the McDonnell College of Phrenology and Psychology, in Washington, Miss Minott familiarized herself with the course of study which she was to pursue, so that on entering the school she had a full grasp of the subject to be taught.

Being of a naturally bright mind and anxious to excel in her studies, Miss Minott, the only colored girl in the school, finished the course in less than the usual time and graduated with honors, receiving the degrees of Ph. B. and M. S. in April, 1899. She afterward took a postgraduate course at the famous Fowler and Wells Institute of Phrenology and Anthropology in New York and perfected herself in the five branches of mental sciences—viz, phrenology, anthropology, psychology, physiognomy and physiology, which she now teaches. She is also proficient in anatomy and hygiene.

Upon graduating from the Fowler and Wells Institute Mme. Minott received the badge of membership and was made a fellow of the American Institute of Phrenology, a distinction held by no other woman of our race in the United States. It is the verdict of those who have a thorough knowledge of the science that the study of it is essential to both men and women, as it enables each to better understand the peculiarities of the other and also to know how to help other people. It is of paramount importance to parents in the proper training of their children, and especially in assisting them in the right choice of a trade or profession.

Students Have Double Advantages. Mme. Minott is principal of the Clio School of Mental Sciences and takes an active part in every department of the work as well as directs the rules and regulations of the Clio studio home in West One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, which is closely affiliated with the American Institute of Phrenology. Thus students of the Clio school receive every reasonable consideration from the college while pursuing their studies. Private, class and correspondence courses are given in all the branches of the science by Mme. Minott personally. The courses are graded according to the three types of temperaments recognized in modern philosophy, which insures the uniform success of each scholar.

The school does not draw the color line. Both white and colored persons are admitted on the same terms. Many of the graduates and students who before taking the course of study were scarcely making expenses are now holding good paying positions, and many are engaged in business for themselves. The cut shows some of the honor graduates of the class of 1910, with Mme. Minott in the center.

In establishing the Clio school studio home Mme. Minott says it is the aim

of the management to provide first class accommodations for students and other persons coming to New York, where they may receive all the comforts of home with courteous treatment and the best environment. Members of the advisory board are Mr. F. R. Moore, Mrs. Frances B. Keyser, Mr. D. H. Wolfe, Mrs. Addie W. Hunton, Mrs. W. H. Brooks and H. C. Bishop and Mme. Adena C. E. Minott.

GREEN EYED PREJUDICE.

Editor Served With Meal, but Denied Glass of Water. A prominent Afro-American editor in New York city, who resides in Brooklyn, was recently refused a glass of water in connection with his dinner in the restaurant at Fulton and Bridge streets, Brooklyn. After requesting a glass of water several times and not receiving it he called the waiter again and asked for a certain dessert and a glass of water. The waiter brought the dessert, but still refused to bring the much asked for beverage.

The editor refused to pay for the dessert as charged in the bill, as he did not eat it because, as he claims, his order was not filled. The waiter endeavored to impress the diner with his authority, but was beaten at his own game, as he was told that he could get his pay for the dessert perhaps by taking the matter to the courts. At this juncture the editor paid for what he had eaten and left the dessert untouched upon the table and walked out of the establishment. This is green eyed prejudice of the deepest dye.

Awarded Prize For French Essay.

James Bertram Clarke, a junior in the College of Arts at Cornell University, has been awarded the prix d'honneur for a French essay on a literary topic and a translation from a French author. Mr. Clarke is a native of Castries, in the West Indies. The honor was conferred upon Mr. Clarke by the Society of French Professors of America.

Children's Carnival and Reception.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Patriarchal No. 78 gave its annual children's carnival and military reception in Odd Fellows' hall, Atlantic City, the week ending May 6. The first prize was won by Frank Brown. The exercises by the children were interesting and carried out with precision.

BUXTON BRIEFS.

Tabernacle Notes. Services were well attended Sunday. Rev. Wm. Beckham Field, secretary of the National Baptist convention preached at 11 o'clock from 1 Cor. 3:9, "Human and divine co-partnership." The entire collections from the morning service and Sunday school (\$20.00) was given to Dr. Beckham for the Arizona work.

At 2 o'clock the I. L. W. lodge had their annual sermon preached by Rev. Calloway, who used for his text, Mark 12:31. Subject: "The love of man to man." The pastor preached again at the evening hour from Mark 5:19. Subject: "Go home to thy friends." A revival meeting began from the Sunday evening service to continue indefinitely. Total collection for the day, \$59.77.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brooks entertained at Sunday dinner, Rev. and Mrs. Calloway.

Tabernacle Mission circle met in the home of Mrs. M. E. Oliver last Friday. After the regular order of business the ladies were served an excellent dinner.

Geo. Woodford, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Woodford, was so badly injured in the mine last Saturday morning by the falling of slate that he died Monday morning from the effect. It was indeed a sad affair, as he was in the mine from about 7:30 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon before he was found. The funeral will be held at Mt. Zion church, Thursday afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Heart was held at Mt. Zion Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon.

The entertainment given by the Mt. Zion choir, Monday evening, was a success. The audience seemed delighted with the program and cheered heartily as many of the numbers were rendered. The Mission Circle sister served refreshments and from all sources the proceeds will exceed \$25.

Dr. Wm. Beckham preached at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday afternoon and left soon afterwards for Des Moines to be with Rev. T. L. Griffith in the evening. The church gave him \$27.00 for the Arizona work.

Thirteen candidates were baptized in the pool at Mt. Zion church last Sunday morning.

Rev. Woodard, Misses Georgiana Deslet and Tallehasse Cox, and W. A. Brown were elected delegates to the Sunday School convention to be held in Des Moines, beginning, Thursday, before the 3d Sunday in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baker and daughter Beulah, left Monday for their new home in Cheyenne. They will stop a few days in Clarinda, Iowa, and Seward, Nebraska, to visit with relatives.

Mrs. Laura Jackson who has been in Omaha for the past two or three months, arrived in Buxton Monday to see her brother, George Woodford, who was hurt in the mine Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha Stevenson, who has been visiting in Minneapolis about a month is expected home this week.

The closing exercises of the public schools will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday evening.

Miss Georgia Blackburn will leave for Des Moines, Friday.

CLINTON LAPPENINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Slater spent a short time in Clinton last week.

The rally and bazaar which was given for the benefit of the trustees of Bethel A. M. E. church was a success, netting \$112.71.

Mother Day will be observed at Bethel A. M. E. Sunday, May 14th.

Mrs. Boyd of Cedar Rapids was a house guest of Mrs. M. O. Culberson, recently.

The trustees helpers will give a social Wednesday evening of this week.

The regular monthly meeting of the trustees was held Monday night.

Mr. Wm. Robinson is out again after his recent illness.

The Christian Endeavor met on Sunday evening for organization. The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Emma Heron.
Vice-Pres.—Mrs. S. V. Emerson,
Rec. Sec'y—Curtis C. Bush,
Cor. Sec'y—A. A. Bush.

Treas.—Esther Culberson.
Organist—Wae Culberson.

Chairman prayer meeting—M. O. Culberson.

An entertainment will be given Wednesday, May 24th by Rev. P. P. Taylor for the benefit of the trustees.

Mrs. C. V. Bush, Miss Estella Bush and B. B. Bush were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Port Byron last Sunday.

J. M. Howell, a popular druggist of Greensburg, Ky., says, "We used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our own household and know it is excellent" For sale by all dealers.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Mrs. L. J. Phillips has gone to Davenport to reside. Sorry to lose her as a citizen.

Messrs Horace and Harvey Spencer and Roy McAllister were in Ottumwa recently to attend the funeral of an uncle, Chas. Young.

Friday evening, April 28th, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Reid celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in a fitting manner. A number of friends were invited in to assist them in making merry. A very enjoyable evening was spent till a late hour. A dainty two-course luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Reid were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents. The guests

departed at a late hour, wishing the happy couple many more years of pleasant wedded life. The guests from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Johnson of Davenport, and Mrs. A. G. Clark of Oskaloosa.

Miss Iota Phillips will spend the summer with her aunt at Clinton. She will be greatly missed here in the church and social circles during her stay there.

Mrs. Anna Cissell will spend Sunday in Fairfield with friends.

Rev. Broyles made his regular visit last week to our city on his regular soliciting tour for some school in the south land. This must be a fruitful field as he comes so often. It would seem to the writer that these solicitors would seek larger fields for their work and not bother in small places where there is a church struggling for existence, which needs all they carry away and more too. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

The Hon Ami Whist club will give a banquet next Friday evening in the Workman hall and a grand good time is expected by all who will take part. The club has made provision to entertain about fifty people.

Mr. John Spencer of Grinnell is expected in the city next Sunday and will be a guest at the Horace Spencer home.

Beebe Gwinn has gone on the road which gave an entertainment here last Friday night.

At the Allen League business meeting last Monday evening Mr. Hayes Grayton was unanimously elected president to succeed himself. The league and the church should be proud of such a one to carry on the work of the league, and we wish him the success for the future that he has had in the past with the young people. The society has a membership here of about fourteen.

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OTTUMWA ITEMS.

Mrs. P. M. Lewis left Sunday evening for Brooklyn, N. Y., called there by the illness of her mother.

Prof. John H. Hamilton of Chicago, gave a recital at the A. M. E. church, Friday evening. Mr. Hamilton is a Wilberforce graduate and is traveling in the interest of the McDaniel's school of Chicago. Refreshments were served and quite a number enjoyed the rare treat.

Miss Edna Martin of Red Oak is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ella Green.

Mr. Harold Price of Cedar Rapids, visited several days with last week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bailey.

Mrs. Charles Taylor was called to Chicago last Friday by the serious illness of her grand daughter, Miss Garner Fowler.

Mrs. Wm. Bailey entered the Ottumwa hospital, Monday for surgical treatment.

The "Faithful Few" society met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Minnie Bibbs. There was a good attendance of members and quite a number of visitors. After a very interesting business meeting, refreshments were served. They adjourned to meet the first week in June at the home of Mrs. Mate Clark.

Sunday will be devoted to Christian Endeavor work at the A. M. E. church. There will be a special sermon in the evening and select music.

Biliousness and Constipation.

For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. The tablets relieved the ill feeling at once, strengthened the digestive functions, purified the stomach liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.—Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale by all dealers.

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If all dreams came true, people would soon quit eating mince pie.

The modern man who takes up his bed and walks is the mattress salesman.

Holland produces 142,000 pounds of butter a year. Enough to butter both sides of her bread.

If the drinking cup is to go, some economist of pocket space might combine a straw with a fountain pen.

"Imbecile insanity" is the newest. We may yet hear of "insane lunacy" if the experts run out of adjectives.

Shoe manufacturers announce that the feet of American women are growing larger. The ungallant wretches!

The story persists that the monorail system of transportation is to go to Alaska and grow up with the country.

The Chicago youth who eloped with a girl and seven trunks would make a huge success in the express business.

The Oklahoma woman who has 13 cats, all under 5 years of age, is not suffering from the lack of something to do.

There seems to be a remarkable international unanimity of opinion about the Harlem skirt. It has been mobbed in Brazil.

Some of New York's fashionable women are carrying canes. Must be inconvenient when they are pushing baby buggies.

Further evidence that China is about to wake up. A Chicago mail order house has shipped 10,000 alarm clocks to Peking.

A \$20,000,000 bread trust is being organized in New York, and we presume that its motto will be: "Half a loaf is better than one."

Some of these decrepit old baseball veterans who have attained the advanced age of 33 or 34 years might land a job selling tickets.

A St. Paul man has discovered that he is heir to a French throne. Our advice to him, however, is to hang onto the job, he now has.

A Lowell, Mass., cow gave seven tons of milk in one year. The world would be drowned in milk if everybody kept that kind of a cow.

Common drinking cups have been frowned upon by law in New York. The manufacturer of the uncommon kind has perked up considerably.

A Boston savant announces that he can photograph thought. Now he'll know what a perfect lady really thinks when she runs for a street car and just misses it.

Poultry raising is to be taught at Rutgers college. Somebody there must have an idea that there are people who do not think they know all about raising chickens.

A Baltimore bard is trying to organize a poet's union, but the scheme is likely to fail owing to the fact that all the applicants for membership wish to be walking delegates.

Four goats, inoculated with a billion disease germs, have wandered astray in New York. However, this is not the first instance in which modern scientists have lost their goats.

A woman in a New York town owes her safety to the fact that she wore a bare skirt and the trouser part gave her freedom to run for her life. So here is one good point registered for the persecuted apparel.

A woman in Spokane has been graduated from a school of stenography at the age of seventy and expects to take up active work. When the spirit is so young there are no limits to activity which age can impose.

A woman in Pennsylvania buried the wrong man in mistake for her husband, but when the latter turned up alive and well, stuck to the dead man. She wisely declined to have a live issue made of her mistake.

A New Jersey magistrate has a rabbit's foot on whose powers he sets great store. To be consistent, he ought to hold his court at midnight in a graveyard and so have all the proper influences in the caste at work.

A Harvard professor tells us that we can live on ten cents' worth of food a day, but it is evident that he has overlooked the fact that lobster costs 80 cents a pound. Possibly he expects us to take a look at the outside of a lobster car for dessert.

A man in St. Louis signed a contract with his wife by which he agreed not to kiss or annoy her in any other way. He must have been an excessively agreeable sort of a husband if it was necessary to exact this contract. Evidently, this particular wife did not agree with Shakespeare that kisses are women's wages. Perhaps, though, she disliked them because she got no other.

An anti-cigarette movement has been started in China, which shows that they have other things besides Russia and the famine to worry them.

Correspondent of the Indianapolis News says the best way to kill the fly is to stick him with a piece of rubber about six inches long. All that is necessary is to gain the confidence of the fly and induce him to stand still while you stick him with practice.

An active boy with a piece of rubber probably will be able to kill all the flies in your house in one day.

ROADS TO COMPETE

Great Western Will Put On Two New Trains

WILL OPPOSE ROCK ISLAND

During Summer the Company Will Expend Large Sums on Road Bed and Laying Heavier Steel on the Line.

Des Moines.—Rumor has it that next week, when the various division superintendents of the Great Western go to Chicago to assist in arranging new time card schedules, two new trains will be put on between Chicago and St. Paul and Kansas City to compete with the service to be established by the Rock Island when the latter shall have completed its new through line from Kansas City to the Twin Cities. These trains will be made up of entirely new equipment from pilot to rear platforms. During the summer the company will expend a considerable sum of money improving the roadbed and laying heavier steel on the line between Des Moines and St. Joe, placing it in condition for fast time and for moving heavy equipment at high speed.

Three Buildings Planned.

Danbury.—Contracts have been let for a new Masonic hall, a new drug store building and a new bank building here. The buildings are to be constructed of pressed brick and will be finished in modern style.

D. H. Hedrick, president of the Battle Creek Savings bank of Battle Creek, Ia., will form a stock company and open a second bank in Danbury.

Electric Light for New Market.

Creston.—At a special election held in New Market it was voted to contract for electric lights from the Lee Electric Light company of Clarinda. A line will be built at once from Clarinda to New Market, a distance of eight or ten miles and seventy-five lights will be placed for street lighting as soon as the wiring is completed.

Widow Wins Her Suit.

Newton.—After being out nineteen hours in the case of Amelia Caldwell against the Iowa State Traveling men's association the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff of \$5,359.16. The action was to recover on an insurance account. The defendant claimed Mrs. Caldwell's husband died of natural causes.

Cornerstone Laid at Winterset.

Winterset.—The cornerstone of the new \$15,000 Catholic church, now being built here has been laid. The ceremonies were in charge of the Rev. James A. Troy of Winterset.

The Rt. Rev. J. O. Flavius of Dubuque blessed the stone. Many Catholic divines prominent in Iowa were present.

John Allen Suspected.

Ottumwa.—John Allen, of Chillicothe was arrested by Sheriff W. E. Knox and will be arraigned immediately. It is alleged he quarreled with Thomas McGrath, whose dead body was found in the tall race here Monday afternoon. Allen is said to have been the last man with McGrath.

Blast Kills Arthur Man.

Arthur.—The premature explosion of a dynamite charge caused the death of William Lange, of near Arthur. Mr. Lange's head and arm were severed from his body by the force of the explosion. It is believed that the fuse on the blast was defective or improperly timed.

New Bank Incorporated.

Dubuque.—The Bernard Trust and Savings bank of Dubuque county has been incorporated. The capital stock is \$10,000, and the president is Michael Callahan. Claude H. Kelley of the Second National bank of Dubuque will be cashier.

Iowa Teacher Goes West.

Mason City.—Prof. C. F. Jackson, formerly with Memorial university of this city, has accepted the chair of modern languages in the Whitworth college at Tacoma, Wash. For the past year he has been superintendent of the schools at Brooklyn, Iowa.

Eighteen-Year-Old Boy Suicides.

Etherville.—John, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson of Haifa, this county, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head, just back of the right ear, with a twelve-gauge shotgun.

Washington Wants Short Course.

Washington.—The residents of the county are putting forth an extra effort to secure a short course next winter. Already there has been over \$2,000 pledged by the residents of Washington and county for this innovation.

Will of Woman Is Broken.

Webster City.—The will of the late Mrs. Morgan Everts has been broken. Morningside college at Sioux City will get \$5,000. Nearly \$20,000 will go to other educational institutions.

Head Banker Goes East.

Des Moines.—I. R. Korn, head banker of the Modern Woodmen, has gone to Buffalo to make arrangements for depositing \$175,000 with which to pay the expenses of the 87 delegates to the head camp session, which opens there on June 20.

Elect New President.

Mason City.—W. R. Fleming, president of the People's Savings bank, has been made president of the Farmers Savings bank, Bernard.

Name Delegates to Meet.

Iowa Falls.—The City Federation of Women's clubs has chosen delegates to the annual convention of the Iowa State Federation of Women's clubs, to be held at Sioux City, May 16 to 20. Miss Mary E. Bliss has been chosen chairman from the third district, and Mrs. J. C. Jackson and Mrs. W. J. Tebay will represent the city federation.

Farm Residence Burns.

Fort Madison.—Fire destroyed the residence of Dan Wilson, a farmer living near West Point. The place was one of historical importance, having been the scene of the murder of John Miller and Henry Lelsy in 1845 by the Hodge brothers, who terrorized the country.

The Holtkamp house and barn also were destroyed.

Evangelists Finish Work.

Monticello.—The Stephens brothers concluded their series of revival meetings here this week and left for Independence, where they will conduct a short series of missionary meetings. The meetings were the most successful ever before held here, and there were about 450 conversions.

Finda Saws in Sandwich.

Sioux City.—Harry Clark, a prisoner in the county jail, sentenced to five years for shooting his mother-in-law, has been placed in solitary confinement. A stick of carbon, a coil of insulated wire and two fine steel saws were discovered in a basket of sandwiches sent to the jail by his wife.

State Nurses Hold Annual Meet.

Waterloo.—The State Nurses' association will hold its annual convention at Waterloo, May 23 and 24. Miss Anna Goodwin, head of the University hospital at Iowa City has been elected delegate to the National Nurses' convention to be held in Boston, May 31.

Start Work on Gas Plant.

Eldora.—Stock in the Eldora Park Dam company has been subscribed, and the project now is under way sufficiently to permit work on the new gas plant being started. George H. Latimer of Mason City, the promoter, will superintend the work of construction.

Torval Andia Indicted.

Clinton.—A special grand jury impaneled to investigate the case of the state against Torval Andia, accused of the murder of Rollo Swales, returned an indictment against Andia. The charge is first degree murder. The state is ready for an immediate trial.

Lay Track at Plymouth.

Mason City.—A grading crew and gang of track layers have arrived at Plymouth Junction and commenced work on the "Y" which is to be used in transferring the Rock Island trains from the main line of the Milwaukee at that point to the Rock Island.

Close Glenwood Schools.

Glenwood.—Public schools have been closed for the year, three weeks ahead of time because of the epidemic of smallpox. The two county conventions will be held in Malvern. The state institution for feeble minded is under quarantine.

Wabash Bridge Burned.

Harvey.—The 100 foot bridge two miles south of here on the Wabash railroad was completely destroyed by fire. The loss is \$5,000. Trains are detouring over the Iowa Central from Albia to Given, and the Rock Island via Evans to Harvey.

Carroll Goes to Waterloo.

Des Moines.—Governor Carroll went to Waterloo to attend the state meeting of the A. O. U. W. lodge. He is an official in the organization and besides is looked to guide the organization in its insurance matters.

Woman Injured in Quarrel.

Ottumwa.—Mrs. Linnie Rice is in the hospital and may die from the effects of cuts on the throat and face. Miss Minnie Kuhns is under arrest for the attack. It was the result of a family quarrel.

Boy Wrestler Killed.

Cedar Rapids.—George Weisbacher, 12, of Belle Plaine, died at the hospital here from injuries received while wrestling with playmates. He struck his head on the sidewalk.

Couple Married 60 Years.

Lake City.—Captain and Mrs. R. A. Smith are celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary. He is a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars.

Sioux City Plans Markets.

Sioux City.—Sioux City is to be the first city in the state with public markets. Farmers must sell everything by weight.

Prominent Merchant Dead.

Keokuk.—J. F. Kiedasch, 73 years old, a wholesale and retail druggist and a prominent resident of Keokuk, for the last fifty-three years, is dead. He was president of the firm of Wilkinson & Co., druggists.

Drake Gets Gift of \$5,000.

Des Moines.—J. H. Burton of Kellogg, Iowa, a trustee of Drake University, has given \$5,000 to the school as part of the big endowment fund the university is attempting to raise.

Barn Burns, Loss \$10,000.

Zearing.—The large barn owned by Dick Shaw, containing 24-head of horses and cattle and much machinery and grain, was burned to the ground. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary. The loss is \$10,000.

Man Given \$10,000.

Waterloo.—In the damage case for personal injuries of Hunt vs. the Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Northern railroad the jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff for \$10,000.

SLUMMING TRIP TO THE POOR RICH



There is a Movement on Foot in Chicago to Provide Playgrounds for the Children of the Rich, in Which They May Make Mud Pies. Tableau!

EIGHT DIE IN FIRE

"GREAT LAFAYETTE" VICTIM OF EDINBURGH MUSIC HALL DISASTER A HERO.

BODIES FOUND IN RUINS

Corpses of Alice Dale and Joe Coster Among Those Recovered—Three Are Unidentified—Actor Perishes in Flames Trying to Save Pets.

Edinburgh, Scotland.—Search of the ruins of the burned Empire Music hall developed the bodies of eight persons who lost their lives in the conflagration.

Among the dead are "Lafayette the Great," who escaped the flames at the outset, but re-entered the burning building to rescue his horse and dog.

Two members of his company, Miss Alice Dale, who impersonated the Teddy Bear midget, and Joe Coster, were found. The other bodies are those of members of Lafayette's orchestra. Miss Dale and Coster were natives of England.

The fire started in a mass of scenery used in the conclusion of Lafayette's performance, which was a spectacular military pageant in which he represented Lord Roberts and other celebrities on horseback. In a moment the stage was filled with flames. The iron fire curtain was hastily lowered and the audience, which at first thought that the burst of fire was a part of the spectacle, escaped with little panic.

According to some of those who escaped from the rear exits, a trained lion belonging to Lafayette got loose during the panic and blocked the stage door. Lafayette after a desperate struggle with the beast got him out of the way.

Lafayette, who had played for 20 years in the United States, was a popular and picturesque character. He recently finished a season at the largest London halls. He had a residence in London, and across the front of it were blazoned the words, "Lafayette the Great." Under this were pictures of himself with his horse and dog. Several American negroes composing his brass band are supposed to have escaped.

DIETZ OPENS HIS DEFENSE

Makes Serious Error in Presenting Motion for Discharge of Wife, Son and Himself.

Hayward, Wis.—In his efforts to present a defense against charges of murdering Deputy Sheriff Harp, John F. Dietz made a miserable failure. He opened his case with the usual motions to the court that the defendants be discharged, and done it in good legal form, though denied. He then surprised the state by introducing a number of photographs of the barn where it was alleged that he was hiding when he shot Harp. The photographs strongly contradicted the claims of the state witnesses that Harp was shot through a port hole in the roof of the barn, the photographs showing no such holes.

The state later admitted privately, that probably the court would have been forced to grant a motion for the discharge of Mrs. Dietz and Leslie, in view of the meager evidence presented against them, but Dietz made his motion including all three, and failed to win his point.

Aaron Burr's Home to Go.

New York.—The Aaron Burr mansion is to go before the advancing line of modern apartment houses. It is 140 years old. Sold at auction to a builder, it will be torn down. James Madison, president of the United States, occupied it from 1804 to 1805.

Army Officer Is Dead.

San Diego, Cal.—Lieut. Col. Nat C. Plister of the Thirtieth United States infantry, died at the army barracks in this city. Death was due to acute indigestion.

Argentina Shuns Nation's Meet.

Washington.—The Argentine republic will not be represented at the international conference for the protection of industrial property to be held here this month. The news came from Charge Blas at Buenos Aires.

Lincoln's Courier Is Dead.

New York.—John E. McCrea, who served as Lincoln's personal courier in Civil war times, carrying dispatches between the White House and the front, is dead at his home here of apoplexy.

PROBE IS ILLEGAL

COURT SAYS LORIMER INQUIRY BY LEGISLATURE VOID.

Orders Release of Tilden—Habeas Corpus Writ Issued in Contempt Proceedings Are Sustained.

Chicago.—Declaring the entire inquiry being conducted by the Helm committee into the election of Senator Lorimer to be without warrant of law, Judge A. J. Pettit sustained the writ of habeas corpus issued to prevent Edward Tilden, William C. Cummings and George M. Benedict from being taken before the bar of the state senate at Springfield to answer contempt proceedings.

He ordered the immediate release of the relators and assessed the costs of the hearing against the senate, every contention of the attorneys for the senate being denied.

One concession was made, however—the right of appeal made possible by the entry of judgment for costs against the respondents.

If the case is reviewed by some appellate tribunal, it will be appealed in the name of E. H. Hatfield, assistant sergeant-at-arms of the senate, who served the warrants on the packer and his associates more than a week ago.

Taking immediate advantage of this entry, John J. Healy, counsel for the Helm committee, prayed for appeal and was allowed ten days in which to file a bill of exceptions.

The motion was granted and bond of \$250 was required of the appellant. It is conceded by those most closely connected with the investigation of the Lorimer scandal that this decision of Judge Pettit practically means the end of the Helm committee's activities, although another meeting of the committee will be held in Springfield.

Whether the investigation will proceed, it is stated, will depend largely upon the nature of the testimony brought out by the witnesses who have been subpoenaed to answer before the committee.

PHILADELPHIA BROKERS HIT

Jamison Bros. & Co. File a Voluntary Petition in Bankruptcy—Liabilities Are \$541,396.

Philadelphia.—Jamison Bros. & Co., bankers and brokers, announced their insolvency on the local stock exchange and later filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. They say their liabilities are \$541,396 and assets \$385,776. The firm is said to have transacted a political business at one time and among the creditors are George McCurdy, president of common councils, for \$13,500, and William McCooch, collector of internal revenue for this district, \$1,600.

FIVE CHILDREN ARE BURNED

Little Ones Are Cremated When Their Home Is Destroyed—Parents and Infant Escape.

Charlottesville, Va.—Five of the six children of Sanford Davis, a farmer residing near Free Union, Albemarle county, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the Davis home. Davis and his wife and an infant escaped. The dead children ranged in age from three to fifteen years. They slept in a room on the second floor, reached by narrow stairs.

When discovered the fire already had eaten its way to the stairway.

Man Suffers With Glanders.

Washington.—Health authorities have quarantined E. M. Combs, a farmer of Stafford county, Va., who is in Washington and not expected to survive an attack of glanders, contracted two weeks ago when he was operating on a calf.

Seeks Presidency of D. A. R.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Buffalo chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has launched the candidacy of its regent, Mrs. John Miller Horton, for president general in 1913.

Twelve Hurt in Car Crash.

Westwood, Mass.—A semi-converter electric car of the Old Colony street railway, filled to capacity was telescoped by an open car, which crashed into it from behind. Twelve persons were injured, two fatally.

Mrs. Lyman B. Kellogg Is Dead.

Emporia, Kan.—Mrs. Lyman Beecher Kellogg, one of the first women admitted to the Kansas bar, died at her home here. She was nominated governor of Kansas by the national Greenback party July 2, 1878.

TELLER ADMITS THEFT

BANK OFFICIAL OF CLEVELAND ARRESTED AND CONFESSES.

Julius Hopkins Is Sent to Jail Charged With a Shortage of \$115,000.

Cleveland, O., May 9.—Julius W. Hopkins, paying teller of the First National bank, who was arrested, is said to have confessed to pecuniations amounting to \$115,000 during the last eight years.

A warrant issued by United States District Attorney Day specifically charged him with the theft of \$60,000.

According to the bank officials Hopkins confessed to them three days ago. Hopkins, according to this alleged confession, had been taking small amounts for eight years and by juggling his entry accounts he succeeded in evading disclosure. He was in charge of the correspondence and, according to the officials, his accounts would show a certain amount of money in transit, whereas the actual amount was below his figures. He handled a million dollars almost constantly. Most of the embezzled money, bank officials say, was invested in a manufacturing concern of which Hopkins was the head.

When arraigned before United States Commissioner Walthor, Hopkins waived a preliminary hearing and was bound over to await action of the grand jury. Bond was fixed at \$50,000.

Hopkins was unable to give bail and was taken to jail. It is asserted that he claimed to have lost the money in unsuccessful business deals.

Charles E. Farnsworth, cashier of the First National bank, made the following statement:

"One of our trusted employes, Julius W. Hopkins, is a defaulter in the sum of \$114,850, which amount he has abstracted from express packages containing currency sent us by the national banking department at Washington.

"The bank is fully protected by a blanket guaranty policy, issued by London Lloyds, so that the loss will not fall upon the bank."

DIRECT VOTE BILL ADVANCED

Senate Places House Resolution in Position of Preference.

Washington.—After disposing of the technical parliamentary obstacles Senator Borah of Idaho succeeded in having the senate consider the house joint resolution to amend the Constitution so as to provide for the election of United States senators by popular vote. The effect is to make the resolution the unfinished business and thus give it preference.

The order was made on a roll call, but out of 71 votes only Senator Brandegee, Furness, Gallinger, Heyburn and Penrose voted in the negative.

JAIL FOR TRUST OFFICERS

Senator Kenyon Proposes Amendment to Sherman Law—After Patent Owners, Too.

Washington.—Three changes in the Sherman anti-trust law were proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Kenyon of Iowa, who has just vacated the office of "trust buster" in the department of justice.

His bill would make jail sentences compulsory for individual violators of the law, and would provide that a patent shall be forfeited where the patentee joins with others to restrain trade.

The third change would make illegal the purchase or ownership of stock in a competing corporation engaged in interstate commerce.

SAVE SIXTY BABY ORPHANS

One Dies in Fire Which Destroys Methodist Orphanage at Lake Bluff, Ill.

Waukegan, Ill.—One child is dead and sixty rendered homeless by a fire which destroyed the Mary Martha Hobbs building of the Methodist Deacons' Orphanage at Lake Bluff. The dead child is Richard Miller, two years old. Extreme fright is given as the direct cause of the child's death, although there are some who say he was suffocated by dense smoke.

FAVORS SUGAR TRUST PROBE

House Committee Recommends Resolution to Ascertain Whether Concerns Violated the Statutes.

Washington.—Investigation of the American Sugar Refining company and all other concerns engaged in the manufacture or refining of sugar, to ascertain whether or not there have been violations of the anti-trust law, was recommended by the house committee on rules.

Seeks Bee Without Sting.

Amherst, Mass.—The new bee-keeping bureau of the Massachusetts Agricultural college has set itself the task of developing a bee that will sting, but will be wise or cunning as industrious in homemaking as the bee of the day.

Buffalo Wars on Bad Eggs.

Buffalo, N. Y.—A vigorous campaign against bad eggs, a myriad of which are on Buffalo markets, will be waged by Health Commissioner Fronczak. Prosecutions in the courts will follow.

Newark (O.) Lyncher Pleads Guilty.

Newark, O.—Quincy Sutley, twenty-three years old, who is on trial charged with first degree murder for participation in the lynching here last July, changed his plea of not guilty to "guilty of manslaughter."

J. J. McNamara Denied Bail.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The application of John J. McNamara for the fixing of bail on the charge of dynamiting was disallowed by Superior Judge Bordwell without prejudice and with leave to renew at any time.

NAVARRO A PRISONER

MEXICAN GENERAL SURRENDERS JUAREZ TO REBELS AFTER WAR'S BLOODIEST BATTLE.

MAIN STREET IS IN RUINS

Bombs and Shells Demolish Houses But Rebels Prevent Looting—Dead Number About 80, Wounded 150—Insurrectos Capture 480 Prisoners.

El Paso, Tex.—Following a most desperate battle which began on the afternoon of May 8 in which the town was swept by shells, shot and dynamite bombs, General Navarro, commander of the federal troops, surrendered Juarez, Mexico, to Francisco I

MISS SELINA LUE

and the Soap-box Babies

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SYNOPSIS.

Miss Selina Lue, spinster grocery-store keeper of River Bluff and guardian angel of the community, presides over an infant day nursery for the babies of the neighborhood in the rear of the place. Her charges are kept in soap-boxes and are known as the "Soap-Box Babies." The fact that she is single makes her somewhat of an object of sympathy to the mothers, although possessed of stronger maternal instinct than many of them.

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At her door she was welcomed with enthusiasm. Miss Cynthia Page stood on the top step, in her arms a baby who was uttering a protest against the world in general, and Miss Cynthia in particular, in such a staccato volume of voice that his size could but be a surprise to the beholder. On the floor his exact counterpart, except in the matter of half—that of counterpart being of the tone known in some walks of life as red gold but called on the bluff "carrot"—sat with solemn eyes chewing a string and clutching determinedly at the hem of Miss Cynthia's white linen skirt with grimy hands. Just behind him a pink-lad little bunch had succeeded in squirming between the pickle barrel and a large bushel basket of snap-beans, and only the hind quarters and ten pink toes of the explorer evidenced her whereabouts. From a certain ecstatic wave of one leg it might be suspected that a find had been made and was being secreted and rapidly consumed. In the middle of the floor another infant lay prone, with legs and arms waving frantically, resembling nothing more than an overturned beetle helpless in its appeal to be fought before the world. And from behind the counter on the left there issued a voice, a voice that rose and wailed an accompaniment to the Flarity in Cynthia's arms that could not but impress the hearer. It was no fretful cry for attention and amusement, but was the howl of a soul in torment, hungry, hot, frightened, and with a pain all over and in spots.

"Dearie me!" exclaimed Miss Selina Lue. "You all seem to be upset!" And as she spoke she took the wailer from Miss Cynthia and reaching for Carrots on the floor, tucked him under the same arm with his brother, while she drew out by one foot the explorer and revealed the treasure, found to be a snap-bean, now partly consumed. The beetle shared the hollow of her arm with the explorer, but the voice from behind the counter wailed on unceasingly.

"Miss Cynthia, honey, please pick up Clemmie from behind there and bring her on back here to the boxes," Miss Selina Lue spoke of the boxes as of stalls in a training stable. "Whatever did you let them out for? I am afraid you've pestered to death with 'em."

"Oh, Miss Selina Lue, they all began to cry at once and I didn't know what to do," apologized Miss Cynthia as she struggled to the back of the store with the voice in her arms still making itself heard, though the sight of Miss Selina Lue had brought it down a note or two.

"Oh, that's all right; crying's good for 'em, the darlings," said Miss Selina Lue as she deposited the wriggling load on the floor.

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"Ain't he too sweet on that blue kiver?" said Miss Selina Lue as she smoothed the flaming kinks. A tender hand ran over each bobbing head and peace reigned in the River Bluff grocery, whose back regions were given over to a hospitable day nursery conducted on entirely original and also utterly unremunerative lines by its owner. With Miss Selina Lue to love was to minister, and she never dreamed that she was testing a widely-discussed and little practiced philanthropic measure.

I took up this bowl of oatmeal outen that as spills outen the packages what bust, and I pour on a good dose of Charity's new milk, which is that of real human kindness, if she is just a spotted cow."

As she talked she seated herself on the stool and dipped out a spoonful of the sticky porridge dripping with milk. Instantly five small, pink, toothless or partly toothless mouths popped open and five bobbing heads became rigid and five roly-poly necks craned. The moment of suspense was keen. Presently the spoon descended into the mouth of Blossom, the explorer. Her ecstatic gurgle had four anticipatory echoes. Again the pink caverns yawned and again the poised spoon descended, this time into the rosy lips of Clementine, who swallowed her portion with the remnant of her last sob. The echoes gurgled again and presented open mouths at attention instantly.

"Seems like," said Miss Selina Lue, "they all swallows one another's dinner and gits jest that much more pleasurable outen it all. If grown-ups would jest chaw one another's good luck, they could git a heap of satisfaction from it, I say. Now ain't they good, and jest as patient, a-waiting their own turn?"

"Indeed they are just a cunning nest of baby birds, Miss Selina Lue, and you are the mother bird with the worms, the nicest sort of worms. You—"

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"How are the babies, and is Ethel Maud's thumb well again?" said Miss Cynthia as she seated herself in the door for a chat.

"The babies are blooming fine, except Clemmie et something that was strange to her and was sick day before yesterday. I hope it wasn't a cockroach, but I have my suspicions from seeing two legs of one on the floor by her. Ethel Maud's thumb is well, but we like ter had a time with her and a pea in her nose what got stuck up and wouldn't come down no matter how she sneezed. But I put a clothespin up above it to keep it from going further up and coaxed it down with a hairpin and a buttonhook. It swelled some but she's all right today."

Miss Cynthia laughed merrily at the idea of Ethel Maud's nose, which was a tiny, turned-up dot, supporting a clothespin and a pea at the same time, and Miss Selina Lue's chuckle showed that she appreciated the humor of the picture. When Miss Cynthia laughed it provoked a smile from everybody in seeing or hearing distance, and Miss Selina Lue's mirth was ever responsive to the slightest call.

"Miss Cynthia, honey," she said after a few minutes, "I've got a new soap box baby and I was mighty anxious for awhile as to how it would be, but now—"

"Oh, Miss Selina Lue, with all you have to do!—another? Where is it? In a box with the others? I am going back to see it," and Miss Cynthia sprang up with alacrity.

"Oh, no! He stays in the barn with Charity and he won't be home till noon, so set down and let me tell you about it, for I mistrust myself in doing it, though the pictures are beautiful. Of course I oughter be willing to do something fer art's sake, which it looks like is jest his love of this

gn, the sawmill, the churches, the oil mill, all radiate from the little brick banking house of Charles Banks, and whenever there is trouble in any of the business enterprises hereabouts you will hear once more the laconic order, "See Banks."

In point of wealth among negroes, Mississippi far outstrips any other state in the country. Every city worth the name boasts of its negro bankers and substantial business concerns among negroes. Clarkdale, Columbus, Meridian, Greenville, Yazoo City, Jackson, Vicksburg, and a half score of others will point to a flourishing bank and many substantial negro dry goods and grocery merchants. And yet, apply to an aggregation of these men at any time for a leader, and a burst like that of a political nomination will rend the air with "Banks! Banks!" To many it is difficult to understand this; for, among negro leaders at least, a man of fewer words never lived.

I never saw a member of my race who so conscientiously shunned the attempt at oratory and confined himself to a few short, simple words and sentences. Whether presiding over thousands of colored people at our National Negro Business League, or over hundreds at his own state league, he insists upon the barest informal statement of the purpose of the gathering, and nothing more. While in no way seeming timid, he yet brushes aside all the glitter of the president's office, the opening address, the laborer introductions and the like.

Maybe it is this striking novelty that has gained him the unanimous confidence of the negroes of his state and of a large portion of the negroes throughout the country. He has for several years in succession been elected first vice-president of the National Negro Business League, an organization that comprises practically all the negro business men of the country. In like manner, he has for a number of years been president of his state league, and last year he was, almost unanimously, elected president of the National Negro Business League, an organization that comprises practically all the negro business men of the country.

The peculiar conditions in the south render it urgent that whoever aspires to prominence in any direction must reckon with the good will of both he cannot be wholly white into himself or wholly black into himself. This is emphatically true where the question of money is involved. A negro who would be a banker cannot be a very large one without in some way rubbing elbows with white men in the same business. In this respect, it is highly to Charles Banks' credit that he very early established correspondence wherever he needed it, and the Bank of Mound Bayou now enjoys correspondence with banks in Memphis, in Louisville and in Vicksburg, with the National Reserve bank of the city of New York and with the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis. It is singular enough that a letter of just a few days ago from one of its officers, Mr. Eugene Snowden, lies before me. Mr. Snowden writes me: "It has been our pleasure to lend them" (referring to the bank in St. Louis) "a sum of \$30,000 each year, and their business has been handled to our entire satisfaction." When it is considered that Mr. Snowden is a southerner living right here near us, it can be seen how much a man like Charles Banks contributes toward the softening down of prejudice and the establishing of genuine confidence between the races.



CHARLES BANKS

AN INTERESTING DESCRIPTION OF CHARLES BANKS, THE LEADING FIGURE IN THE LIFE OF MOUND BAYOU, MISS.

In the American Magazine, Booker T. Washington, in the section devoted to "Interesting People," describes Mr. Charles Banks, the leading figure in the life of Mound Bayou, Mississippi. Mr. Washington says:

"Down in the rich delta land of the Mississippi valley, midway between Memphis and Vicksburg, is a little town owned and controlled solely by negroes. Even to the aspiring black man himself there is something shockingly reverse to receive mail from the hands of a black postmaster, to purchase tickets from a black ticket agent, and to have laws made and enforced by a black mayor, aided by a black council and a black marshal. Mound Bayou, Mississippi, the town to which I refer, was established some twenty-five years ago by an ex-slave, and ever since the landing of the negro pioneers the pulse of the village has beaten steadily with progress and gain. As you alight from the train you see nothing about you but black faces, there being exceedingly few who are even fair enough to "pass for white." Should you have reason to make any inquiries, whatsoever, and especially touching any business or town politics, you will invariably be answered, "See Banks."

And to see Banks you have merely to look around you. A tall, big-bodied man of pure African blood, with a small round head and quick, snapping eyes, in general build the very pattern of Jack Johnson, will be seen busily directing the loading of cotton, settling a dispute or hurrying away to the big cotton gin or the oil mill, a \$100,000 plant, now nearing completion under his direction—always busy, always ubiquitous, always brief, settling disputes as it were by a single stroke.

As you meet Banks and talk with him, I think you are struck chiefly with the air of readiness about the man. Sparring, even stinging, with words, he nevertheless seems to know every moment just what is to be done in any given crisis. His easy, informal manner of wearing his clothes seems to suggest at a glance a readiness to settle a fray or matters of more deliberative consequence; and as I review him now, after several years of work with him in all parts of the country and under many different circumstances, I cannot recall that he ever in any way seemed at a loss or in the slightest degree puzzled as to what to do in a crisis.

As I have already indicated, Banks is the moving spirit of Mound Bayou. It was the task of Isaiah T. Montgomery, the ex-slave of Jeff Davis's brother, to blaze the way in the forests and begin this prosperous settlement, but it has been left for Charles Banks to clear the village of debt, to extend the boundaries of the town several hundred acres, and to give the whole community a genuine business character. He seems to be one of the few negro college graduates to apply himself to business in its larger sense. A banker, a cotton broker, a dealer in real estate, and a farmer, he seems to have mastered thoroughly the financier's secret that money increases itself and makes for service by frequent turning over.

The printing press of the town, the schools, the bottling factory, the score of various business houses, the cotton

WHERE JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER HIDES BULK OF HIS IMMENSE TREASURE

New York.—The long and closely guarded secret as to where John D. Rockefeller preserves his stacks of stocks and bonds has been disclosed at last. The bulk of his immense treasure of collateral, estimated at \$200,000,000, is in a specially constructed vault, burglar and fire proof built under the northeast corner of the New York Produce exchange. Entrance to it is gained from Beaver street, a stone's throw from the Standard Oil headquarters, at 26 Broadway.

Between the street opposite and the repositories of the Rockefeller fortune are ten locks varied in character. Once in front of the iron vault, the largest of its kind in the world devoted to collecting the properties of a single person, there is on view a cage not at all unlike that in which Captain Dreyfus was confined at Devil's Island.

Two of the locks are padlocks, one upon each of the two combination locks visible from the exterior from the closed door of the vault. These two padlocks are usually opened with a key in the hands of President William H. Person of the safe deposit company, which turning, releases the dial of each of the common locks, and permits the latter to be set by two men from Mr. Rockefeller's private office.

One of the two is Mr. Rockefeller's financial secretary, while the other is a man he trusts equally as well. Each has a different combination to the lock. There are six tumblers on each lock. The numbers run from 1 to 100, which makes each lock susceptible to one or many changes. The only way to change the numbers of Mr. Rockefeller's vault is to know the old numbers. As for the men who open the upper and the lower combination lock, neither of the two can set his part of the bolts of the iron door until the padlocks have been released by the third. It is impossible for anybody to pick these combination locks.

The door of the vault is moved by hand and it opens easily, owing to its swinging upon a compound double goose crane hinge, which is carefully balanced on ball and roller bearings, made of the finest hardened tool steel. This permits the door to swing lightly, although it has the weight of nine tons.

The interior of the vault is nine feet wide, nine feet high and fifteen feet deep. The wall of the vault has a thickness of forty inches. In the center of 36 inches of concrete are 90-pound steel rails, set six inches apart in double rows, interlocked so as to be practically three inches apart. The remaining four inches of the wall are four inches thickness of solid steel.

Looking towards the interior of the vault there are arranged upon either side numerous compartments of small safes. There are from fifteen to twenty of these varying in size. Two combination locks guard each. Having swung back the steel door of one of the inner chests, there are revealed small sheet steel boxes of a thickness one-sixteenth of an inch. There are four of these, as a rule, in each chest. They are equipped with a hinge and lid and key box. The last turn of the key opens one of the sheet steel boxes. In one of these inner side compartments is a card index which registers the bonds with their dates of maturity and the months when the coupons come off.

IMPROVED SERVICE

New Trains On Rock Island Northern Route Start Sunday

FROM OMAHA TO ST. PAUL

Service Will Be Great Improvement Not Only As To Passenger, But Also in the Freight Traffic.

Des Moines, May 12.—Next Sunday will mark a new and important departure in the railroad history of Des Moines. At that time the Rock Island, which recently took over control of the St. Paul & Des Moines, extending in a direct line from this city to Mason City, will put on two new trains through to St. Paul and Minneapolis. The purpose of the Rock Island is to establish a route from Omaha to St. Paul and Minneapolis via Des Moines. This necessarily will extend not only to Omaha but westward as far as Pueblo and Denver, taking passengers from these cities through to their destination without change of cars and on a time schedule as brief as the present route, via Omaha over the North-western to Sioux City, and thence on to the Twin Cities.

NEW AUTO ROAD TO ST. JOE

Commercial Club Contributes Which Insures Completion of Des Moines End of New Dragged Road.

Des Moines, May 12.—Through a contribution made by the Commercial Club this city has joined the Ayr Line association which has for its object the improvement of a main traveled highway between Des Moines and St. Joseph, Missouri. The road as routed takes in Des Moines, Winterset, Lorimer, Afton, Tingley, Mt. Ayr, Redding, Grant City, Worth, Gentry, Stanberry, Whiteville, Savannah and St. Joseph, and will be between 180 and 186 miles in length, almost an air line between Des Moines and St. Joseph.

CHURCH DELEGATES TO MEET

Congregational Church Delegates Will Gather for Seventy-second Annual Meet at Webster City.

Webster City, May 12.—The seventy-second annual meeting of the Congregational conference of Iowa will be held in Webster City Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. It is expected that about 400 delegates will be present. Each Congregational church in the state is entitled to be represented by its pastor and one elected delegate.

Iowa City Chautauque.

Iowa City, May 12.—The program for the Iowa City Chautauque, which will be held this year beginning Saturday afternoon, Aug. 13th and lasting eight days, has just been completed. Among those who will appear upon the program are Hon. William J. Bryan, Senator W. S. Kenyon, Judge George D. Alden, L. B. Wickersham and Bob Seeds.

Doctors Elect Officers.

Cedar Rapids, May 12.—State Han-neman Medical society in session here has elected Dr. S. A. Stadds, Sioux City, president; E. C. Lynn, Des Moines, vice president; G. N. Huntoon, Des Moines, secretary and M. A. Royal, West Liberty, treasurer. The next meeting will be held in Des Moines.

Another Detail for Texas.

Washington, D. C., May 12.—Another detail of national guard officers to act with troops in Texas will include five officers from Iowa. They will be one major, one adjutant and two company officers of infantry and one major of the medical corps. The detail will report at San Antonio, May 27th.

McCauley Head of Plumbers.

Cedar Rapids, May 12.—Journymen plumbers in state convention here elected M. E. McCauley, Des Moines, president; F. C. Carte, Marshalltown, secretary and J. E. Stark, Des Moines, sergeant at arms. A. L. Urick, state president of the Federation of Labor, attended the banquet.

Aviation Head an Iowan.

Atlantic, May 12.—"Pete" Young, the head of the Molsant International Aviation company, which will give an exhibition here next week, is but 26 years of age and was born in Anita, Cass county, not far from here. He has been in the aviation business for three years.

Maybray Man Admits Guilt.

Des Moines, May 12.—James Griffin of Council Bluffs pleaded guilty in federal court this morning before Judge Smith McPherson to a charge of being a member of the Mabray gang of swindlers.

Ambassador to Brazil.

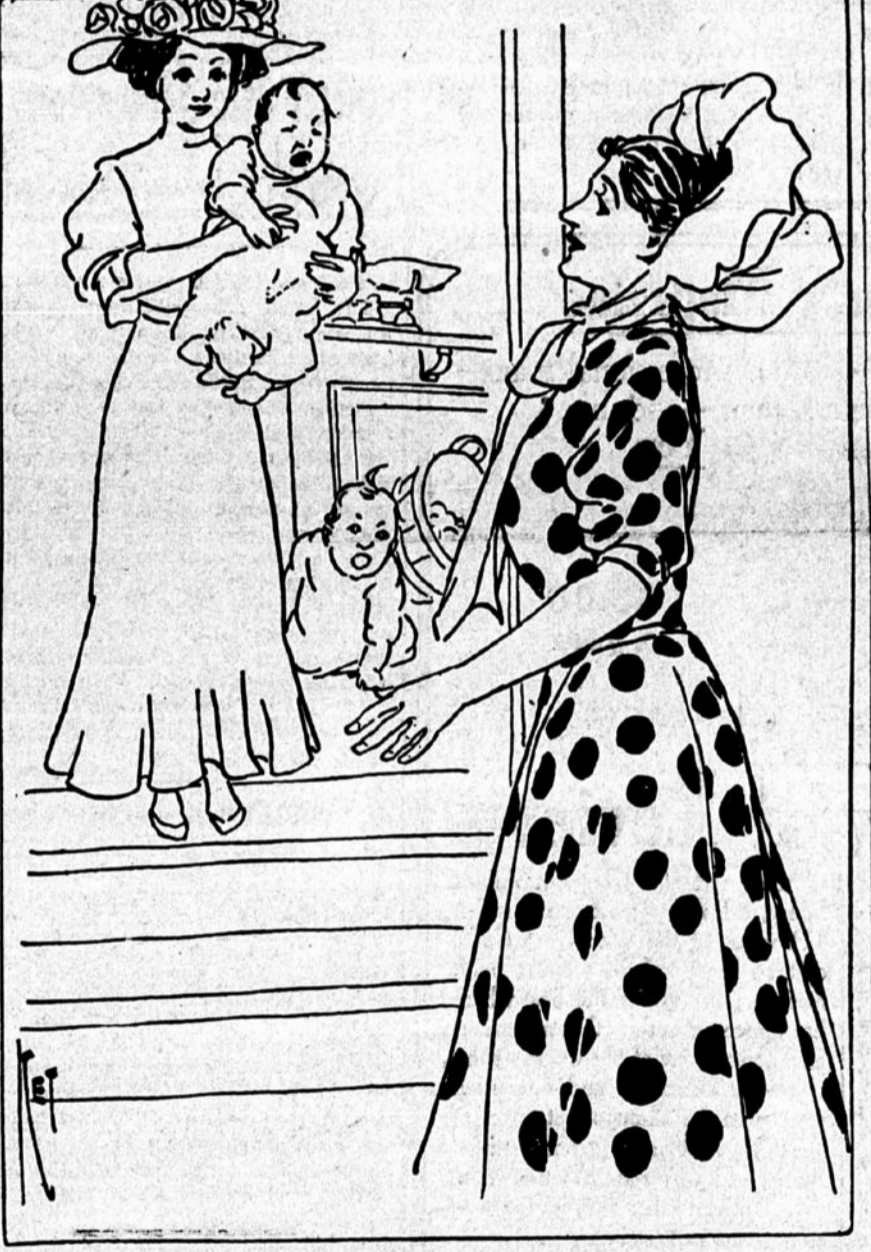
Washington, D. C., May 12.—In the shifting about of diplomats which is now on, there is a strong possibility that Thomas C. Dawson of Iowa will be appointed to the post of ambassador to Brazil.

Secure Encampment Steamer.

Muscatine, May 12.—Muscatine commercial club has chartered a steamer on the Mississippi and it will be turned over to the visiting grand army veterans for their entertainment while attending encampment.

Injured by Lightning.

Cedar Rapids, May 12.—Lightning last night struck the home of D. A. Lovemore and tore a large hole in the roof, two sons Arthur and Harley, being injured by a falling rafter.



At Her Door She Was Welcomed With Enthusiasm.

lina Lue as she scraped the last drop of milk into the spoon and skillfully administered it to the nodding head of Flarity, the brother of Carrots. "I think the good Lord intended that a mother should come into this world with every child, but sometimes she don't git borned when it does; and sometimes—sometimes the mother is borned and the child ain't there. The mother job is one that ain't cut out to suit everybody and them it fits have got a duty laid on 'em strong, even if they don't have a kinder soul-mother. Don't let Clemmie fall and cut her head on the edge of her box! She is nodding so and I have to ease down both the Flaritys, who is plumb gone. Thanky, child, they are all safe now and I can git to work. Seems like my heart is at rest when I've got 'em asleep in the soap boxes. I sometimes wonder if the Lord don't feel the same way about us grown-ups when he sends the night down to kiver us with 'em. But then when he's got us all safe asleep the folks over in Chiny wakes and begins they deviltry, so I reckon the Bible is true when it says he neither slumbers nor sleeps."

"Miss Selina Lue," said Miss Cynthia, the dawn of an alarmed wonder showing in her big eyes, "you don't see married while I—"

"Child," said Miss Selina Lue, "don't never ask me that question again! When they buried all of Adoniram Millsaps they could find to bring home from the explosion, the marry-ing part of me went into the grave with the fragments and I ain't seen fit to ever dig it up again. Though there is many a good woman as have done that very thing after having been married to their husband fer years before they lost him. But I ain't one to criticize 'em for it, 'cause some seem to think it compliments one good husband to git another, and maybe it do."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

May Teach Monkeys to Talk. The monkey is not only more intelligent than the parrot, but is even more imitative. It is (excepting man) the only creature on earth that is capable of articulate speech. Prof. Bell believes that apes can be taught, at all events, to say a few words—at first by manipulation of their mouths and throats, as is done with the deaf born. We may live, he thinks, to hear chimpanzees talk, and with some degree of understanding of their own remarks.

Stage thunder brings no showers of spiritual blessing.

Efficiency Recognized. "Have you a good chauffeur?" "Excellent. He can always give me in interesting and satisfactory explanation as to why my car can't go where I want it to."

Drop in Temperature. "I once proposed to a girl in a conservatory." "With what result?" "A lot of expensive plants were nipped by frost."

His Classification. "My boy's gone to Mexico with his regiment." "So he's a soldier. Is he a regular?" "No; he belongs to the malicious corps."

Getting the Worst of It. "Bliggins ain't very lucky in driving bargains." "No. He says he can't even change his own mind without getting the worst of the deal."

