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CITY NEWS.

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

Miss Lorna Wilson visited over the Fourth at her parental home in Burlington.

Mr. Chas. Mash is very ill at his home near Waveland Park.

Mrs. Chas. S. Ruff and Mrs. I. C. Harper of Peoria, Ill., will arrive in our city tomorrow to visit a while. They will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tracy Blagburn.

J. D. Davis of Kansas City, Mo., Sovereign Commandery of the I. M. W. of O. W. is in our city, looking after the interest of his order in Iowa.

Miss Barnice Davis, of Mason City, who is pianist of one of the leading theatres there is in the city, the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Edward Morton on 1329 School street.

Mr. Robert Woods, formerly of this city, but now of Chicago, Ill., died there last week, and his body was brought here for interment. The funeral was held from the Corinthian Baptist church, Thursday. Rev. T. L. Griffith preached the funeral. He was a son of Mrs. Matilda Thomas of Highland Park.

On Monday, July 5, at the home of the bride's aunt, 2515, Center street, occurred the marriage of Miss Jonnie Story of Little Rock, Ark., to Mr. Gibbs L. Johnson of New Orleans, La., the Rev. Woolrich of Burns M. E. church performing the ceremony, which took place at 3 o'clock, sharp. Only the immediate family was present. They will be at home to their friends after July 15th, at 2517 Center.

Piano Recital by Miss Mayrie I. Bell

At Union Congregational Church, Wednesday, July 12, 1911, at 3 o'clock, p. m. PROGRAM.

Charge of the Uhlans.....Bohm
A Springtime Idyl.....Englemann
Zenobia.....Quigley
c. Old Black Joe.....Lewis
c. Approaching Spring March
McClure
Grand Valse Caprice.....Englemann

DES MOINES NEGRO LYCEUM.

The Lyceum met July 4th with Mr. Bledsoe on Fifteenth street. The evening was spent in a very appropriate manner; patriotic numbers comprising the program. The Lyceum will meet Tuesday the 11th with Mr. Geo. Mason at his home, 1187 Fourteenth street, at which time the following program will be rendered:

Quotations, Edgar Allen Poe; Life and Works of Poe, Mr. William Warrick; Poe's Originality, Mr. Finesse Bledsoe; General discussion by club; Current Events; Report of Critic.

Y. C. M. C. A. NOTES.

Notwithstanding the fact that the thermometer was registering 104 in the shade, a goodly number of fathers and mothers turned out at the "Y" Sunday afternoon to hear the address on the Training of Children which was to have been delivered by Mrs. Florence C. McFarland, the lady Probation Officer of the Polk County Juvenile Court, as Mrs. McFarland was unexpectedly called to the bedside of her sick son. The address was delivered by Mr. Young the gentleman proprietor of the same court, and in wholesome advice to the parents as to the methods of keeping children out of the court and redies.

Program Sunday was interwoven with musical numbers by the

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Misses Bertha Allen and Letta Cary, and Mrs. James Windsor.

The second quarterly meeting of the membership of the Association was held Wednesday evening at which time the resignation of Mr. E. Tracy Blagburn from the office of secretary was announced and Thursday evening July 20th fixed as the time for a special meeting of the members of the association for the purpose of electing his successor.

At this meeting also Prof. W. H. Warrick was appointed Musical Director for the Association and plans the organization of A. Y. C. M. C. A. Male Chorus in the near future.

The report of Association members of the joint committee with the Ministerial Alliance reported that said committee had planned a grand financial rally for the 5th Sunday in July, at the Corinthian Baptist church for the purpose of raising sufficient money to liquidate the indebtedness of the Association amounting to about \$400. Further announcements to be made later.

Mrs. J. W. Morton of the Dramatic Art Club acted as matron during the hours for ladies and girls yesterday afternoon.

Hon. L. L. Brown, Past Grand Master of the Negro Masons of Iowa, and who is the donor of a large portion of the "Y" library, will deliver the principal address Sunday afternoon at 4:30. All men and boys cordially invited. Special music under the direction of Prof. Warrick.

The City Convention.

The Des Moines City Convention met Monday evening with Mrs. E. R. Hall at her home 817 Maple street. The principle business for the evening was the appointing of the of the contestants and alternates to represent Des Moines at the Inter-State Xmas. The appointments are as follows:

Oratory—Contestant—Miss Nell Leftridge, Dramatic Art club.
Alternate—J. G. Dellinger, Des Moines, Negro Lyceum.
Poetry—Contestant, Miss Vivian Warrick, Warrick club. Alternate Mrs. H. W. Hughes, Intellectual Mutual club.

Music—Prof. W. H. Warrick, Des Moines Negro Lyceum, Warrick's Choral Club.

The program representatives will be appointed at the next meeting of the convention, which will be held at the home of Atty and Mrs. J. B. Rush, 20th and College avenue, Monday evening, Sept. 18th. All members are urged to be present at this meeting.

OUR SPECIAL EDITION.

Below we publish a few of the compliments or words of commendation on the recent Iowa Special Edition.

Ottumwa, Iowa, June 26, 1911.
J. L. Thompson, Editor Bystander, Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir: I wish to congratulate and thank you and your staff for the special edition of the only permanent Negro organ in all Iowa, issued June 16th. Indeed the colored people of this state owe the "Bystander" management what they can never repay. For eighteen years this paper has plodded along proving its worth through the tools of criticism and snares of rebuke and indifference, on the part of colored people who ought to be in sympathy with every progressive move. Many, many well meaning sheaves have made their advent in the field of journalism since the Bystander's existence, but died a-borning. Every Negro with a spark of race pride should have this paper in his home. Without the Bystander the rank and file of the colored people of Iowa would learn as much about each other as they know of the native African. Nothing succeeds like success.

Your Special Edition was just fine. I congratulate you, Mr. Thompson. I know the hard work required to get out such an edition.—Mrs. S. Joe Brown.

I think you got out a fine edition, Mr. Thompson.—Richard Johnson, Gravitv, Iowa.

IOWA GRAND LODGE.

The 23rd annual communication of the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Negro Masons for the state of Iowa and its jurisdiction will be held in our city next week opening with the annual School of Instruction in charge of the Right Worshipful Grand Custodian, W. J. Shepherd of Buxton, at the hall of Doric Lodge, over 318 East Fifth street Monday evening at 8 o'clock. All sessions open to all Master Masons in good and regular standing.

On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock the Grand Lodge proper will be opened by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, W. H. Milligan, of Cedar Rapids, assisted by the other grand officers, and will hold a regular session, commencing each morning at 9 and each afternoon at 2 o'clock on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, at the hall of Doric Lodge.

On Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the members of North Star Lodge will entertain the Grand Lodge officers, delegates and visiting master masons at their hall West Tenth and Center streets.

On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the annual Grand Lodge of Sorrow will be held at the Maple Street Baptist church, with appropriate ceremonies to which the public are cordially invited.

On Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock there will be a public procession of Grand Lodge Officers and delegates and Masonic Band and escorted by King all master masons headed by White's Solomon's Commandery of Knights Templar from East Fifth on Locust to West Eighth street, south to Walnut, east to West Fourth, north to Locust and west to hall of Doric Lodge, where the Grand Lodge will adjourn.

On Thursday evening, after adjournment the ladies of Princess Zorah Chapter, O. E. S., will entertain the Grand Lodge officers and visitors at a banquet at Shriners' Temple, West Ninth and Pleasant streets.

Over forty delegates from outside the city have already been assigned to homes where they will obtain lodgings and breakfasts. Dinners and suppers will be served in the dining hall of Doric Lodge by the ladies of Princess Oziel Chapter O. E. S. A great meeting is anticipated.

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BUSINESS BLOOM CHANGES

William Eversmeyer and Louise Eversmeyer sell property on Iowa Avenue to the Greenway Brothers.—Consideration is \$10,000.

Lee and William Greenway, Jr., have purchased from Louise and William Eversmeyer the property located on Iowa Avenue between Second and Front streets, occupied by the Postal Telegraph company, the Greenway barber shop and the office of Louise and Wm. Eversmeyer.

The property, which is a valuable tract of land, was sold for a consideration of \$10,000. The purchase also includes the big storage room at the rear of the buildings.

The above clipping taken from the daily newspaper of Muscatine, speaks more for the real and substantial progress of our race than words or oratory. This is the key to the race problem solution. We congratulate those young men, let more do likewise.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Mrs. Goodin of Ottumwa, spent the Fourth at the Horace Spencer home. Theo. Turner and wife spent the Fourth at Oakalosa, at the parental Ed. Jones home.

There were just over fifty people that availed themselves of the opportunity to picnic the Fourth on the banks of the classic Crooked Creek, and every one enjoyed himself hugely. There has not been a picnic in these "diggins" in many a day that could equal it in any way. One feature of the day's entertainment that should be noticed was the ball game between the married and single men, the single men winning 3 to 4. The batteries for the married men, Horace Spencer, James Turner, c.; single men, Harvey Spencer, c.; Fred Williams, c.

The Rev. Mr. L. F. Phillips occupied the pulpit at the A. M. E. church last Sunday, morning and evening, and delivered two very able discourses, it being quarterly meeting services.

The Hall and Beebe Gwinn spent the Fourth in Moline.

Mrs. N. L. Black is visiting in Albion, the guest at the Chas. I. Washington home.

Leon Tyler of Burlington is making his home here for the present.

Jan. Redd went to Fairfield, F. D. Motts, Mose Hall and Frank Walker to Oakalosa, and Robt. Greaver to Ottumwa, to spend the Fourth.

SIoux CITY ITEMS.

Fourth of July is here today and patriotism is shown on both sides by speeches and bursting of fire works.

Mrs. Mills, mother of Mrs. Ella V. Morgan, is in our city from Kansas City, Missouri, to visit her daughter and friends.

Mrs. Stokes of Yankton, S. D., came down last Saturday to visit with her sister over Sunday. She is the guest of Mrs. Charlotte Lee.

A grand rally was held at the A. M. E. church Sunday for the trustee benefit, the sum of \$74.00 was taken in.

Miss Nellie Gray of Kansas City arrived in our city last week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Wilkerson.

Miss Etta Crawford of Pittsburg, Pa., was in our city a few days last week, visiting her aunt, Mrs. Etta Grant.

Prof. and Mrs. Javlan and Mr. Van Winkle of Australia will give an Oriental entertainment at the Mt. Zion Baptist church Thursday evening, July 6. Don't fail to see them.

Mrs. Fannie Smith and children have gone to Cherokee, Iowa, for a visit with Mrs. Henry Williams.

The colored baseball team coached by Mr. D. S. Sandler, played an amateur white team, the white team being defeated, the game was played last Sunday at Highland park riverside.

Sunday was rally day at the Mount Zion Baptist church and the sum of \$160 taken in. It was a grand success. Rev. Stevens of the white Baptist church assisted Rev. J. W. Browder.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray left Tuesday for Omaha, Neb., to spend the Fourth with Mr. Murray's relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Cosen.

Mrs. Anna Washington, wife of Rev. James Washington of Cheyenne, who arrived in our city last Tuesday to

visit friends. She will look after her property while here.

Mr. Frank W. Roberts left Saturday for Spokane, Wash., and other points of view.

The Mite Missionary society of the A. M. E. church met at the church parlors Friday evening.

Mr. Louis Grant returned to Tarnor, Neb., Wednesday to resume his work, after spending the Fourth of July with his family.

Mr. Woodie Smit or Yankton S. D. is visiting in the city.

Mr. Leo Rose and Miss Lulu Mae Jewell were united in marriage Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones. Rev. J. W. Dowden performed the ceremony, just a few intimate friends were present. We heartily congratulate them, and may their life be one continual honeymoon.

DAVENPORT NOTES.

(Last week)

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Davis, president of Illinois F. of G. W. C., also president of Phyllis Wheatley Home in Chicago, lectured at Bethel A. M. E. church on Wednesday evening to a large crowd of the leading citizens of Davenport, Rock Island, Moline and Clinton. Mrs. Davis was introduced by Mrs. Ruth Bright, president of the city F. of G. W. C.

The city federation spared no pains in arranging to entertain Mrs. Davis while here, in a most royal way. A program consisting of instrumental and vocal music was rendered in her honor.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Davis' address she was tendered a reception by the city Federation in dining hall of the church. Mrs. Davis was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shappard while in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O. Neal have bought property in the north part of the city.

DAVENPORT NOTES.

Rev. J. L. E. Burr, pastor of Third Baptist church, has returned home after a two weeks' vacation in the east. Rev. Burr preached morning and evening Sunday, to the delight of his members and congregation.

Mr. J. M. Marr of Mound Bayou, Miss., and Mrs. Sarah Beas, were the guests of honor at an outing given by Madames Lewis, Mrs. G. H. Merchant, Mrs. George Perkins, Mrs. Wm. O. Neal and the guest of honor, Mrs. Sarah Beas, and Mr. J. M. Marr. Mr. Marr left for Mound Bayou Saturday, July 1.

Mrs. Irving, mother of Mrs. A. D. Sunlin, left Saturday evening for Evanson, Ill., after a six weeks' visit at the bedside of her daughter. The A. M. E. church is endeavoring to take on new life by organizing a choir composed of young boys and girls, ranging in age from thirteen to eighteen years. This young choir is to be commended for its loyalty to the cause of Christianity. Last Sunday evening was the first time the young folks sang, and we praise them because they sang well.

Mrs. Della Howard is visiting her mother and sister in Marshalltown.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Roberts are rejoicing over a fine baby boy. Mother and son are doing well. Mrs. Claude Richardson and her niece, Miss Irene Austin, have returned from Keokuk, Iowa.

Mr. Geo. Sackley of Clinton, is in the city and will commence to cement the outside of the A. M. E. church at once.

Mr. Henry Lewis of Mendota, Ill., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Emma Beard, and his old school chum, Mr. James Wheeler. Mrs. G. H. Merchant gave a party in honor of the Misses Hazel Bucey and Ferda Foster graduates from the ninth grade, who will enter high school next September.

Mr. George Washington remains quite sick, he is preparing to go to the sanitarium for tuberculosis at Oakdale, Iowa.

Mrs. Mary Sackett, one of the old-

est members of Bethel A. M. E. church is quite sick. Mr. H. McGaw and sister Valentine, are also poorly.

Hiram Lodge No. 19, A. F. and A. M. elected the following officers: W. M., Rev. T. B. Stovall; S. W., W. G. Mott; J. W., G. W. Watts; treasurer, D. S. Johnson; secretary, Birt Samuels. The W. M. appointed the following officers: S. D., Chris Allen; J. D., W. W. Kimbrough; Tyler, Louis Fuqua; chaplain, Bro. Milton Howard; S. S., Howard Green; J. S., R. T. Hastings; delegate to the Grand Lodge, which meets at Des Moines on the 13th inst., W. M., Rev. T. B. Stovall; alternate, P. W. M., B. B. Bright.

Quarterly meeting at Bethel A. M. E. church, third Sunday, July 16th, at which time all members and friends are requested to bring their dinners and stay all day at the church. This being the first anniversary of the opening of the new auditorium. The dining hall of the A. M. E. church is the coolest place in the city just now. The Tri-City Sunday School Union will meet at Bethel A. M. E. church Monday evening, July 10th, at which time full arrangements will be made for the annual union picnic. The colored people of Davenport are to be commended for the same way in which they observed the Fourth. Rev. Stovall's counsel Sunday morning and his sermon Sunday evening, bearing on the sacredness of the day seems to have had a telling effect.

Afro-American Council Meeting.

The Afro-American State Council met at the Second Baptist church at 3 o'clock p. m., July 4th to transact unfinished business left over from the Cedar Rapids session. The propriety of electing officers after the appointed time expired was discussed without reaching a conclusion. At the evening meeting before the exercises began in rendition of the program a short session was held. The decision reached by the delegates was that the present officers who give such efficient service remain in charge of the affairs of State until the expiration of the legal term next May. J. Wilbur Norris of Sioux City; J. M. Thompson of Ottumwa; Rev. D. E. Botler of Buxton, and L. W. Tucker Secretary of Y. M. C. A., Buxton, was added to the executive board by the president. The session adjourned to meet at a place to be selected by the board. The officers are: Rev. J. Cornelius Reid, Ottumwa; Pres. J. H. Warrick, Des Moines, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. T. A. Hughes, Newton, Sec'y; Dr. E. A. Carter, Buxton, Treas.; W. S. Page, Organizer; Mrs. J. W. Holmes, Asst. Organizer; Rev. I. N. Daniels, Des Moines; E. T. Banks, Des Moines Chaplain; Sergeant at Arms; S. Joe Brown, Statistician. Executive Committee—Att. S. Joe Brown, Des Moines; Rev. T. L. Griffith, D. D., Des Moines; Atty. G. H. Woodson, Oakalosa; Atty. J. A. Spears, Buxton; A. G. Clark, Oakalosa; Mrs. Nelson Dowey, Ottumwa.

Extension Committee.

Att. J. B. Rush, Des Moines; Jesse Graves, Des Moines; Rev. G. W. Mayes, Iowa City; Revs S. Bates, Des Moines, P. M. Lewis and M. G. Gooden of Ottumwa.

THIRTY SEVEN Y. M. C. A. BOYS

spent three days camping on the river last week and enjoyed a pleasant outing. They were under the management of Messrs. Tucker and Botter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Graves of Des Moines came down last Saturday to remain over the fourth. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Gaines.

Mr. Henry Weaver was drowned in the reservoir last Tuesday morning, while he, with a number of men were swimming.

Joseph Nichols is carrying a bruised hand caused by the shaft at the mine falling on it.

Many Des Moinesites spent the fourth in Buxton.

Mr. L. C. Jones, principal of the Piney Woods Industrial school at Braxton, Miss., is in Buxton this week in the interest of his school.

The fourth in Buxton was very sane this year.

Messrs. Yancy, Watson and others were on the grounds Monday night barbecuing the meats for Tuesday. About \$40.00 worth of pork, beef and mutton was roasted over the coals in the long pit that had been prepared for that purpose, and the people seemed to enjoy themselves eating the nicely roasted meats.

Mesdames F. F. Woodard and W. A. Brown and Rev. Woodard will leave Monday, July 10th for St. Joseph, Mo., to attend the Western Baptist convention which will be held in that city, July 11-16.

Adams Newcomb an ex-resident of Buxton is in town this week visiting friends and relatives. He is making his home in East Des Moines at the present.

Mr. Lewis Edwards of Hockings is in town this week.

Classes "B" and "C" of Mt. Zion Sunday school had a very pleasant class picnic last Tuesday in the park. Miss M. I. Davis of the St. John's S. S. and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Guy were guests of honor.

The Sunday School Union will meet with St. John's A. M. E. S. S., next Sunday at 3 p. m.

The Buxton Band is rendering some very good music under the leadership of Prof. Richard Oliver. They gave splendid service in the park on July 4th after having paraded the prominent

trees of the town. They have a new piece called "Miss Trombone" which is decidedly pretty and is well rendered by them.

Mr. Waller Blaney has discarded his alto and is now playing a Slide-Trombone in Buxton Band. Although he is not an old hand with this special instrument, he is doing some very good work with it and with some more practice will soon be in the "meat axe" and Arthur Hill class.

Little Gladys Robinson of Moline, Ill., is in the city the guest of her aunt Mrs. Nannie Smith. She will remain throughout the summer.

Miss Lella Downey who has been stopping with Mrs. Newsome since her mother and sister returned to Ottumwa, left last Thursday for Ottumwa to spend the 4th.

Mrs. Cordelia Mitchell of Des Moines is in the city for a few days the guest of Mrs. W. A. Brown.

Miss Larma Wilson is home for the 4th.

Miss Gertrude Lucas, sister of Mrs. Wm. Bailey is in the city to remain during the summer.

Geo. Rhodes, who was on the sick list last week is much better at this writing.

KEOKUK NOTES.

Tuesday evening, June 27th William T. Rush of Keokuk and Miss Beulah Black of Ft. Madison, repaired to the home of F. D. Bland 1816 High street and was quietly married by the Rev. Brice Taylor pastor of the A. M. E. church. He will reside at the home of his father, Thomas Rush, on Franklin.

Wednesday Evening, June 28, 1911, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ashby 1126 Franklin street, very pleasantly entertained a number of their friends in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ashby of Macomb, Ill., and Miss Julia Ware and Mr. Warren Wadsworth of Pueblo, Colo.

Fire starting from an unknown origin ignited the woodwork beneath the counter at the W. T. Rush pantatorium, located at 413 Main street, Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Only a small amount of damage was done before the blaze was extinguished.

Mr. Wm. Ashby and bride of Macomb Ill., are visiting in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ashby and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ashby.

Mr. Wm. Martin left Friday evening for St. Paul, Minn., to make that city his future home. His wife and little daughter will go later.

A marriage of wide social interest was that of Miss Julia Ware of Pueblo, formerly of Keokuk and Mr. Warren Wadsworth of Pueblo, Colo., occurred Thursday evening, June 29th, at the home of the brides mother, Mrs. Endora Ware, 1615 Morgan street, at Eight o'clock. The Rev. Pierce U. Taylor performing the ceremony in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Miss Ella Ware, sister of the bride was maid of honor and Mr. Harry Ashby served the groom as best man. Preceding the ceremony, Daisy Ware, an accomplished vocalist sang Nightingale song of Nevin and O. Promise Me, by Dekoven; Miss Frances Reeder, played Mendelshon's Wedding March. As the bridal party entered after which Miss Reeder played Mendelshon's Spring Song, very softly during the ceremony. The bride was a picture of girlish loveliness in a gown of white Messaline with a lace tunic draped and trimmed with pearl ornaments—the maid of honor wore a pink Marquiesette over silk. The home was handsomely decorated in the latest prevailing colors, the Helen pink and white. After the ceremony a splendid 2-course luncheon was served. They were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents. The couple left on the late train for Pueblo, Colorado, their future home. The out of town guests were Mrs. F. G. Mundy of Quincy, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ashby of Macomb, Ill., and Nelson Robertson of St. Charles, Mo.

Mrs. F. T. Fields of 325 North 13th very pleasantly entertained a few of her lady friends, Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. F. G. Munday of Quincy, Ill. A very dainty 4-course luncheon was served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alden of 1607 Morgan St., pleasantly entertained Mrs. Sophia Hampton of Red Oak and Mrs. Estella Johnson of Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. M. M. Alden of this city at a two course dinner, Sunday.

Tuesday evening, June 27th, Electa Chapter O. E. S. met in regular session and held their election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Mrs. Naome P. Fields.....R. Matron
Mrs. M. I. Fields.....R. A. Matron
Wm. Shortridge.....R. Patron
Artisha Fields.....Secretary
P. A. Jones.....Treasurer
Sarah Fields.....Conductress
S. J. Goens.....Conductress

Mrs. Sopha Hampton of Red Oak is visiting at the home of her sister Mrs. Anna Logan.

The Tom Thumb wedding given at the home of T. Rush, Tuesday night by Co. O. was a splendid success. A large crowd gathered to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Master Wilbert Brown. The little bride Louise Johnson was handsomely gowned in White Mull, and the groom Melford Draine was attired in full dress. It was a very pretty affair and attracted quite a large crowd.

Mrs. Wm. Gross is on the sick list.

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Even the mosquito is feeling the impulse of the back-to-the-farm movement.

Nearly everybody who says "I don't care" is not telling the truth.

When an aviator loses his way in a fog he cannot ask a policeman. At least not yet.

Almost time for some get-rich-quick man to establish a correspondence school of aviation.

Germany has adopted a new gun designed to bring down aeroplanes, just as if aviation is not dangerous enough.

The convicts who struck for the eight-hour day in the Michigan penitentiary finally decided not to walk out.

The earth has only 10,000 years to live, according to a Swedish astronomer. Let us then be up and doing, etc.

Western farmers want the weather bureau investigated because its predictions don't agree with their rheumatism.

According to fashion experts in London and Paris the harem skirt is dead. As a matter of fact it was born that way.

Barbers, alarmed by the advance of safety razors, are considering the abolition of tips. They might also abandon criticism of the previous hair cut.

Henry Alfranshersterbaumer is the name of a man who lives in Missouri. We suppose his friends call him Hank Alfranshersterbaumer for short.

A boy graduated from a Pennsylvania high school without ever having missed a half day, and shall show horrors of child slavery he unrebuked?

Irrigation is fast driving the Great American Desert out of existence. There are canals enough already to reach across the continent if placed end on end.

One man gave a fortune teller \$215 for the information that he could find a treasure by digging in his back lot. He didn't find the treasure, but he got a lot of exercise.

It is surprising how a city man, fortunate in the possession of a garden about the size of a checker board, can sell \$28 worth of clothes planting 10 cents' worth of peas.

The appearance of five aces in a poker game in Pennsylvania and the resultant death of three men, simply goes to show that a good thing sometimes can be carried too far.

A New York boy found a certified check for \$55,000 and was paid \$1 reward when he returned it to its owner. Notwithstanding this, however, honesty is still the best policy.

Returning from Asian jungles, a scientist announces that a man "with a tactful wife in a wild country can get along twice as well as a single man." Also in a tame country.

"Wealth is no longer an open sesame to independence," wails a disappointed capitalist. Too true. Why, nowadays one cannot wear a silk hat and a short coat without being ridiculed!

Just to make good the proud boast that every other city in the country is merely one of its suburbs, New York, a few days ago, sent a Pullman carload of its women to Reno to get divorces.

It has now been demonstrated that a motorcycle comes off second best in a collision with an automobile. The question has interested many persons who have had to step lively in crossing the asphalt.

A wife in Atlanta had her husband arrested because he refused to kiss her. Husbands are getting very fractious these days, and advanced femininity is finding it necessary to drive them back into harness.

A government woman expert says that chickens kept in cold storage nine months or a year are more healthful than those fresh killed and kept 24 hours without refrigeration. It may be, but she will have a time convincing the ultimate consumer.

New York supreme court has decreed that a bill collector must pursue his prey in apartment houses only by means of the dumb waiter. Formerly the bill collector was called upon to cope only with deafness, but now he is confronted with both the deaf and dumb.

The heir to the East Indian throne of Baroda, who is a student at Harvard, had to work on his twenty-first birthday while his future subjects were celebrating it with holiday and festivity at home. This is but another instance of the modern way in which princes have to stand a great deal to keep their jobs.

Barbers who plan to abolish the tipping evil might also consider the advisability of cutting out the conversation.

A Pullman car which was filled with New York women who wanted divorces arrived at Reno, Nev., a day or two ago. It may soon be necessary for the railroads to run divorce specials. Lawyers could be provided to draw up papers on the way so that everything would be ready for the immediate beginning of proceedings on reaching Reno.

MAY BE TEST CASE

Oskaloosa Situation Probably Will Be Basis of a Decision

WILL TAKE FIGHT TO COURTS

Injunctions Served by County Attorney Against Last Six Liqueur Shops Granted Licenses By City Council.

Oskaloosa.—The final outcome of the saloon situation in Oskaloosa may form a precedent for the rest of the state. When the city council and the mayor could not agree upon which of the six of the fifteen saloons here should close to comply with the Moon law in getting the number down to one for each 1,000 people, the council granted all fifteen licenses, and the mayor let the matter rest there.

Then the county attorney stepped in and served injunctions against the last six saloons named in the list of licenses. A test case is to be made of these injunction proceedings to determine whether it is necessary to bring the number of saloons arbitrarily down to the number at this time, or whether the number gradually should be decreased by a system of elimination.

Another point at issue is whether a majority fraction of 1,000 people is entitled to a saloon. Under the recent federal census Oskaloosa lacked less than 300 of having 10,000 people, and many lawyers claim that the city is therefore entitled to ten saloons. The sufficiency of the consent petition is still in the courts, so that the right of operation of saloons here is not entirely fixed.

The license here has been increased from \$1,000 to \$1,400 per year.

Farmer Burns Up New Auto. Estherville.—While attempting to cross a ditch filled with hay and straw, Fred Lawson, a farmer, became stuck with his new automobile truck wagon, loaded with cream. In applying more power to extricate the machine, it gave off sparks which ignited the hay and straw underneath, and the car was completely burned up.

Kirkwood Leader Changes Hands. Kirkwood.—W. D. Campbell has sold the Kirkwood Leader to E. E. Davis and son, F. E. Davis, of Alexis. Davis firm is now in control. Mr. Campbell published the Leader for over sixteen years.

Judge Upholds Peddler License. Iowa City.—The Iowa City license war goes to the supreme court. Judge Howell has affirmed the rulings of Mayor George W. Kooz, and upholds the \$500 license for peddlers.

Mexican War Veteran Passes. Harlan.—William R. Keep, 87 years old, a resident of Shelby county for more than thirty years, and the only surviving veteran of the Mexican war in this county, is dead.

Buttermilk Causes Death. Atlantic.—William E. Smith, an employe of the Atlantic Produce company here, after a hot day's work drank excessively of buttermilk. He was taken with cramps, and died.

Pioneer of Winterset Dead. Winterset.—James A. Donnell, a resident of the county since 1872, is dead at his home here. He was a prominent member of the G. A. R., and of the Masonic order.

Sneak Thief Robs Home. Ottumwa.—A well-dressed stranger stole \$115 in cash while going through the home of Mrs. Barbara Howard on the pretense that he was looking for a room.

Hungerford Gets Paper. Jefferson.—U. B. Hungerford, former owner of the Carroll Herald, has purchased the Jefferson Free Lance from V. E. Loveoy. He takes possession at once.

Big Blaze at Van Horne. Van Horne.—Fire of unknown origin threatened the entire business district, and destroyed the electric light plant. The loss will exceed \$14,000.

Master Mechanic Injured. Boone.—David Loney, master mechanic of the Ogden Coal company was caught in a steel cable, and several bones in his leg broken.

Atlantic Business Man Stricken. Atlantic.—A. G. Beech, a pioneer merchant of Atlantic, suffered a stroke of apoplexy. It is feared he may not recover.

Grinnell Man Is Honored. Davenport.—H. W. Matlack, of Grinnell was elected president of the Iowa Music Teachers' society at the closing business session of the sixteenth annual convention. The convention will meet next year in Grinnell.

Will Reduce Gas. Council Bluffs.—The Council Bluffs Gas and Electric company has practically agreed to reduce the price of gas from \$1.25 per thousand to \$1.05.

Saunders Head State Bar. Oskaloosa.—Iowa State Bar association adjourned after electing officers: President, C. G. Saunders, Council Bluffs; vice-president, H. E. Deemer, Red Oak; secretary, H. C. Horack, Iowa City; treasurer, F. F. Mash, Oskaloosa.

Car Shops Open. Davenport.—It is expected that the Davenport car shops will be running full blast by September 1, as a number of large orders are being received.

Entries for State Firemen's Meet. Des Moines.—Eleven teams have already been entered by paid fire departments for the state firemen's tournament in Des Moines, July 25 to 28, inclusive. Over thirty teams have been entered by volunteer departments. Following are the cities and the number of teams entered by each in the paid department class: Des Moines, two; Sioux City, two; Clinton, two; Council Bluffs, one; Red Oak, one; Davenport, one; Ft. Dodge, one; Creston, one.

To Help New Enterprises. Davenport.—An investment company with \$300,000 capital to help new or enlarging industries has been organized here. The company will take stock or bonds in new enterprises approved by the directors and is the outgrowth of a study by the Greater Davenport committee of plans to the same end being worked out by other aggressive cities.

Bowman Is Coming Soon. Iowa City.—Prof. John G. Bowman, the new president of Iowa University, is expected to arrive in Iowa City the last of this month to take up his work as chief executive. He is, according to reports, having a hard time to close up his affairs as secretary of the Carnegie foundation in time to reach Iowa City before Aug. 1.

Iowa's Peat Industry. Fertile.—About twenty men are now engaged in the peat manufacturing industry at Fertile. It is figured that one man can easily produce two tons per day. Peat is very much lighter than coal and brings a much higher price on the market. It will sell at about the same price as hard coal.

Farmers Have Purchased Journal. Eagle Grove.—The farmers of Iowa, Illinois and South Dakota, at a conference just held in Chicago, bought the American Co-Operative Journal. This is the official publication of the different farmers' co-operative elevator companies throughout these states.

Kills Family and Self. Elma.—Leslie Miller, 33 years old, residing on a farm near Devon, murdered his daughter, Lillian, 9 years old, his son Victor, 8 years old, drove to New Hampton, where his wife had been taken for medical treatment, without warning, shot her twice, then killed himself.

Big Apple Crop Anticipated. Glenwood.—Here is evidence of the big crop of apples that is now growing on the orchard-covered hills of Mills county. Three barrel factories begin operations this week and next and their total output may reach close to the 150,000 mark.

Accidentally Shot. Iowa City.—Emory Smith, 10, Winham, is in a serious condition in a hospital here as the result of the discharge of a .32-caliber revolver he carried in his pocket. The bullet bored its way clear through his left thigh.

Christian Church War Over. Knoxville.—War between the two Christian churches here will probably be settled in a short time. The congregations are to sell their churches and then unite and build a \$15,000 house of worship.

Ottumwa Is Dry. Ottumwa.—Ottumwa is dry. Every saloon and wholesale house in the city has closed its doors. The failure of the liquor men to secure enough valid names to their consent petition caused the closing.

Burlington Train Strikes Auto Party. Oskaloosa.—E. M. Jenkins, 45, was killed and his infant daughter seriously injured when a Burlington train struck the Jenkins' auto at a crossing here. Three other persons in the auto were hurt.

\$30,000 Fire in Cantril. Cantril.—Five business buildings were destroyed by fire here entailing a loss of nearly \$30,000. For a time the entire business section was threatened. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Will Make Ice. Sioux City.—Rock Springs Ice Co. is planning to build an immense cold storage and ice plant. If plans are carried out the concern will make 400 tons of ice daily.

Ice Cream Cone Kills Girl. Cedar Rapids.—Violet Eleanor Mentzer, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Mentzer, died of ptomaine poisoning as a result of eating an ice cream cone.

Aged Man Killed by Train. Lockridge.—Peter Emswinger, 70, was run down and killed by a Burlington train west of Lockridge. He was sitting on the track when hit.

Ogden Negro Miners Win Fight. Fort Dodge.—Judge R. M. Wright of the district court, issued a temporary injunction restraining the officers of Ogden local No. 2433 of the United Mine Workers of America from refusing dues and assessments from them.

Another Violent Death at Rapids. Cedar Rapids.—The sixth violent death here within a week occurred when Neil Conroy, a well-known local character, was run over by a switch engine, and instantly killed.

Lutheran Young People Meet. Estherville.—The annual convention of the Northern Iowa Young People's Society of the Lutheran church held their meeting here in the Norwegian Lutheran church, with the Rev. J. J. Akre, pastor, in charge.

Drummer Is Robbed. Knoxville.—Jesse E. Stoner, a traveling man, was attacked and robbed near the Catholic church. The hold-up men secured \$24 in cash and a watch.

WILL HE GET THERE IN TIME?



TO CONTROL TRUSTS

NEWLANDS ASKS FOR FEDERAL BOARD TO REGULATE INDUSTRIAL CORPORATIONS.

PUBLICITY TO BE REQUIRED

Would Compel All Concerns Doing Business of \$5,000,000 or More Annually to Register and Comply With Law.

Washington.—Senator Newlands of Nevada in a speech in the senate advocated an interstate trade commission of five members to control industrial corporations, as the interstate commerce body regulates the railroads.

He contended that the Standard Oil and Tobacco decisions and the recent government report on the steel industry demonstrate the need of an independent, quasi-judicial and administrative tribunal of great character and dignity, as far removed from partisan control as are the courts. The plan is to apply only to industrial corporations engaged in interstate trade whose annual receipts exceed \$5,000,000.

Mr. Newlands' speech was in advocacy of a bill he introduced providing for such a commission. His measure would separate the bureau of corporations from the department of commerce and labor and merge the bureau into a commission of interstate trade.

This commission would require all industrial corporations having receipts exceeding \$5,000,000 to make satisfactory statements as to capitalization, finances and operations, such corporations to be known as "United States registered" companies. It proposes to make lack of such registration an "indication of something wrong."

Mr. Newlands declared that if such legislation had replaced or aided the Sherman anti-trust act over twenty years ago this country would have advanced as far in the regulation of industrial organizations as it has in railroad regulation. He referred to recent expressions by Mr. Gary of the Steel corporation and others as indicating that the great corporation managers realize that public regulation is inevitable.

Mr. Newlands said his plan proposed that frequent reports be required from the corporations, information of public interest to be published from time to time, the commission to be non-partisan, not more than three members to be of one party, and the term of office to be ten years. He said that his plan makes no attempt to give too many powers of correction or punishment, nor the power of fixing prices, but its powers may be enlarged as experience shall indicate.

The measure proposed includes these provisions: The commission may cancel at any time the registration of any corporation for improper financial organization, oppressive or unfair methods of competition, acceptance of railroad rebates, refusal to allow access to records or non-compliance with any judicial decree rendered under the Sherman act, in extreme cases it may debar the offending corporations from engaging in interstate commerce and it may require correction of overcapitalization.

Nebraska Man Is Drowned. Warsaw, Ind.—William Doty, head of the Doty Chemical company of South Omaha, Neb., was drowned in Irish lake near this city. He was a good swimmer and had gone to the assistance of two young ladies who were bathing.

Dowager Queen Pia Dead. Rome.—Dowager Queen Marie Pia of Portugal, grandmother of former King Manuel, died in the royal chateau at Stupping, where she had been living with her sister, Princess Clotilde.

Immigrant Dies of Cholera. Auburn, N. Y.—Tommaso Bhardi, seventeen years old, who came to this country on the steamship Duca Degli Abruzzi on June 20, died here from what authorities here diagnosed as Asiatic cholera.

Eugene F. Ware Succumbs. Colorado Springs, Colo.—Eugene F. Ware, poet, jurist and United States pension commissioner under Roosevelt, died at Cascade, Colo., twelve miles west of here, of angina pectoris, aged seventy years.

WOLGAST IS VICTOR

KNOCKS OUT OWEN MORAN IN THIRTEENTH ROUND.

Champion Lightweight Fighter Wears Down His English Opponent by Heavy Slugging.

San Francisco.—The measured swing of Referee Welsh's arm, tolling off the fatal ten seconds over the writhing and unconscious body of Owen Moran of England, brought victory to Ad Wolgast in the thirteenth round of the international battle for the lightweight championship. The decisive victory was clearly earned by the terrific punishing power of the champion.

It was palpable from the moment they hooked up in the first mauling match at close quarters that Wolgast was the more rugged once or twice during the contest, owing to the gruelling pace, but there was a doubt about it, whereas there was never an atom of doubt as to the way things were going with Moran.

He looked distressed during each resting spell after the fifth round, while across the ring Wolgast, snappy-eyed and nimble, was chatting to friends in sound of his voice. Wolgast simply wore Moran down in the close fighting, doing his best work with a punch which is known to the fighting men as "loop the loop." It is a right-hander which curls around entangled arms and lands on the face. Wolgast used this punch with such force that Moran's lips were puffed, and blood dripped from his nose and mouth.

When Wolgast was not working the "loop the loop" he was hammering Moran's body with forceful rights. It seemed that the closer they got the harder were Wolgast's punches. Moran caught Wolgast quite a number of snapping right-handers in between clinches and punched him with straight lefts. While Wolgast was working the "loop the loop" Moran worked a left uppercut and did a fair amount of damage with it. But neither in infighting or outfighting did Moran's blows carry a tittle of the punishing force that did Wolgast's, and there was not a real chance for those who backed Moran to chortle at any time during the fight.

Wolgast went after Moran with blood in his eye in the thirteenth round. A couple of well-placed right uppercuts failed to stop Wolgast, who was on top of his man like a terrier tackling a rat. Moran was battered along the ropes. His guard was demoralized with right body punches, and he was sent down open-mouthed with a couple of left swings on the jaw. The fight ended right there. The knockout was clean and Wolgast's victory most decisive.

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TAFT DEFENDS RECIPROCITY

President in Speech Assails Critics of Policy Which He Declares is Republican Doctrine.

Indianapolis.—President Taft in a speech at the banquet of the Marion club declared that reciprocity is genuine Republican doctrine and that the Canadian agreement now before congress is less radical than proposals by Blaine and McKinley. He referred to the last Republican platform stand for duties equaling the cost of production abroad and declared that the Canadian proposal squared exactly with the platform plank. He admitted that the cost of living would not be reduced by the adoption of the agreement. He said it would bring prosperity to Canada by increasing its population and its capacity for consumption, thereby helping America. He said that while free wheat would raise the price of Canadian wheat it would reduce the price of American wheat.

The president's reciprocity speech was a climax to his part in Indianapolis' "Same Fourth" celebration. Before President Taft took his seat in the reviewing stand in front of the soldiers' monument here, what is believed by the police to be a spent bullet hit Mrs. Harry D. Tutewiler, wife of a prominent citizen, who was sitting near the president's box, in the thigh. The bullet came from a 38 caliber revolver, and penetrated about three-eighths of an inch, but the wound was insignificant.

Mrs. Tutewiler left her seat for a half hour, had the wound dressed and returned in time to witness the parade. Neither the president nor any members of his party were told about the affair, but the police at once started on a hunt for the person who fired the shot.

Detectives were sent to the top of the monument, but a search of the persons there and a search of the crowds in neighboring buildings failed to bring to light any 38 caliber revolvers, loaded or unloaded.

Claxton Named by Taft. Washington.—President Taft announced the appointment of Philander Claxton, professor of education at the University of Tennessee, as commissioner of education, succeeding Elmer E. Brown, resigned.

"Plucked" Naval Man Dies. Washington.—Commander Alfred A. Pratt, U. S. N., died at Mare Island hospital, three days after having been retired by the "plucking board" of the navy department. Pratt was born in Sycamore, Ill., 38 years ago.

\$150,000 Ambergis From One Whale. Victoria, B. C.—A piece of ambergis said to be worth \$150,000 was taken from a whale killed by the whaler Petriana, which arrived here. The ambergis is said to be one of the largest pieces ever found.

Special Liquor Tax Voted. Jefferson City, Mo.—The supreme court holds unconstitutional the levy of a special tax on all distillers, brewers and rectifiers of spirituous and malt liquors, in that it violated the interstate commerce law in exempting wine from Missouri-grown grapes. The law was enacted in 1909 and Governor Hadley reached an understanding with liquor men affected that the law would not be contested. The agreement, however, was not adhered to. The state will lose \$150,000 in annual revenue.

Knockout Brown Wins. Scranton, Pa.—Before a large crowd at the Athletic baseball grounds Knocout Brown of New York won from Tommy Ginty, welterweight champion of Scranton, in a six-round bout. Brown played with Ginty, hitting him when and wherever he pleased.

Town Nearly Wiped Out. Dubuque, Ia.—Fire nearly wiped out the little town of Bernard, in Jackson county. The loss will be about \$50,000.

PERJURY HUNT IS ON

PROSECUTION FOR FALSE TESTIMONY IN LORIMER CASE EXPECTED SOON.

EVIDENCE IS CONFLICTING

Inquiry is Adjourned Until July 13, But Committee Will Make Effort to Verify Truth of Statements Made by Witnesses.

Washington.—Prosecution for perjury before the next meeting of the Lorimer investigating committee on July 13 is regarded here as the probable next development in the case of the junior senator from Illinois.

In the ten days from now to July 13, to which date the inquiry has been adjourned, the investigating committee will make an effort to get at the truth of the testimony it has already taken. It is understood that investigators of the department of justice are already at work in various parts of the country, trying to find out how the truth connects with the statements of witnesses so far heard.

Attorneys John Marble and John J. Healy, counsel for the investigating committee, will go to Chicago early this week, admittedly "to look up certain matters."

The committee had been in session but a few days when the testimony which it was hearing began to show startling discrepancies.

Clarence S. Funk, general manager of the International Harvester company, testified that Edward Hines, millionaire lumberman of Chicago, approached him in May in the Union League club, Chicago, and asked him to contribute \$10,000 to the \$100,000 Lorimer fund. Funk said there were no other persons present at the conversation.

Wirth Cook of Duluth, Minn., a lumberman, testified that Edward Hines had told him of "putting Lorimer over." He testified also that he heard Mr. Hines talking over the long distance telephone to someone in Springfield, the day of Mr. Lorimer's election, and swore that Mr. Hines said he "would be down on the next train with all the money that is required." Mr. Cook thought Mr. Hines was talking to Governor Deneen.

Testimony obtained before the investigating committee of the Illinois general assembly several months ago, and substantiated by the sworn affidavits of three men, was to the effect that Shelby B. Jones of Marquette, Mich., had admitted several times that Mr. Hines had boasted to him of "putting Lorimer over" at a cost of \$100,000.

That is the evidence obtained on the one hand. On the other, the testimony was just as positive—but different.

Mr. Hines swore that Mr. Funk approached him in the Union League club, and asked for an opportunity to contribute money to Mr. Lorimer's campaign expenses.

Mr. Hines said that three other men—all lumbermen, and two of them in his own employ—were present and heard part of the conversation. The one man who was not in Hines' employ was trying to sell him \$200,000 worth of lumber at the time.

Two of these three men have already testified. They told of the incident just as Mr. Hines recounted it—but on cross-examination they admitted that their memories had been refreshed by Mr. Hines, as recently as three weeks ago.

Concerning Wirth Cook's testimony, Mr. Hines denied that he had spoken of "putting Lorimer over." Further, he said that he was talking to Senator Lorimer in the famous long distance conversation, and the dialogue, as he gave it, was unimportant.

One other man who has been on the stand, William O'Brien of St. Paul, Minn., also a lumber man, was in that room and in a position to hear Mr. Hines' end of the telephone conversation. He didn't hear it, he said, because he was a trifle deaf.

Miss Frances Carroll, telephone operator for Mr. Hines' lumber company, on the witness stand told the committee that she had connected Mr. Hines with Senator Lorimer at Springfield field on that day in May, two years ago, and had "listened in" on the conversation. She thought she could recollect what had been said. When she was told to go ahead, she repeated it almost word for word as Mr. Hines had previously recited it.

Cross-examination disclosed that Miss Carroll had talked it over with her employer several weeks ago, and that she could remember no other long distance telephone conversation that had taken place during all the ten years she had worked for the Hines company.

To a great extent, the Lorimer case has narrowed down to a question of the veracity of witnesses.

Three Die in Auto Crash. Providence, R. I.—In a collision between a large touring car containing five persons and a Rocky Point electric car near Grant's Station, three women were killed and two men seriously injured.

Veterans Bury Gen. Evans. Atlanta, Ga.—The funeral of Gen. Clement A. Evans, former commander of the United Confederate Veterans, was held here with all honors due a past commander of the Confederate organization.

McCreary Wins in Kentucky. Louisville, Ky.—Returns from the state Democratic primary indicate that James B. McCreary was nominated over William Addams for governor and that Ollie M. James made a runaway race with Thomas H. Paynter for the United States senate.

Aged Packer Kills Himself. Indianapolis.—Albert W. Coffin of the Coffin-Fletcher Packing company committed suicide by shooting himself at his home. He was sixty-one years old.



"I Am Sorry Miss Cynthia's Cooking Didn't Turn Out Better."

MISS SELINA LUE and the Soap-box Babies

by MARIA THOMPSON DAVIES

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SYNOPSIS.

Miss Selina Lue, spinster guardian angel of River Bluff, presides over the babies of the neighborhood in the rear of her grocery. Her charges are known as "Soap-box Babies." The fact that she is single makes her an object of sympathy to the mothers. One of her friends is Miss Cynthia Page, daughter of Widow Page. Cynthia visits Miss Selina and learns that she has taken another "Soap-boxer" Alan Kent, a young artist who wishes to establish a studio in her barn. Blossom, Miss Lue's adopted baby, and one Cynthia is very fond of, shows an evident preference for Alan. When Cynthia leaves, Alan hears that his mother is in danger of losing the old homestead. A near rickus, Alan admires Cynthia. Selina tells how she came to locate in the place and start the haven for little ones. She suspects that Cynthia is responsible for Alan's neglect of her. Selina's mortgaged place considered. Alan's portrait of Cynthia is discovered. Evelyn Branch, Cynthia's close friend, shows interest in Alan Kent. Cynthia relieves Selina for a day, cooks dinner for Mr. Kent and makes a sorry mess of it.

CHAPTER VI.

A Pin and a Proposal.

"Don't you know every woman's heart is soft towards courting whether she's in it or not?"

—Miss Selina Lue.

"Good morning, Miss Selina Lue! I jest run in to get some nutmeg, a pound of sugar and a quart of kerosene to make up some apples-pees for Mr. Kenney's supper; he do love 'em so."

"There never was such a hand as you for pies, Miss Kinney, honey. I recommended you about it to Miss Cynthia not a week ago. I told her I would git you to show her how when—"

"Well, we was a-talking that over last night, me and Mary Ellen Dobbs, interrupted Mrs. Kinney, "and we think it is fine for Miss Cynthia ter marry him, even if he is a painter; 'cause when pictures is dull he can git signs and sich to do to keep going. When will it be, Miss Selina Lue?" And she gathered the bundles in one arm and balanced the oil-can in the other hand, ready to hurry on as soon as she had extracted the morsel of news she had run upon."

"Why, Miss Kinney, I never heard—" Miss Selina Lue's eyes were wide with astonishment.

"Well, I think it is, to say the least, disrespectful in him and her not to have told you, him a-living in your own barn and she so appearing to be loving of you all the time. I hate to think she's a deceitful girl, but I must say I did mistrust that flower-garden hat when I seen it the other day go by with Ethel Maud and Bennie Dobbs."

"I don't know what you mean, Miss Kinney, by speaking so about Miss Cynthia. They don't nothing in this world hurt me like hearing one of my friends make light of another." And Miss Selina Lue's Irish eyes snapped.

"Law, Miss Selina Lue, I didn't mean no harm! I—I jest—"

"I know you didn't, Miss Kinney, honey, but sometimes little criticisms fly the track and run into somebody that's easy hurt," said Miss Selina Lue.

"Well, I jest seen them setting here in the door yesterday when you was up the river with the Dobbses and they was as thick as two peas in a pod, her a-laughing and him a-talking fer all he were worth. You may not know courting when you see it, Miss Selina Lue, not having ever been—"

"Miss Kinney, child, don't you know every woman's heart is soft towards courting, whether she's in it or not—and every man's, too, for that matter, though they tries hard to hide it! It ain't only on 'count of my pitiful history with Adolphus Millspaugh or your'n with Mr. Kinney that we likes to watch the doings of young folks and talk 'em over—it's borned in women to hatch out and hover lovers' matchings and the clucking over 'em is part of the good times of life. I was jest a-saying to—"

"Miss Selina Lue!" screamed Bennie from the Dobbs' front stoop. "Come quick, come quick; Ethel

Maud's caught her hair in the grapevine and's hanging by it. She was eating 'em! Ma's sick!"

Miss Selina Lue hurried with all the speed possible to the relief of the young Absalom, and Mrs. Kinney called after her, "Be sure and rub camphire on the roots," whether of the vine or Ethel Maud's hair she did not say.

When she returned to the grocery half an hour later Miss Selina Lue found Miss Cynthia smiling at her from the back door. Miss Cynthia's approach had been guarded, and instead of coming down the public street, she had slipped through the garden and the chicken yard. Miss Cynthia risked no encounters with her erstwhile victim, and her movements were stealthy when approaching his haunts.

"Well, if that ain't plumb ha'n't-like, to be thinking about you and then turn round and find you a-smiling at me!" exclaimed Miss Selina Lue delightedly. "I was skeered you was clear wore out with your snack of store-keeping and baby-tending, but you put me in mind of that pink and morning-glory there, always fresher and fresher every sun-up."

"And you are the sweet, warm sun that comes every morning to cheer up the little morning-glory that droops until she sees you," answered Miss Cynthia with a smiling blush. "Are you rested from your trip?"

"That I am, honey-bunch! One day's tired never lasts me overnight. I get up every morning feeling like I have jest been cut off the bolt. You see I'm all muscle and a heap of it, but poor Miss Dobbs has to lift two hundred pounds out of bed every day before she can tell how she feels. But she enjoyed the trip mighty."

"Tell me all about it," said Miss Selina Lue, as she sat down on her favorite place on the steps, with a cautious eye looking out for possible invasion. "Did you have a good time?"

"Yes, indeed, we did," answered Miss Selina Lue happily. "And I'm a looking fer results in Mr. Dobbs too. Course that kind of meeting was sorter confusing to me, as was raised under the quiet of the Twin Creek Circuit religion. The drum and the horn and the tammerine, with the rocking and the boat seemed a mite queer. But if it suits some folks to go marching along the narrow road to the tune of a brass band, why others can follow their salvation quieter by a pipe organ. It's the right direction and the keeping going that counts, to my mind. Salvation Army is a good name fer them devoted people, and I don't hold it agin them that they sung hymns to some dance-sounding tunes."

"You are not one bit strait-laced, Miss Selina Lue," said Miss Cynthia with an appreciative smile.

"Dearie me, child, they's a lot of trails ter Heaven, I say. But who do you think we saw up on the river road a-horseback? You had to hurry home so yesterday after I got back that I didn't git er chaner ter tell you. It was that sweet child, Miss Evelyn. She jumped over her horse, and the hired man in top-boots, what was riding behind her to keep care, held him while she come a-running over to where we set on the bank waiting fer the down boat. She were jest so glad to see us and made us all sit to home, with laughing and joking with Bennie and Ethel Maud. We all had a good time fer most a hour. She let Bennie ride her horse with Ethel Maud on in front of the man. And Mary Ellen was tickled plumb to death with her."

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Honey, she jest downright deserves to be your friend; she is so nice and sochul. It's a mighty good thing it pass one friend on to another and I thank you right here fer passing this child ter me, and I'm going to bolt her to me tender."

"Well, I know it gave her the great est pleasure to see you. I wish I had been there."

"We all wished fer you and we told her all the news about you. Then we told her about Mr. Alan and the picnics parties fer her. I thought about making up some buckets of lemonade and having some of Miss Kinney's apples-pees. Won't you be glad to see her?" Miss Selina Lue's delight was something wonderful to behold as she unfolded her plan to the paralyzed young woman beside her.

"What did she say?" Miss Cynthia at last managed to ask.

"She said she would be delighted to come and she was sure you would be glad to have her. And, Miss Cynthia, what do you think? She knows Mr. Alan—got 'gainted with him, some-where last winter. Now won't he be pleased to meet a old friend? Maybe she'll invite him to a party over to her house. I am so afraid he gets lonely sometimes with jest us."

"I am sure she will be—kind to him," answered Miss Cynthia with great self-control. Evelyn's merciless badinage already sounded in her ears. Why, oh why, had she withheld that information about the lair of the lion on the morning of Friday the thirteenth?

"I know she will too," Miss Selina Lue broke in on her criticisms of herself, "cause we all give him sich a good name. Mr. Dobbs was some mortified at first and got red and couldn't hardly answer when spoke to, but he forgot himself when we was a-talking about Mr. Alan and he told her how high thought of her in among the men up here, always ready to sit by the front door and smoke a pipe with them on an evening. He would if he was to run for sheriff he would git the Bluff votes to a man, and he would too!"

"Then what did she say?" Miss Cynthia was feverishly eager to get at the attitude of her friend on the discovery of the whereabouts of the hunted one.

"Well, let's see. Oh, she asked if you saw him much and I told her, yes, indeed, I had left you home with him to tend the store and mind the babies. She said she was real pleased 'cause she was sure you enjoyed each other's company—Whatever is the matter, honey?" Miss Selina Lue's exclamation of solicitude was caused by an expression of consternation on Miss Cynthia's face which was in turn caused by the sight of the artist coming from around the corner of the barn. Miss Selina Lue was unconsciously of his approach; so if Miss Cynthia acted, she must act quickly. Grasping the bow at the back of her waist, she gasped "A pin!" and vanished toward the rear of the grocery.

"In my cushion, child," called Miss Selina Lue, who thought a catastrophe threatened, and she turned to speak to Mr. Dobbs, who was coming up the street with a tin bucket in his hand, evidently in quest of some sort of provender. His errand attended to, Miss Selina Lue started back to the aid of Miss Cynthia, when she was arrested by Mr. Alan's remark that he had thought he had seen some one sitting on the steps with her. Miss Selina Lue's sense of propriety forbade any mention of Miss Cynthia and the pin, so she seated herself on the steps to await that lady's reappearance.

"Was you sick last night?" she inquired, interestedly, ignoring his remark. "I seen your light burning pretty late and I hunted up the pepper-mint and camphire bottles before I went to bed, for I kinder looked fer you to be took down with a spell of colic. Seems as if raw potatoes might swell in the stomik. I am sorry Miss Cynthia's cooking didn't turn out better, but of course she meant fer the best. Cooking don't always come to a woman young in life; it has to be sorter lived by experience." Miss Selina Lue spoke in an ordinary tone of voice, for she was under the impression that Miss Cynthia had retired to the little bedroom, and she could see that the door was shut. In reality the culprit was seated on a box of can behind the molasses barrel, well within range of the conversation.

"Why, Miss Selina Lue, I thought it was an uncommonly fine dinner. I am sure it was sweet of 'em to bother about me at all," answered the victim loyally. Miss Cynthia's heart gave a funny little start and then glowed in an inexplicable way; she had expected something different from him, perhaps. The situation was one that might have been treated humorously.

"Mr. Alan, I am afraid it was Miss Cynthia who was tasting instead of the dinner, 'cause the looks of what was in the dish and hid away in the frying-pan under the stove was enough fer me. Bless her heart! I don't guess there was any dog handy you could have throwed it to, so you had to eat it up to save her feelings."

"Well, my feelings were those of gratitude, I can assure you, Miss Selina Lue, and if you ever want to go away again, just leave the babies and me in the same hands; we like them, those hands."

"That's just like your good feelings, Mr. Alan. We was a-telling Miss Evelyn Branch about how you was friendly to every man, woman, child, dog and baby on the Bluff. Miss Dobbs was special about your kindness in all Miss Ethel Maud's accidents. She do feel your interest so."

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AFRO-AMERICAN CULLINGS

Some weeks ago a learned clergyman (white) delivered the bacchaurate sermon at the commencement exercises of a negro college. We asked several of those present how they liked it. The majority agreed that it was the greatest sermon they had ever heard. Among them was an untutored office—a man who is in the habit of looking for the other side. This man argued that if the clergyman were to get up before his own audience and say one third of the good things for the negro that he said to the negro, he would have done ten times more good than he did do. One remark reported to have been made by the clergyman attracted my attention especially. He is reported to have said that according to history the negro has not yet done anything but that under God he is destined to do great things perhaps. Now we have nothing to say about the latter part of this statement not being an expert in theological prevision. But as to the former statement of the effect that the negro has done nothing—why that's another story; and on that proposition we're on solid ground—ground that is enveloped, we confess, in fog and mist—but the ground is there. It is so common for orators and writers to dwell on the assertion that its correctness has come to be accepted not only by the orators and writers, but by the negroes themselves. Let us see, who, think you, was the real inventor and founder of our elaborate system of religious worship? If we were to quote from a negro asserting that he (the negro) was the founder, you would probably discount the testimony by about 95 per cent. But suppose we summon a white witness to testify on this point—a witness whose testimony has never been successfully impeached!

In 1802, a French philosopher published a book called "The Ruins of Empires." In it he recounts his explorations, his travels, his investigations among the ruins of cities and empires that flourished, declined and disappeared a thousand years before the birth of Greece and Rome. The author (Volney) of "The Ruins of Empires" in describing the ancient kingdom of Euphratia and the ruins of Thebes, her opulent metropolis, says: "There a people, now forgotten, discovered while others were yet barbarians, the elements of the arts and sciences. A race of men, now rejected from society for their sable skin and frizzled hair, founded on the study of the law of nature, those civil and religious systems which still govern the universe." A statement like the foregoing would naturally draw fire from a thousand hostile critics, and when they found that it could not be disproved, the proper course would be to ignore it, and let it fall into oblivion. That's what happened with reference to the foregoing quotation. For in the publisher's preface we read: "A voluminous note in which standard authorities are cited, seems to prove that this statement is substantially correct, and that we are in reality indebted to the ancient Ethiopians to the fervid imagination of the persecuted and despised negro, for the various religious systems now so highly revered by the different branches of the Semitic and Aryan races. This fact may perhaps solve the question as to the origin of all religions and may even suggest a solution to the fat nose, thick lips, and Nero features of the Egyptian Sphinx." It may also confirm the statement of Dioderus, that the Ethiopians conceive themselves as the inventor of divine worship, of festivals, of solemn assemblies, of sacrifices and of every other religious practices.

"That an imaginative and superstitious race and founded in the dim obscurity of past ages, a system of religious beliefs that still engrafts the minds and clouds the intellects of the leading representatives of modern theology—that still clings to the thoughts and tinges with potential influence the literature and faith of the civilized and cultured nations of Europe and America, is indeed a strange illustration of the mad caprice of destiny of the insignificant and apparently trivial causes that oft produce the most grave and momentous results."

From the foregoing the student of psychology can readily understand why the negro is more enthusiastic about some religious doings than is any one else. And the reader who is still in doubt as to the correctness of these statements may consult Draper's "International Development of Europe" and learn that in spite of the rantings of demagogues, the greater part of the civilized world in matters religious, is still under African domination.

Ethiopia has already stretched forth her hands, and like the Niobe of Nations they may be empty now, but there was a time when they were filled with blessings for the world.

It's all right to say that the negro has done nothing—say it and let it go at that. It sounds well in sermon and speech. But remember there are always some minds that look for the other side—some blind Sampson feeling for the pillars of authority.—Old Hickory in Dallas Express.

What is going to become of the hundreds and hundreds of young women and men who are graduating for our many colored colleges, and the exceptional few who are graduating from our mixed schools? Father, and mother, are you making any preparation, are you putting forth any effort to employ your boy and girl? Are you helping to support any worthy cause that's being fostered, or any concern that's in operation, for the temporal salvation of the race? Are you a rooter of race enterprises or a knocker to them?—Savannah Outlook.

Not very long ago President Taft, in a speech, defended the integrity and usefulness of the Jews of this country. His glowing tribute to their worth will ever live in the minds of those who believe that race prejudice is contrary to reason and equity. His speech on this occasion certainly showed that he had the moral courage to speak what he thought. Now, occasion comes for him not to speak, but to act, and when it is brought to his attention that Col. Joseph Garrard, commanding the cavalry post at Fort Meyer, disapproved Private Frank Bloom's effort for promotion because of Bloom's parentage, he immediately directs the secretary of war to investigate the matter. The colored man's indorsement was Jews were not "desirable social associates." There being no regulation in the army to prevent an officer from expressing his opinion as to the fitness of a candidate to be advanced from the ranks, Colonel Garrard escaped court-martial; but not a stinging rebuke and a warning not to repeat the endorsement. For nearly 6,000 years the Jews have been in the limelight and it may well be said they are God's chosen people. Success seems to attend their pathway, and we never see a Jew drunkard or beggar. They are not inmates of our almshouses and workhouses, but are our most progressive citizens. It is a mistaken idea that the Jews are all merchants; for among the world's list of great soldiers, authors, musicians, painters and philosophers, are many names of persons of this race. In this case the merits of the applicant should have been considered aside from his race, and endorsement made in accord with his service. Our sympathy goes out to the Jew, because "a fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind," and what he has done we can do. So when we add money, character, intelligence and industry to our stock in trade, we will have friends to come to our assistance. That's the way the Jew solved his problem.—Richmond Reformer.

During the summer some latitude should be shown servants in all vocations of life, especially those in the menial walks of life. There are some rights that servants have that should be respected. They should be shown some attention and kindness while at work. Reasonable hours should be prescribed for them to work, and the same for pleasure and recreation. Domestic servants in many instances are diminishing because of the painfully long hours they have to work and the poor salary attached. Reports are often heard from all parts of the country of the scarcity of unskilled labor, due largely to the fact that such labor is overworked. The housekeepers should be more lenient with their servants by giving them a reasonable amount of time for recreation and pleasure, and above all to treat them with kindness.—Illinois Chronicle.

Thus far, there have been seven colored ministers to Haiti, namely: Rev. E. D. Bassett of Pennsylvania; John M. Langston of Virginia; John E. W. Thompson of New York; Frederick Douglass of New York and the District of Columbia; John S. Durham of Pennsylvania; W. F. Powell of New Jersey, and Henry W. Furness of Indiana. George W. Williams of Ohio was nominated several years ago for the place, but failed of confirmation. During Cleveland's second term, Henry S. Smythe, a white man, served as minister to Haiti. All have been men of high character, brilliant attainments and impressive personality.

A careful estimate indicates that since the foundation of Tuskegee institute, two years of training have been given to approximately 9,000 persons. The average length of time that these 9,000 persons have been out is fourteen years, during which time their estimated earnings have been \$88,200,000. If they had not received an industrial training, they would have earned during the fourteen years only \$12,600,000. That is, by receiving an industrial training, they have been able to earn \$75,600,000 more than they would have earned had they not received this training.—Southern Letter.

The negro press of the country has lost one of its ablest exponents in the death of Editor William Bearden, managing editor of the Galveston New Age, which occurred at the family home in Galveston, Tex. Editor Bearden was a vigorous and enterprising writer, an able and fearless advocate, and one of the most highly esteemed and courageous members that the negro race has had in a generation. Peace to his ashes.

Whether on land or sea or in thin air, the colored man and brother in comparison with his fellows of whatever race or clime has long ago decided to make a showing. In this connection it is right in place to announce that Henry Flanagan, 315 Mayflower street, Fort Worth, Tex., has invented an airship which in many respects outclasses all previous efforts at the sport of traveling on the wings of the wind.—Western Star.

Warm weather has come and found many without jobs, who are not anxious to get jobs. I want to say, you seek employment somewhere. Vagrancy is the manufacturer of evils. We negroes must "be up and doing"; we are yet to make the mark.

The white man says we are lazy, that we will not work, but that's all a mistake. You will not find nine out of ten negroes who are busy daily at some employment. He has to work. Vagrancy is not practiced extensively among us.—Palestine Plaindealer.

MORE MONEY FOR COLORED SCHOOL

Normal, Agricultural and Mechanical College in Nashville May Get Sum.

PEABODY'S DISTRIBUTION

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL BE TENNESSEE INSTITUTION'S SHARE.

Nashville, Tenn.—(Special.)—If the division of the Peabody fund is made according to the plan that was announced several weeks ago, and if a proportionate share according to the negro's population is made to the deserving youth, more than \$100,000 will be set aside for the normal, agricultural and mechanical college that is located in this city. It has been found, after some investigation, that the money for the Peabody Normal school, such as has been used from time to time for that school, where only whites attend, should have been divided in proportion to the population wherever the schools were separate, between the negroes and whites, but since there was no distinctly negro school until recently, it is supposed that this accounts for the failure to divide the fund. A despatch recently appeared in the Memphis Scimitar to the effect that an agreement had been reached and that when a division of the fund, which was being bequeathed to the "deserving youth of the south," is made so that the proposed Peabody Normal might not encounter any breakers in the future, something over \$100,000 would be given to the negroes.

The discussion of this Peabody fund continually through the papers has brought to light the notable Slater fund, which is another evidence of the philanthropic spirit shown by true Americans, who look to the future of the youth of the sunny south. It could not be learned whether the three men of the faculty of the school were giving any attention to these reported rumors concerning the division of the fund, but it was supposed that the superintendent of the state board would look well into the securing of whatever moneys that belonged to the school, all of which could be used to a great advantage in the coming educational effort. With the already one hundred and fifty thousand added to the one hundred thousand or more that would come from the Peabody fund and the few thousand of dollars that is due from the Morrill fund, the agricultural, normal and mechanical school for negroes will have over \$300,000 to begin its career and to take its place among the educational institutions of Tennessee. This is a sufficient amount to put the young institution at the head of its class in so far as equipment of buildings is concerned. No school in Tennessee will have more backing and there are but few agricultural institutions in the south that have more land already in their possession, and none with a better location than the site already selected. The administration building is by actual ten feet that occupied by the state capitol. When the buildings are erected, they will like the capitol of Tennessee, be the only buildings to be seen from every point in Nashville.

HOUSEHOLD SNAKES

GIBOIAS ARE USED AS DOMESTIC RAT CATCHERS IN BRAZIL.

In certain parts of Brazil, where the climate is intensely hot and where rats are a great nuisance, the common cat does not thrive, but is replaced by a domestic rat catcher whose presence causes a decidedly unpleasant sensation to visitors from the north when first they come in contact with the creature.

Giboiás are a species of small boa constrictor employed very generally in Brazil for the purpose above mentioned. They are not at all venomous. They sleep in the house, generally taking up their position at the foot of the stairs. When nightfall approaches they begin to wake up, and during the night they slide swiftly about the premises, looking for rats.

Giboiás are offered for sale in the markets of Bahia and Pernambuco for prices ranging \$1 to \$5, according to the size of the creature. It is said that they are so easily domesticated that if removed from one house to another they invariably return to the house whence they have been taken. Often when one is bargaining with a broker for the sale or lease of a residence in certain parts of Brazil the broker will expatiate with great eloquence upon the virtues and skill of the giboiá that goes with it.—Harper's Weekly.

ONLY HIS PAST LIFE TAINTED.

"But why does your father object to me?" demanded the humble suitor. "Because," explained the haughty beauty of proud lineage, "papa says his ancestors have always been gentlemen of leisure, and you have to work for a living."

"Well, tell him I don't expect to after we are married," replied the humble suitor.

DIDN'T DARE.

Doctor—The increasing deafness of your wife is merely an indication of advancing years, and you can tell her that.

Husband—Hum! would you mind telling her that yourself, doctor?

EXPLAINED.

Phrenologist—Dear me, your bump of destructiveness is very large. Are you a soldier?

Customer—No; I'm a chauffeur!

HIGH COURT RULING

Decision Affecting Mulct Saloon Petitions is Rendered

MANY CITIES ARE INTERESTED

No Decision of the Supreme Court Has Been So Widesweeping in Its Effect on Temperance Legislation.

Des Moines, July 7.—Withdrawals from withdrawals of signatures to mulct saloon petitions of consent are invalid, according to a decision of the Iowa supreme court.

The decision of the high court will knock out the consent petitions in Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Oskaloosa, Waterloo, Boone and Valley Junction, according to Superintendent W. C. Barber of the Iowa Antislavery league. The decision of the supreme court was made on the legal sufficiency of the consent petition for Wineshiek county. The league contested the validity of the petition on the ground that the withdrawals from withdrawals were invalid. The county board of supervisors held that the second withdrawals were valid, but were reversed by the district court. The liquor men appealed to the supreme court, which has now affirmed the decision of the lower. A man may change his mind once but not twice, according to the high court ruling.

No decision of the supreme court has been so widesweeping in its effect nor so effective for temperance legislation, says Superintendent Barber. "It will knock out the Des Moines saloon petition," said Superintendent Barber this morning, "and those in other cities where withdrawals from withdrawals have been accepted as valid."

The court in its opinion says: "It is also claimed in this connection that the withdrawals from withdrawals had the effect of reinstating the names upon the original statements of consent. The case last cited disposes of this proposition as we understand it. It was held that no names can be added to the statement of consent after it is filed."

TO CLOSE INSURANCE DEAL

Men in City to Complete Negotiations for Merger of Atlas With Western & Southern.

Des Moines, July 7.—Colonel George A. Murphy, Joseph McNeil and W. S. Thompson, managers of the Western and Southern Fire Insurance company of Oklahoma, are in the city today for the purpose of closing the merger with the Atlas Fire Insurance company of Des Moines. The merger will be effected this week and all details will be closed before Saturday.

Board of Mine Inspectors.

Des Moines, July 7.—Governor Carroll announced the appointment of a state board of mine inspectors to succeed the board wiped out by the Clarkson mining law which became effective July 4th. They are Edward Sweetser of Des Moines, John Jeffries of Albia, and Rhys T. Rhys of Ottumwa.

Lumber Mill is Burned.

Keokuk, July 7.—The Tabor Lumber company saw mill was burned to the ground with a loss of \$100,000, insurance \$53,000. A number of men on the second floor had hard work to escape. Over 100,000 feet of lumber was burned.

Grasshoppers Worrying Farmers.

Tionka, July 7.—Grasshoppers are putting in their appearance in great numbers and the effects of their depredations are plainly noticeable and now the farmers are worrying for fear they will get into the corn fields.

Mail Pouch in Lake.

Hampton, July 7.—A mail pouch has been dragged from Beed's lake by a party of fishermen and identified as the one stolen last November from an Iowa Central train near here. The valuable letters had been removed.

Iowa Cityan Heat Victim.

Iowa City, July 7.—George H. Kenyon, aged 85 years, died here yesterday as the result of heat prostration which he suffered several days ago. Two more prostrations were reported during the day.

Coal Fire \$10,000.

Oskaloosa, July 7.—The Eveland Coal company had a \$10,000 loss by fire last night when the top works and powder plant were burned.

Couple Married 75 Years.

Storm Lake, July 7.—Mr. and Mrs. August Gregg living near this city, celebrated their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary here yesterday. The long married couple are still in vigorous health. Both of the old people are natives of Germany and are each 94 years old.

\$5,000 Fire at Clear Lake.

Mason City, July 7.—Bly Brothers manatorium at Clear Lake burned with all its contents. The loss is \$5,000.

Keeps Drowning Secret.

Eldora, July 7.—For fear he would be blamed James Riles, 10, after seeing Cecil Smith, 14, drown in the Iowa river here Monday

