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## CITY NEWS

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

Mrs. Emma Harris is improving.

Boys wagons—Dawson's Hardware.

Our sincere wish is a happy New Year to all of our subscribers and friends.

Mrs. Fred Jones and children spent Xmas in Bethany, Mo., with her parents.

Mr. S. Rickett of Gallatin, Mo., is in our city spending a few days with his brother, Clay Lewis.

The best New Year's present that is now on the market at a reduction is the Bystander, \$1 for one year.

Blair and Poel  
239 West Third street  
Luther H. S. Brown, Prop.

Little Mae Stanton is spending the holidays with her auntie and grand mother at Brookfield, Mo.

Miss Stella Stanton is spending this week in Boone, Iowa, the guest of Miss Cecile Parker.

The annual ball given last Wednesday by the Masonic Lodge boys was well attended and an enjoyable time reported.

Mrs. Katie Hutchinson of Ourlabor passed through our city last Saturday enroute to Chicago where she intends to spend several weeks visiting her sister and other friends.

Miss Georgia Blackburn one of our teachers who is teaching in Buxton arrived in our city last week to spend the holidays visiting with her parents and sister.

Miss Lillian Neal spent Xmas in Des Moines, Iowa, visiting her parents on the farm. Mr. H. C. Brown accompanied her down. They returned Wednesday reporting a very pleasant visit.

The Bystander twelve months for \$1.

Miss Mary Jenkins were united in marriage to Mr. E. M. Buckner last Saturday at the residence of Rev. Le Roy Woolrich, who very impressively tied the faded knot, which made the happy couple man and wife. They are both known in our city and will make their home at 1302 Park St.

Skates! Skates! Dawson's.

Jessie Graves, a former Des Moines boy who has been spending several months working in Chicago, came over to spend the holidays visiting with old friends and renewing acquaintances. Jessie likes old Des Moines.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds were greatly shocked last Sunday morning to learn that they had the misfortune to lose practically all their household effects in a fire of unknown origin at their home 1641 East Walker street, last Saturday night.

Sidewalk Scrapers—Dawson's.

The Des Moines delegation to the Inter-State Literary association left Tuesday night for the 21st annual session, which convenes at Wichita, Kansas, Wednesday evening. Those who will appear on the program are: President S. Joe Brown and wife; Mrs. E. R. Hall, Mrs. Chas. Turner, Miss Vivian Warwick and Miss Nellie Lettridge. The other delegates are Mrs. E. B. Ellington, Mr. H. Gould, Mr. E. R. Hall, W. P. Warricks and Miss Lona Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Dixon and son Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Price Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jackson left on the early train Christmas morning for Indianapolis, Iowa, to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flummer. Their daughter Marie who is attending Willberforce College, also came to spend the Xmas at the parental home. The event will long be remembered as they were royally entertained.

Snow Shoes—Dawson's Hardware.

WONDERFUL RESULTS ON SHORT NOTICE

I have used your Pomade. Its the best thing I ever used for making curly hair lie smooth. I have not finished my first bottle, but can see wonderful results, writes Mrs. Louise E. Hayes of Pineville, S. C.

Try Ford's Hair Pomade for harsh, stubborn and unruly hair and Ford's Royal White Skin Lotion for the complexion. Ask your druggist for them. Be sure and get the genuine (Ford's) manufactured by the Ozonite Oil Marrow Company, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. F. Durden has accepted the pastorate of a large Baptist church in Topeka, Kans., the one Rev. Mendenhall of Buxton resigned from. He left at once for his new field.

Dr. A. J. Becker, who was taken ill was taken to the Methodist Hospital for an operation where he is improving as fast as can be expected.

Mr. John D. Midgett, a young man living at 1013 Crocker street, the home of his mother, died Thursday morning at 9:30. He was only 23 years old. His body will be taken to Chillicothe, Mo., for interment.

The Mother's Congress will meet next Saturday, Jan. 6th at the Y. C. M. C. A. at 2 o'clock. An interesting program is being arranged to which all married women and mothers of the city are invited to be present.

Money Saved—Dawson's Hardware.

Mesdames Frank Johnson and S. Joe Brown representatives of the Intellectual Improvement club which recently gave the dinner for the benefit of the association were present and Mrs. Johnson, in a very fitting address presented the association with the sum of \$20.00 the net proceeds from said dinner for which sum the association is indeed very grateful. On next Sunday the address will be by Dr. E. A. Lee, our efficient Dentist who will give some helpful suggestions in Oral Hygiene. All men and boys are cordially invited.

The Christmas exercises at Carney last Saturday was good Mrs. Madden the Superintendent managed things nicely. The church was handsomely decorated. Rev. P. S. Ervin of Des Moines, was present and he preached Sunday, and on Monday night the Baptist held their Christmas tree at Orelabor, only about one mile from Carney and a splendid time reported and many useful and valuable presents was given the children. Rev. White their minister made a splendid address. Rev. Child's is Superintendent the Union Labor organization made a donation of \$25 to the two churches.

Corinthian Church Notes  
Sunday December 31st, 10:30 a. m. pastor's subject, "Weal or Woe, Which?" 12 m. Sunday School, 7 p. m. B. Y. P. U., 8 p. m. subject, Balancing Accounts. Watch meeting at close of sermon.  
T. L. Griffith, Pastor.

Y. C. M. C. A. NOTES.  
Mr. D. G. Patterson, who has for several years past been employed by H. S. Chase & Co., the largest grocery firm in the city, gave a splendid address at the Men's Meeting Sunday afternoon on the "Negro in the Commercial World" which was well received by all who heard it.

Sleds, Cheapest—Dawson's Hd'ware.

The Savoy Cafe  
304 W. GRAND AVE.  
First Class Restaurant. Meals and Lunchees served at all hours Home cooking. You are invited to give us a call.  
Charles Townsend, Prop. Des Moines, Ia.

REVIEW OF SPECIAL EDITIONS.  
The month of December brings forth more special holiday editions of the different newspapers than any other time, for two great reasons: First, this season is the easiest time to get advertising, hence it is a financial gain. Second, it is the winding up of the year and everybody looks for something new or different from the ordinary. This year we have received many congratulations upon the special edition that the Bystander got out and here I must pause long enough to just mention one of our enthusiastic supporters, who lives in Keokuk, Iowa. He sent a very nice letter stating that he admired our struggle to produce such a good paper that he enclosed a one dollar bill and said "Smoke on me," and signed his name. Bill, we were greatly elated and encouraged by such expressions at that. We sus-

pect that that man had some experience in newspaper work and knows what the real needs are with colored newspapers.

Well, the first newspaper that came to our office dressed up in its Silver Anniversary was the St. Paul Appeal. It is far the finest edition that came to our office. In it were cuts of some of the homes of St. Paul and Minneapolis people. Indeed they are beautiful homes. For 25 years that old and brainy man, John Quincy Adams, has appealed to the people in the north-west through the Appeal and for more than 50 years he has been in the newspaper business, starting in Louisville, Ky. He is a splendid type of the Afro-American citizen and he got out a splendid Silver Jubilee number, a credit to any race. The Dallas Express came to us with a 20-page holiday number with 5 pages of advertising besides hundreds of inches of other advertisements illustrated with cuts and write ups of leading colored people of the lone star state. The Detroit Leader came out clothed in colored paper with Santa Claus in colors, making a beautiful effect—eight pages. The Indianapolis Freeman gives us a 20 page holiday issue, illustrated with cuts of our leading theatrical and stage people neatly arranged. They ought to have had more of our men in other lines than theatrical lines. The New York Age gives us a 20 page issue very beautifully illustrated with our race men in all lines. A fine issue indeed. Our next attraction was the New York Amsterdam News of New York with her 20 page illustrated holiday edition. A good edition. The Los Angeles Eagle has a beautiful magazine from paper well gotten up. We congratulate you boys.

THE MOON LAW.  
The law which forbids joint ownership of saloons no doubt was enacted for the purpose of suppressing the saloons. But it falls short of accomplishing the aim of its supporters, in that it opens up another avenue to cause men seek to evade the law. What difference does it make if a saloon is owned jointly or by a single individual? so long as they are legalized by law. In commercial law; silent partnership is recognized as being a legal method of doing business. It is obvious that this method may be used, which would defeat the purpose of this law. The question of how many men are joint owners of a single saloon is not an important one, but rather the number of saloons in operation in any community.

THE FERGUSON CASE.  
On last Tuesday morning about two o'clock a burglar call was turned in from the residence of Mr. L. Walters 1362 Walker street, Sergeant Breeding with officers, Badgley McMillen, Allen Dellinger went out to look up the matter. After tracking a man through the snow to the home of Grant Ferguson from this place Ferguson returned and told Mr. Walters that he had broke the window, that he was drunk at the time he did it. He was landed in jail on a charge of robbery. Ferguson is the colored man that saved two, out of a party of four white men that went over the dam at the foot of Center street three years ago. This reminds us of the cow that gave a rich pail of milk and then proceeded to kick it over.

ALBIA NEWS.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. Brown of Hocking was in Albia Sunday.  
Mrs. E. Jeffers came down from Des Moines Christmas morning to visit a few weeks in Albia and Hocking with her children.  
The neighbors and friends tendered a surprise on Mr. and Mrs. John Washington, Tuesday of this week.  
Mrs. Virginia Burns of her cousin Miss Burns of Hocking was in town shopping Saturday.  
Mr. Bert Allen went to Des Moines Thursday to spend Christmas.  
Mrs. Ellen Bristo returned to her home in Enterprise on Wednesday.  
Mrs. W. H. Hawkins has returned to Albia from Missouri.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robeson of Hocking was in Albia shopping today.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grayson and son, Ben, spent Xmas week in Albia.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lou Morris of Ogden have moved to Albia.  
A. M. E. Sunday school had their Christmas tree at the A. M. E. church on Christmas night. Song services on Sunday evening.

DAVENPORT NOTES.  
(Last week)  
The Stewards' day at Bethel A. M. E. church was as usual a success. The following persons add grace and dignity to the occasion.  
The pastor preached at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Divine Law."  
After an effective Albia league meeting in the evening, led by the vice president, Mrs. Nora Sheppard, the Stewardsness continued their program, devotionals being led by the president.  
Mrs. Matilda Neal and Mr. Preston Miller were quietly married at the groom's residence December 14th. Rev. Stovall performed the ceremony.  
The Christmas sale at Bethel A. M. E. church, given by the Willing Workers' P. E. committee, proved to be a grand affair both financially and socially.  
Quite a number of Davenporters attended the installation of King Solomon Lodge, No. 20, A. F. and A. M., in Rock Island, Monday evening, December 18th. This was a nation installation, and the officers of the five departments of the order were duly installed by P. G. M. Burris. Mr. John

Gorden, of Davenport; S. W. Mrs. Eva Gordon, of Davenport; Sec of the Court Rev. T. B. Stovall was among the guests of honor.

The Third Baptist church will have their Sunday school Christmas tree and exercises Saturday evening, December 23rd. They will also serve supper. Sunday will be rally day for the school. The Sunday school lesson will be reviewed by Miss Helen Rogers, Mrs. Fuqua, Mr. Hastings and others. The fair at the Third Baptist church last week cleared \$48.00 for the church fund.

Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school will give their Christmas exercises Monday evening, December 25th. The school and the parents of the children will be treated to a banquet at the conclusion of the program. No admission. Everybody is invited. The A. M. E. choir has been invited to sing at Elridge January 12th, 1912, on the occasion of the farmers' institute.

Rev. T. B. Stovall was called to Rock Island Wednesday afternoon to preach the funeral services of the late Mm. Taylor. Mrs. Clara Sheppard sang a solo, Face to Face.

Mrs. Sarah Bean, who is teaching in Crystal City, Mo., will be home to spend the holidays.  
Masters Lyman and Chas. Sheppard will spend the holidays with their parents in Kansas.  
Mrs. Wm. O'Neal will spend the holidays in Evanston, Ill.

The fuel and light committee of the A. M. E. church is arranging to have a book trial the latter part of January.

Special to Bystander.  
Obituary of Mrs. Sidney A. Campbell.  
In the sudden demise of Mrs. Sidney A. Campbell, of Washington, Ia., the citizens have lost a worthy member of society, a woman whose qualities had endeared her to all who knew her. She was an example to the community in which she lived, a faithful wife, a noble mother and a Christian.

Below is a poem written by her sister:  
Dear Savior, I am weary and my life is incomplete,  
But I bring the tangle moths and lay them at thy feet.  
Thought unravel all the tangle and straighten out each thread,  
And what I've failed in weaving thou wilt make a perfect web;  
Thou knowest I intended to make by life complete,  
But heavy grow my hands and heart, and weary grow my feet.  
Still I'm trusting in thy merits and thy words so true and sweet,  
Thou'lt accept this willing spirit although the flesh is weak.

Dear Savior, I will trust thee, for thy weary feet have trod  
The rough and thorny pathway which leads me up to God,  
And by thy precious life and death I'm freed from every sin,  
I'm only waiting now to hear thy welcome call come in;  
And on the cold and dreary November, her precious spirit fled,  
All the trees were bare and leafless, all the flowers were dead.

Left our sad hearts oh, so lonely on life's wintry shore,  
For a home among the angels left us evermore;  
Folded up her tired fingers, closed her weary eyes,  
Laid her down in wakeful slumber, awake in paradise.  
MRS. M. DAVIS.

AN IDEAL POLICEMAN  
By J. G. Dellinger.  
In this enlightened age, society is demanding honest, intelligent and trustworthy men for guardians of the peace and welfare of the community. The grafters and ward-healing politicians are fast losing their hold on these important positions, which they should never have been allowed to control in the first place. Chicago, with a police force of nearly 6,000 men, has been aroused to the fact that this class of men have no place

in this important body of men. I hope the reader will not consider me a pessimist in expressing my views along this line. I think that a higher conception should be placed upon the duties of a policeman than has been done in former times. There are three things that an officer should know how to do, and do well (viz.): Inform the ignorant, protect the defenseless and restrain the vicious. The term ignorant in this case does not mean that the masses of the people are unlettered, but in many instances people commit some minor offense because of a lack of legal knowledge. Hence a policeman should be able to instruct them along these lines. To protect the defenseless, an officer should throw a safeguard around those members of society who are unable to defend themselves. To restrain the vicious, he should be ready at all times to invoke the strong arm of the law to bring into subjection those who willfully and knowingly break the rules governing organized society. An officer should be fearless, intelligent and sympathetic. He should be brave in order that he may discharge his duty at a reasonable amount of personal risk. Intelligent that he may impart a reasonable amount of information to the inquiring public. Sympathetic that he may be able to reach humanity in every station in life. One thing that an officer has to continually guard against, is a collusion between himself and the criminal element of society. This may arise from the use of a stoolpigeon, or other cause which I shall not mention. The reader may ask what is a stoolpigeon? He belongs to that class of petty criminals that is looking for an occasional immunity bath from the police, and is willing to give any information he has regarding a desperate criminal when called upon to do so. Sometimes he is of invaluable service in this capacity, and I shall leave this matter to the reader to judge the necessity of his services. Last, but not least, a policeman's personal appearance has much to do with the position he holds. A slouchy, unkempt man in uniform makes a bad impression on the minds of the people with whom he comes in contact. But a man that is neat in appearance will lend dignity to the position which he holds as a guardian of the peace.

COLEMAN NOTES.  
Rev. James Bowles has resigned as pastor of Bethel Baptist church to take effect, Jan. 1st. We regret very much to lose the Rev. and his estimable wife who have been instrumental in doing much good for our community. They will take change to Ft. Madison Baptist church. Mr. J. J. Beasley is a victim of tonsillitis this week.  
Messrs. S. A. Spencer and Christmas were Capital City visitors Christmas day.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dean entertained a number of their friends in a delightful but informal manner Xmas day. A most enjoyable time was had by all present.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ashford entertained the following persons in a most delightful manner Christmas day. Rev. and Mrs. James Bowles and their guest, Mrs. Jas. Battles of Enterprise and Miss Bettie Berkeley of Hiteman.

BURLINGTON, IOWA.  
Christmas day was marked this year by delightful weather. The breaking of the day reminded one of one more approaching spring.  
Mrs. L. Washington entertained with an elegant Christmas dinner, the turkey serving as the center piece. The usual good time was enjoyed by all.  
Mrs. James Brooks, of West Hill, also entertained with a dinner party.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Trent, of Washington street, had as their guest at dinner Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Tucker of Carthage, Ill., and Miss Bessie Earle.  
The Christmas draw box was the festival at the Union Baptist church

and afforded great pleasure for the youngsters.  
Miss Ida Palmer reports a delightful visit while in Chicago. She returned Saturday.  
Mrs. Jordan Earle left last week for Frankfort, Mo., accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Martha Spears of Minneapolis. They will spend Christmas with relatives.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. Saunders, of Des Moines, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Saunders mother and sisters, Mrs. V. Leslie and daughters.

KEOKUK NOTES.  
Miss Daisy Ware, our talented vocalist, of whom we feel proud, sang in Milwaukee last week. Messrs. Alden and Caldwell, former residents of this city, who now reside in Milwaukee, wrote home to friends that Miss Ware acquitted herself very creditably, gained much favor and received glowing compliments in the famous city.  
Mr. McKinley Brooks, of Quincy, Ill., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ethel Watkins.  
A large audience greeted Santa Claus at Bethel church last Saturday night. The work of the Sunday school is rapidly progressing, as was readily seen by the number of children and classes represented. Mr. Young, the superintendent, is a man who's heart is in the work. The program was arranged by Mrs. Lena Porter, who was ably assisted by Mrs. Anna Alden and Mrs. P. A. Jones. The children all deserve special mention for the eagerness they displayed in their endeavor to make the evening one of success. The Xmas tree was a thing of beauty in its artistic array of heavily laden gifts to be distributed among the happy recipients. While waiting for the approach of Santa Claus, Rev. Brewer explained in a brief way the growth of the Sunday school within the past few weeks.  
Mr. Aleck Morton feels very grateful to relatives in the south land who have presented him by express with a large Xmas cake. As Mr. Morton is a bachelor, all such gifts are doubly appreciated by him.  
Mr. Thomas Robins and sister, Miss Anna, of Hocking, Iowa, are in the city visiting their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Webster. Also Mr. Emery Burns, of Hocking, is in our city visiting friends.

The Xmas tree entertainment at Pilgrims Rest church last Monday night was one that reflects great credit upon the Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. J. E. Phillips, and her worthy assistants. The children all seemed drilled to perfection, and it was indeed a rare treat to see the little tots lead out in the songs with a spirit that few older people exhibit. Much time was consumed in the distributing of gifts, which were many that adorned the tree. An original composition upon the birth of Christ was read by Mrs. Jennie Freeman. At the conclusion of the exercises lunch was served and everybody seemed to have spent an enjoyable Xmas evening.  
Miss Verna H. Beamon is spending the holiday vacation at Ft. Madison as guest of the Misses Harper and Miss Maymie Lewis.  
The Xmas tree entertainment at Seventh Street church was last Monday night under supervision of Miss Imogene Wilson, who is a young girl in the public school. Too much credit cannot be given our young people when they take the lead in such work.  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Morgan, of Carthage, Ill., are the guests of Mrs. Sarah Holland, who entertained in their honor last Sunday night at luncheon. The invited guests were: Mrs. Lilla Pyles, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tobean and Rev. Wm. Brown.  
Mrs. Wm. Coleman entertained a club that constitutes four with her membership, last Saturday evening at her home. A bounteous repast was served in a very informal way, it being the occasion of the hostess' birthday. Each guest expressed themselves as regretting the awaiting of another twelve months before the

return of another similar occasion.  
Rev. Brewer preached a soul-stirring sermon last Sunday morning upon the birth of Christ. The young men's club had charge of the program in the evening. Mr. Wm. Martin, the energetic and wide awake president, that do things, is deserving of a few complimentary bouquets for the splendid array of local talent that was presented. Mr. B. L. Anderson, who must be classed with the men who is a natural born orator, held the large audience with one accord by his masterful eloquence. Mrs. Ethel Watkins, whose ability as an elocutionist is unquestioned, was at her best in recital. An original composition on Xmas was read by Mrs. Jennie Freeman. Between each number the sweet strains of the choir appealed to each heart. The topics of the review were very effectively discussed by Mr. Ralph Tobean. Then we were favored by having in our midst Mr. Clyde Glass, of Des Moines, whom we know of as the boy wonder, who rendered two beautiful instrumental selections, he being asked by request to respond to an encore. Mr. George Snoddy lifted the offering and surprised old acquaintances by his plausible fervent appeal. Wood sawing contest at Pilgrims Rest church next Thursday night. Miss Marie Jackson is one of the competitors.  
Mrs. Rosa Bowman, who's illness we noted a few weeks ago, is slowly improving, but as yet no change for better is noted in the condition of Mr. Ollie Walker and Mr. Benj. Harris.  
Rev. M. J. Burton, state Baptist missionary, is home with his family for the holidays.  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ware are comfortable settled in their new home, located at 13th and Morgan streets. The Grand Master, E. T. Banks of Des Moines, paid a visit to our city Tuesday evening, which was greatly appreciated. Mr. Banks has proved himself an efficient officer by producing laws which made all the boys sit up and take notice. After the business session refreshments were served. Mr. Banks was the guest of Wm. Gross while in the city.  
An annual society event which is looked forward to with much pleasure by many, and which is heartily enjoyed when the time does finally come, is the annual banquet and ball which was given Christmas night at Union Lodge hall by Union Lodge No. 1, A. F. and A. M. A large gathering participated in the event. A splendid program was read, after which dancing was indulged in. Refreshments was served by the committee. F. D. Fields and Mrs. Garnett, Tobean, and Johnson furnished music for the occasion.  
Mr. Wm. Dixon, who resides at 1627 Times street, entertained Mrs. Margaret Stewart and children of Chicago, who have been visiting at the home of her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Bruce, returned to her home one day last week accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Bruce, who will spend the holidays in that city.  
Mrs. F. D. Bland is visiting friends in Davenport during the holidays.

A SUCCESSFUL HOME GATHERING.  
Paris, Mo.  
Special to Bystander.  
The church, schools, secret societies and citizens celebrate the home coming and official visit of Mrs. Nevada H. Kinner, M. A. grand matron of The Heroines of Jerico of Missouri and its jurisdiction.  
PARIS, Mo., Dec. 16, 1911.  
For three days in succession the citizens of Paris were busily engaged in entertaining this executive head, distinguished visitor and educator.  
Tuesday night she was highly entertained by the Heroines of Jerico. She gave them valuable and wholesome instructions on the good of the order and predicted a bright future for the race.  
After partaking of a dainty repast, she was the recipient of several presents from Court and members as a token of sincerity and affection.  
Wednesday night the Royal House of the S. M. T. opened its doors to welcome and entertain this honored guest.  
She was intelligently introduced to the audience and spoke with power and feeling of the present conditions of the race and gave some valuable and hopeful remedies for its weakness and mistakes.  
After a general handshaking and banquetting, the entertainers adjourned only for recuperation and preparation for its final climax, and lifting of gates the following night.  
Thursday night a banquet was given at the beautiful decorated A. M. E. church by the citizens and schools.  
The visitor was escorted to the entrance by the Paris high school band. At this junction a grand program was rendered by citizens and guest. Music furnished by the high school choir. In this final gathering, Mrs. Kinner was strongly introduced to the citizens by Prin. Prof. T. B. Burris. She spoke intelligently and powerfully for forty-five minutes of the wonderful achievements of the race. She stated that the race was not half as painted and that it possessed exceptionally good qualities of character and culture. She urged that the race encourage the leaders and instructors in order that they may grow stronger and lift the higher to a more rapid rate of advancement.  
Several times during her lecture she was interrupted by applause.  
She encourages better care of health, more industry, less idleness, more economy and a general renewal of ideas and good thoughts, etc.  
This meeting was a pleasant one and ended well.  
Prof. T. B. Burris, chairman; G. A. Donaldson, instructor; band and choir; Miss Mabel Crump, organist; Rev. W. P. McAllister, pastor.  
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## HITCHED HIM UP HERSELF

Woman Had Made Only a Few Unimportant Mistakes in Harnessing the Horse.

Three men ran out and grasped the bridle of the excited horse. The horse, it might be said, was more scandalized and amazed than frightened. "Oh, what's the matter with him?" wailed the lady in the buggy. One of the men walked about the horse and inspected him.

"I guess," he said, dryly, "that if you turned the bridle around so the blinders wouldn't clap him under the chin, and took this trace from under his hind leg, and untwisted the breeching, he'd feel a little more comfortable." The lady glared at him.

"I hitched that horse up myself," she said; "it was just exactly the way they showed me." The man said nothing, but busied himself in straightening out the harness.

"I guess," he said, "I'd best take him out of the shafts. The breast collar's on backward, and the saddle ought to be pulled up a foot farther." The lady withered the good Samaritan with a glance.

"Is anything on right?" she inquired. The man considered. "Why, yes," he said; "the backing straps are all right. They were fastened to the shafts and you snap 'em on."

"I knew it was all right!" the lady said, "just some little unimportant things wrong. Thank you. Come up!" And the old horse trotted placidly away, the lady sitting very erect.

"Now—what—do—your—think—of— that?" inquired the helpful man, standing in the street and shading his eyes to look after the driver.

"The wonder is," said one of the less helpful, "that more people don't get killed. I've seen some fools get into an automobile and try to run it first pop. Often you see people who can't row get into a boat and sit backward in it to push on the oars."

"But the worst of all," a third man said, "is the fellow who tries to sail a boat before he knows one sail from another, or what they're used for." The helpful man sighed.

"Life's full of chances," he said. "Maybe that lady will get home all right." "Sure she will," another assured him. "A special providence watches over women who hitch up their own horses."—Galveston News.

**Boxing an Ancient Sport.**  
Although boxing and pugilism, occupying much attention at the present time, were popular in classic Greece, they seemed to have died out in the Middle Ages, and it was not until the end of the seventeenth century that we find references to boxing as a regular English sport. Boxing, as distinguished from pugilism, may be said to date from 1846, when the Amateur Athletic club was formed and the Queensberry rules drawn up. The boxing glove, however, has been invented about a century before by Broughton, the "father of English pugilism," who used them in his practice bouts. But you will remember that the boxing glove, as described by Virgil, was a terrible instrument of offense.

**The Occasion.**  
They had been having a little tiff. "Oh, of course," he said, wrathfully, "I'm always in the wrong."  
"Not always," said she, calmly. "Last week you admitted that you were in the wrong."  
"Well, what's that got to do with it?" he demanded.  
"Nothing, except that you were perfectly right when you admitted it," she replied.—Harper's Weekly.

# AFRO-AMERICAN COLLINGS

Editing a newspaper in some respects is a good deal like preaching. The gospel truth must be presented in the form of generalities or some fellow will get hit and howl, says a recent writer. Few persons like truth, even in homeopathic doses. If it hits them. But while preachers and editors are criticized for what they do say, no one thinks of giving them credit for what they do not say. Yet what they keep to themselves constitutes the major portion of what they know about people. Very many people harbor the belief that newspapers are eager to publish derogatory things. It's a mistake. There isn't a newspaper that could not spring a sensation in the community at any time by merely telling what it knows. There is not a newspaper that does not keep under the lock of secrecy scores of derogatory things which never meet the public ear.

Deciding what not to print is the most troublesome part of newspaper work. How many good stories are suppressed for innocent relatives and for the public good nobody outside of a newspaper office has any idea of. In some instances he who files into a passion because a newspaper prints something about him which he considers uncomplimentary has every reason to feel profoundly grateful to the newspaper for publishing so little of what it knows of him. And oftentimes the loudest bluffer is the most vulnerable to attack. A big noise isn't a device employed to cover trepidation. Newspapers put up with more bluffing than any other agency would endure. It is not because they lack courage; it is because they are unwilling to use their power to destroy or ruin unless the interests of society imperatively demand it. It might be well for some people to reflect upon these truths and in silent gratitude accept mild admonition, lest worse befall them.—Minneapolis Argus.

The editor of the Minneapolis Argus speaks boldly and truthfully when he states that the editor of a paper is not eager to publish "derogatory things." Each week, we could publish column after column of things we know on the big and little fellows, attacking their honesty and derogating acts. It's really a shame sometimes that the degrading actions of those in high places are not brought to light. But for the sake of one's family and other relations, the editor withholds such matter, taking the view that in the final analysis, it will do no good.

But let it be understood that while a newspaper man knows and learns much of an individual that is disgraceful; yet if he is a menace to society and the people of a community, there is no editor that lacks courage to denounce him.

It is, however, the duty of the editor to speak of all wrongs committed against society, yet he must be full of human sympathy, love of fair play and loyal to the highest ideals of American freedom and liberty.

The people of today have ceased to patronize the paper that thrives on scandal and lies, but are supporting those that are clean, decent and honorable. As the editor, so the newspaper.

As a result of the recent conference of governors relative to low price of cotton, which conference considered ways and means by which the farmer could get a better price for his staple, a plan has been arranged by which a loan of \$50,000,000 is to be made to the farmer at the rate of 25 per cent. He will be allowed to hold his cotton till the price reaches 12 cents and will be required to sell when it reaches 13 cents.

The plan looks good on paper and may benefit a large number of farmers. But it will fall to benefit the large number of farmers who belong to the credit merchants. When a farmer goes in in January and gives a mortgage on his crop and then buys all he can on credit against it, he will have to market his cotton in the fall just as fast as he can get it out—if not faster! He can't hold a thing. And the farmer who happens to come out with a surplus about once in ten years and then whirrs in and invests that surplus in chips and whetstones, \$250 mules, and \$50 saddles, rubber-tired backs, and shiny wagons, and then has to buy his provisions at credit prices. Such a man is bound to unload as soon as he gets out his cotton. He couldn't wait even if the millennium was just around the corner and signaling to him to hold on! This thing of trying to fix a better price for cotton when a large per cent of cotton raisers are hog-tied to some one else, is about on a level with the effort of Jack Cade and his followers to fix the price of bread when they were without any of the ingredients with which bread is made. And the plan to reduce the acreage will prove about as successful as that of two lovers who met at the home of their lady love. Neither could have full sway while the other was present and both came to the conclusion about the same time to return home. Each bade good night to her and proceeded on different streets to their respective homes.

One had not gone far before he decided to steal a march on the other one by quietly returning to the lady's home. When he got there he found that his rival had conceived the same plan and had put it over him by several minutes. As pointed out by the Dallas News some time ago, the only way to get the farmer in position to get a good price for his cotton is to get the farmer out of debt!

He can materially assist in this process by concentrating his smoke house and corn crib at home instead of having them scattered up in Kansas City and St. Louis.—Dallas Express.

A new administration in Hayti always has to face the troublesome question of its foreign debts. The debts are incurred, for the most part, by the destruction of the property of foreign residents by warring revolutionists, and money borrowed of foreigners by them to prosecute their revolutions. The successful party has to assume its own obligations as well as those of the parties which came and went before. The new president, Gen. Le Conte, has asked the Joint Mixed Commission for an extension of time for the payment of the claims piled up against his administration by his predecessors. The taxpayers of Hayti are to be pitied. They get practically nothing but revolution upon revolution for the money exacted of them. Their leading men appear to value their government only as a means to secure enough to live in Paris, or some other European capital, where life is gay and easy to those who have big names and bank accounts. Patriotism in Hayti seems to be confined to the poor, uneducated people, who have defended it in times past with a valor worthy of any people. How can they be protected from their educated soldiers and statesmen? They would like to know.

# MORE APPROPRIATIONS FOR INDIAN THAN NEGRO

President Thirkield Gives Figures in Howard University Report.

## THE NEGRO'S GREAT NEED

EDUCATOR SAYS COLORED MEN SHOULD BE TAUGHT SCIENTIFIC FARMING—85 PER CENT. OF RACE FOLLOW AGRICULTURE.

Washington, D. C.—Criticism of alleged discrimination toward Indians at the expense of colored citizens is made part of the annual report of Howard university, forwarded to the secretary of the interior by President Thirkield. He pointed out that for the 250,000 Indians in the United States the government last year spent \$1,430,000, while for the 10,000,000 colored persons only \$100,000 was appropriated.

"Yet colored teachers in the common and high schools," the report continues, "are expected to meet the requirements of the state authorities. To practice medicine the colored man is required to pass the same examination before state boards as the white physicians. So also in other professions and pursuits provision must be made for these 10,000,000 of our colored citizens, else it will mean the blind leading the blind and both falling into the ditch at great cost to society and the state."

In order to further emphasize the greater need of aid from the government, Doctor Thirkield, in his report says: "While the Rockefeller fund of a million dollars is available for the eradication of the hookworm disease, yet there is the negro race with tuberculosis, typhoid infection and other diseases wiping out tens of thousands and lowering the vitality and physical efficiency of a race."

"At the same time," he continues, "their condition is a positive menace to the white race, with which it is so closely bound up. It is a question of national interest. Here is a race, multitudes of whom are still the prey of the voodoo doctors and conjure men and given to patent nostrums. The pressing need is for the training of men for the instruction of the ignorant and superstitious, men with scientific knowledge and broad views of medicine, men who can put medical knowledge in simple form before the masses and through preventive medicine raise the vitality of a race that is being decimated by disease."

Doctor Thirkield adds that the great need of the colored men today is more practical study in matters of agriculture. Nearly 85 per cent. of the population of 10,000,000, he says, are engaged in agricultural pursuits. Yet there is not a single school for colored persons in the United States where agriculture is a specialty.

The report shows that 1,672 students attended the Howard university during last year, coming from 37 states and 11 foreign countries.

In describing the need for more dormitories he says: "There has been no increase in dormitory accommodations since the original buildings were erected, over forty years ago. Of the nearly 1,500 students in attendance, four-fifths of whom are men, only one in five can be accommodated in present dormitories."

"One of the pressing needs of the institution is an assembly hall large enough to at least seat the student body. The only assembly hall of the university, with 1,500 students, is the Rankin Memorial chapel, which was built especially for religious services, and seats only 600."

## GENERAL LYON SPEAKS OF LIBERIA

ADVISES INTENDING EMIGRANTS TO TAKE ALONG PLENTY OF MONEY.

Baltimore, Md.—Reed Paige Clark, the new receiver general from Liberia, was commissioned by the president in Washington. The following day he took the oath of office in this city before Dr. Ernest Lyon, consul general to this country for Liberia.

As a receiver general Mr. Clark will have charge of the collection of Liberian customs, which amounts to about \$300,000 a year. The Liberian government recently floated a loan of \$1,500,000, and will probably devote upon Mr. Clark to arrange for the payment of this loan, when due. His salary will be \$5,000 a year.

# NEW ENGLAND GREETED EDUCATOR

Dr. Washington Gets Warm Welcome in Boston and Other Cities.

## TALKS AT HARVARD

ADDRESSES LARGE BODY OF STUDENTS AT HARVARD UNION CLUBHOUSE ON "NEGRO PROGRESS."

Boston, Mass.—Dr. Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Institute, has been in and about Boston and New England, busily engaged in delivering a series of addresses, and bringing to thousands a message of hope and optimism regarding the future of the negro in America.

The leaders of thought and opinion in this section have been thrilled by the eloquence and soundness of his utterances, and everywhere he has been enthusiastically received.

The educator was the guest of honor at a luncheon given at the Twentieth Century club, an organization composed of the most prominent business and professional men in the Hub city, and one which just two days before had entertained President Lowell of Harvard university.

Doctor Washington spoke under the auspices of the Hesperian club, the most exclusive women's literary organization in Somerville, Mass., and one of the largest women's clubs in New England.

The climax of Doctor Washington's series of triumphal meetings was reached when he addressed the Harvard students at the Harvard Union clubhouse, in Cambridge. The large living room of the union was packed with students, professors and their friends, and standing room was at a premium.

The subject of Doctor Washington's address was "Negro Progress." Taking the figures of the last census, he showed the wonderful progress made by the negro in the last ten years. His talk was full of wit and wisdom, and time and again he was cheered to the echo, and at the conclusion given an ovation such as only college students know how to give.

A Harvard professor who was present was heard to say: "Doctor Washington's address was one of the finest I have ever heard anywhere, and I have heard all the great orators of our time. In the matter of holding an audience and arousing their enthusiasm, I consider Doctor Washington the peer if not the superior of any living orator."

## CONGRESS GOES TO TUSKEGEE

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS, JUNE 5-10—BOOKER T. WASHINGTON'S INVITATION ACCEPTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS.

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. Booker T. Washington, Wizard of Tuskegee, will entertain the seventh annual session of the Sunday school congress at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., the first week in June, according to the decision of the officials of that body and members of the board at its last session. The actions of the boards was given out by the secretary of the Sunday school congress and confirmed by the chairman of the boards.

While the Congress was in session at Meridian, Miss., last June, Dr. Washington wired an invitation, stating that he desired to entertain the great gathering of Sunday school workers at Tuskegee Institute. Invitations were also received and considered from the chamber of commerce at Washington, D. C.; convention bureau at Buffalo, N. Y.; Cincinnati, O.; St. Louis, Mo.; Atlantic City, N. J.; Chicago, Ill., and Birmingham, N. Y., for the next session of the Sunday school congress.

"Our needs along the Sunday school line in keeping the intelligent young people in the Sunday school, as well as attracting those out of the school room to the future church, have long been known," said Henry A. Boyd, secretary of the Congress Movement, "and this movement has proven one of the most helpful in the denomination's history." It is predicted that because of the popularity of this Congress Movement and the fact that it goes to Tuskegee, it will draw the largest attendance of any Sunday school meeting ever held in the United States.

# LOOKS LIKE JOHNSON IS THROUGH WITH PRIZE RING

San Francisco, Cal.—When Jack Johnson first talked of retiring many thought it was merely one of the champion's whims, and that he would be back in the game with both feet the first time "proper inducements" were made to him.

New corroborative testimony is forthcoming that Jack is through with the frivolities of the ring and that he is plagued with ennui to the extent that he does not care a continental who succeeds to the title.

He values all right to a voice in the bestowal of the laurels and says he has no suggestions to make as to the heavyweight's best fitted to wear them.

This is bad. It means there will be a cloud on the heavyweight championship for years—that the man who assumes the prerogative without licking Johnson, will be regarded as a pretender, a jackal masquerading in a lion's skin.

There must be continuity in a thing of this kind. Each succeeding champion is merely a link in a chain of destruction. The newest man—or the latest model, one might say—licked a champion who licked another champion and so, link by link, we trace our latest prize ring hero back to some dim and distant "champ" just as a race horse traces to the Beryley Turk, or the Darley Arabian.

When a broken link appears, there is a blot on the escutcheon of the man whose reputational pedigree we are investigating, and so it will be if Johnson escapes from the game unlicked and some one grabs his title.

This line of argument is easily proved sound. John L. Sullivan defeated Paddy Ryan, who defeated Joe Lewis; Jim Corbett defeated Sullivan; Jim Jeffries defeated Jim Corbett; Jim Jeffries defeated Bob Fitzsimmons and Jack Johnson didn't do a thing to Jeffries.

Just think of the mental suffering of the sporting editors of the future while trying to explain to old subscribers and constant readers that the old line of champions ended with Johnson, and that the new breed is only a kind of a Manchu dynasty.

Something must be done to stall off the confusion that threatens the fistic historians of the coming years. We must drag Johnson back at any price—and this "goes both ways," as this slanger says—and have him trounced to the queen's taste.

It should be done to keep the record straight, and come to think of it, 'twill be merely what some call "poetic retribution."

The Jeffries that Johnson licked was merely the husk of the Jeffries that used to be, and Johnson has as much right to hearken to the "come back" cry as Jeffries had, especially if he prizes his right.

There's another angle to the question which is bound to engender bitterness of spirit. I refer to the racial angle. If Johnson is allowed to rest in peace there will come a time—and then succeeding time—in which the men with the dark pigment beneath the cuticle will say:

"The first negro that was given a chance became the champion of the world. They couldn't defeat him, and so as not to block the wheels of progress, he stepped aside and allowed them to arrange a fresh deal. The chain of destruction which began with Figg and Mendoza ended with Jack Johnson."

# SETTLED FOREVER

"You say that a hot summer indicates a cold winter?"

"Yes," replied the amateur weather prophet.

"And that a cold winter indicates a hot summer?"

"Always."

"Then all you need to do is to make one prediction and stand pat."—Washington Star.

The road to success is as easy as the road to ruin.—Benjamin Franklin

When a woman gets all wrinkled up in telling about the wonders of a beauty cure she's taking, don't let her deter you.

"The man's name was Partridge, of course, and because of that the dog came to a set. Ho! ho! Come again."

"You're mistaken," replied the other suavely. "The dog didn't come quite to a set, though almost. As a matter of fact, the man's name was Quail, and the dog hesitated on account of the spelling."—Lippincott's.

When a man says he is going to emigrate to Liberia to take along some capital, as it is largely an undeveloped country, and money, along with initiative and push is needed there. I stand ready to advise any one who desires to go there to live. Late advices to me state that the

INTELLIGENCE IN DOGS.  
One man would have it that a collie dog is the most sagacious of dogs, while the other stood up for the setter.

"I once owned a setter," declared the latter, "which was very intelligent. I had him on the street one day and he acted so queerly about a certain man we met that I asked the man his name, and—"

"Oh, that's an old story," the collie's advocate broke in, sneeringly.



