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## CITY NEWS.

Mrs. McCoy of Keokuk, Iowa, was a visitor in our city this week.

Mrs. Emma Harris is improving very slowly from her paralytic stroke.

Remember the Bystander's great prize contest begins Monday. Are you ready to do your part?

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hicks gave a very nice dinner last Sunday complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. H. Kilbert.

Mrs. Matilda Hughes is very sick at her home the past week. Her friends are much alarmed at her condition.

Mrs. James H. Woods and sister, Miss Cecil Harris, will leave Saturday for a short visit to their old home in Keokuk.

Mrs. A. Fulton of So 9th and Section avenue, has been suffering the past week with neuralgia but is so much better at this writing.

The Rose Temple, Daughters of Elks will hold a bazaar Feb. 22nd, 23rd and 24th at their hall on 6th and Walnut streets. All are invited.

Mrs. W. H. Birney, who met with the misfortune of falling on the ice last week and sprained her limb is improving as fast as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hicks 1841 Buchanan St., gave a dinner last Thursday evening in honor of Rev. S. Bates and wife; also Mrs. McCoy of Keokuk, Iowa. A delightful time was reported.

Rev. J. E. Roberts of Sioux City and family have moved to their new home in Kansas City, Mo. He is doing evangelistic work among the people of all denominations. They are stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones on W. 14th St. He is an old veteran of the civil war and an earnest christian worker, full of zeal. He preached last Sunday at Colfax, Iowa. We welcome him to our city.

Mr. Geo. H. Woodson of Buxton, Ia. spent Wednesday in our city on business, also to attend the Negro Bar Association's annual meeting. His friends in Monroe county are going to present his name as a candidate for the legislature at the coming primary. We will soon make his full announcement. George is one of the best qualified men in Monroe county for that office.

Mr. Frank J. Weaver, a successful business man of Kansas City, Mo., who is a real estate and employment agent and also owns the Hotel Dunbar and Weaver Hotel, was in our city a few days this week on business. He stopped with Mrs. Wm. Coalson. Mr. Weaver is one of the leading race men in Kansas City and is a success financially. He made the Bystander office and the Canadian Employment office pleasant calls, as he was personally acquainted with Chas. Cousin and J. L. Thompson.

The Mission Circle of the Corinthian Baptist church is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. E. B. Rush. The circle is preparing to present the "Slabtown Convention" in the near future. This promises to be a very novel entertainment. The meetings are open to all who are interested in Missions. Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Griffith were hostesses to the circle last Friday afternoon.

At the meeting of the Intellectual Improvement club held at the residence of the president, Mrs. S. Joe Brown, an interesting paper was read by Mrs. Harvey Brown on the Life and Work of Francis E. W. Harper, the Negro poetess, and a pleasing address was delivered by Mrs. P. S. Ervin who was a visitor at the meeting. The committee who recently visited Mrs. J. W. Holmes, one of the members who is ill at her home in Colfax, reported her condition quite critical and a special prayer was offered for her speedy recovery. The meeting this afternoon will be devoted to the observance of the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, and will be held with Mrs. O. L. Glass on W. 10th and Chestnut Sts.

### 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.

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Mrs. Henry Lewis of Buxton returned home last week after a fortnight's visit with Mrs. John Drew in Lake Park.

The Midland Jubilee Singers will give a concert at the A. M. E. church next Tuesday evening, Feb. 13th. Admission 25c. All are invited to come out.

There will be services next Sunday morning at the Union Congregational church. Preaching by Rev. J. E. Roberts, evangelist. Subject: Good Confession, Matt 15:13. All are invited.

Mrs. Henry Lewis of Buxton and Mrs. John Drew of Lake Park was entertained last Saturday at 6 o'clock dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Adam Dixon on Day street.

The J. U. B. O. W. Club will give an evening with Fredrick Douglass at Union Congregational church, Monday, Feb. 19th, for the benefit of the Sunday school. The address of the evening by Atty. S. Joe Brown, A. M., L. L. D.

Mrs. Anna Dangerfield and daughter Miss Alberta, a graduate from the high school of Kansas City, Kansas, visited our city last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eva Jones 688 19th street. Mrs. Jones also gave a beautiful dinner party in their honor last Monday.

The Corinthian Aid Society met last week at the residence of Mrs. Hilton, the president, who has returned from her extended visit in the East. She reports an excellent time and we are glad to have her back in our midst. On the 13th of February the Aid will give a 6 o'clock dinner at the church. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. Griffith next Friday.

One of the most interesting and hospitable meetings of the Mother's Congress was held Saturday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. parlors. Regardless of the extremely cold weather, a large crowd was out to hear the addresses on "Sanitation in the Home," and "The Problem of Our Girls" by Dr. A. J. Booker and Atty. J. B. Rusk, respectively.

There will be Memorial services next Monday evening at the Union Congregational church in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, at 6 o'clock. The ladies will serve a supper in the parlors and at 8 o'clock the following program will be rendered: Song, "America," invocation, Rev. Henry McCraven; Song, "Marching Through Georgia," Ten minute address, Rev. U. B. Taylor; reading of Lincoln's proclamation by L. W. Wilhoite; singing; address by H. Stiles, Adjutant of Crocker Post, Of What was the Union Army Composed? Ten minute address, Rev. T. L. Griffith; Song, ten minute address by Rev. J. E. Roberts, an old soldier. Music by L. J. Shelton and J. H. McDowell, orchestra; original poem by J. Clifford Williams.

Old soldiers are especially invited.

### Corinthian Baptist Church Announcement.

10:30 a. m. Sermon by pastor, subject, "The Spirit in the Wheels."  
12:00 m. Sunday School.  
6:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U.  
7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. W. Crane, representing Chinese Mission work in New York city. T. L. Griffith, pastor.

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

One of the best addresses of the season was that of County Treasurer Dobson before the popular meeting last Sunday afternoon. He spoke of the need of Missionary work in China and Africa. On next Sunday Dr. E. A. Lee our popular dentist will speak on the "Gospel of Good Faith." All men and boys invited. Good music.

### A Batchelor Party.

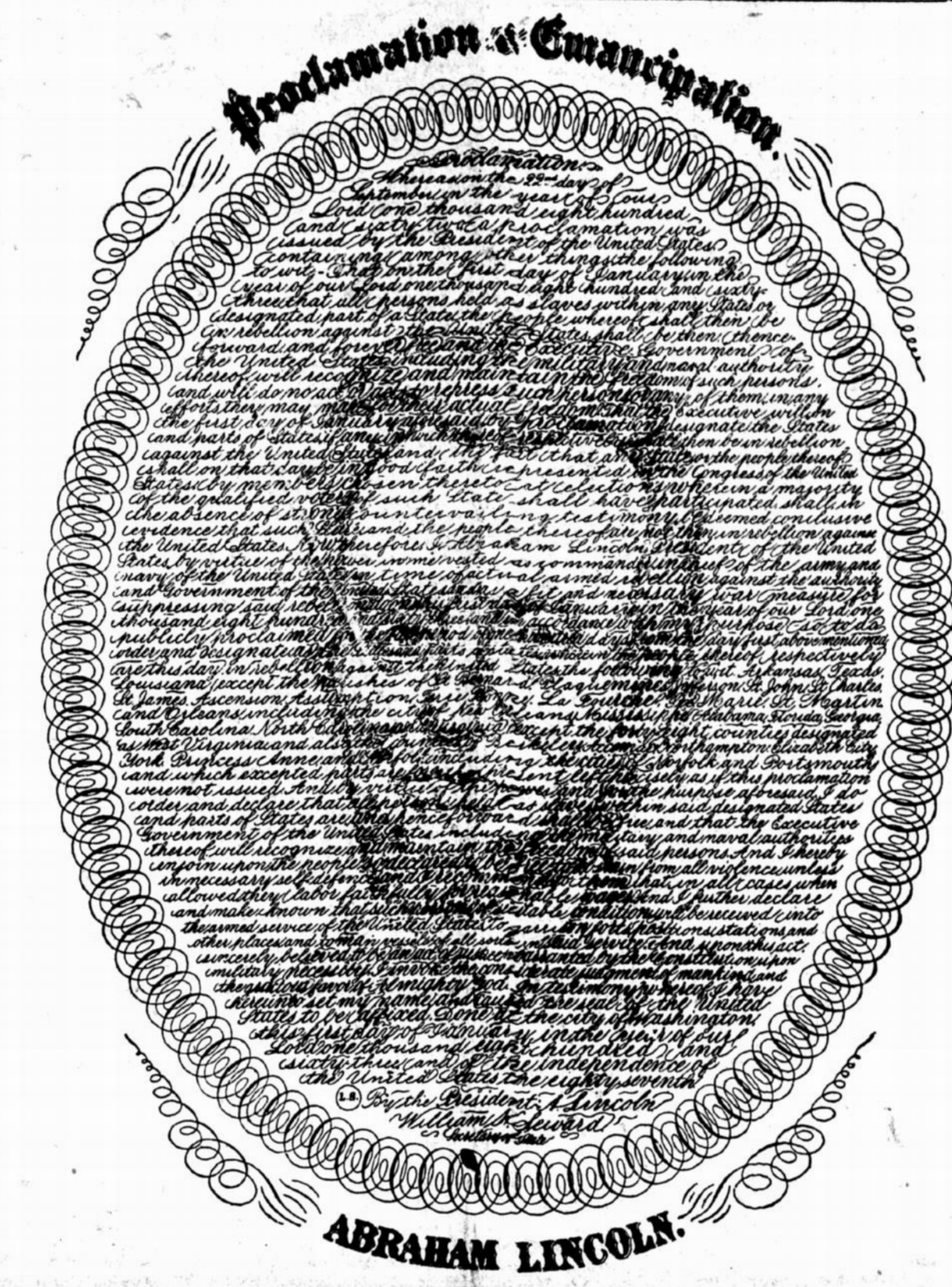
Mr. Jefferson Logan, one of our best known citizens of East Des Moines, gave a party last Tuesday evening to a few of his colored friends and associates. Mr. Logan is one of the colored settlers in this city and he and his oldest son, George, keep back in their well kept little home on East Lyon St. Those fortunate enough to be present enjoyed themselves nicely and all declared Jeff and son good entertainers.

### Birthday Party.

Little Enola Vera Thompson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Thompson gave a birthday party last Friday, Feb. 2, in honor of her ninth birthday. Sixteen of the little girls complied to the invitations and was present from four to six o'clock and what a delightful bunch of little girls. For those two hours school songs and plays were their amusements. Refreshments were served and all left their joy reluctantly after leaving a nice little birthday present to little Miss Enola, who will never forget this birthday.

### NEGRO BAR ASSOCIATION.

The Iowa Negro Bar Association, composed of the Negro lawyers of the state, held its tenth annual meeting and banquet Wednesday evening at the residence of Attorney J. B. Rusk, of this city.  
Mrs. J. White, of Oswego, Mo. don't mind a hip-end, Prop. Des Moines, Ia. love a bargain fight in St. Louis Post-Dis



### Mr. F. J. Weaver, real estate dealer of Kansas City, Mo., was out of town visitors with several home people as guests.

After an elegant three course luncheon was served by Mrs. W. H. Hubbard, cateress, Pres. S. Joe Brown introduced and addresses were made by Attorney Rush on "Reminiscences of Harvard Law School," by Attorney Woodson on "Race Legislation in Iowa," by Mr. Weaver on "Negro Property Owners in Kansas City," by Rev. Griffith on "The Law and the Gospel," by Dr. Booker on "A Physician's View of the Lawyer," and by Mrs. S. Joe Brown on "The Lawyer's Wife."

Mrs. J. B. Rush, president of the Iowa Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, prepared, and the association unanimously adopted a resolution of which the following is a part: Resolution on the Candidacy of Atty. Woodson.

Whereas, the candidacy for membership in the Iowa State Legislative Assembly, of Attorney Geo. H. Woodson, a distinguished member and former president of this association has been brought to our notice; and, while this association is in no sense a political organization; yet, because of the fact that the 15,000 Negro citizens of Iowa are not now and never have been represented in the State Legislature by a member of their own race; and, because of the very efficient service he has rendered to the state in general and to our race in particular throughout the state during his more than fifteen years, that we, the members of the Iowa Negro Bar Association, do hereby give to the Hon. George H. Woodson our most hearty endorsement as a candidate for membership in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Iowa and do hereby commend him to the voters of the county of Monroe, which he seeks to represent, as being a man who is both capable and reliable as a representative of all classes of citizens of said county and of the state at large.

After which the following were chosen officers for the ensuing year: President, J. B. Rush. Vice President, J. L. Thompson. Secretary, Jas. A. Spears. Treasurer, Geo. H. Woodson. Chairman Legislative Committee, S. Joe Brown.

### Our Prizes Offered.

The prizes that we are offering have never before been offered by a colored newspaper. It is open to ALL to enter, any prize is worth your effort, and if per chance you should win any of them you would and should feel proud. Everybody should subscribe for the Bystander, for it is good, new and reliable. You need not be afraid to ask your white friends to subscribe; they will ask you to subscribe for their paper. Then if you only secure us a club of 12 subscribers or more you get a cash premium of \$5.00.

### The Savoy Cafe

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First Class Restaurant. Meals and Lunches served at all hours. Home cooking. You are invited to give us a call.  
"No," he said, "I don't mind a hip-end, Prop. Des Moines, Ia. love a bargain fight in St. Louis Post-Dis

### A Great Man Dead.

We have just received a message of the death of Mr. Frank Anderson of Baton Rouge, La., who died Saturday morning, Jan. 27. Mr. Anderson was one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Louisiana. He was 75 years, 6 months and 26 days old. A high Mason, having had nearly all the offices in the gift of the fraternity in the state. He was buried with full Masonic rites and ancient ceremonies. It will be remembered by many of our Des Moines people that he was here once to visit his nice, Mrs. Lizzie Palmer and was entertained by North Star Lodge at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Gould.

### CLARINDA ITEMS.

Sunday, Feb. 12th will be Quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, Rev. S. B. Moore, Presiding Elder, will be present and conduct the services 'till 9:15 the day. A special program will be rendered by the Christian Endeavor League in the evening.

Mrs. Emma Johnson and daughter Miss Mable of Gravity attended the funeral of Thomas Jonas of this city Saturday.

Mr. Thomas Gordon Jones, Sr., who had been ill for the past two weeks, departed this life last Thursday. The deceased was born in 1836, and has lived in this county for a number of years and had been a long and faithful member of the Second Baptist church of this city where he was taken ill two weeks ago Monday night at a business meeting. He was taken to his home two miles West of town and in a few days after, was moved to the home of his son, Allen Jones of this city on W. Garfield St., where he died, Thursday, Feb. 1, 1912. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Eliza Jones, three sons, Allen and Fred, of this city and Thomas, Jr., of Red Oak also two daughters-in-laws and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. He will be greatly missed throughout this vicinity as he was well known, and liked by everybody, and the church has lost one of its pillars which can not be filled as has been in the past. He was a big hearted, public spirited man, always taking an active part in the celebration held in this city, sparing neither energy or expense on his part to make the most success. The funeral services were held from the Second Baptist church, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the presence of a large concourse of friends and the formal tributes were elaborate and beautiful. Rev. S. Bates of Des Moines officiated, assisted by Rev. River, pastor of the A. M. E. church of this city. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss, but our loss is Heavens gain. The body was laid to rest in the Clarinda cemetery.

Rev. S. Bates of Des Moines was called to this city last Saturday to preach the funeral services of the late Thomas Gordon Jones, Sr.

### CORRESPONDENCE WANTED.

A refined christian lady, very light, straight black hair, age 23, would like to correspond with a refined gentleman. References exchanged. Miss Mary Clifton, Springfield, Ill., Gen. Del.

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## BUXTON BRIEFS.

Mrs. Samson Johnson was in Des Moines last week having her eyes tested.

Miss Eleror Eubanks returned from Des Moines after a two week's sojourn. Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. A. James, a girl, but the infant only lived 15 hours. We extend our sympathy.

News comes from Ottumwa that Miss Beatrice Downey and Mr. Robt. Bibbs were married a few days ago. Miss Downey lived in Buxton about a year.

Miss Victoria Medley was in Oskaloosa and Des Moines last week on a combination business and pleasure trip. We now have in Buxton "The J. F. Baker Printing Co." who are prepared to do all kinds of job work. Mr. Baker was first man the "Buxton Gazette," a weekly paper that was once published here by the Buxton Publishing Co. He is a good printer and a reliable christian gentleman. Any work will be appreciated.

Mrs. Rose Jelks has been placed on the soprano row in Mt. Zion Baptist church choir.

Mrs. Eva Burns who, a few weeks ago was operated upon at University hospital, Iowa City is rapidly improving. Miss Veetta Step is convalescing.

W. A. Cooper, shot-firer in No. 16 mine was seriously hurt last Friday afternoon by coming in contact with a shot that had been lighted by Thomas Watson. It was reported that Cooper, after finishing the firing on his entry, came around to assist Mr. Watson as was his custom. Mr. Watson had been in the room in which Cooper was entering and just as Cooper entered the room the shot fired. He was badly cut on the head, a piece of coal passed through his right arm between the elbow and shoulder and he received cuts on his left knee and right foot. He is still unconscious and it's very doubtful if he recovers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rhodes are the proud parents of a fine boy. Mother and son doing nicely.

Mrs. J. G. Baker and Mrs. D. D. Horne were on the sick list last week.

Dr. Robinson stepped out of his buggy last week on a piece of glass and cut his foot severely. He is using L's cane as he continues to make his calls.

Hubert London is home from Des Moines where he has been attending school. An appeal from the Matron at West-tern college, thru W. A. Brown, Jr., for cups and saucers to replenish the cupboard shelves, was responded to by the ladies of Mt. Zion Mission circle with two dozen beautiful cups and saucers. They were forwarded Wednesday.

The Mission circle was entertained in the home of Mrs. Green Martin Thursday last. Splendid program.

Thos. Warren has been confined to his home about two weeks with grippe. He is out again but is left with a stiff neck.

Mt. Zion Baptist church choir will have song service Sunday evening, Feb. 11th. Members and friends are cordially invited.

The tenth anniversary of Mt. Zion church will be celebrated next Sunday. Rev. Woodard will preach the anniversary sermon at 11 a. m.

Don't forget the song service next Sunday evening.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to return sincere thanks to our neighbors, friends and the members of the Rose Temple Lodge for their kind help and sympathy during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father, also to return thanks for the beautiful floral offering. Mrs. James C. Dixon and children.

## SIoux CITY ITEMS.

The evangelist, Rev. J. D. Wharton of Council Bluffs arrived in the city Tuesday to resume the revival meeting at the A. M. E. church for an indefinite time. He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hudson while here.

The Silver Leaf club of the Mount Zion Baptist church gave a Leap Year party last Thursday night. A nice program was rendered, after which refreshments were served. It was a success both socially and financially.

The trustees of the A. M. E. church gave a sacred concert Sunday evening.

Mrs. Alberta Murray has returned home after being absent for eight months. She has spent most of the time in Omaha visiting her mother-in-law.

A dance was given last Tuesday evening at Thompson's hall by the young men. Quite a large number of dancers attended. All reported a jolly good time, when home sweet home was played.

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Mrs. Gill returned to her home at Omaha Tuesday. The estate of her deceased cousin is still in an unsettled condition.

Married in our city Saturday Feb. 3, Mr. Kid Williams and Miss Lizzie Smith, both of our city. The marriage ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Rev. J. W. Dowden officiating. They expect to take up their residence in our city. May their marriage life be a long and happy one.

February the second was said to be ground hog day. I believe it was a ground hog case, for the old fellow must have seen his shadow for our weather so far has told the tale.

The ladies of the A. I. P. club will give a Valentine social at the A. M. E. church on Wednesday evening Feb. 14, proceeds for club and A. M. E. pastor.

Mrs. David Shores is confined to her home with rheumatism.

## Iowa Boys Making Good in the East.

We was always pleased to announce the good things our people are doing to overbalance the bad things, and especially are we pleased to announce that our young fellow boy, Mr. Baker Dixon the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Dixon of this city, stood first in a Plumbing contest and the only Iowa boy in the class of forty students, even some students was in the class from Tuskegee and all parts of the country. He also joined the W. B. C. Military Band.

One of the coming young men of Iowa is William J. Prince of Coin, Ia., who attended the Torkio college, Mo., then entered the great University of Illinois, at Champaign, was elected to the National Honorary Fraternity for debaters and orators, known as the Delta Sigma Rho. He represented the University of Illinois in their debates with Wisconsin and won. This is the first time a colored man ever represented this University in a forensic contest. We congratulate Mr. Prince.

## Abraham Lincoln.

On next Monday Feb 12th, this Nation will be called upon to commemorate the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the greatest citizen that this Nation has yet produced whose life and act was the embodiment of honesty, loyalty, and equality, born as he was of poor parents in a one-room log cabin, but on the barren plains of La Rue county, Kentucky, Feb. 12, 1809, raised in the school of poverty, rocked in the cradle of adversity; yet amidst all of these adverse circumstances, and through the hardships and trials, this son of the common people, toiled onward and upward like the bright star that guided the wise men of the old to Bethlehem, he guided this Nation to the harbor of safety, penned the immortal proclamation of Emancipation which freed the bondsmen and united the Union of States, and preserved the old Flag. So let us lay the choicest flower upon his grave and reverse his memory in song and poetry.

## An Old Citizen Gone.

Last week we announced the death of Mr. Jones of Clarinda, Iowa, but could not give his write-up until now. Mr. Thomas Gordon Jones was born in Putnam county, Georgia, April 9, 1836, age 75 years, 9 months and 22 days, raised a slave on the Griggs farm. Yearning for freedom, while plowing one day with an ox team, he broke the yoke from the Ox team freed them, then struck out himself to the Union army, was captured by the rebel army, made a prisoner at the battle of Chattanooga. The Union army released the prisoners. He joined the 1st Alabama Colored regiment and remained until the end of the war. He then came to Mercer county, Mo., and in 1867, came to Page county, Clarinda, Iowa, went on a farm as a work hand in 1869. He married Miss Eliza Jane Saunders and later bought 10 acres of land where he lived till his death; to this union 10 children was born of which only three survives; Allen, Fred and Thos. G. Jr. He was highly respected, a public spirited man. For forty years he was an active member of the Baptist church, an officer all this time. Thus a giant oak, a pioneer, a useful man, a good father, a christian gentleman has gone.

## City Convention.

The 1911 City Literary Convention held its last session at the residence of the chairman, and after closing up the business of the past year the convention adjourned sine die, but recommended that each literary club in the city elect a new set of delegates to meet at the Y. C. M. C. A. rooms on the first Monday evening in March for the purpose of organizing the convention for the year 1912. All societies will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly. By order S. Joe Brown, Chairman for 1911.

## ENTERPRISE, IOWA.

Revival meeting began here Sunday night, conducted by Rev. J. Roman, a victory over sin crown our success. Mrs. T. Taylor has been on the sick list for some time, is convalescing.

Mrs. W. D. Miller entertained a few of her intimate friends at dinner, Saturday evening, in honor of her sister, Mrs. H. Miller.



# The Farm

## The Sunday School Lesson

FEBRUARY 11, 1912.  
THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE.

Golden Text—How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be in my Father's house?—Luke 2:49.

Lesson Text—Luke 2:40-52. Comm. vs. 46, 47.

I. At twelve he stopped at Jerusalem amid the great passover throng, passed in and out of the magnificent temple and heard the meaning of its parts and services explained to him, saw the thousands of innocent lambs slain, and then gathered with his own family around the roast lamb and bitter herbs that looked back to Israel's great redemption through the slain lamb in the past and forward to the world's greater redemption through the slaying of himself some twenty years hence. Jesus saw deeper than any one else into the significance of all these things, for he had pondered the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit had interpreted to him even as a boy their innermost meaning. Jesus enjoyed being in the temple. He felt more at home there than any place he had ever been. It was "Father's house" (vs. 49, R. V.). How many of us have that deep, consuming longing for the place where the Father dwells and manifests himself? (Ps. 27:4.) When his human parents left he could not but stay behind where his real parent was. When his parents had sought him three days everywhere they could think of they at last found him in the temple. He seems to have spent the time there and they ought to have sought him there in the first place (v. 49). The house of God is the likeliest place to find a true child of God. (Mk. 14:49). He made himself very much at home in the temple. He was "sitting" there, no passing visitor or sightseer. He was there to learn—he was "in the midst of the doctors (teachers)," and he was "hearing" and "asking them questions." The questions displayed great wisdom (v. 47), but they were not asked to display his wisdom, he wished to learn. The teachers were far from the wisest the world has ever known, and he was infinitely the wisest scholar; but he felt there were things that he could learn even from them. There is no suggestion that he criticized his teachers. He was a model Bible class scholar. He answered questions as well as asked them (v. 47). And his answers were so profoundly intelligent as to "amaze" "all that heard him." It was more as the perfect human boy than as the Divine Child that he was asking questions in the temple, and so he owed the "understanding" he displayed not so much to his inherent di-

vinity as to his Spirit-guided study of the Word of God (Ps. 119:99; Luke 24:27; Jno. 3:34). Mary herself, who had watched him and listened to him for twelve years, was astonished. Depths were now revealed into which even she had never been allowed to peer before. Even Mary, though his mother, had not understood Jesus. There seems to be a tone of complaint if not abrupness in the question Mary put to Jesus. Mary was a wonderful woman (Luke 1:28), but she was not divine and not faultless. The Mary of the Bible is not the Mary of legend and adoration. While Mary and Joseph were surprised that he was in the temple, Jesus was surprised that they should search for him at all instead of coming right there fully assured that he was there. There is no note of apology or regret in Jesus' reply. Though the most dutiful, tender and obedient of sons (v. 51; Jno. 19:26, 27), he was conscious that he was something more than "the son of Mary" (comp. Jno. 2:3, 4), and that Mary must for own sake be made to realize this fact. He points her from the human reputed (ch. 3:23) parentage to the divine real parentage. This is the first recorded utterance of Jesus, and like the last (ch. 23:46), its central thought is "God is my Father." Neither Mary nor Joseph understood Jesus even yet (v. 50). "Need we wonder, do we understand him?"

II. Jesus Obeying and Growing, 51, 52. Having made his needed assertion and given this clear proof of his duty, Jesus fell back into his place as the son of Mary and Joseph. He doubtless helped his father about the carpentering (Mk. 6:3) and his mother about her domestic work, and he was just as truly "about his Father's business" when carrying water and making fires in Nazareth as when in the temple asking questions. For nearly twenty years longer he remained in the humble obscurity of Nazareth. He did not chafe at that commonplace life, though conscious of power to fill a vastly larger sphere. That quiet life was a necessary preparation for the work the Father had given him to do. During these years Jesus was growing. If we too are in a humble sphere where there seems to be little else to do we can at least grow. Jesus could grow because he was a real human being. He had voluntarily put aside divine glory to become a real man (Phil. 2:6, 7; Mark 13:35). He was perfect as a babe and boy, but the perfection of manhood is a higher form of perfection than the perfection of childhood, and more pleasing to God. So he "increased in favor with God" as he grew from perfect boyhood into perfect manhood.

Leading Questions.—In what ways do we see in these verses the real manhood of Jesus? In what ways do we see his deity? In what ways was his a model boyhood? Why is Luke the one evangelist that dwells upon the infancy and boyhood of Jesus? What does the lesson teach us about Mary? What is the most important lesson?

Visions of a faded Past—  
But I wait for the coming onward,  
Who can measure? Who can grasp?  
There's a message down the ages,  
That it waits for us to read,  
There's a fragrance in that message,  
That floats on from land to land;  
Heed the lesson; heed the warning!  
Whisper now, in hushed tones,  
As but wrong can make men bondmen,  
Naught but Truth can make men free!  
Truth eternal! Ever blooming!  
Sweetest flow of modest mold!  
Long, yes long may lie forgotten,  
In the dew and damp, and cold;  
But let empires rise and fall,  
Kingdoms loom and pass away,  
Yet will that immortal flow  
Still live on eternally!

So again we see her rising,  
Grandly in that darkened night!  
When the earth was deep enveloped  
In a cloud of mist and gloom,  
And as calm her fair face bended,  
O'er that rough and troubled sea,  
Lo! Oppression dropped the sceptre!  
And Injustice bent the knee!  
Day of sorrow! Gone, forgotten!  
Vanquished by force and awe!  
Let no more thy name be remembered,  
Cast a shadow 'cross our way!  
But as long as Truth's eternal,  
And as long as God is just,  
Let thy shadow fall on us,  
Deep beneath the world's dust!

Oh, Fair land! Designed for freedom!  
Thou wert not'er designed to cower,  
'Neath a blush of wrong or shame!  
Thanks, that in thy prouder glory,  
Thou didst lift the banner,  
And inscribed thy noble name!  
'Tis enough! That record's ended;  
There's no time for idle tears!  
Forward turning, then, we leave it,  
Shrouded in forgotten years!  
Drop that curtain, softly, gently,  
Leave the past and the hopes!  
Sacred in forgotten ashes,  
While we look to fairer skies!

See the sun of Truth is beaming!  
Lighting up a firmament!  
And the veil so long obscuring  
Peace and Justice, now is rent!  
Let us haste to meet the light,  
Now extend a friendly hand!  
Once they met as slave and Master;  
Now as strong armed man to man!

Oh! Supreme, divine forgiveness!  
Oh! Eternal joy and truth!  
Where can record witness stronger,  
To a nation's deepest wrongs!  
Now the lion and the lambkin,  
Fearing naught together live!  
Ah! To err is blind and human,  
But 'tis God-like to forgive!

Swift the day of Truth advances!  
Soon shall I face the western slopes!  
Bearing on her burnished bosom,  
All our fears and joys and hopes!  
Long enough, Oh, anxious Pilgrims!  
Have you tarried here today;  
Right about! and faces skyward,  
Start again your rugged way!

Oh! Be strong and brave and noble!  
You've a mission to fulfill!  
To a nation's deepest wrongs!  
Keep your faces 'ward the hill!  
There beyond those distant borders,  
Lies the land you would behold;  
Remoaned children, look not backward!  
Onward! Onward to the goal!

## Of Interest to Our Women

### THE MOTHER'S CORNER.

Accidents in all forms come as a shock to everyone. Almost every man, woman and child has read or has been told what to do in case of fire, or drowning or the hundred and one other accidents that are likely to occur any day in the year. But when it comes to putting into practice the theories that have been studied the average person is totally at sea.

Mothers especially are apt to lose their presence of mind in case of danger to their dear ones and forget all the essential details that should be administered without delay.

If every mother confronted with an accident that may prove fatal to her child could retain her senses more children would live to reach an age of self-reliance. Of course, knowing just what to do is that all-important thing, and next comes the ability to keep one's head.

In case of burning, if it be serious, the first thing to do is to send some one for a physician while the child is being placed in a tub of warm water. The temperature should be at blood heat (98 degrees Fahrenheit), and there the child should be kept until the arrival of the doctor.

The greatest care should be taken in dressing the burns when they have started to heal and the discharge has stopped.

One teaspoonful of sterile or clean boric acid ointment, mixed with an ounce of vasoline, should be spread on antiseptic gauze or old soft linen, and the whole bandage should be fastened tight with a few twists of the cloth. This dressing should be changed daily.

When the burn is slight the most soothing treatment is to keep on the tender places bandages moistened in a solution of a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda to a pint of water, or in boric acid solution. The mother should see to it that the bandages are always wet.

A very common accident among little children is the swallowing of pins, buttons, coins, etc. In cases like this do not give the child a cathartic, as it may result in serious injury. If left alone the article will gradually work its way out of the body, doing no harm. Do not change the baby's diet in any way, unless it be an older child. In that case let the little one eat as much cereal and mashed potatoes as possible for a few days.

When the baby seems to be choking while eating, or if he has "swallowed the wrong way," seize him by the feet and let him hang head downward while two or three smart slaps are given the back with the palm of the hand. This will relieve the trouble.

### USE OF FUR AND LACE ON MIDWINTER HATS

Trimnings of fur on hats are noted almost without limit. Both the long and short haired varieties are in use. Skunk is, perhaps, the most popular. Imitation seal is frequently seen, and ermine and mole are much used, in addition to real seal on high-class models. Skunk and opossum are employed in wide and narrow bands, the narrower bands being used like a fringe on the edge of the brim and to outline the edges of loops or donkey ears of velvet, lace, maline, etc. Frequently use is made of a narrow roll of skunk, opossum, mole or ermine around the crown, with a flat bow of the same fur at one side of the crown.

Not only are small turbans and close-fitting hats shown in fur of all kinds, but large trimmed models are noted entirely covered with one of the short-haired furs. In the very large picture shapes the crown and upper brim are covered with seal, mole skin or ermine, while the under brim is faced with velvet, silk maline, lace or such material. A French model with broad brim and low, round crown had the crown and upper side of the brim covered with imitation seal, while the under brim was faced with cerise-colored velvet. Gold roses with cerise velvet hearts formed the only trimming. Many models are shown with crown of fur and a flange of the same edging the brim. In addition to such furs as seal, mole, beaver, ermine, skunk, opossum, fox, lynx, etc., the more novel furs like raccoon, leopard skin and civet cat are also being employed.

One has but to visit the theaters to witness the popularity of laces in millinery and to learn what chic effects may be produced by a bit of lace deftly disposed here and there on velvet, beaver or gatin hats, with perhaps no other ornamentation.

Fur, combined with gold or silver lace, is an attractive combination. Velvet hats show the crown covered with gold lace, or an edge of lace will be applied on either the upper or under side of the brim, while a band of fur may be passed around the crown and edge loops of velvet ribbon or ears of heavy lace, velvet, satin or other material.

The white or ecru lace which is used for hats is usually of the heaviest variety, such as macramé, Venise, Irish, etc., while the black laces are favored in the lightest varieties, such as Chantilly and the shadow laces. A large French model in black velvet had a flounce of black shadow lace gathered around the base of the crown, permitting the edge to fall over the brim. Around the base of the crown was a narrow strip of skunk, while a second strip encircled the upper side of the brim midway between the crown and edge. At the side was a bunch of black paradise aigrettes.

A lingerie gown which forecasts a fashion for summer is extreme in its simplicity. In English embroidery on fine lawn, the foundation of silk and dress material proper have an interlining of deep panny, purple chiffon, which give a pretty gray note to the dress. Folds of the chiffon encircle the waist above a tablier of embroidery held down with tiny white buttons, and chiffon is again used for sleeves and yoke, where the embroidered material is lashed up from neck to elbows, and looped together with strands of purple ribbon velvet.

A pretty idea of a summer gown is a dress made of white open-work embroidery over white satin. The dress has a dainty little coat of daffodil-yellow nixon, belted at the waist with royal blue Ottoman, and finished with hemstitched edges of yellow satin with yellow satin with gold threads near the clasp of black velvet which has rows of yellow and blue buttons, and the collar, with frill down one side of the front, is of the embroidery edged with Valenciennes.

For the minor accidents, such as insect stings, bruises, sunburn, etc., where some little momentary pain is felt, the relief is simple and will allay the sting of the moment. For the bite of any insect wash it with alcohol or drop a little ammonia on it, or put on a bandage of witch hazel.

If the little one's finger has been caught in a door or otherwise badly jammed, put on an ice or very hot compress and tie the fingers tightly. If the child is badly burned, alcohol, diluted half and half with water will bring relief, or compresses of witch hazel are an excellent remedy.

## TRAIN IS ROBBED

TWO CARS ON ROCK ISLAND ARE LOOTED BY FIVE BANDITS, WHO ESCAPED.

### ACT IS CLEVERLY PLANNED

Mail and Express Cars Are Cut From Passenger Coaches and Run to Rendezvous Near Hurlburt, Ark., and \$75,000 Secured.

Memphis, Tenn.—Five train robbers looted the mail and express cars of the Rock Island train No. 43, near Hurlburt, Ark., and got away with from \$60,000 to \$75,000 consigned to a bank in Oklahoma.

The money was taken from the safe of the Wells-Fargo Express company and the robbers escaped with their booty long before an alarm was spread.

The holdup was planned so cleverly and was executed with such precision that none of the train employees could resist and few of the passengers knew anything had happened until they awoke to find the train stalled.

The train left Memphis about midnight. After it cleared the western terminus of the Mississippi river bridge it was boarded by two masked men. They climbed over the tender, covered the engine crew with guns, then the train was halted. The engineer was bound and gagged, then kicked off into a ditch. The fireman ran the train on several miles until it was signaled to a halt at a campfire alongside the track, where three other bandits waited.

Here the baggage and mail cars were detached from the passenger coaches, and before any of the train crew knew what was happening the locomotive with its light load was hurrying farther into the country.

While one of the bandits held a gun over the fireman, the remaining four of the band clambered into the express and mail coaches and covered the messengers and clerks.

The engine with the two cars meanwhile proceeded to a point a mile east of Hurlburt, Ark. Then the robbers ransacked the postal car, blew open the safe in the Wells-Fargo express car, gathered their plunder and made off in the darkness.

### MEXICAN REVOLT IS FEARED

Loyalty of Gen. Orozco is Questioned—United States Prepared to Act in Emergency.

Washington.—Another uprising in Mexico is impending, according to official dispatches which cast grave doubts on the loyalty of General Orozco to President Madero and intimate that Orozco is about to begin a new rebellion and declare the independence of the state of Chihuahua.

As Chihuahua borders on Texas, its separation from Mexico would be a matter of deep concern to the United States.

### RESISTANCE OF FLOWERS TO COLD.

Some interesting observations were made in France with reference to the power of a species of amaryllis growing in the central part of that country to resist cold. One year spring opened in that region unusually early, and by the last of February one of these little plants blossomed in the garden of the observer.

On the 1st of March a cold wave passed over the country, and the thermometer fell in the night to 12 degrees Fahrenheit. The next morning the flower was found bent to the earth, apparently dead. Strangely enough, as the sun rose higher in the heavens and the temperature reached 40 degrees, the amaryllis arose from the earth, resumed its usual upright position and was evidently none the worse for its untimely refrigeration.

The following night, too, was extremely cold; the same movement on the part of the flower was repeated, and a closed examination showed that it was undoubtedly a measure of self-preservation. The bell-shaped corolla coated the earth lightly, but closely, and was cemented to the soil by the frozen moisture around its rim, thus enclosing the stamens and other important organs of the flower in a temporary tent, as it were, and protecting them from the outside cold.

This movement was repeated for four successive nights of cold. On the fifth night the temperature moderated, and although snow fell, the flower and stalk remained in their usual upright position; and in due time the flower withered and produced seed.

These remarkable spontaneous movements of the plant seem almost to be allied to those of certain low forms of animal life, and are extremely difficult of explanation, as is also the remarkable resistance to low temperatures of many other early flowers, such as the snowdrop and the crocus.

### THE HEN THAT LAYS.

It is the hen of vigor that lays; without constitutional vitality she will not lay. That is undoubtedly true. A hen may have egg-laying capacity, but without vigor she will not produce eggs. On the other hand, the hen may have vigor without egg-laying capacity. She may have constitutional vitality and lay less than 20 eggs a year. The point is that by selecting vigor alone will not make rapid progress in breeding up a strain of heavy layers. Although vigor is one of the main things, we must select both vigor and egg capacity. The hen that lays 200 eggs a year has good vitality, so that a good egg record is an indication of high vitality. It is possible that the 200-egg hen will not produce chicks of good vigor. It is also possible that her eggs may not be fertile. This is also possible that heavy laying may injure her breeding qualities. That is a debatable point, but the fact remains that the hen that lays 50 eggs a year has a better chance of producing a better quality of chicks than the hen that lays 200 eggs a year. It is such a mistake to depend upon to increase egg production and make poultry keeping more profitable. A high egg record indicates constitutional vitality and stamina. The trap nest, therefore, selects for vigor as well as egg-laying capacity. If such state would take hold of this in a practical way, without doubt in a few years it would add millions of dollars to the profits of poultry keeping; and at the same time help solve the nation's food supply.

### THE "BAG WORM."

Frequent inquiries are received regarding the "bag worm," whose peculiar sacks or bags are frequently seen during the winter attached to various trees and other objects. If these sacks are examined some will be found to contain a large number of eggs within a mass of yellow, fluffy material. The empty cases are the ones that were occupied by the male during the past growing season, while the larger ones, containing the mass of eggs, were the abode of the females. The females, in fact, never leave the cases, and after fertilization by the small male moth the eggs are formed, as already described. From these eggs are hatched, in the spring, the larvae, that begin feeding on the leaves of trees at once and soon form about themselves the bag that is enlarged as the larvae mature, until it becomes too large for them to carry. Then it is attached to the limb, while the larvae are eating, and is removed to another place when the food supply is there exhausted. Every one of these cases should be removed from the trees during the winter and burned, as otherwise the larvae are certain to destroy a good number of shade trees in the spring.

### GRIT FOR DUCKS.

Ducks do not digest hard grain so readily as other fowls, because they do not eat so much sharp grit. They prefer sand or coarse clods. There is not much danger of overtaxing a duck's digestion if plenty of sand and clods are available.

### HOW HORSES ARE BISHOPED.

Thousands of horses are annually sold under false representations. Some of these fakirs have become so skilled in their tricks and wiles that it requires quite an experienced horseman to catch them. This is especially so in the doctoring tricks practiced by them in order that they may dispose of a bad animal to the best advantage. This fakery is also known as "bishoping"—a term derived from a man named Bishop, who, during the eighteenth century, secured a reputation for making old horses appear young.

Bishop's method was in relation to the teeth of the horse. At full age a horse has forty teeth, and not until the fifth year are all visible. Six months later the nippers or front teeth become marked by a natural cavity, and the presence or absence of these marks tells the animal's exact age. As the horse becomes older these marks wear away, and it is then that Bishop set to work to make fresh cavities as found in a horse at the age he wished to represent.

The surface of the teeth was cut out with a steel tool, and the back lining of the groove, which must be visible, burnt in with nitrate or some other chemical. In this way horses of eight or nine years of age were sold as five-year-olds.

In endeavoring to play the trick of increased age, a three-year-old, for instance, was transformed into a five-year-old by means of chiseling out the sharp milk teeth with which horses are furnished up to their third year, when they are supplanted by permanent ones. The extraction of the former brings on the latter much quicker than would be the case in the natural order of things, thus making a horse appear much older than it really is.

### TRAP NESTS NECESSARY.

The conversion of a flock that barely pays for the feed it eats into one which will lift the mortgage from the home farm is largely a matter of elimination of the "star boarder" and the conservation of the 200-egg-a-year hens. Those who have made special study of this subject are firm believers in the trap nest. To discover the best egg producers one must use the trap nest, or some method of keeping a record of eggs laid by individual hens. The trap nest is about the best thing that has been discovered in the poultry business.

There will be but slow improvement in breeding without an egg record for each hen in the flock. The objection to the trap nest is that it requires too much labor for the farmer. That is true in the majority of cases. Not many farmers can give the necessary time. It is here that the state or experiment station should and can be a great aid. There should be a breeding station or several in every state, where the farmers and poultry raisers could secure at a fair price covelets of good egg-laying pedigree to mate with their flocks. It would not take so very long to furnish those farmers who had improvement of their flocks in view with a male bird whose ancestry for two generations had an egg record of 150 eggs a year or more.

### PREVENTING HORSE COLIC.

A common cause of colic is allowing the horse to partake of large drafts of water immediately after finishing a feed of oats. The reason being that when a large quantity of water is thus drunk it has the effect of carrying it out of the stomach and into the intestines some of the freshly eaten oats. Being still in a raw and undigested condition, this grain is apt to cause irritation and inflammation to the intestines, which is the immediate cause of colic. It is the best plan to always water horses before a meal, or some time after. In the case of colic the following treatment is recommended by a veterinary surgeon: Administer a dose consisting of one ounce of laudanum and two ounces of sweet spirits of nitre, along with half a pint of whiskey in some hot water. Very often simple cases of colic yield to the administration of a couple of ounces of cooking soda, diluted with water, and given as soon as the first symptoms of the attack are noticed. Should the administration of this cooking soda fail to give the desired relief no time should be lost in following it up with the laudanum.

### THE DUCK HOUSE.

While ducks are waterfowl and do not require roosting perches, they must have a comfortable, dry house. The duck house should be built on high ground, and so erected that no water can run in where the ducks may nest. The essential requirements of the house are protection from rain and snow, and exclusion of fowl-eating animals. If the building is a large one, partition into pens. The floor in every pen should be well bedded with straw or other suitable material. This bedding should be clean and be removed frequently. Nest boxes need not be bought or made; ducks prefer to lay in the bedding on the ground.

## POETRY

of and by Our People

### EMANCIPATION ODE

READ BY MISS LILLIAN C. MACK, AT THE EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION AT MANNING, S. C., JANUARY 1, 1912.

Come, Oh, Muse! Lend the spirit,  
Of your song for me to pray;  
Not forsooth, to wake the echo  
Of some hushed and saddened lay,  
Like that of our fathers' chanted,  
When beneath Oppression's away;  
Not a song of wild despairing,  
Is the one we'd sing today.

But awake a sweeter cadence!  
Burst of joy! Heroic grand!  
That shall tell a gladder story,  
To a freer, better land!  
Let no thought of wrong or sorrow,  
In its rap'rous course be grand;  
But, Oh, Muse! We would borrow  
Naught but gladness as we stand!

Journaling on like destined Pilgrims,  
To a fairer land ahead;  
Here, while yet the morning lingers,  
On the pathway that we tread;  
Let us pause, Oh, way-worn travelers!  
And while yet its soft beams last,  
Burn our incense to the memory  
Of a dark but sacred Past!

And that incense calm ascending—  
To the skies a silent prayer,  
All the hopes and deep emotions  
Of a race committing to the air,  
Can but sanctify our Nation,  
And unite with stronger bands,  
All its noble aspirations;  
All the good for which it stands.

See now the curtain lifted!  
With its lengthened folds apart!  
For that we might peer behind it,  
And by seeing again take heart!  
For 'tis not the distance followed,  
That denotes the distance gained;  
But our heights are to be measured,  
By the depths from which we came!

Grim Injustice; now we see thee!  
With the mind's reflective eye,  
Wielding high thy tyrant reveler!  
Deeming not how soon 'twill lie,  
Like some shameful object growing  
In the dark polluted dust!  
While thy crown must be relinquished,  
To the God in which we trust!

Stars have seen thee face to face;  
We have seen thee like some dark-eyed monster,  
On our weak benighted faces,  
But thy day of wrath soon ended;  
Strong, yet weak, how great thy fall!  
When the lighter hand of Justice,  
Dealt the blow that ended all!

Yes, we see it all so plainly—  
Shapes and shadows grim and gray;  
There behind that parted curtain,  
Passing like some phantom play;  
Visions of an era vanished;

NO BARGAINS.

Having fixed the rate for a fight on the field at \$50 a punch, President Lynch was besieged to issue a schedule.

"Can't you make it three punches for \$100?" somebody asked.

The league head pondered a moment.

"No," he said. "I won't do that. I don't mind a little baseball scrap, but a bargain fight is a terrible thing."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

WHY WEST WAS ELECTED.

Governor West of Oregon is the youngest governor in the United States. He is only thirty-seven years old. Needless to remark, his appearance is decidedly youthful. Addressing an audience at Buffalo, he said:

"There is a great chance for young men in Oregon. That is how I happened to be elected. My opponent was so young that the voters were afraid he could not be trusted."—Judge.

### SOME NOVELTIES.

Enamel "mandarin" pendants are among the eastern novelties. Notable among the enamels of the season there are long pearl earrings in various dainty shades with pearl pendant drops, and there are enamel watches on flexible chain bracelets set in pearls.

For the writing table there are perpetual calendars in silver and enamel with ivory tables, and menu holders are produced in enamel in the form of butterflies.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Unless apples are very juicy it is not necessary to dredge them with flour before frying. Apples and bacon are particularly tasty at this time of year.

Apples, cored, the cavities filled with chopped nuts and raisins, and baked, are delicious molded with lemon jelly. Put each apple into a mold, or custard cup, and pour over it lemon jelly. When cold, turn out and serve with sweetened whipped cream.

Gloves will last longer if they are taken off, wrong side out, then turned and pulled into shape. Do not put them away folded.

Mayonnaise will keep for many days, especially in cool weather. A jar of mayonnaise and a jar of boiled salad dressing on hand in the refrigerator fortifies the housekeeper against an unexpected guest. By means of these a salad for lunch is quickly prepared.

Velts should be rolled when not in use, but there is a right and wrong way to do this. Always roll them in the opposite direction from which they have been worn.

An excellent use to make of the discarded felt hat is this: Cut small disks of the felt and glue them to the chair legs, in that way preventing noise when the chair is moved. Tables and other movable furniture, not provided with casters, should be similarly treated if one would avoid unnecessary noise about the house.

### PENSION BILL IS PASSED

Measure Abolishes Seventeen Agencies Maintained in Various Cities—Hits Non-Residents.

Washington.—The pension appropriation bill, carrying about \$18,000,000, passed the house by a vote of 245 to 33, after several southern Democrats had demanded a roll call vote. A provision excluding pensioners who live out of the United States was defeated by 109 to 133. The bill abolishes 17 pension agencies which have been maintained in different cities.

Italian Turkey Banks Close.

Constantinople, Turkey.—The Turkish cabinet has decided to put into force the order for closing all Italian institutions in Turkey, including private banks, insurance companies and the orphanage at Scutari.

Aluminum Canteens for Army.

Washington.—The ordnance department of the army is about to place a contract for 60,000 aluminum canteens, designed to lighten the soldiers' equipment and for use over the camp fire in emergencies.

Busch Opera Gift \$50,000.

St. Louis.—Adolphus Busch, now at his winter home in Pasadena, Cal., has offered to subscribe \$50,000 to the erection of a \$500,000 opera house in St. Louis, providing the remainder of the fund be subscribed within six months.

Leaves 354 Descendants.

Spring Valley, Utah.—Five hundred and thirty-four descendants, running in the fifth generation, survive Mrs. Sylvia A. Sandford, who died here, age ninety-seven years.

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The Mission Circle met Thursday at the residence of Mrs. W. B. Bates. The Benevolent club met with Mrs. J. Brodus Friday evening had a large attendance.

The Benevolent club gave a Surprise Donation party on Mr. and Mrs. Low Morris Saturday evening. The evening was spent in music, games. The hostess served a delightful two-course luncheon. Covers were laid for twenty. All reported having a nice time.

Rev. Roberts of Sioux City preached Sunday at Bethlehem Baptist church. He is an able talker.

Mr. Franklin is visiting Miss Bertha Strother in Buxton this week.

Mrs. J. W. Holmes is improving slowly at this writing.

Miss Ruah (white) spoke at Bethel church, Wednesday evening. She is quite a fluent orator.

**A Miner Slugged and Robbed.**

James Lumsden, an English miner of the Highbridge mines, living with a sister on Clifton Heights, was found by patrolman Dellinger near the Rock Island tracks, at East 9th street, Saturday night, with his face badly beaten up and almost frozen. When examined at the police station he said he had been robbed of five dollars by two men. He says he can identify them. He says he went into a saloon at East Fifth Court avenue, and the two started him out for "a good time;" led him up a stairway and beat him with a sledge hammer.

**CLINTON HAPPENINGS.**

Quarterly meeting was held Sunday, Jan. 21st, Rev. I. N. Daniels, P. E., was with us preaching two beautiful sermons in the evening. Rev. Geo. W. Slater of this city delivered a pleasing discourse. All services were fairly well attended. Monday evening quarterly conference was held which was well attended by the members of the church, taken all in all everything was a success.

Arrangements are under way for an entertainment on the evening of Feb. 14th for the benefit of the steward department at Bethel A. M. E. church under the direction of Mrs. E. W. Mann, a program will be rendered.

Those who knew of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Wesley J. Gains were pained to hear of his passing away a few weeks ago at his home in Atlanta, Ga. His career was a long and successful one laboring long and earnestly for the cause which he represented.

Items of interest gladly received at any time by the correspondent. Send

or phone Miss Estella Bush. A. A. Bush and son Curtis attended the funeral of Mrs. Eliza Wilson in Port Byron, Ill., Sunday Jan. 21st. Deceased was an old and well known citizen of that town belonging to the only colored family. The funeral was largely attended by the friends of deceased of Port Byron and the Tri-cities.

Mr. M. O. Culberson was elected delegate to the Dist. Conference which will be held at Fairfield, Iowa, in March representing Bethel A. M. E. church of this city.

A movement was put on foot for a novel entertainment, Feb. 22d, to be known as a leap year social; the ladies to furnish the supper. The gentlemen to purchase the basket of the lady who may be his escort. The affair is looked forward to with pleasure and it is hoped to make it a big event. This will be preliminary to the rally which will take place in March for the trustees.

The election of trustees of Bethel A. M. E. church was held Tuesday night with the following result: Re-elected, J. T. Culberson, Wm. Henderson, Geo. Robinson, Rev. P. P. Taylor, A. A. Bush, Chas. I. Thompson, Rev. G. W. Slater.

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**GALESBURG, ILL.**

Mr. Jesse Hazel is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

While on her way to see her sister, Mrs. Easley, Mrs. Myra Hardin stepped and fell severely injuring herself. She will be confined to her home for some time.

The Autumn Leaf club met with Mrs. Bryant Gregory at her home, Thursday. Following the business meeting light refreshments were served.

Mrs. Alice Dunaway is on the sick list.

Mrs. Mason Drury and Marion Anderson were called to Chicago by the serious illness of Mrs. Melvina Totten.

The many friends of Mr. Cornelius Carter were pained to learn of his sudden death Sunday. Mr. Carter has been a sufferer from heart disease for some time, and it is supposed he over exerted himself while at his work as baggage man. While on his way to the depot he was seen to fall backward into his wagon and when help reached him life was extinct. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a host of relatives. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Baptist church.

Mrs. George Young of Peoria has returned home after a visit with Mrs. Clay Bolder.

Mr. Luther Williams of Chicago was a Galesburg caller last week.

Lincoln's birthday will be observed by the members of the Baptist church, Feb. 11. A program of exceptional merit is being prepared to which the public is invited.

The Culture Club met with Mrs. Nora Leonard, Tuesday afternoon. The early afternoon was spent with fancy needle work, after which a splendid program was rendered. Dainty refreshments were served. Miss Irene Fletcher was the guest of the afternoon.

**KEOKUK, IOWA.**

The members of Morning Star society No. 1166 very grateful to Mr. Edward Roberson, who so delightfully entertained them at his commodious ice cream parlors last Thursday afternoon. Excellent music on the piano was furnished at intervals throughout the afternoon. Remarks and social discussions by the different members were heard, after which an elegant 2-course luncheon was served. The hospitality of the host shall long be retained as a pleasant memory by the happy recipients. It is not expected that Mr. Roberson will remain a widow much longer since his ability as a cook is unquestioned. Then too, this is leap year.

The death of Mr. Will McCutcheon was reported last week, but it proved to be only a severe sinking spell. However grave fears are entertained.

Mrs. Carrie Goins Crump is quite ill with appendicitis at her home in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Nat. Cheatham, an old resident of this city and a veteran of the civil war, died recently. Burial occurred in the National cemetery. The only immediate surviving relative is one son, Harry, whose whereabouts is unknown.

Miss Blanch Williams of Chicago is in the city, called here to attend the fu-

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General of her grand-father, Geo. Williams.

Mr. Earnest Summers and Mr. Coleman, two of Mr. Jas. Cameron's two sons, valued employees have been off from work the past week on account of illness. We earnestly hope they may soon be able to resume their duties.

Mr. Henry Johnson, who has undergone a long and serious siege of illness is yet confined indoors, but friends main hopeful for an ultimate recovery.

A few of the many friends of Eldora Burton tendered her a surprise last Thursday evening, it being the occasion of her 18th birthday.

Mrs. Lucretia Reuben has been reported quite ill, but is now convalescent.

We are sorry to note that Mr. L. Anderson, who it was thought was steadily gaining in health, is again confined to his bed.

The program given by the Gar Kimbrough Concert company last Thursday night at Bethel church, was attended considering the extreme weather.

Mr. Chas. Owens announces the closing school Thursday night at Association hall.

The young people are looking forward to the masquerade ball Feb. 14th, Masonic hall. It is expected that some stunning costumes will appear.

The funeral of the late John Will took place at Bethel church last Saturday afternoon. He leaves a wife and four children. This death is extremely sad as only a few months ago one of the children was thrown from the wagon, driven by Mr. Wilson, died as a result of its injuries.

Mr. Wm. Rusk, who is running a pantatorium at 413 Main St., is doing splendid business. He has now installed one of the new 20th Century Pressing machines, which is working fine. Mr. Rusk is an energetic young man with lots of business qualities.

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**COLFAX NOTES**

Miss Stella Pierson, head chef of Rest Home, enjoyed a large birth Post Card shower, which occurred on 29th. Unexpectedly some of her friends found out the day of the month of her birthday and a few days before Jan. every mail brought cards until they were numbered at forty, and they being Ex-President McKinley and red nations being the president's favorite flower, she received two dozen and card saying "wear flowers for his birthday" and yours. Many beautiful useful presents were received and Pierson has been in our city for a past year. She is highly respected young lady liked both by white and black, and her many friends of both sexes didn't forget to help her keep day.

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**ALBIA, IOWA.**

Evangelist L. V. Schofield of Okaloosa, spent two days of this week in Albia on business and visiting friends. Blind Boone and his Concert company played at Kings Opera house, on Tuesday of this week.

The R. B. M. Literary society did not meet on Tuesday evening on account of the members attending Blind Boone's Concert, at their meeting for Feb. 14. The debate will be: Resolved that the States that seceded from the United States should have been given to the Negroes.

Mr. Harte of Okaloosa is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Oscar Roper, in Albia, a few days this week.

Miss Cleo Cary is in Buxton taking care of her mother, who is sick this week.

Mrs. Walter Bealy went to Hocking to spend Tuesday.

Mr. Brown, Messrs. W. H. Gordon, Lewis Edmond and others of Hocking, attended the Leap Year party at the A. M. E. church, Thursday evening.

The family of Mr. B. F. Lewis are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Eliza Hays is on the sick list.

guest of Mrs. B. Bright for dinner Sunday.

The A. M. E. Stewards will celebrate the 152d anniversary, Feb. 20th.

**COLFAX NOTES.**  
(Special to Bystander.)

Mrs. Charley Cousin, Mrs. S. J. Brown and Mrs. L. Wilkerson of Des Moines, were down to visit Mrs. J. W. Holmes. We have on the sick list this week, Mrs. Ella Vandever, Mrs. B. Vandever, Mrs. N. Bryant and Mrs. J. W. Holmes.

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**DAVENPORT NOTES.**

Rev. M. Tumor of Oklahoma is conducting a weeks meeting at the Third Baptist church commencing Feb. 5.

Rev. J. Burton preached at the Third Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. He left Monday morning for Ottumwa, Iowa.

Mrs. Francis Baker who has been sick for a few days is able to be out again.

Quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, Sunday was a decided success, both spiritually and financially.

Rev. Sims of Moline, Ill., preached an able sacramental sermon.

Rev. I. N. Daniels, Presiding Elder was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Hawking while in the city.

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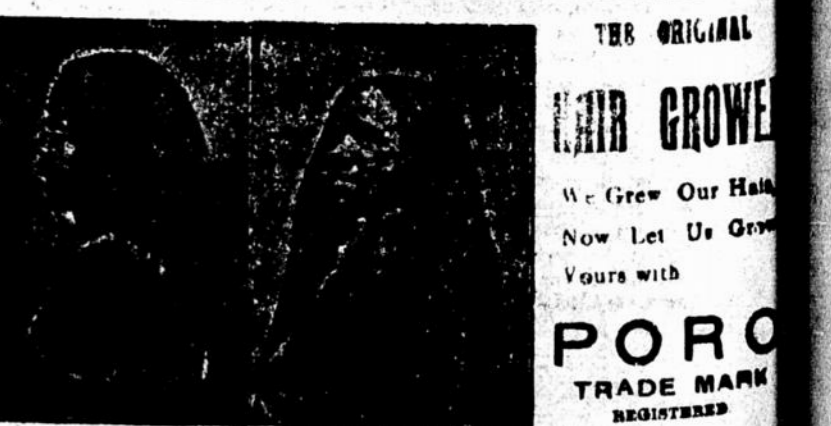
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