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CITY NEWS

Mrs. C. B. Woods has been quite sick the past week.

Wedding bells may soon ring forth again ere long.

There will be church services Sunday at the Union Congregational church, Rev. H. McCraven will preach at 10:45 and Sunday school at 12 o'clock. All are invited to the election of the officers for the Sunday will occur.

The Dramatic Art club met with Mrs. Mattie Warricks last Tuesday. They will meet next Tuesday with Mrs. Norton on Tenth street and continue the study of book VII of Paradise Lost.

Al. Walker of Marshalltown, Iowa, stopped over in our city Monday, en route from Omaha, Neb., where he had been on a business trip. Al. is one of the successful young men of Marshall county.

Mr. L. W. Williams, Dist. Grandmaster of the K. of P. Lodge of Iowa at Clarinda, made his official visit to the local lodge last week.

The list of colored delegates selected last Friday at the republican caucus who are Cummins delegates, John L. Thompson, R. N. Hyde, E. T. Banks, Al. Smith, I. M. Jones, Douglass Miller, Andy Fisher and Chas. Stewart.

Mrs. Rachel Jefferson of Chicago, who was quite sick, was brought to the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Woods of this city last week and she is improving very nicely at this writing.

Mr. Fred. Anthony, our old friend of Boone, Iowa, spent Sunday in our city and was snow bound over until Monday. He is a clerk in a store and is well liked there. Some attraction we presume (?) in the Capital City.

At the meeting of the Intellectual Improvement club at the residence of Mrs. Chas. Cousin last Friday the members decided to take up and study Dr. DuBois recent novel "The Quest of the Silver Fleece." The club also acted as its delegate to the 1912 City Literary Convention Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Mrs. J. B. Rush and H. W. Hughes. The meeting this afternoon will be with Mrs. H. W. Hughes and the topic of discussion will be "Votes for Women."

The Callanan club met this week with Mrs. E. T. Banks. Papers were read by Mrs. Johnny Johnson, subject, "Awakening of Forestry," Mrs. J. F. Massey subject, "The Creation," Scripture lesson, Mark 14:28; Luke 5: 1:31. The following delegates were elected to the City Convention, Mrs. G. Shackelford, Mrs. Emma Pyree, and Mrs. J. F. Massey. A very elaborate lunch was served. Will meet next week with Mrs. A. Dixon 1318 Day St.

At the meeting of the Mother's Congress tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the parlors of the Y. C. M. C. A. Mrs. William Midgett will give an address on "How the Mother's Congress has Benefitted Me." Said subject will be open for discussion to all present.

The Corinthian Baptist Church Announcement.

Sunday March 3rd, 10:30 a. m. Pastor's subject, "Obedience Better Than Sacrifice" 12 n. Sunday School 3 p. m. Covenant meeting and baptismal service. 6:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. 7:30 p. m. subject "Hidden Powers" Lord's Supper and Hand of Fellowship. T. L. Griffith, Minister.

W. A. Brown of Buxton, Secretary of the Boys Y. M. C. A. was in our city Thursday and Friday attending the State Conference of the Boys Y. M. C. A. while here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Marshall 778 W. Tenth. Mr. Brown is one of the coming young men of our young race. He is the wide awake agent for the Bystander in Buxton.

The New Bismark Lunch Room will be open for service Sunday, February 18. Meals served at all hours. Everything good to eat. Hours from 6 a. m. to 12 b. m. 1010 Center Street W. Hieronymus, Prop.

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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Do you read the Bystander every week? If not see the agent, she will be pleased to accept your subscription.

Mrs. J. H. McClain was called to the sick bedside of her mother in Macon, Mo., this week.

Mr. C. S. Cary, Mrs. J. R. Drew and Mrs. H. Henderson were the guests of a 1 o'clock dinner last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Charles Thoma's 37th street.

Mrs. A. M. Rivers, who has just returned from Tennessee, where she accompanied the body of her mother was called to Boone, Iowa, this week to be at the bedside of Mrs. Marshall, who is sick.

On tomorrow afternoon the Mothers Congress will hold their meeting and on Monday evening from 5 to 8 o'clock this same organization will serve supper at the association rooms for the benefit of the association. All members and friends should patronize them.

Mr. Noble Wiley, proprietor of the Get Busy Dress club has installed a shining parlor and donates the proceeds of each Saturday to the "Y." All members and friends should encourage him in this effort by patronizing the parlor on Saturdays if at no other time.

In the wreck of the Wabash passenger train last Wednesday night at the Rock Island crossing by collision with a local R. I. freight train, fifty passengers were more or less injured, among whom was a colored lady, Miss Della Davis of Shelbina, Mo., who is now making her home here. She is improving now.

Our Mission circle of the Corinthian Baptist church is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. J. Childress of 12th St. The subject on "Love" will be discussed by Mrs. Wm. Robinson. Solo by Mrs. Walter Wells. The circle will meet next Friday afternoon March 8th with Mrs. Esther Nichols, 1010 Walnut St. The subject, "Is Baptism essential to Salvation?" will be discussed by Mrs. T. G. Griffith.

Mrs. C. S. Cary, Mrs. J. R. Drew and Mrs. Charles Thomas was guests at the home of Mrs. Harry Henderson's 3025 Third St., last Thursday at a 12 o'clock dinner in honor of Mrs. Drew's thirtieth anniversary. All reported an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Della Bryant, who has been the organist at the Corinthian Baptist church for the past seven years is not playing this year. The choir to show their appreciation of her faithfulness to their choir gave her a surprise Saturday evening, at her home. In a few but touching words in behalf of the choir Mrs. Mary Scott presented Mrs. Bryant with a beautiful silver berry spoon, ice cream and cake were served. After spending a pleasant evening, all departed, hoping to soon have Mrs. Bryant again with them in the choir.

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

The address by Prof. Geo. I. Holt last Sunday on "The Clanging of the Terydy Bell" was both interesting and thoughtful. The theme of the speaker was that after 240 years of gratuitous labor during slavery days the emancipated Negro went upon a vacation from which he had not yet returned, and that the various forms of discrimination that are being visited upon him today are the clanging of the bell warning him that it is time for him to get busy economically as well as politically.

Sunday will be popular meeting day and the principal address will be by Miss Zella Davis, our Deputy County Recorder, who will speak on the Y. W. C. and its Work. Special music will be rendered Prof. John Wilson's male quartette. All are welcome. Ladies especially invited.

Back to the Farm.

Mr. Joseph H. Shepard, janitor of one of our public school buildings has resigned to take effect today to go out on a farm gap in near Clive, Iowa. We citizens of Des Moines feel sorry to lose Mr. Shepard from our city and society, as he is one of the strong pillars of the active life among the colored people. One of those early pioneers who for nearly forty years, has stood for those things and higher ideals in the life of race. He will be greatly missed. Mr. Shepard left the old homestead in Decatur county, Iowa, about decades ago and now returns back to "his farm." We wish him success and happiness.

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JOSEPH I. MYERLY, Candidate for Councilman.

I respectfully ask for the votes of the citizens of Des Moines at the coming municipal primary and election. If elected, I pledge my time and best service in the interest of all of the people of the city. I will not be under obligation to or draw pay or salary from any other source during my term of office. I will insist upon an orderly, decent and efficient business administration of city affairs in all departments and the enforcement of all laws and regulations looking to the physical and moral betterment of our people. I will insist that the money exacted from the people in taxes shall be expended for the benefit of all the people and equitably distributed over the city.



PERRY GREELY HOLDEN, Candidate for the Nomination of Governor of the State of Iowa.

Mr. Holden has rendered the people of Iowa a very helpful service during the ten years that he has been in the state. He is a great friend of Booker T. Washington, who has had many good things to say about Mr. Holden's lectures while visiting the Tuskegee institute. There are many colored people in Iowa who feel that as Governor of the

state, he will be a big help to them and they will vote for him at the June primaries.

We believe that the most lasting and substantial need of our race is not merely to be given a few political jobs but to bring about such conditions that will enable our young people who do qualify and are prepared to be permitted to have an equal chance to enter Educational, commercial, industrial avenues of our great state. An opportunity to go into our factories, workshops unhampered by color and there prove to the world our worth, our ability and our skill.



Mr. Voter, do you want a representative in the council? Do you want a man who will give all his time to city affairs? Do you want the enforcement of all laws? Do you want city funds judiciously expended? Do you want a business administration instead of a political one? If you do, vote for Samuel Zion and Business Methods.

Deputy Clerk. Mr. W. H. Humbard is employed in the County Treasurer's office as an extra Deputy clerk during the Spring tax paying season by County Treasurer, G. O. Dobaon. Mr. Humbard is a respectable worthy citizen and we hope him well.

was cut off and business necessarily at a standstill.

Clarence Williams, the 20 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henderson, passed away Sunday night, Feb 18th after a five weeks illness. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon from the home on Tenth avenue. The Rev. J. H. Ferrabee officiating. Interment was made in Sprindale cemetery.

Geo. Young and Sam Kane of Davenport attended the Leap Year party at Bethel A. M. E. church last week. While in the city they were the guests of the Misses Esther and Mae Culbertson.

Give your name to the agent as a subscriber to the Bystander. Some of our young men are arranging to go to De Wit Wednesday night where they will assist in a minstrel performance.

The Leap Year party given at Bethel A. M. E. church Thursday evening Feb. 22nd, was a grand success socially and financially. The supper room was appropriately decorated in the national colors, giving it a most pleasing appearance. Long and small tables were arranged in every conceivable place for the accommodation of the guests which taxed the seating capacity which had been provided by the committee. The palatial spread which the ladies had provided for their gentlemen guests is beyond description. Taken all in all the event was a success, and the gentlemen only wish that if all leap years were like this one, that it would come oftener than every four years.

Rev. G. W. Slater has been asked by Presiding Elder Daniels to assist him in his work in the district. Several pastors also ask for him in their work. He may accept.

Mr. Frank Rogers, the well known artist of ventriloquism, appeared before appreciative audience last week at the family theater.

A number of our people were confined to their homes last week by illness, but are able to be out again now. Holland Williams seems to be the less fortunate as he is still unable to leave his home.

Mr. Ella Lucas of Cedar Rapids is in the city the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Robinson.

Jesse Mitchell of Fulton, attended the Leap Year party last week. At the recent re-organization of the Christian Endeavor the following officers were elected: President, Rev. G. W. Slater; Recording Secretary, Miss Ethel Culbertson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Emma Heron; Treasurer, Miss Anna Culbertson; Organist, Miss Mae Culbertson; Librarian, Master Claude Heron.

CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.

The members of the Men's Forum gave a smoker in honor of their president, Mr. Geo. Ashby, at the residence of Mrs. A. Boyd, Tuesday evening Feb. 20th. All present report a good time.

Mrs. Georgia Fray and Mr. Ashby have been on the sick list. Both are reported better at this writing. On the fifteenth Mr. E. C. Thomas leader of class number one, was surprised. The event being in honor of his birthday. He was presented with some useful presents. After refreshments were served all departed at a late hour wishing him many more happy birthdays.

Mr. Ben Hawkins, one of our oldest citizens, is very ill at this writing. Little hope is entertained for his recovery, but we all hope for the best.

The Misses Fern and Helen Martin and Mabel Price were entertained at a house party in Iowa City last week. All report a good time.

Miss Helen Martin has just returned recently from Marshalltown.

The Men's Forum was well attended on Sunday afternoon. There were two very good papers read, one by Mr. Charles Moulton. The paper on "Character is best Fortune" by Harold Price was discussed. The young men did splendid as it was their first efforts. The Forum is growing in interest and numbers.

Rev. Hackley preached an able sermon Sunday morning. The evening was given over to the choir and orchestra which rendered a sacred song service. Those present were much benefited.

Mrs. H. L. Price expects to return to Ottumwa for an indefinite time.

The Imperial Art Club gave a party in honor of Merle Fields, one of their members, it being her eighteenth birthday. It was a very enjoyable affair. The skating rink has reopened at the city auditorium for the young people.

BURLINGTON ITEMS.

St. Elmo Chapter No. 3, O. E. S., held public installation at the A. M. E. church Feb. 1st. The following officers were installed: Pauline King, w. M.; Martha Claybourne, A. M.; J. Folks, Sec.; S. Bird, Treas.; B. Johnson, Con.; A. Newton, A. Con.; W. L. Douglass, Warden; J. L. Brooks, P. W. P. was the installing officers.

Mrs. A. Pleasant, Mrs. J. Ray, Rev. R. Palmer and Mrs. Ed. Johnson are on the sick list.

Mr. J. Broden of Cameron, Mo., is the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. A. Pleasant. P. E. Rev. I. N. Daniels conducted quarterly meeting Sunday to a large

congregation both morning and evening. The reverend sermons were very inspiring and greatly appreciated by those present. While in the city Rev. Daniels was guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. King.

We are pleased to note the improvement of Mrs. E. Reed who has been an invalid for several years. The officers and members enjoyed great pleasure in administering sacrament to her last Monday morning.

Rev. R. P. Palmer was in Keokuk last week on business.

Mrs. P. King who underwent an operation for tonsillitis is convalescent. Mrs. Jordan Earlie has accepted the nomination in the prize contest of the Bystander and the agent solicits the encouragement of all non-subscribers as it will be a credit to you as well as a benefit to Mrs. Early.

Rev. Palmer preached a sermon Sunday evening for men only. He chose for his text "What is Man." There was a large audience which was greatly pleased.

Mrs. L. Washington is just recovering from a very severe burn, having mistaken carbolic acid for camphor during a severe headache.

Miss Beatie Earlie was summoned to Quincy, Ill., where her brother John is quite ill.

Miss Grace Pleasant left for Ft. Madison last week accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Dunlap.

The Leap Year social to be given by the G. G. club this Tuesday evening, promises to be one of great note as well as pleasure, as its an opportunity for our widows and also maiden ladies to let their wants be known. We hope there'll be plenty of gents for all.

The A. M. E. church has organized a new choir which is composed some of the best talent in our city. Mrs. C. Palmer is organist and instructor. We wish for them success.

Mrs. Claybourne has moved from Angular street to Brooks street.

BUXTON BRIEFS.

Mr. A. G. Rhodes with his wife has moved to Buxton from Des Moines.

Mrs. Addie Johnson and her daughter Miss Eubanks were driving to town last Friday when their horse became frightened at the little car that conveys the coal to the coal-shute, ran down the hill and turned west on first street throwing the ladies into a ditch with buggy upon them. Mrs. Johnson received a broken collar-bone and two broken ribs from the fall, but fortunately for Miss Eubanks, she was unharmed, save getting her beautiful plush coat very muddy and greatly frightened.

Mrs. Early & Carter attended Mrs. Johnson's wounds and this writing leaves her resting easy.

Mrs. Elizabeth Downey arrived in the city last Friday from Ottumwa to be at the bedside of her daughter, Levia, who is threatened with appendicitis. Dr. Fraister recommends an operation at the hospital but it is certain that Miss Downey will go.

Mrs. Ed. Howell entertained the Mt. Zion Baptist Mission circle in her home last Thursday. The thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians was discussed by the sisters and a splendid meeting was had. Mrs. Howell then served the sisters a nice luncheon.

Miss Elizabeth Price has entered the great Bystander contest and desires the assistance of all the old subscribers who are not paid up in full to date, and as many new subscribers as will help her win one of the eight grand prizes offered. Let every citizen of Buxton help its contestant to win.

W. A. Brown is now the official collector for the Howard-Severance Co. on the encyclopedias put out by Mr. Zimmerman. Please have your monthly payments ready when he calls.

W. L. Perkins went to Iowa City Monday to visit his mother who is in the hospital there.

Miss Mary Perkins of Des Moines arrived in Buxton Monday to remain indefinitely.

The Silver Leaf Lodge No. 5 with Sterling Bolden as C. C., the Progressive Lodge No. 16 with Moses Tandy as C. C., Herman Court No. 266 with Mrs. L. W. Davis, as W. C. and Sweet Beulah Court No. 343 with Mrs. Rose Watson as W. C., met in a joint session last Wednesday evening for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with each other. Brief speeches were made by the Brother Knights and daughters, after which the daughters served a dainty little lunch to the K's and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

The second quarterly meeting of the Executive Board of the Iowa-Nebraska association will meet in Hiteman, Iowa, March 12-14. The circles of the different cities are expected to send up their quarterly assessment. A rally conducted by the local circle will be held on Wednesday evening during the meeting.

Miss Mae Ida Davis was taken very sick in the store last Thursday and has been confined to her home since. She was reported better Monday.

Miss Lelia Downey is much improved at this writing and will probably leave for her home in Ottumwa Friday or Saturday.

W. A. Cooper who was hurt in the mine recently from a shot that was fired, is able to be out again. Chas. Cooper of Tennessee, arrived

in Buxton to take care of his brother, W. A. Cooper while he was injured.

Buxton was in the midst of one of the biggest snow storms of the season last Sunday night and Monday. About two feet of snow fell on the level.

Miss Veetta Step is still improving and gaining her strength real fast. We hope to see her out soon.

ALBIA NEWS.

Attorney James H. Spears of Buxton was in Albia Saturday.

Geo. H. Woodson has been practicing in this term of court in the city.

Mrs. Virgins Burns of Hocking was in Albia Wednesday.

The R. B. Manley Literary society will serve lunch this Tuesday evening. Messrs. W. H. Gordon, Lewis Edmond of Hocking was in town Thursday at Professor Washington's. They are practicing for a musical concert.

Mr. Burt Jones of Hiteman was in Albia, Friday.

Mr. Roy Grayson of Hocking was in Albia Saturday evening.

OGDEN, IOWA

Special to Bystander. We are getting on nicely at Ogden; we have a very good night school under the auspices of Prof. C. W. Rodgers, also we have just ended a two-weeks prayer services, with a result of twelve additions to the church. Meeting was conducted by our pastor Rev. J. W. Morton. We are still striving to raise the club of small girls of which Mrs. Miller is president. They are doing fine; have already presented the church with a nice pulpit, bible and also with a very nice 75-candle swinging lamp. Our pastor says he couldn't feel happy without those girls. The oldest of them only fourteen years old, and wherever the Pilgrim Baptist churches name appears I want these girls spoken of.

The Rev. Mrs. J. W. Morton has been on the sick list for a few days with the lagrippe. All are invited to visit our town.

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1000 NEW SUBSCRIBERS IS OUR SLOGAN.

Within the next 60 days we want to increase our subscription list to the Bystander by 1000 new subscribers and have made an extraordinary liberal offer to anyone in the way of a Grand Prize contest. A cash premium is offered to anybody who will secure us a club of 12 new yearly paid up subscribers, we will give \$5.00 in gold. Certainly this is a most liberal offer that any paper could make. Now it is up to you to help us. Every person can if they only will be one of the many to assist us in getting 1,000 new subscribers. This is the first time that we ever appealed to our friends to get new subscribers for the Bystander. Surely after 18 years that we have visited you weekly, you can feel safe to assist and support it and get out and see a few of your friends (both white and colored) to take it the white man will ask you to take their paper, why not ask them to take your paper? Let us all do our duty, be loyal to the worthy leaders of our race and to the worthy enterprises. Boost for the Bystander! Work for the Bystander! Speak for the Iowa State Bystander!

MARKET ANNEX
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Pure and Wholesome Meat at Market Prices. Open every day. Remember you get the best meat here at Market House Prices.
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Myerly Announcement. Elsewhere in this paper it was found the announcement of Hon. J. I. Myerly for City Commissioner, subject to the primaries, March 11th. Mr. Myerly is an old Polk county boy, born in our city, and raised on a farm. He is one of the best qualified men, by age, experience, a lawyer by profession and was at one time a member of the city council. He was appointed Postmaster of our city by Theodore Roosevelt. He is a good common-sense business man, owns property and is identified with our city.

A CORRECTION

Last week in our Colfax News it was stated that Mrs. Cr-ed Taylor who was sick. It should have been Mr. Creed Taylor.

"When you feel any temptation to sin alone," said the friend and adviser, "you must say: 'Get thee behind me, Satan!'"
"Da's what I done said," answered Mr. Erasmus Pinkley, "an' den I imagine I hyuns Satan answer me back: 'Da's all right. We's both gwine de same way, now, an' it don't make no difference to me which leads de subcession!'"

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WHERE THE DIFFERENCE WAS

Little Old Lady Had Not Understood
But, After All, Matter Was
Quite Simple.

A little old lady came into the station at Ames and asked for a ticket to Greensburg. "Thirty-nine cents," said the agent, as he got the ticket. "Thirty-nine?" exclaimed the woman. "Why, I thought it was 40!" "No," said the man, as he gave her the change, "it is just 39."

The woman took the change and the ticket and sat down, but she did not put either change or ticket into her purse. She held them in her hand, and looked quite troubled. Finally she went to the agent again.

"I am sure there is some mistake," she said. "I came from Greensburg yesterday and I paid 40 cents."

"Our regular rate to Greensburg is 39 cents," said the agent. "It's all right, madam," he added, in a reassuring way.

Again she took her seat, but not for long. Again she came to the window and spoke to the agent:

"Will you please explain to me why the rate from here to Greensburg is only 39 cents when the rate from Greensburg here is 40?"

This was a question that the agent really could not answer, but the woman looked so distressed over the unexpected cent received in change that he felt sorry for her.

"Oh, it's down grade going that way, you know," he explained, in a businesslike way.

"So it is!" she said, in a tone of enlightenment. Her face cleared at once. She put the change into her purse and in great content sat down to wait for her train.—Youth's Companion.

One-Seventh of World Goes to Mecca.

The city of Mecca is the oldest place of resort in existence, yet of all the millions who have visited it not a score of Christians are known to have come out alive. No flag of citizenship would save a man's life were he known to be a Christian within the sacred precincts of the city, where the prophet himself decreed that no unbeliever should set foot.

Of the 220,000,000 Moslems in the world only 15,000,000 live under the Turkish flag; yet most of them acknowledge the sultan of Turkey as their caliph, the successor of the Prophet. As Mohammed shrewdly foresaw, the Mecca pilgrimages binds together disciples into a unity which could be effected in no other way.

"Mecca," says Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer of Arabia, "has become the religious capital and the center of universal pilgrimage of one-seventh of the human race."

Apostle of Peace.

That incessant joker, M. Tristan Bernard, was chatting about the peace movement with some friends the other evening, and somebody remarked to him that peace at any price was quite an impossibility.

"For instance," he said, "if an 'apache' cornered you in the street one dark night, hurt you, and took your watch and chain away?"

"I don't think I would ever talk to him again," said Tristan Bernard quietly.

And a day or two back, as we were driving up the Champs Elysees together in an open, horse-drawn cab, a taxicab bumped into us from behind. Tristan turned slowly around.

"My friend," he said to the chauffeur, "if you want to get in and drive with us, get in by all means, but I warn you beforehand that we haven't got room for your car."—Paris Correspondence London Express.

Strange Methods of Smoking.

Strange are the variations of the strange habit that has become world wide in the last 400 years. The Negroes of the Philippines are cigar smokers and they are said to hold a cigar with the lighted end in their mouths. A nice cool smoke is not what they want. The Hotentots of Africa will sacrifice as much as any man for his smoke. He will sell his wife for tobacco. The Patagonians of the Straits of Magellan has a system of smoke mallowing by which he throws himself down on his stomach and secures a few moments of drugged ecstasy.

Success Assured.

"I can't see why I should attempt to produce your play," said the manager. "There seems to be nothing in it."

"The mayor of this town has promised me that he will threaten to stop it if you put it on," the eager young dramatist replied.

"Hurrah! We'll put it in rehearsal at once, and in addition to being the author, I want you to be the press agent."

Bismarck's Hair on Sale.

Quite an outburst of indignation has arisen in Berlin over the action of a well-known coffee named Roehrig, who is advertising the hair of Bismarck for sale. In the last eight years of the famous statesman's life Roehrig, with the assistance of a valet, collected all the stray hairs of his illustrious patron. These he had made into curls, more than a hundred in number, each of which, before being placed on the market, has been affixed to a bronze bust representing the German chancellor.

Distribution of Effort.

"I put a lot of work on that speech of mine," said the new member of Congress.

"Of course you did," replied the veteran, "refer you have been here awhile you'll learn to put less work on your original speech and save your self for the explanations."

Thoughtful Observation.

Instructor—What most frequently becomes a woman?
The Other Fellow—A little girl.—Louis Post-Dispatch

AFRO-AMERICAN CULLINGS

"Marriage," said a negro preacher, addressing his congregation, "is a mighty serious affair, especially for de man. Dar was Peter an' John. Da wass'n marryin' men. Peter wouldn't hab married de daughter ob de gubner, an' John he wouldn't hab jined han's wid de prosecutin' turney's arny chile. Dem men was smart, lemme tell yer. Day had boss sense. Look at all de big men in de Bible what did not get married. Samson, he got married, an' his ole wife paralyzed him. Then Job he got married, an' dinged if de 'oman didn't want him ter cuss God an' die. She didn't care so much 'bout him cussin' God; de dying part was what she was arter. She was a bad 'oman an' would hab got any man inter trouble. Yer all know de story ob Adam. S'poken he hadn't got married. He'd er done well, lemme tell yer. It was marryin' dat broke him in business. I might go on dis way citin' facks till yer ha'r would turn white, an' still you young folks would keep on a tinkin' 'bout getting married. Yer's got de notion in yer head, somehow, an' no amount ob reason will get it out." Just then the old man's wife entered the church.

"Yes," he continued, "as I was sayin', dere is nothin' like marryin' a good 'oman. Ef I had nebber married but onct an' had happened to catch her first my happiness in dis life would have been as eternal as de glorios flowin' of de spring er de glorios risin' of de sun. I see in labor ob marriage, I is, an' when Paul says, 'He what marries does well,' right dar I agrees wid him.

"Hole on dar," exclaimed the old man's wife. "A pussion come up ter de house jes' now an' said dat yer was down deah ginnin me a mighty blast afore all dese people."

"Dat am de wuss fabrication, chile, what I eber hearn. I see been standin' here complimentin' yer fur de las' fifteen minutes, an' I's sorry now dat yer want here. It would hab done yer good. Yes, bredren, if Samson had married de righ' 'oman he might hab been libin' till yer an' enjoyin' hissef' on de fat ob de lan'. An' dar's Job. Ef he had married a good 'oman, like my wife, fur instance, she would 'n't had 'vised him ter cuss God' but—". His wife stepped from the door, and the old man, observing the movement, continued, "She would have hustled him outen de bed an' made him chop wood an' fetch water. As I see got ter go now an' watch dat smokehouse, de congregation will be dismissed."—Ex.

Real fatherhood as realized by man does not consist in mere physical relationship. Nor is it physical likeness. A person may be physically the son of another; but if all ties of affection are lost, he is as though he were not a son. Affection is all. There may be two children who are in the same family—one a son by nature, the other by adoption. Suppose the son by nature grows up out of all sympathy with the parents. He follows paths directly opposite to those wished for by the parents. He is a continual sorrow to them. But the adopted son grows up in sympathy with the family. He honors its name, sacrifices for it, and instead of bringing it to sorrow, he brings to it honor. This is not the joy of his parents, yet he is not their son by nature. Which one, however, is accounted more the son, or is deserving more of the fatherly love? The second, we agree. His relationship is that of spirit with spirit.—Christian Recorder.

The Savanah Tribune, thinks that "elaborate funeral displays" have become too much of a tax. It says: "How infinitely better would it not be to eliminate so much unnecessary taxation as is placed upon the members whenever a death occurs within their ranks and to increase the monthly dues just a trifle, thereby allowing a slight, but larger sick and death benefit and to cut out entirely all street parades and large outlays at funerals." Tell a negro; an Irishman or an Italian that he cannot have a big funeral when he dies, and he will at once lose all interest in the societies that care for the sick and bury the dead. Many people would think life not worth living if they were to have no big funeral when they die.

It is the policy of Tuskegee institute to employ its graduates wherever it is found expedient to do so. Thirty-six graduates are now employed as teachers, some of them having charge of divisions. Among the oldest and most valuable teachers will be found many graduates of the institute.—The Southern Letter.

We are pleased to note the determination of our county teachers to improve themselves mentally and to keep abreast of new ideas and thoughts. We are glad to note this spirit, as it shows that our teachers are wide awake. Thorough preparation is absolutely essential if a teacher wishes to succeed in her profession.—Southern Missioner.

A race is like an individual. It will be whatever it will make of itself—no more and no less.—Nashville Clarion.

And yet some foolish people say ther is no hell.

We know not what is "down yonder," but the sulphur fumes of injustice which so often rise, to suffocate the negro are wonderfully suggestive of the region presided over by his Satanic majesty.—Birmingham American.

We cannot get along in this world simply by trusting God and doing nothing. God permits even praying loafers to starve to death.—Richmond Planet.

Some time ago some one suggested that 5,000 negroes should march to Washington, D. C. and there and demand President Taft to do something towards putting a stop to mob violence. We hope for two reasons that the suggestion will not be acted upon. First, the expedition would do no good. Second, there are plenty other ways in which the negro can and will play the fool without imitating Coxe's army.

We must be able to differentiate between the man who believes in a square deal for all men, and the man who has no good word or encouragement for any one with a black face.—Danville (Ky.) Torchlight.

Our business men will not grow faint hearted because of failures among themselves. While distrust and opposition will more than ever obstruct their pathway, they will meet it all with renewed and redoubled determination to succeed.—Huntsville (Ala.) Journal.

The only time that The Independent feels like getting out of the profession is when we realize how much alone we are when we undertake to maintain the dignity of the profession.—Atlanta Independent.

NO COLOR LINE IN WEST INDIES

Secretary of Jamaican Cricket Club of New York Makes Statement.

CLASS DISTINCTION—JAMAICANS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ON ACCOUNT OF STATION AND NOT BECAUSE OF COLOR.

New York.—Hounding as silly the assertion of T. L. McDonald, a native of Jamaica, to the effect that the color line is drawn in the West Indies between the blacks and mulattoes, R. Roger Melbourne, secretary of the Jamaican Cricket club of New York, comes out in statement that while class distinction exists in Jamaica, there is no discrimination on account of color.

Mr. Melbourne expresses himself on conditions in Jamaica as follows: "I see that a student of Morgan college, Baltimore, Md., while partially agreeing with Mr. O'Connor De Cordova's article in refutation of Miss Mary Ovington's statement in the Sunday Herald that the negro is a man only in Europe, takes exception to the term 'negro' as used by Mr. De Cordova and alleges that the mulattoes in Jamaica are a distinct people from the blacks or negroes."

"When Mr. De Cordova came forward to refute Miss Ovington's statement, mentioning certain conditions in Jamaica, he did not for one moment think that the negro was not also a man in the United States. He came forward out of justice to negroes in general and Jamaicans in particular (the being himself a Jamaican), and that the spirit of the article was taken by the editor was shown by the headline, 'Negro Also a Man in America.'"

"Mr. McDonald has made the assertion that mulattoes in Jamaica are a distinct people from the blacks or negroes." That statement is sweeping and misleading. He is muddled in his fragmentary statement, and one would gather that the "color line" is drawn. He has hopelessly mixed up color line with class distinction.

"In New York city one hears much of the '400,' and in other localities the same class distinction, although during the recent visit of the Duke of Connaught New York '400' dwindled down to 300 or so. So you see in every community there must be the classes. In Jamaica the mass of the population is composed of negroes, and with the masses there are the world over penny and ignorance.

"For convenience sake, according to Mr. McDonald's viewpoint, I will divide the negroes of Jamaica into two groups—the blacks and the mulattoes. There are among the blacks and mulattoes people of prominence socially and otherwise, and the government of the colony are in the hands of these people with a few officials appointed by the colonial office in London.

"That there is no color line in Jamaica is well known; but there is certainly such a thing as class distinction. It is erroneous to think that there is a line drawn between the two groups of people. Among the blacks and mulattoes there are classes. The blacks of culture and refinement would not recognize as their social equal the uncouth mulatto, and vice versa; but both groups of the same class are at par and receive the same social recognition from the white man. Nor is it expected that the cultured of both groups would bring themselves down to the level of the peasant population. To bring it more clearly to the readers, the educated and refined class of Americans look down in sympathy with the ignorant negroes who are the cause of mob law in the south, and would not allow themselves to be put in a class with them.

"Reforms are needed in all governments, and history teems with the names of reformers who have lived centuries ago, down to our times. Reforms mean progress. There are many who have stood for the rights of the negro in Jamaica who are dead and gone. Mr. Cox is a reformer and is esteemed by Jamaicans at home and abroad, although many think him too radical in his views.

"According to Mr. McDonald, we understand that because Mr. Cox raised a hue and cry against negro oppression he was suspended by the press from the legislative council. The truth of the matter is that Mr. Cox was suspended by regular parliamentary procedure on account of what was considered an insult to the representative of the king. Indeed, he was censured by his own colleagues and a motion for suspension and a vote of confidence in the governor, Sir Sydney Oliver, was moved, I think, by the Hon. D. A. Corinaldi, member for the parish of St. James, a representative of the people."

NEGRO DOCTORS PRAISED.

Dallas, Tex.—The negro physicians of Dallas are being especially complimented for their heroic work in the recent epidemic of spinal meningitis. The white physicians had to call on them for a supply of serum and other medicines necessary in combating this disease. The quarantines of all the smaller towns have been raised and schools have reopened and times are normal again.

HARDER PART.

Caruso, the famous tenor, defended neatly at a luncheon in Atlantic City a stern father.

This father, a Pittsburg millionaire, had compelled his son to stop idling in New York and come back home and go to work.

"I know the boy's mother thinks it hard," said Caruso. "Many mothers are always like that. They make excuses for their 'ner-do-well' sons, while the fathers have to make allowances."

SAN JOSE SCALE IN TRANSVAAL.

The current number of the Agricultural Journal of the Union of South Africa contains the unpleasant news that the much-dreaded San Jose scale, Aspidiotus perniciosus, Comstock, has found its way into the Transvaal. The discovery was made by J. W. Moore of Potchefstroom, in working up a collection, and steps were at once taken to exterminate the pest. In the same journal an account is given of a new and very promising breed of maize

MORE YOUNG COLORED MEN SHOULD HEED THE CALL OF THE LAW

BY WILLIAM H. LEWIS, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.

Races and nations, like individuals, during the centuries of their development and growth, show a decided predilection toward perfect attainment along certain lines in preference to others. The Greeks developed most pronouncedly in art and in letters; the Romans in statecraft. Among nations in our day, the English are the model law-enforcers of the globe; the Germans are the world's philosophers; the French are the smartest in art, dress, society and frivolity; the Italians are the pace-makers in music; and the Americans are distinguished as the highest development of frenzied financiers.

Among races, the Caucasians are the world's premier builders, inventors and discoverers; the Chinese show most tenacity in adhering to customs that are centuries old; the Japanese are peerless in successful imitation; the American Indians are the most fearless and cunning of nature's children; and up to the present stage of their development, the negroes of America and Africa have shown themselves to be the humblest, most patient and long-suffering of all humankind—qualities not to be despised for the Christ has said, "The meek shall inherit the earth." What the negroes' most pronounced leanings will be during future decades of their evolution, is a puzzling question.

A one-sided development is not desirable in race or individual. Indeed, such development may prove to be fraught with grave dangers. For our part we are anxious that every essential line of preparation and training for a people should be stressed in keeping with its importance to our future well being.

In the early years of our freedom it was deemed wise to center our forces on getting together a Christian ministry of ample numbers to take care of the race's religious training. The numbers having been secured, we turned our attention, assisted of course by our white friends, toward increasing the efficiency and adding to the preparation of that ministry. In more recent years there was begun the awakening of our young men to the necessity of preparation for the practice of medicine that our physical ills might be attended by those within our ranks; and today large numbers of our young men are turning their attentions to this line of professional preparation.

The time is now here for corraling the largest possible number of candidates to prepare for the practice of law. The opportunities for racial help offered in this field of endeavor are not being realized with sufficient weight.

The white men chosen from time to time to make and administer the laws of the several commonwealths of these United States, so far know intimately only the depraved, ignorant, vicious negroes—those who help to keep the court dockets filled. To the minds of these men there is but a small per cent. of worthy, law-abiding negro citizenry. How are they ever to become better acquainted with us?

How are they ever to realize that our people are worthy of citizenship? As we see it a direct means for bringing about civic recognition from them, lies in many states of these United States, lies in the production and development of able colored law practitioners to serve us at the bar of justice—men who will by their practice in jurisprudence and their conduct as barristers, focus the attention of the law-manipulators of the other race on negroes of ability and worth in the community. To accomplish this would be a step toward the ends we seek.

The leading objection brought forward to discourage those of our youth who would prepare as lawyers, is that the colored lawyer cannot attain eminence as a court practitioner or as a criminal lawyer. Grant that practically none of them can do so. It must be admitted that they can, if they will, become successful and able as civil attorneys and counselors-at-law, which generally must come before attaining success in the courts; and even this alone is a consummation devoutly to be wished for by any one entering upon the practice of law.

Exploited, swindled and misused as are large numbers of this country's colored citizens, lawyers of color to help them steer clear of these ills, are a pronounced necessity.

Even in the field of politics there some promise of careers for some negro attorneys. What better example can we give than this achievement of our own William H. Lewis, day-before-yesterday a student at Harvard, yesterday a practicing attorney, today assistant attorney general of the United States. What might not a negro lawyer here for who avails himself of the fullest preparation within his reach? Mr. Lewis is like a transplanted bloom from out of the dark, for his ancestors knew from experience the crushing ills of slavery. Mr. Lewis has had to face and grapple with the retarding devices of race prejudice. He came to realize that no man becomes great by avoiding difficulties, but rather by overcoming them; and he brought his magnificent will-power into play, held himself despite opposition, a clouded outlook, and proscriptio, to the task of fitting himself to accomplish big things and

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The Farm

TO IMPROVE ARMY STUD.

After exhaustive investigations of European armies and of their system of replenishing their cavalry with recruits, the war department of the United States has adopted a plan which will not only attain the object desired, but will incidentally result in raising the type of horses in all parts of the country.

The department's plan is, briefly, to buy a number of first-class stallions, suitable for cavalry use, and to farm them out to horse breeders of established reputation in various parts of the country where horses are raised. Farmers who have mares coming up to specifications may have service from these stallions free of charge. In return for this privilege the government is given an option on the foal resulting, so that it may be bought for army use at any time during its third year for \$150. Farmers have already become interested. They have nothing to lose by such an agreement, with the possibilities of gain in case the government does not make use of its option. Through this method one of the greatest stallions ever shipped west of the Mississippi, a Derby winner, has been placed on the farm of Dr. A. W. McAlester of Columbia, Mo., for free service purposes. Others will be placed soon.

The mares to be mated with the cavalry stallions must be of medium size, and must be in perfect health, with no indications of hereditary defects. The young cavalry horse must be less than 16 hands high and must conform to the following description in other respects:

A gelding of specified color, in good health and fair condition, from three to four years old; weighing from 875 to 1,000 pounds, depending on height, which should be from 15 to 15½ hands.

Head—Small and well set on neck; with ears small, thin, neat and erect; forehead broad and full; eyes large, prominent and mild, with well-developed brow and fine eyelids; vision perfect in every respect; muzzle small and fine; mouth deep; lips thin and firmly compressed; nostrils large and free, and branches of under jaw—adjoining neck—wide apart.

Neck—Light, moderately long, and tapering toward the head, with crest firm and longer than under side; mane fine and intact.

Withers—Elevated, not unduly fine, well developed and muscled.

Shoulders—Long, oblique and well muscled.

Chest—Full, very deep, moderately broad and plump in front.

Forelegs—Vertical and properly placed, with elbow large, long, prominent and clear of chest; forearm large at the elbow, long and heavily muscled, with knees large, prominent and wide in front.

Back—Straight and well muscled.

Loins—Broad, straight, very short and muscular.

Barrel—Large, increasing in size toward flank, with ribs well arched and definitely separated.

Hind Quarters—Wide, very long, full, muscular and rounded externally.

Tail—Fine and intact; well carried and firm.

Hocks—Neatly outlined, lean, large, wide from front to rear, well situated and well directed.

Limbs—From knees and hocks downward vertical, short, wide laterally, with tendons parallel and standing well out from bone and distinctly defined.

Pasterns—Strong, medium length, not too oblique and well directed.

Feet—Medium size, circular in shape, sound, with horn dark, smooth and of fine texture, sole moderately concave and frog well developed, sound, firm, large, elastic and healthy.

TO BUILD GOOD FENCES.

The day of rail and barbed wire fences in agricultural sections is practically a thing of the past. Wood rail fences have become too scarce and valuable to be used for this purpose, and barbed wire is inefficient and dangerous. Other kinds of fences are rare, except woven wire, and are not worth considering as a whole.

The most economical and serviceable of all kinds of fencing is that of woven wire. Great improvements have been made of late years in this class of fencing, and the product is much cheaper than it formerly was. It has now become almost a perfect fence, which together with its relative cheapness, makes it very popular with the farming public. The farm which is surrounded, and the separate fields inclosed, with high and tight woven wire fence is well improved, and the owner of the farm is in a position to make extra money from his land through domestic animals of all kinds which feed on grasses and other forage plants that could not possibly be utilized without a good system of farm fences.

The first thing to do in building a strong and serviceable woven wire fence is to set the posts deep and firm, and strongly brace or anchor the end or supporting posts. The best way for a corner or end post is the anchor or guy. The anchor is placed by digging a hole about three feet

deep and three or four feet away from the bottom of the post to be anchored, in a straight line with the fence. In this hole is placed a large stone, an old iron wheel, or a durable piece of wood. To this heavy anchor deep in the ground is fastened a doubled No. 9 wire, or a single No. 6 wire, galvanized to prevent rusting quickly. The other end of the wire is fastened to the post to be supported, at the top or near the top. The anchor is then solidly covered with earth, and the wire twisted with a lever till it pulls slightly on the post. The farther out from the base of the post the anchor is buried the greater pulling power it will have. If this anchor wire will be in the way of field tools, then it may be placed between the last two posts, fastened to the second to the last post, and the end post braced to it.

Have both end posts and several intermediate posts well anchored or braced in the fence line, and then stretch the woven wire. Use the heaviest fence stretchers that can be had, as upon a good job of stretching the efficiency of the fence depends. A loose fence is inefficient and soon goes to pieces by being mashed out of shape.

Some fence builders staple only two or three wires to a post, but such is poor economy of time and material. Staple every horizontal wire to every post. A well-stapled fence is substantial and well-set posts will not only turn all kinds of domestic animals, but a man can climb over it as on a ladder, with safety to himself and no injury to the fence.

By stretching fencing on immovable posts, no portion of the wire can pull a post out of position. Each post bears an equal strain, and the fence is solid and firm in every part. A woven wire fence is good if it can be kept taut all the time; otherwise it is almost worthless.

Different weights, heights, sizes of meshes, and sizes of wires are used in modern woven wire fences, yet the best in the end are the high, heavy and close-meshed kinds. They can be depended upon at all times to serve every purpose well for which they are built.—H. J.

NEW KINDS OF PLANTS.

Now come the seedsmen's catalogues, profusely illustrated, beautiful to look upon. If you don't get them all, send for those you haven't got. You need them in your business and the seedsmen are actually so glad to find farmers to send them to that they are willing to pay for lists of names.

Prominent always in the catalogues will be some newly discovered vegetables for which the dealer will claim wonderful things. Of those for which too much is claimed, beware if the price is high; if cheap, get a few and plant them for an experiment. Few and small they will be of any value, but a great deal of pleasure can be derived from raising them.

Never invest heavily in these seeds or plants—remember the mushroom culture fad, the ginseng fad and the orris root fad.

One of the new arrivals this year is endive, known already in this country as a salad. It has long been successfully grown in Europe. Pe-tai, a large Chinese cabbage, is another stranger which looks good, but has yet to prove its adaptability to our climate. Udo, an asparagus-like plant that appears midwinter, is another new one. Sea kale, a newcomer, also pushes up frozen soil to find a way. An attempt is also being made to introduce the Sakurajima Japanese radish, which is large and of superior flavor.

HEN HEALTH.

We are getting a good many letters from worried poultry raisers, and three-fourths of the trouble seems to be some form of roup. Of course it's hard to keep up with the work, but it's harder to make up what has been neglected. If the poultry houses were in winter shape now it would not be necessary to turn the fowls out of doors stormy, windy days; plenty of exercise could be furnished indoors, good health be easily maintained and the egg basket need not be quite empty.

Shelter, sunshine, exercise, dust bath, clean water, a good bill of fare, are the best preventives of colds and roup we know of, and to furnish these is cheaper and easier than to cure. A disinfectant in the water, occasionally a dose of salts in a warm vermian sap the vitality of the fowls; keep them bright and active, make them work, and diseases of all kinds will find it a hard matter to secure a lodging place.—W. E. Vaplon.

GREEN MANURING.

When green-manure crops are plowed under, there is more or less tendency of such material to sour the land, and applications of lime after plowing under such crops sweeten the soil and secure a more favorable condition for the growth of clover. It is very important to work in clovers as often as possible, and a sweet soil is necessary to get good results with them.

never allows cold air to strike her baby chicks at this time. She remains on the nest till the hatching is entirely over, and then remains on the young a day or two longer for good measure. She knows best.

Shells during the hatch may be removed from the tray about twice each day, but see that the outside temperature is high when the work is done, and do it quickly.

A few drops of carbolic acid in the drinking water of chicks is recommended for bowel troubles.

The Sunday School Lesson

Sunday School Lesson for March 3, 1912.

THE CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES.

Golden Text.—The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.—Matt. 9:37, 38; Luke 10:2.

Lesson Text.—Mark 1:14-28; Luke 5:1-11. Commit vs. 16, 17. Theme.—A. D. 28. Place.—Galilee near Capernaum.

Exposition.—The definite call of the First Disciples, 14-20. The imprisonment of John led Jesus to forsake Judea for Galilee (v. 14 cf. Matt. 4:12). It was an act of prudence on his part. He began with the same message with which John had begun. (v. 15 cf. Matt. 4:17; Matt. 3:2.) Part of his cry ("Repent ye") was the same as that of the Old Testament prophets (Is. 57:7; Jer. 3:22; Ezek. 14:6; 18:30; 33:9), but there was an addition "Believe the glad tidings." The kingdom of God was at hand, because the king himself was at hand. If the Jews had received Jesus, he would have set up the Kingdom of God then and there. As he was rejected and crucified, the outward establishment of the kingdom was postponed. Simon and Andrew were attending to their own proper business when Jesus called them into his work. (v. 16; cf. Ex. 3:14; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Matt. 9:9.) Jesus called them into a work of the same character that they were already doing; hither they were to fish for men. The ordinary fisher catches fish to kill and eat them; the Gospel fisherman catches men to make them alive and feed them. Jesus gave them the command, "Come ye after Me," and the promise "I will make you fishers of men." Commandments and promises always go hand in hand in the teaching of Jesus. The day came when Jesus' promise to Peter was so wonderfully fulfilled that Peter caught more men at a single haul than he did fish on this day (Acts 2:14-44). The one great condition of success in fishing for men is following Jesus, and any one who is not a fisher of men is not a follower of Jesus. Simon and Andrew showed that they believed Jesus and appreciated his call by leaving all and following him. (cf. Luke 5:11). The one who would follow him must forsake all. (Matt. 16:24; Luke 14:33). Forsaking all will pay; for those who forsake all gain all for time and eternity. (cf. Matt. 1:27-29). There was no hesitation in their obedience. "Straightway," James and John were also attending to their proper business when Jesus called them (v. 19). They, too, unhesitatingly obeyed. They not only left their boats and nets but their

father as well. (cf. Matt. 10:37). II. Jesus' Power as a Teacher, 21, 22. "Astonished at his teaching." (The Greek word is a very strong one), this was frequently the result of Jesus' teaching (comp. Matt. 7:28; 13:54; Jno. 7:46). That which astonished them was that he was not a mere commentator on what ancient men of God had said, but he taught them as one who himself taught directly from God. They recognized that a God-sent man with a God-given message was speaking. Jesus indeed claimed authority above that of Moses and all the ancient men who spoke from God (Matt. 5:21, 22, 33, 34; Luke 11:32; Jno. 3:3; Heb. 1:1, 2). We too ought to teach with authority, but we can only do it when we speak "as the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4:11).

III. Jesus' Power over Demons, 23-28. There was one man in the synagogue who especially needed help, a man who had come under the power of an unclean spirit. "An unclean spirit." Demonic possession is quite common today in China and other heathen lands (read Nivulus on Demonic Possession), and is not unknown in our land in certain kinds of lunacy and some forms of clairvoyance and spiritualism. The presence of Jesus filled the demon with terror. He recognized Jesus as "the Holy One of God," and he knew his own doom must soon come, and he feared that the hour had come now. "Art Thou come to destroy us?" he shrieks in terror. The presence of Jesus always stirs up the devil and his minions. It is not a bad sign to have the devil rage in a community or a church. The terror of this demon at the approach of Christ may suggest to us how evil men will feel when he comes again. The devil and every form of evil always asks to be "let alone." But Christ will not let alone (1 Jno. 3:8; Heb. 2:14). The demon had the most correct and the most extensive knowledge about Jesus of anyone in the synagogue. It is evident that orthodoxy is not salvation (Jas. 2:19; Rom. 10:9, 10; Gal. 5:6). Jesus' answer to the orthodox confession of the demon was very brief, "Be silent (literally, muzzled), and come out of him." Jesus never accepted the testimony of demons (v. 34; 3:11, 12; Acts 16:16-18). The demon did not wish to come out, but he had to. But he made a last struggle and gave his victim a parting blow. He made himself felt and heard, but the cry was one of despair and this awful struggle was the last. It is the devil's way to make a last struggle before giving up his hold upon a man (Rev. 12:12). The people earlier in the day had been "astonished" that he taught with authority; now they are "amazed" that with authority he commands even the mighty demons and they obey him. But neither astonishment nor amazement are conversion. The report of his mighty power spread like wildfire in the whole surrounding country. The people were not accustomed "to real miracles."

Leading Questions.—What proofs have we in this lesson of the Deity of Jesus Christ? What does it teach about soul winning? About discipline? About demons? About more orthodoxy?

FOR THE BEDROOM.

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FAREWELL TO SUMMER.

By Howard T. Toles.

Farewell, sweet summer days, That joy to us did bring; From cannot away in thy sweet breeze, The birds have ceased to sing. We hate to drop our hook and line, That once made life sublime; The rippling waters sing farewell To the "good old summer time."

The little rosebuds which the sun, The warm south winds and rain adorn; The leaves they drop deftly the storm, The winds and rain, with just a thorn, Like a knight, while in the battle rage, Dismisses both his shield and page, Rides on his steed, like lightning'sbourne, Into the fray with sword alone.

The little violets we cannot see, Their roots are hid away In the bosom of the earth for many months. And there they all must stay; But they'll return to us again In the pleasant month of May, Like a snail creeping out of his shell, When danger's gone away.

The pretty leaves of golden hue, Leaf by leaf, not two by two, Must leave the oak exposed and bare, In winter's cold they're to share, But the evergreen does ever beam, And still ranks high in our esteem, It cheers us up, and like the poor, Will be with us forevermore.

But summer's gone, the days grow cold, The fate of winter is untold, The cold east rains begin to fall, The northwest winds begin to call To the ice and snow in a frozen tone, From sources to mankind unknown, And clothe our Mother Earth in white, While we're asleep throughout the night.

But while the cold northwest winds blow, And Sol forbids to shine, The farmer sits down by his fire, With naught o'er which to pine; No grain to reap, no grass to mow, He welcomes both the ice and snow, His care is over, his work is done, He's the happiest man in all the world.

LOVE AND DEATH.

Alas that men must see Love betwixt 'em Death; Else they content might be With their short breath; Ay, glad, when the pale sun Shewed restless day was done, And endless rest begun.

Glad, when with strong, cool hand Death clasped their own, And with a strange command Bid every man: Glad to have finished pain, And labor wrought in vain, Blurred by sin's deepening stain.

But Love's insistent voice Bids self to flee— "Live that I may rejoice." "Live on, for me, my dear, So, for Love's cruel mind, Men fear this rest to find, Nor know great Death is kind!" Margaret Deland.

OX JOINTS A LA HUNTINGTON.

Two ox joints may be bought for 25 cents and, cooked in this way, furnish a most satisfactory dinner. Cut two ox tails in pieces at the joints, put in a saucepan, cover with boiling water, let boil five minutes, drain and then wash thoroughly in cold water. Again drain, and saute in butter (to which has been added one sliced onion) until the surface is well browned. Turn into a casserole or deep earthen dish, dredge with one-fourth cupful of flour

Of Interest to Our Women

BRIDES WHO DEFY ILL LUCK.

It is already the exception instead of the rule to be superstitious, yet there will always be some people who will prefer not to tempt the unkind fates by running counter to ancient sayings, especially on their wedding days.

Brave must be the woman who goes to be married in a black dress, remembering her way to church, as she unconsciously must, that, according to tradition, to be wedded in black is to court all kinds of the very worst of luck.

Nevertheless, in two recent cases a couple of well known brides wore black. There was no reason why they should do so. Both were wealthy, so that in their case they had not the excuse of the Scandinavian bride who buys a black frock from motives of economy.

No; these brides wore the handsomest of materials, one silk, the other velvet. But they chose black in order that it is to be presumed, to register their supreme contempt for superstition, and because they were fully determined to prove it on the one occasion that is ordinarily kept as free as possible from elements that may provoke misfortune.

Friday brides there have been lately, and brides whose gowns were embroidered with green threads, even though green means "deserted" in the language of wedding lore. The thirteenth of the month, which was also a Friday, was deliberately chosen by a bride-elect for her wedding day. Could defiance go farther?

The modern marriage is not the conventionally ordered affair that it used to be, but is by every ambitious and individualistic bride made an occasion for some sensational novelty of arrangement.

In the case of a girl whose wedding was a late autumn affair, instead of the honeymoon tour being made the subject of prolonged and delightful discussion between the bridegroom-elect and herself the young man was commanded to keep the destination a dense secret, and when the happy pair left the house the bride herself had no idea to what place she was going, and her people were also quite in the dark.

These are institutions acceptable in every way to all sundry, and delightfully individualistic rather than sensational, with the exception perhaps of the black marriage robe, which to sensitive and superstitious friends and relations must bring many a qualm and set them on the lookout for the coming of bad fortune to the newly wedded pair.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Too much care cannot be exercised in the selection of meats. The following will help the housekeeper in recognizing good beef: The meat of beef should be neither too red nor too pale, and the fat should be slightly tinged with yellow. Gristle between the fat and the lean shows that the animal was old. The best beef has little streaks of fat running through the lean.

It should be firm to the touch and adhere firmly to the bones it contains. It has very little odor, and that not disagreeable. It does not become moist on keeping, and when cooked does not shrink much. For roasting purposes tendinous parts should be avoided, as they become hard and horny when cooked, unless stewed or used for soup.

Apples and cranberries are very good cooked together in equal quantities. Let a quart of the mixture cook with about a cupful of water, or just enough to prevent burning. At the end of 20 minutes add two cupfuls of granulated sugar and let all cook for about forty minutes more. Turn into molds to mellow the berries and the sauce is often preferred to one entirely of berries.

After drinking water has been boiled it has a flat and insipid taste. This may be entirely obviated by pouring the water rapidly from one pitcher to another, holding the pitcher from which it is poured some distance from the other. The process restores the natural taste.

When reading a magazine, if you find an article which you especially wish to save, put your initials on the cover to indicate that you would like to cut out something after everybody else is through and before the magazine is passed on to somebody outside the household.

TO WASH SILK WAISTS.

When the washing and ironing of silk is so easily done, there is probably nothing so practical and useful as the silk waists. When preparing to wash silk waists separate them into colors, putting the white ones alone. Soap jelly is easily prepared, and is a valuable help. It should not be kept for longer than a week, as it soon loses its strength.

Have ready three bowls of lukewarm water, and into two of them place some of the soap jelly. In the first bath plunge the waist, having the right side uppermost. Squeeze the soapy water gently through the fabric, keeping it well under the water, and paying special attention to the neck, wristbands and arm holes. When the waist is well washed in the first water, squeeze the water out of it. Never wring the garment. Turn it over on the wrong side and repeat the process of washing it in the second bath of soapy water. Squeeze when well done. Shake and rinse in clean, warm water to remove the soap. Then rinse in cold water, and, if possible, in running water. In order to make white silk a good color, rinse in blue water. Silk must be ironed while quite damp or it will have a rough, unfinished appearance. Use moderate-heat iron and place a piece of muslin between it and the right side of the silk. It has been found that a hot iron yellows silk and gives a crimped, rough appearance. Iron the silk to give it a good gloss. Lace trimming on the waist should always be ironed on the wrong side, as lace is never supposed to have a gloss.

SKIRT.

One of the most attractive forms taken by the inevitable tunic, and one which lends itself admirably to a slim, girlish figure is the apron-shaped effect. A frock carried out in the palest rose chamoise has the bodice draped with fine Chantilly lace, which falls down at the front and back, forming an apron-shaped tunic bordered with lace.

Three bands of pale rose satin trim the kimono sleeves and front of the bodice, showing an interweaving of lace. A band of soft black velvet ribbon tied in a tiny knot at one side, encircles the waist, while another is worn round the hips. Just below the edge of the apron are three very flat, broad tucks which take off from the plainness of the skirt and complete a delightful and dainty gown for the young girl.

Satin shoes and plain silk stockings in exactly the same shade of rose should be worn with it, or, as an alternative, very smart black ones.

Given a well cut undershirt or two in soft satin, it would be quite possible to arrange this little apron tunic so that it might be worn alternately over a different shade of frock by doing away with the satin bands on the sleeve. A tunic should always be made with an eye to its possible variation with other slips.

A NOVELTY IN DRESS.

From Paris comes the news that white satin is to be worn in the daytime for winter dresses. This new idea has already been carried out, one gown being in ivory chamoise, with a crossed bodice and a belt of Dresden blue taffeta.

Touches of the same colored taffetas could be seen under the yoke of the lace, which was scooped out in Dutch style at the neck. The dress otherwise was quite plain save for a hem of skunk, and it was worn with a long coat of black plush hemmed with skunk and finished with a storm collar and large revers of the same fur.

Pale mauve satin, another of the materials usually reserved for the evening, is being utilized for day gowns in combination with black chiffon and fur. Of course, such a gown is suitable only for afternoon wear, and then only when the wearer has a closed car at her service.

YEAST BUNS.

Scald one pint of milk, add two tablespoonfuls of butter, and when lukewarm add half a yeast cake dissolved in a little warm water, two eggs well beaten, and sufficient flour to make a soft dough; knead lightly, stand aside overnight or for several hours. When very light pinch off little bits, form into buns, stand them in a baking pan where they cannot touch each other, and when very light put them into a quick oven for fifteen minutes. After they have been in the oven for ten minutes, brush with a mixture of white of egg and sugar and milk beaten together. Put them back until they are of a golden brown color.

FRITTERS.

Cook three tablespoonfuls butter in the same amount flour and half teaspoonful salt and paprika. Add a half cup each of cream and chicken broth or meat stock and bring to the boiling point, then stir in the well-beaten yolks of two eggs over hot water until the egg is set. Then stir in one cream or Camembert cheese. Turn on a buttered pan and when firm cut into flat round cakes. Dip in beaten eggs, then into bread crumbs and fry in deep fat. Serve with plain lettuce salad and bread and butter sandwiches.

FRUIT DRESSING.

Take one dessertspoonful of any good cocoa, dissolve in a very little boiling water; then take five large tablespoonfuls of thick condensed milk or cream and two spoonfuls of sugar. Mix all up well together. This makes a fine dressing for any kind of canned fruits that are tart, or for baked apples, apple sauce, etc. For canned peaches, pour the juice into separate dish, sweeten to taste, pour in the dressing. Mix well together, and serve over the peaches.

PERIL OF CROP LOSS

H. M. Cottrell Sounds Warning Against Untested Seed Corn

MAY LOSE SEVENTY MILLIONS

Whatever is Done To Prevent This Enormous Loss Must Be Done At Once By Testing The Seed To Be Used.

Des Moines, March 1.—Iowa is facing calamity of tremendous proportions, involving the loss of \$70,000,000 which can only be warded off by concerted movement by the commercial and industrial interests of the state to secure testing of the seed corn to be planted this spring.

This was the startling declaration made by H. M. Cottrell, industrial commissioner of the Rock Island railway, to a large gathering of Des Moines business men at the Grant club last night.

Mr. Cottrell was called upon by President Meredith at an address at the conclusion of the regular programme, and declared that the situation with respect to seed corn was the most serious he had ever known, adding that he had been engaged in this line of work twenty-eight years.

In other states of the middle west, including Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska, conditions were even worse than in Iowa, whole counties in some states being without corn that will germinate. In Illinois one of the biggest seed corn growing concerns in the country, which had expected to have 120,000 bushels to sell, would have less than 10,000.

In Oklahoma he found they were expecting to get their seed corn from Kansas, and in Kansas they were looking to Iowa to supply their needs.

IOWA THRESHERMEN TO MEET

State Convention Will Be Held In Des Moines at the Coliseum Commencing March 12.

Des Moines, March 1.—The Iowa Threshermen's association will convene in Des Moines on March 12 for its annual convention, according to the announcement made yesterday. The convention sessions will be held in the Coliseum. Headquarters for the convention will be established at the Iowa hotel. Tuesday will be devoted to registration. A fellowship meeting, under the auspices of the Des Moines Thrasher club, will be held Tuesday evening. The first business meeting of the convention will be held Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. Henry's band will be a feature of entertainment to follow the business session on Wednesday evening.

WANTS MONEY FOR WELLS

Iowa City Hopes to Gain \$35,000 Appropriation From Legislature to Relieve Conditions.

Iowa City, March 1.—Two months' supply of bad water to the people of Iowa City and the state university has led to an investigation by the city council here with the result that the water company's complaint that the state's dam over the Iowa river at Burlington street is causing the stagnancy will be carried to the state board of education with the view of gaining a \$35,000 appropriation from the next legislature to relieve the existing conditions.

Two Hurt When Trains Collide.

Remsen, March 1.—Two members of an Illinois Central train crew received injuries and 100 yards of track were torn up in the eastern outskirts of town when the fast freight, west-bound going at high speed, collided with the first section of the same train, which was switching in the yards. Both engines and ten cars of the second section were thoroughly scrambled.

Farm Enthusiasm Great.

Humboldt, March 1.—The Farmers' Institute being held at Bode this week is the best that town has ever had and enthusiasm for better farm conditions was never greater. Professor Holden addressed the institute. Paul Hoffman, candidate for Tenth district congressman, also spoke.

Conference Is Planned.

Cedar Falls, March 1.—Delegates from nearly every college Y. M. C. A. in Iowa are expected to attend a conference to be held at the state teachers' college in this city March 29 to 31. It is expected that there will be 100 present at the three day's conference.

Slade Is Again President.

Iowa City, March 1.—A. A. Slade, of Iowa City has been re-elected to the position of manager of the Johnson County Chautauqua association. The 1912 season promises to be one of the most successful in the history of the organization.

Wiota Wrestler Issues Defi.

Wiota, March 1.—Harley H. Foster, the featherweight wrestler of Wiota, wishes to meet any man of his weight 110 pounds, in the states of Iowa or Nebraska.

High Price for Chickens.

Des Moines, March 1.—Richard Palmer, who pleaded guilty before Judge Brennan in the district court of the theft of two chickens, drew a sentence of two years in the reformatory, or one year for each fowl.

Oceola Again Has Water.

Creston, March 1.—After being without city water since September 20, Oceola now has a good supply furnished by the thaws of last week, which raised the water

KEOKUK NOTES.

Penmore the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fiel died last Saturday evening at 6 o'clock at the family residence 1727 Maine street. The little one was sick but a few days with pneumonia. Of the immediate relatives there survives the little one aside from his parents a baby, brother Thurman Leroy, Mr. Frank Fields, grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Webster great grandfather and a number of Uncles and aunts who have the deepest sympathy of a sorrowing concourse of friends. Little Penmore was a sweet child, loved by all. Burial took place in the family lot in Oakland cemetery. Little angel thou art free from sorrow. An the trials of each toils me day, Free from all the cares we borrow As we tread life's rugged way, Your smiling face we'll see no more But our Saviour's voice we must obey. When the storm of life is o'er We shall meet thee some sweet day.

Rev. Wm. Brown, former pastor of Seventh street Baptist church was banqueted at the Frye restaurant last Wednesday at 1 o'clock by the members of the Ministerial Alliance. A bountiful 3-course repast was served. The affair being complimentary to the Rev. Brown's expectancy to soon locate in another field. Those present were Revs. J. Frewer, D. W. Anderson, Collins, Lowe, Grant and David Cross.

Mr. Joseph Fields of St. Louis, Mo., arrived in the city Sunday evening to attend the funeral of his little nephew, Penmore Fields.

The snow storm that reached our city last Sunday evening is given credit for recent conjecture that Mr. Arthur Frye was a little premature in the announcement of his pre-arranged excursion plan.

One of the most social functions of the season was the Washington tea party that was enjoyed by a number of invited guests last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coleman 1213 Morgan street. The rooms were tastefully decorated with flags. A large one which was draped with artistic effect was a gift of the guests. The table was decorated with flags interspersed with souvenir hatchets, each place card, bearing a patriotic emblem. The viands were such as would appeal to the most fastidious. At a late hour the guests felt loathe to depart with an expression of regret that Washington's birthday only came once a year.

Fire destroyed the property last Friday morning on Ninth and Main streets occupied by Luther Harden restaurant keeper. Mr. Wilson's barber shop and the Frye restaurant. Mrs. Frye expects to continue in business if a desirable location can be secured.

The ladies will all be given a chance to spend their money, Tuesday night at the Leap Year entertainment at Pilgrim's Rest church, under the auspices of the Wiling Workers.

Mr. J. O. Boyd (white) addressed the Young Men's club at Bethel on the 18th inst. Much valuable information was gleaned by this forceful speaker. His pictures were varied and beautiful in effect, leaving an impression that reflects upon the innerman. We would that his talk might be printed in full. The young men of the Lecture club are to be congratulated upon the work they are doing.

An entertainment will be given at the Seventh Street Baptist church the 14th of March. It is hoped that a large attendance will be present an appeal is made to all sympathizers of the historic church, which was organized in 64 to come out and assist in what is properly a farewell within the walls of our present site.

Miss Marie Lewis has been suffering with a neuralgic tooth which has kept her out of school for several days.

Friends from out of town are invited to attend the Easter Ball given by the Jolly Bachelors, Wednesday, April 17th; Committee, Chas. W. Owens, Ora S. Bates, Robt. Scott, the condition of Sy. Boyd who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever at his home 1217, Morgan street for the past week is improving slightly.

Mr. William Rush is president of the Sunday lecture club. They are giving some very interesting program. As we are about to close our news for the week, we are informed of a surprise wedding which occurred at the home of Mrs. Fannie Tavis, Monday afternoon in which Miss Jessie Johnson became the bride of Mr. Lewis Wilson. They are two well known young people and their many friends wish for them a long and happy married life. They will reside at 1211 Johnson street.

The Coleridge Taylor Music club held its regular monthly recital, Thursday evening, Feb. 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Holmes 316 North 12th street there was a splendid program and a large attendance. This being the anniversary of the birth of Geo. Washington. The home was tastefully decorated with flags and hatchets were in evidence everywhere.

DAVENPORT NEWS.

There is a campaign on among the ministers of the city to improve church attendance.

Twenty-three young colored boys ranging in age from fifteen to twenty have organized an athletic improvement club, with the following officers: Malson Cain, Pres., Webster E. Stovall, Vice-Pres., Lyman Shepard, Sec., Wm. Clark, Treas. The club will meet every Sunday afternoon, at Bethel A. M. E. church. Mrs. C. H. Marshall is manager. The boys will be installed in office March 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey will leave our city in a few days to take up their residence in Texas.

Mrs. L. J. Phillips who has been visiting her husband Rev. L. J. Phillips at

Milwaukee Wis has returned home delighted with her trip.

Rev. Toomey is having good success conducting the revival meetings at the Third Baptist church. Eleven have been added to the church. There are six candidates for baptism and will be baptised Sunday, March 3d.

Rev. Toomey has accepted the call extended to him by the Third Baptist church. The call was extended him Friday night. His family is here with him.

The Violet club was entertained by Mrs. James at the residence of Mrs. Cain.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Neal has been confined at their home on account of illness for the past ten days. Mrs. O'Neal has a very bad eye and Mr. O'Neal has stomach trouble. They are some better at this writing.

Mrs. Horace Barquet of Chicago is visiting Mrs. Twigg and her mother, Mrs. Jones who is still sick.

Mrs. D. S. Johnson and little Evangene Carter were callers at the A. M. E. parsonage last Friday afternoon. They were also callers at the residence of Mr. M. M. McGaw and Mrs. Rosie Corbin on Gains street.

Mrs. L. A. Porter will preach her trial sermon, Thursday evening at the A. M. E. church.

Rev. T. B. Stovall was making his pastoral calls this morning.

Mrs. D. S. Johnson entertained a few friends at birth day party last Thursday, from 3 to 5 p. m., she received quite a few pieces of hand painted china as tokens in honor of her birthday.

Master Allen Bean is one of the contestants for one of the prizes given by the Bystander. Hope all will help him.

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ST. JOSEPH (MO.) NOTES.

One of the prettiest pre-lenten parties that has yet been given this season was the one given at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Scott 2205 Sylvan street, on Monday night of last week (even though this is leap year) about twelve of our prominent men decided that it was time to have a select social party, after a few meetings they decided on the above date and place while a formal functions. Yet some very pretty costumes were worn by the ladies during the evening. A number of vocal and instrumental solos were rendered, also checkers, whist and dancing was enjoyed after which refreshments were served. There men expect to form a nucleus for a permanent civic educational and social club. A club of that kind with good officers and membership would fill a long felt want in this city.

Mr. Thomas Winn has accepted a position at the Robinson & Son's garage. He is a very careful driver and no doubt will give them good service in demonstrating their automobiles.

"Jolly-John Larkin" and company in their new play, "Royal Sam" made their initial appearance in this city recently, and they gave a good performance. Their costumes and their female voices were superior to the Smart Set Company.

Mr. Salisbury, an aged Afro-American was found dead in bed at his home last Saturday morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Wheeler 915 Weasaine St. This death was due to heart disease, according to the statement of the coroner.

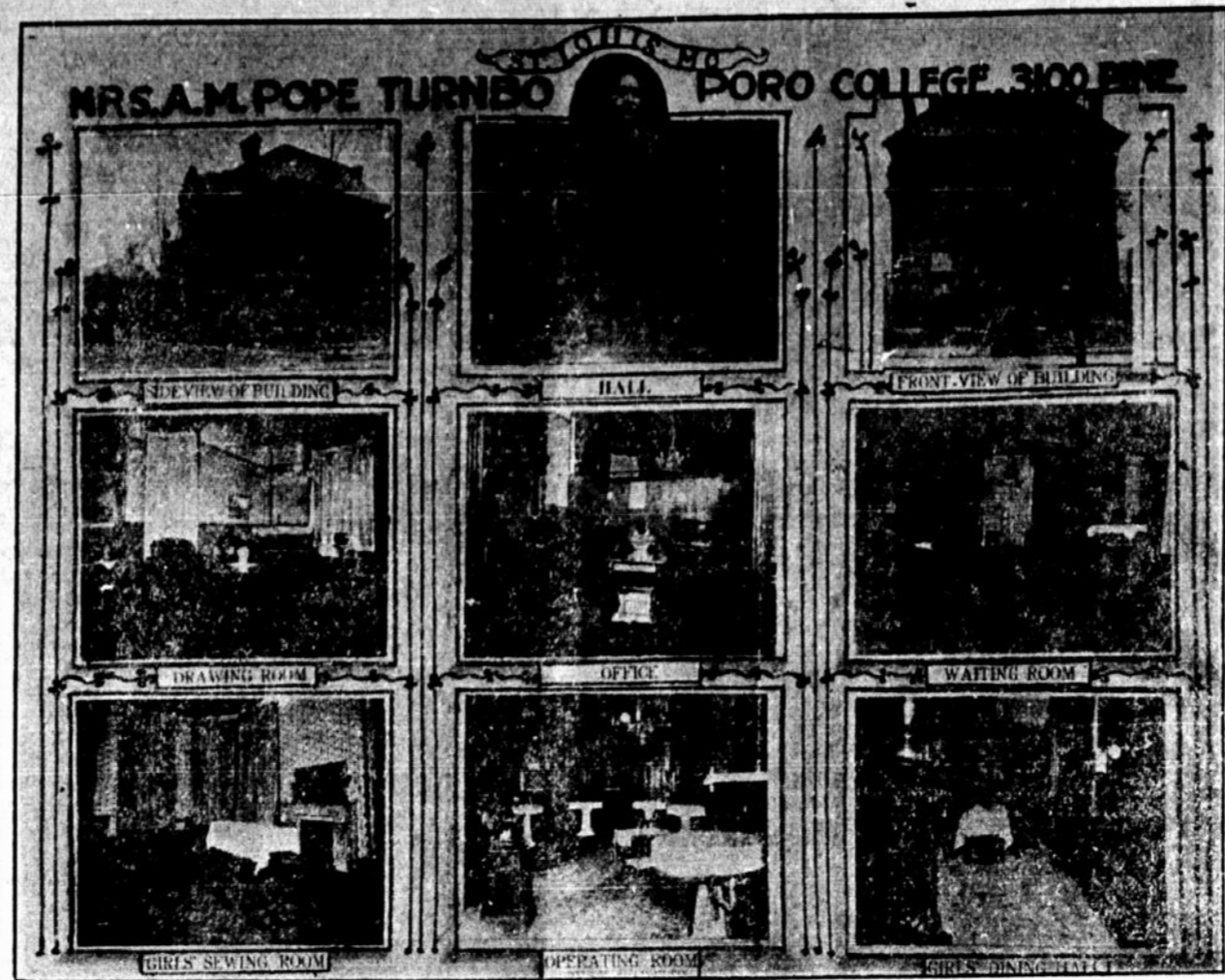
The Art club gave one of their delightful entertainments at the home of one of its members, Mrs. N. E. Hicklin 2515 Jones St. last Thursday night a large number of their friends were present to enjoy the pleasures of that evening. Women only are members of this club which is one of the active ones in this city.

Rev. Geo. R. Jackson, the Evangelist of Quincy, which is assisting Rev. W. J. DeBal, pastor of the Mason Temple M. E. church with the revival meetings. He is a good speaker and singer and ere the meetings close no doubt a number of conversions will be secured.

Rev. E. S. Willett formerly of Des Moines, Iowa, but now pastor of the Episcopal church at Kansas City, Mo. Father Willett conducted services at St. Mathias Mission last Sunday morning. In the afternoon he delivered a short address. Subject: "The Episcopal church is the best of all for colored people," and at 8 p. m., he was the principal speaker at the Ebenezer A. M. E. church his subject being some needs of our race as one of the worst snow storms in years was raging Sunday afternoon and evening, hence the attend-

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Mrs. Earl Humphrey called a meeting of ten ladies and started an Art club. The club hasn't been named yet. After the business a luncheon was served. Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. W. O. Crawford, president; Mrs. I. L. Brown, vice president; Mrs. E. A. Humphrey, secretary; Miss Mayme Riederer, treasurer. Committees on different work to be taken up will be chosen later. The next meeting will be at Mrs. I. L. Brown's, 805 Woodbury St. Miss Jessie Walker has returned from an extended trip through the



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ance was not very large. Father Willett is a very pleasant and logical speaker, and those present were pleased with his addresses, and with good weather, he can rest assured that a large audience will greet him when he returns to this city in the future.

DAVENPORT NOTES.

Sunday was the A. M. E. Stewardesses day rally the program was an old time Methodist meeting which proved to be all right spiritually and financially.

The Rev. Mr. Toamey is awakening quite an interest in the revival he is conducting at the Third Baptist church. Mrs. Toamey joined the Reverend last Friday evening.

The late Jno. H. Woodard died at the county farm Monday evening, February 19th. He was buried at Oakdale Cemetery Tuesday afternoon from M. E. Balling undertaking parlors.

The Wiling Workers P. E. committee met at the A. M. E. parsonage Tuesday afternoon. The chairman, Mrs. Ella Delward, was delighted over the secretary's report. Mrs. Lulu Watts is the secretary and she is a good one.

The Eastern Star met in a special call meeting at the residence of Mrs. B. B. Bright, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Hattie Lambert, of South Rock Island was a Davenport caller Tuesday all day.

The fuel and Light committee will render a George Washington program at the Danish Brotherhood hall February 28th. Committee of some 30 persons will all appear in full Washington costume.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Neal of W. 9th street are both on the sick list.

Forty boys, ages from 9 to 18 years, have banded together for a better life. You will hear from them later.

MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.

Special to Bystander. Miss Helen Martin of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown.

A dance was given February 14 by the Morgan brothers of Des Moines. Quite a crowd attended and all reported a good time.

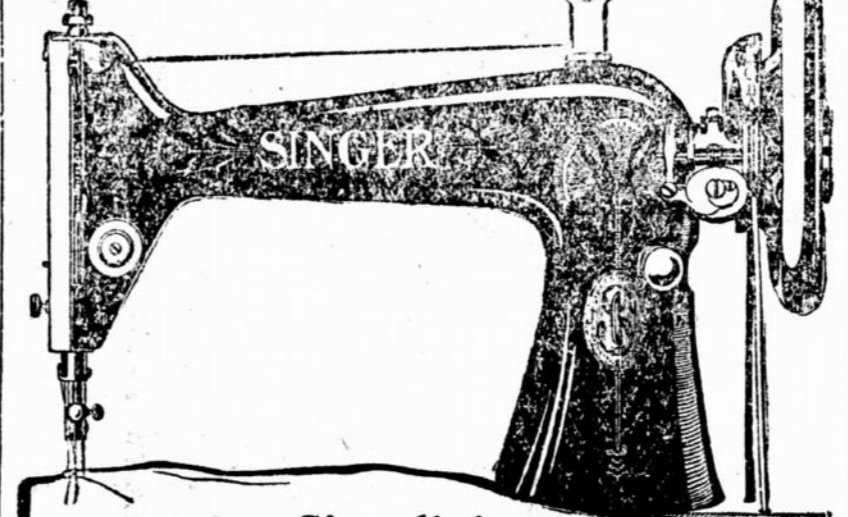
Mr. Otis Swan continues to slowly improve. We hope to see him out soon.

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East. She reports a very pleasant time. Mr. and Mrs. Galloway Johnson are the proud parents of a son born last week. Mother and baby are doing fine.

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Miss Helen Warn who has been on the sick list is much improved. There will be a dance given at the A. O. U. W. hall, Feb. 28, 1912. All get ready to attend. Little Glorene Humphrey drew the lucky number and won a beautiful silk crochet poke bonnet. It is a very beautiful piece of work. The A. M. E. church had a supper at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wheeler. Quite a few attended and a nice time was reported. Mrs. Ross, of Buxton, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Crawford. We have nineteen colored children going to school. All were promoted to higher classes this semester. Two are in high school. Those who have entertained Miss Helen Martin are Misses Clara Carter, Hardenia Gilmore and Mrs. Henry Flippings. Mrs. E. A. Humphrey is planning to have her pupils give a recital soon.

OTTUMWA NOTES.
Mr. Langhorn Cheatham, of Buxton, is here having his eye treated by a specialist. A piece of kindling he was cutting flew in his eye. Mrs. James Hamilton, of Chicago, has returned home after a short visit with relatives and friends. The Faithful Few society will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Wells Fowler on Plum street. Quite a few young people attended the Valentine ball in Oskaloosa. The Gideon Band met Sunday afternoon at the A. M. E. church. The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening with Miss Alberta Horne. All members are urged to be present. The Gideons are planning to do a great work in the near future. Mr. C. H. Wilson is our president. Mrs. C. H. Wilson has returned home after visiting relatives and friends in Oskaloosa. A chicken pie supper was given Monday evening, January 26th from six to ten o'clock by the Trustees Aid of the A. M. E. church. Everybody came and enjoyed a good supper. Mrs. Mary Taylor cooked the supper. Little Miss Dicy Beverly has been quite ill with pneumonia, but she is getting along nicely at present. Mrs. Henry Casen is still confined to her home on N. Marion street. Tuesday night Richard Allen's anniversary was celebrated. A short program was rendered and the evening was a successful one. Miss Bernadene of Rutledge, who attends school in Ottumwa is ill at her home. We hope for a speedy recovery.

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