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## CITY NEWS

Louisa Daniels left Des Moines Wednesday evening for Fulton, Mo., to visit her cousin.

Rev. J. W. Morton and wife of Ocala spent a few hours this week visiting Rev. S. Bates and wife.

The Cornation club held a meeting Thursday at Mrs. Stella Trent, 1017 E. 15th street Court. A nice time reported.

The Elite Club will give a grand ball Wednesday evening, April 10th at the Coliseum. All are invited. Admission \$1.00 per couple.

The children's Maple Street Bible Band met at Rev. S. Bates Thursday afternoon at 433.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDowell, 909 Eighth street entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kinney at dinner Sunday, March 27, complimentary to Mr. J. H. Bates of Buxton.

Mrs. Mattie Brooks, the District Grand High Precipress, left Wednesday for Council Bluffs, where she was called on business pertaining to the daughters of Tabernacle.

Mrs. L. Jamerson of Springfield, Ill., who was called here last week to attend the funeral of her nephew, Geo. Cooper, was entertained this week, Wednesday at a 6 o'clock dinner at Rev. S. Bates. Her sister Mary Cooper and Chas Simms were also dinneers.

Mrs. Wm. Mash of Spokane, Washington, and Mrs. L. Hanger, Mrs. S. Bryant and Mrs. G. E. Marton, were guests of Mrs. J. R. Roberts, Tuesday afternoon from 7 to 7 o'clock. Dainty refreshments were served.

Prof. Chas. Alexander, field agent of the National Religious Training school at Durham, N. C., was also present and gave some helpful advice along the line of Y. M. C. A. work. The training of Secretaries for which is one of the objects of his school.

Dramatic Art club met last Tuesday with Mrs. Wm. Hammit and continued the study of Book III of Paradise. Meet next week with Mrs. Hyde. Continue the study of Book III, P. per "Tree Planting," Mrs. Hyde.

The Callanan Industrial club met last Wednesday with Mesdames Nixon and Johnson as hostesses, at the formers home on 2nd street. Mrs. G. L. Johnson was chosen delegate and Mrs. R. Jefferson alternate delegate to the state convention at Sioux City. Next meeting Wednesday with Mrs. Massy, 531 1/4th street. Paper by Mrs. Dellinger.

The fast Walker Shoe Co. Base Ball team was reorganized and will start their spring training about the sixth of April. There will be about seven regulars, Johnson, Barker, Watson, Brown, Redmon, Saunders, Miller, and about 20 recruits to start training. Miller will manage the team this year. They were the fastest colored team in the state last year and played all the semi-professional teams in the state.

Arrangement for games, address Guy Miller, care Walker Shoe Co.

The Phillis Wheatley held their weekly meeting Sunday, March 17, with Mesdames McDowell, at which time the life and works of Booker T. Washington was discussed by the members. A committee was appointed to visit the sick chamber of Mrs. Jackson and present her with a fruit offering from the club. The next meeting of the club will be held at the residence of Mrs. S. J. Brown, 1068 Fifth street. Program as follows: Life of Paul L. Dunbar, Mrs. S. J. Brown; works by Miss Bertha Allen; Quotations, Dunbar; general discussion by club.

Y. C. M. C. A. NOTES.  
On account of the various other meetings in session at the same hour the Christian Association Sunday afternoon composed largely of members of the

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

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

Junior department, therefore Rev. Woolrich gave a practical talk to the boys instead of the address the "Natural against the Supernatural," which had been announced.

On next Sunday, March 31st will be held a popular mass meeting to which every Negro man and woman of Des Moines is invited. The topic for discussion is The Future of the 'Y' and upon the result of this meeting will be largely determine to be taken at the annual business meeting which will be held at the Association rooms, Wednesday evening, April 3d to determine whether the work shall be continued or discontinued.

It is hoped that every Negro in the city who is interested will come out Sunday afternoon and that every member of the association will come out on Wednesday evening and that those who do not complain of whatever action shall be taken by those who do, as the time has arrived that something must be done.

### The City Literary Convention.

The city I. S. L. A. city convention will meet Monday evening at the residence of Atty. J. B. Rush 1547, 20th St. All delegates to the convention will please be present to decide about holding the contest. J. B. Rush, Chairman; Miss Marie I. Bell, Sec'y.

The Corinthian Aid society met last week at the church for general cleaning, after a lunch was served to the toilers, adjourned to meet next with Mrs. Arthur Jones, next Friday.

Mrs. J. B. Rush, president of the Iowa Federation of Colored Women's clubs, left today for Sioux City, where she will deliver an address before the local club.

The Intelligent Improvement club met with Mrs. J. B. Rush, last Friday afternoon and after the regular business session the assembly listened to a very interesting and instructive lecture on parliamentary law by Atty. S. Joe Brown and several charming selections were sung by Mrs. F. P. Johnson and a dainty luncheon served by the hostess. The meeting this Friday afternoon will be discussed by the members led by Mrs. J. H. McClain.

The Phytian Wheatley girls will hold their Easter program at the residence of Mrs. S. Joe Brown next Sunday. The principal paper will be read by Miss Nellie Leftage on "The significance of Easter."

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 8th with the treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Hubbard 1045 6th street, at which time the A. M. E. church will be discussed by the members led by Mrs. R. N. Hyde.

The A. M. E. Trustee Aid society entertained the members of the newly elected trustee board last Monday evening at the residence of the Vice-President, Mrs. Ed. Black, 1818 W. 10th St. Mrs. Ed. T. J. Davis read a very interesting paper on the Episcopacy of the church giving the names and dates of election of the 35 men who have been elected to the office of Bishop of the church which was also discussed by the members. Dainty refreshments were served the hostess.

Mrs. Wm. Mash of Spokane, Washington, left Tuesday evening for Kansas City, Mo., to visit relatives a week, then she will return to her home beyond the rockies. She had a very enjoyable visit here as there was so many parties given for her.

Dr. Alvin Jefferson of Milwaukee, Wis., arrived in our city last Saturday to locate and practice medicine. The doctor comes highly recommended and we hope for him success in the Hawkeye metropolis. We have two doctors in our city.

Hon. Charles Alexander, a distinguished editor and magazine writer of Boston, Mass., visited our city last week. He was enroute to the Pacific coast. Mr. Alexander enjoys the unique distinction of publishing single handed, the Alexander Magazine, a monthly magazine of high order. He is a job dealer in all of the Negro books and magazines. He made a date while here with the Plymouth Congregational church to have Prof. Shepard of the National Religious and Training school of Durham, N. C. to address the Des Moines people April 12th.

WANTED—A christian gentleman wants a christian lady to take a half interest in a store and poultry yard. No capital required. State age, weight and complexion. Address R care of 3524stard.

### OUR CITY ELECTION.

The city election last Monday was a great surprise to many. The newly elected are, Mayor James R. Hanna, Councilmen J. I. Myerly, T. H. Van Liew, Zell G. Roe and Wm. Needham. Only one old member was re-elected and that one was Zell Roe. We hope that they will all work together harmoniously for the upbuilding of our city and the betterment of our race. All we can ask and will be satisfied with nothing less is an equal distribution of patronage and an equality before the law. Justice to all citizens of Des Moines.

### OUR PRIZE CONTEST.

Our great prize contest will soon come to a close and our contestants only have fifteen more days to gather up their subscriptions, so let us all get busy. Try and get one of the grand prizes. If not, let us be sure of getting a cash premium of \$5.00. The winter is over, spring is here; work is good and wages high. So we all can now pay up. Help your race journal, help your contestants. Let us all make a partial report next week. Get gusy, hurry up. Keokuk and Ottumwa, we are great runners.

### KEOKUK NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hardin, of Monmouth, Ill., is visiting at the home of Mr. Harding's sister, Mrs. George Ashby, 1307 Morgan street. Mrs. Ashby's father, Mr. Harding, of Canton, is also visiting here for a few days.

The condition of Mrs. Harry Ashby, whose illness was reported, in last week's Bystander, is still critical. It is feared that an operation will be necessary.

Friends in the city will be glad to know that Mrs. Armstrong, who has been seriously ill for sometime, is much improved.

The fifth of the series of teas given for the benefit of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, was held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Fields, Thursday afternoon and was quite a success. The next tea will be given at the home of Mrs. E. L. Anderson, Thursday afternoon, April 4th, to which everyone is invited.

Remember the Old Folks' concert at the A. M. E. Church April 4th.

The flowers for the Alter Sunday, March 24th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, was given by Mrs. A. J. Fields, in memory of her brother, Jerome Blam.

The condition of Sy Boyd, whose illness was reported some time ago, is improving.

Mr. Arthur Frye, who is the promoter of the Home Talent Minstrel, wishes to announce that he is ready to accept engagements after the first of April.

The flowers on the Alter Sunday, March 31st, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin will be given by Mrs. Jessie Johnson Wilson, in memory of her brother, the late Ollie Walker.

Mr. W. L. Green, who has won the meritorious distinction of being a nurse of marked ability, has been employed in that capacity at Sutter, Ill.

Mr. Everett Twine, of St. Louis, Mo., has located in our city.

For the consideration of love, affection and \$1.00 in money, Mr. Mark Elliott has conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bowman, property located at Burke and Decatur streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Sarah South, whose home was destroyed by fire a few months since, are contemplating the building of a modern residence.

Rev. Carter, of Louisiana, who has been assisting Rev. J. H. Holm in revival services at Pilgrims' Rest Church, intended to return to his home last week but instead was forced to concede to the request of the members and others desiring that he remain at least another week. More than \$100.00 has been raised during the three weeks' series several candidates for baptism.

Mrs. M. E. Dixon entertained at a very elaborate six o'clock dinner last Friday evening, the Mesdames Tebeau, Coleman and Freeman.

Mr. James Jones, of Des Moines, who has located in our midst for an indefinite stay, has identified himself as a watch care member of Pilgrims' Rest Baptist Church.

Another proof of Cupid's alertness will be demonstrated immediately after the lenten season, the bride to be is one among our most popular and prominent young ladies. The groom is a non-resident, a young man of sterling qualities, that is quite favorably known here among a large circle of friends. We think the Jolly Bachelors had better wake up.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Clarke, of near our vicinity, was in our city shopping last Saturday.

serious illness of Mr. Col. Buckner, of Kansas City. He was stricken with typhoid fever two weeks ago. His mother, Mrs. Chas. Buckner, of New Boston, was recently hastily summoned to his bedside. We sincerely hope for his speedy recovery.

Rev. J. Brewer will attend the District Conference at Fairfield this week.

Mr. Samuel Bell expects to leave Tuesday for California, where he intends to locate.

Remember the Jolly Bachelors' Easter soiree April 17th.

### CLARINDA ITEMS.

The A. M. E. Church are having another season of revival meetings. Rev. Rivers is being assisted by Rev. Mrs. Jones, of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

The Baptist Church ladies gave an entertainment Saturday which was well attended, and a fine success. We are sorry to say that Mrs. Mary Ennis is not well at this writing.

Mr. Ennest Steward was called to Holyville Monday on account of the death of his aunt, Mrs. Sallie Steward.

Mrs. Sonnie Blyth is also on the sick list and had to be taken to the hospital for treatment.

Mr. L. W. Williams is ill and not able to be on duty.

Mr. Lewis Arnett, of Odesa, Mo., has moved his family here and they are cosily settled at the home on 153 Grant street. Mr. Arnett is in business here.

Mr. Henry Farrier has moved his family from 15th street to the north part of town.

Mr. Tonnie Jones and family returned to their home in Red Oak, after a long visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. George Abbe and son, Richard, have returned home after a very pleasant visit in Kansas City, Mo., and other points.

Mrs. Elsie Baker left last Thursday for Buxton on the account of the serious illness of her daughter, Jessie Baker.

Mrs. Lottie Williams, of Creston, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. B. Cook. She expects to return home soon, taking her daughter, little Helen, who has been visiting for some time.

Mr. Glen King, of Gravitly, visited over Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Josephine King.

Miss Caillie Arnett is visiting in Red Oak.

The school children are very merry. They are enjoying this spring vacation.

Mr. William Stevens, better known as Goodie, and Miss Eva Parker were quietly married in Omaha, Neb. They are at home to their many friends at 108 Washington avenue in Red Oak, Iowa. Wedding bells are still ringing. I wonder who will be next.

We are very glad to see the sunshine two days in succession, after so much snow.

Miss Vania Jones is still on the sick list.

Mr. Noah Penberton is able to resume his work as mail carrier. We are glad that he is out again.

The church is preparing the Easter program.

Mr. Clarence Baker is employed at the Lenderwood Hotel.

### OTTUMWA ITEMS.

The entertainments given at the Second Baptist Church on Thursday and Friday nights were successful both socially and financially.

Mr. E. T. Elliott was called to Des Moines last week to attend his son, who is ill in the Methodist hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Elliott's daughter, of Denver, is in this city, called here by the illness of her brother.

A birthday party was given Thursday evening in honor of Miss Hazel Clark, citizen's birthday. She received quite a few beautiful presents. Games and music were enjoyed by all present. Light refreshments were served.

moved to our city from Des Moines. Mrs. J. Bland entertained quite a number of her friends last Friday evening. A delightful time was enjoyed.

Mr. Harry King, who has been a patient at the St. Francis Hospital, has improved so as to be moved to his home on Foster street.

Last week occurred the wedding of Miss Alice Newton and Mr. George Galloway, both of this city. The writer will give more definite account later.

Mr. and Mrs. Galloway have the congratulations of hosts of friends.

Mr. Willie Burks, of Davenport, surprised his mother and sisters last week by a short visit. Friends are always glad to see Willie.

Mr. Edward Hodges, of Des Moines, is now making Burlington his home.

The revival at the A. M. E. Church closed on the 17th with a great spiritual success, which means new life and strength for the church and many new members.

The Baptist Sunday School are making great preparations for this Easter services.

Rev. R. P. Palmer visited with his family in Mt. Pleasant last week.

Mr. Peter King is at the springs in Colfax for treatment.

There will be a Mask Ball given by Prof. O. Smith, of Kansas City, on April 11th at the Old Army Hall.

\$2.00 prize for the best marked complete Music by Wales and Gardner, of Mt. Pleasant. Table by Mrs. J. Badgett. All invited.

### BUXTON BRIEFS.

"Zed" Harris who died in Kansas City was brought to Buxton, Wednesday, and the funeral was held at Mt. Zion church, Friday p. m. Rev. C. H. Men denhall officiated. Mrs. Harris who brought her husband's body here is the guest of her step-sister, Mrs. Floyd Jones and will remain about two weeks.

Wm Porter left Monday for Minneapolis where he has secured a position in one of the hotels.

J. H. Bates, W. J. Shepard, Tom Watson, W. W. Jones, G. D. Yancy, and W. H. Brown, delegates to the Miners Convention at Des Moines, returned home Saturday.

Presiding Elder Moore is conducting quarterly conference at St. John's church this week.

Mrs. J. M. Young is in Oskaloosa having her eyes treated.

The industrial club met with Mrs. Dr. Carter Wednesday.

Mrs. Sim Scroggins of Lovilla is quite sick.

Mrs. W. T. Bringham left Wednesday for Des Moines to remain indefinitely.

Mesdames London, Finley, Tucker, and Taran and Misses Blackburn, Lucas, Beeson and Calaway, all of whom are Buxton principles and teachers are attended the teachers association in Des Moines, this week.

Mr. R. A. Booker's mother died No. 10 W. 8th street last Tuesday and was buried Thursday from Tabernacle Baptist church.

Ed. Ellis left for Des Moines last Monday to be gone indefinitely.

W. A. Cooper returned Wednesday from Coal Creek, Tenn., where he went to attend his fathers funeral. He also visited in Knoxville.

Mr. George Carr and Miss Mary Robinson were married in Albia last Saturday.

Miss Mary Perkins, expert hairdresser is in Buxton to remain until after Easter and is prepared to do all kinds of fine hairdressing. She also has a pomade by her self that is guaranteed to grow hair on a bald head. She may be found at No. 1 East 7th or at Perkins' place in Postoffice building.

Mrs. John Carr who has been in the asylum at Mt. Pleasant for about five years, died Sunday and will be brought to Buxton for burial.

Atty. Woodson left for Albia Monday morning and was in Oskaloosa, Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Allen, left Monday morning and was in Oskaloosa Tuesday.

hall. Both the bands were out and though it was a bad, muddy afternoon, there were a good number in attendance.

What are you doing for the Buxton contestants who are making an effort to capture one of the prizes offered by the Bystander! Give her your support by giving her a year's subscription to the best Negro Weekly paper in the west.

### COLFAX NOTES.

The revival at Bethel Baptist church was a success. There were ten additions to the church. Great credit is due Rev. W. H. Clark and Rev. R. Lipscomb for their faithful work during the revival.

The W. H. F. M. circle met with Mrs. F. B. Brown last Thursday afternoon. After routine business the hostess served a dainty 2 course luncheon.

The B. Y. P. U. is progressing nicely. A splendid program was rendered last Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Holmes is reported better at this writing.

Mrs. Lu Morris who has been sick is reported better.

Mr. J. J. Beasley who was indisposed is able to be at his work again.

Mrs. Lewis of Buxton spent a few days in the city with her sister, Mrs. S. Dean.

Mrs. China McKee who fell on the ice four weeks ago and broke her arm, is getting along nicely.

Mr. Owen Redmond who is attending college in Grinnell was through Colfax enroute to Des Moines to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Redmond.

Mr. Alex Keese of Des Moines was in our city last week.

Mr. Ashley and family, sheef of the Sanitarium, are comfortably settled in their new home on Front street.

Mrs. Cheatum who has been visiting Mrs. W. B. Battles the past few weeks left for Des Moines.

Mr. J. Anderson was a capital city visitor.

Mr. J. Lucas is better at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Terrell and grandson spent Sunday in Des Moines with their daughter, Mrs. A. Brooks.

Last Sunday was envelope Sunday at Bethel Baptist church.

Mrs. J. A. Welch is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. J. J. Beasley entertained Mrs. J. H. Broddus at a six o'clock lunch on last Sunday evening.

### FORT MADISON NOTES.

The debating club of the A. M. E. church gave a social Friday evening. The subject for debate was "Resolved that man will go further for liberty than he will for reward."

A storm party last Saturday was given on Rev. Payton by the members of his church, The Mite Missionary held its monthly meeting at Mrs. Rev. Payton.

Mrs. Harper will entertain the A. M. E. Aid society Thursday evening at her home. Mrs. Payne of Quincy, Ill. was in attendance at the A. M. E. church services Sunday morning.

Our Sunday School is getting along nicely. Supt. D. Isom is putting forth every effort to make his Sunday School a success. The Sunday School is making preparation for a grand Easter program under the management of Mrs. Al King.

Rev. Payton preached a rousing sermon Sunday morning; his text was Seek Ye first the Kingdom of God.

### DAVENPORT NOTES.

The debate at Bethel A. M. E. church last Friday evening was well attended. The subject of debate was "Resolved that married life was happier than single life." The judges awarded the affirmative. The finance was a success.

Rev. Stovall left Tuesday morning to attend the Keokuk District Conference which meets in Fairfield, Ia., on the 27th and 28th inst.

Hon. Mayor Mueller spoke at Bethel A. M. E. church Monday evening. A large appreciative audience was out to hear the Mayor speak on the subject, "What we as a race need in Davenport." Among the things he said was that the race needed more confidence in each other. Rev. T. M. Tooney of the Third Baptist church and others spoke to the subject. The choir rendered some sweet music. Rev. T. B. Stovall acted as master of ceremonies.

The Willing Workers of Bethel A. M. E. church met at the parsonage Tuesday afternoon. This committee is doing good work.

Mr. D. S. Johnson, delegate to the Keokuk District Conference, will leave Wednesday morning for Fairfield.

### CLINTON HAPPENINGS.

Monday was election day—one long to be remembered. Clintonville was remembered be governed for the next two years by a republican administration; with a republican mayor and a council whose majority is likewise. We look forward for a better Clinton.

Rev. G. W. Slater came up from Moline Sunday where he has been the past two weeks assisting in a revival effort, to address the socialists, returning in the evening.

M. O. Culberson is reported as being confined to his home on account of illness.

The men's box party given on the evening of March 21st was an enjoyable affair, a good crowd was in attendance, nothing like the ladies party due no doubt to the fact that the men failed to provide themselves with ladies as they should. Those present had an enjoyable time.

Give your name to the agent as a subscriber to the Bystander.

Mrs. Holland Williams returned last week from Chicago where she was called on account of the death of her brother. The day following the funeral she was called upon to mourn the death of a brother-in-law who has been ill for the past year; thus making a double affliction.

In the war of roses spelling contest held on March 14th, in which Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Slater were the contending captians, Mrs. Stewart's side, the red roses, vanquished the white roses, after a long hard battle, something like 450 words being given out to the 14 contestants.

Mrs. G. W. Slater spent Monday in Moline with her husband, Rev. G. W. Slater, where they were entertained at breakfast by Rev. and Mrs. Simms and at dinner by Rev. and Mrs. Penn of Rock Island.

Mrs. Ella Lucas of Cedar Rapids returned to her home last week, after several weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Henry Robinson.

### Standing of the Contestants.

MISS FRANCIS B. REEDER . . . 1620  
A. A. Bush, Clinton, . . . 660  
Miss Rosa Goodlow, . . . 360  
Miss Blanch Allen, . . . 270  
Miss Hazel Clark . . . 1050

### ENTERPRISE NEWS.

The K. of P. and Court of Calanthon turned out last Sunday, Rev. G. W. White preached the annual sermon.

Miss Vera Maize returned to her home in Newton after spending a few weeks with her cousin, Mrs. W. Miller.

Mrs. W. Preston gave a birthday party in honor of her husband last Saturday evening. Everybody reported a very nice evening and Mr. Preston received a number of beautiful presents.

Mr. Ira Allen got his hand hurt last week in the mines.

Mr. W. Hicks has his foot hurt in the mines.

### DAVENPORT NEWS.

The Stewardesses rally at Bethel A. M. E. church, Sunday was quite a success. The program put on in the evening, was indeed fine. Mrs. D. S. Johnson's paper: The duty of the members to the pastor—the paper was deep and full of wisdom. Miss Elmira Shelton, solo, played by Mrs. Georgia Allen, added beauty to the occasion and the church choir sang sweetly.

Mrs. L. J. Phillips made an inspiring address from the subject, solving the problems of life. The old time fire that makes oratory sweet and powerful seemed to have fallen upon our good sister Phillips and she electrified the audience with her eloquence. Rev. T. B. Stovall explained the church going campaign in his usual farcical way.

Rev. M. Toamey, reports things in fine spiritual condition in the Second Baptist church. Mrs. Eliza Ford, who was reported very sick last week, was buried from her late residence Sunday afternoon. Rev. M. Toamey of the Third Baptist officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Green who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Bright for the past ten days returned to their home in Keokuk, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Della Marshall, who has been quite sick for the past ten days is able to be about again.

The Third Baptist will have their Easter program in the afternoon of Easter.

Continued next week

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# AFRO-AMERICAN CULLINGS

The negroes of New York, of whom there are now some 100,000 in the four boroughs, have more public entertainments, more elaborate and expensive, than those of any other city in the country. This is true because they make more money and save less and have more opportunities than the negroes of other cities.

White, black and colored of New York are alike in the disposition to dress better, feed better and enjoy life more than any other people in the country. People who spend most they make come upon trouble after a while and fall out, but in New York there are always others to fall in, so that there is never any gap. The sober-sides, and old fogies who watch the passing show and furnish the food and drink and clothing for it gather in the dollars and keep them. They are the substantial negroes in every community who do this, and they get more satisfaction and comfort out of gathering and saving the dollars their brethren spend than the spenders do. Indeed, it is more blessed to gather in and save than to scatter and spend.

But those organizations of ours that give entertainments should sit down hard on the disposition to scandalous conduct which has made its appearance at public receptions. These organizations have, in the main, a reputation for high and ennobling purposes to maintain, and they cannot afford to allow it to be lowered by conduct of their patrons scandalous in character. A new generation have come upon the scene in New York, many of whom have a notion that loud, boisterous and vulgar conversation, indelicately suggestive dress, dances in which the proprietaries are whistled down the winds, and drinking to excess are the things most approved to be done, and do them—the wives and daughters and sons should be protected from the extremes in these things that corrupt the mind and encourage extravagant spending in dress, drinking and eating.

It is to be regretted that the lessees and owners of dance halls and gardens retain the right to sell all the liquor and cigars and establish their can, and do it, to make up the difference in the small rental demanded for the use of such halls and gardens. The lessees make the money on the bar and restaurant privileges, and the organization scarcely covers expenses by the admission prices demanded. It is a fair deduction that 90 per cent. of the vast sum spent every week by negroes in public entertainments goes into the pockets of the white owners and owners of the halls and restaurants who retain the bar and restaurant privileges, and who often make a scandalous condition in the effort to sell as much liquor as possible, and do it. There is no apparent escape from this condition in New York except that our organizations pool their money and credit and purchase one great garden and one great hall of their own.

Public entertainments that corrupt the morals of old and young alike, that put a premium upon impenitence, which lead to display of obscene talk and vulgar actions—such public entertainments are dangerous. Our older men and women should see this, if the younger do not, and do what they can to keep the moral standards high. We believe they desire to do so and will welcome any assistance we can give them in helping them to do so.

The progress of a race is measured alike by things the race is trying to do and by the things that it has ceased to do. Among the things that have fallen into discredit among us we may mention these: Begging money from the whites with which to bury a negro. That used to be a rather common custom in small towns and villages. We know now that whenever the whites have to be appealed to for funds with which to bury a negro it is in the case of a negro who is not worth burying. Another custom now happily on the decline is that of soliciting aid from the whites to enable us to celebrate the 19th of June. Thoughtful negroes everywhere are beginning to feel that in a matter of this sort the negro should pay the piper or do without the music. But what about another habit closely akin to these two and which in some quarters is as strong now among us? We mean the habit of begging and harassing the white man for funds with which to build fine churches. Haven't we reached the point where the negro should be content to worship in only such buildings as he is able to erect himself and such as his limited means will justify? We know the negro does violence to his self-respect—to say nothing about what he does to God—by soliciting for funds to build churches which in no sense is an indication of the sort of homes the race is content to occupy. In the matter of building costly churches we have long ago exceeded the speed limit and in the method of getting the funds together for that purpose we have often outraged common sense and ordinary decency and self-respect. A church should in a measure be an index of the taste, comfort and well being to be found in the homes of the majority of its worshippers.

Much of the complaint launched against the younger generation of negroes grows out of a lack of home training. The problem of making proper mothers for the proper rearing of the young is present among all races in varying degrees. The aggravation of the problem among negroes arises more from ignorance of the proper things to be done than from any special disease of the material instinct. It is possible to get more manners and more self-repression from children only by a series of

ships; if it is varied from this it should do so by reason of being below the general average of such things. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the church with us is a grotesque exaggeration. The deserving leader in these matters is the man who is trying to get the race to come down to the earth. Generally we've been acting on the theory: First, get fine churches and everything else will be added. We've got to turn that rule around. Common sense, business sense, and the sense of self-respect all dictate this reversal.—Dallas Express.

Those who have kept tab on Houston's local affairs, especially as they apply to and affect the negro citizenship, know for a certainty that a brighter and better day is dawning. The negro is coming into his own. In this particular, they as a class are doing much for themselves, but as a matter of fact the changes that are being effected daily and which are bound to inure to the negro's betterment are being rapidly facilitated by the daily press of the city, prominent among which is the Houston Post, which says:

"We come now to the question of housing the negro people of Houston, and what we say of Houston is true of all the larger cities of the south. The great majority of negroes live in rented houses owned by white people. As a rule, these habitations are miserable, filthy, insanitary shacks, located upon boggy streets. People who inhabit such places are subjected to such conditions of living that disease, physical and moral, is inevitable.

The consideration of self-preservation alone would suggest the crying necessity for better conditions. If such filthy quarters result in malignant diseases, the health of the white people of the community is always imperiled. Negroes are employed in almost every well-to-do white home in the southern cities, and their capacity to transmit disease is limited only by the conditions among which they live. If they are afforded decent surroundings, they will have an incentive to cleanliness and self-respect that is otherwise impossible. This incentive must be afforded by their white landlords.

"A Houston building firm recently announced that it would erect some model cottages to be sold upon easy terms to negroes. This is an example worthy emulation. The home-owning negro is a good citizen. Home-ownership makes a good citizen of the average man, white or black. But one thing is certain: The public health of all southern cities will be greatly improved and the mortality rate materially reduced if far-reaching movements be inaugurated to house the tenant negroes in clean and sanitary houses. They are going to be with us always, and it is but common sense to encourage them in every possible way to become a helpful, intelligent, moral and respectable influence in the communities in which they live. This they can do unless they have the constant sympathy and aid of their white fellow citizens.

Governors and other leaders from several southern states recently conferred in Baltimore on labor and industrial conditions in that section. The reawakened south, industrially and agriculturally expanding at a rate unknown since the Civil war, needs labor. There is insistent demand that the south to supply this demand.

The negro is almost ignored in this demand for immigration. He is set down as hopeless, trifling, futile, impossible. But is it safe to rush to that conclusion?

Though the white population of the south is increasing more rapidly than the black, and though every decennial census makes it more clear that there is no possible danger of the black, as once was feared, coming to predominate—despite all this, the fact remains that there are some 11,000,000 of colored people in the country, and that they cannot be got rid of. There, stands the hard fact.

It may be that the negro is not so desirable a worker in factory or field as the immigrant; but if the immigrant takes his place, the negro will be left on the hands of society, demanding the means of livelihood, a menace to the community in greater and greater degree just in proportion as the hopelessness of his condition is made more apparent.

If the south's 11,000,000 negroes could be traded off for 11,000,000 of whites, that would be a solution. But they cannot be. The negroes are there. They must be provided for; made as useful as possible; made to support themselves.

To make the most, the best, of its negro workers is the first big duty of the south. It is the most difficult problem before the nation.

It cannot be solved by the effort to drive the negro out; he will not be driven out. He must be looked after, educated in the right way, given a chance to be self-respecting, encouraged to improve his condition.—Columbia Magazine.

No man who weeps at his misfortune can ever get to be a true philosopher.

## ON NEGRO LEWIS LAWYERS KICK

### Wickersham Is Making Fight to Save His Assistant.

LEWIS WAS ELECTED MEMBER OF BAR ASSOCIATION AND WICKERSHAM IS WORKING TO PREVENT EXPULSION OF THE NEGRO—CASE HAS BEEN REFERRED.

Washington, — Attorney General Wickersham is seeking to prevent the American Bar association from ousting W. H. Lewis, his negro assistant, from membership. Lewis was elected about a year ago, but the executive committee of the association, when it met here January 4, passed a resolution rescinding the election.

The bar association membership has been in turmoil ever since the election of Lewis, but the facts have just come to light through the fight the attorney general has undertaken on behalf of his assistant. Lewis was elected at a meeting of the executive committee between the annual meetings of 1910 and 1911, the election having been a perfunctory matter, as Lewis was endorsed by a majority of the local council of Massachusetts.

It is said his application did not state that he was an assistant attorney general. His color was not the subject of inquiry.

The membership committee was preparing to issue its year book for 1911-12 when a member of the committee sought information as to the identity of "W. H. Lewis of Boston," a new member. When it developed that Lewis was the negro assistant attorney general a storm of protest was heard, and the year book was held up. The case was referred to the executive committee, which adopted a resolution rescinding the election of Lewis.

At the time of the meeting here it was rumored that some such action was to be taken, but members of the committee denied it. Assistant Attorney General Lewis was questioned at the time, but he disclaimed having knowledge of an attempt to oust him.

It is understood here the case has been referred to the general counsel of the association, which will meet in Milwaukee next August. This council is made up of one member from each state. Lewis placed his case in the hands of Mr. Wickersham, and he has written to all of the 4,700 members protesting that Lewis was legally elected, and that the executive committee was without warrant in rescinding the election.

It is claimed that a negro was never before elected as a member of the bar association. Members seeking to bar Lewis from membership claim the association is social in character, and some have gone so far as to declare they will resign if negroes are admitted.

## 100 PER CENT. ILLITERATE

### AFRICAN MISSIONARY TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN DARK CONTINENT UNDER PORTUGUESE RULE — PORTUGUESE ALSO DENSELY IGNORANT.

New York.—Miss Martha Drummer, missionary to Quessua, Malange, Angola, Africa, addressed a St. Mark's audience dressed in the costume of the progressive natives a few evenings ago. Miss Drummer read and sang in the native language. She then gave at length her experiences with the curious customs, ignorance and superstition of the people. Her work is with and for the natives of Africa, supervised by Bishop Hartzel of the M. E. church. Her field of labor is on the Portuguese possessions. Notwithstanding the fact that the Portuguese nation is more than seventy per cent. illiterate, it holds complete control over the natives, who are one hundred per cent. illiterate.

The Portuguese hold Angola as a dumping ground for their criminal class. All the thieves, murderers and other objectionable citizens are exiled to Angola, where they are given freedom with their prey. Thus added to their burden the missionary and the natives have this extra load of sin to bear.

Miss Drummer told her story with earnestness and zeal. In some instances her stories were amusing; at other times they were heart-rending. She told of when she was leaving this country, six years ago, how an old colored woman, having heard that Africa was a dark country, brought her five little pieces of candle to light her way. This incident she wrote back to a lady who sent her one hundred dollars to help in the work.

## ARRAIGNED AS CHICKEN

### THIEF NEGRO PLEADS UNWRITTEN LAW

Alton, Ill.—Gus Tucker, a negro, name, who talks with a Spanish accent, pleaded the unwritten law when called for trial before Circuit Judge Crow. He told the court he stole chickens from the negro who stole his wife and that he did not think he had done wrong. Judge Crow and the state's attorney charged the charge to petty larceny and Tucker was sentenced to jail.

## WORLD'S CHAMPION CORN.

Dimensions—Length, 10 1/2 inches; circumference, 7 3/4 inches; number of rows, 20; length of kernels, 3/4 of an inch; width of kernels, about 2 1/2 of an inch; thickness of kernels, 1/4 of an inch. Arrangement very uniform, kernels running in straight rows the entire length of the ear without a misplaced grain, holding their length well to the ends of the ear, tip being well covered with dent grains. Weight, 20 ounces. Estimated proportions—Corn, 92 per cent; cob, 8 per cent.

## RACES MAY BE SEPARATED IN SLEEPING CARS BY LAW

Atlanta, Ga.—"It seems that the legislature has taken action prohibiting white and colored passengers from riding together in the same cars, but permitting white and colored passengers to sleep together in the same cars. This has always struck me as anomalous."

So wrote Judge James K. Hines, special attorney for the Georgia railroad commission, in an opinion recently rendered that body upon a complaint by John D. Walker, the well-known banker of Sparta.

It is not unlikely that Mr. Walker's complaint and the commission's investigation of it may lead to some more legislation or attempted legislation this summer upon the "Jim Crow" line.

When Mr. Walker got on a train in Atlanta a few nights ago, bound for New York, he found difficulty in getting a berth. All he could get was an upper, while there were three negroes who got on the train in Atlanta who were supplied with lowers. Also there were some other white passengers who were unable to get lower berths.

Mr. Walker was indignant, as were the other white passengers who failed to get berths. He did not wait to write; he telegraphed the railroad commission about it. He wanted to know if some action could not be taken to "stop such social equality privileges and objectionable practices."

Members of the railroad commission puzzled over the matter and began to hunt up the law. They knew it was unlawful in Georgia for the railroads to transport white and negro passengers in the same day coaches. But how about sleeping cars? Surely, if the two races were not allowed to sit together in a railroad coach, it could not be lawful for them to sleep in the same car? Finally, the matter was turned over to Judge Hines.

Did the commission have any authority in the matter? Could it deal with Mr. Walker's case? Judge Hines was asked to find out. He did.

"In my opinion," wrote Judge Hines to the commission in reply, "the commission has no power and authority to remedy this situation. Mr. Walker will have to appeal to the legislature and congress.

The legislature of Georgia has passed a law requiring the railroads doing business in this state to furnish equal accommodations, in separate cars or compartments of cars, for white and colored passengers; but this law expressly provides that it shall not apply to sleeping cars."

Here Judge Hines makes the above quoted comment upon a law which permits under cover of darkness, as it were, what is prohibited by daylight, and continued:

"By another statute sleeping car companies and railroad companies operating sleeping cars in this state have the right to assign all passengers to seats and berths, and can separate the white and colored races in making said assignments, and the conductor and other employes on the train, to which said sleeping cars may be attached, shall not permit white and colored passengers to occupy the same compartment. This statute further provides that nothing therein contained shall be construed to compel sleeping car companies to carry colored persons in sleeping or parlor cars. Conductors have police power to enforce the provisions of this act. (Civil code, sections 2724, 2725.)

"As the statutes of this state expressly declare that the races cannot be segregated in sleeping cars, they can only be assigned to separate berths or compartments, I do not think that the commission has the power and authority to make a rule or regulation separating the races in sleeping cars.

"It is competent for the legislature of this state to pass a law requiring the separation of the two races in public conveyances in intrastate journeys; and such a law is not unconstitutional.

"The legislature would hardly have authority to pass a statute regulating this subject in reference to interstate journeys.

"The segregation of white and colored passengers on interstate journeys is a reasonable regulation of interstate traffic, and carriers can make and enforce such regulations under the act to regulate commerce.

"The railroads of the south, if they see fit, could put into effect and force this regulation without legislation; and the commission might call their attention to the complaint filed by Mr. Walker."

Judge Hines' opinion will prove an interesting one; it contains information not generally known. The impression has been gained probably from the law requiring separate day coaches for whites and negroes, that the same, or a similar, law governed sleeping cars.

The legislature, if it should deal with it at all, could only make a regulation governing journeys wholly within the state. And since it is not likely that congress will pass an act separating the races in sleeping cars carrying interstate travel, it is a question, as Judge Hines says, that is up to the railroad companies.

## ATE BOILED DOG OFTEN

### MAN WHO ACCOMPANIED PEARY TO THE NORTH POLE RELATES MANY INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE ARCTIC REGION—CLIMATIC AND ASTRONOMICAL INCIDENTS OF THE VOYAGE.

Yonkers, N. Y.—At a recent meeting of the Negro Society for Historical Research, with headquarters in this city, Mr. Matthew A. Hensen, who accompanied Commander Peary to the north pole, was the principal speaker. The exercises were held at Sunny Slope cottage, which is the residence of Mr. John E. Bruce, president of the organization. A special feature of the musical program was the part taken by little Miss Cecile Butler and her brother Willie, who gave several piano and violin selections with rare ability.

Mr. Hensen told of his travels and experiences in the arctic regions in a straightforward, painstaking manner, drawing here and there many striking illustrations of the difficulties and hardships encountered en route to the icy regions. He is a pleasing speaker and possesses a fund of humor. He said he felt highly honored when he was asked to speak before the Historical society, which is doing a good work in preserving for future reference the achievements of the negro race.

He had been a globe trotter for many years. Before he entered the service of Commander Peary he made the trip to China and the Orient on a sailing vessel and was out of the country for three years. On his return from this trip he went to South America, where it was so hot he had to feed the hens cracked ice to prevent them from laying hard boiled eggs. Next he entered the service of Peary and for 20 years had followed the commander's fortunes on all his trips to the north pole and shared with him the hardships which its triumphant discovery entailed.

In 1906 Hugh Lee and himself were the only men in Peary's party to volunteer to stay with him for another year, and they, with Peary, made the famous record trip across the polar ice in 33 days. In the final quest for the pole they made an average of 26 miles a day, and on reaching the pole Peary took five sets of observations to make sure he had actually got there.

He told in a humorous way how the party subsisted during this and other trips polarward. They had boiled dog for breakfast, stewed dog for dinner and cold boiled dog for supper. Sometimes they shot a musk ox and enjoyed a square meal. The Eskimos, he said, are polygamists, having as many wives as they can support. They have no religion that can be defined. They believe if a man is good he will go up into the sky after death and if bad down into the bowels of the earth.

They are a short lived people. The men rarely live to be 40 years of age. The females marry at from 12 to 14 years and at 18 or 19 look to be 30 or 40. They have a proverb which he quoted in Eskimo and translated: "The peacock may be a beautiful bird, but it takes a stork to deliver the goods."

He said the moon shone so brightly in the arctic regions that it is possible to hunt the musk ox by its reflected light or to read or do any work ordinarily performed in the daytime. The sun at its brightest can be looked at without danger to the eyes. His boat is not felt. For 110 days the sun never sets in the arctic regions, and for the same number of days it never rises.

Mr. Hensen was asked a number of questions by members of the society, which he answered quickly, showing that he was familiar with the geography and topography of the polar region, where he had spent, off and on, the best part of 20 years. A reception in Mr. Hensen's honor was given at the close of the program.

## FIGHT FOR NEGRO BY WICKERSHAM

### ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS HE'LL QUIT BAR ASSOCIATION IF IT OUSTS LEWIS.

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The attorney general declared that he was not fighting for the admission of a negro to the organization, but was waging a fight against the idea that the American Bar association could do a thing which he believes to be illegal.

## SHY ONLY TEN YEARS.

"Werent you shy when the judge asked you your age in court?" "Yes, I was about ten years shy, my dear."—Life.

## RIGHT SIDE UP WITH CARE.

Henry was very proud of the new kittens and went for them to show them to the visitors. His mother heard them coming along the hall, and, alarmed at the noise of the procession, called out: "Don't hurt the kittens, Henry!" "No, mother," came the reassuring answer. "I'm carrying them very carefully by the stems."—Harper's Magazine.

## NUTRIENTS OF FOOD.

Protein, starch, fat, sugar and fiber are the nutrients that make up foods. Protein is the only one from which muscle and tissue can be made—the others serve to produce heat, energy and fat. Starch and sugar are equal in food value. The fiber in the plant cut green has the same food value as starch; when the plant is mature, the fiber becomes largely indigestible as in straw. Fat serves the same purpose in the animal body as starch.

## NOTES ON MILKING.

No loud talking or noise should be allowed in the cow's stable around milking time. It will excite the cow and cause her to hold up her milk. The cow should be milked in the same place and in the same way every time. The cow is a creature of habit. Do not feed succulent foods previous to parturition, as it stimulates milk secretion abnormally. If the udder is in a congested condition, massage it with butter or lard, and allow the calf to suck frequently.

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## BEAUTIES AMONG DESPISED RACES

### CAHETS OF FRANCE AND RODIYAS OF CEYLON RENOWNED FOR GOOD LOOKS.

Paris.—I or the first time in many, many years a German book, Hans Heinz Ewers' "India," set all France talking. The great traveler makes the extraordinary statement that the most beautiful women in France and Ceylon come of a race formerly regarded as political and social pariahs. The English have abolished the pariah taint in Ceylon, and the first French revolution removed it from the Cahets or Gotes in France, who, though Christians, were obliged to enter church by a special door, had their own holy water fonts, etc., up to the downfall of French royalty.

The Cahets live now in the landscapes of Gasconne, Guyenne, Bearn, Brittany and Maine. Their origin is unknown, but the name indicates that they may be descendants of the Gots, Cahet being a contraction of canis goticus—Goth-dog. For more than a thousand years the rest of France treated them as outcasts, and they are still so regarded socially in many of the rural districts. They are easily recognized by the missing ear-lobe, a characteristic likewise found in many Parisians. Maybe in olden times many stray Cahets, wishing to escape prosecution at home, emigrated to the great town.

It is a fact, though, that nearly all the great women beauties of France were and are Cahets, which, says the author, strangely coincides with the other fact that the Rodiyas of Ceylon, until the arrival of the English regarded as outcasts, both politically and socially, produce the most beautiful women, not only in Ceylon, but in all India.

"In this connection," says the author, "I observed that in the land of castes, the darker the skin, the lower the social order.

"This holds good in all India, yet the Rodiyas are much lighter in color than the majority of their contemporaries, and not only the women, the men, too, are far better looking than their contemporaries. Their features are of a noble cut and their legs are much better developed.

"Their better physical condition is due to the fact that up to the English protectorate the superior castes of India gave their unfaithful women and their unchaste daughters to the Rodiyas as the most horrible of punishments. In this way the despised race received a goodly admixture of the best blood of India, many queens, sultanas and princesses being condemned to marry Rodiyas."

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B. M. Comins is chairman of the committee which has the rally in charge, and he will be assisted by Will H. Zaiser and Dayton Allen. The officers of the local camp are G. G. Thomas, president; Dayton Allen, vice-president; Edward Hickman, secretary and treasurer, and B. M. Comins, chaplain. The state officers, who will attend the meeting, are W. S. Bowen of Cedar Falls, president; L. B. Hester of Fort Dodge, vice-president; H. H. Kerr of Des Moines, secretary and treasurer, and W. G. Wright of Nevada, chaplain.

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

The Executive Board of the Iowa-Nebraska Association met at the Rising Mt. Zion Baptist church here from the 12th to the 14th. Members of the Board who were present were Rev. S. Bates Moderator, Des Moines; Rev. G. E. Saunders 2nd Vice Moderator, Des Moines; Rev. T. L. Griffith Recording Secretary, Des Moines; Rev. M. J. Burton Missionary and Secretary of the Board, Keokuk; Rev. F. C. Bolling, Treasurer, Enterprise and Rev. F. B. Woodward, Buxton.

Rev. J. L. E. Burr having left the state, Deacon H. T. Randolph was elected a member of the board to fill his unexpired term.

A great deal of important business was transacted for the benefit of the Deominational Work.

Mrs. W. A. Brown of Buxton, State President of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Circle, came over and helped in the rally held with the local circle here. The rally was successful, amounting to \$22.20. The board itself raised \$51.04. The total amount being \$73.24.

Rev. F. C. Bolling, treasurer, preached Tuesday evening, his subject being "The Result of a Prayer Meeting."

Rev. T. L. Griffith, D. D., preached Wednesday evening, his text being "Ye Shall Know the Truth and the Truth Shall Make You Free."

Rev. S. Bates preached Thursday evening, his subject being "The Obstructive Stone."

The Missionary made his report showing the work in a progressive condition in general.

Rev. W. J. Furton remained over from the Executive Board and preached two able sermons for us Sunday.

Mrs. M. Mosley left Saturday night for Columbus, Ohio, after receiving word that her son had been severely burned. This was sad news to her friends as she is one of the participants in a program to be rendered at her church in Albia at an early date. We hope that she may be able to return speedily.

**OTTUMWA ITEMS.**

Mrs. Chas. Wilson has returned home after visiting a few days in Oskaloosa.

Mr. Ben Fuller of Fairfield is in the city for a few days visit.

Rev. Rhinehart is calling on his friends in several cities.

Mr. Herbert Robinson has returned after a month's visit in Centerville with relatives and friends.

Mr. Chas. Taylor and Miss Garner Fowler very pleasantly surprised their wife and grand mother, Mrs. Charles Taylor, Friday evening, the occasion being her birthday. The guests presented her some linen for table napkins. A two course luncheon was served and they all departed at a late hour wishing Mrs. Taylor many happy birthdays.

Thursday night the Second Baptist church Verni Equinox will be celebrated also Friday evening.

Sunday afternoon occurred the installation of Rev. Carr into the Second Baptist church for three months. Those in the program consisted of some of Ottumwa's best talent. Rev. Carr received a cordial welcome by those present.

March 28th there will be a bobble skirt drill and bazaar at the Baptist church. A cordial invitation is extended to each and every one.

The leap year entertainment at the A. M. E. church was a great success. Ladies were charged 10 cents at the door, while the gentlemen were admitted free of charge. The women certainly deserves credit for treating the men so royal. Everyone reports an enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Maude Marshall was ill last week with the gripe and tonsillitis.

Miss Leah Downey is able to be out again after several weeks illness with appendicitis.

Choir practices Friday night at 7:30 with Mrs. J. H. Weeks.

The Gideons will not meet this week. Mrs. Agnes Hughes who has been ill for about two weeks is still unable to be out.

Mrs. George Pailey is on last week's sick list.

Mrs. Mollie E. Wilson was entertained at dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. T. Elliott.

Harry Richardson is working in Ottumwa.

The Faithful Few met with Rev. and Mrs. M. I. Gordon Thursday evening. A two course lunch was served and a good social time enjoyed after the business was transacted.

**WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.**  
(Last Week)

Mr. Geo. Young of Lima, Ohio, the famous colored auctioneer, spent Monday at the N. L. Black home, enroute from Richland to Ottumwa for a visit with his wife who is staying at that place. Mr. Young just closed a successful two week's business at Richland and will open up a store at Eldon for two weeks.

Mrs. Anna Cissell visited last week at Fairfield and when she came home she was accompanied by Miss Mary Cissell and her brother, who spent Sunday here visiting, also the Misses Una and Pearl Cissell.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Haynes are in a very serious condition and it necessitates the assistance and support of their friends to minister to their wants. They are worthy people and shall not want for anything. They are being well cared for. We hope for speedy recovery.

Samuel Hall Jr. is the new janitor of the A. M. E. church.

Revival services are being held at the A. M. E. church this week and much interest is being made manifest.

N. L. Black has served his connection with the Evening Journal, on which

paper he had held a situation so long. Rev. Brown announced Sunday evening that the Rev. T. B. Stovall of Davenport, former pastor of the A. M. E. church here, would preach here the night of March 28th. It goes without saying that he will be greeted with a full house.

The plans and specifications for the improvements to be made at the A. M. E. church are drawing to a focus and before the end of the month there is going to be something doing.

Walter Williams who has been quite sick is able to be up and out again. He had quite a serious time of it.

Mrs. Sarah Davis was quite sick last week with the grip.

The young folks are working hard to make their concert a success, to be given Friday night March 15th for the benefit of the organ fund.

Rev. Brown and G. W. Turner, the delegates from the church, expect to attend district conference at Fairfield March 26th and 27th.

A. L. Hall has recovered from his attack of rheumatism.

**FT. MADISON.**  
Last Week's Items.

The A. M. E. church Aid society met at the residence of Miss Lizzie Ewing Thursday evening March 7th.

Some very brief and encouraging remarks were made by the pastor, Rev. M. Payton, after which a dainty lunch was served by Miss Ewing which was very much appreciated by all.

Mrs. Albina King who was indisposed is much better at this writing.

Miss Jennie Harper has returned from a visit in Fairfield.

Mrs. Mollie Sanberry of Shelbina, Mo. is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Johnson.

Mr. William Hampton who has been confined to his home for the past few weeks is able to be out again.

Mr. Homer Anderson and Ross Reddick were Burlington visitors Sunday.

Master George Harper, the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Harper has been ill which prevented him from attending school.

Mr. Hartley Johnson of Burlington was a Ft. Madison visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Mollie Anderson who was seriously ill is able to be out again.

**SIoux CITY ITEMS.**

Easter is drawing near and the Sunday Schools are rehearsing their programs for the occasion.

Master Thomas Sturdis who has been attending the Booker T. Washington school at Tuskegee, Ala., has returned home for a vacation with his relatives.

Mrs. Irene Sturges is confined to her bed, but is much improved at this writing.

Mr. James Lee, one of our old citizens, is quite sick at the residence of Mr. B. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones gave a chattering supper at their residence on last Friday evening. A large company of friends attended.

Mr. Louis Smith of Bonesteel, S. D., has been in the city visiting friends.

Mr. Hoce of Pittsburgh, Penn., has taken up his residence in our city. He has joined the choir of the A. M. E. church as a tenor singer, which adds greatly to the work.

Mrs. Rush of Des Moines will give a lecture at the A. M. E. church on Friday March 29th. She represents the Iowa State Federation of Women's clubs.

The revivals which have been in progress at the Mt. Zion Baptist the past two weeks, closed with the members being spiritually revived.

Mrs. Charles Murray left Friday for Omaha, Neb., to visit relatives and friends for a short time.

**ENTERPRISE, IOWA.**  
(Last Week.)

The B. Y. P. U. have organized a choir. The officers are Mr. Charley Carroll, President; Miss Blanch Allen, Organist; Mrs. Sofie Edmonds, Choister.

The town looks very lonesome as so many of the people went to the baptizing Sunday. There was eleven baptized.

Mrs. Mary Roman went to Clarinda last Friday to see her husband.

The Mission Circle are going to give a concert and box supper Tuesday evening at the church.

Mrs. Lottie Brown is on the sick list. The choir is practicing for Easter as they intend to have song service.

Mrs. W. Mills' cousin of Newton is here visiting her.

**COLFAX NOTES.**

The Home Foreign Mission circle met with Mrs. G. A. Terrell, last Thursday. Miss Mabel Welch entertained a number of her young friends Sunday afternoon at her 13th birthday, March 10th. A dainty 3-course luncheon was served by the hostess.

Mrs. W. D. Miller of Enterprise is in the city visiting friends, this week.

We have on the sick list this week, Mrs. G. Buttram, Mrs. S. Dean, Mr. F. Brown and Mrs. Lou Morris.

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supper at the residence of Mrs. G. O. Terrell March 11th.

Rev. Liscomb of Enterprise is in the city visiting friends this week.

Rev. W. H. Clark will conduct a revival meeting at Bethel Baptist church, March 11th, assisted by Rev. R. Lipscomb.

The Benevolent club will give a Musical program at the residence of Mrs. Lou Morris, March 24th. Public are cordially invited.

Mrs. China McKee fell three weeks ago and broke her arm. She is getting along nicely at this writing.

Mrs. J. W. Holmes is slowly improving at the present time.

**GALESBURG, ILL.**

One of the best concerts of the season was given at Memorial Chapel, Friday, evening at Lincoln, when the pupils of the Paul Lawrence Dunbar school gave their program. Each child acquitted himself with credit, which shows the careful training they receive from their teacher, Mr. Tilford Gash. It is hoped the program may be repeated soon.

Mr. Jesse Hazel, Sr., entertained at dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Water Hazel of Duluth.

Arrangements have been completed for the district meeting of Sunday schools of the Keokuk district. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Maggie Catlett of Aurora passed away Sunday at the home of A. Hawkins on Barren street. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Catlett was brought here three months ago by her brother Mr. Jerry Mason and her sister, Mrs. Hawkins and has since had their care, together with that of her aged mother, Mrs. Turpin, and the husband John Catlett. The body was taken to Aurora for burial.

Quarterly meeting was held Sunday at Lincoln Memorial Chapel. An appreciative audience enjoyed the sermon. Rev. Williams was assisted by Rev. W. A. Searcy of Monmouth and Rev. T. Tyler.

Mr. A. J. Brown and Mrs. Mary Lucas were quietly married last week. The happy couple are well known here and have a host of friends who extend congratulations. They went at once to house-keeping on Monroe street.

The Penny Willing Workers of the Second Baptist tendered Rev. and Mrs. Webster a reception Tuesday evening. An interesting program was enjoyed including the welcome address from the president. Rev. Webster recently accepted the call to the church.

**(Last Week.)**

Mrs. Mary Easley passed away Friday morning at the Cottage hospital. Her death following an operation for tumor, Mrs. Easley is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Ollie Richardson and several brothers and sisters, besides other relatives. Funeral services were held Sunday at Allen Chapel of which the deceased was a member. The church was completely filled by the friends who came to pay their last tribute of love and respect to their friend. The service was in charge of Rev. T. Tyler who was assisted by Rev. W. W. Williams. Interment was at Linwood cemetery present from out of the city was Mrs. Earley and Miss Alma Earley of Norwalk, Ohio and Mrs. Lulu Mason of Chicago.

Miss Glaze Allen is confined to her home by illness.

Born, last week to Mr. and Mrs. M. Lee, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fletcher have returned from Quincy having been called there by the death of Mr. Fletcher's father.

Word was received last week of the death of Mrs. Ella Yancy Johnson, at her home in Danville, Va. Mrs. Johnson formerly lived here and her many friends were deeply grieved to learn of her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carter of Rock Island have arrived in the city and will make this their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson of La Grange, Mo., are visiting home folks.

Owing to the inclement weather there was not a large crowd present at the box supper given by the Improvement club, Friday evening. Those present report a very pleasant time.

Mrs. George Kidd is seriously ill at her home with pneumonia.

**ST. JOSEPH, MO.**

The Republicans opened their city campaign last Monday night at the Lincoln club a very enthusiastic meeting was held. It is the intention of the committee to have a meeting in the different parts of the city every night this week as next Tuesday is election day.

Mr. Edward F. Mayer, Secretary of the Good Hope Consolidated Mines Co., Inc. of Seattle, Washington, spent a few days in this city, enroute to Chicago and New York. This company expects to develop gold and copper mines in Alaska. Their booklets says the capital stock is 1,500,000 fully paid and non-assessable. Mr. Mayer is very affable person to meet and on his return home will spend more time in this city and make an effort to sell some shares of his company in blocks from 5 to 50 at par value, \$2.00 per share.

The Porters Union gave a ball at the hall 2d and Frances street last Tuesday night and a number of their friends were present to enjoy the pleasures of evening.

Rev. W. D. Carter former pastor of a Baptist church St. Paul, Minn., but now traveling Financial Secretary for the Western college at Macon, Mo., preached at the Francis St Baptist church last Sunday morning, and delivered a lecture there Tuesday evening, and scored a nice sum of money for Western college.

Rev. John A. Gregory, pastor of the Ebenezer A. M. E. church delivered the annual sermon for the K. of I. Lodges at that church last Sunday at

ternoon. A large audience was present to hear the excellent discourse delivered by Rev. Gregg.

Rev. E. M. Cochran, pastor of Francis St. Baptist church delivered a lecture at the Patton Park Baptist church (white) last Friday night under the auspices of the Y. Y. P. U., his subject being "What I would expect of a Negro if I were a white man." The attendance was good and all seemed to enjoy the lecture.

Next Sunday will be the last service of the conference year at the Mason Temple M. E. church, 19th and Angeline street, which will be rally day and in the afternoon. Several other pastors of the city will visit Rev. W. J. Deboe in conducting the services and a special invitation is extended to the members of the various churches and to the public to part, if not all the services on that day.

Attorney J. H. Kelley was transacting legal business at Plattsmouth last week.

Mr. J. A. Whiteford, Supt. of public schools delivered a lecture at the Hartlett high school last Monday afternoon with reference to the selection of and proper germination of seeds for planting.

**ST. PAUL BUDGETARIAN.**

The weather man delights in teasing the ladies, especially those who are making strenuous efforts for Easter. It snows every five minutes and between the acts the sun is shining. Oh, well, as the old song goes, "Tomorrow the Sun May be Shining Although It is Cloudy Today." So cheer up.

The funeral of the late Mr. Robt. Hatten, one of St. Paul's popular young men, was held from St. James A. M. E. Church last Thursday afternoon, being largely attended. Revs. H. P. Jones and E. H. McDonald officiated. Miss Harriett Loomis Oliver sang "Face to Face." He was laid to rest in Oakland cemetery, and leaves a devoted mother, three brothers and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Mrs. Davie Campbell is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Adams, of Charles street.

Palm Sunday will be observed next Sunday in all the churches of the city with special appropriate services.

Mrs. Davis Campbell will sing, "The Palms," at St. James Church at the morning services.

Mrs. H. C. Hough, of Charles street, was hostess to the Self Culture Club last Wednesday afternoon. A paper on the "Life of Phyllis Wheatley," was read by Mrs. Mattie K. Hicks, followed by a general discussion of the members. Current events were also discussed. Mrs. Walker Williams was a visitor. After adjournment, the hostess served dainty refreshments.

St. Paul is soon to have a new public library, built by subscriptions from their own citizens. The Afro-Americans being among the contributors. It is to be second to none in the United States.

Ex-President Roosevelt will be a guest of the Sainly City folk Friday, the 29th inst. Great preparations are being made for his entertainment while in the city. He will speak at the auditorium.

Mrs. M. A. Johnson, of Thomas street, is convalescing after a severe siege of illness.

Misses Adah Lewis and Selma Newman, of Manneapolis, were entertained at luncheon Sunday evening by Miss Lois Combs, of 463 Thoman St.

Mr. B. J. Edwards, of Central avenue, is our new express and storage man. If you need any thing in his line, give him a call. Our people are engaging in all kinds of businesses in the Sainly City and should be encouraged by your patronage.

The Excelsior Club of St. James' Church will give a supper Friday eve-

ning at the residence of Mrs. Bradshaw, of St. Anthony avenue.

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Sunday afternoon at Pilgrim Baptist Church, Rev. E. H. McDonald officiating.

The Eastern Star members have been invited to participate with them on this occasion.

Mrs. Bettle Jones will visit in Evanston soon, the guest of Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Graves.

Miss Florence Utley recently graduated from the Department of Domestic Science at the State Agricultural College. She is the daughter of our tonorial artist, Mr. W. J. Utley.

A new Odd Fellows lodge is being organized. What is the matter with the old one?

Mr. T. H. Lyles, our popular undertaker, seems to get all the patronage from our people. A white undertaker is very seldom seen at any of our funerals.

Galesburg, Ill., March 24. Mrs. Ellsworth of Kewanee is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. John Johnson.

Mrs. Anna Worthington and Mr. James Williams have returned from a visit with Rev. and Mrs. Bess of Fairfield.

Mr. Berle Gregory died at his home March 18th after an illness of a few hours, pneumonia being the cause. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Allen Chapel in charge of Rev. T. Tyler, who was assisted by Rev. Webster and Rev. Winston. Present from out of the city were the following: Mr. John Hedge of Burlington, Will Gregory of Monroe City, and Charlie Hedge of La Grange, Mo.

Mrs. A. J. Crew has announced the opening of her dressmaking parlors carry a complete line of ladies' fine ready-made clothing.

The sub-district Sunday school con-

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vention which convened March 19th at Allen Chapel was a decided success. Following the program of the day a reception was tendered the delegates and friends, in the evening. Mrs. McGrunder, the superintendent, deserves much credit for the manner in which the convention was managed. Among those present from out of the city were Mrs. Pruitt, of Knoxville, Rev. and Mrs. Seary and son, Mrs. Brown, Miss Brown of Monmouth, Miss Perkins and Miss Jeanette Lewis of Kewanee and Rev. Winston of Chicago.

Mr. Ray Richardson of Madison, Wis., is visiting home folks.

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