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C. H. VAN LAW.

The above cut is that of Hon. C. H. Van Law, state senator from Marshalltown, Iowa. He has announced his name as a candidate for lieutenant governor of Iowa. He is an Iowa boy both by nativity and education receiving a common school education in the rural district of Poweshiek county. He studied law in Congressman Lacy's office in Oskaloosa. Later he entered the State University taking a law course, graduating in the class of 1896 in the class with S. Joe Brown of this city. He entered the practice in Marshalltown, was elected state senator. He is an able young progressive man with liberal views on the colored race. Below is his announcement:

"To the Republicans of Iowa: I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination to the office of lieutenant governor on the republican ticket, subject to the wishes of the republican voters of the state at the June primaries.

"Men are coming forward in public life in this state, determined to make for our people a more efficient control of public utilities, a more equitable adjustment of the burdens of taxation, the development of our industrial possibilities, the improvement of our highways, the conservation of our natural resources, and to solve the train of public questions incident to these matters.

"It has been my pleasure during our last two general assemblies to labor with some of these men in the adoption and in the effort to secure the adoption of measures directed to the accomplishment of these ends.

"A generous encouragement from some of these men and many other friends throughout the state, and a desire to continue doing what I may in the furtherance of this work in co-operation with these men and others who will join them in their efforts in constructive legislation, has prompted my offering myself as a candidate for the position of presiding officer of the session of the next assembly. If nominated and elected to the position for which I announced my candidacy, I can but pledge a fidelity to the discharge of the duties of the office inspired by a purpose to serve to the utmost of my ability the people of my native state."

"C. H. VAN LAW."



ALLFREE FOR CONGRESS.

The above cut is that bright young business man, H. B. Allfree, Newton, Iowa, who is candidate for congress from the sixth district subject to the primaries in June. Mr. Allfree is an active Republican worker, a good business man with broad knowledge of the needs of the people. He is a congenial man to meet and is friendly to the colored race. In his announcement to the voters of the sixth district, says: To the Republicans of the Sixth District:

The great overshadowing problem confronting the American people today is the relation of the government to business. The trust question, the tariff, the reform of banking and currency and many other questions are phases of this problem.

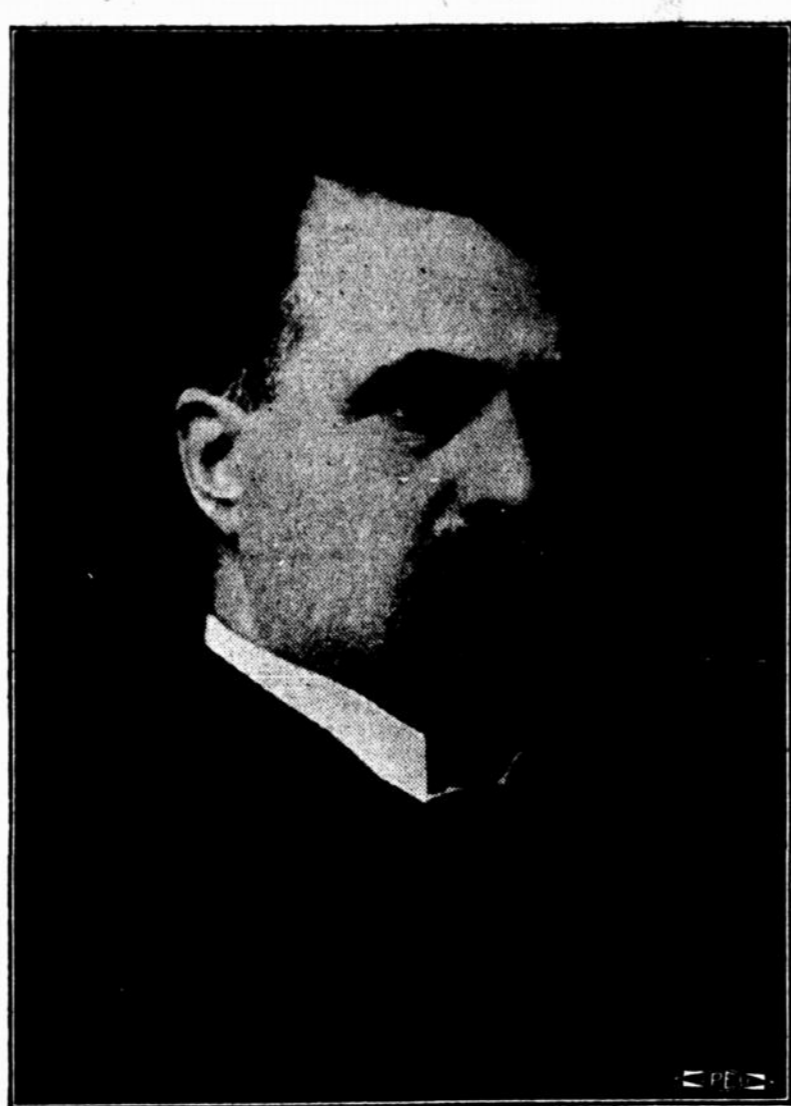
The unparalleled industrial development of the last half century has rendered imperative a readjustment. The new conditions were not contemplated when existing laws were enacted. The creation of the interstate commerce commission and the tariff board and the passage of the Sherman act have done much, but the readjustment is as yet incomplete and imperfect. Other measures of advanced legislation are necessary.

We have passed from an age of individual independence to one of a high degree of specialization and interdependence. The relation of employer and employe has thus acquired a new importance.

There is also great need for the introduction of modern business methods into all departments of the government itself. The work of the economy and efficiency commission has demonstrated this. It has already saved the tax \$3,000,000 annually and it has been estimated that \$3,000,000,000 could be thus saved if the government were run with the same system as other great business concerns. Much greater efficiency would also result.

As a business man I have taken an active part in politics and a keen interest in public questions. I am a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party. I earnestly solicit and will greatly appreciate your support and your vote.

Yours truly,
H. B. ALLFREE.



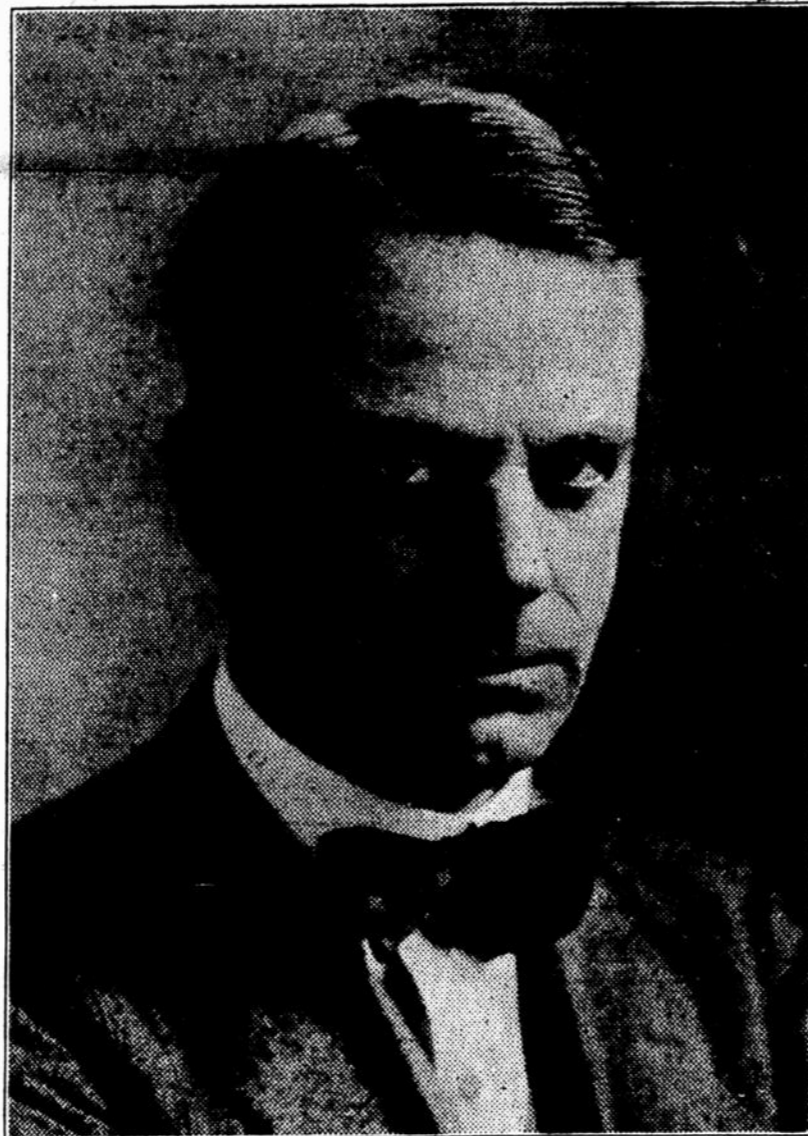
GEORGE W. CLARKE.

Candidate for Republican Nomination for Governor, June Primaries, 1912.

The candidacy of Hon. George W. Clarke for the Republican nomination for Governor is submitted to the people of Iowa upon its own merits. His ten years' service in the Iowa Legislature has placed him on record as to his position on nearly every great question now before the people. That record is open to anyone searching for the truth. He believes in a building of Iowa and the welfare of Greater Iowa, and has always labored

for the upbuilding of the state both in the cities and on the farms. A lawyer of ability and experience he is thoroughly trained in all that is needed for the great responsibilities of governor.

He has labored long and earnestly for the establishment of the "square deal" for all, and if nominated and elected governor he will go into office a free and independent man and will devote his energies to the upbuilding of Iowa and the welfare of all her people.



SENATOR WILLIAM S. KENYON.

Senator William S. Kenyon, of Ft. Dodge, who was elected to the seat made vacant by the death of Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver, after the most prolonged and stubbornly contested deadlock which ever occurred in Iowa, is a candidate for re-election before the June primary election. Senator Kenyon was elected in the last session of the legislature on the last day of the session by practically eighty per cent of the republican membership. He has, beyond all question, made good in the Senate. He took high rank among the members at the very start and has been

constantly growing in influence ever since. He has demonstrated that he has abilities and talents to make a successful public career. He entered the Senate at about the same age as did the lamented Dolliver and with his high aspirations and great abilities the state may yet realize the hopes that centered upon Dolliver for a long and distinguished career. Senator Kenyon has stood for high ideals in public life during his short term and we believe the people of Iowa will retain him in the Dolliver seat for many years and that his nomination at the June primaries will be made by a phenomenal majority of the Republican voters of Iowa.

DAVENPORT NEWS.

The plumbing work in the A. M. E. church and parsonage was let to the Sanitary Plumbing Co., that company being the lowest letters. This much needed work will be done at once.

The 3d quarterly meeting for this conference year will be held at Bethel A. M. E. church, May 19, 1912, instead of May 12th.

Eureka Lodge No 3890, G. W. O. of O. F. will hold their 69th annual thanksgiving service at the Third Baptist church, Sunday, May 12th, at 3 o'clock p. m. Rev. T. B. Stovall will preach the sermon.

The Clara Shepherd girls will give a Maypole entertainment at the A. M. E. church, May 10th.

Mr. W. J. Shepard, R. W. Grand custodian A. F. and A. M. of Buxton, Ia., was the guest of Hiram Lodge No. 19 A. F. and A. M., on the 26th inst. The Hiram boys gave Mr. Shepard one of the best times of his life. Mr. Shepard was well pleased with the outlook for the Grand Lodge, which will meet here

in July, 12. Now that Ripley street is being paved it will add much comfort to the people in general did make it easy to get to and from Bethel church.

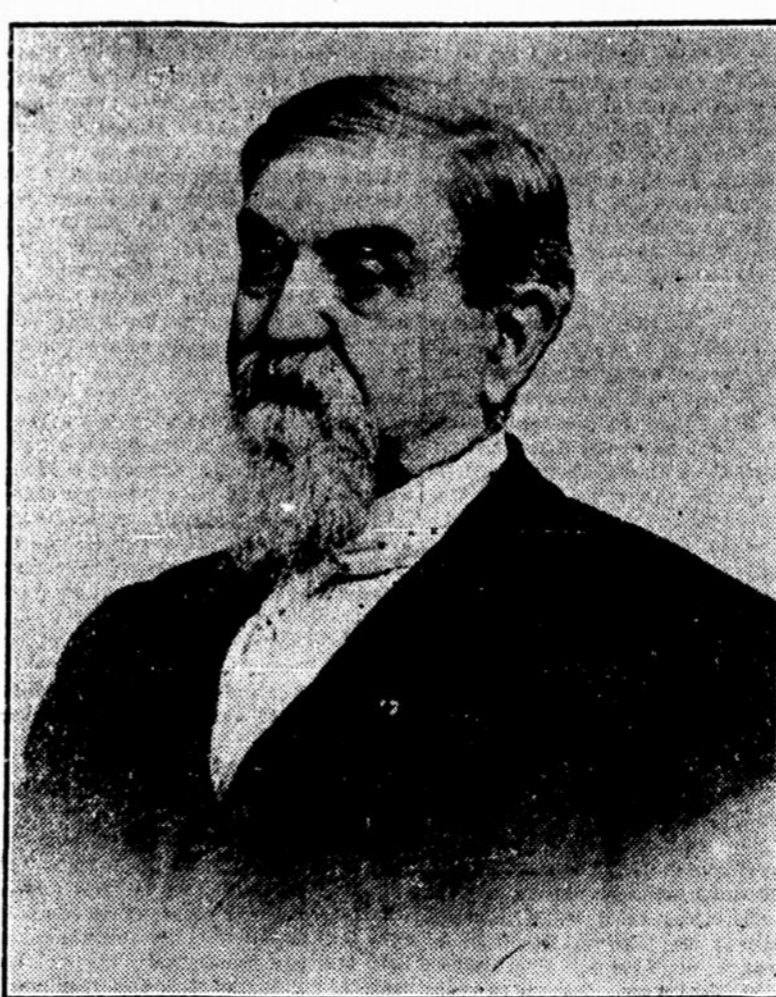
Rev. M. Tromeys has installed a printing press in the basement of the Third Baptist church. The Rev. has a full supply of good type and will do all of his own printing.

Mr. E. Green the successful restaurant man has returned to Davenport and repurchased his old stand on E. 5th St. Mr. Green is fitting his place up first class style.

Mr. Eugene Green who is one of the lay delegates to the A. M. E. general conference will leave for the seat of said conference on the 5th of May.

Mrs. E. L. Davis who has been quite sick is able to leave the hospital to be home to the delight of her husband and many friends.

Mrs. Della Marshall is at home to her many friends, No. 721 Harrison St. Rev. T. B. Stovall preached an able sermon Sunday evening. His subject



KETCHUM FOR RAILWAY COMMISSIONER.

The above cut is a true likeness of Mr. N. S. Ketchum who is a candidate for Railroad Commissioner subject to the primaries June 3. He has been a resident of Iowa 1860. He hails from Marshall county. He has been engaged in promoting the substantial interests of the state, as a manufacturer, jobber and a shipper of merchandise, agricultural implements etc. These years of actual experience qualifies him for the said position.

During the time I have been a member of the board we have established joint rates in Iowa which has amounted to a reduction on every shipment passing over two or more lines, of twenty per cent. We have promulgated a schedule of express rates with a table of graduated charges, which are admittedly the lowest in the United States. Many revisions have been made in the freight schedules in Iowa during

this same period of time, which have meant a saving of thousands of dollars to Iowa shippers. Not only has the board looked after freight rates within Iowa, but there are now pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission many cases which this board has filed, requesting a readjustment of classification and freight rates to the benefit of Iowa shippers. But this is only a part of the work of this commission. They have acted upon more than a thousand cases, involving drainage, depot accommodations, station facilities, train service, overcharges, car shortages, and ever other conceivable friction which might arise between railroad companies and their patrons.

I have always stood for a "Greater Iowa," not only in agriculture, but in the developing or manufacturing of our products within our own state. With my mechanical and engineering ability I stand on my record.



PROF. ALBERT M. DAYOE.

The above cut represents Prof. Albert M. Dayoe, the present State Superintendent, who is a candidate for re-election for his second term. Prof. Dayoe was born in Missouri, and in 1862 moved with his parents to Cerro Gordo county, Iowa; in 1870 was educated in the rural schools of the county and graduated from the Mason City high schools and from the State University of Iowa, receiving the degrees of B. S. and A. M. He has taught school for several years, also county superintendent of the Hancock county schools. He is well qualified by many years of experience and has made a fine record as State Superintendent and is entitled to the re-nomination and election. He is a believer in the ultimate success of the negro race as a whole.

BURLINGTON ITEMS.

Mrs. J. Earlie who was indisposed last week is able to be out again and through her efforts the agent is thankful for several new subscribers to the Bystanders.

Miss Hazel Woods, one of our most prominent young ladies left last week for Davenport, Iowa, where she will spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. J. Young. Miss Young will be missed in the S. S. circle as she was quite active in that work.

Miss Maud Brawley of Cameron, Mo. is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Pleasant.

Mrs. Pauline King was called to Keokuk last week where her niece Mrs. R. Ashby is quite ill.

Mr. J. Bradden of Kansas City, Mo., is quite ill at the home of his sister-in-law.

Mrs. A. Pleasant and Mrs. Bradden is also indisposed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams have added two more rooms to their little cottage which now make a very comfortable home.

Mrs. Myrtle Brooks of Centerville, Iowa, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reg.

Mrs. L. Anderson entertained the members of Union Baptist S. S. last week at Bunn's Grove and a fine time is reported.

COLFAX NOTES.

Mrs. F. B. Brown was called to Enterprise last week to the bedside of her grandson, Robert Brown. Mrs. Perkins, of Buxton, is in the city, visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Terrell.

Mrs. W. H. Clark was a Capital City visitor Monday.

Mr. W. D. Miller, of Enterprise, is in the city visiting friends this week. The Children rendered an excellent program Sunday evening at the B. Y. P. U. Solos, recitations, duets and papers.

Mr. Jake Madison has moved to No. 8 mines this week.

We have on the sick list this week Mr. G. Brintram, Miss Gertrude Broddus, Mr. G. O. Terrell and Mrs. M. Broddus.

The Home and Foreign Mission Circle met with Mrs. W. B. Battles last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. M. Oliver visited the Circle and gave some encouraging remarks.

HON. JOHN L. BLEAKLY.

We take great pleasure to present to the Republican voters of Iowa our friend and well-wisher, John L. Bleakly, of Ida county, who is a candidate for re-election of state auditor. He was born in Ireland in 1857; came with his parents to Illinois in 1863 and to Iowa in 1872. Graduated from the Cedar Rapids business college, went to

Ida Grove where he was employed as a bookkeeper in a bank. In 1903 he was elected state senator where he remained until he was elected state auditor in 1908. He has served the state honestly, faithfully, judiciously and economically. He is an active church worker, an ideal citizen and a true and tried friend of the colored man. He merits your vote.

was family religion. The speaker showed how important it is for each family to have and live a christian religion.

The Third Baptist church is planning for a big Spring rally.

Mrs. Phillips will hold a ten day meeting at Iowa City in the near future. This is the time to get busy. Everything is looking Spring time. Commencing with May 5th services will take up at 7:30 p. m., so if you want to get home early come out early.

O. E. S. Convention.

The fifth annual convention of Electa Grand Chapter, order of Eastern Star will be held in the city of Des Moines, the first Tuesday in May, the 21-23 inclusive, with Princess Zorah Chapter No. 10. All grand officers and representatives to said Grand Convention are requested to be present with their reports and assist in the opening of the Grand chapter, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. By order of

Sister Mate F. Clark, W. G. M.
Bro. John W. Bland, W. G. P.
Ruth G. Bright, G. Sec.

Greek Proverb.
What the wind gathers the devil scatters.



AL. SMITH FOR CONSTABLE.

The name of our friend and only colored candidate in our city is Al Smith, who has announced his name for constable of Des Moines Township, subject to the Republican primaries, who has been in our city for many years, always active in the interest of some other candidates but never until now has he ever asked for an office for himself. His colored friends think that our race should have something and he asks your vote and support.

CHRIS OTTOSEN

for Railroad Commissioner

We present to our many readers of Iowa the name of Chris Ottosen of Humboldt County who is a Candidate for Railroad Commissioner. Mr. Ottosen is one of the leading active young progressive workers in Iowa a successful business man, well experienced by coming in contact with the business interests of Iowa and if nominated and elected would add dignity and honor to our state. His many friends are working very hard for his nomination, and they ask for your vote and support.

To show how his friends feel, the following set of resolutions were unanimously adopted at the Tenth Republican Congressional convention held in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, Wednesday, April 17, 1912:

Whereas, Chris Ottosen of Humboldt County, Iowa, is a man of every way worthy of the honor and respect to which he is entitled, and in view of the position of a member of the Board of State Railway Commissioners;

Resolved, that we hereby endorse his candidacy for said office and present him to the voters of the State of Iowa as one worthy in every way of their confidence and support for said office.

Resolved, that we

At the parsonage Sunday morning at 10 o'clock occurred the wedding of Mr. J. L. Robinson and Miss Annie Prentiss. James Bowles officiating.

The Willing Workers club met at the residence of Mr. Thomas Friday evening. After the regular routine business the subject debated. Resolved, that the men of the civil war was more brave than men of the Spanish-American war. Affirmative, Mr. Geo. Mack Hickenbotham and Mr. Ambrose Jackson. The judges decided in the affirmative. Judges, Rev. Bowles, Mr. C. Thomas and Mr. Wm. Toliver.

Mr. Judge Range and brother Ernest of Canton, Mo., are visiting at the home of Mr. C. Charles Thomas.

The Rosebud club met at the residence of Rev. Bowles, Monday evening,



MRS. JENNIE STEELE HUEGLE.

We take pleasure in presenting to our readers Mrs. Jennie Steele Huegler, the present County Superintendent of our public schools, who is a candidate for re-election. Mrs. Huegler submits her record in the office as the best evidence why she should be re-nominated. Her earnest work and unfaltering zeal to extend the high school work into every township is very commendable. She is a graduate from our Des Moines High school, has taught in the grades of the city schools, and was principal in succession of Lucas, Webster, and Oakland (now Henry Sabins) buildings, and having had over thirty years experience in the school room, is amply qualified to supervise the county work. A qualification repeatedly demonstrated by high efficiency in the important office she so well fills.

after rendering a short program a two course repeat was served. The young people are doing a great work. With the assistance of the older people much good will be accomplished.

Mrs. Mahala Henry and son Maceo are visiting LaGrange, Mo., for a short time.

Miss Louise Harper will leave soon to visit her aunt in Ottumwa.

Mr. Charles Thomas will open an ice-cream parlor and lurch canteen at 327 Second street, about the 23d of May. Will be glad to have any of the friends stop in.

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ROULETTE WHEEL IN A CANE

One More Added to the Variety of Uses Frenchmen Make of This Article.

The ingenuity of the Frenchman has not been confined to the making of weapons out of apparently harmless canes. In fact, there is quite a variety of uses which the cane is made to serve.

One of the canes is fitted with a coinbox and a matchbox, these being contained in the head, which is provided with a carefully concealed lid. The coinbox is arranged to permit of depositing and easily removing the coins by a slight pressure of the thumb, thus obviating the necessity of fumbling for coins in the pocket.

Another cane handle contains a complete outfit of the game known as Petits Chevaux. When the lid is open betting can begin and the horse crossing the wire first wins the stakes.

One of the latest Parisian novelties consists in a lady's parasol handle containing a roulette wheel which can be used for gambling at any place or moment.

These handles have become very popular. They are of fine workmanship and generally of gold or silver.

One handle contains almost everything that one would be likely to need. A long sheet of paper is wound around the rod, from which pieces may be torn off for taking notes. When the lid is opened, penknife, pencil, nail file, combs and looking glass are disclosed. These objects are small, but large enough for practical use.—Scientific American.

Going in France.

The French going girl is a rarity so far, but she is increasing in spite of difficulties. The links at La Boule, at Chantilly, at Fontainebleau, and elsewhere are gradually attracting her, and her skill when she does take up the game makes her fully the equal if not the superior to the English or American girls who are members of the same club.

Strictly speaking, however, the French going girl is more often a young married woman than a jeune fille, because there is always the difficulty of the chaperon. It is rather hard to expect a mother to follow her girls round the links, yet unless she does, she is not much use. Sometimes a brother is considered a sufficient protector, but brothers in France, as elsewhere, are indifferently fond of looking after their sisters.

Curiosity Cost Fox His Freedom.

J. F. Speacht of Pottsville, Pa., while driving along the state road between Pottsville and Schuylkill Haven the other day, got out of his buggy to look after his horse, which had cast a shoe. As he did so a large gray fox, weighing 24 pounds, ran from the underbrush into the middle of the road and stood for a minute to look at him.

The action cost Reynold his liberty, as Speacht shed a large stone, striking him in the head and stunning him. The fox was captured alive, and will be used for a big fox chase during coming summer.

War on English Starlings.

State game wardens have been instructed to keep a sharp watch for flocks of English starlings and to kill them on sight in order to prevent the predaceous British bird from becoming a pest like its cousin, the sparrow.

Starlings thus far have appeared only in Bucks and other eastern border counties, not far from New Jersey, and the numbers haven't been great.—Harrisburg Correspondence Philadelphia Press.

Automatic Mule.

At Elk City the Missouri Pacific operates a pumping station with a blind mule. The mule is left alone all day, and goes around and around pumping water. When the tank is full the water splashes out on a piece of zinc, and the noise is a signal for the mule to stop. When a train goes along the mule gets out last spring and worked against and helped beat the waterworks bonds at the election, because the construction of a waterworks system there would throw his blind mule out of work.—Exchange.

Snow in Hawaiian Islands.

Molokai for the first time in the memory of man is decorated with snow, writes a Hawaiian. This astonishing fact is a mute tribute to the intensity of the cold wave that for weeks has been felt in these islands. Within the last few days patches of snow appeared, visible from the sea-coast, in the mountain tops back of Pukoo on the South side of the island where the coast line bends toward the east end.

Too Frank.

"You are workmen!"
"Hoory!"
"And because you are workmen?"
"Hoory!"
"You must work."
"Put him out! Put him out!"—Tit-Bits.

By Exercise.

Heck—Has your wife made her will?
Peck—No, she's merely developing it.

The Changing West.

"Saw two famous bad men come together during my trip west."
"Both killed?"
"Nobody killed. You can't talk a man to death."

Or the Safe Side.

"I just saw your wife in your neighbor's auto. Why don't you take her out in yours?"
"Oh, we've just made wills in favor of each other."—Flegende Blaet-ter.

BOOKER WASHINGTON AT WORK

(By BRADLEY GILMAN.)

There are many things of interest in Florida at this season. There are the oranges; or you may like better the golden grapefruit; or you may prefer to "pot" alligators; or you can study the evolutions of the turkey-buzzards, as they drift and soar on the air-current, putting Glenn Curtiss and the Wright brothers to the bad, with their deftly-poised, sooty wings.

If none of these things interest you, there is the negro; always the negro, bearing about with him his problem, standing to the thoughtful, serious tourist—like a heavily-loaded interloper—mark on the southern page of American history. What shall we do about him? What can he do about himself? What answer is he giving in Florida to his own embodied interrogation?

Booker T. Washington, the world-famous educator, is wisely and bravely giving his answers to this problem. He has recently completed an eight-days' journey through the land which Ponce de Leon discovered, but he did not travel there in search of the fountain of eternal youth; he went with a dozen friends and helpers to Pensacola, thence to Tallahassee, Ocala, Tampa, Jacksonville and other points, and addressed vast audiences of whites and blacks, and gave such wise, hopeful words of counsel that his own people responded to him with enthusiasm, and his white hearers—even in the regions made notorious by lynchings—expressed approval and urged him to come again and deepen the good influences which he had already established.

This "missionary journey" was one of several which Dr. Washington has made through southern states; it was under the direction of M. M. Lewey, president of the Colored Men's Business League of Florida. The object which Dr. Washington has had in view in all these tours has been to ascertain the conditions existing among his own people and their relations to the white race, and to encourage public sentiment in the direction of plain elemental and industrial education for negroes. The state governments already do something in the direction, and private individuals help, but not over 5 per cent. of the total black population of the south is affected by schools like Hampton, Tuskegee and others.

Many of the public school superintendents see the need of a more general education for the blacks, but are thwarted by an adverse public sentiment. This sentiment, hostile or indifferent, must be distinctly altered for good by Dr. Washington's impassioned addresses to such large audiences in so many centers of population. He does what more eloquent and theoretical speakers often do not; he changes the ideas and the feelings of his auditors; people who have heard this great man speak to audiences in the north have little idea of his addresses to southern gatherings, where he has his own people before him, and has also a considerable number of white people who begin the session in ill-concealed enmity.

The dramatic situation at L— I shall never forget; the famous negro leaders faced over 200 white men—about a fifth of his total audience—who sat with scowls of distrust on their faces, until his kindly appeals to their reason and better selves softened them and made them his friends. Probably almost every man in that white group carried a pistol; one or two weapons were displayed openly; some of these men must have taken part in the barbarous lynchings which disgraced the town fifteen months ago; but, like a lion facing jackals, and veritably with the royal mien of that king of the forests, Dr. Washington stood forth from his little group of friends alone and gave battle; a battle of right and reason against ignorance and prejudice; and he won; and some of those men said in my hearing afterward that he was a great man and that the negro ought to be given a fair chance.

I made the similar trip with Mr. Washington through Mississippi three years ago; and all my observations and reflections on that journey were confirmed by what I saw on this present trip through Florida. There is only one solution of this vast problem in the south; the negroes are to remain on the land; therefore, common sense dictates that they be educated in the simple branches of book education, and trained in some industrial pursuit; and then given a chance to "make good." That is all that their leading men ask. I have talked with colored physicians, lawyers, ministers and business men, on this recent journey, who would be a credit to any race and a valuable asset to any cause; they have pointed out to me the signs of progress among their people; the advance of spring up the Atlantic seaboard today is no more obvious and certain than is the advancement of the negro race in the southland toward all that is characteristic of a high civilization. The increase in homestead holdings, the increase of stores and banks and taxable property—these tell the story of that gain in material prosperity which alone will give the black man position and power and justice in the south. All honor to such broad men as the mayor of Pensacola, and Judge Bullock of Ocala, and many others, who are so highly civilized themselves, that they are ready to grant their colored brothers the opportunity to struggle forward to that same civilization.

A person of trained eyes, on going into a town or village in the south, can tell, by observing the faces and manners of either of the two races who the other will be like, for the two are closely bound together, tyrannical and cruel, on the part of the whites, show in their faces, and can also be read in the constraint and caution and timidity of their black neighbors; and again, where you find the blacks frank and joyous, as is their nature; you may be sure that the whites of that region are just and broad-minded and kindly, as is characteristic of people really civilized. What I here write comes from close personal observation; and I say that the bitter enemies which the negro has in the south are the ignorant sensual "crackers" the vicious lower classes of the whites; the higher grades of white men tend toward justice and patience and encouragement, in their treatment of the as yet immature black race; sometimes, when election is at hand, some educated white candidate will indulge in public denunciations of "niggers"; but this is usually for political effect; he is after the ignorant "cracker" vote; and very likely he is the friend and helper of a half-dozen colored neighbors.

NOT ENOUGH FOR TWO.

Postmaster General Hitchcock, replying at a Washington reception to a compliment upon his management of the nation's mails, said with a smile: "But the postoffice is still burdened with old-fashioned restrictions and rules—makeshifts which sufficed when the country was small, but which are most unsatisfactory now that we have grown so vast. "Those outgrown makeshifts remind me of a shared umbrella. An umbrella, you know, is a shelter for one and a shower bath for two."—New York Tribune.

AN EDUCATED ZULU SPEAKS

The following address delivered at the First Interstate congress of South Africa by Mr. John L. Dube will be read with interest.

Mr. Dube is a native Zulu, educated in America, and started some years ago in South Africa an industrial school on somewhat the same lines as that of Tuskegee institute. Mr. Dube has made himself to such an extent the leader of his own people in South Africa, that he has been chosen the first president of the first Interstate Native congress. His address follows:

Gentlemen of the South African Native Congress: It is most that my first word to you should be one expressive of my high and heartfelt appreciation of the confidence which my countrymen assembled in Boemfontein have thought well to repose in me, and of my thanks for this unique honor, all unexpected and undeserved, which they have thrust upon me. Not even present at their gathering (having been unavoidably debarred that pleasure by pressing educational and editorial calls at home), they nevertheless went out in their way to seek me out in this remotest corner of Natal and to elect me the first president of this the first Interstate Native congress of all South Africa. For this kind act I now do thank them and the dignity bestowed I hereby formally accept.

Gentlemen, it seems to me that the day of our race's renaissance is at length at hand, indeed it would not be inappropriate to mark this 8th day of January, and in future years so to commemorate it as the "red letter day" of our people's hopes, as the birthday of our existence as a political entity in this new South Africa. I say this "New South Africa" for the South Africa we see today developing before us is no more the South Africa known to our fathers. Yet none the less will it be the home and native land of our children. And for them we have to make straight the path and prepare a comfortable "place in the sun." Although, as a race we possess the unique distinction of being the first born sons of this great and beautiful continent; although as a race we can claim an ancestry more ancient than almost any nation about us, yet as citizens of the glorious British empire, we are the last born children, just awakening into political life, born on the 8th day of January, in this the year of grace 1912.

Yes; politically, new-born babes, we are still very young and inexperienced, and as such it behooves us to feel our way slowly and warily. While teaching ourselves to walk boldly and uprightly before all mankind, we must still be careful ever to seek out the way where wisdom (not mere sentiment or desire) leadeth, treading softly, ploddingly, along the bright path illumined by righteousness and reason—the steep, thorny path, yet only one that will safely and surely lead us to our goal, the attainment of our rightful inheritance as sons of Africa and citizens of the South African commonwealth.

Many are the difficulties I foresee in our way—enemies without, fierce but frank; dangers within, undesigned perhaps, but still more harmful. It will be an uphill fight, but our watchword shall be "Excelsior!"—Onward, high; or, cautiously, ploddingly! By our perseverance, our patience, our consistency, our law-abiding methods, and the justice of our demands, all these obstacles shall be removed and enemies overcome. We have been distinguished by the world as a race of born gentlemen—a truly glorious title, bestowed on few other people!—and by the gentleness of our manners (poor though we may be, unlettered and ill-clad) and by the nobility of our character shall we break down the adamantine wall of color prejudice and force even our enemies to be our admirers and our friends.

Gentlemen! for better or for worse, you have selected me to be for the nonce your president. As I trust you will therefore permit me to indicate the way, and I trust I shall never lead you astray. For while I shall at all times endeavor to be a straight goer, I propose also to be a strong leader—not one dragged by the nose, still less one pulled by the tail, for as already said, my war-cry is—Onward! Upward into the higher planes of civilization and Christianity—not backward into the abyss of antiquated tribal systems—our salvation is not there, but in preparing ourselves to take an honored place among the nations.

You have asked me to lead, and perchance you would ask me now how I intend to do so. I will show you my frame of mind and my ideal in two words—I take for my motto (and I hope as faithful and dutiful followers, it will be yours also), Festina lente, Hasten-Slowly; and for my patron saint I select that great and edifying man, Booker T. Washington.

I recognize that the hour is come when we, the native races of South Africa, must be up and doing; for God helps those who help themselves. But I recognize, too, the necessity of moving cautiously, of making progress prudently. I see the danger we have to fear, lest the too impetuous amongst us, in the first fervor of this new inspiration, become too ambitious in the start, too pushful, too eager to attain their majority in a day; in a word, contracting swelled heads, and toppling over the apple cart. Therefore I say, Festina lente.

And Booker T. Washington is to be my guiding star (would that he were high to give us the help of his wise counsel) I have chosen this great man, firstly, because he is perhaps the

CONVEX LENS OF THE EYES

A BURNING GLASS THAT ADJUSTS THE SIGHT TO VARYING DISTANCES.

One of the manifold wonders of the human eye is the convex lens with which the focal distances of sight are made instantly and without mental effort. This lens in the eye is a literal "burning glass," as the small boy styles the glass lens with which he focuses the sun's rays and sets fire to a piece of paper. Just in this sense, too, is the lens of the eye a literal burning glass, as may be shown by the simplest of experiments.

Let the person at midday hold a straw against the face of the sun and focus his eyes on the straw. He can look at the straw, with its background of a dazzling sun, and without discomfort. But the moment he looks at the fiery ball of the sun itself, subconsciously the lens of the eye comes to its "burning" focus, with the result that a "burning" sun spot appears on that a few seconds of such looking would burn out the retina as if by fire itself.

In the subconscious adaptability of the eye lens to adjust itself to different distances lies its value to the human sight. The man with a camera adjusts the focus of his lenses by sliding them forward and back. The lenses of the human eye, by changing their curvatures, allow of one looking at fine print six inches from his nose and in a fraction of a second to look up and away, probably fifty miles to a mountain peak that in an instant is in true camera focus.—Pittsburg Press.

Mr. Justice McKenna of the United States Supreme court took up golf some time ago, and played at it at the Chevy Chase links near Washington. He was practicing one day, and there was nobody with him except his caddy. He teed up his ball, made the preliminary waggles he could think of and swiped at the ball. He missed it a foot. He tried again, and this time struck the earth 18 inches behind the tee. He made another effort and missed again.

WORDS DIDN'T FIT THE GAME.

"Then he stopped, and looked at the ball and said: 'Tut-tut! Tut-tut-tut!'" "Mister," observed the caddy, "you'll never learn to play golf wif' dem words!"—Saturday Evening Post.

ONE WAY LEFT.

"I've tried for ten years to please my wife," said the married man, "and I've never yet succeeded."
"Impossible!" ejaculated his friend.
"No, I don't think it is," said the married man. "I'm going to shoot myself."—Satire.

Too Horrible to Think Of.

"Mother, it is said that the success of the Chinese women in securing the right to vote is due to the fact that they have given up the practice of squeezing their feet out of shape."
"Yes, dear, I believe that has had a great deal to do with it."
"Do you think we should get the men to let us vote if we ceased to squeeze our feet?"
"Heavens, child! Don't suggest such a horrible expedient!"

UP AGAINST IT.

Hokus—Why don't you try to get a job?
Pokus—Employers prerer to hire married men.
Hokus—Then why don't you get married?
Pokus—A girl won't marry a fellow unless he has a job.

TEN YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. J. Y. Joyner, superintendent of public instruction for this state, has just given to the public a statement of educational progress in North Carolina during the last decade. From this statement it appears that there were 235,000 colored children of school age in 1910 and 497,000 white, making a total of 732,000 with an average school term of 105 days for white and 94 for colored. It is also gratifying to note that this increase in days has been marked by 28 per cent. as to white and 20 per cent. as to colored, and there is put forth plans and suggestions which if enacted into law will so increase the school term throughout the state as to make it not less than six months anywhere. Such measures cannot but meet with the hearty approval of all even though they call for increased taxation. Experience has shown that those states are forward in material character and strength of their public schools. The backwardness of the south is due more to the decadence of their public schools than to any other cause, and her present awakening is also proportionate to the seriousness with which she has grappled with the public school problem.

There is more, however. There are 8,369 white teachers in the state and 2,793 colored with average monthly salary for white teachers amounting to \$34.47 and colored to \$23.48. The conclusion is obvious that the colored teacher controls a larger number of pupils for about two-thirds the pay and besides works under time. This is a hardship which the colored teacher must bear until the change comes. There is certainly no clearer reason for the dirt of colored teachers for the rural schools than that given by the above facts. A man can make more at common labor and have a steadier job than he can teaching school for \$23 a month, and a good cook or laundress might find her monthly balances far in excess of that of her sister who teaches a colored school. This lack of adequate salary for colored school teachers makes school teaching a makeshift which in the end proves unsatisfactory to both the teacher and the state. Some plan will eventually be provided which will assure the teacher a living salary and thereby cause a larger number of trained men and women to devote their lives to this line of race uplift.

It is noted that no word is said by the superintendent about compulsory education. This is of course a question upon which honest men may differ. Still there appears many cogent reasons why North Carolina should have such a law, and enforce it. The masses of the people of the state need education of such kind and character as will make them better citizens. The industrial turn which all education of the masses is taking spells a new day for the development of the resources of our state and country. Should North Carolina take the lead in providing adequate and necessary facilities for the intellectual and industrial training of both races and make it compulsory for every one of school age to be trained until he has acquired enough book learning for the purposes of his life work and enough skill to make a living with his hands? Such policy if adopted and adhered to would make North Carolina the model state of the Union.

REPORT OF EXPENSES.
Each member of a corn club should keep the following record of expenses to be placed in the hands of the committee that awards the prizes.

1. Rent of land..... \$.....
2. Preparation of seed bed.....
3. Cost of seed.....
4. Cost of planting.....
5. Cost of manure.....
6. Cost of fertilizer.....
7. Cost of cultivation.....
8. Cost of gathering.....
9. Total cost.....

NEEDED IN THE FAMILY.

Edith—Yes, I am going to marry Mr. Goldbag.
Ethel—Why, he's old enough to be your father.
Edith—I know, but he doesn't seem to care for mother.

PROGRESS.

"So your son is going to high school?"
"Yes."
"How far has he got?"
"To the point at which I seem to be an intellectual two-spot."

WANTED A NOVICE.

Caddle Master—What sort of caddy do you want, sir?
Nervous Novice—Well, er—I'd like a boy who knows very little about the game.—Sketch.

HORRID MAN.

Miss Pert—The way that man looked at me was positively insulting.
Miss Pike—Did he stare at you?
Miss Pert—No. He gave one glance, then looked at something else.

EASILY GUESSED.

"What will the woman of tomorrow be?" sighed the pessimist person.
"Oh, a year or two younger than she is today," replied the one who had reasoned such things out.

RULES FOR NEGRO BOYS' GORN CLUBS

1. Boys must be regularly organized by a teacher or an agent into a local community club. The clubs organized into a county organization with a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

2. Where no county organization is formed, the local club will not be debarred from entering our state contest.

3. In order to represent the county, a club should consist of not less than twenty boys, ages from ten to eighteen years.

4. The members of the club must agree to read and study the instructions sent out by the federation and the United States department of agriculture.

5. The teacher or agent should set aside periodical meetings where instructions for growing crops may be discussed.

INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PREPARATION OF SEED BED.

1. The land should be broken from eight to ten inches deep. Harrow and pulverize it thoroughly.

FIGHTING CONSUMPTION.

TUBERCULOSIS EXHIBITION CAMPAIGN IN MISSISSIPPI DOING MUCH GOOD.

THE WINNER.

Walter—Thank you ever so much, sir.
Old Gent—What the deuce do you mean? I haven't given you anything.
Walter—No, sir; but I bet No. 10 half a crown you wouldn't tip me!—London Opinion.

PRESCRIBING A DIET.

Sir Richard Jebb, the eminent physician, was a man of irritable temper, and when bored by the querulous complaints of some of his patients could not always force himself to return a civil answer. A troublesome patient, whose illness was purely imaginary, pestered him one day with questions as to what he should eat.

GLUE TONIC.

Chinese medicine developed a special fondness for fossilized "dragon bones," derived from extinct herbivora. They are also fond of "dragon teeth," as fossilized shells are called. In Shanghai glue is made from asses' skins. In a certain town of that province is a well, the water of which when drunk by asses makes their skins especially good for making glue. This glue brings a fancy price as it is a famous tonic throughout China.—Chicago Tribune.

CITY NEWS.

Mrs. Emma Harris is a little better at this writing.

Mrs. Peter Bell is quite sick at her home 1340 Jefferson ave.

Mr. Louis Blagburn is improving nicely at this writing.

Mrs. Stone gave a 6 o'clock dinner for Mrs. James Guy, Mrs. Ida Davis and M. E. Oliver.

Mr. S. Hudson of Ft. Dodge, a tailor of that city, was in our city Monday looking up a location. We say come.

Mrs. N. Davis 1410 4th St. Place entertained for dinner, Sunday, the 18th, Messdames M. E. Oliver, G. Franklin and Jas. Guy. A delightful time.

On Monday, the 19th, Mrs. Adam Dixon served a 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Mrs. Ida Davis, Mrs. M. E. Oliver and James Guy. A lovely time.

A States Dinner and program will be given by the Trustees of the Corinthian Baptist church Thursday May 9. The public is invited.

Mr. Tug G. Wilson is rapidly recovering from an operation performed by Dr. A. J. Hooker at Mercy hospital last week.

Mrs. J. H. Shepard went to Ames, Iowa, last week as assistant cateress to Mrs. C. A. Clegg, who is at the college.

Mrs. G. Franklin 820 12th St. Place gave a very beautiful 6 o'clock dinner in honor of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Oliver, Miss Ida Davis and Mrs. James Guy. An excellent time was enjoyed by all.

The Dramatic Art club met Tuesday afternoon with Miss Chenna Graves; discussed Book IX of Paradise Lost and also part III of Robert's Rules of Order. Meet next Tuesday with Mrs. Geo. Patton, 1520 25th street, finish Book IX.

Hon. J. Frank Blagburn, a former Iowa boy but now employed in the Recorder of Deeds office at Washington, will arrive in our city tonight enroute to the general conference of the A. M. E. church at Kansas City, Mo., as one of the leading lay delegates. He will spend three days here visiting his father, mother and brother and a host of old friends. He was once our city market master and is well known here. He has not been here for several years.

The Corinthian Baptist Church Announcements

Sunday, May 5th.
Old Peoples' Day—As customary for several years past the church will bring its aged members out to services.
10:30 a. m. Pastor's subject—"All Things are Yours."
12 m. Sunday School.
3 p. m. Covenant meeting.
6:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U.
7:30 p. m. Subject, "The Hidden Treasure." T. L. Griffith, Minister.

LATHER WANTED—Good man to help me do lathing in Monmouth and vicinity; good wages. Colored man preferred. Call or write J. T. Peoples, Monmouth, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Jackson of Rock Island, Ill., came to our city this week preparatory to making Iowa's Capitol his future home. He bought a nice five room cottage and will move here the first of June. Mr. R. N. Hyde & Son, B. M. Realty Co., made the deal. He is an employee of the Rock Island Ry. Co.

Mrs. Martha B. Anderson, the great singer from Chicago, gave a song recital last Thursday at the A. M. E. church was very well attended, considering the weather. Those who heard this gifted singer pronounce her good. She possesses very rare talent and is well trained. We hope for her great future in the musical world.

The services at the Union Congregational church Sunday morning will be in charge of H. McCraven. He has secured Rev. Heckley of the United Presbyterian church to preach in the morning at 10:45. All are invited, Sunday school at 12 o'clock.

The M. C. T. club will meet on next Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Arthur Jones on 14th St. Place. The program will be as follows: Quotations; Dumb; Vocal solo, Mrs. T. J. Bell; Paper, the Benefit of the Kindergarten in the schools. Mrs. Perkins followed by a general discussion, led by Mrs. L. Green.

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 Ft. Valley, 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 Marrow Company, Chicago, Ill.

Messdames M. E. Oliver, James Guy, and Ida Davis of Buxton, who have been spending a fortnight visiting in our city. While here Mrs. Oliver visited a few days in Colfax and Mrs. Guy visited her old home in Ft. Dodge.

Mrs. Maud M. Brewton formally of this city but now of Mason City. Last week, enroute from Keokuk; where she was called to attend to some business pertaining to the mysterious ten. She is the High Priestess of the Golden Shield Tabernacle of Mason City. She made a pleasant call at the Bystander.

Y. C. M. C. A. NOTE.
One of the best addresses of the season was that delivered by young Rufus Jackson, a former student at Tuskegee but now of East High school, last Sunday afternoon, speaking upon the "Outlook for the Negro in the field of Agriculture." This young man is a good thinker and a fluent speaker and is destined to make his mark in the world.

Next Sunday will be popular meeting day and the address will be by Mr. H. S. Hollingsworth, Sec., of the associated charities. Everybody welcome.

A Two Great Conferences.

Within the past few days two great conventions or conferences have been held in the U. S. for the betterment of the race and to adjust radical differences. The first was held in Chicago. It was the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People and composed of some of the ablest and highly cultured men of our race in this age. The meeting was enthusiastic, and helpful to our present condition. They took a stand for equal rights justice and fair play to our race and all mankind. The other one was the great conference of the different races of mankind from all countries, held at Tuskegee, Ala. Eighteen foreign countries and twenty-five different religious denominations was represented. Many very great and able men. This meeting was certainly very suggestive that a better and brighter day is coming in this land for the sons of the Freedman. The concentration of the great strong men to bring about harmony, peace and prosperity for all races will ultimately be consummated ere soon. We all can assist in bringing about those conditions. Live, act, and die that your fellow man may see your good works and be constrained to say there was a noble character, a good citizen, a real man.

The 24th Quadriennial Session of African Methodist Episcopal Church will convene in regular session, Monday morning, May 6th, at Allen's chapel, in Kansas City, Mo., and will continue until May 26th. Hundreds are now enroute there from all parts of the United States and many foreign countries will be represented. This is the largest gathering of any colored Christian body in the world with her sixteen bishops and eleven general officers that hold the destiny of many, many thousand communicants in the civilized world with great auxiliaries she is a mighty power for Christian advancement. During the Ecumenical Council of Methodism, there will gather in Kansas City many hundreds of visitors to get a glimpse of the session. Monday the grand public reception will be held at the large convention hall with a seating capacity of 20,000 people and they expect it to be crowded. Music will be furnished by the Convencence Choral chorus of 200 voices selected from the two Kansas Cities, under the direction of Prof. Robt. G. Jackson, of Qundaro University. The reception is as follows: Bishop P. C. Parks, presiding, bishop of that district, is Master of Ceremonies; Welcome Address, by Gov. H. S. Hadley; Welcome Address, by Mayor Henry L. West; Welcome Address, by Hon. Nelson C. Crews; Welcome Address, by Rev. M. S. Bryant; Welcome Address, by Hon. W. C. Hueston; Welcome Address, by Rev. S. W. Baycote; Response, by C. S. Smith; Response, by Dr. H. T. Keating; Response, by Rev. W. B. Brooks, D. D., and answered by Dr. Wm. F. Boadie. Rev. Wm. H. Peck, D. D., is chairman of the general committee. Below we publish a list of the bishops and general officers:

- Bishop W. J. Gaines, 360 Houston Street, Atlanta, Ga.
- Bishop B. T. Tanner, 2903 Diamond Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Bishop Abraham Grant, 532 Washington Avenue, Kansas City, Kans.
- Bishop B. F. Lee, Wilberforce, O.
- Bishop J. A. Handy, 1341 N. Carey Street, Baltimore, Md.
- Bishop W. B. Walters, 30 Vanderhorst Street, Charleston, S. C.
- Bishop W. B. Derrick, Flushing, N. Y.
- Bishop Evans Tyree, 15 N. Hill Street, Nashville, Tenn.
- Bishop C. E. Smith, 35 Alexander Street E., Detroit, Mich.
- Bishop C. S. Shaffer, 3742 Forest Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
- Bishop L. J. Coppin, 1913 Bainbridge Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Bishop H. P. Parks, 3312 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
- Bishop J. S. Flipper, 401 Houston Street, Atlanta, Ga.
- Bishop J. Albert Johnson, 2 Hanover Street, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Bishop W. H. Heard, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.
- Bishop H. M. Turner, Atlanta, Ga.
- Bishops Tanner and Handy retired from active service and Bishop Turner, Church Historian.

ADDRESSES OF GENERAL OFFICERS.

- Rev. R. R. Wright, D. D., Editor of Christian Recorder, 631 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Rev. John Hurst, D. D., Financial Secretary, 1541 14th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.
- Rev. B. F. Watson, D. D., Secretary of Church Extension, Washington, D. C.
- Rev. W. W. Beckett, D. D., Secretary of Missions, 61 Bible House, New York City, N. Y.
- Rev. G. W. Allen, D. D., Editor of Southern Christian Recorder, Columbus, Ga.
- Rev. J. Frank McDonald, D. D., Ph. D., Editor of Western Christian Recorder, 2517 Grove St., Kansas City, Mo.
- Rev. J. C. Caldwell, D. D., Secretary of the American National Slavic Fraternal held its annual sermon in Y. M. C. A. building last Thursday. The Buxton

Prof. John R. Hawkins, Secretary of Education, Kitterell, N. C.
Prof. H. T. Keating, D. D., Ph. D., Editor of A. M. E. Review, Western University, Quindaro, Kans.
Prof. Ira T. Bryant, LL. D., 206 Union Square, Nashville, Tenn.

N. S. KETCHUM FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

This paper takes pleasure in presenting in this issue the candidacy of N. S. Ketchum, of Marshalltown, for railroad commissioner. He has made a record in the past five years that he can point to with pride. Every interest that has come before him has received careful consideration, whether it has been the shipper or the railroad. He has never swerved from what he has considered his duty as a public official.

He has been a citizen of Iowa for the past 32 years. He has always been a consistent Republican and has always been found working for a "Greater Iowa." His years of experience as a manufacturer and shipper qualifies him to deal with those questions which come between the shippers and the transportation companies. He is qualified to deal with classifications and rate problems. His record for the past five years as a member of the board of railroad commissioners proves him to be a fair and just man. He has been fair to the shipper while imposing no onerous burdens upon the railroads. He has decided every question which has come before him for adjudication upon a just and impartial basis. He has not tried to make a record, but has observed his oath of office impartially to every interest.

We commend his candidacy to every Republican voter of our state. He has proved himself an honor to the state and the state should take delight in honoring him. He is a good friend of the colored people and solicits their vote.

Republican Presidential Nomination

Seldom in the history of the republican party have there been such a bitter fight for the nomination. The hottest contest is between the only living ex-president and the president at this stage of the contest. It looks like Roosevelt has the best of it, yet with LaFollette and Cummins strong candidates and extremely able statesmen, the agencies may arise in the Chicago convention in June that Cummins might be nominated. It is not impossible.

OUR PRIZE CONTEST

In this week's issue will be found the report of the committee on the contest for subscribers just closed. While there were 20 contestants entered, only five were reported at the goal line. While we had hoped for better results, yet, all things considered, with the extreme long hard cold winter, money was scarce and those faithful few who did work are deserving of the highest commendation for their success under such unfavorable season, however so many of our friends said that that those prizes offered are most liberal and why not try it again soon. We may decide to open a great fall contest, so those who wish to enter may be permitted to do so. We thank those who did enter, also the judges in their findings. We shall allow all those the regular commission that we give our agents any way, selling that they should be encouraged.

BUXTON BRIEFS.

The following officers of Guiding Star chapter of order of Eastern Star No. 42 were installed by Mr. R. G. Potter, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Ada Monroe, Worthy Matron; Mrs. Irene Jenkins, Associate Matron; Mrs. Mary Dues, Associate Conductress; Mrs. H. M. Hutchison, Sec.; Mrs. L. W. Tucker, Treasurer; Mrs. Maggie Burkett, Warden; Mrs. Sarah Williams, Adah, Mrs. Bettie Hughes, Ruth; Mrs. Robert Bailey, Esther, Mrs. Kate Carter, Martha; and Mrs. (Dr.) Rose Carter, Elect.
About 28 young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Strong last Thursday evening in honor of the Little John Boys, a vaudeville team of no little ability. The evening was spent in music and games after which dairy refreshments were served. The boys filled an engagement at Buxton Opera house last week, and made a splendid showing. They left Friday for Whatcheer and other towns in the state.
Horn, to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Jones a boy the 18th inst., but only lived two days. The young mother was just 18 years old the day of her first born. We extend our deepest sympathy to the young couple.
Buxton has two accomplished young dressmakers in the persons of Misses Pearl and Ada Mardis. Any one wishing work done in their line will find them at No. 18 East 3rd St. Satisfaction guaranteed. Prices reasonable.
Mr. John Rowlett returned from a combination business and pleasure trip to Arlington and Denver, Colo.
Baseball is the word these days. The Y. M. C. A. team of small boys have been playing nicely. They have only lost one game this season. They lost their game their game last Saturday. Score 12-6.
The Y. M. C. A. "All Strts" played "Gobblers Knob" and won in a walk—score 11-7.
The American National Slavic Fraternal held its annual sermon in Y. M. C. A. building last Thursday. The Buxton



J. FRANK BLAGBURN.

We are indeed glad to present to our readers one of our Iowa boys who has gone to the far East and has made good. J. Frank Blagburn, of Des Moines. He is now chief deputy in the Recorder of Deeds' office at Washington, D. C., and was elected lay delegate to the General Conference soon to begin in Kansas City, Mo. He represents the famous Baltimore district, which is a distinction. Last night his old Masonic Lodge North Star No. 2 held a reception in honor of him and a very glorious good meeting. He will speak Sunday at the Y. M. C. A. hall at 4:30. Every man and boy invited. He was city market master of Des Moines, the only colored man ever thus honored by the voters of Des Moines.

ton concert band led the procession with some beautiful strains of music. The band is getting in fine shape for the summer concerts and out-of-town engagements. If any of the neighboring towns are anticipating something well and want some first-class music for the occasion. Remember the Buxton concert band. Prof. Richard Oliver—Leader.

Mr. J. W. McAduy left for Des Moines last Tuesday, but was last heard from Marshalltown where he has secured employment.

Geo. Casey and Paul Baker left for Chicago recently. Casey returned last Thursday. Paul found employment and will remain awhile.

Messrs. Richard Steele, L. W. Tucker and Dr. Carter made a flying trip to Chicago last week.

Senator A. V. Proudfoot addressed a splendid audience of ladies and gentlemen in Y. M. C. A. last afternoon under the auspices of Buxton Civic League. Mr. Proudfoot is a candidate for Governor and he hopes to win. He is a good speaker.

The revival meeting at Zion church is still in progress with nine souls less on the Devils side because of it. Rev. Burton assistant last week and will continue until Wednesday night of this week at which time the meeting will probably close.

Mrs. C. R. Foster entertained the Mission circle last Thursday in her beautiful country home. After the completion of a splendid program, the hostess served a pretty little luncheon.

Mr. Jas. F. Guy was called to Omaha Saturday evening to attend the funeral of his aunt Mrs. Lizzie Guy. He will visit Macon, Mo., and other points before returning to Buxton.

Mrs. Mayme Devore was confined to her bed last week on account of illness. She is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Henrietta Jones who has been very sick for nearly a year, is up and out again. She attended the Mission circle last Thursday.

Elmer Johnson, who had his leg broken some weeks ago is out again with his boy friends.

The clerks in the Monroe Mercantile Co. store are beginning to take their vacations. They will only have one week now and get the other week now and get the other week later on.

Roscoe Mayes is suffering with a sore throat this week.

Mrs. Henry Logan is very sick yet and improves very slowly; if at all.

CEMETER RAPIDS NEWS.

Cedar Rapids has not had any news for a few weeks, but hope in the future to let you hear from us as we are wide awake and have plenty of news.

Messrs. J. L. Thompson, R. N. Hyde and I. M. Jones were delegates to the Republican convention held here last week. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Thomas.

There were a number of leading colored gentlemen from Buxton also in the city.

Mrs. L. Brooks and son Forest, have returned home from Red Oak, Iowa, where they spent the winter with Mrs. Brooks son, Harry Martin. Her old friends are glad to see her back again.

Mrs. Fannie Perkins-King died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 5th at the age of 19 years. The remains were brought to this city for burial.

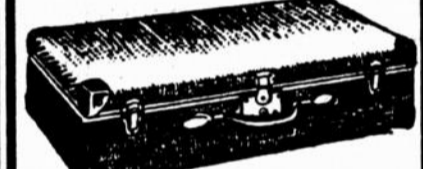
She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, Mr. Arthur S. King, her parents Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Perkins, a sister Mrs. Hettie Calder and brother, Fred Perkins and a number of other relatives and a host of friends as Mrs. King was a very sweet and charming young lady.

There is quite a bit of sickness in the city at this writing.

Rev. Hackley has been somewhat indisposed, but we are glad to say he is better, and at this time hopes to be settled in the new parsonage in a short time. This is something we have long been in need of.

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The Lillies of the Valley had a very pleasant meeting on the 27th, being the seventh birthday of little Erna Larell. These little workers are doing well.

All of the auxiliaries and most of the clubs have offered to assist in paying for the parsonage.

On Sunday evening is the sacred concert was given by the choir of Bethel A. M. E. church.

The Culture club met with Mrs. Sue Jackson on last Thursday.

Mrs. Anna Oliphant died at her home last Tuesday evening, after a lingering illness. She was buried Thursday afternoon. She leaves four children to mourn their loss, Mrs. Emma Peirson, Miss Bessie, Mr. George and William.

The J. S. Y. club met with Mrs. E. C. Thomas, last Wednesday.

SIoux CITY ITEMS.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, at which time Rev. P. E. Moore was present.

P. S. Moore left for Yankton and Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Wednesday to hold quarterly meeting.

Rev. Spencer of Kansas City, Mo., who is holding revivals at the Mt. Zion Baptist church, will leave for his home Wednesday. His good work here has revived the church spiritually.

Mr. Graham, who is sick with consumption is much improved.

I wish the subscribers to the paper would have their money ready to pay. It is much needed.

The ladies of the A. I. P. club are making great preparation to entertain the State Federation which meets here on the 28-30 of May 1912.

Mr. Johnson Morgan of Minneapolis, Minn., is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Grant.

Mr. Ulyses Grant—he has been confined to his home is out on the streets again.

Mr. James Lee has been moved to the Samaritan hospital for better care. He is dying with the consumption.

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ALMA NEWS.

Mrs. Henry Bowman returned from Bussey, Tuesday evening where she had been with her sister, Mrs. Gordon on account of the illness of her baby which died this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grayson and son Ben of Hocking spent Sunday in town.

Mr. W. H. Harris has been visiting in Des Moines and Buxton a few days of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bennings entertained a company of young people at their home on Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Ida Davis of Des Moines. After an evening of games, dancing and music, the repast was served in two courses by Madam Estes and Bennings, consisting of sandwiches, fritt, salad, pickles and coffee, second course, ice cream and cake.

Mrs. Nora Grayson of Hiteman was in Albia on business, Thursday.

Mr. H. W. Harris is remodeling and building his home after the fire a few weeks ago.

On Friday evening of this week Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Robert entertained the honored guest being Miss Ida Davis of Des Moines. After an evening of games lunch was served by the hostess in a 2-course consisting of salmon, salad, ham sandwiches, pickles, peas, coffee; 2nd course, ice cream and cake.

On Saturday evening, May 12th the A. E. M. church. Program committee for this meeting is Mrs. Chas. Washington.

A few days of chills rainy weather of this week.

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The eleventh annual session of the
I. S. F. C. W. C. will be held in the
Chamber of Commerce rooms, Sioux
City, Iowa, May 28-30, 1912.

PROGRAM.

Tuesday, May 28.
8:00 p. m.

Song—Iowa.
Invocation—The Chaplain.

Roll Call. Quotations from J. G. Writ-
ter.

Song—Club song.
2:15 p. m.

Address—Object of the Meeting, Mrs.
J. C. Ried, Ottumwa.

Music—Instrumental, Mrs. Alice Thomp-
son, Muscatine.

Paper—Should Sexology be Taught in
the Schools? Delegate from I. I. C.,
Des Moines.

Discussion of paper led by delegate
from F. W. B. C., Buxton.

Paper—Benefit of Parent-Teacher As-
sociation, Delegate from T. L. O. C.,
Davenport.

Discussion led by delegate from Cal-
lahan C., Des Moines.

Paper—Influence of the teacher on the
subsequent life of the child, Mrs.
Lucas, Cedar Rapids.

Discussion led by Delegate from A.
I. P. C., Sioux City.

Song—Gospel Hymn.
4:00 p. m.

Announcements.
Adjournment.

Board Meeting.
Evening Session—Citizens' Night.
8:00 p. m.

Song—America.
Invocation—Rev. Dowdy, Sioux City.

Address—A. M. E. Choir, Sioux City.
Welcome Address on Behalf of City—
Mayor Smith.

Solo—Miss A. Dowdy.
Response to Address—Mrs. C. Sheppard,
Davenport.

Song—Iowa.
Welcome Address on Behalf of the
Churches, Rev. Knight.

Piano Solo—Mrs. A. E. Williams, Sioux
City.

Response to Address—Delegate from Fi-
delity C., Buxton.

Solo—Vocal, Mrs. M. Askew, Sioux
City.

Welcome Address on Behalf of the
Clubs—Mrs. L. M. Coates.

Instrumental Duet—Mrs. B. F. Abner
and Miss B. Dowdy.

Response to Address—Mrs. A. G. Jack-
son, Cedar Rapids.

Reading—Mrs. C. Stubblefield.
Educational Address—Mr. W. P.
Piano Selection—Miss Selma E. Gross.

Reading—Miss M. Thompson.
Benediction—Rev. B. F. Abner.
Wednesday, May 29.
8:00 a. m.

Song—Gospel Hymns.
Invocation.

Memorial Exercise.
9:30 a. m.

Roll Call—Quotations, Miscellaneous.
Minutes of Educational Meeting.
Greetings from Sioux City.

Report of Credential Committee and
seating of delegates.

Minutes of General Board Meeting.
Report of District Board Meetings.
New Business.

Report of Elective Officers.
11:00 a. m.

Music—Song from Gospel Hymns.
Paper—Clubs the Best Influence and
Center of Ethical Activities of the
Community, Delegate from I. P. C.,
Indianola.

Discussion led by delegate from the
Good Intent C., Ottumwa.

Reading—Mrs. Etta Grant, Sioux City.
Paper—How Arts and Crafts May be a
Benefit to the Federation, Miss
Marie I. Bell, Des Moines.

General Discussion.
Music—Club Song.
Collection.
Announcements.
Adjournment.
12:00 m.

Wednesday Afternoon—Woman's Day.
2:00 p. m.

Song—Gospel Hymns.
Invocation.

Roll Call—Quotations from Women
Writers.

Minutes—Business.
Report of Standing Committees.
Music—Club Song.
2:30 p. m.

Address—American Social Ethics, Mrs.
S. Joe Brown, Des Moines.

Music—Instrumental Selection, Mrs.
Hogg, Sioux City.

Paper—What the Negro Race Owe to
its Women, Delegate from Culture
C., Cedar Rapids.

Discussion led by delegate from D.
W. Y. K. C., Des Moines.

Song—Iowa.
Paper—The State's Call to its Women,
Delegate from Self Culture C.,
Buxton.

Discussion led by delegate from Ben-
evolent C., Ottumwa.

Reading—Mrs. D. C. Gordon, Sioux
City.
3:30 p. m.

Report of Clubs.
Report of Committee on Courtesies.
Collection.
Announcements.
Adjournment.
8:00 p. m.

Music—Song, Iowa.
Invocation.

Roll Call—Quotations from Shake-
speare.
Minutes.
Music—Vocal Solo, Mrs. E. B. Ellison,
Des Moines.

Reading—Mrs. H. M. Jewell.
Paper—Domestic Discipline, Delegate
D. P. C., Marshalltown.

Music—Vocal Solo, Miss Ione Coates,
Sioux City.

Annual address of the President—Mrs.
J. B. Rush, Des Moines.

Vocal Solo—Miss B. Dowdy, Sioux
City.

Paper—The Value of Education, Dele-
gate from Woman's L. C., Clinton.

Music—Club Song.
Collection.
Announcements.
Adjournment.
8:30 a. m.

Song—Home Sweet Home.
Invocation.

Roll Call—Quotations from Proverbs.
Minutes—Business.

Music—Fifteen minutes to Plantation
Melodies.
9:30 p. m.

Reading—Miss Vesta Walker, Sioux
City.

Symposium—Children.
(1) Amusements—Delegate from Dra-
matic A. C., Des Moines.

(2) Obligation of Parents—Violet
Reading Circle, Davenport.

(3) Literature—Delegate I. B. W. R. C.,
Ottumwa.

(4) The Child a Mirror for Parents—
Delegate J. S. Y. C., Cedar Rapids.
10:30 a. m.

Music—Song from Gospel Hymns.
Symposium—The Girl Problem.

(1) The Wayward Girl—Delegate from
H. B. S. R. C., Des Moines.

(2) Social Life of Our Girls—Delegate
from E. L. D. Club, Davenport.

(3) What a Girl Should Know for her
Moral Benefit, Delegate, Ladies'
Industrial C., Buxton.

(4) Domestic Training a Girl Should
Receive from her Mother, Delegate
from M. C. T. C., Des Moines.

Collection.
12:00 m.

Announcements.
Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon.
2:00 p. m.

Music—State Song.
Invocation.

Roll—Quotations from Phyllis Wheat-
ley.

Minutes—Business.
Committee of Nominations.
Reading—Miss Goldy Hackley.

Paper—Value of True Womanhood,
Delegate from M. A. C., Keosauqua.
Discussion led by delegate from S.
A. L. C., Davenport.

Reading—Mrs. B. F. Abner, Sioux City.
3:00 p. m.

Election of Officers.
Collection.

Announcements.
Adjournment.

Thursday Evening.
Music—America.
Invocation.

Roll—Quotations from P. L. Dunbar.
Minutes—Business.

Solo—Miss E. L. Henry, Sioux City.
Reading—Mrs. T. H. Sturgis, Sioux
City.

Paper—Club Work East of the Missis-
sippi, Miss Jessie Walker, Marshall-
town.

Instrumental Selection—Local Talent.
Address—Fundamental Needs of the
Race, Attorney J. B. Rush, Des Moines.
Piano Solo—Miss Geraldine Grant,
Sioux City.

Installation of Officers.
Collection.
Announcements.
Adjournment.

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KEOKUK NOTES.

Mr. Stewart Smith of Fort Madison
is visiting in the city, the guest of Sy
Boyd.

At 11:05 Sunday night Cato Frazier
died at his home 717 North 13th St. The
cause of his death was mainly attrib-
uted to the infirmities of old age. His
exact age is not known. He was born
at Hilton Head, Va., and claimed to
have served in the war of the rebellion.
He has been blind for a number of
years and was cared for by Mrs. M.
Davis, since Nov. 1909. The funeral
is undetermined.

Mrs. Samuel Sykes of Fairfield is vis-
iting his daughter, Mrs. Nellie Carter
14th and Franklin street.

Mrs. Marie Alden of 1407 Morgan St.
was taken to St. Joseph hospital, Mon-
day morning where she underwent an
operation for appendicitis. The latest
reports are that she is doing fine.

Mr. John Alden of Milwaukee, Wis.,
in the city the guest of his brother,
Wm. Alden 1607 Morgan St.

The friends of Miss Francis Reeder,
will be pained to know that she is seri-
ously ill, with typhoid fever at her
home 1419 Fulton street. We trust that
she may soon recover.

Remember the Apron Sale, and sup-
per which will be given by the Parish
Aid ladies at the Parish Hall, 319 N.
14th St., Wednesday evening, May 15.

Mr. Harry Ashley who underwent
an operation a few days ago is doing
nicely.

The remains of Olive Walker was taken
from the vault Tuesday afternoon
and interred in Oakland cemetery.

The Colridge Taylor music club was
entertained last Tuesday evening at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Fields.
An impromptu program, consisting of
several varied musical and literary
numbers were presented by the differ-
ent members were presented by the
different members. After which light
refreshments were served as guests of
honor. The club was favored by the
presence of Miss Viva Simpson of Ha-
vana, Ill., and Mr. Joseph Perkins of
Quincy, Ill. A most significant feature
of the evening's entertainment was the
presentation of a beautiful signet ring
and the classy to Mr. Silas Keller, who
is one of the faithful charter members
of the club. He left last Monday to
occupy his claim near Upton, Wyoming,
as a mark of highest esteem and a to-
ken of sincere appreciation for valuable
and faithful service rendered the club.
These fond remembrances were tend-
ered him.

The Missouri Jurisdiction of S. M. T's
are glad to welcome within their ranks
Mrs. Maud Brewton of Mason City, Ia.,
who arrived in our city last Wednesday
evening in order to establish her mem-
bership here. Aside from being a loyal
S. M. T. Mrs. Brewton is a District
Deputy organizer with Tabernacle
Daughters. She left last Friday morn-
ing for a visit in Des Moines enroute
home. We were sorry that her time
was so limited with us. Are there any
more worthy unsheltered sisters with-
in our boundary line? if so remember
that our key is yours.

Mr. W. T. Rush, our most efficient
president of the young men's club is
wearing a broad smile, because of the
recent visitation of the stork at his
home. Mary Anna Mildred Rush is the
name of a ten pound daughter that ar-
rived Tuesday morning the 16th ult.

Miss Georgia Norwood of Monmouth,
Ill., was in our city two weeks ago for
a brief visit with Miss Nellie Keller.

A heavy snow storm prevailed here
on the 17th ult., from 9 a. m. until 6 p.
m., without the slightest detection of a
single intermission, though notwith-
standing the inclement weather, there
was a goodly number in attendance at
the Jolly Bachelors dance at

Woodman hall. Conspicuous among
them. Several visitors from nearby
towns.

Friends of Mrs. Watt of Alton, Ill.,
have been apprised of the death of her
husband, Mrs. Watt who was formerly
Miss Alice Thornton is well known in
our city.

Mrs. Thos. Perkins of Omaha, Neb.,
nee Miss Rita Daley is in our city visit-
ing her mother, Mrs. Lucy Daly.

Mr. Gilbert Ashby has been suffer-
ing for the past several days with a
severe affection of tonsillitis.

Mr. Ora Bates who is one of the
members of the Jolly Bachelors club
left last Saturday evening to visit his
parents at Louisiana, Mo. That cupid
may be playing an important part in
connection with his lief of absence is
the latest conjecture of some of his
friends.

Mrs. Martha Givens has returned
home after an absence of several
months in Knox county, Mo.

Officer Tom Freeman is exhibiting
as woolen hand as a result of an alter-
cation with one of those arrogant in-
dividuals who boast of their superiority
because of the color of their skin and
get beligerent at the sight of a colored
officer. Officer Al Fields arrived with
the patrol and it goes without saying
that they took the man who represent-
ed himself to be a prize fighter from
Utah.

Clarence Alden is the happy recipi-
ent of a gold face stem-winding watch
presented by his father on his birthday
anniversary.

Miss Jennie Harper of Madison visit-
ed friends here last Sunday.

Sunday, May 5th has been designat-
ed as \$200.00 rally day at Bethel church,

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OTTUMWA ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams gave a
birthday dinner Thursday night in
honor of their daughter's birthday.
The dinner was a sumptuous one and
Miss Leonora received quite a few
beautiful presents.

Mr. S. Fal Black died Saturday morn-
ing and was buried Sunday afternoon.
The funeral took place at the home of
his grandmother, Mrs. J. Coats on
Grove street. The deceased was thirty-
two years of age and leaves his father,
Jesse Black of Galloway county, Mo.,
one sister, Mrs. Grace Robinson and
his grandmther, Mrs. Joseph Coats to
mourn his death. Rev. M. I. Gordon
conducted the funeral services. The
family have the sympathy of their
friends.

Mr. John Henderson of Bloomfield,
a relative of the late Mr. Fal Black
attended the funeral.

Att'y. S. Joe Brown of Des Moines
attended the funeral of Mr. Fal Black.
Att'y. Brown was a cousin of Mr.
Black.

Friday evening April 19th Mrs. M.
F. Clark was very pleasantly surpris-
ed by a host of her friends. The occasion
being her birthday which was Saturday
April 20th. A set of dishes were pre-
sented to her. Rev. Carr, pastor of the
Second Baptist church made the
presentation speech and Rev. Gordon,
pastor of the A. M. E. church respond-
ed. A two course luncheon was served
by the ladies, and the guests departed
at a late hour wishing Mrs. Clark many
more happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson, of W.
Main St., made an over Sunday visit
in Oskaloosa, the guests of Mrs. Wil-
son's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Jones. They report a pleasant time.

Mrs. Will Smith and children, of
Fairfield, are spending a few days in
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