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DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1913.

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CITY NEWS.

A Happy New Year to all.

Mrs. Clay Lewis is about the same this week.

Mr. Walter Birney remains about the same.

Mrs. Mollie Watkins of Albany, Mo., is enjoying the Christmas week in our city.

H. G. Darden is sick at his home, 1261 Crocker street. He is some better.

The Christmas exercises were largely attended at the various churches and the programs were well rendered and highly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvine of 1623 Walker street entertained Mrs. H. Henderson and Miss Bessie Rhodes at a 6 o'clock dinner Wednesday evening.

The Wednesday Night club was entertained Tuesday evening by Miss Adah Hyde. After a business session the game of bridge was played and refreshments served.

The Mary Church Terrell club was entertained at the home of Miss Tabitha Mash on Monday evening. The Life of Edmund Spencer was reviewed by Mrs. Jessie Davis. His poem, "The Fairy Queen," will be reviewed by Mrs. Emerald Mash at the next meeting at the home of Miss Marie Bell.

Don't forget to attend the grand emancipation celebration given by the colored people at the Corinthian Baptist church next Thursday, January 1, 1914. Every colored person should attend. Read the program elsewhere in this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rodgers of 225 Arthur avenue entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brown of 206 Arthur avenue. Covers were laid for nine. A delicious three-course dinner was served.

St. John's Day will be celebrated by the Masons on Sunday at 2:30 o'clock at Corinthian Baptist church, under the supervision of North Star lodge, No. 2. All Master Masons are invited.

Rev. I. W. Bess of Waterloo, Iowa, spent Christmas here. He delivered the annual address to the King Solomon Commandery, No. 6, Christmas morning at their hall on Tenth and Center streets at 11 o'clock. Quite a number of the sir knights and Master Masons were present to witness the services. Eminent Commander James Mitchell presided with dignity. P. D. Commander Captain E. T. Banks and P. G. M. J. H. Shepard made fine speeches.

The Mysterioso club New Year's eve ball will be given at the Auditorium, as previously announced, Wednesday night, December 31. Those who attended the Christmas eve dance have assured the club management of their willingness to testify that the Auditorium is now one of the finest dancing pavilions in the country, as the floor is in first class shape. Beautifully decorated and illuminated, an ideal scene is presented in which to hold a holiday dancing party. The club management feel that if the colored people who enjoy dancing appreciate the sacrifice which has been made to provide them an adequate dancing hall they will respond to the invitations which they have aimed to generously distribute and be out in full force next Wednesday night. The full Berchel theater orchestra will furnish the music.

PROGRAM FOR EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION, JAN. 1, 1914.

Opening Chorus—America... Audience Invocation... Rev. B. U. Taylor Vocal Solo... Mrs. Mary Coalsion Remarks... Master of Ceremonies Reading of Emancipation Proclamation... Mrs. Hattie Hooks Chorus by the Choral Study Club and Children.

Address, "The Old and the New Des Moines".....Rev. S. Bates Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Andrew Morris Address, "Forward Movement of Colored Women".....

Mrs. S. Joe Brown Instrumental Solo.....Mr. Clyde Glass Address, "The Present Political Situation".....Mr. E. R. Hall Chorus.....Choral Study Club Address, "Paying the Price of Recognition".....Rev. I. M. Brumfield Vocal Solo.....Mr. Lee Holt Address.....Gov. G. W. Clarke Chorus.....The Choral Study Club

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Editor John L. Thompson, master of ceremonies.

THE LYCEUM.
At the semi-annual business meeting of the Des Moines Negro Lyceum association last Tuesday evening the following were elected officers for the ensuing term: Mr. Gustavus Durden, president; Miss Mamie James, vice president; Miss Vivian Warricks, secretary; Miss Margaret Davis, assistant secretary; Prof. W. H. Warricks, treasurer; Mrs. S. Joe Brown, constitutional adviser; Mr. Jesse A. Graves, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. H. Warricks, critic.

These officers will be installed at the next meeting, which will be held at the residence of Atty. J. B. Rush, 1547 West Twentieth street, Tuesday evening, January 6, 1914.

MR. ALBERT DAVIS DEAD.
Mr. Albert Davis was born in Peoria, Ill., October 20, 1878, and died December 16, 1913, in Superior, Wis., aged 35 years, 1 month and 25 days. He was married in Des Moines, Iowa, September 10, 1902, to Miss Delia Stanton and lived here three years, then moved to Superior, Wis., where he died. He was a member of the A. M. E. church of Peoria, was also a member of the K. of P.'s lodge, No. 10, of Peoria, of the Masonic lodge, No. 7, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and of the B. P. O. E. of Duluth, Minn.

I wish to extend thanks to my friends, the two lodges, Mr. V. L. Jones and Rev. T. L. Griffith for their kindness and courtesy shown me during the hours of my bereavement, also Mr. J. W. Campbell.

Mrs. Bert Davis,
Superior, Wis.

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HEALTH HINT.
By A. J. Booker, M. D.

The New Year with all its promise of future and newness of life is about to come again. It is an old custom to make resolutions and think of changes which will improve us. Even though the resolutions are not kept, it is a good idea to make new resolutions; one is better for having thought of better things if they fail in carrying out the practice. It is better to practice than to preach or merely think, but it is better to think than to let no finer impulse have vent in any manner.

Every day is a New Year bringing new possibilities, new opportunities for good and the development of the soul. Every day is a fresh beginning and if we live up to our capacities for good each day the years will attend to themselves. It is this day, this one act which will be decisive for me and I am willing to be judged at all times by this act, with no thought of attempting to appear consistent, or to conform to some previous opinion; such a resolve will aid us to do the best.

If we would arise each morning with a fervent desire to radiate health, cheerfulness, sincerity, calm courage and good will we would have a Happy New Year all the years of life and be a blessing to the neighbors. If we resolve to live without hate, whim, jealousy, envy or fear; if we wish with all our hearts to be simple, honest, natural, frank, clean in body and in mind, unaffected—ready to say, "I do not know," if so is to be, to face any obstacle and meet every difficulty unafraid and unabashed, we shall have made a good resolution.

If we wish others to live up to their highest and best, too, and with this end in view pray that we may never meddle, dictate, interfere, give advice that is not wanted, nor assist when our services are not wanted nor need we shall have made a good resolve and a good start on the New Year.

Let us radiate happiness and give people a chance to help themselves rather than embarrassing them with criticism; if we uplift or inspire, let it rather be by example, inference and gentle suggestion rather than by injunction and dictation.

Let us be radiant—radiate life and love and good cheer. Only one day at the time and these few days shall pass and we are gone. So if we make the stay joyous and helpful we shall indeed have lived well.

Smiles and love and wholesome happiness are made more intense by diffusion.

MACON NEWS.

Plenty of snow now for old Santa Claus' sled.

Lawyer Ethel B. Burber of Oklahoma was called to Macon by the death of his mother.

Miss Edna Harris and sister, Mrs. A. C. Crews, made a flying trip to Macon on Tuesday night.

Homer Tuttt and Tutt Whintey and his musical comedy, "The Smart Set," played in Macon on Friday night.

Miss Aleata Pleasant is visiting in St. Louis for two weeks.

Mrs. Caroline Barber passed away Sunday at her home on Rubey street. Death was caused by old age. She leaves a son and husband to mourn her loss.

Dr. J. H. Garnett spent Sunday in St. Joseph.

Ruth Perkins and Estella Wenzler are home to spend Xmas.

Floyd Ancell has returned to his home to spend Xmas.

Mr. Lewis Austin and Leslie Lee, were Macon visitors Sunday night.

Mrs. Cora Holmes spent a few days in Moberly last week.

Mr. Amos Carter, who dropped dead on the street in Columbia, was brought to his home and laid to rest.

The bazaar which was rendered by the ladies of the Mission Circle was quite a success.

The program which was rendered at the college Sunday evening was well attended and highly praised.

Several of the students of W. C. are preparing to go home to spend Xmas.

Prof. Kiles spent Friday night in Macon and attended The Smart Set. Several Kirksville knights attended The Smart Set Friday night.

The Sunday morning choir rendered excellent music clad in their robes.

Rev. P. E. Gales preached an excellent sermon Sunday night.

Several Macon knights are contemplating on spending Xmas night in Brookfield, Mo.

The Sunday schools are preparing to give several tokens to children, wishing them a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss Bernice Appleton returned to her home in Kirksville, Mo.

Mrs. Alice Houston and sister, Miss Ora Finney, are visiting in the city.

ALBIA NEWS.

The Sewing Circle club met at the home of Mrs. Ross Johnson on Monday afternoon. Business was looked after in the usual manner. After which the hostess served a very nice lunch.

Mrs. Mabel Roberson was in town on business Friday of this week.

Mr. Malcolm Griffith of Des Moines will give a piano recital at the A. M. E. church on January 1, 1914. All invited.

The Oliver evangelist people closed their meeting in Albia on December 21, 1913. All churches were closed December 21st in the evening to attend the services.

The Robeson children of Hocking

were in Albia Sunday.

Christmas shopping brings a number from the surrounding towns in town.

GALESBURG, ILL.
Miss Julia Butler, who recently underwent an operation at the Cottage hospital, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Hannah Summers passed away at her home Thursday, following an illness of a year's duration. The funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at Allen chapel, in charge of Rev. S. L. Birt, who was assisted by Rev. Webster. Present from out of the city to attend the funeral were Mrs. L. Alexander of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Mrs. Coleman of Paris, Mo., and Mr. U. Shoots of Peoria, Ill.

Born, Sunday, to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Carter, Jr., a son.

Arrangements have been completed for the baby show at Allen chapel on December 23. A splendid program will be rendered and it is hoped to make this the biggest entertainment of the season.

Mr. George Brown, who has been at the Watertown sanitarium for some time, passed away Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Otie McGaw and Mr. Carl Culberson returned to Davenport on Sunday, after a short visit with Mrs. R. E. Lyons and Mrs. Frank Harber.

OMAHA, NEB.
The Willing Workers of St. John's A. M. E. church entertained the ministers and their wives of the tricity, Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs, at a banquet in honor of their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Osborne. The church was beautifully decorated in yellow and white. An elaborate four-course dinner was served and then there was a short program. There were about sixty-five guests present. Mrs. J. N. Thomas, president; Mrs. Eva Hardy, secretary; Mrs. F. E. Reeves, chairman.

DUBUQUE, IOWA.
(Special to Bystander.)
Mr. John Green, Sr., one of the oldest residents of Dubuque, died here on December 13th. Mr. Green was 82 years old at the time of his death. He had been ill for about two months and had been removed to the hospital about three weeks ago. Mr. Green had been a resident of Dubuque for over fifty years and was highly respected by all who knew him. He is survived by a wife and ten children; Charles of Denver, John of Dubuque, George of Paris, Mrs. F. M. of Newton and Mabel, Guy, Ida, Herbert, Joseph and Lucile of Dubuque. The funeral was held Monday, December 15, and the burial was at Linwood cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Atchison of St. Luke's A. M. E. church.

QUINCY, ILL.
Mrs. Carrie Sykes, little Misses Mildred Bullett, Thelma Harris and Martha Run Roberts are on the sick list.

Those who attended the Lincoln carnival at Lincoln school on last Tuesday evening were highly entertained.

Miss Rhoda Johnson, who teaches in Kansas City, Kans., is spending the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. Maria Fisher.

Rev. J. H. Smith of Canton was in the city Monday.

The gospel choir, which sang during the revivals was organized on Saturday night and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. Lucia Robinson; first vice president, Mrs. Mattie Greene; second vice president, Miss K. L. Robinson; secretary, Miss D. A. Robinson; assistant secretary, Miss J. Draper; treasurer, Mr. H. S. Daniels; chorister, Miss E. Zimmerman; organist, Miss Gladys Walter.

The revivals which have been conducted by Dr. R. A. Adams of Kansas City, Kans., for three weeks, closed on Monday night with the Echo night meeting. Every Christian is rejoicing over the wonderful

work which has been accomplished. One hundred and sixty-six souls have been saved and reunited to the various churches.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris were pleasantly surprised by forty of their friends on Friday night, the occasion being the first anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Harris received many handsome and useful presents. After wishing them many more such happy anniversaries, the crowd departed for their homes.

Through The Bystander we wish you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

THE INTER-STATE LITERARY ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS AND THE WEST.

The Twenty-third Annual Session in Atchison, Kansas, Christmas Week, 1913.

Wichita, Kans., Nov. 8, 1913.

To the President and Members of all Literary Societies of the Middle West:

This comes to inform you that the Inter-State Literary Association of Kansas and the west will hold its 23rd annual session in Wichita, Kansas, Christmas week, 1913, opening Monday evening, December 29th, and closing with the annual contest in oratory, original music, original poetry and declamation Wednesday evening, December 31st.

Every literary society in the middle west that has been regularly organized for a period of three months and has held at least twelve regular meetings this calendar year is entitled and is hereby invited to elect and send three delegates, one of whom may appear on the program.

The membership fee for new societies is \$1.50; for old societies, \$1.00.

The program will be made up by a sub-committee on November 22d, and each society must therefore have in the hands of the corresponding secretary by said date its membership fee, also the names and addresses of its delegates, together with the subjects of those who are to appear on program and the manuscripts of all its contestants.

All societies please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the successful contestants as follows: Oratory, first, \$10; second, \$8; declamation, first, \$8; second, \$3; original music, first, \$10; second, \$6. No graduate in any subject admitted to that particular contest. An admission fee will be charged Wednesday evening only.

No paper or oration shall be more than ten minutes in length. Please bear this in mind when writing your production.

A special train will carry the delegates from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. It will probably leave Des Moines some time on Monday morning, September 29, and it is earnestly desired that as many as can will join the party at St. Joseph, and other points along the route. For further information write:

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Dr. W. W. Caldwell, Chairman Executive Committee, 507 Com'l St., Atchison, Kans.

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MASON CITY NEWS.
The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Lewis on Fourth street, leaving a 10 pound boy. Mother and child doing nicely. That's why Mr. Lewis is wearing that broad smile.

Mrs. J. W. Fisher will leave Saturday to visit for two or three weeks with her son and daughter, Mr. Fisher and wife in St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Agnes Robinson, who has been employed here as maid with the family, left Monday morning for home in Bradford, Iowa, after spending all summer in the city.

Miss Eunice Cecil, after being seriously ill for a few weeks, is able to be out again.

Mr. Willie Wigington will leave Wednesday evening to spend a few days through the holidays with

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OLD SURVEY STANDS

Lines Run by George Washington Are Correct.

Government Surveyors Have Checked Up Work Done by "Father of His Country," and Found Them Accurate.

Washington. — Government surveyors, who have just been checking up some of the lines reputed to have been run by George Washington in his days of chain and compass work, have found them good.

About 1751, according to tradition, George Washington, then nineteen years old, ran out for Lord Thomas Fairfax the line between what was then to be Augusta and Frederick counties, Virginia, this being only a part of a great deal of surveying which he is said to have engaged upon at that time.

In the organic act for the formation of the two counties or "parishes" as they were then called, it was required that the line should be a straight one from the head spring of Hedgman river, one of the sources of the Rappahannock, to the head spring of the Potomac.

Since it was required that the line should be straight it was first necessary to get the approximate course by building large bonfires on the intervening high points.

Way off across a part of what is now West Virginia there is a large rock known today as the Fairfax stone. It is the monument which marks the southwest corner of Garrett county, Maryland, the southwest corner of Preston county, West Virginia, and prominent points in the boundaries of two other West Virginia counties.

Washington, of course, used a simple compass, and his line could not be expected to check absolutely with that obtained by the government surveyors who have retraced his survey, using high-power transits and all the refined and accurate methods which modern instruments allow.

The Washington compass, now to be seen at the U. S. national museum in the city named for its owner, is presumed to be the same one used in running this line more than 160 years ago.

The Fairfax stone stands as a permanent monument. In addition, there are, throughout that section of the country, various other records of these Washington surveys.

Survey blazes cut into trees, and since grown over, have been cut away, and a count of the annual layers of growth over the old wounds shows them to have been made at the time Washington was surveying.

The town of Whitepost, Clarke county, Virginia, takes its name from a post presumed to have been set by Washington as one of his survey marks.

Roman Custom.

It was a custom even among the comparatively modern Romans to bury their little children their favorite toys, and the custom seems to reach back to the earliest times of which we have any trustworthy relics.

which shelters it from the weather, and from the despoiling hand of the vandal tourist.

The reason that this old Washington survey line is being retraced is because the federal government is purchasing lands in this neighborhood, in connection with the new Appalachian forests which are being acquired at the headwaters of navigable streams, under the terms of the Weeks law, designed to protect these watersheds from the evils of deforestation.

The largest remaining virgin stands of white pine in the United States in the calendar year 1913. The value of diamonds and other precious stones is estimated at \$1,500,000,000.

Import Many Diamonds.

These, in addition to the stands of Norway and jack pine, spruce, tamarack, and balsam fir, add much to the state's timber wealth and make it contain some of the most valuable timber resources east of the Rockies.

Twenty different wood-using industries are reported, not counting sawmills, shingle mills, cooperage and pulp works, which are not included in an investigation covering only manufactured commodities.

The wood-using industries require 45 kinds of wood, of which 20 grow in Minnesota and all but three are native to the United States.

Minnesota uses nearly one billion feet of material in these industries, and supplies seven-eighths of this quantity from within its own borders.

The largest industry makes planing mill products, such as flooring, siding and ceiling; more than half of the material used is white pine. This product is turned out by 83 mills.

The sawmills of the state turn out each year 50 per cent. more material than is demanded by the wood-using industries.

Diamond importations into the United States made their highest record by means of the boundary fences dating from earliest days, and by blocks of timber, alternately cleared away or left standing, which came up from either county and stop at the line.

Virgin Stands of White Pine.

The latest official figures show for nine months ended with September importations of \$11,500,000 worth of uncut diamonds, against \$7,250,000 in the corresponding months of last year.

The people of the United States are the world's largest importers of diamonds for permanent ownership, and they, according to a statement by Mr. George F. Kunz, in the Encyclopedia Americana, own practically half the diamonds of the world.

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Novel Form of Swindling.

A curious case comes from Belgium. Two Englishmen have been arrested in Brussels charged with the practice of brushing their arms to imitate the marks of horses' teeth, and then of claiming compensation by alleging that the bites were made by horses left standing in the street.

Time to Go.

If a man you call on squirms and wiggles and looks troubled he's busy and wants you to go.—Athlison Globe.

WOMAN WHO KNOWS SECRETS OF A NATION

Mrs. Harriet G. Daley knows a few little things about a lot of big men that a host of astute, rich politicians and scions of "big business" would give a pretty sum to learn.



She probably could spin a yarn on the present Mexican tangle that would make the most interesting sort of reading if she so chose.

There is a really private line to the White House, and the same is true of the Library and the Municipal building.

A senator or a congressman, for instance, doesn't have to get "Main six" if he wants to talk with the president. He simply asks for the White House and the job is done.

Mrs. Daley estimates that more than 2,000 calls are handled daily over the capitol lines. In the busy periods, when the house and senate are grinding away many hours of the day and night, the number of calls is increased.

PHILANTHROPIST MADE A HIT WITH MONARCH

It wasn't that David Lubin didn't know better. He had been told that he could have on only two minutes of King Emmanuel's time.



Delegates were sent to it from every European country except those in which the kilt thought in sartorial architecture is still adhered to.

NEW BOY BARS EDISON FROM HIS OWN OFFICE

When Thomas A. Edison, who has just recovered from an illness, started to enter his laboratory at Orange, N. J., he was intercepted by a boy who had recently become attached to the laboratory office.



The inventor asked to whom he should go if he wished to make an appointment with Mr. Edison.

NAMED FOR THE POST OF ENVOY TO RUSSIA

Henry M. Pindell, owner and publisher of the Peoria (Ill.) Evening Journal, who has just been appointed ambassador to Russia, has been a dominant figure in Democratic politics and the newspaper life of Peoria for the last 18 years.



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Use an Eraser.

I always keep an ordinary blackboard eraser near the kitchen range, using it to wipe off the top, writes a New York Press contributor.

Not Grasping.

"Show me de income," said Uncle Eben, "an' I'll be satisfied to keep de change after payin' de tax."

OLD FAVORITE IS THIS SOUP

Rice and Tomatoes Seem to Be Exceptionally Well Liked as Foundation for the Mixture.

Use one can of the equivalent in fresh tomatoes, one-third of a cupful of rice, a large onion, a large slice of carrot, a quart of water, three tablespoonfuls of butter, two teaspoonfuls of salt, three dashes of pepper and two tablespoonfuls of flour.

Flank Steak With Dressing. Select a nice, thick flank and have the butcher remove all skin and score it on both sides.

How to Spread Blankets. When putting fresh blankets on your beds, set on a strip of cheesecloth about 18 inches wide so that half the width will be on each side of the top.

Shredded Crab. An easy way of serving crab meat in the shells is to shred it and mix it with a dressing made of four tablespoonfuls of oil, two tablespoonfuls of vinegar, salt, white pepper and cayenne.

Delicate Stimulant. Every invalid sooner or later becomes tired of raw eggs in the usual manner in which they are served.

Oysters Souffle. Blanch 24 good sized oysters in their own liquor, slice them, do not chop, and let them cool.

Cockle Broth. The cockle is similar to the clam. Open fifteen large, fresh cockles; place them in a tall saucepan with all their liquor.

Pumpkin Fritters. Peel a pumpkin and cut it in finger-shaped pieces, four inches long and an inch wide, or narrower.

Red Cabbage. Cut up a medium sized head of red cabbage the same as for stew; put it in a stewpan, cover with boiling water and add a scant tablespoonful of salt.

Cream Soups. A housekeeper famous for her cream soups gives this as a general proportion for them:

Japanese in Brazil. Eighteen hundred Japanese emigrants left for Brazil recently. This makes the total in that country 4,800, all of whom are engaged on coffee plantations in Sao Paulo.

HAS LIFE'S SECRET

Humble Toiler Realizes That Happiness Has Its Origin in the Grateful Heart.

Annie earns \$10 a week making lampshades. With her father and younger sister she lives in two rooms on Second avenue. The father is an invalid. The younger sister is in school. Annie is seventeen.

I visited the little rooms near Thanksgiving time. Annie was mending. With a happy smile she greeted me, while her long, slim fingers busily plied a needle she gave me of the treasures of her little girl heart.

"Yes, every night on my knees, I give thanks to my creator for life," she said, with her dark, haunting eyes eyes full on me.

"Why, here father waiting for me every night when I come home. And there's sister going to school and passing her examinations the very highest in her class. Isn't that fine?"

"I don't know why people are ever unhappy or miserable when they can find beautiful work to do, somebody to work for.

"It is so wonderful to give them from your heart. Of course, that is all I have to give. But I believe that if the spirit is brave. Don't you? I believe that it helps people more to give them something of yourself than something to eat, or money, sometimes.

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"The New French Dance. A youth fresh to Paris from the provinces was lately invited to a small dance by one of his mother's friends.

"Next morning, sad and sober, the youth was writing a letter of humble apology to his hostess when one of his friends came in and asked him what he was doing.

"When I had regretfully said good night to Annie, I went away thinking, thinking deeply of the little creatures that live under my doorsteps, eat my crumbs, come when I call.

"A New Branch of the Elks. At a first night of a new play in New York recently Sam H. Harris, partner of George M. Cohen, encountered Louis V. de Foe, the dramatic critic of the New York World.

"Why don't you get a modern up-to-date watch?" demanded Harris. "I've got one," declared de Foe. "No, that's a key winder you're wearing," replied Harris.

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Marvelous Geological Curiosity in New Mexico.

Two Square Miles of Valuable Commercial Material, 900 Feet in Height—Estimated to Contain Many Billions of Tons.

What is declared to be "one of the most marvelous geological and natural curiosities in the whole world" is a mountain of alum, two square miles in extent and 900 feet high near the Gila river, in southwest New Mexico.

"The deposit is so pure that any grade of manufacturing alum can be produced cheaply as compared with that from other sources. For many uses it can be marketed in its natural state, and so immense and pure is the deposit that there is no doubt it will control the markets of the world.

"The deposit is of volcanic origin and it would not be surprising if pure aluminum metal would be ultimately found, and this ancient crater be the source of the placer gold found near by.

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AFRO-AMERICAN COLLINGS

The character of enterprises undertaken by colored persons in a busy city is indicated by the recent investigation of Chicago's negroes made for the Juvenile Protective association. Of the principal street in the 'black belt,' this report says:

"In a mile on State street, from 3000 to 3900, the investigators found 108 colored men in business, who employed 270 colored men. Of these business undertakings 12 were saloons—most of them newly opened; 12 barber shops, seven real estate offices—only three of them ten years old; ten restaurants—five of them having been there more than five years and two for more than ten years; six pool rooms—all recently opened; four hair dressers, and three tailors, in addition to confectioners, bakers, cleaners, decorators, dressmakers, druggists and other miscellaneous shops usually found in a self-contained neighborhood. As ministering to the higher life, there were found in the same block three music stores, one 'art' store, one piano store, two printers, and—if they may be included in such a list—a photographer and a florist. All of the latter save one have been in existence for more than five years, in sharp contrast to the ephemeral life of the poolrooms and saloons, only one of which has survived so long, while 11 others have changed proprietors recently.

"The total amount of capital invested in the mile by the 108 colored men was found to be \$15,750.

"Several colored women manage independent hair dressing establishments in Chicago. On State street there are two successful restaurants conducted by women; also one saloon and one florist shop; two widows of their original owners.

"There are a large proportion of men, many of whom do business with white people."

Following in many details the fiction story which was published a few weeks ago in a leading periodical, the Housekeepers' Alliance of the District of Columbia voted to start a training school for colored servants January 1. Although similar in these details, the idea is not a new one, but has been in the process of formation for several years.

The training school will be conducted on an economic basis. In connection with the institution, business women of the District will be taken in as boarders, thus providing an income. It is estimated that it will cost about \$1,800 per annum to conduct the school besides this income, making a cost of about \$60 for each servant trained. Forty servants will be turned out every year.

The site for the training school has not yet been selected, although several sites are now under consideration. The home of the training school was provided for many rooms. Each girl taking the course will be required to present a physician's certificate testifying to good health.

Frank Jenkins, a little negro student of Far Rockaway, won the high school cross-country championship of Greater New York over the three and a quarter mile course of the Jamaica High school. Jenkins won as he pleased, although Alvin Robertson of Evander Childs was a close second. J. Gordon Morarity of Richmond Hill was third. Team honors were won by the Jamaica High school with a total of 83 points. Morris High was second with 94 and Erasmus Hall third with 139.

Those who knew John Randolph Tucker of Virginia will not marvel at the affection and esteem in which he was held by the colored page.

"How well I remember him," said John A. Patten, former congressional page as he appeared a drifting scrap of paper on the lawn. "When he was running for the first time for the office of Attorney General of Virginia he had to make his campaign on horseback, and wherever he stopped he received royal hospitality.

"Alighting at the home of a prominent planter, he seated himself with the master of the house on the broad veranda. In response to a request for a drink of water, one of the negro house servants was sent to the spring. "In a few moments he returned with a glass of water, cool and clear. It needed no apology, but there were traditions to be preserved, and Sam hastened to say:

"Please excuse the glass, Mars Ran, kase the gourd am broke."

A baggage truck invented by a Californian has hooks on the handles to permit it to be carried with its load upstair on a man's shoulders.

The Bible College and Institute for Civic and Social Betterment at Washington, D. C., has been in operation in this city for about six years.

Under its auspices the interdenominational gospel wagon has been in operation for several years, and the Industrial Center, at 2422 K street, was established for the training of colored women in the useful and practical work of life.

The wealth of Great Britain is estimated at \$50,000,000,000 and that of France at \$65,000,000,000.

Mrs. J. Murch of New York has the distinction of being the only woman in America who is proprietor, pressman, compositor, binder and "printer's devil" all in one. She owns a printing establishment in New York city where she attends to all the details of the shop herself.

What the president wants to do first is to reform some of the currency reformers.

Wise men can't never be nothin' more than reformed fools.

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FINE APPLE PUDDING

DESSERT ALWAYS A FAVORITE IN ENGLISH HOUSEHOLDS.

Good Alike for the Children and Their Elders—Mock Apple Dumplings—An Easily Prepared Delicacy—Custard of Apple Snow.

Boiled apple pudding as the English people make it is both nourishing and inexpensive when apples are at all plentiful. In fact, it is claimed the pudding furnishes a perfect midday meal for children not yet old enough to be given meat, while it is certainly a substantial dessert for everybody. You chop four ounces of good beef suet very fine and rub it into one pound of flour, with a teaspoonful of baking powder, and one-quarter teaspoonful of salt. Then you wet it up with cold water into a dough, rolling out on a well-floured board.

With this you line a buttered pudding basin, reserving enough to cover the top, and proceed to fill with apples, peeled, cored and cut into small pieces, adding sugar, to sweeten, also a few cloves or a dust of cinnamon as liked. When the bowl is quite full cover with warm water and cover securely with the paste. Dip a cloth into boiling water, sprinkle with flour, and tie over the pudding. Take the cord well down the bowl, bring the four corners of the cloth together at the top, tie firmly and plunge into plenty of boiling water and cook for from two to two and one-half hours, according to the apples used. Some take longer to cook than others. Juicy apples cook quickly. Hard, dry apples take longer. Serve with any simple sauce, or when serving for children, pour over a little milk.

Mock Apple Dumplings.—This is a nice dessert and one easily prepared. You fill a deep buttered dish with tart, juicy apples, peeled and cored, filling the space with brown sugar. Then you pour over a cupful of hot water, sweetened, and a sprinkling of cinnamon or any preferred spices. The dish is put into a slow oven or at the back of the stove, where the apples will soften. Make a biscuit crust, using a cup of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder, a tablespoonful of shortening, a little salt and a teaspoonful of sugar. Mix with milk to a very soft dough.

Four or five of the softened apples and bake until a light brown. Another way is to prepare the apples as directed, cover them and bake in the oven until cooked through, then to pour over them a custard made from one cupful of milk, two tablespoonfuls of sugar and the yolk of an egg. This is baked for a few minutes, and is then finished off with a meringue made from the white of the egg and powdered sugar.

This is more delicate than the dumplings, of course, and another dainty dish made from apples is:

Apple Snow.—You make a simple custard as before directed and pour it into a shallow glass dish. Then you grate four apples, say a cupful, and beat into it the white of an egg and powdered sugar to sweeten. This mixture is laid in spoonfuls upon the custard and dotted with whipped cream dusted with nutmeg.

During the four years that John A. Fatten, a colored man, served as a page in congress, he was naturally brought in close touch with many distinguished men whose names today are household words. The impressions made upon his mind are vivid, and in describing these men with whom he came in contact, Patten speaks directly and to the point.

When asked whom he regarded as the greatest among those towering figures, he replied that when it came to commanding the attention of both parties in the house and the interest of the galleries, there was no one who could compare with the wizened "Little Giant" Stephens. He spoke seldom, but when he did there was a hush of expectancy and rapt attention.

Patten chuckled as he recalled a story concerning Stephens. Without coming into the open, a certain member of the house had defeated one of the pet measures in which Stephens was interested. In order to avert suspicion, the man of the underground methods hastened to Stephen's hotel rooms, condoled with him at great length, and inveighed against the treachery of the man who had balked his pet measure. To all of this Stephens listened in silence until the denunciation of "somebody" was ended. Then, in his well-known falsetto, he turned to his astonished visitor and exclaimed:

"Yes, and as Nathan said to David, 'Thou art the man!'"

One of the strange sights in the recent blizzard at Cleveland was furnished by four patient camels, attached to a theatrical company on a tour, who plodded resignedly through the blinding snow.

Senator Clapp of Minnesota made an address recently at the Cosmopolitan Baptist church, Washington, D. C., recently on "Government Relationship to the Negro." The purpose of the meeting was to inaugurate a campaign which has as its purpose the raising of \$15,000 to pay off the church debt.

"The obligation of the government for the religious and intellectual education of the negro," said Senator Clapp, "is of the same degree as that for the whites." He also discussed the progress of the colored race during the last few years. "At no time since the emancipation have the negroes been without the assistance of the whites, but the time soon will be here when the race will be able to stand alone and accept its burden independently," said he.

The meeting which was the first of a series, was presided over by F. N. Lee. Addresses also were made by Rev. I. N. Ross, of the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, and Capt. H. D. Richardson, of the National Guard.

The Chinese have many uses for empty tin cans, fashioning them into various household utensils.

M. Clemenceau, the French statesman, owns a mastiff which has acquired the habit of riding home in a cab. He enters one and refuses to leave. Finally, the cabman sees the address on his collar, takes him home and gets his fare.

The French parliament has rejected the bill granting the franchise to women.

Women outnumber the men by 1,319 in New York city, according to the last census.

Charles F. Brooker of Ansonia, who has been the Connecticut member of the Republican national committee since 1900, succeeding the late Samuel Fessenden, is to resign that position.

In Norway every woman over twenty-five who earns at least \$80 per annum in the country or \$110 in the town has a vote.

A trade museum of Russian manufactures is to be opened in Teheran, Persia, by the ministry of trade and industry at St. Petersburg.

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CULINARY HINTS.

After an oily fish, like salmon, has been served, the fishy odor which often clings to the silver can be removed by rubbing them with a slice of lemon.

A pinch of salt and soda added to water in which tough meat or vegetables are boiled will make them more tender.

Celery is much improved if soaked an hour in ice cold water in which a lemon has been squeezed.

Pans greased with butter will make the bottom crust of pies soft and flaky and prevent them from being soggy.

If bread is wrapped in paraffin paper as soon as it is taken from the oven it will keep fresh and moist much longer.—L. M. B.

Works Like a Charm. I have seen a number of families try the plan of deciding in advance on a year's household expenses and it works like a charm. These estimates must include clothing and all the ordinary personal needs as well as the table supplies, furniture, etc. There must, too, be a fair amount for incidentals, including medicines and doctor's bills. A good deal of pleasure may be derived from this sort of management. It is far ahead of the old haphazard way of running a home. A farmer's wife and children ought to have a fair idea of what the income is and all should be interested in adjusting expenses to fit the receipts, so that there would be something substantial saved each year, either to put in the bank or to invest in improvements.—Exchange.

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SPORTS

TENNIS

Youth and speed in tennis is the cry of old Britain, but the hopes of regaining the Davis cup with young blood have failed since a search of the United Kingdom has revealed few promising players of between twenty and twenty-five.

WRESTLING

W. R. Tyler, a graduate of the Chicago Latin school, has been elected captain of the Harvard wrestling team.

Ivan Momotov, one of the greatest of foreign wrestlers, has received permission from the czar of Russia to make a 90-day tour in the United States. Momotov is seven feet one inch in height and weighs 290 pounds.

AQUATIC

Yale has evidently decided to go back on Averill Harriman definitely. The head coach position of the crew has been offered to Glanville, the New York Athletic club pilot.

James A. Ten Eyck, rowing coach of Syracuse university, has set at rest rumors about his going to Yale as rowing coach, by renewing his contract with Syracuse for a term of five years.

G. M. Pynchon of New York, owner of the racing sloop Istalene, will look after the interests of the syndicate of Philadelphia, New York and Boston men who will finance a 75-foot sloop to enter the America's cup trial races next year.

PUGILISM

Leach Cross exhibited wonderful recuperative powers in his battle with Rivers.

Jimmy Clabby is the big lion on the coast now after his knockout of Frank Logan.

Freddy Duffy of Boston shaded Chic West of Holyoke in the star bout at Chicopee, Mass.

Ruek Crouse of Buffalo defeated Billy Grup of St. Louis in an eight-round bout at St. Louis.

John Lutzko won by a shade from Jack Fletcher of Pittsburgh in a ten-round bout at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Sam Wallach, manager of Leach Cross, wants a return go with Joe Rivers, while Joe Levy can not see matters in this light.

HORSE RACING

Walnut Hall farm owns 142 broodmares of approved blood lines.

It is understood that the Billings colors will be seen in the futurities next season.

It is 30 years since Jay Eye See started the 2:10 list, in which there are 621 members.

Murphy's latest addition is Lena Rivers, by Mainsheet, that trotted around 2:08 at Lexington.

The Horse Review wisely says: "Detroit should think twice before she changes the class of the \$10,000 M. & M."

Hallmark, 2:11 1/4, as a three-year-old this season is expected by Lon McDonald to develop into a high-grade aged trotter.

It has been another great year for grand old Pop Geers. He retired for the winter after winning over \$53,000 on the Grand Circuit.

BASEBALL

Ed Konetchy says unless he is traded to the Giants he will jump the St. Louis club.

Shano Collins has bought a house in Pittsfield, Mass., where he intends to make his home in the future.

Al Williams and John Henry are expected to do the catching for the Washington team next season.

The Milwaukee Brewers have turned down the Reds' offer of second baseman Egan for pitcher Joe Hoover.

R. ST. B. BOYD OF HARVARD



The intercollegiate cross country run over the Courtland park course, in which more than 200 athletes from the various colleges throughout the country participated, was won by R. St. B. Boyd of Harvard, who covered the distance of six miles in the record breaking time of 34 minutes and 37 seconds.

BILLIARDS

The professional tournament at 14.1 ballkine projected by the Brunswick Balke-Collerend people will start next April in order to co-operate with and not conflict with the amateur tournament.

The field is expected to compete will consist of Huppe, Slosson, Yamada, Morningstar, Demarest, Sab ton, Cline, Taylor, Cutler and Wright.

GOLF

Harry Vardon is out with the state ment for his belief, sustained and substantiated by Alex Finley, that Chick Evans is the best American golfer.

Vardon and Ray get back home as tight as clam shells with information, refusing to discuss American golf for English newspapers. They had a crow to pick with the British press and are biding their time.

FOOTBALL

"Nick" Carter, the Yale end, is the son of the Rev. Charles E. Carter of Hartford, the first college pitcher to use a curve ball.

Right Guard Busch, member of the Pomo tribe of Indians of California, will succeed Gus Welch as captain of the Carlisle Indians.

Swarthmore's 1913 football squad will probably go down into history as the only one whose prospects were spoiled by vaccination.

Hobey Baker and Phillips are two of the present Tigers who leave Old Nassau without having seen their eleven beaten by Yale.

Raynford, the left end of the Wolverine eleven, has been chosen to captain Michigan in 1914. The election is said to have been over the protest of Yost.

And they say that Welch, the Carlisle captain and quarter, is another Eckersall as he zigzags through a broken field and carooms off the bump of the tackler.

There is some talk of McWhorter of Georgia going to Michigan. The Cracker star will be unable to play for the Wolverines, however, as he has played out his time in the south.

Lawrence Whitney, the Olympic shot putter, and the Green's wonderful back whom many will pick for All-American honors, has been elected captain of the 1914 eleven of Dartmouth.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cornell won the team championship in the sixth annual cross-country race at New York.

Charles Molander is slated to lead the Maroon basket ball team during the present season.

Agitation has been started in California to secure the Vanderbilt and Grand Prize road races for the Santa Monica course.

"Many believe that the loss of Jim Thorpe would cripple us beyond repair," says Glen Warner, "but I think we refuted that argument successfully."

Princeton advocates a change in the coaching system—the installation of a man of paramount authority like Houghton of Harvard. Howard Jones at Yale is claiming along the same lines that that is just what Yale needs most.

Al Schrubbs is strenuously protesting over the course Yale chose for the cross-country contest, in which the Blue won. Schrubbs says "Harvard men had to plunge into the water of fords, something they certainly unused to."

SHIPS THAT BURN LEGEND OF DESERT

Trivial Causes of Some Terrible Ocean Catastrophes.

They Are Frequently Destroyed Owing to the Spontaneous Combustion of Their Cargoes—Thrilling Accounts of Fires at Sea.

It would seem almost impossible to set fire to and burn to the water's edge a big modern ship, built, as such vessels almost invariably are now, of steel or iron, with transverse bulkheads of the same metal.

Experience, however, has shown otherwise, for the catastrophe that happened to the Volturno a short time ago is not by any means a solitary example of its kind.

It is extraordinary, too, how little a thing will start the biggest and most devastating of the ocean fires. Thus the carelessness of a member of the crew, who dropped a lighted oil-lamp on the fore-castle roof, was responsible for the burning in mid-ocean of the big emigrant ship Cospatrick on November 18, 1874, when no fewer than 465 lives were lost.

The fate of these poor people was exactly what would have been that of those on board the Volturno if wireless telegraph had not been invented. They fought the flames with the frenzy of despair until overpowered, then they perished. A few—about five or six—got away in a boat, and were picked up ten days later half dead from starvation and exposure. These were the sole survivors.

One of the most thrilling stories of fires at sea, the burning of the Sarah Sands, had a similar origin—the careless handling of a naked light in a lazaretto filled with government stores. She had 300 soldiers on board, and these worked like heroes removing and throwing overboard the gunpowder, of which there was a large quantity stored in the hold.

One barrel did explode, blowing up the entire port quarter of the ship. Nevertheless, after weeks of dreadful anxiety, the still smouldering hull was navigated safely to the Mauritius, without losing a single life.

Ships are frequently fired owing to the spontaneous combustion of their cargoes. A striking example was afforded by the case of the Misorenia, bound from South America for Antwerp, with nitrate in bags. The flames burned every scrap of woodwork in the skin of the vessel, causing the nitrate to become fused, owing to the terrific heat, so that from a soft and powdery substance it was transformed into a species of liquor cement, which ran down into the lower hold and held together the plates that had previously started, thereby preventing her from sinking. She was picked up eventually—a red-hot hulk—by a tug and beached at Deal. Her passengers and crew escaped in the boats.

Oil in barrels is fearfully dangerous. A few years ago a big iron ship, the Blengfell, of Liverpool, was proceeding up channel with the pilot on board when she suddenly burst into flames from some unexplained cause, and every soul on her perished. No trace of any craft approach any where near the blazing vessel owing to the intense heat, while the stench of the burning oil was said to have been well-nigh intolerable.

Cotton, too, is responsible for many fires at sea. It gets heated, smoulders for days, or for weeks sometimes, and then bursts into flame. After this fashion the Inman liner City of Montreal was burned in mid-ocean while on her way from New York to Liverpool in August, 1887; and on Christmas eve in the year 1890 the China Navigation company's steamer Shanghai took fire after a like manner, when 300 lives were lost.

One of New York's "wharf rats" (homeless lads who hang about the wharves and piers and live by petty pilfering) was responsible for the dreadful fire which broke out among the shipping at Hoboken in the summer of 1900, when half a dozen great liners were burned, with over 200 of their officers and crews. The burning of the excursion steamer, General Slocum, of New York, in June, 1904, when 1,000 lives were lost, was due to the careless handling of a lump of greasy cotton waste.

Contracts have just been made by the war department for about \$2,000,000 worth of shoes for Uncle Sam's soldiers. Nearly 600,000 pairs of shoes are required, and the contracts have been divided among five firms at an average price of \$3 a pair. These are the first contracts to be placed for the special shoes designed by the army board of experts, of which Major Edward L. Munson of the medical corps was chairman. The military authorities claim that the new regulation army shoes meet all the requirements of the service to a greater degree than any shoe ever used in this country or abroad.

While spending the summer at Block Island, R. I., completing "The Polly Page Motor Club," Izola Forrester with her four children attended services at quaint little St. Ann's-by-the-Sea.

On the way home after service one Sunday Arthur, her eldest boy, asked seriously:

"Mother, what sort of disease is Pontius Pilate? You know we say, 'Suffered under Pontius Pilate.' Gee, I hope I never get it!"

Plant Trees. A Frenchman who recently hanged himself planted the tree many years ago for that purpose. Plant more trees. You may want to hang yourself when you find out what your neighbors think of you, and it will be humiliating to ask one of them to lend you a tree.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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Once Civilized Indian Tribe Lived With Gold God.

Receding of the Waters Which Left Sandy Basin Is Explained by Story Told Twenty Years Ago by an Aged Indian.

In the early pioneer days many persons who crossed the great desert of southern California, which is known to have at one time been the bed of the sea, swore that they plainly saw the hull of an old ship at a certain point, and from that it was argued that not many centuries could have passed since the vast basin of sand had been a sea.

W. E. Ward of El Centro, Imperial county, in connection with an old Indian legend, which he heard over 20 years ago, says that as late as ten years back the mythical ship has been heard of, but since the desert has come to be so much less of "terra incognita" one hears no more of the stranded hull.

According to Mr. Ward there are many fine mirages to be seen showing ships at full sail over placid waters at different times of the days, and in that connection he tells of a legend which came indirectly to him from an old Indian who claimed to be one hundred and twenty-five years old. The Indian stated that the legend had been in his family for 500 years, long antedating the Spanish occupation of the country.

Agos ago, so the story runs, the desert was a sea. The waters of the Colorado emptied into it far north of where they reach the gulf. It was a wide and placid sea, rarely vexed by storms, owing to the mountains that hemmed it around. The north and east shores of the sea were peopled by a tribe noted for their high civilization, thrift and prosperity, but they were exclusive, having very little intercourse with other people. So fertile were the shores of the sea that almost everything desired grew with very little cultivation; the near mountains were rich in minerals, and the wealth of the civilized people constantly tempted the poorer tribes of the country.

In one of these battles two young men of a savage tribe inhabiting the mountains were taken prisoners, but won the love of two dusky maidens of their captors. A boat was built and the four escaped to the home of the young men.

These such tales were told of wealth and prosperity that the savage tribe was stirred to great energy and made preparations to invade the rich country and carry off the gold and temple of their more favored neighbors. After a furious battle the savage tribe won, took most of the inhabitants captives, including the priests of the gold god, and the god himself.

It was almost sunset of a summer's evening when the victorious fleet set sail. The waters of the sea lay placid beneath a clear sky. The aged priest of the god lifted his hand in supplication and implored heaven to intervene and save his tribe from slavery and captivity.

Suddenly the winds began to sigh in the trees; the bosom of the sea began to heave; the face of nature became as dark as eternal night; the tempest gathered strength; the winds increased in fury and the waves rolled and fell like vast mountains. All night long the storm raged and when the sun rose in the morning it looked down on a scene of desolation. The fleet had been driven ashore. The golden image of the god lay upon the shore near his own ruined temple; he lay on his face, his hands clutching inward as if to hold onto the land. At his feet lay the dead bodies of the two faithful women who had helped the captives to escape.

The strand was strewn with the dead bodies of the foe—and the waters of the sea were receding. They kept receding until a vast, desolate basin of muck and sand was disclosed. On certain days, so the legend runs, the god revisits the scenes where once his people lived so happily. Then the days are peaceful; phantom waters fill the old basin; the lightest breezes swing over the valley, and phantom ships with sails spread go skimming over the surface of the waters.

Algonquin Park. By a recent order-in-council of the provincial government of Ontario, the home of the Algonquin National Park of Ontario has been changed to Algonquin Provincial Park. This park is one of the wildest and most fascinating of the government reservations in Canada.

The park is situated at an altitude of 2,000 feet above sea level and covers an area of 1,344,000 acres, or approximately 2,100 square miles. The railway is the only rapid transportation reaching this district, which in addition to its being a favorite summer resort, is now looked upon as one of the most attractive winter resorts in America. The hotel has now to be kept open the year round for the reception of guests.

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MARSHALLTOWN NOTES.

(Special to Bystander.) The Second Baptist church has installed electric lights, which is a great improvement over the old way of lighting. Mrs. Carrie Wheeler is ill at this writing. Excelsior chapter, O. E. S., initiated seven new members into the mysteries of the order last Tuesday evening. A very pretty home wedding took place last Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends Miss Lillie Madge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Johnson, became the bride of Mr. Ex. Norton. Mrs. Norton was reared and educated in this city and Mr. Norton is one of the most highly respected young men in our city. Their many friends unite in wishing for them a long and happy married life. Mr. Geo. Young and nephew, Mr. Spotts, were over Sunday visitors in our city. Mrs. I. L. Brown, who had her arm broken, is improving. Mr. Harry Warn is cutting a wisdom tooth, which is causing him some trouble. Mrs. Sadie Warn and Mrs. Carrie Suter served a bridal luncheon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ex. Norton at the home of Mrs. Warn on Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. The table was decorated with pink and white and the dining room was lighted with candles. Miss Wilda and Mr. Warn assisted in serving.

Fit His Case Exactly.

"When father was sick about six years ago, he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers.

KEOKUK NEWS.

On Thursday evening, December 11, there will be a turkey supper at Bethel church, under the auspices of the Sunshine club. Mr. Hunter of Chicago will deliver a lecture at 8:30 p. m. It is hoped for a good attendance. The junior auxiliary of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin gave a market on November 26th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin. Master John Norwood Ashby has been sick with la grippe for the past few weeks. Messrs. Henry Hinch of St. Joseph, Mo., and Augustus Hinch of Fayette, Mo., spent last Saturday in our city, the guest of their brother, Mr. Geo. Hinch. Mr. Clyde Glass of Des Moines delighted his hearers in a piano recital at Bethel church on Thanksgiving evening. The recital was given under the auspices of the Coleridge Taylor Music club, and to Mrs. Anna Holmes, the president, much credit is due for the grand success. More than \$45 being realized. The home talent program at Pilgrim's Rest church on Thanksgiving evening more than met expectations. Miss Daisy Ware was at her best and the trio composed of Mark Johnson, Arthur Fox and Mrs. J. H. Helm was exceptionally good. Mrs. Rosa Bowman entertained with a musical rendition. The Carnation Bridge club enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. F. D. Bland at her home on November 26th. Mrs. Altha Smith is quite ill at this writing. The condition of Mr. Arthur Weldon is still considered quite serious. A recent matrimonial event is the marriage of Miss Flossie Humphrey and Mr. Ora Weldon. Congratulations and best wishes of a large circle of friends are extended them. Officer Thos. Freeman was off duty several days last week, being under the care of a physician. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Green, 1416 Moragan street, one evening last week a social time was enjoyed by a number of their friends, who had been invited by the hostess, it being the occasion of the 64th birthday anniversary of Mr. Green. After congratulations a bounteous spread was partaken of and the guests departed wishing their host many happy returns. The death of little Winnifred Fields, the 11 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Fields, occurred last Friday morning. Friends of the grief-stricken parents express their deepest sympathy, as this is the second child that death has claimed from them in less than two years. 'Tis sad to part with the gems we love, But our Savior, who doeth all things well, Hath need of them in the mansion above. Mrs. McCutcheon and Mrs. Reuben, two of our much loved old ladies, are reported ill at this writing. A dance will be given at Woodman hall on Xmas night by the old favorites, Messrs. Chas. Owens and Arthur Frye. The presence of all is solicited. A general invitation is extended to all friends in neighboring cities. Miss Elizabeth Gross spent Thanksgiving holidays in Quincy visiting friends. Another visitation from the death angel occurred in our midst last week. Mr. Ephraim Hill, one of our most highly respected old residents, answering the final summons. Deceased had been in failing health for some time. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jennie Hill and one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Reed, of this city, and one

son, Frank Hill, who is at Mt. Pleasant. The deepest sympathy of a sorrowing concourse of friends is theirs in their sad hours of bereavement. The funeral was held from the family residence last Sunday morning. A large gathering was present to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of a true friend and honored citizen. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Sims of Bethel church. Mrs. J. E. Phillips entertained a number of little folks at her home on the 21st ult. in honor of the 3rd birthday anniversary of Master Burdette Franklin. Mr. and Mrs. Governor Foust of Canton, Mo., have moved to our city. The Altar Guild of the church of St. Mary the Virgin will give an entertainment at the home of Mrs. A. J. Fields on Wednesday evening, December 10th. One of the attractions will be a fish pound. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Georgia Caldwell is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson, of Des Moines. Mrs. Anderson and daughters, the Misses Jessie, Beatrice and Dorothy of Mt. Pleasant spent Thanksgiving holidays in our city with friends. Friends of Mr. Kidrich Carter sincerely regret his prolonged illness. Mrs. Hester Bennett is quite ill at a local hospital.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

By John L. Thompson. Making a brief two days' stop in the Appanoose county and reaching the county seat, Centerville, we find this a beautifully located little town of about 5,000 people, of which there are about 400 colored people following the mining industry. Some have been here many years and are comfortably located. Mr. W. P. Jones is one of the oldest citizens here and owns nice property. His son works for the ice plant. Mrs. Lizzie P. Price also owns a nice home. Mr. Good owns a beautiful home in the north part of the city and he is doing well financially. Mrs. Wm. Noah and H. B. Bolden and C. A. Williams are all substantial citizens and own their own homes. Mr. Jeter, who has recently lost his wife, owns a nice home. Mr. Eugene Reed, formerly of Mercer county, Missouri, is doing well and his wife will be agent for the Iowa State Bystander for the ensuing year. Mr. Henry Johnson and J. W. Wood are new settlers here, but are doing well. Geo. D. Johnson is farming on a truck garden. C. J. Reed and M. J. Pullens are formerly from Mercer county, Missouri, and are located here. W. H. Cobb is an old settler here and owns property on E. Jackson street. C. A. Brown, J. W. Wise, Mr. L. Thompkins and Geo. E. Wilson are some of the strong men of the city. Mr. Price runs a second hand store and is doing good business. In Hocking, Mr. J. L. Robinson is still in the paper business and doing nicely. Mr. John Wright is one of the men who is saving his money. In Hiteman we find Mr. Nightingale, who owns a nice home and is doing well; also Mr. H. T. Randolph owns a nice place. Mr. A. Stovall is building a new house on his lot. Mrs. N. A. Grayson owns a nice farm here and is doing exceptionally well. Mr. A. J. Reed, formerly of Clarinda, Iowa, is engineer at the electric light power house. He is the only electric engineer at this place and is one of the strong men of our race. 'Tis closes our observations for the year 1913 and 'twish to thank our friends for the consideration and indulgence of their interest and wish all the subscribers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed.

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By John L. Thompson. Making a brief two days' stop in the Appanoose county and reaching the county seat, Centerville, we find this a beautifully located little town of about 5,000 people, of which there are about 400 colored people following the mining industry. Some have been here many years and are comfortably located. Mr. W. P. Jones is one of the oldest citizens here and owns nice property. His son works for the ice plant. Mrs. Lizzie P. Price also owns a nice home. Mr. Good owns a beautiful home in the north part of the city and he is doing well financially. Mrs. Wm. Noah and H. B. Bolden and C. A. Williams are all substantial citizens and own their own homes. Mr. Jeter, who has recently lost his wife, owns a nice home. Mr. Eugene Reed, formerly of Mercer county, Missouri, is doing well and his wife will be agent for the Iowa State Bystander for the ensuing year. Mr. Henry Johnson and J. W. Wood are new settlers here, but are doing well. Geo. D. Johnson is farming on a truck garden. C. J. Reed and M. J. Pullens are formerly from Mercer county, Missouri, and are located here. W. H. Cobb is an old settler here and owns property on E. Jackson street. C. A. Brown, J. W. Wise, Mr. L. Thompkins and Geo. E. Wilson are some of the strong men of the city. Mr. Price runs a second hand store and is doing good business. In Hocking, Mr. J. L. Robinson is still in the paper business and doing nicely. Mr. John Wright is one of the men who is saving his money. In Hiteman we find Mr. Nightingale, who owns a nice home and is doing well; also Mr. H. T. Randolph owns a nice place. Mr. A. Stovall is building a new house on his lot. Mrs. N. A. Grayson owns a nice farm here and is doing exceptionally well. Mr. A. J. Reed, formerly of Clarinda, Iowa, is engineer at the electric light power house. He is the only electric engineer at this place and is one of the strong men of our race. 'Tis closes our observations for the year 1913 and 'twish to thank our friends for the consideration and indulgence of their interest and wish all the subscribers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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