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## CITY NEWS.

Mrs. B. H. Gentry of Chicago is visiting in Des Moines. She is a sister of Mr. D. E. Henderson.

Mr. E. S. Morgan returned from Milwaukee, Wis., where he spent a few days visiting his sons. He had a most enjoyable time.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Henderson of 119 West Locust street last Tuesday, leaving a thirteen pound boy. It lived but a few hours.

Mrs. Wm. Geason is very dangerously sick at her home, Twenty-first and Center streets.

Atty. S. Joe Brown left Thursday to speak at an emancipation celebration at St. Joseph, Mo.

Mrs. Ina Byrd of Keokuk is in our city visiting with her brother, Dr. C. M. Wilson, at No. 416 East Sixth street.

Capt. E. T. Banks was put on the city public works. We are glad to see the captain return to the city works again.

Mr. S. S. Suggs of Hiawatha, Kan., is here visiting during the holidays with his sister-in-law, Mrs. G. W. Brown, 1154 West First street.

Mrs. S. C. Phillips of Holly Springs, Miss., arrived in our city several days ago to be with her sister, Mrs. Dr. C. M. Wilson, who is very sick.

The Elk's Order of the I. B. P. O. E. W. tendered a reception this week to L. J. Shelton and gave him a handsome present in token of their affection.

Mrs. L. J. Shelton returned this week from Webster City where she had spent a few days during the holidays visiting Mrs. C. H. Comley.

Mrs. Harriett Lewis of Fayette, Ia., is in our city visiting her sister, Mrs. Martha Bass and other relatives. They are one of the pioneers in Fayette county and highly respected there.

Mrs. John Jackson, 1311 Buchanan street, left this week to spend New Years in Kansas City, Mo., her old home. She will also visit Veneta, Okla., her old homestead where her son Rufus was born.

Mrs. C. M. Wilson, wife of our popular East Side physician, was operated on Monday at the Methodist hospital. It was a very delicate operation. At this writing the patient is resting as well as could be expected.

About twenty friends enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. John McClain last Saturday evening at a buffet supper. The hostess was assisted by Mesdames Harrison Gould and James Woods.

WANTED—Light brown skin or mulatto girl to travel—singer, dancer or pianist. Salary and expenses. Answer quick, giving description. E. F. Elliott, Marshalltown, Iowa, Gen. Del.

The Mary Church Terrell club met Monday night, December 29th, with Mrs. J. Davis. Study of the lesson was Spenser's "Fairy Queen," which was led by Mrs. Emerald Mash. The club will meet next week with Miss Marie Belle. Subject, "Life of Robert Wycliff. Leader, Mrs. Arthur Jones.

Mrs. John S. Wilkinson of 223 E. Thirtieth street arrived Wednesday from Winnebago and Minneapolis, Minn., where she had been visiting relatives and friends. She reports having a Merry Christmas and says the weather is fine. No snow has fallen as yet through the north.

Mrs. I. J. Robinson of 1627 Walker street spent Thursday, Xmas day, with her son, Mr. H. H. Stone, of Marshalltown, Iowa. Thursday evening she was entertained at the residence of Mrs. L. H. Johnson, over 11 West Main street, her son's mother-in-law. Friday evening she was entertained by the ladies of the Eastern Star chapter at the residence of Mrs. Walders, 415 Union street. Covers were laid for fourteen about 10:30 p. m. Mrs. Robinson arrived home Sunday, reporting an enjoyable time.

One of the most brilliant affairs of the season was the reception and dancing party given on last Friday evening at the Elks hall by Mr. and Mrs. James H. Woods. The host and hostess were assisted in receiving the 100 guests by Mrs. Harrison Gould, Mrs. Fred Jackson, Mrs. Will Jones, Mrs. Louis Shelton, Mrs. Arthur Winn, Mrs. Lewis Strawther and Mrs. C. A. Williams. At the close of the reception hour dancing and cards were the diversions. The cards for the program of dances were in red and white and bore the letter "W." Thyons' orchestra played throughout the evening. At 11 o'clock a grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. Woods. Frappe was served within a beautiful border of Christmas colors by Masters Norman and Alden Blagburn. Ferns, palms and the red blossoms of the poinsettia were effectively com-

binated in the decorations. Among the out of town guests were Miss Francis Fields of St. Joseph, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Maude Lewis and Miss Leatha Johnson of Keokuk.

Miss Mayrie I. Bell entertained at a four-course breakfast Sunday as a courtesy to Miss Leatha Johnson of Keokuk, Iowa, who is the guest of Miss Lucile Morrison. Covers were laid for eight.

A very beautiful reception was given by Mrs. W. T. Buckner at her beautiful home last Monday evening in honor of Miss Leatha Johnson of Keokuk and Miss Maud Lewis of Lima, Ia. The rooms were decorated in holiday colors and a very enjoyable evening was had by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Jones gave a grand Xmas dinner for the old people of the city. Elaborate preparations were made to make the dinner a very enjoyable occasion for the guests. Mrs. Rush gathered up the old people. Mrs. G. W. Stanton and Mrs. Nellie Davis assisted in the serving. The guests talked over old times and had a real jolly time. They will never forget the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

### NOTICE TO PROGRESSIVES.

There will be a meeting of the Polk County Progressive League at the Randolph hotel Friday evening, January 2nd, at 8 o'clock, to complete arrangements for the Progressive Lyceum Course and to discuss local arrangements for the state-wide progressive conference on January 8th and 9th.

All progressives of the county, men and women, whether members of the league or not, will be welcome. Casper Schenk, President of Polk County Progressive League.

### INTER-STATE LITERARY SOCIETY.

Iowa Won Three Prizes and Secured Two Offices.

The annual meeting of the Inter-State Literary society just closed its session in Atchison, Kans., Wednesday night was well attended and Iowa won first prize in declamatory contest, Miss Edyth Straughter of this city; second prize in oratory, Miss Gertrude Hyde of this city, and second prize in music, Miss Sarah Johnson of Des Moines. Mr. Harrison Gould was called on the executive committee to succeed Jesse Graves and Mrs. Edyth Straughter was elected second vice president. The following are the Iowa delegates from Des Moines: Jesse Graves, Elbert Hall, Harrison Gould, Edyth Straughter, Mamie James, Judith Cook, Sarah Johnson and Gertrude Hyde, D. Mae Lee of Buxton, Mrs. W. H. Johnson and daughter, Mabel, of Gravity, and Mrs. Adia Flummer of Indianola.

### DAVENPORT NOTES.

Card of Thanks  
To all the colored friends who were so kindly disposed to us in our sad bereavement, and especially to those who visited and spoke cheering words and opened their hearts in prayer. We thank Rev. T. B. Stovall for his kindly spoken words. We thank them one and all.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sheppard grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Sheppard and family, rear 514 Division street, Davenport, Ia.

### THE CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE MAKES MANY CHILDREN HAPPY XMAS.

The Trip Around the World, given by Mrs. J. B. Rush, Iowa's representative on the Child Welfare Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary N. B. Convention, Friday evening, December 19, at Corinthian Baptist church proved a grand success. All of the addresses were carefully prepared and very instructive. The musical numbers and readings were the best written. Mrs. J. B. Rush and her committee were very much pleased with the assistance given them in trying to care for the needy children of the city. About 200 tickets were sold for the Trip Around the World and large donations were given. Over \$150 in clothing, quilts, blankets and provisions was collected and distributed to make seventy children happy Xmas. Mesdames C. C. Johnson, Starks, G. W. Stanton, Bertha Long, Rhone, Richard Johnson, Atty. J. B. Rush and Mr. Camble assisted in distributing the dinners and clothing. Mesdames Goggins, Simmons, Carr, Rhone, H. R. Graves, N. C. Marshall, Bertha Terry, Miss Wilkerson, Mrs. Geo. Law, Mrs. Garth and Mrs. Topson, together with the other committee, gave valuable service in making the Trip Around the World a success. NEGRO MASONS HONOR ST. JOHN  
The anniversary of the birthday of St. John the Evangelist was observed by the Negro Masons of Des Moines this year as it never had before.  
On Saturday evening, December 27, about fifty members of the crafts, including entered apprentices, fellow cluding, master Masons, past masters, grand officers and past grand officers, were entertained by the members of Dorie lodge in a social session at their hall over 318 East Fifth street, at which addresses were made by Past Grand Master E. T. Banks, Grand Master J. L. Thompson, Worshipful Masters C. F. Topson and J. B. Rush; Dr. A. J. Booker, a master

Mason, and Rev. Brice U. Taylor, a fellow craft after which a buffet luncheon was served by a committee from the hostess lodge.

On Saturday, the 28th, a religious service, participated in by members of all branches of Masonry, including the two chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Court of the Heroines of Jericho, was held at the Corinthian Baptist church, under the auspices of North Star lodge. There were nearly a hundred master Masons present and after a splendid program of music by the juvenile choir under the direction of Mrs. F. G. Goggins, an address by the grand master and a solo by Mrs. Frank P. Johnson, Rev. T. L. Griffith, a fellow craft, delivered one of the most eloquent and soul-stirring Masonic sermons ever heard in Des Moines, after which a contribution of nearly twenty dollars was raised for the benefit of the church and a neat purse given to the pastor.

### ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. E. Jeffers of Des Moines is visiting her family and friends in Albia this week.  
Mrs. Stevenson of Buxton spent Christmas in Albia.  
Rev. R. B. Manly, Mrs. Manly, Miss Azeo Bowman and Mr. Earl Bowman took Xmas dinner with Headspeth's in Hocking.

The sister and mother of Mrs. Hall from Missouri are visiting in Albia.  
The A. M. E. Sunday school held their annual Christmas entertainment on Wednesday evening.

Those who entertained at Christmas dinners were Mrs. H. Bennings, Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Richy and Mrs. Washington served Christmas supper.

Mr. Moler, the African lecturer of Oskaloosa, spoke in Albia on Christmas evening.  
On Sunday Mrs. Geo. Hollingworth entertained in honor of Mrs. E. Jeffrey of Des Moines.

### OTTUMWA, IOWA.

Mrs. Webb, wife of the pastor of Mt. Zion A. M. E. church, Rev. A. N. Webb, was a visitor in this city, the guest of Mrs. Oscar Williams, on Panama street.

The snow house and concert at the A. M. E. church Christmas eve was very nice and the children had a time long to be remembered.

Mrs. Adia Elliott gave a surprise birthday party for Master Kenneth Carr at her home in Fairview. The children enjoyed themselves immensely playing games of various kinds. The hostess served an elaborate three-course lunch.

Christmas night the Second Baptist church gave their Sunday school concert and tree, which was well attended and all the children were greatly pleased.

Mrs. Ida Stevenson of Chicago is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. M. Taylor.  
Mrs. Regina Clark of Omaha is the guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Mate Clark.

Mr. Thompson had a family reunion Christmas day. Those present were E. Thompson and wife of Peoria, Ill., C. Thompson and wife and little daughter, Clinton, Mrs. Mattie Thompson of Clinton, Mrs. N. Fine of Clinton, Miss Minnie, Anna and Bud and wife of Ottumwa, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are good religious people and are members of the A. M. E. church. We wish them many more happy Christmases with their family.  
Mrs. Jessie Renfro is visiting in Des Moines this week.  
Miss Ida Davis is visiting in Des Moines during the holidays.  
Mr. Harry Horn and wife of Cedar Rapids and Elbridge Horn of Cedar Rapids are visiting their mother, Mrs. Henrietta Horn, on Center avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen of Chillicothe, Mo., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. Mitchell.  
Rev. T. Carr preached two interesting and soul-stirring sermons Sunday and each service was well attended.

The choir of the A. M. E. church gave a musical Sunday evening. Great praise is due the choir and leader, Mrs. Carrie Smith, for such a treat. All were well pleased. The solo by J. Weeks needs special mention, as it touched the hearts of the hearers and brought tears to many eyes. We will eagerly look forward for another.

The Mite Missionary society will meet at 4 o'clock at the A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon. A special program has been arranged and an address by a noted speaker.

Charles Owens gave a family dinner Christmas day. He soon will reach the 80th milestone and is still active. May he see many more happy Christmases.  
More Earthquakes in France.  
Toulon.—Slight seismic shocks occurred again Monday in Draguignan, Venceuse and Pu-Sto-Raparnad. No damage is reported, but the residents were panic-stricken.

### HITEMAN NOTES.

(Special to Bystander.)  
Mrs. Lucy Lee Ferguson of New York is spending a few weeks with her father, H. T. Randolph.  
Mrs. Sophia Strider of Columbus, Ohio, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Mosley.

A splendid program was rendered at the Rising Mt. Zion Baptist church on Christmas eve, conducted by Miss Carrie Randolph. It was highly applauded and the solo rendered by Mrs. Mary Mosley and also that of Mrs. C. W. Cothron were highly appreciated.

Miss Bettie Burkley, who is teaching school at Anderson, Iowa, was visiting relatives and friends during the Xmas holidays.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cothron entertained Mr. H. T. Randolph and family and Mr. Cornelius Miller of Albia to a four-course dinner Sunday in honor of Mrs. Lucy Lee Ferguson of New York.

Miss Cornelia Smith, a teacher in the Hawkeye school, was visiting friends here during the first of the week.  
Mrs. Rhoda Nightingale and Mrs. Emma Cadle are visiting relatives in Canton, Ill.

Mr. H. T. Randolph was pleasantly surprised by twenty-two of his friends on Saturday night, the occasion being his sixty-sixth birthday. He received many handsome and useful presents.

### MACON NEWS.

The log cabin which was at the Baptist church on Christmas eve was greatly enjoyed by the children.  
The musical concert which was rendered at the church by Prof. E. W. Perkins was a success.

The B. Y. P. U. gave an excellent concert Monday night at the V. and B. church, under the auspices of Miss Margaret Oliver.  
The Xmas tree which was enjoyed at the A. M. E. church was beautifully decorated.

Hazel Brummall and Lyda Pitts spent a few days in Macon.  
Several of the Macon girls attended the dance in Brookfield on Xmas night.

Mrs. Mary Scott of Chicago, Ill., is the guest of Mrs. Mary Angel.  
Mrs. Allie Campbell and Mrs. Beatrice Sanders of Omaha, Neb., are the guests of their father.

Mrs. Sarah Engram of Helena, Montana, is visiting relatives in this city.  
Miss Blanche Brooks spent Xmas holiday with her mother.

Mrs. Vicora Brissal entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Friday.  
The Mission Circle met at the residence of Mrs. John Garner on Friday.

A delicious two-course lunch was served and all enjoyed themselves exceedingly well.  
Misses Mary and Bertha Wallace and Aline Thompson spent Sunday night in Macon.

The Garnor brothers, Raymond Houston and Darlington spent Xmas night in Moberly.  
Several Macon knights attended the dance in Clarence on Friday night.

Mr. Rollie Harris of Brookfield spent Sunday in Macon.  
The bean supper which was rendered by the old soldiers on New Year's night was a success.

Mr. Don Cranshaw has returned to resume his studies in W. C. Pay your subscription. How do you expect the paper to run.  
The sacred concert which was rendered by the evening choir Sunday night was deemed excellent.

Miss Ida Garnett, the teacher of the public school in Quincy, spent the holiday with her parents.  
The Georgia Jubilee Co. passed through Macon on Sunday en route for Callo, Mo., where they are preparing to render a musical entertainment Monday night.

Breakfast was served at the V. and B. church New Year's morning. A number of people ate breakfast with the "Willing Workers."  
Misses Alberta and Hattie Young spent a few days in Chillicothe visiting friends.

Miss Bertha Harris of Ottawa, Iowa, is visiting relatives in the city.  
Mrs. Jane Robue spent Xmas day in Macon.  
Mrs. Essie Kellie of Hannibal, Mo., is the guest of her mother.  
Mrs. Alice H. Crews and baby will spend the week end visiting in Columbia, Mo.

### MOLINE, ILL., NEWS.

Miss Clara Tarver is spending the holidays in Chicago.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander of St. Paul are in the city visiting relatives.  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Curtis of Chicago are in the city and will spend the winter at the L. B. Tarver residence.

Mr. Henry Wood is spending the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Frank Rodgers of Chicago.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bellfield Nusence of Bloomfield are visiting at the Clarence Epps residence on Thirty-first street.

Mr. Will Ingram spent Xmas in Peoria and Galesburg.  
The Misses Allie May and Virgie Hunter have returned to their home in Macon, Mo., after an extended visit with their auntie, Mrs. Eugene Bradshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bradley spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Cooper of Clinton.  
Mrs. John L. Jones was called suddenly to Chicago to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Pollard,

who is seriously ill.  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tarver and Mr. Lawrence Tarver are on the sick list.

The Aid society are arranging for a social and concert to be held January 22d at the A. M. E. church. A play, "The Two Sisters," will be rendered by a well selected cast.  
Mr. Milton Ritchie and daughters, Mrs. Marion Scott and Mrs. Henry Robinson, were called to Peoria on account of the serious illness of Mr. Henry Ritchie.  
Mr. Ben Walkup is on the sick list.

### ST. JOSEPH, MO., NOTES.

Mr. B. D. Rutledge, an employe of the Burlington Route, spent the holidays in Chicago with relatives and friends.  
Dr. F. N. Goodson spent Xmas day with his parents at Carrollton.

Rev. J. H. Brooks has been suffering from an attack of the la grippe for the past week, but is convalescent.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Carriger of 711 Albermarle street had a few of their friends for their dinner guests Xmas afternoon. The dining room was nicely decorated and lighted candles added beauty to the decorations.

The members of the Whatsoever club received their friends at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Perkins, 705 Pendleton street, on New Year's day and a large number of their friends called during the reception hours and a dainty luncheon was served.

The pupils of Mrs. Stella May Hill gave a recital at the Francis Street Baptist church last Friday night. The attendance was very large. As stated before by the Bystander representative, Mrs. Hill is the best pianist in this city also a good instructor, as all her pupils show improvement at the recitals. She also has a number of white pupils. We are glad that our people are beginning to give a large patronage to classic entertainments.

By perusing the program of the Interstate Literary society, which was in session at Atchison, Kans., this week, we find the names of the following persons from this city on the program: Prof. B. T. Perkins, J. H. Simms, W. H. Jones, J. H. Coleman, Mrs. Ida Walker, Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, Raymond Robinson, the Misses Blanche DeBoe, Hallie Claybourne and J. Redmon.

A Christmas cantata, "The Manger Throne," by Manney, was rendered by the choir of the Francis Street Baptist church last Sunday night, under the direction of Miss Verta Cochran. The soprano solo by Mrs. Ada Duncan and the duet by Miss L. Moore and Mr. W. A. Brown, Jr., were rendered in a very acceptable manner and they were the recipients of many compliments. Had the choir more members the choruses would have been more effective.

Dr. Wm. Lawrie and little son of Columbia, Mo., who spent most of the holidays with relatives and friends in this city, have returned home.  
Miss Annie Lewis of 520 South Seventeenth street entertained a few of her friends at dinner last Sunday evening in honor of Miss Childs, who is one of the holiday visitors. Miss Lewis being a caters, it is unnecessary for us to attempt to say what good things to eat.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Carpenter of 501 South Eighteenth street gave a party for their son last Friday night and a number of his young friends were present to enjoy the evening.

One of the pretty informal parties that was given during the Yuletide season was the one given by Miss Mayme Hundley at her home, 604 South Seventeenth street, last Monday night in honor of her guest, Miss Childs, of Carrollton. Whist and dancing were enjoyed until after 11:30, when a four-course luncheon was served by Mrs. Hundley, assisted by the Mesdames J. H. Coleman and P. Garnett.

Dr. Louis, a dentist, who has been practicing in Coffeyville, Kans., for several years, has decided to locate in our city and will soon have his office open for the reception of patients. He is a graduate of Meharry and with several years of practical experience is no doubt prepared to render good service.

Miss Cora Childs of Carrollton, who has been the guest of Miss Mayme Hundley the past week, will return home Saturday. She was the recipient of a number of social functions during her visit.  
Miss Bessie Lee, who is now a student at the Perry sanitarium in Kansas City, was among the visitors in our city this week.

The students who are attending the different colleges and universities and have been spending the vacation at their homes, will leave tomorrow and Sunday to resume their studies.

### A NICE WEDDING AT ANAMOS.

(Special to Bystander.)  
A wedding was solemnized at high noon Christmas day at Anamosa, Iowa, that will be of interest to people of Des Moines and Colfax, when Mae Virden was united in marriage to Harry L. Lewis of Fort Dodge, Rev. J. Jasper Jones officiating.

Only the family and most intimate friends were present. The happy couple left on the 7:04 train for Fort Dodge, where the groom has a position with the cooperage factory. At home after January 1, 1914, at 445 Tenth avenue south, Fort Dodge.

### ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Rev. J. W. Whitfield preached an able sermon at 11 a. m. to the Sunday school. He discussed, "Why We Celebrate Xmas." The majority of

the Sunday school remained to hear the sermon, which was a soul-stirring one.

The Standard Literary society of the McKinley Baptist church will be rejuvenated after four weeks' rest. The literary was stopped on account of revivals which have been in progress. The first meeting will be held January 6, 1914. The principal business will be the election of officers.

Rumor has it that Mrs. John Blackwell is to take her departure for Chicago, where her husband, Mr. Blackwell, has opened an undertaking establishment. Mrs. Blackwell is the organist for the choir at McKinley Chapel. The church as well as the community, will feel the loss of Mrs. Blackwell.

Mr. Freddie Slaughter is home spending his vacation with his parents.  
Miss Elizabeth Bell returned to her home in Iowa City last Sunday.  
Mrs. R. D. Pollard and granddaughter returned home last week.

Mr. Baine of Muscatine is visiting a few days with his auntie, Mrs. George Pearson.  
Mr. James Ligons visited a few days in Chicago last week.  
The Ladies' Federation Club of Arts held its memorial last Sunday afternoon at Wayman chapel in honor of the president, Mrs. Lewis. Quite a number turned out from the Moline clubs.

### ST. PAUL BUDGETARIAN.

A Happy New Year to all.  
Appropriate exercises were held at the Baptist, Presbyterian and St. James A. M. E. churches on Christmas night by the Sunday schools. A large crowd attended each church. At the Baptist church an original drama was presented by the young boys and girls.

The choir of St. James church rendered the beautiful cantata, entitled "The Messiah's Advent," Sunday evening.  
Mr. Samuel Lewis passed away Sunday evening, after a prolonged illness at his home on Western avenue. His funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from St. James church, under the auspices of Douglass lodge, G. U. O. F. He leaves to mourn his loss a loving wife, one daughter and one son, besides a host of friends.

Miss Albertta Bell is spending the holidays in St. Louis, the guest of her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Brooks.  
Mrs. W. B. Tandy of Rondo is visiting her old home in Kentucky. She will be gone about a month.

Misses Eunice Hoage and Opal Wade have issued invitations for a holiday party Friday, January 2, from 5 to 8 p. m. at 590 Charles street.  
Mr. G. C. Terry of Sherburne avenue is convalescent, after a severe spell of sickness.

Mesdames Anna Hughes and Blanche Charleston are both confined to the hospital at this writing. We wish for them a speedy recovery.  
The ball given by the Shriners on Monday evening, December 29th, was a swell affair. Everybody was out in their best frocks and frills and a delightful time was enjoyed by the very large crowd present.

Mrs. Mary Hatcher is expected home this week from an extended visit in her old Kentucky home. She will be welcomed home by her many friends.  
Miss Alice Vassar, one of our popular young ladies, was very quietly married to Mr. J. Sutton of Canada on the 22nd of December at the home of the bride on Rondo street.

The Excelsior club will keep open house at St. James church New Year's day from 2 to 8 p. m.  
The famous H. Y. W. K. club, or better known as the Hikers, certainly put on a stunt when they entertained their friends at a progressive dinner Friday evening, December 26th. The dinner was served in courses, starting at the residence of Mrs. Taylor on St. Albans street, thence to Mrs. Duckets, on to Mrs. T. H. Lyles, from there they sped across the street to Mrs. Quarles, and on to Mesdames Crawford's and Blackie's, ending up at the home of Mrs. L. Lawrence. Everybody enjoyed the dinner as well as the hike. The club feels proud of their success and will serve lunch at the meeting of the trustees election at St. James church Tuesday evening, January 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Parker enjoyed a pleasant outing Christmas day at Anoka, the guests of the Arnold family.  
Mrs. B. J. Edwards and little daughter, Benneta, are spending the holidays in Chicago.

The beautiful drama, "Hickory Farm," will be presented soon, under the management of Mrs. Mattie R. Hicks and a strong cast of characters. Proceeds for the benefit of the Benevolent association.

### CLARINDA, IOWA.

Misses Arnett, Johnson and Moss, also Messrs. Cook, Gipson and Griggs, attended a banquet at Creston given in honor of Richard Pringle's minstrel troupe.  
Mr. Thomas Dunn has been ill, also Mrs. Dunn with an abscess on foot.

Mr. Charlie Oldham has been suffering with rheumatism.  
Rev. Mitchell has been enjoying a visit from his son and daughter during the week.  
Mrs. Lottie Williams of Peoria, Ill., is visiting E. B. Cook and family.

Mrs. Birdie Matthews of Burlington attended the K. P. banquet.  
Messrs. Herman Griggs, Frank Matthews and Miss Sallie Able visited Mrs. Lizzie Washington in Corning, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Jones, Jr., took Xmas dinner with their mother, Mrs. T. G. Jones, Sr.  
Watch meeting will be observed at both churches.  
A winter picnic was given by Mrs. Cook, in which free dinner was given to every colored child and all greatly enjoyed the treat.

Miss Susie Lee of Des Moines is visiting her mother, Mrs. T. Lee.  
The K. P. annual banquet was held at the Armory on December 24th. Covers were laid for eighty-five. Installation of officers for the ensuing year was conducted by State Grand Chancellor L. W. Williams. Then the grand march, after which a lengthy program was given.

### DAVENPORT NOTES.

#### Death of a Bright Young Man.

Mrs. William Piper, who spent Xmas with her parents at the old home in Pontiac, Ill., returned home on the 27th of December, 1913, bringing her mother, Mrs. Robert Oas, home with her, who will visit in Davenport for an indefinite time.  
Mr. Linsey Pitts, Jr., remains very sick at this writing at the residence of his brother, Richard, on East Tenth street.  
Mr. William Shepard of N. Grand avenue is confined to his home with rheumatism.

Little Rex Henry is some better.  
Mrs. Chas. Cain of South Harrison street entertained for Christmas breakfast. This is an annual custom of Lady Cain. She laid covers for twenty-four invited guests and everything that goes to make up a full and complete Christmas breakfast was considered.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. O'Neal of West Ninth street served Christmas dinner. Covers were laid for five guests.  
The Misses Clara and Beulah Tomlin of Muscatine, Iowa, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Buckner over Christmas.

The Christmas tree at the Second Baptist church Wednesday evening was well attended. Everybody received an Xmas token.  
The members of the T. L. O. club entertained December 31st at the residence of the vice president, Mrs. Emma Brooks, West Ninth street.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fuqua laid covers for twelve guests at their residence on December 30th at 7 o'clock p. m. Among the invited guests were Mrs. Oden of Castor, Wyo., mother of Dr. R. S. Taylor.

Mr. Cass Lambert of South Rock Island, but a member of Bethel A. M. E. church of this city, is very sick at this writing. Many prayers are going up for his speedy recovery by his many friends in the tri-cities.  
As we go to press arrangements are being made for a big watch meeting at both of the churches. The A. M. E. church will serve its annual New Year's breakfast at the close of the watch meeting.

Wishing all a Happy New Year.  
Lyman Kenneth Sheppard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman H. Sheppard, was born in Davenport, Iowa, June 15, 1896, and died in Davenport, Iowa, December 26, 1913, being at the time of his death 17 years, 5 months and 6 days of age. He finished the public schools of Davenport and entered the high school, but did not complete the course of studies that he had taken up. He was a member of the A. M. E. Sunday school, the Twentieth Century club and the Boys' Athletic club. He was also a member of Davenport Buchanan alumni. Those left to mourn are father and mother, Lyman H. and Mary E. Sheppard, grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Sheppard, three sisters, Irene, Vivian and Helen, two brothers, Charles E. and Sylvester G., uncles and aunts and a host of friends.

Mrs. William Cain is quite sick at the Henry Allen home, her parents.  
The Christmas program and banquet for Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday school was the most unique and best attended in the history of the school. The superintendent and pastor are delighted over the appreciation shown the Sunday school. Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Stovall have been made happy many times since their coming to Davenport, some five years ago, but they say this was the crowning Xmas of them all.  
Mr. R. T. Hastings, who has been in Wisconsin for the past six weeks, returned to Davenport in time to spend Xmas.  
The late Lyman K. Sheppard funeral was held from the grandparents' home Sunday at 2 p. m., Rev. F. B. Stovall officiating. Interment at Fairmount cemetery. The pall bearers were six of his schoolmates and club members, Gene Thomas, Louis Henry, Harry Roberts, Thomas Stovall, Oliver Richardson and Allen Bean.

Mr. Dyspeptic would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

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UNDER NEW NAMES

Highly Extravagant Claims Made for Old Plants.

Department of Agriculture Warns Against Certain Class of Advertisements—What the Shaloon Pea and Giant Stock Bean Are.

Washington.—There has recently been a considerable amount of advertising by the press and otherwise, of two beans for which highly extravagant claims are made, and for the seed of which exorbitant prices are being asked.

The Shaloon pea is nothing more nor less than the plant properly known as the Asparagus bean, or Yard-long bean. It is a close relative of the cowpea—in fact, by most botanists considered a mere variety.

The Asparagus bean derives its name from the fact that the young green pods, when used as a vegetable, have somewhat the flavor of asparagus. As a vegetable, the Asparagus bean may come into somewhat more general use than it has in the past, but as a forage crop it has but little merit.

Another plant which has been thoroughly tested, both by the department and the experiment stations—namely, the Jack bean—is also being extravagantly advertised under the name of the Giant Stock Pod bean, or the Wataka bean, the seed being quoted at \$15 per bushel.

IMPROVED VARIETIES OF POTATOES.

American progress in the development of improved varieties of potatoes has not been satisfactory as compared with the progress of leading European countries.

The best European varieties possess a better flavor, color and texture, particularly for boiling and frying, but these do not succeed when introduced into the United States.

In America we have much to accomplish in breeding a potato with a greater starch content.

Our climatic conditions in America are so diverse that we need varieties of potatoes adapted to special localities. Particularly do we need a heat-resistant strain that can more successfully withstand the high summer temperatures.

The breeding of potatoes for different kinds of cooking might even be found profitable. A variety especially suited for baking is needed; another for frying; a close-textured tuber is in some demand for salads.

The use of commercial fertilizers universally in Germany, is unknown in our western potato districts. Certain of our districts in Maine, New York, and the Atlantic trucking belt have already found it to their profit to use more fertilizer and potato growing is most prosperous in these sections.

Years Have Made Little Change. "Do you act toward your wife as you did before you married her?" "Exactly. I remember just how I used to act when I first fell in love with her. I used to hang over the fence in front of her house and gaze at her shadow on the curtain, afraid to go in. And I act just the same way now when I get home late."

Might Explain It. After spending the summer in a mountain hamlet in Tennessee, the visitor hired a native to help pack up as they were engaged in boxing a shelf of books the mountaineer remarked: "Somehow Ah never keered much for books; but," he resumed after a thoughtful pause, "Ah can't read, an' mebbe that had sumpin to do with it."

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by an official inspection which results in certificates being issued only to owners of disease-free crops. Such a plan for the United States would be better if carried out by the co-operation of potato growers' associations, the state experiment stations and the United States department of agriculture, rather than through legal enactment.

VERY APPRECIATIVE.

Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, with an old-time collar showing a large expanse of throat and with a grizzled beard of two or three days of age, was called to the telephone in the Democratic cloakroom on the senate end of the capitol one day during the tariff debate.

"This is Colonel Martin, senator." "Howdy, Kunnel." "We want you to come down to the Cosmos club to dine with us next Wednesday, senator."

"All right, Kunnel, be glad to be there." Whereupon Senator Williams hung up that telephone, went to another instrument and instructed his secretary to indite the date for dinner in the diary.

Half an hour later Colonel Martin telephoned again to the Democratic cloakroom:

"I forgot to say, senator, that the dinner Wednesday night would be in your honor."

"Oh—er—ah—all right!" said the senator.

And then he called up his secretary again: "About that dinner Wednesday night—put it down that it's in my honor and I must shave."

INCREASED PRODUCTION.

A cablegram from the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, Italy, has been received by the United States department of agriculture, containing the following information:

The total production this year in the countries named below (the principal producing countries of the northern hemisphere), of wheat is 9.2 per cent. more, of barley 7.5 per cent. more, and of oats 0.8 per cent. more than produced in the same countries last year.

Prussia, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain and Ireland, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Roumania, Russia in Europe (63 governments), Switzerland, Canada, United States, India, Japan, Russia in Asia (ten governments), Algeria and Tunis.

For European Russia the preliminary figures of production this year are, all wheat 838 million bushels, barley 550 million, oats, 1,101 million.

JUST LIKE THAT!

Representative James R. Mann of Illinois, the Republican leader of the house, is the target for many shots from the Democratic side. He usually returns as good measure as is sent.

Recently Representative Thomas of Kentucky asked for opportunity to make a speech.

"In order to enlighten the darkened intellect of the gentleman from Illinois, I ask that I may have thirty minutes in which to address the house," said Mr. Thomas.

"Mr. Speaker," cried Mr. Mann, jumping up, "I think the gentleman from Kentucky ought to have forty-five minutes, or an hour, at least, if he is going to try to give us any information."

MOST USEFUL WOOD.

From furnishing material for a canoe in which to hunt whales some hundred odd years ago to supplying New England factories of today with 11,000 cords of wood annually for shoe pegs and shanks, according to the department of agriculture, only part of the services the birch tree has rendered and is rendering the people of America.

The range of uses to which birch wood is put is surprisingly large. According to the department, the articles into which it goes range from church pews to kitchen tables, and from organ pipes to newel posts. We may have our first sleep in a birch crib and our last in a birch coffin. The spoons on which we get our cotton and silk threads are birch spoons, and the lasts on which our shoes are made are like those of birch lasts. The largest of the spoons hold 12,000 yards, the smallest 20 yards. The wood's beauty, strength, and rigidity make it prominent as a material for musical instruments, and the same qualities bring it into extensive use for flooring.

Nine species of birch grow in the United States, but sweet, yellow, paper and river birch are those most used. About 45,000,000 board feet of the wood finds its way to the market yearly. Paper birch is one of the few American species with a hold on the forest stronger than it had when America was discovered. Large tracts are now covered with this birch where there was little of it a century ago. It comes in after fire, and some tracts it has taken possession of cover hundreds of square miles.

In the Garage. "I don't like that rubber man who comes in here," said the Auto Wheel. "Why not?" asked the Steering Gear.

"Because," returned the Wheel, with a sarcastic turn, "he makes me tired."

The Reason. "The Venus of Milo was not a suffragette." "How do you know she wasn't?" "Because she couldn't arm herself for the fray."

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AS ENGLISH MAKE PANCAKES

More Elaborate Than the American Type, But Results Are Said to Be Excellent.

English pancakes are not the simple wheat preparations to which Americans are accustomed, but elaborate concoctions. Here are two ways of making them: use the yolks of six eggs and the whites of two, a grated nutmeg, a wineglass of brandy, a pint of cream, with sugar to taste.

For custard pancakes use the yolks of six eggs and the whites of two, a grated nutmeg, a wineglass of brandy, a pint of cream, with sugar to taste. Pass the eggs, when beaten, through a sieve into a basin, shake in the flour and mix it with the eggs. Add the nutmeg, sugar and cream. Stir all well, add the brandy, then the whites, beaten to a snow. Pour the mixture into a small shallow pie dish and set it in a moderately heated oven.

When it is done and cold cut it into slices and then dip each slice into a batter made with cream, eggs, flour and a little grated ginger. Fry them in boiling lard, drain them and send them to the table garnished with half lemons and powdered sugar.

Lancashire pancakes take trouble to make, but are worth the effort. Take the yolks of ten eggs and the whites of five, a quart of cream, six tablespoons of flour, two wineglasses of brandy, one grated nutmeg, a quarter of a pound of Brazil nuts and the same weight of sugar.

Beat the yolks and pass them through a sieve upon the flour in a basin. Stir in the cream and grated nutmeg, then the brandy. Add a pinch of salt, the nut meats sliced as thin as possible, and lastly the whites whipped to a snow. Fry the pancakes in heated butter as thin as a crown piece. Dish about six, one upon another, dusting sugar between them. Serve with half oranges and powdered sugar.

TRY CRANBERRY JELL BLOCK

Not a New Idea, but It Is One That Has Seemingly Been Forgotten for Some Time.

The newest thing in cranberries is cranberry jelly, made solid and stiff, and cut in little blocks. That is not very new, but then styles do not change in cranberries as they change in skirts and bodices, and doubtless the good old cranberry is good enough in the good old ways.

If you wish to serve cranberry jelly in blocks you must make a rich, solid jelly that will hold its shape. Pour it while hot in a flat, square dish—a dripping pan, if it is enameled, for cranberries should never come in contact with tin as the acid in them affects the tin. Have a jelly an inch and a half or two inches thick and when it is cold run a sharp knife in inch-and-a-half or two-inch squares.

This is a recipe for jelly that is hard enough to block: Wash thoroughly a quart of sound cranberries, rejecting any that show a soft spot, and being careful to remove all stems. Put them in a porcelain or granite saucepan with half a cupful of hot water and a heaping cupful of granulated sugar. Cook them in a double boiler rather than over the direct heat. Then run them through a sieve and mold in the flat pan.

A good, old-fashioned rule for the amount of sugar needed for cranberry jelly is this: "Put in all the sugar you can afford to use and then add another cupful." And with very tart berries the allowance of sugar given above might need to be increased.

Green Pea Croquettes.

Boil the peas tender in enough salted water just to cover them, put through the vegetable press, beat to a paste with a tablespoonful of butter and two of flour, pepper and salt to taste, set over the fire in a double boiler and when hot through add a well-beaten egg and cook for one minute. Set aside until the mixture is stiff and then make into croquettes. Roll these in beaten egg and fine crumbs and let them stand in a cold place or on the ice for half an hour before frying them to a delicate brown in deep fat. Drain on brown paper in a colander before sending to the table.

Stuffs for Window Hanging.

In selecting goods for window hangings the first thing to consider is the character and exposure of the room they are to adorn. For an informal treatment there are few rooms in which the printed cretonnes will not be suitable and eminently satisfactory. They possess the great merit of being inexpensive, they are cheerful in appearance and are usually of good design. In nearly every large shop may be found a full assortment of qualities and patterns.

Cookies.

One-half cup melted shortening, one-fourth cup molasses, one-fourth cup sugar, one-half cup milk (sweet or sour), one-half teaspoon salt, one even teaspoon soda, one heaping teaspoon ginger. Flour to make as stiff as cookies. Flour the hands and make little balls size of English walnut, put on tin about an inch or two apart and bake. They will spread, but should not be soft enough to run together.

Mutton Broth.

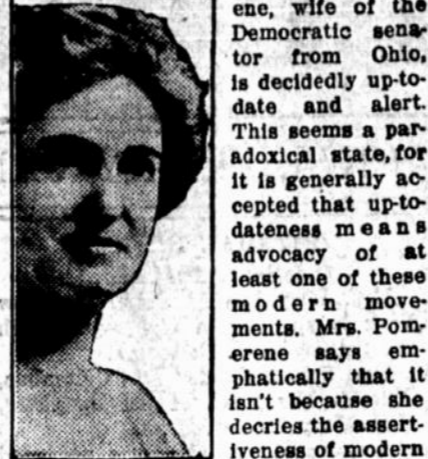
Three pounds mutton, two quarts cold water, one teaspoon salt, few grains pepper, one-quarter cup barley. Wash and soak barley over night, cut into pieces. Put in kettle with bones and seasoning and cover with cold water. Bring to boiling point and simmer until meat is tender. Strain. Remove fat. Reheat and add barley and cook until barley is tender.

Crystallized Popcorn.

Put into a kettle one tablespoonful of butter, three tablespoonfuls of water and one teaspoonful of white sugar. Boil until ready to candy, then throw in as much popcorn as the mixture will hold and boil briskly until all the corn is coated. The fire should not be too hot or the corn will scorch before crystallizing. Nuts of any kind may be treated in the same way.—Martha Tatt Westworth.

FINDS GREAT HAPPINESS IN "KEEPING HOUSE"

Suffragist, economist, socialist, feminist—any of these? No; yet Mrs. Alice Pomerene, wife of the Democratic senator from Ohio, is decidedly up-to-date and alert.

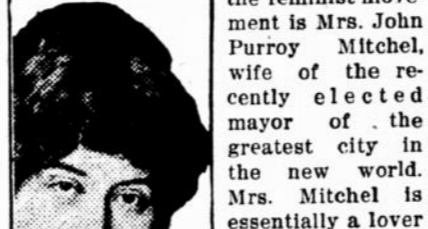


She takes no part in their attempts to solve some of the problems of the day. She believes decidedly that a woman may spend much of her time rubbing up against the great world of men and events and yet remain all that is attractive and admirable in womankind. But as for herself—well, "somehow," says this pretty, blue-eyed lady with a contented smile, "the rule of wife seems to occupy me to the exclusion of any other. I have no hobby except my home and I like to cook and keep house better than anything else."

It is a cheery place—the Pomerene apartment in Washington—with its fine old pieces of mahogany, its rugs and cushions and great bowls of yellow flowers and foliage. The feminine touch is everywhere present and one knows, instinctively, that the woman who presides over this abode could make a home even under the bleakest and most forbidding of conditions. She sat in her drawing room the other day submitting to an "interview" and, as is her charming way, that somewhat chilling undertaking was speedily turned into a visit, much to the reporter's delight.

ACCOMPLISHED WIFE OF NEW YORK'S MAYOR

A woman of domestic tastes, artistic in temperament and holding aloof from the strife of the feminist movement is Mrs. John Purroy Mitchel, wife of the recently elected mayor of the greatest city in the new world.



Mrs. Mitchel is twenty-four and was married at twenty. Her husband has been so busy that the happy couple, who by the way first met at a dance, have not had time until the present to take their honeymoon and they are now at Panama on the first real vacation they have had together. On several occasions, however, Mrs. Mitchel accompanied her husband on short hunting trips, for Mr. Mitchel likes the wilds and Mrs. Mitchel is as fond of outdoors as the newly-elected mayor. Mrs. Mitchel is of somewhat of an athlete, besides, and to this diversion she owes much of the erectness and gracefulness of her figure.

Therefore, Mrs. is a busy woman.

JOHN J. ESCH IS LAUREATE OF THE HOUSE

Representative John J. Esch of Wisconsin has won much credit for the introduction of the steel car on railroads; yet this is only one of the many safety devices he has fathered in his political life.



But Mr. Esch does not devote his entire time to such serious matters. On the contrary, he has been known to mount Pegasus. Some months ago he went on a trip down in southern waters and en route home sighted, 90 miles off the coast of Cuba, a small, rock isle which is right in the way of ships sailing through the Windward Passage. The name of the island is Navassa.

What subterranean power, now at rest beneath the Caribbean's storm-ridden breast, caused thee to rise with dangerous shore Athwart our course from days of yore?—Navassa.

Tell us the tragedies of thy rocks: Can one be guileless who ever rocks the prayers of those in stress and pain Who thought to shun thee, but in vain?—Navassa.

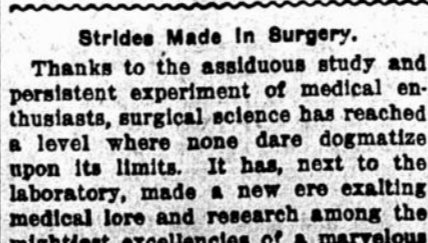
Inhospitable thou art, and to be feared As much as those embattled rocks that rear Their rugged fronts at far-off Roncador Or at Montez's sentry at Corregidor—Navassa.

Soon may thy reign of terror end And welcome lights their rays extend To gladden the weary, storm-tossed sailor's sight On ships that pass by in the night—Navassa.

The bill for the lighthouse on Navassa island passed the house, carrying a good appropriation for this work. And now when the beams glint out across the billowy deep from this storm-bound isle the mariner will have to bless John J. Esch.

IT ALL DEPENDS UPON THE POINT OF VIEW

"It all depends upon the point of view," said Senator Dillingham, of Vermont. "These political discussions around here, which convince no one except the persons talking, remind me of a farmer from my own state."



"I had been traveling all day in a buggy with a friend. First we would strike a grade that would take us up—up for five miles and then down—down for five miles. At the top of the enormous climb we saw the farmer in a fence corner. My friend asked him in jocular vein if there were 'any mountains around here.'"

Strides Made in Surgery.

Thanks to the assiduous study and persistent experiment of medical enthusiasts, surgical science has reached a level where none dare denigrate upon its limits. It has, next to the laboratory, made a new era exalting medical lore and research among the mightiest excellencies of a marvelous age. Sufferers whose desperate plight was once judged hopeless have the greatest reason to rejoice over the victories of surgical research and experiment.

Why Spain Lags Behind.

In thousands of villages and small towns in the interior of Spain no one knows how to read or write. There are in Spain 30,000 rural villages without schools of any kind and many thousands which can be reached only by a bridge path, there being no high roads or railway communication of any kind. Attendance at board schools is voluntary, not obligatory. Seventy-six per cent. of the children in Spain are illiterate, and this is especially noticeable in the capital.

"The things that I am able to do are all directly or indirectly of a domestic nature," she confessed in the course of the conversation. "When I was a child I was weak and delicate, so my education was received at home, part of the time from a tutor. There were months when I did no studying at all. In this way, it seems to me always, the foundation of my training was not very solid. I never feel that I know a great deal about any one subject. My fund of information is general in character, never special. I have the greatest respect for the person who knows his subject from every standpoint."

"I think," she smiled, "that people are the most interesting part of life. One of the reasons that Washington is considered such an attractive residential city is the opportunity it affords for meeting people of varied sorts in such widely different walks of life."

Senator and Mrs. Pomerene have been married 21 years. It is only since their marriage that Mr. Pomerene had held public office, with the exception of municipal positions in connection with his law practice in Canton. He was lieutenant governor of Ohio before he came to the senate.

In the past the wife of a statesman could help his material advancement by keeping his house in order and making his friends—political or otherwise—comfortable. Nowadays another channel is open to her. She may even make stump speeches for him, either actually or through the indirect method of talking state and national politics along with her woman's suffrage.

But not Mrs. Pomerene. She is of the old-fashioned school, and she believes—so does her husband, for that matter—that her way is effective. "Active participation in the affairs of a statesman's household is not my idea of the way a wife can help him most successfully," she said emphatically. "I believe in filling his life so completely from every angle that his business will be his only care."

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Since then the widower has made an annual trip to this country about the anniversary of her death, and when the boat reaches the latitude and longitude where the partner of his joys and sorrows was buried he scatters a quantity of flowers on the waves.

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CUPID ON STEAMERS

Many Romances Started on Big Ocean Liners.

Captains of Transatlantic Steamships Who Have Been Kind to Ardent Swains—Marriage Is Often the Sequel.

Cupid is nowhere in a mere frolicsome mood than on board ship, and he plays his pranks impartially in saloon and stowage alike. There is never a long voyage without at least one romance in which he figures. London Answers states.

A Manchester man who settled in Canada prospered so well that he was soon able to send to England enough money for the passage of his bride. On the day she should have arrived he went up to the station to meet her—vainly. He then made inquiries, and ultimately discovered that she landed safely at Quebec, but left the train at Montreal, placing her luggage in the office there in her own name, and subsequently claiming it as Mrs. —.

As the name she gave on the second occasion was that of a man who had been among her fellow passengers, her old lover did not make further investigations.

There was a singular parallel to this incident about twelve months ago. An engineer who had been in Australia two or three years went to Sydney to meet his bride to be whose passage money he had sent to England. And he did meet her—with a man whom she liked better! The two had fallen in love with each other during the voyage and she had thrown over her betrothed.

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WHOLE STATE SOLD

Manuscript in New York Library Tells of Transfer.

Mirrors Part of Price, Also Twelve Horses, Cattle, Paint and \$125 Included in Payment to Indiana by Land Company.

The first real estate transfer in this state occurred in 1773. The whole state was sold. The price, paid to a number of Indian chiefs by English promoters, was \$125, a dozen horses, a dozen cattle, three dozen looking glasses and a lot of tobacco, brass kettles, vermilion, knives, gun powder, breechcloths and blankets.

These facts were testified to in a contemporary manuscript included in the Henry Ward of New York city. The library will be sold at auction in New York on Friday of this week.

The manuscript is the record-book of "The United Illinois and Ouabache Land Companies" and contains transcripts of deeds to "Several Large and Fertile Tracts of Land on the Rivers Mississippi, Illinois, Ohio and Ouabache and their Branches and Waters," subscribed to by the chiefs and sachems of the various tribes of the Illinois and Piankashaw Indians, dated respectively at Kaskaskia and Port St. Vincent, 1773 and 1775.

It contains also other historical records of the companies' resolutions and other transactions. It consists of 40 folio pages, closely written.

The "Large and Fertile Tracts" which were conveyed comprise all of what is now the state of Illinois. They were sold to William Murray and his associates, who were the promoters of the land company.

The manuscript also gives contemporary testimony as to the meaning of the word Chicago, mentioning "Chicago or Garlick Creek" in its description of the property sold.

The tracts conveyed were bounded by "Haron Creek, Hilly Plains, Crabtree Plains, Big Buffalo House, seven leagues or thereabouts to the Ohio and Mississippi; also from the mouth of the Illinois River to Chicago or Garlick Creek—thence to an ancient battlefield and two remarkable hills as well as the Foggy Spring and the White Buffalo Plain," and so on.

In the manuscript is included resolutions respecting the laying out of towns and plantations at the junction of the Mississippi and Ohio, the Ouabache (Wabash) and Ohio, and the Illinois and Mississippi rivers, with directions as to the making of streets, alleys and public buildings

BURLINGTON ITEMS.

(Special to the Bystander.) The children of the A. M. E. Sunday school rendered a very nice program at the church Xmas eve, under the auspices of Mrs. B. R. Penn and Mrs. Wm. Stevens. The church was beautifully decorated with the Xmas decorations. Light refreshments were served by the stewardesses after the program. The young people of the Baptist Sunday school rendered a nice program Xmas eve, after which supper was served by the ladies of the church. The choir was reorganized last Friday evening at the parsonage. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Mr. A. Akeman; secretary, Mrs. B. R. Penn; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Stevens; pianist, Mr. Geo. King. The Willing Workers club is requested by the president, Mrs. Ella Hughes, to meet at the parsonage on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Janet Craig will entertain the Missionary society at the parsonage Monday afternoon. The stewardess board will meet on Thursday, January 1, 1914, at the home of the president, Mrs. L. Bender. Mr. Charley McGintus of Aletta, Ill., spent Xmas day in this city. Mr. Abel, who is employed in Springfield, Ill., spent a few days at his home in this city visited with relatives in Clarinda and Corning, Iowa, during the holidays. Rev. B. R. Penn and family, Mr. Ray and family and Mrs. H. Early were entertained at dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross. Mr. A. Boyd was called home on account of the serious illness of his wife, Mrs. Katie Boyd. Little Ruth and Otto Penn, who have been confined to their home with the chickenpox, are able to be out again. Mrs. Elizabeth Monroe died very suddenly Sunday evening, December 21st, and was buried Wednesday afternoon from Prug's Chapel. She leaves a daughter, Hazel, 13 years of age, who has the heartfelt sympathy of this community. Rev. Broyles of Rock Island, Ill., was in the city last week in the interest of his school. He gave an interesting talk at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening. Stomach Trouble Cured. If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all dealers.

HEALTH HINTS.

By A. J. Booker, M. D. The temperance people make a great mistake by attempting to appeal to sentiment rather than to logic and the practical side of the question. There are otherwise good people, whom we all know, that take a drink whenever they desire and seem to be no worse for the poison. All of us can remember when the "so-called" best lawyers and doctors were men who drank a great deal. The order is changed now and people want sober men to attend their affairs, even bartenders who do not drink are in greater demand than those who get on ahead. Putting aside the morals and the sentiment, the habitual drinker pays a heavy price for his pleasure. He is considered a more hazardous risk by the life insurance companies, the accident companies are not anxious to take them; there is no disease in which the drinker has a better chance than the abstainer. No great athlete was ever a great drinker; as a matter of fact men will invariably bet against the drinker, and nothing so soon causes a man to lose the confidence of the sporting fraternity than the fact that he begins to drink. There was never a time when there was so many sober business men as today, for the simple reason men have come to see through experience and advice that their health and capacities were better if they let the stuff alone than if they had to spend time getting their heads clear and running around getting a brace. The Pennsylvania Railroad company some years ago put up a bulletin which had such a statement in it: "If ten drinks of whiskey makes a man drunk, one drink makes him one-tenth drunk"; so if any of their employees needed one drink every day they might look for other jobs, since the equipment of the road was too valuable to entrust to men whose judgment had been impaired by liquor. Men take it when they are sad to make them happy; they take it when they are happy to make them miserable after the natural and stimulated joy has fled. They take it in summer to make them cool and in winter to make them warm; they take it when they are sorry and when they are glad; when they are sick they take it to make them well, and when they are well they take it to make them sick, after they try to sober up. There seems to be no real reason we should have alcohol except to dilute paint, burn in lamps and pickle things in. I mean things we do not want to eat. To sum it up in a few words, the only justification for the use of the stuff is the fact that a few thousands of people will "put an enemy into their mouth to steal away their brains" and health and resistance to disease. Fever Sores. Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all dealers.

MASONIC NOTES.

The official roster of the M. W. U. G. L. for Iowa and jurisdiction of A. F. & A. M., 1914: M. W. G. M.—John L. Thompson, 201 W. Seventh St., Des Moines, Iowa. R. W. D. G. M.—H. E. Williams, Ottumwa, Iowa. R. W. G. G. W.—S. Joe Brown, 507 Mulberry street, Des Moines, Iowa. R. W. J. G. W.—C. F. Davis, 1210 Seventh avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa. R. W. G. T.—M. O. Culberson, 334 Eleventh avenue, Clinton, Iowa. R. W. G. Sec.—W. W. Gross, 1312 High street, Keokuk, Iowa. R. W. G. Reviewer—Geo. L. Suter, Marshalltown, Iowa. Place of holding the next annual meeting is in Buxton, Iowa, Tuesday, July 14, 1914. Cedar Grove lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M., Buxton, Iowa. Regular meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in each month at 7:30. Jas. A. Spears, W. M.; R. G. Potter, Sec'y. CHIPS FROM THE QUARRY. A Happy New Year and a prosperous season this Masonic year is the sincere wish of your Grand Master. Let our New Year resolution be to meet upon the level walk by the plumb and part upon the square. Our courts, our Eastern Stars, our Sir Knights of the Commandery and Chapters are all busy, so let the blue house set up their light. The minimum fee for the degrees in the Chicago lodges (white) has been fixed at \$75.00 by their grand lodge. Grand Master Nelson C. Crews of Missouri is starting the new year out with greetings to his sister grand jurisdiction in the form of a beautiful postcard with a Masonic ode. Recently the degrees were given a lodge in Arizona in the grand canyon. The first was conferred in the bottom of the grand canyon, the second on a ledge midway and the third on a flat rock on top edge of the immense chasm. These unique ceremonies were witnessed by a large number of brethren. Tidings From the Grand East. The annual official visit of the Grand Master of the M. W. United Grand Lodge of Iowa and Jurisdiction are as follows: Monday, Jan. 12—With Mt. Olive No. 17, Cedar Rapids. Tuesday, Jan. 13—With Eureka No. 20, Marshalltown. Thursday, Jan. 15—With Dubuque No. 29, Dubuque. Friday, Jan. 16—With McNeil, No. 21, Clinton. Saturday, Jan. 17—With Hiram, No. 19, Davenport. Monday, Jan. 19—With Sumner, No. 3, Burlington. Tuesday, Jan. 20—Union, No. 1, Keokuk. Wednesday, Jan. 21—With Golden Star, No. 4, Ottumwa. Thursday, Jan. 22—With Cedar Grove, No. 13, Buxton. Friday, Jan. 30—With Decatur, No. 14, Sioux City. Saturday, Jan. 31—With Twin City No. 32, Council Bluffs. Monday, Feb. 2—Rescue, No. 25, Omaha, Neb. Tuesday, Feb. 3—With Golden Circle U. D., Clarinda. Monday, Feb. 9—Maple Grove, No. 16, Oskaloosa. Thursday, Feb. 5—North Star, No. 2, Des Moines. Thursday, Feb. 19—Doric, No. 30, Des Moines. These dates are subject to changes. COUNCIL BLUFFS ITEMS. Christmas eve will long be remembered by the children, members and friends of Bethel A. M. E. church. A lovely program was rendered by the Sunday school. After the program all were invited downstairs, where the tree stood, with all its beauty and laden with many gifts. After the gifts were all distributed, ice cream, coice and sandwiches were served. At the Baptist Tabernacle church Christmas eve at 8 o'clock a lovely program was rendered. The tree was most beautifully decorated and laden with beautiful gifts. Much credit is due Miss Laura Lullford for the splendid elicits put forth to make the program the very best. Miss Lullford is a stranger in our city, but is willing to do what her hands find to do. Preparations are being made for a great meeting Wednesday night, December 31, at Bethel A. M. E. church. Luncheon served free at the conclusion of meeting. Mr. P. J. Richardson and Mr. S. Ward are spending their holidays at Atchison, Kans., with Mr. Ward's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cave had as their guests on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chambers, Mr. M. J. Allen of Lincoln, Neb., Mr. R. M. Brown of Cripple Creek, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gaskin of Omaha. Rev. J. H. Ferrabee was the guest at an old fashioned duck dinner on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Russell. Mrs. F. Means and two children went to spend the holidays with her brother in Nebraska. Mrs. E. Anderson is spending the holidays with her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. V. Robinson. The marriage of Miss Erma Helen McRaven Davis to Mr. Porfirio Estrada at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Davis, was a most beautiful one. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Chas. Davis. The Rev. J. H. Ferrabee performed the ceremony. Rev. J. H. Ferrabee was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. Davis at turkey dinner Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. G. Rose will entertain at an 11 o'clock breakfast December 30th Rev. J. H. Ferrabee and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Chicago.

Mr. L. Binger is still in the hospital. Mrs. Chas. Hall is sick at this writing at her home on Sixth avenue. Mrs. A. Berry is on the sick list, but is much better at this writing.

GALESBURG, ILL.

Rev. S. B. Moore, P. E. of the Des Moines district, visited his family here last week. The baby show which was given December 23 at Allen Chapel was a decided success, over \$100 being raised. The first prize, a gold watch, was won by Carey Arnett Brown; second prize, a silver cup, to Jessie Harmon; the third prize, a silver spoon, was given Lucile Clarke. Miss Thelma Scott of Omaha is visiting her grandparents. Misses Marie and Dorothy Hawkins have returned from a pleasant visit with relatives in Hannibal, Mo. Miss Nettie Perry and Claude Allison were united in marriage December 26th. The young couple have many friends who wish them success. Mr. Charles F. Hamilton returned to Chicago on Friday, after a short visit here with friends. Mrs. R. E. Lyons and son are spending the holidays in Davenport. Mr. Reub Holk was a visitor in Keokuk last week. Mr. and Mrs. Bird of Omaha are spending a few days with Mrs. C. Kipper.

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