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CITY NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of 1315 McCormick street are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, born Wednesday, January 14th. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Here is a list of letters held at The Bystander office that have not been called for: Mrs. Nettie Riley, Miss Mayrie Bell, Mrs. Birdie Wells and Mrs. Nancy Hart, all of Des Moines.

Mrs. Ruth B. Bright of Davenport, Grand Worthy Matron of Electa Grand Chapter of Iowa O. E. S. will make her official visit to Princess Ozil Chapter No. 9 on next Thursday evening.

Miss Mabel Morgan of Sioux City who is attending the State University at Iowa City, is in our city spending the holidays, the guest of Mrs. Geo. W. Wells of Highland Park.

Those who went to Mason City to set up a new Masonic lodge Wednesday were John L. Thompson, S. Joe Brown, H. E. Jacobs, Dr. A. J. Booker and James B. Mitchell.

Mrs. Ruth B. Bright, G. W. M. of O. E. S., will make her official visit to Princess Zorah chapter on next Friday, January 23. All members are requested to be present at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Bryant Carr of 1329 School street very delightfully entertained Mrs. Chas. Comley of Webster City, Iowa, and daughter, Mrs. Edith Strawthers, of this city at breakfast Sunday morning.

Mrs. Pearl Thompson was hostess Monday evening to the members of the Mary Church Terrell club. After the installation of officers the members held a review of English literature. Refreshments were served.

The Wednesday Night club met with Mrs. Harry Seymour. The game of bridge was played and prize awarded to Miss Adah Hyde. Refreshments were served and the club will meet next week with Mrs. Edith Strawthers.

At the meeting of the Bridge club Thursday evening with Miss Gertrude Hyde the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Harry Seymour; vice president, Mrs. Carrie Stone; secretary, Miss Adah Hyde; treasurer, Mrs. Louise Gray; reporter, Miss Gertrude Hyde. Refreshments were served.

The Woman's Aid society held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Anna Lewis, 710 East Thirteenth street, January 9th. At the close of the meeting covers were laid for nine. A two-course luncheon was served. All expressed themselves as having a most enjoyable evening. Mrs. Mattie Brooks, 1623 Searl street, will be hostess at our next meeting, January 16th.

The Intellectual Improvement club met at the home of Mrs. S. Joe Brown last Friday. After the general routine of business the newly elected officers were installed by Mrs. John Wilkinson. An interesting talk was made by Mrs. J. H. McClain, the retiring president, after which Mrs. F. P. Johnson, the newly elected president, made some interesting remarks. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Harvey Brown. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Richard Allen Aid society enjoyed a social session on last Thursday evening at the residence of Atty. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown. The guests for the most part included those persons who assisted Mrs. Brown in the bazaar given in November for the benefit of the social science department of the National Association of Colored Women. One of the principal features of the evening was a program in which the following persons responded, Mrs. S. C. Phillips of Holly Springs, Miss., and Mrs. S. N. Gowen of Wastika, Ill.

Mr. Wm. Jones entertained a company of friends last Friday evening as a farewell courtesy for Miss Evelyn Kintchloe of Shelbina, Mo., who returned to her home Monday, after an extended visit. It was a 9:30 luncheon favor at the Palace Sweet, and covers were laid for twenty-four. The tables were beautifully decorated with patriotic colors. Short talks from those present characterized the after dinner hours.

Be it resolved that we, the members of Independence lodge, No. 4, K. of P., seeing that it has pleased the Almighty God to take from us our brother, Luther Moody, wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to his widowed wife, Mrs. Bessie Moody, and to all other of his bereaved relatives and friends.

May the Lord bless and keep you all forever.

Done by order of Independence lodge, No. 4, K. of P., of East Des Moines, Iowa.

George Henry, C. C.
Robert Couch, V. C.
C. E. Trent, M. of W.
Richard White, P.
Ben Manuel, M. of F.
W. W. Ewing, K. of R. & S.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Coalson is some better at this writing.

SHOULD WE REGRET.

There are forces in human life which are constantly pulling it down. There are passions, deep and powerful, which like an awful undertone, such men beneath the surface and choke out their lives in its black and bitter depths. So mighty are the passions, it is no wonder men have shaped their perceptions of them in doctrines of total depravity and the universal ruin of human nature. It is not surprising that they have based their formulated systems of theology on this fearful negation of the primitive and hopeless badness of humanity, and have held that apart from the regenerating and sustaining grace of God, life would be hopeless. There is a fallacy in the assumption that life is, or can be, a thing apart from the grace of God; that God has abandoned, or can abandon, what He has made to a condition of despair, with no divine effort for its restoration. But even so there is a sufficiently somber side to the picture to make us pause now and then when we remember how wicked, how mean, how weak men and women are.

But happily these are not the only forces in human life. There are others, not less significant. Among them is that wonderful quality of spiritual discontent which prompts men to seek for something better than they have known or experienced. There is a tendency in human life to flow downward into the gulf of bestial sensuality; there is another tendency due to an equally significant law of spiritual hydrostatics, which forces the level of responsive life upward toward that of its divine fountain.

In Henley's startling little poem there is yet a ring of fine nobility, "I thank whatever gods may be for my unconquerable soul." One can find a good deal of sympathy with such an expression of gratitude. An unconquerable soul is a thing to be thankful for. But a soul unconquerable by God himself and yet vulnerable to passion and despair, as was that of the poet, is occasion for gratitude of a very qualified and subdued sort, if any. And he who possesses such a soul need not have overmuch pride in his mere spiritual obtuseness; he ought rather to be asking whether in his satisfaction over his unconquerability he has not already surrendered to evil.

But there is an unconquerable element in the soul of man, if we will have it so; it is that upward aspiring tendency which is none other than the spirit of God within the human heart, which is composed of the same elements which shine in the stars; the soul of man is of the same stuff which was in the beginning with God. Science tells us of a reversion to type; there is such a thing as aspiration to type.

God is the normal of the universe. Godward grows normal life as the plant grows upward. This is the unconquerable element of life. Evil can be conquered and evil will be eternally eradicated from the universe of God. The one unconquerable element in human life is the element of goodness. Our regret of the past is half hypocrisy and the other half mostly self-deception. You would do better if you had the past to live over again. Did you do your best and did it turn out badly. Thank God for your good intention and save the regret. You know better now than you did before your failure. Thank God for the knowledge and save the regret. You have done badly and you cannot help regretting it; no, you cannot. But just here is your danger. You are in danger of making a virtue of your regret, and failing to do better. Try not to regret, even when you know that you have done wrong. Do better and let the regret alone. Regret is a hypocrite; his twin brother, aspiration, is often slain by him before the very altar sacrifice. Do not regret; aspire. Do not pretend that you would do better if you had the past back again. Do better in the present.

But someone may ask, Can we have aspiration without regret. Perhaps not. Yet we can certainly vary the proportion. The ratio is not constant; it is often inverse. Alas for the man who is so full of regret that he makes no effort at improvement. Let us admit that we have not our best; do better. This perpetual slandering of the past is like libel upon our friends. And this pretense of a better use of the past is mostly sham.

And yet none of us can pretend to be satisfied with the past and no one of us who is honest and sincere can desire not to do better in the future. One thing is perfectly certain, we shall not do better without effort, and we shall not do better without the help of God. Let us be thankful that the past has been so good. And then, not as though it had been good enough, or we had been worthy of its goodness, let us press forward. Yesterday is past. A new day has dawned. Let us wake up and greet it.

MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.

Excelsior chapter, No. 13, O. E. S., installed their officers for the year of 1914 on January 6 as follows: W. M., Addie Suter; A. N., Sadie Warn; Con., Amelia Brown; A. Con., Viola Crawford; secretary, Wilda Warn; treasurer, Emma Flippings; chaplain, Emma Jackson; W. patron, W.

D. Crawford; Adah, Grace Humphrey; Ruth, Goldie Crolder; Esther, Jessie Walker; Martha, Emma Jackson; Electa, Alice Wolder; inner warder, Mrs. Lowery; outside warder, Mr. Lowery; marshal, Nevada Johnson; organist, Viola Crawford. After the officers were installed refreshments were served. Out of town guests were Mrs. Ruth Bright, G. W. M., of Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Harry Horn, Mr. S. B. Lowery, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. A. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Milligan and Mrs. Robinson, all of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A very delightful time was had by all present.

Mrs. Harry Horn of Cedar Rapids stayed over for the ball given by the Quo Vadis club January 7, 1914. While in the city she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Brown of 712 Bromley street.

Miss Jessie Walker entertained at 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Mrs. Bright of Davenport, Iowa. Covers were laid for fourteen. The table was decorated with carnations and the hostess was assisted in serving by Mr. David Crosswaite.

Mrs. Ella Howard has just returned from a two weeks' visit at the home of her daughter, Miss Delia Howard, of Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. Moore of Ames, Iowa, was in the city Sunday. While here he was the guest of Mr. Carl T. Brown.

Mrs. Grace Humphrey is planning to give a patriotic concert February 12, 1914.

Mr. Albert Greene of Toledo, Iowa, Mr. Hamilton of Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marshall, also of Boone, Iowa, attended the dance January 7. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Spotts came to the city January 1, 1914, from Boone, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Spotts were just married in the morning and came here to live. Mr. Spotts is employed at the Pilgrim hotel. Mrs. Spotts was formerly Mrs. Colleen Starks.

Rev. Mote of Pennsylvania is in the city as the guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. Roman.

Miss Flora Gatlin of Omaha is at the home of Miss Jessie Walker. Miss Gatlin expects to make her home here.

Mr. Harry Flippings is in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flippings, also to attend the ball January 7, 1914. Mr. Flippings lives at Ackley, Iowa.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Anna Harris, Mrs. Clara Waters, Miss Viola Crawford and little Glorine Humphrey. All are improving.

Mrs. Della Renfro of Valley Junction and children returned home Saturday, after visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Roman, during the holidays.

Mrs. I. L. Brown entertained Miss Flora Gatlin of Omaha and Miss Jessie Walker on Sunday. It was also Mrs. I. L. Brown's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Suter entertained the G. W. M. while in Marshalltown.

M. W. Grand Master John L. Thompson will make his annual visit to Eureka lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday, January 13, and the members are planning to entertain him royally.

OTTUMWA, IOWA.

To the Memory of Mrs. Hattie M. Williams Hutchinson. (Special to Bystander.) Today I am lonesome and full of dismay.

For my dear sister that passed away. She has made her flight, but not to stay. Only for her dear Saviour the debt she repaid.

She lies beneath his snowy sod, A nobler woman than he'er did tread. When she was in this rugged old world, But now she is gone to the far beyond.

Where trouble shall cease, perfect peace, And sing those beautiful praises of God.

No one was as dear to me as she. To cherish, to love and to fondle me. She has left me alone for her burdens to bear.

But they shall be taken for my earthly share, And some day after toils and cares and my life is o'er, I shall meet her on that beautiful shore.

Helen Williams, Ottumwa, Iowa.

I. W. Bess. Mr. James Lausha and Miss Bertha Smith were quietly married New Year's evening at the A. M. E. church parsonage by Rev. I. W. Bess.

The members of the A. M. E. church are rejoicing over the news that they will soon move into their new church. Rev. I. W. Bess, who has only been in Waterloo since conference, is the pastor and is receiving many flattering remarks for the success he has achieved.

Miss Eva M. Smith is the representative for The Bystander and has secured many subscriptions for same, and if you want the best Negro newspaper in Iowa see her.

GALESBURG, ILL.

Mr. Ben Mitchell is reported on the sick list, also Mrs. Lucy Craig and Mrs. Annie Smith.

Mrs. Melvina Totten of Chicago is visiting relatives here. Mrs. Totten was the guest of honor at a dinner Tuesday afternoon given by Mrs. Henry Wilder at her home.

Mrs. Ella Brown is enjoying a visit in Hannibal, Mo.

Miss Jeanette Lewis has returned to her home in Kewanee, after a visit with Mrs. Booker Jackson and Mrs. J. P. Anderson.

Miss Thelma Scott returned to her home in Omaha on Saturday. She was accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. Tip Gash, who expects to spend the winter there.

Mrs. Isaac Green entertained at dinner Sunday for Mrs. Totten and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Anderson of Monmouth.

Miss Nettie Franklin was hostess to the Culture club Tuesday afternoon. Following the regular business meeting dainty refreshments were served the guests.

Rev. G. H. McDaniels, head of Enterprise Institute at Chicago, spoke Sunday evening at Allen Chapel. Rev. McDaniels is an interesting speaker and held the attention of the audience closely during his discourse.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

The Missionary society meets on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the parsonage. One hour was devoted to business and one hour for social enjoyment. Ladies are requested to bring their needle work. Mesdames Lulu Horne and Mattie Perkins will act as hostesses.

Mrs. Fern Cowans is out again, after a long illness.

Mrs. Flo Lavell is much improved at this writing.

Mr. Elbridge Horne returned home from Ottumwa, after a pleasant visit with his mother, Mrs. Henrietta Horne.

On last Tuesday evening about twenty-five friends of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Flowers gathered at their residence to help celebrate their children's birthday anniversary. The evening was well spent. A three-course luncheon was served by Mr. Flowers and Madame Thorpe. The guests departed at a late hour, wishing Mrs. Flowers many more happy birthdays.

Mr. Cowans, a student at Coe college, spent the holidays with his mother at Shenandoah, Iowa. He is expected back this week to resume his studies at Coe.

The A. M. E. Sunday school has purchased fifty new song books for both Sunday school and church. The Sunday school and church are blessed with some wide-awake workers.

Rev. W. B. Lowery and wife of Fairfield returned to their home, after a pleasant visit with his mother, Mrs. Lowery, on South Eighth street East.

On last Sunday evening the Bethel A. M. E. choir gave a sacred concert. This concert has been looked forward to with much anxiety. The concert was simply grand and much credit is due all of its members.

MASON CITY NEWS.

We are very glad to report that Mrs. Lacy Lewis is up and around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Banning entertained Mr. and Mrs. Renix and family for Xmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cabbell entertained Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bates for Xmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell entertained Mr. and Mrs. Brewton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mastson Stratton and Miss Velvia Stratton, Mr. S. Stratton, Mr. Roy and Eldee Stratton for Xmas. All had an enjoyable time.

The stork visited the home of Mrs. Mattie Green last Saturday, leaving a fine baby girl. Mother and child doing nicely.

Mrs. Leona Ewing was taken seriously ill Friday. They were compelled to move her to the Story hospital, where an operation was performed. She is doing nicely and was moved to her home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Paul Scott very pleasantly entertained the Ladies' Aid society at her beautiful home on Third avenue. A nice two-course luncheon was served by the hostess. On account of the bad weather only a few of the ladies were out. After a very late hour all departed for their homes, declaring Mrs. Scott a pleasant entertainer.

Mrs. Victor Wright and little daughter, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Wright, left Monday evening for Sioux City, where she will visit with her father for about ten days.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bates last week in honor of the newly wed Mr. and Mrs. Orpheus Cabbell. A nice time was had by all.

Mr. Frank Rhodes was a Mason City visitor Monday.

Mrs. W. L. Jones, who has been sick for some time, is able to be up and around again.

Mr. Arthur Eaton still remains very sick at the home of his wife's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis.

Master Cecil Brewton returned home Monday morning from Des Moines, where he has been visiting the past week with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell.

A party was given Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bates. It was Mr. Bates' 26th birthday. All had a pleasant time.

Don't forget this week is a week of prayer at the church.

The Epworth League had a splendid meeting last Sunday. Hope the younger people will come out earlier.

KEOKUK NEWS.

No doubt the readers of The Bystander will welcome the news from the Power City, after an intermission of several weeks. If an apology is due, your correspondent gladly offers it, but hope none of our readers will discontinue The Bystander for such a frivolous neglect, but trust that you may have realized the necessity of a live correspondent and thus encourage them by giving your news items of importance and by paying your arrearage subscription.

The death of Mr. Arthur Weldon occurred a few weeks ago. Deceased had been a patient sufferer for nearly two years. His death was caused by dropsy. He was a highly respected citizen and a kind and indulgent father. His wife preceded him in death several years ago. Surviving him are eight children, viz., Mrs. Eva Crousen of this vicinity, Oliver, Benjamin, William, Stella, Ella and Lulu, all of this city, and Robert, whose whereabouts are unknown.

The sad death of Mr. Mack Payne occurred in Evansville, Ind., recently. Mr. John Payne of this city, a brother, was notified and sent for the remains. Funeral was held at Pilgrim's Rest Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Helm. Deceased is also survived by the following sisters, Mrs. Caroline Hopkins of Rock Island and Mrs. M. E. Amos of this city, all of whom were in attendance at the funeral. Burial was in Oak-land cemetery.

Another visit from the death angel within the last few weeks summoned the spirit of Mrs. Martha Scott, wife of Mr. James Scott. By this act of Divine Providence two little children, Viola and James, Jr., were left to mourn the loss of a loving mother. Aside from the husband and children deceased is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Anderson, and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Weldon and Mrs. Jas. Mitchell; five brothers, Frank, Wm., Dick, Berl and John Anderson, all of New Boston. Burial was in the family lot near New Boston.

Miss Florence Wilkinson, who has been teaching school near Eolia, Mo., came home to spend the holidays.

Mr. Ralph Tebeau, who has been attending school at Iowa City, spent the holidays at home with his parents.

Mr. Nathan Mitchell has returned home, after an absence of several weeks.

Miss Nellie Keller of Upton, Wyoming, is at home for a few months' stay with her parents, a leave of absence from her ranch near Upton having been granted her.

Miss Letha Johnson visited last week with friends in Des Moines.

Mrs. Amanda Palmer is now convalescent, after a several weeks' siege of serious illness.

Mrs. W. A. Frye, who has been in a local hospital for the past week, is reported to be doing nicely.

Little John Norwood Ashby has been kept out of school as a result of burns he accidentally received.

Mrs. Sarah Holland Johnson's illness is considered quite serious. All hopes for her recovery is shattered.

The emancipation proclamation was appropriately observed at the A. M. E. church on New Year's night. An address by Mr. C. R. Joy (white) was the dominant feature of the evening.

The speaker, who is one of our leading financiers and a business man of large qualifications, told many truths that were heartily appreciated.

Miss Eldora Burton has gone to Oskaloosa to visit Miss Deborah Barber.

Mr. Taylor Robison of Bellflower, Mo., spent the holidays with his Julia Outlaw, Mrs. Daisy Pettis and sons, Arthur and Tina Robison.

Mrs. Etha Goin entertained at her home the 29th ult. at a 6 o'clock dinner, Mrs. Jno. Payne, Mrs. ner in honor of Mr. Leo Bond of Indianapolis, Ind. Covers were laid for twelve, consisting of a very delightful and tempting menu. The out of town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tucker of Carthage, Ill., and Mr. Leo Bond of Indianapolis, Ind.

Among the social holiday functions was a party given by the Misses Bland at their home, Sixteenth and Fulton streets. Forty-four guests were present and a very delightful time was enjoyed.

Mr. Leo Bond of Indianapolis, Ind., was the honored guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tucker of Carthage, Ill., on New Year's day.

Several Keokukians were present. A social time that will not soon be forgotten was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley South on New Year's night, in honor of Mr. Taylor Robison of Bellflower, Mo.

Don't embarrass yourself and your correspondent by me making repeated calls. Every subscriber ought to know when their subscription is due, so those who are in arrears please remit and thus help to enable your agent to purchase stamps, which you know are quite necessary for the transmission of news articles. Any-one desiring to pay or enter subscription telephone Red 1402.

Wishing you all a bright and happy new year, I remain yours for The Bystander.

BURLINGTON, IOWA.

Watch meeting was observed last Wednesday evening at the A. M. E. church and was well attended by the citizens of Burlington.

An oyster supper will be given at the A. M. E. church Thursday evening by the members of the choir. Everybody is cordially invited.

News has reached our city that Mrs. Jeanette Earle, formerly of Burlington, but who left the city a short while ago for Quincy, Ill., was united in marriage to Mr. James Stewart of Kansas City, Mo., recently. The happy couple have the best wishes of their many friends of Burlington.

Mr. Thomas Saunders of Des Moines, Iowa, is the guest of his brother, Mr. Alex Saunders, of this city.

Mr. McDowell, a citizen of Burlington, who for some time has taken great interest in the church work, solicited among the people of the city and succeeded in raising a neat little purse of eleven dollars, and it was presented to the pastor, Rev. B. R. Penn, and family as an Xmas gift, which was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Sarah Leavinton and daughter, also her little grandson of Frankford, Mo., spent the holidays with Mrs. Emma Earle, sister of the former. They were accompanied by Mr. David Small, who visited a short while in the city, after which he left for Monmouth, Ill., for a visit with his parents.

Mrs. Rena Toller is ill at her home on South Main street.

Mrs. Katie Boyd, who has been ill for some time, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Frank Mathews has returned from her visit in Clarinda, Iowa.

Mrs. Sarah Dickson, who has been visiting with relatives in Louisiana, Mo., has returned to her home in this city.

Mr. John Ross of Monmouth, Ill., left for his home Monday, after visiting his sister, Mrs. Emma Earle, of this city.

Mrs. Fannie Parker, who has been ill at her home on South Ninth street, is better at this writing.

Mr. Alex Saunders entertained a company of young people Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Leslie on South Main street in honor of his brother, Mr. Thomas Saunders of Des Moines. Music and dancing was the feature of the evening, after which covers were laid for the entire company to an elaborate turkey dinner. At a late hour all returned to their many homes, reporting Mr. Saunders a royal entertainer.

Mr. A. Boyd has returned to his employment in Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Peter King is ill at her home on Leebreck street.

Mr. Thomas Whale, who has been confined at the Burlington hospital, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Emmet Clay is on the sick list this week.

A surprise donation was given to the pastor and family last Wednesday evening by members and friends of the church.

Eleven little friends of Master Floyd Pleasant gave a surprise party Tuesday afternoon, January 6, 1914, in honor of his 11th birthday. Many presents were received by the little guest as a remembrance of the event. All enjoyed a jolly time.

Mrs. Ella White visited her daughter, Mrs. Weldon of Keokuk, last week, and while there the stork visited the home and left a little granddaughter, who came to gladden the hearts of the parents.

Mrs. Florence Powell is on the sick list this week.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor entertained the members of the McKinley Baptist church choir at a six-course dinner Sunday. Th edinner was given in honor of their organist, Mrs. Grace Burriss Blackwell, who will leave Friday noon for Chicago to join her husband. Mr. Blackwell recently located there in the embalming business. The members of the choir presented Mrs. Blackwell with a beautiful lavalier.

The ladies of the Pro. Art club gave an Xmas tree and entertainment at the McKinley Baptist church for all of the little colored children of Rock Island. There were over fifty-five little children who received stockings, dolls, mittens and handkerchiefs and many other articles. This is the first benefit entertainment the club has ever given and it was highly appreciated. Mrs. Chas. Golden, Sr., was chairman of the committee and her work is highly commended by the members of the club.

Mrs. Henry Houston entertained the Morrison, Golden, Jr., and Taylor and Brooks at dinner New Year's

day. Mrs. Houston is one of our best cateresses in Rock Island.

The hair dressing parlors of Mr. and Mrs. Golden, Jr., are being remodeled and when finished will be the finest in Rock Island.

Mr. Dairy Travers and Miss Mary Terry stole a march on their friends and were married Xmas eve. Success to the happy couple.

Mrs. John Slaughter remains quite ill at her home on Eighth street.

Mrs. Jennie Bradley has been very sick, but is slowly improving.

FORT MADISON NOTES.

The W. R. C. club will have a public installation next Thursday evening at the Second Baptist church and refreshments will be served.

Rev. J. W. Bowles was called to Keokuk to preach the funeral of Mrs. Belle Moore last week.

Mrs. J. W. Eubanks is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Ambrose Jackson entertained Mrs. E. J. Thomas at luncheon on Wednesday.

Mrs. Lucy Blackwell has returned to her home at St. Joseph, Mo., after several weeks' visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. McClelland.

The White Rose club met with Mrs. Archie Redd on Thursday afternoon. After the business hour and program the hostess served a three-course luncheon.

Mrs. E. J. Thomas has just returned from a visit in Chicago and reports a good time.

Rev. L. H. Owens, pastor of the A. M. E. church, was called to Chicago last week on account of his mother's illness.

Mrs. E. H. Hoskins at 505 West Eleventh street entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Monday in honor of Mrs. Rachel Baker of Fairfield, Iowa, and Mrs. E. J. Thomas of Fort Madison.

Mrs. Thomas while in Davenport was the guest of Mrs. Jane Young, was guest of honor at a 6 o'clock dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Bush on Farnam street and to a breakfast at Mrs. Charles Cain's on Harrison street.

WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.

Theo. Turner and wife were visitors with relatives at Oskaloosa and Ottumwa during the holidays.

Little Miss Dorcas Bell spent the holidays with friends in Oskaloosa. Since coming home she has been sick, but is getting better.

John Spencer of Grinnell, brother of Horace

CATTLE IN TRANSIT

Information on Shrinkage of Beef Cattle.

After Special Study Uncle Sam's Department of Agriculture Gives Cause of Loss in Weight in Railroad Shipment to Market.

Washington.—The shrinkage or loss in weight of beef cattle in the course of shipment from western farms and ranches to the markets has been made a subject of special study by the department of agriculture, and what is believed to be the first authentic information on this subject has been compiled. The investigation covered three years in various cattle raising sections of the west. The cattle were weighed at the point of loading, on arrival at their destination, and again after having rest, feed and water. The weight was also taken when the animals were sold. The records include the weighing of Texas and northwestern range cattle and calves, and of corn-fed, silage-fed, and heifer-pulp-fed cattle. In all 265 shipments were weighed, comprising over 19,000 cattle. Many of these shipments were several days on the road and in such cases were weighed at the unloading points as well as at the first shipping point and at the market.

The transfer of cattle from the farm or ranch to the market usually necessitates a drive to the railroad and a further journey on the cars. These drives may vary in distance from a few hundred yards to more than a hundred miles, depending upon the location of the ranch, while the railroad journey may consume any time from a few hours to several days. All cattlemen know that when their stock arrives at market they are usually lighter in weight than when they started. This loss in weight is called shrinkage.

The loss in weight during the journey is due to excretions from the alimentary canal, from the urinary organs, and from moisture given off by the lungs in breathing. A portion of this loss may be regained at the market by the food and water taken into the system. The consumption of this food and water at the market is termed the "fill."

The shrinkage in weight of cattle in transit to market is the difference between the weight of the animals at the point of origin and the weight of the animals on arrival at destination. The net shrinkage is the difference in the weight at the point of origin and the weight of the animals when sold at the market after taking the fill.

The shrinkage of cattle in transit is such a variable factor that no one can say definitely how much it will be during a journey, but by the use of very large numbers of cattle an average shrinkage will be obtained which may be used as a basis for estimating the amount of shrinkage on cattle shipped under similar conditions.

The net shrinkage was found in the department's investigations to range all the way from 15 to 75 pounds per head, or from 2.14 to 7 per cent., depending upon the length of time and other conditions. The time that the cattle were in transit varied from less than 24 hours to more than 72 hours. The normal shrinkage may be regarded as from 3 to 6 per cent. of live weight.

The extent of the shrinkage depends upon various factors, among which are the conditions at the time of shipping and the treatment during the drive to the leading pens; the length of time the cattle were held without feed and water before being loaded; the nature of the fill before loading—the greater losses occurring when this consisted of succulent grass, beef pulp or silage, the weather and climatic conditions at the time of loading, while in transit, and at the market; the character of the run to market, greater shrinkage naturally being caused by slow, rough runs; the time of arrival at market. If the cattle arrived just before being sold the fill was small. Cattle that were shipped a long distance and arrived at market during the night usually did not fill well. If they arrived the afternoon before or about daylight of the same day they generally took a good fill.

An exceedingly large fill at market is not desired, as it will detract from the selling price.

The shrinkage of cattle was found to vary in direct proportion to their live weight when conditions were the same and all other factors were equal. The shrinkage during the first 24 hours is greater proportionately than for any succeeding period of the same duration. The shrinkage on cattle is proportionately smaller for each 12 hours they are in transit after the first 24-hour period is passed.

The difference between the shrinkage of cows and steers is not as great as is ordinarily supposed. Steers will usually shrink somewhat less than cows of the same weight.

The shrinkage on calves seems small, but under normal conditions it holds about the same proportion to their weight as is found with grown cattle.

The shrinkage of range cattle in transit over 70 hours during a normal year is from 5 to 6 per cent. of their live weight. If they are in transit 36 hours or less the shrinkage will range from 2 to 4 per cent. of their live weight.

For a long journey the common method of unloading for feed, water,

er have run it twice and have to stay in the house for an hour than not run it at all.—National Monthly.

Ideal Country for Sportsmen. Hyderabad, one of the states of India about as big as Kansas, and with as many people as New York and Massachusetts combined, has many wild creatures, including tigers and leopards in abundance, and occasionally bison and elephants. There are also wild hogs, antelope, hyena, wolves, jackals and bear.

Ran the Lawn Mower. John, four years old, was trying to run the lawn mower, which he had been forbidden to touch. His mother came to the door and told him to stop it, but John ran the mower down the strip of lawn and back again before he stopped.

"You will have to come into the house and stay for an hour," said his mother. "Why did you run that mower after I told you to stop?" she asked. "Well, mamma," said John, "I'd rather

BELIEVER IN "BACK TO THE LAND MOVEMENT"

Helen Campbell of New York, who stays a part of her year in Boston and while there affiliates herself with the Bum Row on Boston common, was one of the first women in the United States definitely to act in bettering the conditions of the wage-earning women in the country. She is, at the present time, called the mother of the movement. It was her enthusiasm which helped to awaken people to the fact that their attitude toward the poor should be other than that of mere givers of money or dispensers of food.



It was Whitelaw Reid who, after reading "Mrs. Herndon's Income," by Mrs. Campbell, suggested that she begin investigations of the laboring conditions among poor women and children in New York city. Mrs. Campbell began the investigation, and for a year there appeared each week in the New York Tribune articles by Mrs. Campbell on the woman wage earner's problem.

Not satisfied while studying the conditions among the working women of her own country, Mrs. Campbell went to Paris, where for a year she studied the problems of the wage earning women of that city. Later for three years she covered the conditions in England, Italy and Germany. During her entire period abroad there came from her pen a series of brilliant, comprehensive articles dealing with industrial place of the woman wage earner. While in New York, when she was carrying on investigations in the business districts, Helen Campbell spent much of her time in Jerry Macaulay's mission.

Helen Campbell is probably best known as an author. She is also known as a former professor of the Kansas Agricultural college, as a special lecturer of the University of Wisconsin and as being connected with Charlotte Perkins Gilman in Chicago

SETS PACE FOR DEALING OUT CALLING CARDS

Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of Vice-President Marshall, has set the pace for dealing out calling cards.



She started out in the summer to round up all those who had called upon her, and her card with that of the vice-president now rests on the top layer of 1,600 trays, distributed all the way from the capitol to Alexandria, extending through Maryland to Baltimore and intersecting all fashionable and fashionable highways in the District of Columbia. The number represents the calls returned and

which have been made upon her at the Shoreham hotel since March 4. The record is one never before made by a vice-president's wife, cabinet members' wives or any one else in the official circle except Mrs. Henry Kirk Porter of Pennsylvania, whose husband was in the house from that state a few years ago. Mrs. Marshall can now rest on her laurels. She has closed her visiting list and covered up everything until this winter. The long session of congress made it possible for her to accomplish this. The vice-president for machine given to the office, and accompanied by a chauffeur who knows the city, has been seen in a dozen sections of the town in the same afternoon—first before the door of some high official or a fashionable woman of society, with a caretaker to receive the card, and then before the humble home of a government clerk from Indiana.

settlement work. She is a familiar person on Boston common, where she is called the "mother of the bum row." It is on one of the seats reserved for the occupancy of the "bums" of Boston and other cities that Mrs. Campbell, when the weather permits, reads her morning paper—always with an observant eye to her fellow of the row. When she thinks one of them is generally down and out she speaks to him, and the heart of many a poor chap has been cheered by the little white-haired woman, whose kindly eyes gave him sympathy and who comprehensively listens to a tale of fortunes lost and ships wrecked.

"My love for the poor and hungry," says Helen Campbell, "began at the age of nine years, when in the cold of a November day in New England a band of gypsies camped below my grandfather's farm. I met one of the little children wrapped in a tattered red shawl and she told me how hungry she was. She said her hand had been ordered out of the town. I ran back to my grandparents and announced my intention of having the gypsies come up to the big house on the hill. My grandparents were aghast at the proposition. Their refusal to entertain the wanderers infuriated me, and I shall never forget the episode nor how, after the storms and tears, a basket of provisions was finally sent down to the gypsies in the hollow. That night the band was hurried out of the town."

Mrs. Campbell is a firm believer in the "back to the land movement." "Through this great country," says Helen Campbell, "I have traveled. In the west I have seen the wheat being garnered; in the south I have seen the cotton fields white, ready for the harvest; in the north I have seen the great timber lands, and in the east broad, fertile acres, and I tell you there is plenty for the masses, plenty for the poor women and their little children, losing childhood in toil. And even while industrial unrest possesses the hearts of the women and children—there is yet a great peace—when out of the turmoil they will come into their own."

"My human creed is to do good and love much. I have tried to live it all my life," says Helen Campbell, mother of the bum row.

FOR THE HOUSE IN WINTER

Those Who Prefer Blooms to Foliage Should Cultivate the Primula Obconica.

The window-gardener who wishes blooms rather than foliage during the winter, should grow Primula Obconica.

This plant when well established in a seven-inch pot, will have dozens of stalks or clusters of blooms about the size of a nickel, and they last a long time.

The plant begins to bloom when very small and blooms all winter. The colors vary through the many shades of pink, lilac, and peach-blossom to almost white, and with its lemon-yellow eye sets off the very delicate beauty of the flower.

It is a hardy, self-owning plant, well able to hold its own, and is seldom troubled with insects or disease. If the apils appears, spray with tobacco-infusion throughout the foliage.

This plant may be raised from seed, or a large plant may be divided, allowing a crown to each plant. See that its soil is light, and rich, and friable, and the drainage perfect. This plant cannot stand wet, sour soil, or to have water poured into its crown.

If care is not taken in this regard, the flowers will blast and the plant die.

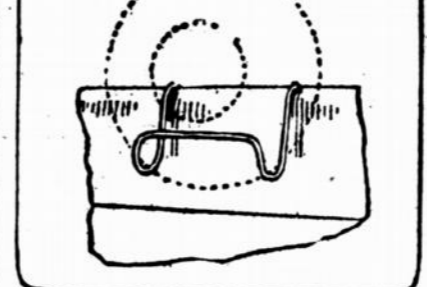
Twice or three times a month apply some good liquid fertilizer while the plant blooms.

Remove the fading flowers and do not allow the plant to mature seeds.

HANGER FOR WASH BASIN.

If there's a wash basin in your kitchen the chances are you are compelled to look for it every time you want to use it. That is the way it usually is! Why not fix things so that the basin is kept right alongside the sink?

Get a length of heavy wire—ordi-



Holds Basin in Place.

nary bale wire will do—and bend it in the shape shown in the drawing. The basin rests in that hook all the time.

Boston Brown Bread.

Mix and sift together one cup of rye meal, one cup of granulated cornmeal, three-fourths teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of salt, one cup of graham flour; add three-fourths cup of molasses and two cups of sour milk and stir until well mixed, turn into a well buttered mold and steam three and one-half hours. The mold should not be more than three-fourths full, the cover should be buttered on the inside and then tied down with string. For steaming place mold on a trivet in kettle containing boiling water up around mold, cover closely and steam, adding as needed more boiling water. A melon mold or one-pound baking powder box makes the most attractive loaves, but a five-pound lard pail answers the purpose.

Fried Eggs With Apples.

Pare and core three medium sweet apples, then cut in six slices, season all over with one-half teaspoon salt and two saltspoons pepper. Thoroughly beat one and a half tablepoons melted butter in a large frying pan, add apples, one beside another, and fry for two minutes on each side. Carefully crack 12 fresh eggs over apples, season evenly with one-half teaspoon salt and two saltspoons pepper, fry for a minute on range; place in oven for six minutes, remove, carefully glide on a hot dish and serve.

Lima Beans With Fine Herbs.

Boil one pint of shelled lima beans in one quart of boiling water with one teaspoonful salt 25 minutes. Drain on sieve, then place in a saucpan with one ounce good butter. Season with one-half teaspoonful salt and two saltspoons pepper. Finely chop together two branches parsley, one branch chervil, ten branches chives and six tarragon leaves. Add this mixture to beans, toss well in pan and cook five minutes, frequently tossing meanwhile. Serve in vegetable dish.

Old-Fashioned Corn Bread.

Sift together one cup of yellow cornmeal, one cup of white flour, four teaspoon sugar or two of molasses, four teaspoon baking powder and a pinch of salt. Add one cup of sweet milk to one well-beaten egg; stir this into mixture, then add one tablespoon of melted butter or fat and turn into a well greased and heated pan; bake in a hot oven.

Apple Slump.

This is cooked on top of the stove; Pare one-half dozen apples, put in kettle that can be covered tightly to keep in steam, pour over them one cup boiling water, a little sugar, whatever spice you like. This makes a light dough such as you make for dumplings. Steam over top, cover tightly and spread three-fourths of an hour; eaten hot with butter or sauce.

Currant Bun Pudding.

Four currant buns, gotten at bakery, jam, white of one egg, two ounces of sugar. Line a pie dish with the buns previously soaked in milk; put between them a layer of jam and bake one-half hour. Whip the white of the egg up with the sugar and place on top when done.

Stuffed Potatoes.

Select fine smooth potatoes; cut off the end of each and scrape out the inside. Mix this with chopped ham, onion and parsley, and a tablespoon of butter. Season with salt, pepper and lemon juice. Fill the potato with the mixture; let bake in moderate oven until tender; serve hot.

SABLE NOW SCARCE SEEN IN BAT WORLD

Petropavlovsk, Siberia, Is the Center of Industry.

Russian Government Has Forbidden Killing of More Animals Until 1916 —Women Can Save Money by Purchasing in U. S.

Henry C. Hibbard of Seattle, whose firm operates a trading steamer to the coast of Siberia and buys furs there and in Alaska, says that sables have been difficult to get this season owing to the fact that the Russian government has forbidden the killing of more animals until 1916.

"Our boat goes from Seattle to Unalakleet and thence to Petropavlovsk, and then up the coast to Amird, around to Kolumbia bay and thence back to Nome," said Mr. Hibbard. "She takes \$100,000 worth of merchandize, and between \$25,000 and \$40,000 in Russian money for the purposes of trading and bartering for furs, whalebone and ivory. This year she made a specialty of sables, and if the boat had been more liberally supplied with money we could have got a great deal more, in spite of the scarcity of the supply."

"Petropavlovsk is the center of the sable industry in Siberia, traders and hunters bringing their skins there to sell or exchange. The London market is usually a great deal better for undressed skins than any in this country, and Leipzig is good also. The selling markets that are the best are Paris, Vienna and St. Petersburg. Yet if women knew it who buy their furs over there they might be able to do a great deal better in this country."

"I know of a New York woman who purchased a sable coat in Paris that cost her \$15,000, and presumably she had to pay 35 per cent. duty to get it into this country. Her sister, who lives in Seattle, wanted to get a similar coat and she asked me what I thought it would cost. I told her I could save her at least 50 per cent. She gave me the order, and there was made up for her in this country a coat that cost a little under \$7,000 and which was a far better garment than the one her sister had paid \$15,000 for in Paris."

"Of course, Americans are big buyers of furs. But the fur game is funny. We have brought furs from Seattle to New York and offered them to all the big dealers, who have absolutely refused to buy. Then we would ship them to the London sales, and in many cases American buyers would purchase our furs and bring them back here, though if they bought them dressed they had to pay duty on them."

"Silver foxes are rather scarce this year, especially choice skins. I sold two skins the other day for \$1,000 apiece which the retail customer will probably pay \$2,000 apiece for when they are made up."

"After our boat gets back from Nome she makes a trip to Herschel Island; at the mouth of the Mackenzie river. On her last trip she took a big cargo for the Stefansson party. She is the only craft that makes a regular annual trip up there, her main purpose being whaling. This time she is carrying a moving picture camera with 15,000 feet of film and is looking for bowhead whale, which is of considerable value because of the whalebone it yields. As against the \$700 value of the sperm whale, the bowhead is worth \$8,000, though its value has dwindled tremendously because women nowadays wear so little whalebone in their corsets. Formerly a bowhead was worth \$20,000. Last year in four months we caught 11, a phenomenal number."

"The ice up there is closing in already. We had news a while back that all the boats were frozen in and would not get back this winter, but I think ours will return. She carries a crew of 45 men and was built for bucking ice."

"Business conditions in Seattle are excellent. Every thing is going ahead fine. The big gold strike at Shushana, Alaska, has drawn lots of people through Seattle of late."

"By the way, owing to the government restrictions against the killing of polar bears, those skins are getting scarce. We had 150 come in not long ago, which I imagine about half the world's supply of the skins this year. They have to come from the Siberian side."

"Sealskins are showing a marked decline. They are going out of style and muskrat is taking their place. I could get real sealskin a lot easier than muskrat."

Prejudice to Be Overcome.

Prejudice against certain articles of food is not uncommon in this part of the world. The history of the garden tomato is evidence of this. Grandmothers today can remember the time when the tomato was the "Indian love apple" and nothing more. Perhaps the day is coming when we shall eat with relish fruits and articles of food which we now disregard or perhaps regard with fear. Luther Burbank and the other great horticulturists made aristocrats out of plebeian plants. Burbank made the cactus bear as a fruit tree.

Use Collapsible Plow.

In the open yellow pine forests of Washington and Oregon a collapsible plow is being used in digging fire lines to stop surface fires. The plow can be dismantled and folded into a compact form, so that it can be packed on horseback, and weighs only 40 pounds. When in use, one man with a horse can do the work of 20 or more men working with shovels.

Seek a Substitute.

Manufacturers of artificial limbs are seeking substitutes for English willow, used because of its combined lightness and strength. It is claimed that the Port Orford cedar of the Pacific coast will prove equally serviceable.

Natural Reseeding.

The lands burned over during the terrible fires on the Idaho national forests in 1910 are now largely covered with a thick growth of young tree seedlings, by natural reseeded.

Habits and Oddities of Little Night Creatures.

Is Not a Bird, but a Mammal, With a Great Difference From the Ordinary Four-Legged Land-Going Type.

Of all the more common animals about us the bat is probably the least well known to the average man, a writer in the Scientific American states. This is because of its nocturnal habits and the consequent difficulty in observing it. Indeed, all the more people seem to know about bats is that they fly at night and are "awful things to get into your hair."

As a matter of fact, there is no authentic instance of bat's ever alighting upon a woman's hair, and they are no more in the habit of doing so than are humming birds. The fact is, very little is known concerning the habits of bats and much remains to be found out about them. The order comprises some 450 species, but it is safe to say that three-fourths of them are known only by their dry skins and skulls. They exhibit differences in form that are fairly bewildering. They range all the way from the beautiful to the fantastic and hideous. The great majority, however, are useful to man in destroying insects which, without the aid of birds and beasts, would very soon overwhelm him. The harmful species are those which destroy fruit and a few which suck the blood of domestic animals.

The bat has figured in folklore from the earliest times. Bats are supposed to have given the Latin poet Virgil the idea of harpies—creatures that had the faces of women and the wings and claws of birds. The Greeks had a story about the two daughters of a certain hero who, on account of their obstinacy, were changed by the gods into bats. The Saxons called the bat the "rere-mouse." The word comes from hreran, to move, and mus, a mouse—the mouse that moves the air with its wings. The word is now used only in heraldry as signifying a bat on a coat of arms. You may hear country people speak of the fitter mouse, and the word has been used sometimes in poetry, as for instance: "And giddy fittermice with leather wings."

The Chinese speak of the bat as the heavenly rat, the fairy rat, the flying rat or the night swallow. Their ideas of the animal are very odd; they believe that if flies head downward because its brain is so heavy, and that it lives to a very great age because it has the habit of swallowing its breath. They also take the bat as their emblem of happiness. A symbol consisting of five bats is called "wee fuh, or the 'five happinesses," which every one is supposed to desire; they are wealth, health, goodness, long life and a peaceful death. In China, if you wish your guest good luck, a graceful way of doing so is to have five bats depicted on the bottom of his teacup.

The bat is not a bird but a mammal, with almost as wide a departure from the ordinary four-legged, land-going type as is a whale of manates. Its hand reveals an extreme degree of what is called "specialization." For a mammal the arms are unusual length. The bones of the fingers are enormously extended and connected with hairless skin as flexible as India rubber to form a wing for flight. This wing membrane is extended on up the arm to the body and the legs, and is continued between the supporting vertebrae in flight. The thumb of a bat is very short and free, and its nail is developed as a hooked claw, by the aid of which the creature can comfortably climb about or support itself. The favorite position of a bat at rest is hanging by its feet, head downward.

One of the strangest characteristics about the bat is that it cannot fly from the ground. When it finds itself upon terra firma it crawls painfully to some wall or tree, and, clambering up to a suitable elevation, launches itself into the air. Curiously enough, too, it accomplishes this climbing trick upside down, holding on with one of its hinder hooks while it reaches up and lays hold of the slightest inequality with the other. In this way it makes rapid progress and, flinging itself into the air, takes flight. Once upon the wing all awkwardness of the bat disappears as it wagsle.

Plague Rat Convicted.

The editor of the Manila Daily Bulletin died on September 22 after a few days' illness, the onset of which was sudden and violent. The case proved to be one of bubonic plague. His office was promptly cleaned out and disinfected. In the course of this work a mummified rat was found in a drawer of his desk. In the same drawer a number of living rat fleas were found hovering about the carcass. In these fleas and in the mummified body of the rat virulent plague organisms were found. The connection between the death of the editor, the mummified rat, and the fleas seems unmistakable. Although the rat had been dead at least two weeks, it was still in a highly virulent state, as were also the fleas. The case is of unusual interest as showing the source of clearness and directness of the source of a human plague infection, and also as furnishing the strongest kind of testimony in support of the close connection between rat plague and human plague.

Electrifying Celluloid.

If you will take two thin lengths of celluloid, put them in contact and then suddenly and rapidly pull them between your fingers, you will observe that both have become electrified—not only on their outside surfaces, where the friction of your fingers caused a negative electrification, but also on the inner surfaces of the celluloid.

First in Lumber Production.

Washington stands first in lumber production, with Louisiana second.

AFRO-AMERICAN CULLINGS

The Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Va., aims to fit young men and women to do well in an uncommon way the common tasks of life. Students are taught to handle their tasks like skilled work-



men. They have for their work an excellent equipment and they are expected and required to take the best possible care of the school's property. They receive financial credit for their work and they are required to keep a strict account of all they earn and

spend during their training. The Hampton Institute is properly regarded as an educational force of exceptional worth. The illustration herewith is a picture of a Hampton student reading the Bible to the

folks. This represents very clearly Hampton's idea of training boys and girls for unselfish service. Instructors, supporters and well-wishers of the institute have been pleased to hear it referred to as "The Hampton spirit."

On December 14, engineered and directed by W. Woods White, philanthropist and progressive thinker, there was gathered at Atlanta the most notable and epochal meeting of the negroes ever held in the south, if not in America. Between 8,000 and 10,000 representative negroes of Atlanta, 32 churches and pastors of all denominations, meeting for a common religious purpose, assembled in the great Atlanta auditorium and were addressed by leading preachers of their own race, by leading preachers of the white race of Atlanta, by Governor Clayton of Georgia, by bankers, business men and editors.

The object of the meeting was to persuade the negroes out of their own means, to erect a Y. M. C. A. building at Atlanta, with the assurance that if they did this thing the general public would co-operate with them more liberally than it had ever done before.

The great objective lesson was to persuade the negro to help himself in this matter, and the speeches were of the best ever made in Atlanta in many years. Negroes themselves contributed \$4,000.

The most valuable result of the meeting was the education of the negro in the great policy of self-help and of confidence in the good will of the white race. The results have already been remarkably inspiring.

The Southern Baptist convention of Louisville passed resolutions pledging southern sentiment and to the help of that new race.

The white preachers of Atlanta frequently leave their own pulpits on Sunday morning to go out and preach the saving grace of character, thrift and self-help in the negro churches.

The effect of this better spirit is widespread throughout the south. It has almost revolutionized the feeling between the two races. It has inspired the negro to greater expressions of sacrifice and industry that he has ever shown before, and he is accumulating both property and public institutions in a gratifying way.

Apparatus for coupling ordinary vehicles behind automobiles, so flexible that sharp corners can be turned, is the invention of an eighteen-year-old California boy.

In making a trip through the south a few weeks ago, I discovered cases where colored teachers were not receiving more than \$10 a month for their service for teaching a public school, writes Booker T. Washington. This indicates the sacrifice that many colored teachers are making throughout the south in order to give the negro children some education.

It is for teachers and pupils of this class for a number of years I have made an appeal to the public for Christmas cards, books or any other gift that will remind these people, who are doing the nation's work under such difficulties, of the Christmas season. It is most helpful for them to be reminded that there is somebody on the outside who is thinking of them and cares for them.

I should be very glad to serve as a medium for the forwarding to such persons whatever gift that may be sent to me.

According to the geological survey there is good reason to believe that Louisiana is underlaid by one of the greatest natural gas fields in the United States.

The opening of a new railroad in German East Africa early next year will help to develop 284,000 square miles of territory with a population of 10,000,000.

A ring, carrying a sharp blade and large enough to encircle two fingers has been patented by an Ohio inventor for cutting twine as parcels are being tied.

Perhaps it is possible for a man to be rich enough to do exactly as he pleases, provided he isn't married.

One of the many women of England royalty who drive their own motor cars is the duchess of Westminster.

Canada last year bought from the United States wall papers valued at \$224,727.

Gold coins lose one per cent. of weight in 50 years, silver one per cent. in ten years.

Scotland's population is 15,411 greater than that of Ireland.

Chicago has a hospital in which young Negro women are successfully taught to become trained nurses. It is the Provident hospital, at Dearborn and 36th streets. Robert McMurdy writes in the Survey: "The hospital is really and distinctly a Negro enterprise. Founded twenty years ago with the purpose of affording colored women the nurse's training, it was then the only institution of its kind in this country, except the government hospital, Freedmen's, at Washington. Through its earlier years it was managed by colored people and even to this time members of both races are on staff and board of trustees. It is supported largely by colored people. Its endowment started from the pathetic bequest of an old colored woman, who, dying, had just \$50 to leave after providing for her burial. Her direction was: 'Give it to two charities established for my people, one-half going to Provident hospital.' To this 'widow's mite' have been added generous gifts from friends of all races sympathizing with the aim of Provident and enthusiastic over its splendid record of achievement. It has graduated over 118 nurses and has now in training twenty-five colored women."

After a month's visit at this hospital Sophie P. Palmer answered the question of whether these Negroes made efficient nurses. She said: "From the standpoint of order, dignity and technical skill the nursing force of this hospital seems to compare more than favorably with hospitals of the same size and class in other cities where the nursing service is composed of white women."

"When the Provident students took their training in dietetics at Northwestern university," adds Mr. McMurdy, "their record was in no way inferior to that of the white students in similar classes of the School of Domestic Arts and Sciences they took the lead. Recently a graduate took a civil service examination in Chicago. Falling at the first test she passed later at the head of a class of fifty-four. And these nurses not only maintain their average but show in crises the skill, endurance and devotion which is rightfully expected from the nurse, regardless of her color."

Women always say their husbands coax them to go away for the summer—and sometimes this is the truth.

The city of London, Mo., lays claim to the distinction of having the oldest public school pupil in Missouri. If not in all the United States. "Aunt" Mary Long, a negress, has started out to acquire an education at the age of eighty-three years. With a score of other negroes, most of whom have passed the half century mark, she is learning the "A. B. C." in a recently organized night school class. "Aunt" Long is physically spry, mentally alert and the star pupil of the class.

Thirty families and 80 guests at the Perry hotel, Woodland avenue and East Twenty-second street, Cleveland, Ohio, were driven into the street when fire damaged a three-story brick building which housed the hotel, the Perry theater, a bank and several stores and family suites. John Caldwell, a negro, who was sleeping in the rear of the building, ran through the structure, arousing the occupants. His brave act, in the face of personal danger, resulted in the saving of many lives.

In 30 years British exports have increased 100 per cent., German exports have increased 100 per cent., and United States exports have risen 316 per cent.

The world's annual production of gold is now about five times as great as in 1887, when the great fields of South Africa were opened.

It is announced that every baby born in Argentina the day of Roosevelt's arrival has been named Theodore.

On a railroad in Peru that within 140 miles rises from sea level to an altitude of 15,665 feet all trains are preceded by pilot cars to detect unexpected perils.

On their wedding day a man will readily agree to gratify his wife's smallest wish. Besides, the smaller the wish the easier it is to gratify.

Where a man used to paddle his own canoe he now finds it necessary to hire a mechanic to run his motor boat.

CAKES AND FROSTINGS

EXPERT TELLS HOW TO PREPARE TEMPTING DELICACIES.

Golden Pound Tea Cakes for Afternoon Refreshments—Confection With Orange Flavor—Macaroons May Be Decorated.

(By FANNIE MERRITT FARMER.) Golden Pound Tea Cake.—Wash and work until creamy one-half cup butter, add gradually while beating constantly one-half cup sugar, the yolks of four eggs well beaten, 1-3 tablespoons medium cream, one cup flour mixed and sifted twice with one-half teaspoon baking powder, one-quarter teaspoon mace and one-half tablespoon lemon juice. Bake in buttered and floured individual tins in a very slow oven. Upon removing from tins sprinkle with powdered sugar. Mocha Cake.—Cream one-quarter cup butter, add gradually one cup sugar, two squares Baker's bitter chocolate melted, two eggs well beaten, one-half cup milk, 1-3 cups flour mixed and sifted with one-half teaspoon salt and three teaspoons baking powder. Flavor with one teaspoon vanilla. Bake in layer cake-pan and put between and on top. For Frosting.—Wash and work until creamy one-quarter cups confectioners' sugar with one-third cup breakfast cocoa, and add to butter alternately with three tablespoons heavy cream, then add one-half teaspoon each vinegar and vanilla.

Fall River Orange Cake.—Beat yolks of five eggs and whites of three until thick, add gradually two cups sugar and one-half cup cold water; then add two cups flour mixed and sifted with one teaspoon soda, two teaspoons cream-of-tartar, and the grated rind and juice of one orange and one-half lemon. Bake in shallow buttered and floured cake-pan. Cover with orange frosting made like this: Boil one cup sugar and one-third cup water until it will spin a thread; pour slowly on to the white of egg beaten slightly, and beat until mixture begins to thicken; then add one teaspoon lemon juice beaten until a little stiffer, then cover and let stand a few minutes. Add two tablespoons orange marmalade.

Macaroons.—Break one-half pound almond paste into small pieces and mix with the hand, adding gradually a cup of sugar, less one tablespoon, and a scant half cup egg whites. When perfectly blended stir in one-third cup powdered sugar. Shape, using a pastry-bag and tube, on to sheets covered with this paper and bake in a slow oven. Remove from oven, invert paper and macaroons, and wet with a cloth wrung out of cold water, when macaroons may be easily removed. Frost and decorate with leaves in the form of wreaths and the wreaths with a red bow of ornamental frosting made the same as orange frosting, omitting the marmalade and coloring red and green.—Boston Transcript.

Cucumber-Tomato Relish. Take one large ripe cucumber, peel and slice. Place in an enamel kettle with a tablespoonful of salt, cover with hot water and boil until tender. Then take three large ripe tomatoes and remove their skins. After draining the water from the cucumbers, cut tomatoes up and put in with the cucumbers. Add one cup of vinegar and a small cup of sugar, boil until the tomatoes are done; if not salt enough, add a little, also a few whole cloves and allspice. Mix a dessert-spoonful of potato flour with some cold vinegar and stir into the mixture after coming to a good boiling point. Can hot. This makes a little over a pint jar full.

Chestnut Salad. The chestnuts are shelled, blanched, peeled and boiled gently in salted water until they are mealy. Then drain and pour over them, while yet warm, a little French dressing. Set aside to cool. Do not mix until ready to send to the table. Then have ready an equal quantity of sweet oranges cut in dice and dressed with oil and lemon juice, a pinch of salt and a dash of paprika. Add a few spoonfuls of whipped cream to a good stiff mayonnaise and blend all together. Drain the orange dice and reserve the juice, which escapes, for flavoring a dessert sauce or making a fruit jelly.

Oyster Soup a la Creole. For a quart of oysters you will need about a cupful of fried bread crumbs. Drain the oysters and add the juice to a pint of clear water. Now put a piece of butter the size of two walnuts in a saucepan. Add a tablespoonful of flour and stir till it browns, without browning. Take it from the fire and season it with pepper, cayenne and a dash of salt. Add the liquid from the oysters and the water, mix thoroughly and allow the mixture to simmer for half an hour. Just before serving add the fried bread crumbs and a little chopped parsley, if available.

Plant Foods. Plant-foods are necessary to preserve thrift throughout the winter. Some use a tea made from poultry droppings, but extreme care must be taken that it is well diluted, and there is still more or less trouble with insects as a result. We have found liquid ammonia, though a less complete plant food, much more agreeable to use. Using a teaspoonful to each quart of water, keeps the plants in growing condition and with healthy foliage.

Fruit Dainty. Two cupfuls seeded white grapes, two cupfuls chopped apples, one cupful celery, one cupful nuts chopped, one cupful marshmallows cut in pieces, one-half cupful candied cherries. Whip one pint of cream, sweetened slightly; two sweet green peppers, dressing just before serving.

Fillet of Washfish. Take a three-pound fish, cut off the head and tail, split the fish through the back, and take out the bone; cut this in two pieces into four or six, season with salt and pepper. Dip each piece into melted butter; then roll in crumbs and broil on both sides.

SPORTS

BOWLING

The use of the dodo ball in bowling was abolished by the officers of the International Bowling association at Minneapolis.

POLO

American polo players do not believe that England will insist on the ponies coming under the requirements of 14.2. If they did, many good American mounts would fall under the ban.

BILLIARDS

Koji Yamada, the Japanese billiard player, is expected to be the next challenger of Willie Hoppe, the champion, at 18.2 balk line style of play.

The next amateur billiard title may go west in the opinion of many critics of the game. Eugene Milburn of Memphis has been showing phenomenally of late.

HORSE RACING

It is understood that Earl, Jr., is to be raced on the ice.

Moko now has more than 100 sons and daughters in the 2-30 list.

Baron Oppenheim heads the list of winners on the German turf, with nearly \$250,000 to his credit.

J. L. Dodge has a dozen or more youngsters by Joe Dodge at his winter training camp, Grovetown, Ga.

Senator S., 2-14 1/4, is a member of the Geers stable and before being let down was worked in 2:09 1/2 by the G. O. M.

Pat Logan, that was touted for the Chamber of Commerce a couple of years ago, then went lame, is to race on the ice.

Herman Tyson of Newark had a busy year on the half-mile tracks, starting 64 times and winning 32 firsts and 20 seconds.

Frank G. Jones has bought the Prudential colt, Judge Jones, that lowered the record for two-year-old geldings to 2:12 1/4 this year.

FOOTBALL

Ohio State university has arranged one football date for next season. It will play Indiana at Indianapolis November 7.

The University of Chicago has declined to meet Harvard in a football game next fall on the grounds that it is not advisable at this time.

University of Minnesota football players will not be numbered next year, nor any other year, if he can help it, says Coach H. L. Williams.

According to a report made by Bursar U. H. Smith, Indiana made nearly \$14,000 on football this fall, which amount is considerably in excess of the receipts in previous years.

William S. Langford, probably the best-known eastern football official, has announced his retirement from the gridiron game. His business in New York will require all his time next fall.

Peggy Parratt has disbanded his Akron Indians but will place another professional football team in Akron next year. Rainy weather prevented Peggy from making his venture much of a success, but he has hopes.

BASEBALL

Clark Griffith has signed more than fifty players since the close of the season.

Arlie Latham has lost his place on the umpiring staff of the New York State league.

The Giants have signed Emilio Palomero, a Cuban, aged seventeen, to try out as a pitcher in 1914.

The change in ownership of the Boston Red Sox will not involve any change in the active running of the club.

Duke Farrell, the famous old backstop, has been mentioned as Robinson's successor as coach of the Giants' pitchers.

Donie Bush of the Tigers denies that the Federals offered him a contract. Even if they did, Bush says, he wouldn't accept it.

Connie Mack declares that his team won't be weakened any by the release of Walsh to the Yankees, although he is sorry to see him go.

Cleveland is said to be after Dick Bayless, the veteran outfielder of the Venice Coast league club, who led the league in hitting this year.

Christy Mathewson is just like wine, says a Cincinnati scribe. The wonderful pitcher of the Giants seems to become better as the years roll by.

Al Demaree, Giant pitcher, says the Cincinnati fans are conceited. This, as applied to certain fans and directors, is the unanimous opinion of Joe Tinney.

MELVIN W. SHEPPARD



The Irish-American Athletic club will be represented in the Athenian Olympic games by at least ten men, headed by Melvin W. Sheppard. This team is expected to form the nucleus of a squad from all over the United States who will wear the shield in competition against the picked men of other nations.

TENNIS

Clinton B. Herd, winner of the national interscholastic lawn tennis championship at Newport, is now a student at Cornell university.

GOLF

According to Ray, the English golfer, a team of professional golfers from England will tour the world in 1915, playing in America, Australia and Africa during the trip.

Ray and Varden, the English professional golf players, have returned home. Their trip through this country extended slightly over three months. In addition to the championship, tournaments and practice games, they took part in nearly forty 36-hole matches.

AQUATIC

Chicago public schools have made swimming a part of the course in physical training.

Coach Charles Stephenson of the California university writes that he has 150 candidates trying to get a place on his varsity eight.

New York Public Schools' Athletic league has undertaken the gigantic task of teaching 65,000 boys of the elementary schools how to swim.

Aquatic coaches at four "big nine" schools have started a movement to have water basket ball listed as a conference sport, replacing water polo, which has been eliminated.

WRESTLING

Gotch had to take a good beating before he climbed to the top among the world's wrestlers.

Americans, who is out after the American championship, was formerly a weight lifter in vaudeville.

Charley Burns, lightweight wrestler, of Castlewood, S. D., has been touring the United States, meeting all comers.

Little Fred Beel, who weighs only 165 pounds, and is trained to the minute, is planning to clean out the whole crop of American foreign heavy weights.

Ivan Mamutoff, who is said to weigh nearly 300 pounds, says he threw George Hackenschmidt in a world's tournament four years ago in St. Petersburg.

Emil Klank, manager of Frank Gotch, has departed for Salt Lake City, Utah, to arrange for a return match between Fred Beel and Mike Yokel, world's lightweight and middle-weight champions, respectively.

PUGILISM

Boxing Promoter Baker of Sydney, Australia, has offered Carpenter, the French heavyweight champion, \$7,500 and expenses for one fight with Dave Smith of Australia.

Mike Gibbons continues his victorious ring career. The St. Paul welterweight gave Joe Hirst of Philadelphia a bad beating in a six-round bout at the Olympia A. A. in Philadelphia.

Although boxing under state supervision is governed by commission in the states of Wisconsin, Montana and New York, there is no agreement between the commissions to uphold rulings.

Owen Moran, the English lightweight, was disqualified by the referee in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round fight with Joe Azevedo at Oakland and the decision was awarded to the Sacramento fighter.

Willie Ritchie and Harlem Tommy Murphy have been rematched to fight for the lightweight championship Friday, January 23.

Young Ahearn, an American, was beaten on points in a 15-round boxing contest at Liverpool, England, by Private Basham of the Welsh Fusiliers.

Jess Willard of Kansas knocked out George (One Round) Davis at the Buffalo Queensbury Athletic club in the second round of a scheduled ten-round bout.

COOK'S LUCKY DAY

Act of Bravery Helped Youngster to Acquisition of Dearest Wish of His Life.

Being an orphan, sixteen years old, ambitious for an education, with no money and no prospects, I was only too glad to accept a position as cook at Jim Austin's lumber camp, located about 14 miles from a little village, which was known as "Nowhere," or Daubins' Creek.

I had 17 men to cook for, but they were not particular as long as the grub was at least 50 per cent. clean, and plenty of it, so I was not occupied all of the day.

One afternoon after I had cleaned up camp and straightened things out for a short walk, I had not gone far when I heard voices, which naturally aroused my curiosity, for I knew the men to be working on the mountain and visitors were rather unusual.

Traveling on all fours, with as little noise as possible, I crept closer and closer, till, peering through the trees, I could see two men seated on a log. The speaker was short and rather heavy set, with a coarse, wicked face and small eyes set far too close together.

By this time I had come up close to where they were sitting and could hear plainly what was being said.

"Risk h—!" hissed the stout man at his companion. "We must get something to eat, and maybe there'll be something worth taking. Then we can set fire to the whole thing right there, and won't have to trust to its catching from the woods. Of course, if you're afraid, you can stay here, and I'll go down and do it." And without another word he started through the woods in the direction of the camp.

For a minute I lay still, my heart thumping away at an awful rate. I knew that I would have to act quickly.

Remembering the fellow still on the log, I went quietly till I thought I was out of hearing, and then for camp, as hard as I could go. I made a circuit that I thought would bring me out on the opposite side of the clearing from which I expected my friend with the evil intentions, and it did.

Taking care to keep the buildings in a line with myself and the opposite woods, I made straight for Jim's office, where I knew I would find my Winchester. Making sure that it was ready for use, I took a position behind the desk and waited. Nor did I have to wait long, for in about five minutes I heard footsteps outside, the door creaked and some one stepped inside. I poked the barrel of my rifle over the top of the desk, rose to my feet and confronted the stranger I had seen in the woods not 15 minutes before. He must have heard me get to my feet, for in that instant he dropped to one knee and his hand flashed to his hip pocket.

However, I was expecting something of the sort, having heard the men discuss such tricks, so quick as thought, I dropped the muzzle of my rifle and had him covered before he could reach his gun. Then I shouted, "Hands up!" He obeyed.

While I had him safe enough, I was afraid to attempt to take his revolver from him, not knowing whether I could manage the rifle with one hand, so I contented myself with telling him I'd shoot if he made a move for it. Then I backed him into a corner and took a position with my back toward the door.

During this time he had not said a word, and I fancied he was listening for something. Hearing a noise behind me, and undecided what to do, I half turned, and as I did so I received a crushing blow on the side of the head. Suddenly everything turned black, my brain reeled, the earth seemed to whirl under my feet and I remembered no more.

When I came back to earth again the first thing I saw was Jim standing over me.

"Jim," I cried, "they're going to set the woods afire! They're going to burn the camp!"

Quietly Jim bent over me. "Don't try to talk now Bud," he said.

"But tell me," I cried, "where are those men? Who are they? Did they get away?"

"Jack Schauer, the one who hit you with the revolver, is dead; and the other one, Dan Wilson, is enjoying a coat of tar at this moment. I will hand him over to the sheriff tomorrow."

Then Jim told me how he had come out of the woods just in time to see Schauer creep up from behind and strike me down. Schauer had opened fire on him, and when he reluctantly returned it, the scoundrel had fallen dead. Wilson had surrendered without a struggle. Both men had worked for Jim at one time, and had been discharged.

Jim was silent for a while, but finally he said: "Bud how would you like to go back to school?" I simply looked at him, and he knew what I meant.

"Bud," he said, "you're going back to school next year and finish your education. Now don't say a word. Do you know that if the office had burned, with all my papers in it, I would be a ruined man now? And in the meantime I will need you in the office. We will have to look for a new cook."

And Jim's word was law.

Something in Common. "We'll have to take a roomer." "I hate to have an uncongenial outsider in the house."

"He needn't be uncongenial. We'll advertise for one who plays bridge."

When Habit is Strong. "I'll tell you what's the matter with you, you procrastinate too much. You ought to put one of these 'Do-It-Now' signs over your desk."

"Bully idea. Glad you mentioned it. I'll put one up tomorrow, sure!"

Unexplored Territory. "I made a lucky discovery today," said the first physician.

"That so?"

"Yes. I discovered a patient that has never been operated on for anything."—Detroit Free Press.

COST OF MATRIMONY

Writer Laments the Passing of the "Good Old Days."

Plunge Into Double Harness Now Means Something More Than It Did a Few Decades Ago, and "There's a Reason."

It is difficult these days for a young fellow to decide when he is financially able to marry, asserts Labert St. Clair in Collier's.

The doctors of matrimony, whom almost all live newspapers now employ to advise the lovers, and the high cost of living contribute largely to the perplexity of the question, it strikes me.

The cost of living sets new altitude records every day, and, regardless of whether a bride has an appetite like a humming bird or a hay baler, it is bound to cost a good deal to feed her. And this item of expense cannot be compared in advance with any degree of accuracy.

One might be able to forget this fact, however, if the doctors would be satisfied. But they will not be. Neither can any two of them agree on how much money a fellow should have before attempting matrimony. Some say \$500 in a bank and a salary of \$25 a week, while others insist it is almost criminal to wed on less than a \$1,000 account and a \$50 salary, and so on. If a poor bachelor would marry he had best stick to one adviser. To change is almost fatal.

A friend of mine proposed to a girl on the advice of a \$500 and \$25 a week expert, and was accepted. When he had saved \$490 his landlady subscribed for a newspaper with a \$1,000 and \$50 a week doctor. He started reading her advice, lost his nerve, and ran out of the engagement.

In the dear, dead days when I was sparking the girls there was no high cost of living problem in our town, and the only expert we ever consulted was Grandma Peck. She had been married almost sixty years, and as she and Pappy Peck always were on speaking terms her advice was considered golden.

"Find out if your sweetheart throws more out the kitchen door with a spoon than you could bring in the front door with a shovel," was her main guideline to marital success.

"But how is a fellow going to get that information in advance?" most every one of us asked her at some time or another.

"Simplest thing in the world," she would go on. "Get her to bake you a batch of cookies. If there is one little round, fat cookie that's made from the trimmings, she's a savvy girl. Marry her. If there ain't no such cookie, look out!" She'd throw that good extra dough away.

That advice was valuable in our town, where no woman could feed her husband store cookies and retain her membership in the Fortnightly club, but it would not work in the cities now. Delicatest stores and social engagements are too numerous.

Inasmuch as there was no high-cost-of-living problem, a lovesick youth seldom let the lack of a paying job or a bank account keep him single. All married folks got along some way or another, though, as I look back now, I wonder how some of the newly-weds bridged over from Saturday to Monday, especially when company came.

Maybe if I had been a grocery man instead of a buggy painter I could explain it! but, as I recall it, everybody ate much and worried little, anyhow. If a boy and a girl fell in love they just up and married and took a chance on eating regularly.

Not in League With Gladstone. One of the most curious cases of mistaken identity was that of Hubner, the Austrian diplomat, and Mr. Gladstone. Mr. Gladstone, during the "Hands off!" period, was exceedingly unpopular in Austria. Hubner went to stay at Raby. He left with other guests and they arrived at Darlington Station too early for their train. They went to a hotel for luncheon, returning in the station omnibus. There were other passengers in this omnibus, and one of them, after staring intently at Hubner for some time, said to him, "I believe I have the great privilege of traveling in the same conveyance with Mr. Gladstone?" Hubner's only reply was to shrug his shoulders contemptuously, and turn ostentatiously to the window. Arrived at the station his fellow-guests asked him how he could have believed so rudely. "Well," said he, "I hope I have succeeded in making Mr. Gladstone thoroughly unpopular in Darlington."

Traveling Man Ran up against a little "hordin'-house" in a small town while he was on his vacation last summer, and asked the waitress of the hotel "what they had."

"Oh, about everything," was the answer.

"Well," said the epicurean, "bring me a large porthouse steak smothered in mushrooms, some potatoes au gratin and a cold bottle."

The waitress gave him one terrified look and blurted, "Ah, quit yer kiddin'. If we had anything like them here the boss would eat it himself!"

Cheaper Tribute. "Mr. Wombat has given a million dollars to our college."

"Well?"

ALBIA NEWS.

The business meeting of the Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Alice Boman. A nice lunch was served by the hostess.

Miss Young of Hocking was in Albia on Sunday. The children from Hocking who took part in the children's program Sunday evening was the Headspeath boy and little Robinson and Young girl.

The program given Sunday evening by the S. B. Moore Mite Missionary society was under the direction of Mrs. Chas. Washington, program committee manager. The children performed their various parts with much credit to themselves and trainer. All present were delighted with such a program.

At the home of Rev. C. Thomas occurred on January 1, 1914, the remembrance of Mrs. C. Thomas' seventy-fourth birthday. This worthy couple have been citizens of Albia and Monroe county for a number of years and have many friends, so their children and grandchildren planned a New Year's birthday party and reunion of the family. All the family was present except Mrs. Carrie S. Griffith of Des Moines and Mr. John Thomas of Chicago. The day was spent with talks of bygone days and a four-course lunch was served and Mrs. Thomas wished for many more years with her happy family. Out of town guests were Mr. Malcolm Griffith of Des Moines, Mrs. Cora McCarthy of Knoxville, Mrs. Lee of New York, Mrs. Randolph of Hiteam, Mrs. T. Williams of Albia and little Mack McCarthy of Knoxville, baby of Mrs. McCarthy.

A Correction. The musical on New Year's night given under the auspices of the S. Moore M. M. society was a success in every way and captivated all previous efforts. Malcolm Griffith of Des Moines was the drawing card and he was at his best and is a wonder for one of his age.

The Mite society is pulling off some very interesting entertainments under its efficient leader, Mrs. R. B. Manley. It will soon have for sale a crazy quilt. Each lady of the society having agreed to take part in making the full number of blocks needed to complete it, and each member soliciting names at 10 cents each, whose initials are to be worked in the blocks. The ladies are doing nicely and it is not known as yet what they will realize, and the prospects are very encouraging. The second Sunday of each month a program is rendered at the evening services, to which all are invited.

DAVENPORT NOTES.

Dr. R. S. Taylor is kept quite busy looking after the sick. Dr. C. F. Wright, orthopedic foot specialist, chiropodist and masseur, has added grace and beauty to his profession and is also kept busy.

Both of our churches have taken on new life spiritually this new year and are doing fine work, to the glory of God. Our ministers are both preaching a full gospel.

The Third Baptist church is engaged in a special meeting, which is to last for two weeks.

The following were elected officers in the Third Baptist Sunday school for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Mrs. Ella Fuqua; assistant superintendent, F. Huff; secretary, Miss Elizabeth Cain; treasurer, Mrs. L. Applewhite. With these officers there is a fine corps of teachers. Mrs. Ella Fuqua, who was re-elected as superintendent, after serving two years without being absent but once during that time, received from her teachers, officers and friends for a Christmas gift a beautiful gold pocketbook, for which she is delighted and is desirous of giving a word of appreciation.

A number of particular friends of Mrs. Georgia Allen gave a surprise party on her at her home Monday evening, January 5th, in honor of her 28th birthday. Mrs. Allen was at a loss as to what to say when she saw the crowd. Music and games were enjoyed until a late hour, after which dainty refreshments were served.

The Woman's Mite Missionary society was entertained at the A. M. E. parsonage January 14th. Mrs. T. B. Stovall furnished the paper. Subject, Is the foreign work as important as the home work? The paper was ably discussed by the missionary workers.

The E. L. D. meets in its annual meeting with its ex-president, Mrs. Eugene Green. It was indeed a grand meeting, with the E. L. D. ladies and their invited guests, about forty in number, forming a beautiful picture of the fair sex, with here and there a man. A paper was read by Mrs. L. F. Phillips. Subject, Resolutions for the new year. This paper was well received. The leading subject, however, was adiscussion, opened by ye correspondent, Should the local clubs furnish a home for homeless girls? The sentiment was that we should furnish a home where girls and women without a home could have a home to go to at any time.

Grand Master Most Worshipful John L. Thompson for the state of Iowa and jurisdiction will visit Hiram lodge, No. 19, on the 23d inst. Mrs. Ida Marshall, Mrs. G. Smith and son, Mrs. Bessie Moore, Mrs. and Mrs. Chas. Bates all remain on the sick list.

Mrs. William Brooks of West Ninth street and Mr. Eugene Perkins are able to be out again. P. M. Rev. T. B. Stovall gave an address on St. John the Evangelist at the Masonic hall last Friday evening and J. W. Mr. Chas. Shepard gave an address on the fine points of fellowship.

The first degree will be given F. Oliver at Hiram hall on the 23d. During the holidays Miss Marie Wilkerson entertained at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Eugene Allen, in honor of the Misses Culbertsons of Clinton, who were her honor guests.

Out of town guests were the Misses Culbertson of Clinton and Messrs. Bane of Muscatine, Slaughter of Howard university and Clump of the Iowa City university.

COUNCIL BLUFFS ITEMS.

Levangelist Hogan died at his home, 1736 Eighth avenue, January 8, 1914, at 5:17 o'clock and was buried Friday, January 9th. Interment at Fairview cemetery. He leaves to mourn his loss seven sisters, two brothers, mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hogan. At the time of his death he was 23 years old. He was a member of the K. P. lodge. Gone but not forgotten.

Many new scholars were seen in the G. A. R. hall, Eighteenth and Pearl streets, at the dancing school, hours from 8 to 12. For little, big, old and young. Prof. Moody and Prof. O'Neil are doing their best. H. L. McKinzy, manager.

The Merry-makers club met Thursday night. One new member was voted in, Mr. Oscar Parks, after which each member answered to his name and paid his dues.

One of the most charming affairs given in the past week was a surprise party given at Mrs. Dan Thompson's, North Twelfth street, in honor of Miss Cleo Thompson of Cresco, Iowa, who is here visiting her aunt. The evening was spent with games and singing, after which a lovely luncheon was served, and each girl and boy departed to their different homes hoping Miss Cleo will come again.

Rev. J. H. Ferrabee was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Russell at Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. McGravens' daughter, Dorothy, is ill at this writing at Sixth street and Avenue A.

Sunday was a great day at Bethel A. M. E. church. Our pastor, Rev. J. H. Ferrabee, filled the pulpit both morning and evening and a most excellent sermon was rendered.

The Sunday school attendance is growing, for which we are very thankful.

Thursday night, January 15, will be prayer meeting and love feast. All are looking forward to a good and glorious time.

Monday night was the election of officers of the trustee board. The old officers were unanimously re-elected.

Sunday will be the second quarterly meeting of this conference year. We hope to make this the very best. We are always glad to have Presiding Elder S. B. Moore, as he brings to us the message of truth and love.

COLFAX, IOWA.

The Mission Circle met with Mrs. Lulu Edgar the past week and will meet on Thursday, January 15th, with Mrs. G. O. Terrell. Wishing all members of the circle to be present.

Mrs. Lottie Murgerson returned to Chicago, after attending the funeral of Mrs. Alexander.

There were four candidates received ordinance of baptism in the pool at the white Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Terrell and Mr. Grubbsby were callers at the Battle House on Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Battle has been somewhat indisposed for several days the past week.

Rev. Evans and family, who have been stopping at the Battle House for a week, are going to housekeeping the first of this week.

Mrs. Adline Brooks was an over Sunday visitor in Des Moines, visiting her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks.

Mrs. J. J. Beasley left Wednesday for Enterprise to be present at the marriage of Mrs. Fannie Tillery to Mr. John R. Miller, which occurs at that place January 14, 1914, at 8 o'clock p. m. They will be at home to their many friends after February 1, 1914, East Eighth North street, Newton, Iowa.

The discussion for the literary Friday night will be, Resolved that alcohol is more detrimental than money. Mr. Bud Walker of Centerville, Iowa, registered one day the past week at the Battle House.

Rev. Evans preached to a crowded house Sunday. We were glad to see so many out at the evening services and the Sunday offering was good. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

Mrs. Green and Mrs. Ed Clark from Des Moines were visiting in our city, the guests of Mrs. Clark at the Battle House. The former is a sister of Mrs. Clark and the latter is a daughter-in-law.

Mrs. Sam Dean was calling on her many friends in Buxton this week. Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors who so willingly offered their assistance to us in the sickness and death of our mother, Mrs. Alexander, and also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Lucy Jones, Mrs. Ella Pinkney, Miss Minnie Alexander, Mrs. Maggie Miller and Families.

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 this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all dealers.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

The emancipation celebration that was given under the auspices of the local Negro Business Men's League at Patee Market hall on the 1st was well attended and a good program was rendered. Mr. S. Joe Brown of Des Moines, Iowa, delivered the principal address and he received many compliments for delivering such an excellent address. It is the intention of that league to make this an annual affair, since our people in all the larger cities are selecting that date for such a celebration, and our local league will do the same.

Miss Macky of Burlington, Iowa, is now the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, 2203 Locust street. She expects to spend several weeks at their home.

Mr. Frank Madison, a former resident of this city, but who has been in St. Paul and Duluth, Minn., and Des Moines, Iowa, for more than a year, is now in our city. He may decide to re-engage in business here.

Mrs. Alice McLaughlin is visiting relatives and friends at Bethany, her former home. She will be gone for a few weeks.

Mr. G. A. White of Kansas City, Kans., a traveling salesman for the Overton Hygienic Mfg. Co. of Chicago, was in the city a few days this week. The firm he represents manufactures a number of well known toilet articles, extracts, spices, baking powder, etc.

Madam Dabney of Kansas City spent a few wdays in this city assisting her agents in demonstrating and selling the XXth Century Hair Preparation, which she originated. While it has only been on the market a few years, yet every month she says her sales increase. We might say to the members of our race there are a number of good hair preparations manufactured by different Afro-Americans. Why not use them instead of those made by other persons.

Mr. Jones has recently opened a grocery store on Messaine street, near Nineteenth street. He has only been a resident of this city a few months, and even though you do not know him personally, call at his store, purchase your groceries and you will soon get acquainted with him. We need more business places in this city owned by members of our race and we will have more if you will be more liberal in your patronage with those that we have and pay them as prompt as you do any merchant. The time is not far distant until we have more and larger business enterprises here and in other cities. This being the first month in the new year why not pause and think how much money do we spend with the people of our own race where they can render us service.

Since our last notes Mr. Clarence Humm and Miss Odessa Williams have been united in the holy bonds of matrimony. They secured the last license issued in the year 1913. Rev. J. H. Brooks performed the ceremony in the presence of only a few of their friends. We extend congratulations.

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Tidings From the Grand East. The annual official visit of the Grand Master of the M. W. United Grand Lodge of Iowa and jurisdiction is as follows: 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. 18, 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. Tuesday, Feb. 10—North Star, No. 2, Des Moines. Thursday, Feb. 19—Doric, No. 30, Des Moines. Wednesday, Feb. 25—Dubuque, No. 23, Dubuque. Thursday, Feb. 26—McNeil, No. 21, Clinton. Friday, Feb. 27—Hiram, No. 19, Davenport. These dates are subject to changes.

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