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CITY NEWS.

See Mutual movies at the Mystic.

Mr. A. C. Payton is plastering a large flat at 908 Sixteenth street.

Mrs. Helen Henry, who has been ill at her home, is able to be around.

Mrs. Harry Seymour of Crocker street, who has been very sick, is reported somewhat better.

Mrs. Bessie Jackson of 1409 Crocker street has been ill with the lagrippe and tonsillitis.

Mr. Sesgo Jackson of Buxton was in the city a few days at the bedside of his wife.

Mr. C. O. Lewis of Fayette, Ia., is in the city visiting his sister, Miss Electa Lewis.

Mrs. Claude Carr of Mason City spent last week in our city returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Sophie Edmonds, who was seriously ill at her home, was taken to Methodist hospital Sunday. Her condition is very grave.

Mrs. C. A. Payton has been confined to her bed for the past week on account of illness. She is able to be up now.

Special rally at Union Congregational Sunday School at 12 o'clock Sunday March 15th. Music by the new five piece orchestra.

Mr. Edward McGruder of 909 8th street has been indisposed the past week with tonsillitis.

Mr. Andrew McDowell who has been ill the past month, has returned to his parental home in Buxton where he will remain indefinitely to recuperate.

The R. C. club will meet at the residence of Mrs. Stewart, 914 Fourteenth street, Saturday afternoon, March 14th.

Mr. Clifton Miles of Buxton was in the city last week, the guest of his husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rhodes of 1409 Crocker street.

Mr. Raymond Renfro of Sioux City is visiting his cousins, Clark and Dwight Yeager, of 108 W. Thirteenth street, also Mrs. Miller of Carney, Ia.

Wanted—Elderly lady for house-keeping in small family. Reasonable wages. Call at 515 East Sixteenth street.

Mrs. Grace Smith of Chicago and Mr. Joe Weeks of Ottumwa were in the city this week, called here by the death of their father and brother Mr. Samuel R. Weeks.

Mrs. Sim Jefferies of Twenty-eighth and Ridge Road has been suffering from a severe attack of tonsillitis. She is some better at this writing.

The Intellectual Improvement club met last Friday with Mrs. H. R. Grave. Interesting papers were read by Mrs. J. L. Edwards and Mrs. John Wilkinson; discussion by the members. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Hughes. The next meeting will be with Mrs. F. P. Johnson.

Big Show all week at the Mystic.

Everybody go to church day last Sunday was a great success for Des Moines. All of the colored churches were increased fully one-third more than on the usual Sunday.

Mrs. Florence B. Taylor of 1539 Buchanan street, surprised her husband by giving a dinner in honor of his birthday, March 10th. Covers were laid for seven. Mrs. E. Rowland of Chillicothe, Mo., was an out of town guest. At a late hour the guests departed wishing Mr. Taylor a long life of success.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown and Miss Adah Hyde attended the public functions incident to the organization of the Negro college men's fraternity at Iowa City, last Saturday afternoon and evening. Mrs. Brown being the wife of the oldest alumni present and Miss Hyde being one of the only two Negro women to ever receive a degree from State University.

At a meeting of the members and friends of Union Congregational church held Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, a Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor was organized under the direction of Rev. T. M. Brumfield. The organization is open to the members, friends and well wishers of the church. Hours of meeting are from 7 p. m. to 7:45. All are extended a cordial and hearty welcome.

The Mutual girl at the Mystic Sunday

Subscribe for The Bystander.

A fine chicken dinner and supper will be served at Union Congregational church Monday, March 16th, on Tenth and Park streets. All strangers and friends are invited. Price, 25 cents per meal.

The trustee and society of Union church met with Mrs. H. E. Jacous last Tuesday afternoon at 1238 West Twentieth street. A pleasant session was held. This society decided to serve dinner and supper next Monday at Union church. They adjourned to meet with Mrs. C. S. Stewart next Tuesday at Fifteenth and High streets.

The Iowa State Bystander acknowledges the receipt of some beautiful post cards from New Mexico, depicting the beautiful scenery out there and some of the beautiful buildings erected for the Panama-California exposition from Mrs. Geo. J. Wilson, who until a few months ago lived here.

The many friends of Miss Tabitha Mash, our trained nurse, will be pleased to hear that she has accepted the position as head nurse in the Milton hospital home for the aged at Jefferson City, Mo. Miss Mash is a very promising young girl and although we hate to lose her, we wish her success in her work.

The Mystic gives you your money's worth.

Wanted—Several honest, industrious people to distribute Negro literature. Salary, \$60.00 per month. Prof. Nichols, Box 100, Naperville, Ill.

CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday, March 15th.
10:30 a. m.—Morning subject, "The Mind That Was in Christ."
12 m.—Sunday school.
6:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.
7:30 p. m.—Subject, "The Four Beasts and the Ancient of Days."
You are welcome.
T. L. Griffith, Minister.

OBITUARY.

Samuel R. Weeks was born in 1856 in Cincinnati, Ohio and later lived in Rushville, Ill., and Bloomfield, Ia., at which place he was a member of the M. E. church. He later moved to Ottumwa where he was married to Miss Grace Sublett of which two children were born to this union, Edward a son and Grace a daughter. His wife died 24 years ago. Mr. Weeks lived in Des Moines twelve years and was sick for one year and died March 9th. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. U. Taylor at the residence of his son Edward on Chestnut street Wednesday afternoon. Interment at Glendale cemetery. He leaves to mourn his death two children, Edward of Des Moines and Grace of Chicago, also five brothers, two in Chicago, one in London, one in Ottumwa and one in Des Moines. The bereaved ones have our deepest sympathy.

Mr. Lacy T. Goodrich died last Friday, March 6th, at the Methodist hospital from injuries received in Enterprise Coal mine No. 2, February 11th, by falling slate. He was born in Churchville, Va., in 1884, and came to Iowa in 1902, where he remained ever since. His home here was at 1212 Crocker street. He was married to Miss Blanche Allen on August 2, 1913, and leaves a dutiful and loving wife and two sisters, Mrs. C. Carl of this city, and Mrs. B. Woolfolk of Wanhington, D. C. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. U. Taylor of the A. M. E. church. Interment at Glendale cemetery.

Mr. Henderson died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Yates, 632 E. Second street, he having come here about a month ago from Kansas City, Mo. Bright's disease was the cause of his death.

ROSS FOR COUNCILMAN.
Mr. Chas. E. Ross is a candidate for councilman, subject to the primaries March 16th. Mr. Ross has lived in Des Moines for more than ten years and is employed by the Red Compressed Yeast Co. for about fifteen years, in which capacity he has become familiar with our city business interests. He has never asked or held any office and comes from the ranks of the laboring class and is in perfect sympathy with them and will work to the best interest of the common masses of the people. He believes in a strict business administration, using economy and giving all classes a fair play in the affairs of the city government. His many friends are working for his nomination and they solicit the support of all reasonable thinking people. We believe that no better man could be found than Mr. Ross, who would be in full accord and sympathy with the laboring people.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to extend to our many friends our heartfelt thanks for their very kind service rendered during the illness and death of our beloved husband and brother and son.
Mrs. L. T. Goodrich.
Mrs. C. Carl.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen.
Ira and Don Allen.



HON. GEO. L. DOBSON FOR COUNCILMAN.

It is our happy privilege to announce the name of one of our well known citizens in the person of Hon. Geo. L. Dobson, who is a candidate for a member of the city council. He is a man of many years' experience in public affairs and has spent most all of his life in our city. He was a member of the general assembly for several years during the time that the railroad corporations were at fever heat, and he championed the rights of the common people. He has held many city offices and has done a great deal of political work, for the republican party. He was treasurer of Polk county until two years ago and has always shown a keen interest in using economy in business methods in conducting the public affairs. He is unquestionably a true and tried friend of the colored race and will give all classes of people a equal chance in life. His many friends are asking for him your support.



F. T. VAN LIEW FOR COUNCILMAN.

We take great pleasure in presenting to our colored voters the name of F. T. Van Liew, who is a candidate for councilman for his second term, subject to the primaries March 16th. Judge Van Liew is one of the successful young men who has struggled through life and has succeeded. He is one member of the present council that is giving the colored men a fair,

square deal both as police judge and now as the chairman of the public safety department. He has employed more colored men in this department than any other safety department official and the colored voters cannot make a mistake in voting for Mr. Van Liew. He has been absolutely fair and consistent through his entire public career and his many friends predict that he will be one of the highest when the primaries close next Monday.



HARRY B. FRASE FOR COUNCILMAN.

We take pleasure this week in presenting to our friends Mr. Harry B. Frase, who is a candidate for councilman. Mr. Frase is one of the well known public men in our city and is present our county auditor and in all

of his official capacity he has been a good, true friend to the colored people, giving them a fair chance, and if elected he will no doubt continue his fair dealing with all classes of people. He is a good social man to meet and solicits the support of the voters of this city next Monday.

At a meeting of the City Federation held at the home of Mrs. W. N. Warricks, the president, Monday afternoon, a large and enthusiastic number of ladies assembled and accomplished much important work. The report of the chairman on homes, Mrs. Harry Brown, showed a splendid response on the part of our Des Moines citizens.

The report of the committee on place, Mrs. Albert Garter, chairman, was accepted and the Corinthian Baptist church chosen as the place for holding the State Federation in May. Report of entertainment committee, with Mrs. Chas. Cousins, chair-

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FOR COMMISSIONER

Mr. C. H. Cutler has announced his name as a candidate for commissioner. Mr. Cutler came out upon his citizenship of over twenty-six years in Des Moines. He has no clicks or committee back of him, but is an honest, industrious laboring man and has assisted in building up our city for more than a quarter of a century. He has never asked or held any office during his many years in our city and his candidacy is backed by the common masses of laboring people and all honest thinking people. The many people who know him say he is and has always been fair to our race. Any support that you may render him will be appreciated by him. He stands for good business, economical administration, giving all people a square deal.

J. M. LEONARD FOR COUNCILMAN.

There is one man running for the council that many of our readers know well, for they have met him as a street car conductor on the Center street car, Mr. J. M. Leonard. He is always courteous to all of us. He is our friend. He is always so kind in his treatment of us that we know if he gets on the council that he will be just as friendly to the colored people as he has always been to us on the Center street car. We also want to use judgment in such matters and get a councilman who is in every way competent. We know that J. M. Leonard is competent. We know that.

So taking all in all we can recommend him to our readers as a man worthy of their vote. Go to the polls next Monday and vote. Every man ought to do that. Mr. C. C. Pugh, manager for Mr. Leonard, has been a good friend to the colored people.

"My colored friends you will never regret it if you vote for Leonard. He is worthy of your vote. He will constantly be your friend."

FRED GERMAN FOR COUNCILMAN.

Mr. Fred German, our well known young business man, has announced himself for commissioner, subject to the primaries March 16th. I have known Mr. German for many years and have worked with him and find him to be a capable, honest, upright young man and by his many years in our city, which numbers about twenty-one, he has become identified and is familiar with the business interests. He was secretary to J. Wesley Ash when Mr. Ash was commissioner and has a full knowledge of the city business. He was also deputy treasurer under Geo. L. Dobson and will no doubt understand workings of our city far more than the average man by virtue of his experience. Any support that you may give him will be appreciated by his many friends.

WALKER FOR COUNCILMAN.
We present to our readers a cut of Mr. J. C. Walker, who is one of our well known influential citizens, who is a candidate for councilman. Below we publish his platform in full.

First—I believe to create the utmost confidence of the public in its officials that there should be the greatest publicity possible in all of the actions of the officials in all departments, especially that of the council in its expenditure of public moneys.

Second—I favor the municipal ownership of the water works, provided the management can be absolutely divorced from politics.

Third—I believe that for best initiative and referendum. Let the people rest of all concerned that the street car franchise question should be settled as soon as possible.

Fourth—I am in favor of building of public comfort stations located at suitable places for the convenience of the people, same to be open day and night.

Fifth—I think that the early completion of the Seventh street bridge and the routing of cars over the viaduct and the elimination of the danger on First street would be appreciated by residents of the South Side.

Sixth—I am in favor of the initiative and referendum; let the people say by their vote what they want.

Seventh—I am heartily in favor of the recall of any public official who proves recreant to the trust placed in his hands by the people.

Eighth—I am in favor of the rigid inspection of all buildings erected to insure the safety of the workmen and occupants.

Ninth—I favor the rigid inspection by competent inspectors of all public improvements, requiring all concerns to fulfill the contracts for the same to the letter.

I am heartily in favor of the employment of the mechanics and laborers who live in Des Moines in preference to those imported from other places. I believe in patronizing home industry first.

Eleventh—I believe in real civil service where efficiency, fitness and qualifications are considered. I am not in favor of the civil service being used for a pretense to retain incompetent officials and employes in service.

Twelfth—I favor any proposition that will be for the building of a greater Des Moines and at the same time be a benefit to the working class, the real boosters, and to that end I hope to see all improvements, leagues, societies and labor organizations to unite for that one purpose, the build-

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R. M. GALBRAITH AND W. F. MITCHELL FOR COMMISSIONERS.

Platform.

1.—We are running for absolutely one term only.

2.—Our platform is: Strictly a business administration. No politics whatsoever. No pledges to any one. A square deal to every man.

To re-establish confidence in the Des Moines plan. Make work for the working man and business for the business man.

We solicit the support of every citizen and taxpayer who approves this platform.

BUSINESS LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

On last Monday evening, pursuant

to a call for a mass meeting of the citizens to be held at the A. M. E. church, there were present about forty men of our city and a Business Men's League was organized, which adopted the by-laws and constitution sent out by the National Business Men's League, of which Booker T. Washington is the president. Rev. T. L. Griffith called the meeting to order and effected a temporary organization. After the adoption of the constitution and by-laws and the enrollment of membership, which resulted in twenty-eight members, who paid their initiation fees, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, John L. Thompson; vice president, J. B. Rush; secretary, S. Joe Brown; treasurer, C. B. Woods; auditor, W. H. McCree. About ten business enterprises were represented, and it is hoped that by the next meeting all of our business enterprises will have representation in the league. The president appointed the following to constitute the executive committee: Rev. T. L. Griffith, I. M. Jones, Dr. J. A. Jefferson and Oscar L. Glass. The next place of meeting will be announced later. It is the object of this league to encourage the present men who are in business and to induce others to enter such lines and bring about a general co-operation of our business men and to induce our race to patronize our worthy business enterprises.

CITY PRIMARIES.

On next Monday the voters of Des Moines will be required to nominate candidates for the city of Des Moines who will be elected on the 30th of March for a period of two years. It is hoped that our voters will look well and make a good selection. The Iowa State Bystander has published from time to time a brief history of different candidates who are seeking nomination. From that and your present knowledge one should be able to vote intelligently.

GEO. E. FERGUSON, Candidate for Councilman.

He's the Man.

No better recommendation can be found in Des Moines. You don't have to guess when you vote for Ferguson. He is the symbol of honesty, integrity and economy and stands for judicious application of business principles. He has the courage of his convictions.

What more do you want? Des Moines, Iowa, March 10, 1914.

We, whose names are herewith affixed, do not hesitate to commend the honor and integrity of Mr. Geo. E. Ferguson, candidate for city councilman, and have confidence in his ability and judgment to materially improve the condition of our city, and make it a better Des Moines.

Edward O'Dea, O'Dea Hardware Co.
Geo. A. Jewett, Jewett Lumber Co.
J. W. Hill, Des Moines Nursery Co.
B. W. Garrett, Clerk Iowa Supreme Court.

J. A. McKinney, Vice Pres. C. C. State Bank.

Geo. B. Peak, Pres. Central Assurance association.

A. H. Cotton, Interurban Inspector.
Hill M. Bell, Pres. Drake University.
W. E. Hamilton, American Iron Works.

A. B. Elliott, Elliott & Son, furniture.
A. C. Hanger, Jeweler.
C. J. Engle, Engle-Edde Drug Co.

Finis Idleman, Pastor Central church.
Geo. C. Carpenter, Carpenter Paper Co.
B. N. Waller.
Geo. H. Shaw, Mgr. Berg Medicine Co.

Soliciting your consideration, I am your candidate,
Geo. E. Ferguson.

IOWA NEGROES ORGANIZE COLLEGE FRATERNITY.

Iowa City, Iowa, (Special).—The dream of the oldest living Negro alumnus of the State University of Iowa was realized on Saturday, March 7, 1914, by the organization in Iowa City of a college men's fraternity composed exclusively of Negro students and graduates of the state university.

The name of this new fraternity is Kappa Alpha Nu and is a branch of the national organization of the same name and which was founded at the University of Indiana in the year 1910 and has for its purpose the creating of a social center for the Negro men in attendance upon northern colleges and universities where the great majority of the students are of the Caucasian race.

Prof. E. W. Diggs, superintendent of Negro schools of Vincennes, Indiana, founder and present Grand Polemarch of the national grand chapter, assisted by Wm. J. Prince, formerly of Coon, Iowa, but at present a student in the University of Illinois and Lieut. Grand Strategus of the national grand chapter, and Paul W. Kane, a student in the University of Indiana and a charter member of the national grand chapter, were present and inaugurated the new chapter, which is the fourth in existence, and is therefore named the Delta chapter, the other three being Alpha chapter in the University of Indiana, Beta chapter in the University of Illinois, at Champaign, and Gamma chapter, composed of Negro college alumni of Indianapolis, Ind.

The newly organized chapter in the

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AFRO-AMERICAN CULLINGS

When Alonso Steele died in Texas a year or two ago the last white man who fought in the battle of San Jacinto passed away, writes Frank Putnam.

A few days ago W. P. Zuber, who, as a boy of sixteen, was with the Texas army at San Jacinto, but did not bear arms in the fight, died at his Texas home. He was on hospital duty during the fighting. He was the last survivor of all the white men present on that occasion, but it is not wholly clear that he was the last survivor.

It is likely that honor belongs to an ancient darkey, believed to have been Sam Houston's body servant, who still lives in or near Houston. The old man's story is accepted by the oldest residents, sons, some of them, of men who fought at San Jacinto, and more familiar than any one else with the history of that affair.

The passing of the last white survivor of San Jacinto directs attention to one of the most extraordinary pages of all history. San Jacinto ranks next after the battle of Saratoga and Gettysburg among the decisive battles fought on this continent.

Saratoga proved the British could not subdue their revolting American colonists; Gettysburg determined the fate of the Confederacy; San Jacinto pushed the American rule southward from a vast region on the Pacific coast and from an inland region including all of Texas, with parts of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming.

The battle of San Jacinto was in character unique. It was won with the bowie knife against odds of three to one; won by undisciplined plainmen opposing Santa Anna's best drilled and best equipped regiments.

It was the only battle in which the lesser army lured the greater into a position from which there was no escape for either except by death or victory. Houston, retreating before Santa Anna, led him into a region bounded by swamps and marshes on two sides, with a wide, deep bayou on another and a narrow bayou, branch of the first, on the fourth side.

Houston backed into his position and Santa Anna followed. Then Houston burned the bridge across the narrow bayou, the only entrance or exit of the theater of battle.

A whirlwind campaign was carried on by the colored people of Philadelphia to raise enough of the money pledged last year toward a colored Y. M. C. A. to make the \$15,000 originally asked of them. It was announced at a meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. that the choice of location had narrowed down to two lots, on both of which they have options. The money for the lot is already in bank, and when a decision is made it will be bought at once. An architect accompanied a special committee to Indianapolis to study the new colored Y. M. C. A. that has recently been erected there and is considered one of the most complete in the country. It is expected the building will be well under way early in the summer.

The building will contain a gymnasium, swimming pool, etc. It will have educational features and be a social center for the colored men of the city. It will also provide a hotel for the better class of colored people who are passing through the city and now have no accommodations.

Of the 2,273,000 illiterates 617,000 are native whites, including both those of native, foreign and mixed parentage; 879,000 are negroes and 787,000 are immigrants. There are interesting and encouraging points with regard to the two latter classes. The negro illiterates seem to be a large number. But this represents a decrease of 157,998 during the decade, while the total of that population shows an increase of 398,000. The illiterate negroes are almost wholly located in the south, where they are not permitted to vote and are decreasing there.

In 1894 the total forest area of Switzerland was 2,091,000 acres, representing 20.2 per cent. of the total surface area of the country. In 1911 the forest acreage was 2,258,000, equal to 21.86 per cent. of the total area of the country, an increase of 167,000 acres. Instead of being an expense, the forests of Switzerland are a source of profit to the government.

Most of the widows of Paris are remarried within 18 months of their first bereavement.

The colored men's branch of the Y. M. C. A. of Indianapolis closed its observance of health week. The state exhibit placed in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A. was studied by hundreds of persons. A special lecture was given each evening in the auditorium of the building, to which the public was invited. A large number heard Dr. I. N. Hurty deliver an illustrated lecture, Doctor Atkins and Dr. L. A. Lewis lectured Friday evening to men only.

A man is, indeed, ignorant if he is ignorant of his own ignorance.

The largest tillable farm in the United States is near Tarkio, Mo., and contains 23,000 acres. The land alone is estimated to be worth \$3,000,000.

Switzerland is about to establish the largest national park in Europe. It is in the canton of Grisons, and has an area of nearly 80 square miles.

The erection of an extensive aerial station midway between Berlin and Vienna is expected to lead to regular aeroplane service between the two cities.

After a careful investigation of the facts, I am convinced that every day in the year there are as many as 300,000 people of my race who are sick enough to be incapacitated for work, writes Booker T. Washington. Other persons have estimated the number of negroes who are sick all the time to be as high as 450,000. If these figures are correct, it means that on the average every member of my race spends annually 18 days in bed, in the hospital, suffering pain or recuperating from sickness that might be spent in some form of wholesome enjoyment or in useful and efficient labor.

It is safe to say, on the same basis, that every day in the year there are 112,000 negro workers idle, as a result of sickness, who would otherwise be at work in some form of useful employment. This is a great loss not only to the negro, but it is a great loss to the country. It has been estimated that in the south alone there is a net loss to the negro in earnings and to the community as a whole in productive labor of \$40,000,000 a year.

This immense loss is not due to the physical weakness of the negro race. I have frequently heard it said that the negro, as he lived in Africa, was more vigorous and more robust than any other race on earth. He had to be so to stand the climate. Even today one will seldom find among any race of people finer specimens of physical manhood than the sturdy, unspoiled people of the negro race in the country districts of the south. These people are an asset to the country and to the south, and it seems to me that it is the duty of every patriotic citizen to do what he can to conserve the life and health of this portion of the population in the condition in which it now is.

Boston people who are deeply interested in the work that Dr. Booker T. Washington is doing at Tuskegee turned out in numbers to hear him at Trinity church, where he told the story of Tuskegee's progress during the last year. Dr. Washington has just come from the south on his annual visit to Boston. Owing to the generosity of thousands of Tuskegee's friends Dr. Washington has been able to give more of his time to the administrative work of the institution year after year. One of the great problems now is that of training specialists in varied lines of southern work, particularly those of education and agriculture. Just before Dr. Washington left Tuskegee 26 county superintendents of education from various counties in Alabama spent a part of two days at Tuskegee with the idea of getting information and plans for their work among the colored children. The influence which Tuskegee is exerting as a strictly educational force is rightly gratifying to the trustees. Furthermore, Tuskegee cannot begin to supply the demand for farm leaders. The boll weevil has convinced the southern planters that they must take up diversified farming in order to make their lands pay. Bankers and merchants are also vitally interested in the training of these agriculturists and many prizes are being offered. Dr. Washington told his Boston audience about the greatest year the institution ever had and the possibilities of splendid advances in the near future.

Many a man punctures his tire on the road to wealth.

The United Layman's evangelistic campaign was one of the largest religious efforts that has been attempted by the colored people of Indianapolis. Rev. E. L. Howard of Nashville, Tenn., conducted the meetings. Special meetings for boys were held several afternoons during the week. The series of meetings closed with a united church service under the direction of the Interdenominational Ministers' association, Sunday evening, March 1.

The state of Hyderabad, located about midway between Madras and Bombay, in the south central part of India, with a population of about 13,500,000 (about equal to that of New York and Massachusetts combined), and with an area of 82,698 square miles (just about the same area as Kansas), is, generally speaking, the most important native state in India in population, wealth and potential resources.

Co-operative stores, owned and managed by natives, are fostered wherever possible in Alaska by the United States bureau of education, which has charge of education for the natives of Alaska.

Theodore Harris, colored, whose funeral was held at Camden, N. J., recently, was one hundred and eleven years old when he died, according to war department records. He was born on the eastern shore of Maryland, February 13, 1803. Harris was a veteran of the Civil war and received a pension.

In Greece the minister of education has opened negotiations for the installation of 4,000 natural color moving picture machines, with supplies of films, for use in the state schools.

A mathematical prodigy, nineteen years old, has been found in Chicago. He can reckon the number of seconds in 87 years in seven seconds. Without any hesitation at all he can give the cube roots of 175,616 or multiply 291 by 876.

A Civil war veteran living on the Pacific coast has acquired great skill in making bows for archers. For these he looks for yews which grow always at an elevation of not less than 5,000 feet. With one of his bows a deer was killed at a distance of 62 yards.

As to Love. "Is love nice?" one little girl questioned another. "It depends," was the answer, given by a member of a large family of older brothers and sisters, "it's nice when you love your mother, but when you love other young men and women it's hard on the rest of the family."

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NEW TUBER CROP

Uncle Sam Introduces Vegetable Good for Winter Use.

Blanched Dasheen Shoots Are Something Like Asparagus, With Delicate Flavor Which is Suggestive of Mushrooms.

Washington.—The newly introduced vegetable, the dasheen, which resembles the potato and is a peculiarly suitable crop for our southern states, has been experimented with by scientists of the department of agriculture, who now give the details of a special way in which it may be forced. By forcing and blanching the shoots of this tuber crop (which originally is grown like the potato), the scientists have obtained a new tender delicacy for the table, which may be used much like asparagus, while its flavor is suggestive of mushrooms.

Several ways of forcing and blanching the shoots of this vegetable have been tried, and satisfactory shoots have been grown in all these ways. In one of the experiments blanching was accomplished by keeping the shoots covered with sand. In other experiments by the department, a frame covered with several thicknesses of burlap was used. The boxes in which these experiments were carried on were placed in a greenhouse on a bench that was supplied with bottom heat.

Where the production of shoots on a large scale is desired, other methods are more suitable. These are described in a circular just issued by the office of foreign seed and plant introduction, entitled: "The Forcing and Blanching of Dasheen Shoots." The office will supply the bulletin to anyone that requests it. Requests should be addressed to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The new circular gives a number of illustrations, one of which shows a bed of dasheens in a greenhouse at Battle Creek, Mich. There is a board covering shown in the course of construction which is for the purpose of blanching the shoots. This is practically light-proof, and should have sides from 18 to 24 inches high. The temperature inside this should be about 70 degrees F. The soil (or sand) should be a little warmer, say 80 degrees. To obtain this temperature it is best to partially inclose the space beneath the bed.

To obtain the shoots, corms of the dasheen, weighing two to three pounds or more, are planted in a fairly warm place in very moist sand or sandy soil. "Corm" is the term used to describe the bulb-like root of the plant, as "tuber" is used to describe that of sand and ordinary potatoing soil has given good results. The corms are just covered, the terminal bud being at the surface. Provision must be made for keeping the shoots in total darkness from the time they begin to grow. Water should be supplied often enough to keep the sand or soil continuously moist.

The first crop of shoots is usually ready for cutting in 35 to 40 days after planting. From six to ten cuttings can be made at intervals of 10 to 14 days, depending upon temperature and the size of the corms used. The shoots are cut close to the corm, and as far as practicable, before the leaves begin to expand. They will then usually be 8 to 16 inches long. After the corms become exhausted, which is indicated by the weak growth of the shoots, they are discarded.

Out of doors in a warm region, as in Florida, the corms may be planted in rows in sandy soil and the shoots blanching by rigging the soil as growth progresses. Instead of rigging the soil, boards may be used, as in blanching celery, but the shoots must not at any stage of their growth be exposed to light for any considerable length of time.

The shoots have been found to, keep well for several days, if in a cool, dry place. As they are very succulent, however, it is better that the period of storage be very limited—not over two to four days when available. A little ventilation is necessary, but as the shoots soon wilt if evaporation is too rapid, a paraffined paper should be used in wrapping and a slight opening left.

Sometimes, when the shoots are to be kept for only a day or two before using, it may be advisable to wrap first in wet paper and then with paraffined paper, especially if the place where they are to be kept is not quite cool enough.

A special method of cooking is required for blanched dasheen shoots, in order to destroy a slight bitterness of taste. They should never be tasted raw.

The following recipes, although prepared with a good deal of care, are not considered as final, and it is hoped that housewives and others will try modifications of them:

1. Cut the shoots into two-inch lengths, pour on a abundance of boiling water, add salt, and boil for 12 minutes; drain, pour on enough cold milk so that the shoots will be completely covered when it boils; season with salt, and boil for five minutes; drain, season with butter, and serve on toast or plain. Cream sauce may be used in serving, if desired.

2. Instead of boiling in milk after draining off the first water, add a little piece of bacon or other fat meat, and then cover the shoots with cold water, season with salt, and boil for five minutes. Drain and serve.

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GOOD ROADS AND RURAL SCHOOLS.

The rural population is more willing to support better schools today than at any previous time. It is being realized that all educational activities or agencies must be more or less correlated, and, more than all else, that they must be made accessible to the children. In many counties where bad roads prevail, most of the schools are of the antiquated one-room variety. They are usually located along bad roads which, during the winter, when the schools are usually in session, become so nearly impassable as to make it difficult for the children to reach them. This condition causes irregular attendance and restricts the educational opportunities of the child. Not only this, but it often impedes the economic consolidation of these smaller schools into larger, stronger graded schools, with high school courses, directed by a competent principal and corps of teachers, according to the office of public roads, U. S. department of agriculture.

On the other hand, in counties which have improved their roads, the schools are easily reached, the average attendance greater, the efficiency largely increased and economic consolidation made possible. Regular attendance at school means consistent and regular growth of both school and pupil, and consolidation of schools means a maximum of efficiency at a minimum of cost. It is also noteworthy that there is a marked tendency for the consolidated school to become the social and intellectual center of the community. Most modern rural schoolhouses are so constructed as to serve the community as gathering places for various kinds of public meetings, and where vans are used to convey the children to school during the day they are frequently pressed into service to haul the farmers and their wives to institute work, lectures or entertainments at the schoolhouse. The consolidated school becomes a sort of community center to which all educational and social activities converge, and in order that it may properly perform that function all of the highways leading to it should be so improved as to render it readily accessible throughout the year.

Early beginning of construction upon the mammoth heat, light and power plant to supply the government department buildings in this city was assured when Byron R. Newton, assistant secretary of the treasury, designated L. B. Stillwell, consulting engineer of New York city, as an expert to cooperate with the engineering force of the supervising architect's office in the treasury department.

This is the first step by the government to bring about complete control of the heat, light and power service for the local departments, and the treasury department expressed a desire to rush the project forward as rapidly as possible.

The central works is to be located on the river front facing Potomac park, at Water street, between Thirteenth and Thirteenth-and-a-Half streets southwest. The sundry civil bill in congress appropriated \$1,494,104 for plant. The land upon which it will be built is owned by the government. The plant will not occupy all of the land for buildings, but will allow enough space to provide a site for a municipal works for the district.

The government now spends a large sum each year for electric current, and it is said that the new central station will prove a good investment in addition to providing better service.

Buildings which are to receive light, heat and power from the plant are: Department of agriculture, bureau of engraving and printing, treasury building, White House buildings and grounds, state war and navy, windor and mills buildings, court of claims, national museum, Smithsonian institution, army medical museum, fish commission, the district building, Washington monument, and post office department. The plant also will supply the departments of state, justice, commerce and labor when these are constructed.

President Wilson recently received a post office money order for \$2.60 from pupils of the fifth grade in the Lincoln school, at Anacosta, Mont., who asked him to send it to the sufferers from the recent disaster in Japan.

"Dear Mr. Wilson," wrote little Miss Isis Winters: "We have all heard of the terrible disaster that has just occurred in Japan. We have all contributed a nickel or dime toward helping these poor people. We haven't much money to spare, so we gave up the movies on Saturday and some of us ran errands to earn the money. We hope it will get to Japan in time to help the poor boys and girls. We are also all interested in the Red Cross society, and would be much obliged if you would please send us a leaflet of their work."

President Wilson wrote a letter thanking the donors and turned the money order over to the American Red Cross.

So It Goes. "Romance is always getting smashed these days." "How now?" "I see that Robin Hood's record for long distance archery has been broken by a draper's clerk."

Proof of Lack of Humor. "You think the American people lack a sense of humor?" "Yes," replied the frank visitor from abroad; "otherwise you wouldn't find so many people weighing over 200 pounds who dance the tango."—Washington Star.

Fish Unhurt by Freezing. During several months of each year some of the great rivers of Siberia are frozen solid to the bottom, but the fishes imprisoned in the ice maintain their vitality and resume their active life when the ice melts.

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SCHEME FOR CARRYING EGGS

Layers With Compartments Fit Over One Another—Each Egg Has Cell Made Just Large Enough.

Since the parcel post has been in effect, inventors have been busy turning out all sorts of carrying devices. An Iowa woman has planned the egg case shown in the illustration, and if it carries eggs as safely as she claims there will be plenty of use for it. Each side of this case is a different height and to each side is hinged a flat box that is divided into numerous cells, each just large enough to hold an egg. One side, for example, is the full depth of the case, while the others are respectively three-fourths, one-half and one-fourth of the depth. So that when



The different boxes are filled and their lids fastened down they are turned into the central space and form four separate layers, each containing a certain number of eggs and with each egg in a separate cell.

HABIT OF EXCHANGING EGGS. When Possible Poultry Products Should Be Sold Direct to Consumer—Co-operate With Neighbors.

There is no satisfaction and but very little money in exchanging eggs for groceries or grain. By being careful in gathering eggs, so that they won't become chilled in winter and so the hens won't sit on them over night and using a little care in sizing and selecting, quite an advance over the common prices may be obtained.

When possible sell your eggs direct to the consumer. If not possible, get a market in your nearest city with some grocer who deals in strictly fancy groceries and provisions. Agree to furnish him only strictly fresh eggs, and then, for your own sake, live up to the agreement. Carefully clean all the eggs; don't send small, misshapen or large ones. Stamp each egg with a rubber stamp, using your initials or the name of your farm, and in a short time you will have created a demand for your eggs, and when you have created such a demand your eggs will bring the highest prices, considerably more than your storekeeper would pay.

Several neighbors should send their eggs together, paying a cent or two per dozen to one of their number for doing the business, and in this way all would gain a little.

CAREFULLY CULL ALL RUNTS. Best Way Is to Kill Them Off as Soon as Birds Show Pronounced Symptoms—Feed Is Wasted.

There are sure to be a few runts in every flock, no matter how hard the breeder may strive to guard against them. Usually these runts may be told from the time the little chicks are five weeks old. The manner in which they carry themselves when moving around shows that they can be nothing but runts when grown up. No matter how hard you try or how much feed you put into them, they will be nothing but runts. The feed and time taken to make their growth will be practically wasted, as the birds will never sell for one-tenth what it cost to raise them.

Usually the best way is to kill them as soon as they show pronounced symptoms of being runts. It may appear cruel, but it is better for the birds and certainly better for the grower. Removing them puts them out of their misery and insures that the other birds will be healthier. Runts invariably contract every disease which is prevalent and carry it to the healthier birds in the flock.

SOME DISEASES OF POULTRY. Unsanitary Surroundings, Spoiled Feed, Impure Water and Poor Ventilation Are Among Causes.

Poultry diseases, just like other diseases, are favored by unsanitary surroundings, spoiled food, stony and dirty drinking water, and poorly ventilated and insufficiently lighted coops.

Sick birds should be removed from the flock, and dead ones burned, in an outbreak of any disease.

White diarrhea of chicks is caused by a germ which is often passed from the hen to the chick through the egg. Vessels and troughs in which feed is placed should be frequently scalded, or disinfected with a five per cent. solution of carbolic acid.

Be careful in introducing new birds into your flock to see that they are perfectly healthy, and not likely to bring disease with them.

Hens in Orchards. One hundred laying hens can be kept on each acre of a full grown orchard without interfering with the regular operations. Four hundred laying hens can be kept on each acre of a newly set orchard.

Necessary Green Food. Second quality cabbage, mangrel beets, specked apples or steamed green cured clover or alfalfa are necessary to furnish green food to the flock during the winter.

Cull Undesirable Fowls. All the undesirable fowls should be culled out and disposed of so that the flock will contain high-class producers only.

Cull the Male Birds. Don't keep a lot of young or old male birds in the flock to worry the rest of the birds and to eat expensive grain.

Grade and Candle Eggs. Do you know how to grade and candle eggs? Do you do it before sending them to market?

MRS. JOHN K. SHIELDS, LOVER OF ANTIQUES

The desk at which Mrs. John K. Shields sits when she goes over her household accounts or replies to the invitations that the morning mail has brought is the identical one at which a member of the royal family of France transacted similar business during the reign of the ill-fated Louis XVI. One which resembles it closely, but is less elaborate in workmanship, is now counted among the treasures of the British embassy, and near this desk in the library of Senator and Mrs. Shields of Tennessee is a wonderful old clock of tortoise shell, with the elaborate gilt decorations that were once a part of the splendor of court life in France. It ticks away today just as it did before the French revolution, says the Washington Star.



"Both pieces," explained Mrs. Shields, "came into possession of my mother's family long before she was born. They have been in constant use all these years."

To a woman who loves genuine and beautiful antiques, anything from an ancient Chinese incense burner to an old pie-crust mahogany table, a day spent in the home of Mrs. Shields would be a rare privilege.

Senator and Mrs. Shields may be regarded as newcomers in Washington. That is, they have been here less than twelve months. They were married a little over a year ago in Knoxville, and Senator Shields took his seat in the United States senate in January of last year. They have taken for the

present season the big apartment on the Avenue of the Presidents which the Speaker and Mrs. Champ Clark formerly occupied. It is here that one sees to advantage the number of rare and beautiful objects in Mrs. Shields' possession.

"The best thing about my collection," says Mrs. Shields, "is that it is not a collection at all. By this I mean that I have never been in any sense of the word a collector. These things, which my friends are good enough to find interesting, are merely those that I delight to use every day and which have given pleasure to the women of my family for generations.

Pointing to two great Sevres vases, almost as large as those which ornament the mantels in the east room of the White House, Mrs. Shields continued:

"You will rarely find two such old pieces in such a state of perfect preservation. Here, too, is some old English silver in the form of a severely plain and much used little sugar bowl and cream pitcher, and in two rather ornate cake and fruit baskets.

"This odd cabinet you see in the drawing room belonged to my great-grandmother. In it I have placed the necklace she wore, its gold pendants fine as lace work and set with what are said to be white sapphires, though as to this I cannot speak authentically. The old desk you see in my library is an authentic royal piece of the time of Louis XVI. The tortoise-shell clock belongs to the same period."

Old fans, their mother-of-pearl sticks and their rose point lace unbroken, their figures after Watteau, as charming in color as when painted; miniatures by Dodge; boxes of ivory ornate with rare carving; Chippendale chairs and portraits that are interesting examples of the early American painters are other objects that go to make Senator and Mrs. Shields' home one of the most interesting in the city.

SENATOR JONES WOULD EMULATE THE GREEKS

Senator Jones the other day introduced a bill providing for the establishment of the Parthenon as a site for memorials to women and their achievements.

In the last session of congress he introduced a bill to designate certain lands lying between the Union station and the Capitol grounds as the Acropolis and another part as the Parthenon, but the bill now introduced is for the purpose of separating the two and providing exclusively for the Parthenon.

"This measure is introduced in the hope and belief," said Senator Jones, "that from it may come a fitting memorial to American womanhood, the sweetest and best in the world. The ancient Parthenon was the finest expression of Grecian art in architecture, and was erected by Pericles in honor of Athena, who represented to the Greek all that was good, noble and inspiring in woman. It was intended

to honor woman and her noble and inspiring attributes. "But few monuments or memorials have been erected to our women. A magnificent memorial is soon to be erected to the women of the Civil war, but it will be placed away down on the reclaimed flats toward the Potomac river, to be seen only by those who ride in automobiles or who take the sightseeing cars. "Our women deserve recognition. They have done well their part in the development of our country and in the making of its history. "It is time a suitable memorial should be provided to commemorate the splendid American womanhood. How better can we do this than to set aside a beautiful park for such monuments, statues and memorials as the people of the nation come to visit their capital? "This bill sets aside the territory to be acquired between C street and the Union station for an outdoor Parthenon, so that the first view to greet persons as they enter the national capital will be memorials and monuments commemorative to the sublime womanhood of their beloved country."

LEARN TO USE ARMY RIFLE—BRECKINRIDGE

That our greatest national safety would lie in the marksmanship of our young men and boys if they should become masters of the army rifle, is the opinion of Henry Breckinridge, assistant secretary of war. "We are sadly deficient in the rifle training of our citizens—men who would compose our army in case of invasion," says he. "The little republic of Switzerland, with a population only one-tenth of our country's and an area of about that of Rhode Island, has 3,600 shooting societies and 214,000 trained marksmen. If we should train our citizens in the same ratio we would have in the neigh-



borhood of 6,000,000 trained marksmen. A more potent argument for peace could not be imagined, for what country would undertake to land an army on our shores, knowing that it would face such a horde of trained riflemen? "Germany since 1863 has spent \$33,000,000 in acquiring and equipping field ranges and France has spent nearly as much in order that their young men might perfect themselves in marksmanship. "We have in this country approximately 20,000,000 males between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, of whom not more than 121,000 are enrolled in the National Guard, and of this number not more than 40 per cent. are instructed in rifle practice. Taking our National Guard and the regular army together, we have but one soldier to every 1,800 male citizens. Approximately we have about 207,000 men trained in warfare, more or less, of whom probably not more than 35 per cent. have ever had proper training in the use of the rifle."

MEMOIRS OF THE INFANTA EULALIE OF SPAIN

The Infanta Eulalie of Spain is publishing her souvenirs of childhood in the monthly magazine, Je Sais Tout, according to a Paris letter. They were not happy. She complains that she was never alone.

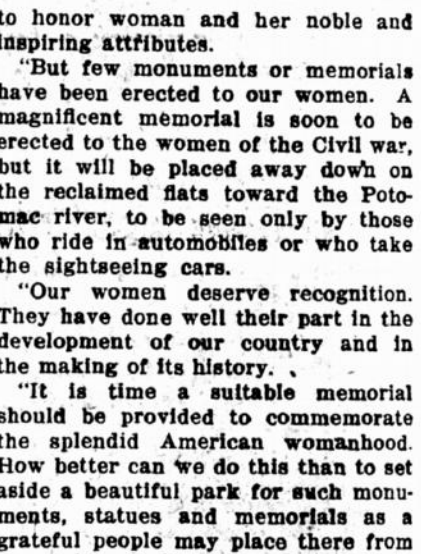
"I was irritated by the restrictions of our existence, and I believe that from this bodily revolt was born the revolt of my mind the moment this thought took form. "Imagine, we had never a play-room at the palace. We were obliged to amuse ourselves peacefully in a sumptuous drawing room. We had never the

right to remain alone. We were always under the surveillance of some Spanish lady of honor, who spied upon us and scolded us. "When we were taken to the park for a walk we were accompanied by governesses, who prevented us from playing with the children we met. At the house we could do nothing that was not regulated. At night they watched over our sleep; some one always slept close to us. "Until after my marriage I was never allowed to sit alone for a second in a room. This is the strict truth; it appears to me very melancholy."

At Houlgate, where was a royal summer residence, the Infanta attempted flight, but was brought back ignominiously by a lady of the court, who suspected that she had taken refuge with an old apple woman. A little more liberty followed, but the princess struggled for a room to herself, freed from royal servants.

Bathing for Elderly Persons. Provided their general health is good, elderly persons derive great benefit from bathing. At least two baths a week in water that is neither too hot nor too cold restores elasticity and smoothness to the skin, loosens the tissues and makes the limbs rounder and plumper.

For Blood Stains. For taking out blood stains nothing is better than a few drops of ammonia.



KEYTESVILLE, MO. NOTES.

The Second Baptist church was well attended all day Sunday and the pastor, Rev. W. M. McKamey, preached two excellent sermons morning and evening.

is a powerful speaker and many souls came forward and several were united to the church.

ing two pounds removed from his shoulder. He is getting along nicely at this writing.

IOWA NEGROES ORGANIZE COLLEGE FRATERNITY.

University of Iowa consists of the following charter members: J. W. Crump, medical, '14; J. C. Tymony, dental, '14; Milton F. Fields, Jr., liberal arts, '15; E. E. Graves, dental, '15; W. H. Lowrey, dental, '15; W. H. Beshears, dental, '16; W. H. London, Jr., liberal arts, '17; E. C. Clayton, liberal arts, '17; A. A. Keene, liberal arts, '17; J. N. Wills, medical, '17; B. L. Duhue, medical, '17; S. Joe Brown, liberal arts, '18; law, '01; E. A. Carter, liberal arts, '03; medical, '07; and W. H. McCree, pharmaceutical, '13.

NOTICE TO REDEEM FROM TAX SALE.

To F. Cooper, the person in whose name the real estate described below is taxed:

LEADING CITY IN THE SOUTHWEST

Progress of Afro-Americans in Little Rock, Ark.

BIG REAL ESTATE VALUES.

Encouraging Report Concerning Our Success in Business, Facilities For Education and Growth in Religious Culture—Mrs. J. S. Pankay Heads Group of Energetic Women.

By RALPH W. TYLER. Little Rock, Ark.—About four hours ride out of Memphis almost due west brings one to this metropolis of Arkansas, a city in which the 20,000 colored people who live and thrive constitute nearly one-half of the total population.



JOHN E. BUSH.

In the state and that our race is but fifty years removed from slavery and only twenty years removed from a period when school facilities stood only as the anatomy for encouragement.

The race in this city is engaged in practically every line of business found among the white people except banking.

There are three lawyers, who enjoy a splendid practice; ten physicians, who are the equal of any other ten that might be picked from among any other race; three skillful dentists and ten retail merchants, not including a jeweler and three very excellent drug stores conducted by colored men.

Little Rock has the only full fledged, active colored female real estate dealer and broker I have met up with in my travels in the person of Mrs. J. S. Pankay.

John E. Bush, national grand secretary of the Mosaic Templars of America, is reputed to be the wealthiest as well as one of the most public spirited and progressive men in this community among our people.

One who visits Little Rock should not leave without calling upon that old patriarch, one of the three remaining "old guard," Judge Milton W. Gibbs.

Before the judge retired, and that was a number of years ago, he was reputed to be one of the wealthiest Negroes in the United States.

The many beautiful homes owned and occupied by Negroes here, the splendid business houses in Ninth street in the vicinity of the Mosaic temple owned and operated by men and women of the race and the high order of intelligence to be found among these 20,000 Negroes are evidence of a wonderful progress, of which but few of us who reside east of the Mississippi have any idea.

French Dressing. An Irishman who had begun to practice photography went into a shop to purchase a small bottle in which to mix some of his solutions.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Happenings Among the Students of Well Known Institution. Dr. H. T. Keating, president of Western university, Kansas City, Kan., addressed the student body of Howard university in Washington, recently on the subject of "The Content, Intent and Extent of Man" under the auspices of the staff of the Commercial College Outlook.

The January issue of the Howard University Record is the teachers' college number. It contains a full list of graduates, attractive careers for college men and women and the Teachers' College Catechism, illustrated.

WORK OF NATIONAL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BOARD. Needs of Field Workers Presented by Secretary L. G. Jordan.

Rev. Dr. L. G. Jordan, corresponding secretary of the foreign mission board of the national Baptist convention, is to be congratulated upon the success of the work in the foreign field during his administration.

It is doubtful whether his equal could be found in the denomination so far as ambition, love for the work and experience in the many exacting details of missionary management are concerned.

Dr. Jordan is now making an effort to raise sufficient money to meet the needs of the workers in the foreign field by April 15. The churches and Sunday schools of the denomination throughout the jurisdiction of the convention are asked to make offerings for missions on Easter Sunday.

In speaking of the importance of paying the missionaries their salaries promptly Dr. Jordan says: "Of course our work is too scattered to do what should be done with the small amount of money raised yearly. Think of trying to push work in West Africa with three missionaries, work in South Africa with no more than twenty workers, work in Central Africa with five workers, work in East Africa with four workers and work in the West Indies with seven workers!"

Progress of the Gibbons High School. The progress of the Gibbons high school in Dallas, Tex., is attracting the attention of educators throughout the state on account of the industry of the students, the proficiency of the teachers and the large enrollment for the present term.

Three-quarters cup sugar, one-quarter cup water, 1/2 teaspoonful butter, one tablespoon lemon juice, make a syrup by boiling sugar and water eight minutes, remove from fire and add butter and lemon juice.

OTTUMWA, IOWA.

Mrs. Q. B. Taylor is rapidly improving, as she has been relieved of her suffering by having the cancer removed by a cancer specialist of Keosauqua.

The Benevolent club held its annual picnic with Mrs. Johnson on N. Division street Thursday evening.

The Mothers' Favorite. A cough medicine for children should be harmless. It should be pleasant to take. It should be effective.

MY MOTHER.

In Memoriam. (Special for Bystander.) Nine years ago this twentieth day of March, it was 5 o'clock upon Monday eve that Elizabeth Logan Riggs from us did part.

A Pleasant Physic.

When you want a pleasant physic give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are mild and gentle in their action and always produce a pleasant cathartic effect.

Rare Washington Portrait.

A rare and curious mezzotint portrait of George Washington in the library of the late Lafayette S. Richardson of Lowell, Mass., was auctioned off last year in Boston.

Insist on Yellow Flour.

Charles Christodoro, an expert on flour and grains, sounds the keynote of the new situation brought about by the bleached flour decision when he says in a communication to the editor commenting on the bleached flour decision: "The housewife will now insist on yellow tinted or creamy flour, and will learn to realize that a natural flour very white can in no manner compare with the creamy or yellow flour in so far as gluten and muscle building values are concerned."

Protective Device.

When a telephone line is electrically charged the telephone acts as a condenser. The winding serves as one plate of the condenser, the frame of the receiver as the dielectric and the person who is holding the receiver to his ear as the other plate of the condenser.

Chamberlain's Tablets for Constipation.

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GALESBURG, ILL.

Mrs. Young, who has been taking care of her daughter, Mrs. Georgia Fletcher, since her return from the hospital, left for her home in Chicago last Sunday. Mrs. Fletcher is much improved. The Thimble Circle met Friday afternoon with Mrs. John Finney as hostess. Miss Sedalia Mickens is on the sick list. Mrs. Pearl Williams of Davenport spent a few days here last week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. E. Lyons. The D. D. W. C. club met with Mrs. Chas. Davis on Tuesday afternoon. Following an interesting program the hostess served dainty refreshments. Miss Irene Fletcher was a guest of the club. Mrs. Matthew Mitchell has returned from Fairfield, Iowa, called there by the illness of her daughter. Miss Margaret Allen is seriously ill. Mesdames E. J. Skinner, J. Johnson and Wm. Corn and Mr. B. E. Richardson attended the funeral of Mr. Sam Skinner at Monmouth last week. If you have news you wish printed phone 513.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

The remains of B. Arnett Poindexter, who died Tuesday, March 2, 1914, at Green Bay, Wis., were brought here for burial, arriving here over the Rock Island at 8:35 Thursday night. The remains were accompanied by his brother, Edward, of Delavan, Wis. The funeral was held at his brother's, Fred Poindexter, 310 B avenue East. Rev. N. B. Jones conducted the services, which consisted of song services and scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. O. B. Smith of the Second Baptist church. Interment was made in Forest cemetery. The family were all present except one brother and grandmother, his mother and stepfather. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Coleman of Buxton, Mrs. M. P. Finley, Mrs. A. P. Sharp of Buxton, Edward Delavan and the family have the sympathy of their many friends. Mrs. Harry Wilson has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Anna Humble of Buxton for a few days. She expects to return to her home in Chicago about the 15th. The Ladies' Aid held their weekly luncheon at Mrs. Woodie Thompson's last week. The ladies of the Second Baptist church had an entertainment Saturday night for the benefit of their church. Homer Johnson has been confined to his home with a severe cold, which we hope will not prove anything serious. George H. Woodson was in our city last week attending district court and looking after business. Mr. Robt. Franklin and son, Horace, were over Sunday visitors at their home. Mrs. Harry McCutcheon, R. R. No. 1, is quite sick at her home with a severe cold. The Trustee Aid will serve luncheon at Beocah Henison on Friday afternoon. Lillian Hudson, who has been sick with pneumonia fever, is able to be up and around in her home.

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QUINCY, ILL.

A birthday party was given Mr. Wesley Perkins by his wife, Mrs. Lucy Perkins, on last Friday evening and many useful presents were given him by those present. After a social hour or two dainty refreshments were served and the guests departed, wishing Mr. Perkins many more such happy days. Mrs. Emma La Foe is on the sick list. Mr. Wm. Lillye is slowly improving. The Mutual Aid met at the home of Mrs. C. A. Summers on Monday night. After the regular routine, delightful refreshments were served by the hostess. Mrs. Amanda Wamsley is slightly indisposed. Miss Martha Jordan passed through the city en route from Monroeville to her home in Chicago, Ill. During her layover she visited her stepbrother, Mr. Wm. Lillye. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Coffey have both been indisposed during the week.

BURLINGTON, IOWA.

Queen Esther cantata will be given at the St. John's A. M. E. church on March 12th, 1914, under the auspices of Mrs. John Trent, for the benefit of beautifying the church. Miss Daisy Ware and Mr. Fox of Keokuk and Mrs. Alice Thompson of Muscatine are taking active parts in the play. Miss Anna Brown of this city visited relatives in Keokuk last week. The Art Industrial club met at the home of Mrs. Agnes Lamb on Thursday evening. After a successful business meeting the hostess served a dainty two-course luncheon, assisted by Miss Jessie Parker. All present report a delightful time. Mrs. W. C. Dickson royally entertained Mrs. B. R. Penn and children and Mrs. Alice Dunn at dinner Saturday at her home on S. Sixteenth street. Brother Wm. Emanuel and Mrs. Jordan Earle are still reported among the sick. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stevens entertained Rev. B. R. Penn and family to dinner Sunday at their home on S.

Ninth street in honor of Mrs. Fannie Parker and little Ruth Penn's birthdays. Each hostess received a number of nice presents in remembrance of the day. The stewardess board will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Lydia Bender. Rev. B. R. Penn and family were entertained to dinner last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Catherine Weeden.

COLFAX, IOWA.

The homes of Mr. Chas. Miller and John Brodus are quarantined on account of smallpox. Mrs. Lucas is quite sick at this writing with rheumatism. Mr. Arthur Cain left the past week for Peoria, Ill. Mr. Isaac Vaughn left for Newton on Friday. Mr. Chas. Jackson left for Buxton on Friday. Mrs. Adline Brooks, who has been in Buxton for several weeks past caring for an aunt and looking after the business of Mrs. Mamie Oliver of Buxton, returned to her home in Colfax on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Terrell spent Sunday at the Capital City and from there Mrs. Terrell will visit in Enterprize. The Progressive lodge, No. 4219, G. U. O. of O. F., and Household of Ruth, No. 1929, celebrated Peter Ogden day at the Odd Fellows hall. Mrs. W. H. Clark was visiting her sister one day the past week in the Capital City. On account of so many cases of smallpox in our city the executive board will not be able to hold their meeting on March 10th, as was expected. Mrs. B. F. Cooper of Buxton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell. Mrs. Alice Battle was the recipient of a post card shower, which occurred March 10th. Her friends finding out the day and wishing her not to forget it by the cards and other tokens of remembrance and wishing Mrs. Battles that each birthday may find her growing stronger in wisdom as she does in years.

KEOKUK, IOWA.

(Special to the Bystander.) The Self-Culture club delightfully entertained at a tea in honor of Mrs. Katharine D. Tillman at the home of Mrs. Wm. Gross. ALBIA NEWS. Mrs. Minnie Parker and son, Mr. Fred Parker, of Des Moines visited at the home of Mr. Henry Harris this week. Mr. Cornelius Miller went to Hocking on business Monday. Mr. Henry Jones has been quite sick at his home the past week. Mr. Geo. Taylor of Buxton, who has been working at Excelsior mines, passed through Albia to Buxton, called there on account of illness. The various clubs and trustee board of the A. M. E. church will entertain throughout the month of March. On Thursday, March 12th, at the A. M. E. church a recital, under the management of Mr. Chas. Washington, and the same company will make a visit the following week to Hocking with an old folks' concert, to be given at the moving picture hall. At the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. Thomas the Mite Missionary ladies were entertained by Mrs. Lula Miller and Miss Ora Lewis on Thursday. A three-course lunch was served to the ladies and a 6 o'clock lunch to the men. This was reported to be the best meeting of the season. The amount of money given in was \$2.90. The usual program for Sunday evening entertainment by the Mite Missionary society was given March 8th. This was a good program. One of the principal features of the evening was the chorus by the elderly ladies. Mr. Johnson was in from Tit-Bidmines Sunday with his family. Mr. Luther Bennings entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. Earl Bowman and Mr. Donald Thomas. This week has been regular March weather, cold, blustery wind storms.

FORT MADISON NOTES.

The Allen League Christian Endeavor had its election of officers Sunday, March 1st, at the A. M. E. church. The following officers were elected: Miss Naomi Harper, president; Daniel Isom, vice president; Curtis Herndon, secretary; Louise Harper, assistant secretary; Mrs. E. Owens, treasurer. Mrs. Bessie Buckner is in a serious condition at her home on Spruce street. Miss Cora Goodwin is confined to her home with a severe attack of pneumonia. Mr. William Steward is on the sick list. Joseph Jordan of Ottumwa and Bert Gilmer of Fairfield were the guests of the Misses Harper on Sunday. Mr. Bert Payne was pleasantly surprised by a number of his friends on the eve of March 3rd at his home, 1014 Fourth street, in honor of his thirty-third birthday. The evening was spent in conversation and music. The out of town guests were Mr. E. Colman and Mr. O. Weldon of Keokuk. Mrs. Bert Payne, who has been indisposed, is able to be out again. Sunday school convention will convene in Burlington. Mrs. Anna Black is somewhat indisposed at this writing. Mrs. George Harper and Miss Madge Goodwin are on the sick list.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

(Special to the Bystander.) The Mothers' club met at the home of Mrs. Bessie Russell on March 5, with the president. After the regular form of opening, Mrs. F. D. Reid was introduced to the club and gave a very interesting talk along the line of woman's suffrage. It was greatly appreciated by all and at the close she was given a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. Reid will speak to the club again at a later date. Those sick were kindly remembered by the elect with flowers and fruit. Several new names have been added to the roll. Our next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ida Henderson on March 19th. Cora Jones, President. Cora Moore, Secretary.

BOONE, IOWA.

(Special to the Bystander.) The Go To Church Sunday, March 1, 1914, was a success at both services, morning and evening being well attended, also the following Sunday. Mrs. Stansbury has returned home, after visiting in Chicago, her old home, where she was called on account of illness of her auntie. Through the proficiency of Mr. Chas. Colman our Sunday school is increasing in number, in interest and financially. On March 1st at the A. M. E. parsonage occurred the marriage of Mr. Clarence Milton to Miss Charlotte Taylor of Ames, Iowa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. W. Stansbury. Mrs. Annie Laurence was elected as delegate to represent the church at the district conference, which convenes in June at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. The A. M. E. Sunday school will give a debate Thursday, March 12, 1914. Subject, Resolved that Moses had a harder task to perform than Abraham Lincoln. At the A. M. E. church Monday evening, March 9, 1914, occurred the wedding of Rev. and Mrs. Stansbury's son, Milton, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Ashby's oldest daughter, Lucile. The ring ceremony was gone through. Rev. Stansbury, the groom's father, performed the ceremony. Supper was served at 9 p. m. for the immediate families.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

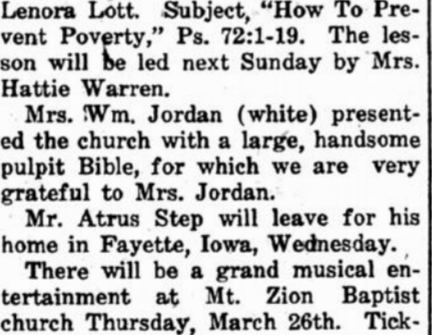
The J. S. Y. club gave a reception for their new members at the home of Mrs. Flowers last Wednesday. A two-course lunch was served by the committee. Mrs. Martin is quarantined for smallpox. We truly hope her sufferings won't be long. Miss Maude Darraine is much improved. Mr. Morse is able to be up again. Mrs. Fred Gresham introduced a new hair ornament at the reception of the J. S. Y. The Culture club met at the home of Mrs. Mary Horne. Mr. and Mrs. Will Greene are the proud parents of a baby girl. The One More Effort club gave a play, entitled "Fun in the School Room," under the management of Mr. Harold Price, and it was certainly great. Much credit is due Mr. Price and his company, as Mr. Price knows just how to manage a large company. Mr. Wm. Fine visited Sunday in Ottumwa. He reports his wife very low which we are very sorry to hear.

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ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Miss Gracie Morton went to Iowa City last Saturday to attend an entertainment given by the six students doctors of the college. Mr. R. D. Pollard met with a painful accident last Tuesday while at work washing windows, falling from a ladder and cutting his head. The doctor had to take sixteen stitches. He is resting easy at this writing. Mrs. Cady Fields is very sick. The Moline Mission Sewing circle of the Tabernacle Baptist church and the McKinley Baptist church had a joint meeting February 28th. Both circles were well represented. McKinley Baptist church decided to let the boys use the basement of the church as a gymnasium room. This is the first step taken for a Y. M. C. A. Mr. Jake Morton of St. Paul visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Morton, for a week. Mrs. Mary Perkins is very ill at her home, 712 Seventh street. The funeral of Mrs. John Slaughter was held last Sunday at McKinley Baptist church. Rev. Walkup preached the sermon. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Sisters of Mysterious Ten, Tabernacle and other clubs, and all turned out in full uniform Sunday to pay their respects to their sister. The family has the sympathy of all. Little Virginia Hawkins is sick with pneumonia. The Progressive Art club met with Mrs. Henry Burriss last Wednesday evening.

MASON CITY, IOWA.

On last Saturday evening Mrs. Paul Scott invited a few friends at her home on Third avenue, it being Mr. Scott's birthday, which was a surprise to all, as no one was told until all arrived at the home that it was a birthday party. Mrs. Bernice Davis-Eaton is yet reported on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Warren, who live in New Haven addition, was much grieved over the loss of their driving horse. On last Wednesday evening a surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Carter in honor of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wright, who are moving to Sioux City. The party was very beautifully arranged, under the leadership of Mrs. Lorna Ewing. Mr. Fred Mitchell left Sunday on a special car on a business trip to the coast. He is expected home the last of the week. Mrs. Claud Carr spent last week in Des Moines on business. She returned home Sunday afternoon. The Jolly Boys' club gave a very timely party Friday evening at the Woodman hall. A large bunch of young people gathered there and the out of town guests were Miss Mamie and Wm. Bricknridge of Fort Dodge

SIOUX CITY, IOWA.

The A. I. P. club gave an entertainment at the home of Mrs. D. C. Gordon last Thursday evening. A masque social was given under the auspices of the A. M. E. choir last Thursday evening. It was quite a success, \$24.95 being realized. Mrs. Richard Cowan has been removed from the St. Joseph hospital to the home of Mrs. J. Wilkinson. She is reported to be convalescing. Mr. Harry Jewell is still suffering with the rheumatism. A children's concert was given at the Mt. Zion Baptist church Tuesday evening, under the direction of Miss Vesta Walker. Mr. Maxsey is seriously ill with the typhoid fever. Mrs. Carrie Reed has gone to her home at Clarinda. Mr. J. A. Smith, who was in the city visiting for a few days, has returned to his home at Yankton, S. D. Mr. John Norris, one of our home boys, who has been residing in Minneapolis, is in the city spending a few days with his father and friends. A musical and social will be given at the Mt. Zion Baptist church Thursday, March 12th. Everyone is invited to attend. Admission 15 cents. The Art and Culture club met last Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. Grant, 616 Sioux street. Mrs. Frankie Young, who has been ill, is reported to be better at this writing.

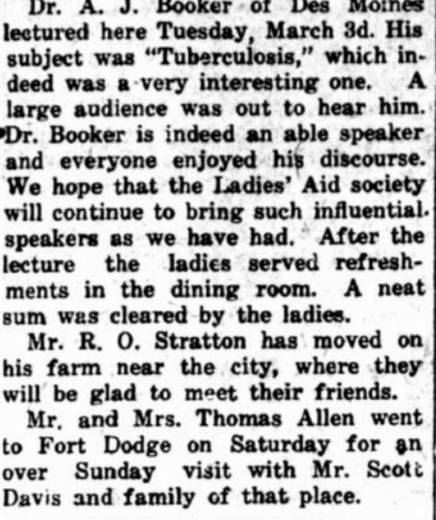
COUNCIL BLUFFS.

The box social given at Bethel A. M. E. church by Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. F. Green and Mrs. Herndon proved a success. Many dainty boxes and

and Mrs. E. Doney and Miss Marie Smith of Hampton, Iowa. Mrs. J. W. Fisher and Mrs. Warren spent Thursday in the country at the home of Mrs. W. Stratton. Mr. Alonzo Caldwell returned home this week from Ft. Dodge, where he went to attend the auto show. Mr. Alonzo Adams left Sunday for Carroll, Iowa, where he will take a job in a barber shop. Mrs. Walter Davis is on the sick list this week. Dr. A. J. Booker of Des Moines lectured here Tuesday, March 3d. His subject was "Tuberculosis," which indeed was a very interesting one. A large audience was out to hear him. Dr. Booker is indeed an able speaker and everyone enjoyed his discourse. We hope that the Ladies' Aid society will continue to bring such influential speakers as we have had. After the lecture the ladies served refreshments in the dining room. A neat sum was cleared by the ladies. Mr. R. O. Stratton has moved on his farm near the city, where they will be glad to meet their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allen went to Fort Dodge on Saturday for an over Sunday visit with Mr. Scott Davis and family of that place.

pretty colored aprons were seen. Mrs. Davis of the Baptist Tabernacle church has organized a sewing club for the young ladies. Miss Minnie Cave, superintendent of Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school, gave a party for the children on last Saturday. The evening was well spent in candy pulling and games. Before the guests departed a sewing club was organized for the young ladies. The entertainment given by the Tabernacle Baptist church last Thursday night was well attended. Mrs. Rose Newman of Council Bluffs and Mr. Miguel Valdez were married at the home of Mrs. Ellen Rose, 1230 Seventh avenue, Rev. J. H. Ferriber officiating.

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