

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

Wealthiest Colored Man in Iowa.

This will be the last observation that I shall write this collection year. We first stopped at Folger, a mining camp of a few hundred people. The colored miners are doing well.

We next visited Buxton, Iowa, which is the king of mining camps in Iowa and perhaps the country. Until recently it has been the mecca for the colored miners. However, in the last few years, since Mr. Buxton has left, several hundreds and perhaps thousands of miners have left and many of their places taken by white miners.

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GALESBURG, ILL.

(Last Week.)

The Thimble Circle was entertained at the home of Mrs. J. Hazel on Friday, December 22.

The P. W. club was entertained at the home of Miss E. Hurley on Tuesday, December 19th.

The Garrison club was entertained at the parsonage Friday, December 22.

The M. L. D. club was entertained at the home of Miss L. Benton on Thursday. All report a fine time.

D. T. No. 92 were called Tuesday afternoon to meet the grand master, Rev. T. L. Scott of Chicago.

Mrs. J. Mitchell and son of Missouri are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mitchell of W. Knox street. They will spend the winter here.

Rev. Garrison and wife, Rev. T. L. Scott and Mrs. McGill were entertained at dinner at the home of Mrs. Z. Mason.

Revival services closed Sunday at the A. M. E. church. Rev. T. L. Scott of Chicago conducted the services. The meeting closed with nine joiners.

Rev. T. L. Scott will meet the S. M. T. on Tuesday afternoon. He will return to his home in Chicago on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Braxter Harmon, who has been ill for the past four years, passed away at the home of his parents on Wednesday night at 8:20. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, two children, mother, father and sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the A. M. E. church Friday afternoon. Pall bearers were Mr. Andy Anderson, Clarence Carter, C. Schotts, B. Harris, W. Webb. Burial was in Linwood cemetery.

Mr. Chas. Anderson has been confined to his home for ten days with a bad case of lumbago.

The E. R. club was entertained at the home of Miss M. King on Saturday, December 23.

Mr. Franklin of Clarinda, Iowa, is visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. Smalley is confined to her home with lumbago.

Mrs. S. Johnson left for Chicago to visit her brother.

Mrs. Logan and Mrs. Bolder are Christmas shopping in Chicago.

Imperial orchestra met at the home of Miss F. Fletcher on Tuesday, December 19th.

CLINTON, IOWA.

(Last Week.)

Sunday was quarterly meeting at Bethel A. M. E. church. All services were well attended and were full of interest. Rev. N. J. McCracken, P. E., was present. This being the first meeting of the year, it was therefore his inaugural visit. Already he has endeared himself to the people, making a favorable impression.

Rev. W. W. Williams is not so well this week, having an attack of the grip.

The members of the Second Baptist church are arranging for their annual Christmas tree on Sunday evening, December 24th.

Mr. F. F. Jackson and others were the donors of a nice pair of shoes to the Rev. F. J. Nott, pastor of the Second Baptist church, for which he is very proud.

Subscribe for the Bystander. Mrs. Price Elligan suffered a stroke of paralysis at her home on Maple avenue on last Friday. Her friends hope that the stroke is only temporary and that she will suffer no ill effects.

In our last items sent to the Bystander in the mention of the election of officers of the Allen League

year as follows: Mrs. Laura Heady, W. M.; Miss Mabel Johnson, A. M.; Mr. R. T. Lane, W. P.; Mrs. Laura Jones, Cond.; Mrs. H. Johnson, Asso. Cond.

the following names were omitted: Mrs. M. J. Holliday, recording secretary; Anna Johnson, assistant secretary; Fred Douglass, librarian; M. O. Culberson, reporter.

Invitations were received in Clinton this week to a leap year party in Davenport on Wednesday evening, December 20th, with Mrs. C. Cain as hostess.

The Christmas tree and program of Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school will be held on Friday night, December 22.

WATERLOO, IOWA.

Everybody work for Christ and the church is the motto of the A. C. E. League in Waterloo.

Rev. H. C. Boyd sermonized two righteousness sermons Sunday. Both were well attended.

The P. E. G. club gave a gleaner drill and entertainment Thursday evening. The drill made a hit with everyone.

Mrs. Sadie Hopkins underwent an operation for appendicitis last week at St. Francis hospital.

Those on the sick list are Miss Vivian Smith, Mrs. L. C. Cheers, Mrs. Ina Walker and Mrs. Wm. Pearson.

Mrs. Dorothy Laurence will lead the A. C. E. League Sunday, Xmas meeting. Everybody should be out.

The Mite Missionary society met Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Etta Aman, 92 N. Barclay street. After the business was transacted, cocoa with Waterloo dips were served, after which postlude.

Louis P. Mosley, class leader of No. 3, and Geo. E. Smith, assistant, will entertain class 3 at a dinner party Xmas day in the parlors of Bess chapel A. M. E. church. We hope to receive every member.

The leap year party given by the Helping Hand was a success. They had a large attendance out. Everyone enjoyed themselves to the highest.

Mrs. Maudie Shields is able to be in our midst again and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Sarah Cooper returned home Sunday morning from Dooneville, Mo., where she was called to attend the funeral of her mother.

The services were well attended both morning and evening at Antioch Baptist church Sunday. Two were received into the church.

Don't forget the B. Y. P. U., which meets at Antioch Baptist church every Sunday.

MISSOURI-WEST NEGRO FARMERS TENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

At Dalton, Chariton county, Missouri, January 11-12, 1917, at the Bartlett Agricultural and Industrial school.

"Preparedness—How?" is the general topic for this year.

(a) For larger crop yields, and better preservation of our lands.

(b) To earn, deserve and get more earnest attention by the state and national experts who are aiding neighboring farmers all over the state.

(c) To better our home life, houses, barns, fences, gates, care of stock

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and tools and implements. (d) For more voluntary aid to lessen our mud tax by better roads: We helping more.

(e) To exercise ourselves more effectively in lessening the number of the race's loafers, idlers and petty criminals by giving our unemployed more work to do with more congenial conveniences.

(f) To work out our salvation—back upon the land, raising more food products to help lessen the high cost of living.

(g) For better church and school conditions. Farming women and mothers and daughters' session Friday, January 12th, at 2-4 p. m. Subject, "To Stop or Moderate Our Over-reaching."

(1) By helping husbands to live within their means and sphere. (2) Renewed efforts to gain friendships.

(3) Poultry raising and helping girls at busy work. (4) By providing happy, healthy recreation and play times.

Farmers H. Jackson, Andrew Clay, Lewis Drappen, Sr., Cooper county. James Hill, Howard county. Squire Blackwell, Pike county. Charles Martin, Robert Childs, Carroll county. Ephraim Rucker, Buchanan county. I. N. Nunelly, Lincoln county. Rube Dameron, Nathan Thornton, Chariton county. The potato king, Hon. J. G. Groves, of Kansas, and Henry Kirklin, the world's champion truckman, Columbia, Mo., are this year's conference guests of honor.

All who are doing, or want to get to doing helpful, worth while things will be welcomed entertained while here. Come the day before. Bring any products for exhibition by both sexes and by the children.

N. C. Bruce, Principal.



J. E. ROBERTS. A Successful Minister.

The above is the true likeness of Rev. James E. Roberts of this city, a Baptist minister of experience, who has been a successful pastor in Ohio, Missouri, Michigan, Iowa and Canada.

He is a member of the Iowa-Nebraska Association and a member of the Minister and Deacons' Union of this state. He received a part of his education in the common schools at Independence and Booneville, Mo., and in Trinity college in Toronto, Canada.

His first charge was in Fulton, Mo., at Pilgrim Rest Baptist, Abundance Baptist church of Cincinnati, McDougal Baptist church, Windsor, Canada, the Second Baptist church in Detroit, Mich., and East Side Baptist church in East Des Moines, also at Scandia, Iowa. He is not now actively en-

gaged in pastoral work, but hopes to re-enter soon. He lives in his own home at 2710 Sixth avenue and has an amiable Christian wife. He now lectures on the subject of "Race Ideals and Effects." See this subject in our next week's issue.

IOWA STATE CENSUS, 1915.

Table with columns: Counties, Colored—All Natives, Male, Female, Total. Lists counties from Adair to Wright with corresponding population figures.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Dr. Slaughter, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, will continue his medical studies at the University of St. Louis. Dr. Slaughter is president of the Kansas City interms. He is also an all-American football player of the best caliber.

Rev. A. Boyd preached the Thanksgiving sermon in the morning of that day at the McKinley Baptist church.

Mrs. B. R. Penn is able to be about again, after an illness of several weeks. Dr. Davis was her physician.

Mrs. B. R. Penn's cousin from Chicago is here visiting and expects to make Rock Island her home.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the Wayman Chapel A. M. E. church. Rev. McCracken, the recently appointed presiding elder of this district, preached the morning sermon, Rev. Lewis of Moline preached the afternoon sermon and the presiding

elder preached in the evening. Monday night was official board at Wayman Chapel A. M. E. church. Rev. McCracken presided.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stoner and daughter, Glee, have arrived at Rock Island. They have made Bloomington their home during the past year. Their many friends are glad to see them back.

Mrs. Golden is still in Chillicothe, Ohio. The Fiske Jubilee Singers were at the Y. M. C. A. recently. The white paper declared editorially that their singing was very unique and wonderful.

The Misses Deborah Stewart, Luretha Jackson, Lorraine Coleman and Celia Reynolds were Christmas shoppers in Davenport on Saturday.

MONMOUTH, ILL.

Mr. Herbert Birdett of New Orleans, Mo., is visiting here with his brother, Chas. Birdett.

The Willing Worker society met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Lillian Abel.

John Peoples of this city has gone to Kewanee, where he is employed at a jewelry store.

Mrs. Bernice Metlock has the agency for the Herolin hair pomade. Mrs. Ernest Bassett was in Galesburg this week attending the funeral of a cousin.

Miss Clara Taylor has returned to her home in Canton, Mo., after an extended visit here with her uncle. Mr. William Wallace, who has been having trouble with a fractured limb, is much better at this writing.

Mrs. Dayse Lash has the agency for the Overton toilet cosmetics.

DAVENPORT, IOWA.

Rev. M. J. Burton, for ten years Iowa state missionary for the Baptist churches, was in the city last Sunday and occupied the pulpit at the Third Baptist church. Rev. Burton has accepted a call to pastor a church in Kansas and will leave the mission field to take up his pastorate about January 1st, 1917.

The funeral services of Francis Skurlock, aged 3 years, was held at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. R. Waters, assisted by Rev. M. J. Burton. Mrs. Skurlock, the mother of the deceased, and two of her other children are sick and could not attend the funeral.

Last Tuesday evening the members and friends of Bethel A. M. E. church formally received Rev. N. J. McCracken, P. E., and their pastor, Rev. C. R. Waters, and family. Words of hearty welcome were given from a number of the church auxiliaries, which were responded to by Rev. and Mrs. Waters and Rev. McCracken. The honored guests were then escorted to the dining room, where light refreshments were served, and a social hour enjoyed.

Rev. F. K. Nicholson was in Cedar Rapids last Sunday and occupied the pulpit for Rev. Northcross.

Constellation temple of S. M. T. held their annual election Monday, which resulted in Mrs. Emma Brooks, W. P.; Mrs. Emma Strauthers, V. P.; W. S., Mrs. Alberta Carter; assistant secretary, Mrs. Carrie Baker; W. T., Mrs. Bettie Davis; chaplain, Mrs. Jennie Proctor.

Mrs. Nettie Brown, who has been confined at the hospital for several weeks, passed away this morning.

WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.

On Thursday, December 14th, hte W. S. C. was called to order by the worthy president. A very interesting program of music, papers, recitations and solos was rendered by the members of the W. S. C. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner, after which a three-course luncheon was served by the host, Mr. Paul Greenway. The guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. George Burkley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner and Mr. N. L. Black, who gave the W. S. C. some very encouraging remarks on the work that the W. S. C. is trying to accomplish.

After a very late hour the W. S. C. adjourned, each wishing the host many returns of the evening.

Monday, December 11th, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rushing. All concerned doing nicely.

ANOKA, MINN., NEWS.

(Special to Bystander.) Mrs. D. Waters received the news from her mother, Mrs. R. L. Martin, of Creston, Iowa, that she wasn't expected to live.

Rev. Stovall of Minneapolis is trying to start a mission in Anoka. There is several families of colored people of many denominations here.

Anoka has had some severe zero weather for the last three weeks. Miss Helen Waters was the guest of Georgie Jones of Owatonna last week.

Nervous Women.

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EDITORIALS

GREAT ACCIDENT.

Last Wednesday evening at about 9 o'clock two sled loads of young boys, one coming down West Fourteenth street from the north and one load coming down Fourteenth street from the south, collided with a terrible crash, in which one boy was killed outright, Delbert Collins (white) and those injured seriously were Wm. Crosby, colored, and L. Kinchlow, and were taken to the hospital. The other colored boys hurt were Clyde Rhodes, 916 Fourteenth street, and Russell Jackson. One of the sleds was loaded with colored boys and the other with white boys.

Editor Bystander: As superintendent of the department of social science and president of the National Association of Colored Women and president of the Iowa Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, we wish to call special attention of our women to that splendid editorial headed "Children," which appeared in last week's Bystander, in which among other things, the editor calls special attention to the modern dress. In this modern day of wireless telegraphy and horseless carriages, when many of our mothers and even grandmothers while striving for supremacy in the field of fashion, so far forget themselves as to appear upon our streets and in other public places with their bodies almost nude and with skirts of such a length as to present to one at a distance the appearance of

a girl of 16, we feel it necessary to appeal to the representative women of our race to set up standards of their own, relegating to the rear these freakish fads and fashions, that the American Negro woman may come into her own, the dignified leadership of a race that is distinguished by its simplicity and modesty of dress, for we feel that when this is accomplished we will have done much to inculcate those sublime principles which go to make up a beautiful life, something that will ever stand as a monument to the womanhood of the race.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown.

OBITUARY.

Rush.

Mr. Thomas Rush, formerly of Keokuk, Iowa, but who moved here about three years ago, died at the county asylum Monday, December 8th. His body was taken to Keokuk for interment. Mr. Rush was a good, true, Christian, an active member of the A. M. E. church for fully fifty years. His wife passed away several years ago. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Clommons of this city, and a son, J. E. Rush, of Cedar Rapids, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Jackson.

Last Tuesday morning Mr. M. B. Jackson, one of our old and highly respected citizens, died at his home, 774 West Tenth street, after an illness of only a week or more with pneumonia, aged about 70 years. He had lived in our city a long time and was a member of the A. M. E. church, a devout Christian. He leaves two sons, two daughters, two brothers and two sisters. He was in the civil war as a servant boy only. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon from the A. M. E. church, conducted by Rev. S. L. Birt, pastor, assisted by Revs. S. Bates, M. W. Alexander and W. L. Lee.

NEGRO POETS.

(Especially for Bystander.)

Full many lift and sing
Their sweet imagining;
Not yet the Lyric Seer,
The one bard of the throng,
With highest gift of song,
Breaks on our sentient ear.

Not yet the gifted child,
With notes, enraptured wild,
That storm and throng the heart,
To make his rage our own,
Our hearts his lyric throne;
Hard won by cosmic art.

I hear the sad refrain,
Of slavery's sorrow-strain;
The broken half-lipt speech
Of freedom's twilight hour;
The greater growing reach
Of larger latent power.

Here and there a growing note
Swells from a conscious throat;
Thrilled with a message fraught
The pregnant hour is near;
We wait our Lyric Seer,
By whom our wills are caught.

Who makes our cause and wrong;
The motif of his song;
Who sings our racial good,
Bestows us honor's place,
The cosmic brotherhood
Of genius—not of race.

Blind Homer, Greek or Jew,
Of Fame's immortal few
Would still be deathless born;
Frail Dunbar, black or white,
In Fame's eternal light,
Would shine a Star of Morn.

An unhorizoned range,
Our hour of doubt and change,
Gives song a nightless day,
Whose pen with pregnant mirth
Will give our longings birth,
And point our souls the Way?
Prof. Chas. Bertram Johnson,
Kirksville, Mo.

CENTERVILLE NEWS.

We are having real winter weather. Everyone seems busy preparing for Christmas.

From the looks of things Santa Claus will sure visit lots of homes.

Rev. M. Carrington delivered two soul-stirring sermons, and the attendance was fine.

Bro. J. L. Nash is still improving slowly.

Bro. Whitt Kearney is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Davenport still remains the same.

Mrs. Hattie Bolden is also numbered with the sick.

The Mission Circle was entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Thomas Ridding by Mrs. T. Ridding and her mother, Mrs. L. Price.

The Mission Circle is still progressing nicely and the president is well pleased with the circle.

Mrs. E. F. Brown of Mystic, Iowa, was shopping in the city.

Rev. H. Goodwin preached in Mystic on Sunday.

Miss Dessie Johnson was able to fill her place Sunday, after a few days' absence with a severe cold.

Mr. Asa Clasley is very poorly at this writing.

Mrs. John Langly has returned home, after several months' absence from the city.

Mrs. A. L. Crittenden has a severe cold.

Mrs. Wm. Ousley and Mrs. B. B. Baker entertained at a four-course luncheon at the home of the latter Sunday evening in honor of Miss Myrtle Westley, the bride to be.

Officers were laid for ten. The evening was spent in conversation and music. All reported a pleasant evening.

Mrs. J. L. Nash gave a linen shower at her home Thursday evening in honor of Miss Myrtle Westley. About twenty lady friends were present and refreshments were served. Miss Westley received many useful and beautiful presents.

FAIRFIELD, IOWA.

(Special.)

The program on Thursday, December 14, 1916, given by the members of the A. M. E. church was very fine and highly enjoyed by all present. The A. M. E. jubilee singers were presented and sang several selections. The duplicate mortgage of \$643.65 was burned, which amount has been paid and the mortgage canceled.

The presiding elder, J. H. Ferribee, held his first quarterly conference December 16, 1916. Quarterly meeting December 17. The meetings were well attended. The elder preached a soul-stirring sermon Sunday morning and went to Mt. Pleasant in the afternoon.

IOWA CITY.

The G. S. U. I. held their last meeting in the Y. W. drawing room. There was installation of officers, old and new business disposed of, two committees appointed, after which the young ladies adjourned to hold their first meeting of the new year on the first Saturday of the new year at the same place.

Mr. Duke, senior medic, is in the hospital with appendicitis. Mr. Martin was released from the hospital last week and Mr. Campbell and Mr. Slater have been ill.

Mrs. Mary Short will give a Christmas party for the girls the night preceding vacation.

A number of the K. A. Y.'s will go to the national convention at Columbus, Ohio, during the holidays.

Miss Lawhorn will be the only student to spend the holidays in Iowa City, due to the recent death of her father.

Miss Southall will be entertained by Mrs. Dick Walker of Cedar Rapids, as she will stop over there on her way to Buxton.

Miss Mildred Griffin will be visited by Miss Chandler of West Virginia during the holidays.

Miss Calhoun of West Virginia will visit Mrs. Lowry of Des Moines during the holidays.

Mrs. Fisher will entertain a number of the K. A. Y.'s during the Christmas vacation at her home in Des Moines.

Mrs. Mary Short is expecting her mother from Fort Dodge on Thursday, who will make her home with Mrs. Short this winter.

Miss Alice Mason of Des Moines will meet Miss Helen Dameron on Thursday and they will proceed to the latter's home in Madison, Indiana, for Christmas.

Mrs. Moore will serve a family reunion dinner Christmas day.

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HEALTH HINTS.

A. J. Booker, M. D.

It is not that physicians are the losers that they do not approve of "patent medicines," but it is because self-medication is a dangerous method of treating one's self. It is not that one man has discovered some wonderful prescription of which doctors are ignorant that makes them decried. It is seductive advertising which sells patent medicine.



For the most part the popular remedies are put up in large bottles, which on first blush would make a reasonable person know that it was intended to be used over a long period of time; in second place they are all, with few exceptions, mighty highly spiced with alcohol; it is the alcohol which makes the patients feel so good. All the popular "ladies" remedies are pretty well loaded. It is a notorious fact that women, once they like booze, can beat the men at getting away with it gracefully.

Lydia Pinkham's wine of cardui, peruna, swamp root and a host of these cleverly advised remedies contain from eighteen to twenty per cent of alcohol; a swig about three times a day makes anyone feel good. But if one likes to drink, why not take it straight, or make your own flavor.

Nuxated iron is vaunted as the greatest tissue builder in the world. It does contain iron and nux vomica, but these in such small proportions that one is wasting money, compared with the Blaud's pills one might buy for the same price and get more iron and nux vomica. Murine is a good boric acid eye wash, but for the amount paid for one bottle a person could make three gallons and add coloring matter to suit the taste.

There are many ills which are better corrected by hygiene, proper thinking or mechanical means than by medicine. No intelligent doctor treats symptoms; it is the cause which must be worked out. Many of the symptoms enumerated in these extravagant, seductive, insinuating advertisements are common to most people. There are others which really point to dangerous underlying causes, which ought to be sought out and corrected, or in the event they are not dangerous they ought to be forgotten. There is trouble enough in a natural way without allowing some person with a lurid imagination to make you think you are ill.

How a sane person imagines that some man in New York or some other seaport can make up stuff by the hoghead to meet his condition better than the man who sees him is one of the mysteries which gives us a better insight to that American philosopher, the Honorable P. T. Barnum. There is one born every minute and the catcher for him has his address.

As a matter of fact the less intelligent people are the greater are on self medication. It is a notorious fact that the Negro is a great patent medicine taker. There is no sense in taking medicine because one has taken none for years, if one suspects that their blood is out of order. The logical thing to do is to have the blood properly examined. Men are competent to do these things in your home town, or they will send it away for you. Do not dose yourself. If you are sick, go to some doctor, get his advice either one way or the other and get well. Spend the money for movies or on foreign missions, but do not tear your stomach up with Doctor Fakum's Famous Dope.

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PROBATE NOTICE.

Order. Probate number 9484. Probate number 9484. Notice to the unknown surviving spouse and heirs of Maria Mash, deceased, and to the unknown claimants of, in and to said decedent's undivided one-third of the real estate herein-after described: In the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk county. In the matter of the estate of Maria Mash, deceased; L.M. Grimes, administrator.

This matter comes up on this 5th day of December, A. D. 1916, upon the application of the above named administrator for an order of court authorizing him to sell the undivided one-third interest of said decedent in and to the following described real estate:

Five (5) acres more or less formerly owned by Charles Maish, also spelled Charles Mash, being the same person, formerly her husband, and who pre-deceased her, specifically described as the north half (n¹/₂) of the northeast quarter (ne¹/₄) of the southeast quarter (sw¹/₄) of the southeast quarter (se¹/₄) of section thirty-six (36), township seventy-nine (79), north range twenty-five (25), west 5th p. m., Iowa, for the purpose of raising money with which to satisfy the debts and charges against the estate of said decedent, and the court finds that so far as known said decedent, Maria Mash, left no spouse surviving, or heirs, and that if said decedent left any spouse or heirs their names are unknown to said petitioner, L. M. Grimes, administrator of said estate

and unknown to the court; and that he, the said administrator, has sought diligently to learn the same.

Therefore it is ordered, considered and adjudged that said application of said administrator be and it is set down for hearing for the 20th day of January, 1917, at 9 o'clock a. m. of said date and that notice thereof shall be given to said unknown spouse and heirs, if any, of said decedent, and to any unknown claimants to her said undivided one-third interest in said premises by publication of a copy of this order for four successive weeks in some newspaper published in the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa, to be designated by the clerk of this court, and the court hereby approves the form of this order for the purpose of such notice.

Hubert Utterback, Judge. I hereby designate the Bystander in which the foregoing notice and copy of court order shall be published. A. E. Mahan, Clerk of the District Court in and for Polk County, Iowa. By J. E. O'Brien, Deputy.

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New Years night Mrs. Robert Miles will entertain the Misses McDowells and a few friends at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miles entertained at a family dinner on Christmas night at their home, 921 14th street.

Mrs. Ada Green of 918 13th street spent Xmas with her mother, Mrs. Frank Flummer of Indianola.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hughes and family spent Xmas in Boone, Ia. visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor and other friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Grant announce the birth of a son, Ulyses S. Grant, Jr., Dec. 6th. Mrs. Grant will be remembered as Miss Stella Stanton.

Mr. R. W. Brown of Mason City, Ia., spent Xmas here. He attended the King Solomon Commandery Christmas services Xmas day at the Asylum at 11th and Center. He had just returned from a trip to Detroit, Mich.

Miss Mildred Griffin had a nervous break down last week by over exertion. She suffered very greatly until medical aid could reach her home, but at present she is resting easy, and it is the hope of her many friends that she may soon be out again.

The pastor members and friends of Asbury M. E. church were successful in paying off the old debt on their church property December 17th, 1916. We take this method of thanking all who helped us through this struggle. Plans are being drawn for a new church building in the very near future.

A very beautiful Xmas dinner party given by Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hogsett at their cozy home, 1626 Lyon street. About sixteen of their old Muckaknock friends enjoyed the heavy laden table of well cooked victuals. Music, singing and dancing were enjoyed by the young people.

The High School Girl's club met Sunday with Miss Persillia Sears at the home of Mrs. Nichols. The seventh and eighth chapter of our book was discussed. Miss Mildred Griffin of Iowa City University, our ex-president is in the city, but was unable to attend on account of sickness. We were served to a delicate luncheon by the hostess. We adjourned to meet at our social center, Mrs. S. Joe Brown.

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The Eliza E. Peterson W. T. C. U. will meet Thursday, Jan. 4th at 3 p. m. with Mrs. J. H. McDowell, 909 8th street, at which time Dr. Alvin Jefferson will give a lecture on Medical Temperance and health.

Rev. A. Wagner of Omaha, Nebr., who has been conducting revival meetings at the Inter-Denominational church, S. E. 5th street met with a good success. They had seven to join the church. The reverend returned home this week expressing his gratitude to the kind people here.

The Mary Church Terrill club met Monday evening with Mrs. Hannah Porter. A very interesting program was rendered. Miss Gertrude Hyde received the most votes in the popularity contest and was awarded the prize. A delicious two course luncheon was served by the hostess. The club will meet Tuesday evening with Mrs. Stella Hyde.

The Calanan Industrial club held its annual Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. R. N. Hyde. The dining room was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations and the table present-

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ed a beautiful sight with its centerpiece of potted plant and poinsettia placed on a reflector. Miss Velma Woods presided at the piano during the dinner hour.

The Bystander now under special rates is \$1.00 for one year, if sent in to the office.

Everybody should pay up their back subscription to the Bystander and then take advantage of the holiday rates of \$1.00 for one year.

Mr. George Edmonds left this week for St. Louis, Mo., and Kentucky to spend the balance of the winter.

Mrs. J. P. Hamilton and granddaughter, little Bernice, have been sick with a cold, but they are able to be up and out again.

Mrs. Robert Miles will entertain at an informal musical tea Sunday afternoon, complimentary to Miss Georgia Blackburn of this city and the Misses Ola Calhoun and Kathryn Chandler of Iowa City.

Mrs. B. Barnes and Mrs. Nober Hopkins, Mo., arrived in our city this week to spend the holidays, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Timony, 2324 Ingersoll avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Braden, 924 14th street entertained a few of their friends at their home last Tuesday evening. Music and games were the feature of the evening. Miss Lena Helm of Liberty, Mo., was present.

On Friday December the 15th, Miss Ora Bunday celebrated her seventeenth birthday at her home, 934 14th Street Place. A number of her young friends were present. The evening was spent in music and games, after which a dainty luncheon was served.

Miss Mildred Griffin, one of our popular and ideal young girls who just entered the State University at Iowa City last fall, is home spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Griffin, 1513 Walker St.

St. Mary's Christian Home Society No. 1 met at the residence of Mrs. Clara Crawford, 1138 E. 19th street. The meeting was opened with prayer by the chaplain, Mrs. Richard Johnson; song, 'Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying' A very pleasant meeting was enjoyed by all present, after which they adjourned to meet with Mrs. Taylor, 1056 W. 11th street. As there will be a reception given on that evening, Jan. 5th, we request all members to have a guest with them. Mrs. Mary M. Scott president, Mrs. Catherine Mease Gaiter corresponding secretary.

The Christmas exercises at the Inter-Denominational People's Mission church was held Tuesday evening Dec. 26th with a Christmas tree and program by the children and addresses by Cunningham, sister Jany Pair, W. Garver, and W. Brison, formerly of Buxton, Sunday School Superintendent made closing address. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd were assisted by Rev. W. Garver and wife. There was a large attendance. Rev. Dr. Leaper will preach next Wednesday night at 5th and Roccon.

One of the most beautiful and unique social events of the season was a prettily appointed six course dinner party, presided over last Monday afternoon Dec. 25th by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flummer at their beautiful home in Indianola. The house was beautifully decorated in red, white and green. The table was decorated in holly and red, white and green burning candles. The guests from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Holdridge, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Green and Mr. and Mrs. David Bowmer of Des Moines; and Miss Mabel Welch of Colfax. Music, games and conversations were indulged in until a late hour when all departed for their respective homes truly acknowledging Mr. and Mrs. Flummer as royal entertainers.

Charity League Charity League brought Xmas cheer to fifteen families. Coal, clothing and dinners were provided for the grown ups, candy and toys for the youngsters.

NOTICE On Tuesday January 15, 1917, Miss Beulah Wheeler from the State University of Iowa, will open a night school. For full information call Drake 5340. Course in elementary and High School subjects will be given. Miss Wheeler will also tutor special studies in Grammar or High School work. Terms very reasonable.

One of the most delightful Christmas dinner parties given this year was the one given by Mr. and Mrs. James James, 3230 E. 8th street at their beautiful home, which was decorated with flowers, evergreen and a beautiful Christmas tree with presents for every guest; when lighted up it made a most beautiful effect. About fifteen guests composed this very unique party. Music, singing and conversation was the theme of the afternoon. The large

dining room table was heavy loaded with all the necessary things that goes to make a real Xmas dinner. The guests present represented nine different states as to birth. Those who were present will never forget this splendid dinner and the hospitality of the host and hostess.

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EMANCIPATION PROGRAM. The colored citizens of Des Moines will assemble at the Union Congregational church Monday evening, January 1, to celebrate the signing of the Proclamation of Emancipation by President Abraham Lincoln, under the auspices of the N. A. A. C. P. local branch here. The following program will be rendered: Song, America; invocation by Rev. S. L. Birt; remarks by President S. Joe Brown; instrumental solo, Miss Leatha Johnson; reading proclamation of emancipation by Mrs. Wade H. McCree; instrumental solo, A. L. Countee; address, Editor John L. Thompson; duet, Mesdames C. C. Johnson and C. B. Woods; address, Hon. James B. Weaver; instrumental, Miss Mildred Griffin; benediction by Rev. John Goines.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. One of the largest and most brilliant events of the season was the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Goggins in their beautiful home on Arthur street on Christmas day. Between the hours of 1 o'clock in the afternoon and 10 in the evening fully 200 friends were in attendance. The following assisted during the afternoon and evening: Mrs. R. W. Brown, who wore chiffon over pink silk and a picture hat; Mrs. H. W. Hammitt, pink taffeta and gold lace; Mrs. H. Henderson, pink crepe de chine; Mrs. Ione Coleman, yellow crepe de chene and lace; Mrs. J. W. Franklin, green silk and lace; Mrs. J. C. Bothie, white taffeta and lace; Mrs. Blaine Thompson, blue satin and lace; Mrs. S. E. Early, white; Mrs. N. McDonald, white; Mrs. J. H. Preston, black silk; Mrs. Edd Reeves, black silk; Mrs. C. A. Garth, pink silk mull and lace; Mrs. J. H. Brown, silver grey satin and lace. Messrs. H. W. Hammitt, C. A. Garth, C. W. Brown, J. R. Drew, Blaine Thompson, Joseph Brown, Leroy Burton, Booker Harris, all in full dress, also assisted. The decorations were those appropriate to the season. A three-course luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Goggins were the recipients of many useful and beautiful presents; having received many from out of the city. Out of town guests were Mrs. Fanny Blagburn and Miss Oakley Reeves of Buxton and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris of Marshalltown. Mrs. Goggins' gown was of yellow crepe de chene over yellow silk and Mr. Goggins was in conventional black.

JONES PIANO CO. DAMAGED BY HARGER & BLISH FIRE. The big fire of the Harger & Blish company on December the 13th did a serious damage to the Jones Piano company. However, the damage was not by fire or by water; it was just by smoke. The smoke came through into Jones Piano Company's basement and the elevator acted as a chimney and distributed the smoke through their entire building of three floors. Their stock was not damaged by fire or by water, only by smoke. But the walls of their building and the decorations were damaged. The entire three floors will have to be cleaned and redecorated. After January 1st the Jones Piano Company is going to have their building cleaned and redecorated and at the same time are going to do quite a lot of remodeling. You will notice their display ad. in this paper. They are having an immense sale and everything will go at a big sacrifice and every piano must be closed out prior to the remodeling and cleaning. Their stock consists of the finest pianos on the market. Here is an opportunity for every piano buyer.

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ALBIA NEWS. (Last Week.) The officers of the A. M. E. church, under the direction of Rev. J. W. Dowden, are as follows: Choir leader and director, Mr. Chas. Washington; secretary, Miss Frances Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Harris; steward, Mrs. Lucinda Jones; trustees, Mr. B. T. Lewis; secretary, Mr. Chas. Washington; treasurer, Mrs. Virginia Thomas; trustees, chairman, Mr. B. T. Lewis; secretary, Mr. Chas. Washington; treasurer, Mr. Henry Jones; steward board, Wm. Gordon, Pearl Thomas, Henry Jones E. F. Butler, B. T. Lewis, Chas. Washington. Sunday school officers: Miss Jewett Lewis, superintendent; Miss Frances Thomas, secretary; Miss Edith Harris, assistant secretary; Miss Edith Thomas, treasurer; Miss Alberta Robinson, pianist; Mr. Lawrence Butler, librarian. Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones spent Sunday in Hiteman with their son and daughter, Mrs. Nora Grayson and Mr. Burt Jones. Mesdames Agnes Bolden, Rosa Watson and John Burkes of Buxton were in Albia on business this week. Mrs. Wesley Allen of Des Moines was in Albia this week. Mrs. Carthon from Hiteman attended services at the A. M. E. church in Albia on Sunday. Mrs. John Thomas left Albia for Chicago on Friday of this week. Mr. Burt Jones of Hiteman was in Albia this week. Miss Jinks of Hiteman met the Young People's club at the Social Center on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Andrew Smith entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seals of Lovilla and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stoval at dinner Sunday. Mrs. Bessie Grayson and children of Hocking No. 3 were in Albia on Saturday. Misses Alberta Robinson and Flora Mae Young of Hocking attended the Young People's club on Sunday afternoon. The number on the sick list are Mrs. Geo. Hollingworth, Mrs. Richie, Mrs. Hattie Bennings and Master Bennie Grayson. Three days of real cold weather in Albia this week.

FOR Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum. The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by all dealers. SIOUX CITY, IOWA. The Malone A. M. E. Sunday school had their Christmas tree Sunday evening, December 24th. It was largely attended. The Mt. Zion Baptist Sunday school will have their Christmas tree Monday evening, December 25th. The Progressive club met Thursday president, Mrs. J. D. Anthony. It will meet this week with Mrs. Harry Barnes, 719 West Sixth street. Rev. E. R. Edwards will spend the holidays in Minneapolis. Decatur lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., observed St. John's day Sunday, December 24th, at Mt. Zion Baptist church. The sermon was preached by Rev. Toomey, also address by Dr. J. W. Norris. The grand hailing signs were given by P. M. George Yearwood of St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. W. Stokes of Yankton, S. D., will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Mack. Mr. Harry Jewell and family of Holstein, Iowa, will spend the holidays in the city. The young people gave a surprise party Tuesday evening, December 19, on Mr. Freddie Baker, it being his 27th birthday. An enjoyable time was spent by all present. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Anthony will entertain a few friends at their residence, 717 1-2 W. Sixth street, Monday evening, December 25th. Mr. T. H. Sturgis, our veteran mail carrier, is having a vacation. Miss Ora Saunders has returned from her visit at Chicago and Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Mauefield Askew entertained at dinner Sunday, December 24th, Miss Arabelle Dowdy, Mr. George Yearwood of St. Paul, and Mr. C. B. Watkins. The agent will be around to see all persons next week. Those owing for the Bystander please be ready to settle with her. All persons having news for the Bystander please call Bell phone 1597. Mrs. Golda Green, who has been in-

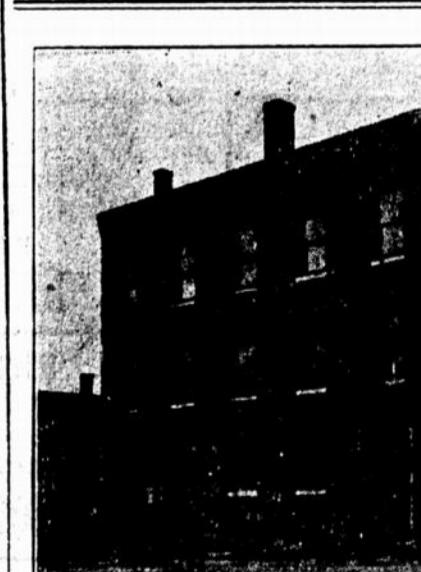
disposed for the past three or four weeks, is able to be out. The Progressive club will keep open house from 3 until 8 p. m. New Year's day at the Malonc A. M. E. church.

MACON, MO., NEWS. The Christmas tree which was at the Vine and Broadway church Saturday night was decorated very pretty. Mr. Green Maxwell, a well known citizen of our town, was found dead Thursday evening last. Saturday evening a very pretty Christmas tree was at the A. M. E. church. Mrs. St. Mark Jones entertained Xmas day at a dinner Mrs. M. E. Brookins and Miss Fannie Edward. Miss Birtena Young has returned from a visit to Davenport, Iowa, with her sister, Mrs. W. Harper. The brothers of Mrs. Henderson are in the city to spend Xmas with her. The kindergarten department of the Vine and Broadway Baptist Sunday school delightfully entertained the public Monday night, under the auspices of Miss Lucille Harris, their teacher. Mr. Don Cranshaw passed through Macon on Friday evening en route for his home in Gallatin, Mo. Several Maconites attended the dance in Moberly on Monday night and several more are contemplating on returning Thursday night. The death of Miss Angelina Davenport occurred Monday evening at her home. Miss Davenport has been ill for quite a while. The funeral services were held on Wednesday evening at the Vine and Broadway church. Mr. Orval Carter, who has been attending school at Jefferson City, Mo., passed through our city Friday en route to his home in Buxton, Iowa. Miss Hattel Young was hostess on Sunday evening at a dinner. Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold of Shelbina, Mo., passed through Macon on Monday evening en route for Moberly, Mo. Mr. J. B. Harris of Quincy, Ill., is in the city, the guest of relatives. Mrs. Roy Ford of Moline, Ill., has departed for her home, after a visit with relatives. Mrs. Anna Cook of Hannibal, Mo., is in the city, the guest of her son. The musical which was given by the ladies of the A. M. E. church was quite a success. Mrs. Eliza Goodrich remains very sick at the home of her son. Mrs. E. L. Scruggs and daughter, Miss Bernice, are spending the Christmas holiday with Rev. E. L. Scruggs of Jacksonville, Ill. Rev. J. W. Underwood, pastor of the Vine and Broadway Baptist church, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents in Mayfield,

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The Darcus Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. Mary Moore on

Eightth avenue. Lunch was served.
The Pastor's Aid club met Friday night at the church. A very nice program was rendered.
The Silver Leaf club meets at the church Tuesday night. Lunch will be served.

The sick in the city are: Sister Fountain, Mr. T. S. Wright, Mr. Cane, Mrs. Cullpeper, also Mr. Galloway, who has been in the Jennie Edmundson hospital for about four months. He is a stranger here and has no relatives, and his condition is very

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Now, in order that we may have no pianos subjected to the dirt and dust in the cleaning and renovating of our warerooms, we are going to close out the entire stock at a wonderful concession in price. Work will not commence until after the first of January, therefore, every piano must be closed out by that date. This is the Holiday season. If you are interested in a piano that will be delivered to you in perfect condition, at a way down price, here is your one big chance. Our building must be cleaned and renovated and every piano must be out of the way in time for the work. Our stock consists of the world's best makes: Wm. Knabe & Co., "The world's best piano"; the old reliable Vose & Sons, the famous Schiller Special piano, the Crown piano, the W. P. Haines & Co., one of the oldest makes in the country; the Weaver, the Lindeman and others. All of these pianos will go at a sacrifice in order to get them out of the way of the dust and dirt contingent to the renovation of the entire building.

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