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EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

Fairfield was our next stop. Here lives about eighty colored citizens. They have one church, the A. M. E., pastored by Rev. Hubbard, who lives in Mt. Pleasant and has charge of the A. M. E. church there also. He is a fine preacher, honest Christian man, well liked in both towns and his work is having good effect. He is ably assisted by his good wife, Mr. Sam Sakyes and wife were out last Sunday automobile riding with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Coalson in their car. When turning a corner within three miles of Fairfield the wheel broke and the car turned over on the passengers, painfully and severely hurting the two women and the two men were not hurt hardly at all. The ladies are still in bed, but improving. T. W. Price has moved to the home that he has bought, 306 E. Hempstead. Mr. E. Greenup is doing well. He owns a nice property. Mr. and Mrs. I. Dabner have got their new beautiful home completed. It is a credit to our race. Dan F. Detwiler is still working at the Leggett hotel. Mr. P. McGill is running a first class tailor shop and pantaloons and shoring parlor. He is doing well. John B. Crawford and Mr. Quinn are doing well. Our next stop was in the city of Mt. Pleasant, the home of one of our most prominent citizens. We find about 300 colored people living here. Nearly every family owns their own home. They are old citizens and in proportion to their population have graduated more colored children from the high school than any other town or city in Iowa. There are two churches the Baptist and the A. M. E. The former is pastored by Rev. Thomas and the latter by Rev. Hubbard, both splendid Christian gentlemen, and each doing as well as could be expected. The Burnaugh, Messrs. M., Ralph and Harry B., are all doing well. The last two named are at present working in Des Moines at their trade, brick and cement. Eugene Patterson is still working at the Y. M. C. A. building. Mrs. Harriett Smith, a pioneer and a veteran church worker, is well and hale at her remarkable old age. She is treasurer of the Iowa-Nebraska State Baptist association. M. C. Pickell is working in the feed mill as a miller. John W. Harrison, E. H. Reeser and John Greenup are living on their truck farms and have good crops. Clay Reed is also farming and teaming and has a fine crop this year. Mr. G. F. Foster is working at the same place. J. W. Fidler is in the barber business, also is Mr. S. McCracken and son. Mr. L. Bradford and W. N. Wicks are substantial citizens.

We next found rest or rather work in Burlington, a city of about 20,000, located on the bosom of the Father of Waters. Here dwells about 400 colored people, with two churches, the Baptist (no minister), and the A. M. E., with Rev. John H. Bell as pastor. He was away to conference. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson are living in their valuable property on 714 Spruce street. They are having lots of improvements, cement sidewalks, etc. Mr. Johnson is in his office as a chiropractor, while his wife is busily engaged in her painting and writing music. She has a great talent and ability in both of these arts. John L. Brooks has quit the culinary art and is working at his former trade, that of plastering. John R. Johnson still owns his truck farm on West Barrett street. He has a splendid crop of all kinds of vegetables. They are canning and preserving an immense quantity of fruit gathered from their farm. Mr. Henry Moore has lost his wife recently. Mrs. Josie Bland has taken to her a better half in the person of Mr. Wilson. They are still running the rooming house. Geo. H. Laws, Jr., is also running a rooming house at 508 Washington street. Mrs. Eva Jackson, Emma Early and T. H. Talor are living at the same places. W. M. Ragland is the veteran porter at the Delano hotel. He has been here for the past twenty-five years. He is a nice man to meet and owns a nice place. Mr. Peter King still lives at the beautiful modern up-to-date home on Leibnick street. Mr. King and one son are out in California spending the summer there. They will return home this week. Mr. C. Weaver, James Ray and Aaron Hughes are good, hard working citizens. Mr. Scott Jones is one of the finest citizens here, yet the least known. He lives at 1100 S. Fourth street and works at one of the hotels. He has a fine family. Mrs. Katie Bayard, who is very sick, is im-

proving. Mrs. Louisa Douglass is one of the pioneers of this city. She lost her husband recently. They own property at 1215 Stowe. This town is in need of some first class businesses conducted by colored people—at least a good barber shop, a good restaurant, etc. We next found ourselves bound to cross the longest river in the world, the Father of Waters, and stopped one day in Monmouth, Ill.

HAPPENINGS TWENTY YEARS AGO.

October 1, 1897. City local news is rather scarce this week. Miss Della Richardson is on the sick list this week. J. L. Thompson took a business trip down home last Saturday. Mr. Tracy Blagburn is bedfast, suffering from the effects of a severe cold. Mrs. Smith of Carrol, Iowa, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Heath on B street. Professor George I. Holt is preparing to go to Boston the first of next month. A sociable was given last night at the East Side Baptist church. A goodly number was present. Mrs. C. A. Greenway of Webster City arrived in the city last Saturday to visit with her father and sisters. Quite a number of young people are expected to attend the Jacobs-Roy wedding next week from out of town. Remember that the North Star lodge will give their annual banquet at Webster's hall Tuesday evening, October 26.

Mr. P. Holmes is quite sick this week. He was unable to sit as a juror this week. We wish his many friends hope for his speedy recovery. The city council has allowed Wm. Coalson \$60 damages by reason of recent flood inundating his yard and cellar. The mayor has not signed the warrant yet. Mrs. Tracy Blagburn, after a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Kansas City, Mo., the scene of her girlhood, returned home last Tuesday. Miss Lulu Jones, who has been visiting with Mrs. William Coalson for the past five or six weeks, left last Tuesday for Chicago, where she will visit with her sister. D. C. Bassfield has received a letter from M. N. Bell, who says that McKinley prosperity has struck Phoenix, and business is booming and it is the greatest health resort in the world. George L. Alexander, a young gentleman of Helena, Mont., is in the city studying electrical engineering at Highland Park college. We wish him success and hope he may do credit to our race. We welcome such young men here.

The H. B. S. R. club met with Mrs. J. T. Blagburn. An excellent program was rendered. Program for October 28th: Afternoon in anatomy. Paper on the bones, Mrs. Warricks; paper on the heart, Mrs. Hamilton; paper on the lungs, Mrs. Bassfield. Lecture by Dr. Johnson. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. H. S. Clay, 819 Eleventh street.

Annual Banquet. North Star lodge will give their annual banquet Tuesday evening, October 26th, at Webster's hall. Admission 50 cents per couple.

A REPUBLICAN RALLY.

Under the Auspices of the McKinley Club—Hon. Geo. H. Woodson of Mahaska County and Others Will Speak. At the meeting of the McKinley club last Thursday evening all the necessary arrangements were completed to close this campaign with a grand rally at the Grant club room Thursday evening, October 28th, and give the republicans of Des Moines and the neighboring towns an opportunity to hear the gifted young orator. Since coming to Mahaska county, Mr. Woodson has demonstrated to the satisfaction of all that have heard him that he is a lawyer of great ability, and by his genial manner he is fast winning the friendship of both the bench and the bar. The committee was instructed to invite two other speakers with ability. Ladies, remember that you have a special invitation to attend the Woodson meeting.

GALESBURG, ILL.

Mr. B. E. Richardson returned home Monday from St. Paul, where he attended conference. He reports a grand time. The Second Baptist church will be opened the first Sunday in October, under the auspices of the ladies of the church. There will be a harvest homecoming second week in October. They will start their revival meetings. Mr. J. L. Thompson was in the city new subscribers' list for the past Monday and Tuesday collecting. Ten new subscribers were added to the list, making the total amount thirty-three. Miss B. Peak of Missouri spent Sunday in the city en route to Canton, Ill. The Thimble Circle was entertained at the home of Mrs. E. Carter on Fri-

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Mr. George Anderson's father, sister and nephew arrived here to make Omaha their future home. They are from Philadelphia. Misses Alean Bently, Rosie Bright, Darlene Duval, Messrs. Harold Bently and Thomas Roulette returned back to Quindaro, Kans., to school. Mr. Fred Early is still improving and ble to be out. Please pay up the collector and call her up to give news. Kestber 2362. Address 2724 Burdette. ANNOUNCEMENT. Dr. A. J. Booker wishes to announce that Dr. R. A. Dobson, formerly of Sioux City, has taken over his practice. Dr. Dobson at present is temporarily located at the home of Mrs. J. W. Fields, 760 West Eleventh street. Phone Red 4615. After October 1st he will be permanently located on the corner of Twelfth and Center streets. A CORRECTION. In last week's article concerning the officers and candidate officers' dance Saturday evenings at Masonic hall we stated that the medical corps had not received invitations, but instead of the medical corps we should have stated the hospital boys. DAVENPORT, IOWA. Mr. George Ashby and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Green a few days last week, en route by automobile from Chicago to their home in Keokuk. Mr. Grant Hart, who has been confined at the Tuberculosis hospital for several months, is enjoying splendid health and is able to work every day. Rev. C. R. Waters has been assigned to Bethel A. M. E. church for another year. Rev. Waters made many friends last year, who are glad to know he has returned. Mrs. Wm. Brooks is visiting in Mendota, Aurora and Chicago, Ill. Revival meetings will begin at the Third Baptist church early in October. Mrs. Bettie Baker, an old and highly respected citizen of this city, passed away last week at the home of her daughter in Chicago. Mrs. Baker was a member of the Third Baptist church and a very devout Christian. The Bystander delinquent subscription list has been placed in the hands of the local agent, with instructions to collect at once. The agent will call. Please be prepared to pay. Mrs. Berry Buckner of Chicago is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Warrick. Conservation of Worry. "Does your husband worry about the grocery bill?" "No," he says there's no sense in both himself and the grocer worrying over the same bills. She Put the Toe in Ptomaline. A seven-year-old Columbus girl came home from school and reported one of her classmates had hurt his toe and was unable to be at school. "It's very serious," she said, "and they are afraid he is going to have ptomaine poisoning."—Indianapolis News. Boston Woman Recommending It To Her Friends Popular Boston Lady Says Tonaline Has Proven a Godsend To Her. It is always interesting to listen to the statements of our friends, and especially when you know they are sincere and honest in what they say. Added interest is created in a statement coming from one who has spent a lifetime in Boston, where she is well known socially. Such a person is Annie Stewart, who resides in Boston, and is possessed of the respect and confidence of her associates, and is willing for anyone to call on her to verify it. following signed testimonial: "I have suffered with stomach trouble for the past seven years. It took the form of indigestion and dyspepsia. I had dizzy spells and headaches, and after I ate a little food it would ferment and cause gas to form in my stomach. I had pains all over my body, and was chronically constipated. My liver was torpid, and I felt generally miserable. I had doctored and had been in the hospital, but received no permanent relief. I was nervous and restless that at night I could scarcely sleep. The gas pressing under my heart caused palpitation, and when I arose in the morning I was just as tired as when I retired. About two weeks ago I began to take tonaline, and I can truthfully state that it has done wonders in my case. I am feeling like a new woman and can eat any kind of food. I sleep the night through and have no more aches or pains; in fact, it has cured me, and I am recommending it to all of my friends, as it has been a Godsend to me." All druggists sell and guarantee tonaline. Caution:—As tonaline is recommended as a flesh builder those not wishing to increase their weight 15 pounds or more should not take it continuously.

NEW BOOK JUST OUT The long looked for book on "The History and Views of Colored Officers Training Camp at Fort Des Moines for 1917" This very interesting and readable book contains the pictures of some of the most remarkable group of young Colored men ever assembled to gather in America. The only Colored Officers training Camp in the world. It contains the autobiographies of nearly 1000 cadets candidates and soldiers candidates. It has about 125 pages Price by mail post prepaid in U. S. \$2.00 WRITE FOR AGENCY TO John L. Thompson Des Moines, Iowa

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EDITORIALS

RECRUITS LEAVE FOR NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

Indeed the Negroes of Des Moines are certainly "doing their bit" for our country in giving up several of her most promising young men to the service of their country. Below we are printing the names of the young men of this city who have gone to Newport News, Va., where they will undergo strenuous training for sixteen weeks, after which they will leave for France.

It might be stated that all of the young men are attached to the quartermaster's corps and many will be promoted to non-commissioned officers.

Of the first six names given, three have gone as clerks, one as checker, one as auto driver and two as auto mechanics.

The young men are Norman Blagburn, F. Kincheloe, Reedell Gibson, Wm Hampton, Willie Woods, Ira Allen, Ralph Frederick, Jesse H. Brunkley, John E. Davis, Logan Galvin, Archie L. Divers, George L. Johnson, Robert J. White and Edward Ewing.

NEGRO CLUB WOMEN.

Work Hard To Life Mortgage of Long Standing From Frederick Douglass Home.—On October 1st Will Pay Another \$1,000.

The National Association of Colored Women, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, of Buffalo, N. Y., are making a strenuous effort to pay off mortgage of long standing on Frederick Douglass home.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown, chairman of the Douglass memorial committee for the association, states that since August, 1916, \$2,000 has been paid on \$4,000 mortgage and she is just now in receipt of a communication from Mrs. Talbert, who has been touring the eastern and southern states in the interest of this homestead, in which she states that another \$1,000 must be paid by October 1st, and that she send in money collected for this purpose. Mrs. Brown, who has been making a canvass during the past month among the men in training at Fort Des Moines, had on hand \$200. The same was forwarded to Mrs. J. C. Napier, Nashville, Tenn., treasurer of special committee.

While Mrs. Brown is grateful for assistance given by men in training at Fort Des Moines, she says that the men have agreed with her that a more representative amount from this representative group of men should be raised for this great project; therefore a number of pledges have been made and will be paid before the close of the camp. In next edition Mrs. Brown will publish financial statement; therefore she asks that all persons who are assisting her in collecting funds at Fort Des Moines please report to her on or before October 6th.

COMMENTS ON NEW BOOK, "HISTORY AND VIEWS OF OFFICERS' TRAINING CAMP, WRITTEN BY JOHN L. THOMPSON.

It was entirely fitting that a permanent memorial of the Negro training camp at Fort Des Moines should be preserved, and John L. Thompson, editor of the local newspaper of the colored people, the Bystander, has gotten out a little book containing a mass of fine half tones, well printed and splendidly bound.

More than a thousand brief biographical notes are given after the manner of "Who's Who," many individual portraits of the better known military men, group pictures of every company, group pictures of the students of Hampton university and Tuskegee, a group picture of the men from Iowa, and finally a splendid panoramic scene of the White Sparrow parade at the Drake Stadium.

This training camp is not only an event in the history of the colored people, but it is an event in Iowa history, and the volume dedicated to it will have a permanent value as part of the record of the state. The colored race will never be exactly where it was before this camp was held. From the moment the colored leaders become commissioned officers in the army they will take a new rank, and gain a place they cannot lose.

Mr. Thompson cannot be congratulated too highly on spending the money to make his book what it ought to be. We do not know of anything that has been omitted unless it be a fine portrait of Colonel Ballou, who has worked so faithfully and so confidently. But Colonel Ballou is not frequently caught by the camera, and his friends will have to content themselves with the scene at Drake Stadium, where he sits his horse so splendidly.

Governor Harding contributes an opening word of congratulation and George L. Woodson a foreword, in which he eloquently refers to the men who are to be "commissioned to fight in the Black Phalanx with the armies of America for the glory of our God, the honor of our country, and the liberty and the peace of the world."—The Des Moines Tribune (white).

COLORED WOMEN ASSIST WITH MISSIONARY PAGEANT.

One of the most striking events of the season was a missionary pageant on last Friday evening, given by the missionary workers of the most representative white churches of the city, in that spacious auditorium at West High. More than 2,000 people witnessed the affair. The various scenes were presented by different denominations. Mrs. S. Joe Brown was invited to represent "Colored Americans." Those who assisted her in this episode in portraying progress of the race were Mesdames G. G. Nichols, Ione Wilson-Coleman, Lena Johnson, Wilson, Mary E. Bowmer, Estella Hill and Laura Bowmer and Mr. Gus Nichols and the little Misses Huntleys and Gertrude Pinkston. At beginning of colored American episode "Steal Away To Jesus" was sung by Misses Ethel M. Bowmer and Vivian Warricks and Messrs. Wm. Kinney and Edgar Hill.

MONMOUTH, ILL.

Editor J. L. Thompson was in the city on Saturday in the interest of the Bystander. While here he stopped with Dr. G. W. Jones.

Contractor Wm. Hubbard and men are completing another large country home near Monmouth.

Mrs. G. T. Brown and Miss Nadine Doolin are on the sick list at this writing.

Mrs. Samuel Cox and family have returned from a few weeks visit at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Wm. Hubbard motored to Fort Madison on Sabbath morning, to return with Rev. C. Lindell, who spent a few days there.

Rev. C. Lindell, Mrs. Frank Ford, Miss Dora Skinner, Mr. C. C. Wallace, Mr. Geo. Wallace and Mr. Geo. Neil are new subscribers to the Bystander.

Mr. J. T. Wallace and family returned home from Canton, Ill., after visiting there with relatives and friends.

Mr. Schropshire of McBrady Co. of Chicago is here for a few days on business.

Mr. Carl McWilliams, an employee of the parcel post department at the postoffice, is home from his vacation spent in Chicago.

Mrs. Ruth Thompson returned, after a few days visit with her sister at St. Louis.

Mrs. Iza Smith, cateress, and Mr. Louis Baker, chef, are home again, after having charge of the meals at the Mercy county fair, Aledo, Ill.

Frank Osborne will leave Saturday for the Wilberforce university at Xenia, Ohio, where he will study theology preparatory for the ministry.

Mr. Isaac Marshall passed away Friday at his home, after several weeks illness. The funeral service being held on Monday from Calvary Baptist church, Rev. C. Lindell conducting it.

Rev. Eugene Thompson, former pastor of St. James A. M. E. church, has been transferred to Wilberforce, Ohio, where he will be assistant to Bishop Lee. Rev. A. Vinoy of La Grange, Ill., will be the pastor of said church the coming year. Rev. Thompson has returned from St. Paul and is packing at once.

WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.

Mr. Jas. Crowder of Grinnell was a visitor in the city last Sabbath with a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Shelton of Chicago visited at the Lewis H. Wallace home a few days last week.

Howard Motts of St. Paul left last Sabbath night for his home, after a visit at the parental Motts home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Greenway and children, Mrs. Robt. vans and children and Mr. Wm. Greenway, Sr., were visitors at the Walter Williams home last Sabbath.

Miss Helen Motts, who is sojourning at Keota for a short time, came home for a visit with her brother, Howard, while he was here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Green have purchased a nice home on South Avenue D. They will be neighbors for Mrs. Eva Gwinn.

Word from Samuel Hall is to the effect that he has employment and is working at the arsenal in Rock Island.

Miss Luba Gwinn, who has been the masseuse at the Mrs. N. L. Black hair dressing parlor, left Tuesday night for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where she has accepted a like position in the beauty parlor in that city. Miss Luba began her work with Mrs. B. and she is a thoroughly equipped lady in her profession and stands second to none. We are sorry to lose this fine young lady from our midst, but always glad when one of our youngsters are efficient to move forward. All Washington joins with the writer in wishing for Miss Luba the best the world affords in her new location.

In a note from Mr. B. Deatherage, who is in North Regina, Canada, he says that he has enjoyed his work the past season and expects to winter in that country to try it out. He has been running a tractor this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner and Mose Hall attended the Oskaloosa fair recently.

Willis Turner is the new engine man at the Rock Island pumping station.

Rev. Morgan was in the city Tuesday and brought the news that the Rev. I. N. Bess is the pastor assigned by the conference for this place for the coming year.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

The emancipation celebration which was held at Huber's garden was a grand affair. It was a lovely day for the celebration and a large number attended afternoon and evening. A good old-fashioned dinner was served at noon and every one that had dinner certainly enjoyed it and said they had never had it. A number from Iowa City, Galesburg and Muscatine were here to help celebrate the day.

Mrs. E. Pennington, who has been very sick, is very much better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Officer and family have moved to South Rock Island.

Mr. James Bain is the house guest of Mrs. M. Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston have relatives visiting here from Iowa City.

Mrs. F. Grooms and Mr. Robert Patterson of Muscatine were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walkup.

Mr. R. Bassett is here visiting his folks.

Edgar Bowens, Lee Holly and Clarence Brit, soldiers, were in the city.

Miss F. Pearson had company Sunday evening to play cards. Mr. Earl Bassett and James Bain were the winners.

Mr. Samuel Hall and his cousin from Washington, Iowa, were visiting in the city.

Mr. S. Hall is going to make Moline his home for a while.

Mrs. Walkup had a few to play cards Saturday evening.

Mrs. A. Moore and her family departed from the city Wednesday evening. They are going to make Estherville their home for the future.

The skating rink is going to open some time next month, so better get in practice.

Miss B. Edmunds had company on Thursday evening in to play cards.

Miss G. Stoner has started to work by the week again.

Friday noon a large number of white men that were drafted left the city for training camp. Our colored boys who were drafted were left behind, which I know they were not sorry.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter were to call on Mr. and Mrs. Powers.

Mr. Bradley had for dinner Sunday afternoon Mrs. F. Grooms, Robert

Patterson of Muscatine and a few other friends. They all said Mr. Bradley was some cook and they certainly enjoyed his lovely dinner.

Mrs. Works had company on Sunday in honor of their wedding anniversary. Mrs. A. Critz was called home on account of her father being seriously sick.

Mrs. Godwin, who has been seriously sick, is some better at this writing. Her son and his wife were called to her bedside. Since she is improving they will leave for home soon.

CENTERVILLE NEWS.

Mrs. A. L. Crittenden and Mrs. M. J. Thompkins entertained the Mission Circle on Tuesday night, September 18th, at the home of Mrs. M. J. Thompkins on West Franklin street. A short program was rendered by the program committee.

The entertainment given Saturday night, September 22, for the benefit of the pastor proved to be quite a success.

Sunday was a beautiful day and all services were well attended.

The B. Y. P. U. bought ten small Bibles for their use in the meeting.

The B. Y. P. U. was entertained at the home of Christina Crittenden on Friday night, September 23. A large number were present and all report a nice time.

Mrs. Wm. Jackson and daughter, Olive, of Omaha, Neb., arrived in the city to visit her sister, Mrs. A. L. Crittenden.

Mrs. Lizzie Price left for Clinton, Iowa, to visit her son James Price.

The Art club met at the home of Mrs. L. Baker on West Garfield street Tuesday, September 25th.

Rev. F. C. Bolling of Keokuk, Iowa, is expected to preach here Wednesday, September 26th, at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brown of Mystic spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. L. Crittenden.

CLARINDA, IOWA.

Miss Cattie Montgomery, eldest daughter of Mrs. Arthur Montgomery, was very quietly married Thursday evening, September 20, 1917, to Mr. Harvey McNeil, eldest son of Mrs. McNeil, at the parsonage by the Rev. W. A. Mitchell, pastor of the Second Baptist church. Only the parents of the bride and groom witnessed the ceremony, after which they returned to the home of the bride, where there were a number of friends to greet them with a shower of rice and old shoes. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. A three-course luncheon was served, after which the guests departed, wishing a long, happy and prosperous life to the newlyweds.

Quite a number of strangers in town this week working on street.

Mrs. Sarah Baldwin of Creston is visiting her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Black.

Rev. W. Mitchell preached a soul-stirring sermon Sunday night to a well filled house.

Mr. W. M. Walker has purchased a home on Water street.

Indian Raised Cotton and Tobacco.

The Indian farmer, especially in the Southwest, carried the cultivation of the American variety of cotton to an advanced state. His culture of tobacco, on which was based a profitable industry for the early colonies, had been developed to a high state of efficiency.

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There is only one way to cure dandruff and that is to kill the germs. There is only one hair preparation that will kill the germs and that is Mildredina Hair Remedy. This unusual hair restorer with its record of thousands of cures will grow hair on any head where there is any life left. It cures dandruff, stops falling hair and itching of the scalp in three weeks or your money back.

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NOTICE TO REDEEM FROM TAX SALE.

To P. E. Everett, the person in whose name the real estate described below is taxed:

You are hereby notified that at a regular tax sale held in and for Polk county, Iowa, on December 5, A. D. 1911, the following described real estate, to wit:

Lots No. 26 and 27 of Richmond's subdivision of a part of lot 6 of the O. P. of lots 4 and 7 or the Thompson estate in section 27, township 79, range 24, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa, was sold to L. E. Gray for the payment of the taxes for the year 1910, thereon, and a certificate of purchase was duly issued to him by the treasurer of said Polk county, Iowa, therefore, which certificate is now lawfully held and owned by W. H. Meredith.

That the time for redemption from said sale will expire and a deed for said lot will be issued to him by the treasurer of said Polk county, Iowa, unless redemption from said sale be made within ninety days from the completed service of this notice. Dated September 20, 1917. W. H. Meredith.

By W. L. Baugh, His Agent and Directed by Him.

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"I have a high opinion of Chamberlain's Tablets for biliousness and as a laxative," writes Mrs. C. A. Barnes, Charleston, Ill. "I have never found anything so mild and pleasant to use. My brother has also used these tablets with satisfactory results."

CALENDAR

Of the second quarterly conference of Des Moines district A. M. E. Zion church:

First church, Des Moines, Iowa, Rev. E. S. Hardge, P. C., Sept. 21 and 22.

St. Matthews, Enterprise, Iowa, Rev. R. W. Rowe, P. C., Sept. 29 and 30.

Birks Mission, cement plant, Iowa, Rev. J. W. Hill, P. C., Oct. 6 and 7.

Blackwell Chapel, Scandia, Iowa, Rev. J. W. White, P. C., Oct. 13 and 14.

Oralabor Mission, Oct. 20 and 21.

Buxton Temple, Oct. 23 and 24.

Melix Temple, Perry, Iowa, Rev. John Hillard, P. C., Oct. 27 and 28.

Brethren, our motto is to save souls and build churches. Each of us is expected to raise one-half of our general claims by the setting of the district conference and sent to the departments. Keep the law and the law will keep us. I am praying for a success. I am your brother in the gospel bands. O. G. Moss, Presiding Elder.

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CITY LOCALS

Mrs. J. H. Woods is reported ill at her home on Twelfth street.

Mr. Green Clark was taken to the Methodist hospital Monday.

Miss Della Mathews is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. John Ford has been somewhat indisposed.

The Intellectual improvement club resumed their weekly meeting last Friday.

Home Makers League will meet October 2nd with Mrs. Hogsette on Lyon street, at which time election of officers will take place.

Miss Verna J. Thomas, niece of Mrs. S. L. Birt, left Sunday night to take up her duties as teacher in the Emerson Institute at Mobile, Ala.

Rev. J. D. Jessel, acting pastor of Union Congregational church, who was seriously injured a week ago by a street car, is gradually improving at Mercy hospital.

Miss Agnes McWayne entertained Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Harry Marshall in honor of Miss Frye of Keokuk, Iowa, who has been visiting Mrs. Marshall. Miss Frye left Tuesday for her home in Keokuk.

The Mary Church Terrell club met Monday evening at the home of Miss Gertrude Hyde. After the regular routine of business the club adjourned to meet next Monday with Mrs. Jessie Davis on Jefferson avenue. Mrs. J. W. Bowles of Waterloo and daughter were guests of the club.

Wanted—Colored men for enlistment in quartermaster corps national army as clerks, checkers and laborers. Fine opportunities to be promoted to non-commissioned officers. U. S. Army Recruiting Station, 202 Watrous building.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mays of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting her husband, who is at the reserve officers' training camp at Fort Des Moines. While in the city she is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Knox, 1808 Pleasant street.

The Callanan Industrial club had a delightful time at the home of Mrs. Mabel Stewart on Wednesday p. m., September 19th. Mrs. Jones of Chattanooga, Tenn., was club guest. The next meeting will be October 1st at the home of Mrs. Thornton Adams, 222 Twenty-third street.

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A very large audience greeted Mrs. S. W. Layton of Philadelphia, president of the Womens convention auxiliary of the National Baptist convention of America, at Corinthian Baptist church last Friday night.

There will be a meeting of the City Federation at the home of Mrs. Jessie M. McClain on Friday, October 5th, at 8 o'clock. All club women are expected to be present.

Jessie E. McClain, Temporary Chairman. Lula McCree, Temporary Sec'y.

Rev. N. H. Wheeler, district superintendent of the Kansas City district, will hold his second quarterly meeting at Asbury Chapel on Sunday, September 30th. Rev. H. A. Perry of Bethel A. M. E. church will preach the sacramental sermon at 3 p. m. and the choir of his church will furnish the music for the afternoon service. Come and worship with us during the day.

A very interesting meeting of the Triple H club was held last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Walter Wagner, at which time Mrs. Fairley of Kansas City, Mo., was guest and addressed the club in a very pleasing manner. The next meeting will be held Tuesday at 3 p. m. with Mrs. Harry Burum, 908 Twelfth street.

FOR SALE.

A good restaurant for sale cheap. I will sell or rent to responsible parties. It is the only colored restaurant in the city. A bargain. Write or call and see me for full particulars. Mr. E. Green, 114 E. Fifth street, Rock Island, Ill.

A very beautiful private wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. L. J. Courtney on Crocker street Saturday evening, September 22nd, at which time Miss Florence M. Ralles was united to Mr. Eugene A. Dandridge, both of Washington, D. C. Mr. Dandridge is in training at the officers' training camp at Fort Des Moines. The marriage was witnessed by a few of the intimate friends of the bride and groom. Rev. G. W. Robinson officiated.

The program committee of the Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have arranged a splendid

program to be given at Union Congregational church, Tenth and Park streets, Saturday evening, September 29th, to which everybody is welcome. Some very interesting addresses will be given by members of the different branches of the national association who are at the officers training camp. Be sure to come out and hear this program.

On last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Annie Allen the Eliza E. Peterson W. C. T. U. elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Annie Allen; vice president, Mrs. Hattie Adams; secretary, Miss Bernice McDowell; assistant secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Green; treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Avery. The ladies for the contribution from the committee of the W. C. T. U. are very grateful to the soldiers' reception of \$2.00; also the donation from the Allen Christian Endeavor League of St. Paul's A. M. E. church of \$2.62, all of which is to be used for the supplies of the housewives which the Union is preparing for the commissioned officers at Fort Des Moines. The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 4th, at the home of Mrs. Newcome, 1239 Center street.

Goddess of Justice.

In Greek mythology Astraea, daughter of Zeus and Themis, was the goddess of justice. She is represented with a pair of balances in her hand and a crown of stars. She was the last of all the goddesses who left the earth when the golden age had passed away and men began to force weapons and commit acts of violence.

CLINTON, IOWA.

Fred Slater, after spending his summer vacation in Clinton, has returned to his school studies at Iowa City.

Mr. Carl Culberson and wife, formerly Miss Frances Johnson, make formal announcement of their marriage. Their many friends extend congratulations.

Mrs. Hattie Henderson met with a very painful accident several days ago, when in descending steps at her home she slipped. Fortunately no bones were broken. As a result she has been confined to her home, but is improving.

Rev. W. W. Williams returned Monday from the annual conference at St. Paul. He reports a very enjoyable session. We are glad to note his return to Clinton as pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church.

The wedding bells will ring in Clinton next when on Monday morning the marriage of Miss Lucy Toney and Mr. Eddie Mitchell will take place. The groom is a son of Mrs. Ida Mitchell of Fulton, Ill., and is a valued employe of the Clinton Bridge and Iron Works. The bride is a favorite in Clinton and her friends are numbered by her acquaintances.

The friends of Mrs. M. O. Culberson regret to hear that she is not so well.

Rev. E. W. Niles of East Chicago spent several days in Clinton. On Tuesday evening, September 18th, he delivered a lecture on race consciousness to a good sized audience at the Second Baptist church. While in the city he also filled the pulpits of both the A. M. E. and Baptist churches.

Subscribe for The Bystander. Mr. E. W. Mann of the officers' training camp at Des Moines visited recently with his mother in Lyons.

Mrs. Clara Crawford of Sheridan, Wyo., is a guest of her daughters, Mrs. J. T. Culberson and Mrs. Wm. Williams, Jr. She leaves Thursday for her home, stopping en route at Ottumwa and Buxton.

Lawrence C. Jones of Piney Woods Industrial school paid Clinton his annual visit last week in the interest of his institution. We learn that Geo. W. Dulany, Jr., of Clinton, at present captain of the Des Moines battery, was a recent donor of \$1,000 to the school. Mr. Jones is spoken very highly of and his school by our citizens.

The jubilee concert given under the auspices of the Old Settlers' society at the Second Baptist church Monday evening was a success. A large crowd was present and a good sum realized.

Fat.

"I admit that it is much of an effort to keep your spirit from growing fat as to keep your body from growing fat," says Margaret Deland in the Woman's Home Companion. "It means making sacrifices; you will give up potatoes to keep your body light; you will have to give up faultfinding and gossip to keep your heart light. But the effort pays!"

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"Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy was used by my father about a year ago when he had diarrhoea. It relieved him immediately and by taking three doses he was absolutely cured. He has great faith in this remedy," writes Mrs. W. H. Williams, Stanley, N. Y.

Jewish Armies Conscripted

On the approach of an enemy the Jewish army was recruited by a conscription made from the tribes under the direction of a mustermaster, by whom also the officers were appointed. The army was divided into thousands and hundreds under their respective captains (Numbers 31:29-34; Numbers 2:31; II Chronicles 25:27; 26:12).

Too Much of a Good Thing.

It is a good thing to have a good thing, but too much of a good thing is frequently injurious. Commercial-Appal.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

MAPLE ST. BAPTIST CHURCH.

East Maple Street. Rev. Samuel Bates, pastor. 11:00 a. m.—Preaching. 1 p. m.—Sunday school. 6 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. 7:30—Preaching. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Cornithian Baptist Church

Fifteenth and Linden Sts. G. W. Robison, Pastor. 11 a. m.—Preaching. 1 p. m.—Sunday school. 6:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. 8 p. m.—Evening worship and preaching.

Union Congregational Church

Tenth and Park Sts. Rev. H. M. McCraven, Supply Pastor. 11 a. m.—Morning worship. 12 m.—Sunday school. Everybody welcome.

St. Paul's A. M. E. Church

Second and Center Rev. S. L. Birt, D. D., Pastor. 10:45 a. m.—Preaching. 12:30 p. m.—Class meeting. 1 p. m.—Sunday school. 6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor. 8:00 p. m.—Evening worship.

Union Baptist Church

Sixteenth and McCormick. Rev. J. M. Eaves, Pastor. 9:30 a. m.—Sunday school. 11 a. m.—Preaching. 6 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. 8 p. m.—Preaching.

FIRST A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

Rev. E. S. Hardge, Pastor. 511 S. E. Fourth street. 10 a. m.—Sunday school. 11:30 a. m.—Preaching. 8 p. m.—Preaching.

Asbury M. E. Church

777 Eleventh St. Rev. W. L. Lee, Pastor. 10 a. m.—Sunday school. 11 a. m.—Preaching. 12 m.—Class meeting. 6:30 p. m.—Epworth League. 7:30 p. m.—Preaching.

Bethel A. M. E. Church

Sixteenth and Filmore Sts. Rev. H. A. Perry, Pastor. 11 a. m.—Morning service. 12:30 p. m.—Class meeting. 1:00 p. m.—Sunday school. 6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor. 7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.

Misdirection of Efficiency.

Is the art of efficiency, by any chance, misdirected? Misdirected toward products as an end in itself, instead of toward the development of vitally initiative human individuals—joyous workers, to whom product is a by-product, wealth an incident—men who, for the very joy of the working, work explosively.—Industrial Management.

Many Candles Made.

Though candles are not so generally used as they were before the days of mineral illuminating oils, gas and electricity, they still constitute an important article of manufacture. The candle is an ancient form of lighting. The word comes from the Latin word, "candere," which means to "glow."

Exaggerated.

When we reflect upon the white of an egg that has been sitting around in the refrigerator, apparently waiting to be used up in something, almost ever since we can remember, we think that all this talk about the American housewife's reckless extravagance is somewhat exaggerated after all—Columbus (Ohio) State Journal.



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Military Organization of Jews.

The military organization of the Jews began with their departure from Egypt. Every man above twenty years old was a soldier. Each tribe formed a regiment with its own banner and its own leader. Their positions in the camp or on the march were accurately fixed.

Making Play of Work.

Making play of work is often a good idea when getting children to help. Thus, when seeking the aid of a youngster to pick up the pins from the floor, let him or her use a horse-shoe magnet for the purpose. You can get such a magnet for ten cents.

Faults.

"Everybody has faults," said Uncle Eben. "The principle difference in folks is whether dey's sorry for 'em or proud of 'em."

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**NOTICE TO REDEEM FROM TAX SALE.**

To Brown, Williams Auto Co., the person in whose name the real estate described below is taxed:

You are hereby notified that at a regular tax sale held in and for Polk county, Iowa, on December 5, A. D. 1911, the following described real estate, to wit, Lots 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 of Richmond's sub-division of a part of lot 6 of the official plat of lots 4 and 7 of the Thompson estate in section 27, township 79, range 24, west of the 5th p. m. Iowa, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold to L. E. Gray for the payment of the taxes for the year 1910 thereon, and a certificate of purchase was duly issued to him by the treasurer of said Polk county, Iowa, thereof, which certificate is now lawfully held and owned by W. H. Meredith.

That the time for redemption from said sale will expire and a deed for said lot will be issued to him by the treasurer of said Polk county, Iowa, unless redemption from said sale be made within ninety days from said sale be made within ninety days from the completed service of this notice.

Dated September 25, 1917.  
W. H. Meredith.

By W. L. Baugh,  
His Duly Authorized Agent and Directed by Him.

**NOTICE TO REDEEM FROM TAX SALE.**

To Alfred S. Renshaw, the person in whose name the real estate described below is taxed:

You are hereby notified that at a regular tax sale held in and for Polk county, Iowa, on December 4, A. D. 1911, the following described real estate, to wit: Lot 6 Douglas addition, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold to Des Moines Trust Co. for the payment of the taxes for the year 1910, thereon, and a certificate of purchase was duly issued to him by the treasurer of said Polk county, Iowa, thereof, which certificate is now lawfully held and owned by them.

That the time for redemption from said sale will expire and a deed for said lot will be issued to him by the treasurer of said Polk county, Iowa, unless redemption from said sale be made within ninety days from the completed service of this notice.

Dated September 27, 1917.  
Des Moines Trust Co.

By W. L. Baugh,  
Agent For and Directed by Them.

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**NOTICE TO REDEEM FROM TAX SALE.**

To W. K. Wallace, the person in whose name the real estate described below is taxed:

You are hereby notified that at a regular tax sale held in and for Polk county, Iowa, on December 4, A. D. 1911, the following described real estate, to wit: Lot 1, Douglass addition, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold to Des Moines Trust Co. for the payment of the taxes of 1910, thereon, and a certificate of purchase was duly issued to him by the treasurer of said Polk county, Iowa, thereof, which certificate is now lawfully held and owned by them.

That the time for redemption from said lot will be issued to him by the treasurer of said Polk county, Iowa, unless redemption from said sale be made within ninety days from the completed service of this notice.

Dated September 27, 1917.  
Des Moines Trust Co.

By W. L. Baugh,  
Agent For and Directed by Them.

**AUTUMN IS WARTIME.**

I turn and see each fallow field,  
Now rich with golden grain;  
The bare lot, lawn and meadows yield  
A wealth of summer's gain.

—C. Bertram Johnson

**People Speak Well of Chamberlain's Tablets.**

"I have been selling Chamberlain's Tablets for about two years and heard such good reports from my customers that I concluded to give them a trial myself, and can say that I do not believe there is another preparation of the kind equal to them," writes G. A. McBride, Headford, Ont. If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They will do you good.

# An Open Letter

To the City Council and the People of Des Moines

FROM

The Des Moines Water Company

**TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES:**

GENTLEMEN:

Our attention has been called to a communication of the Corporation Counsel with respect to the conditions surrounding the furnishing of water to the city of Des Moines, and filed with your Honorable Body on the 11th inst. The statements contained in the communication are so inaccurate and misleading that it has seemed to us advisable to candidly and fully state the facts.

Before discussing the question of rates and service, it is perhaps well to refer to some specific statements contained in the communication, which in our opinion tend to mislead.

It is unfortunately true that more or less litigation has been carried on between the city and the water company during the existence of the latter, but your attention is called to the fact that in, we think, every instance the controversy has been determined by the courts in favor of the water company, which to our mind is a demonstration that the litigation was not brought about by the action of the water company, and that much, if not all, of it was ill-advised on the part of the city.

Referring to the litigation resulting from the adoption by the city council of the rate ordinance of 1908. The statement of counsel that the result of that litigation would have been different if the court had not, in fixing the value of the water property, allowed what is known as "going concern value," and the cost of paving over mains, is a mere assumption on his part and is not, we think, sustained by the record. The court in that case fixed the value of the property at approximately one million, eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,850,000.00). If we deduct from this the amount claimed by counsel to represent the two items above referred to (\$282,000.00), we have left a valuation of one million, five hundred sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$1,568,000.00). If we found that the annual net revenue under the 1908 ordinance would have been sixty-three thousand, four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$63,495.00), which would have produced an income of four per cent upon the valuation of one million, five hundred sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$1,568,000.00). Inasmuch as the court found that eight per cent per annum was a reasonable rate upon the value of the property, it cannot be assumed that it would have sustained an ordinance which would only return an income of four per cent—the usual rate paid by savings bank upon deposits, and the rate which the government is proposing to pay upon its bonds, and a rate less than the city is paying its present bonded indebtedness.

It is not true that the water company is in any manner responsible for the condition of the paving on West Grand avenue—first, because the water company has not for years torn up the pavement for the purpose of extending its mains; and, second, an ordinance which has been in force for years provides that wherever the pavement is torn up by a public utility or others, the back-filling and repaving shall be done by the city at the expense of the public utility or person tearing up the pavement. If this back-filling and repaving is not properly done and the result is a bad condition of paving, the responsibility does not lie with this company or any other public service corporation.

It is not true that this company has been receiving from the water consumers of the city eight per cent per annum on a fictitious valuation of two hundred eighty-two thousand dollars (\$282,000.00) or upon any other valuation.

It is not true that in addition to receiving a return of six per cent or less per annum upon the value of the water property, we are receiving a "meter rental that amounts to further thousands of dollars every year," as charged by Corporation Counsel. The fact is that the meter rental received by this company has gone in to make up a part of the return on the value of the property, which has never approached the rate to which the court held us entitled. Those of you who are familiar with the history of rate ordinances will remember that this item of meter rental was placed in the ordinance on your own motion, rather than to fix a rate which would by itself be sufficient to constitute adequate compensation for the service performed.

With reference to the attempt on the part of the city to purchase the water plant. As a result of the condemnation proceedings brought by the city, this company and the city agreed upon the price which the city should pay for the property, and as a result of that agreement a decree was entered in the federal court fixing the amount and providing that the city should pay for the property at any time within one year from the date of the decree. It certainly is not the fault of this company that the city did not pay the price agreed upon and as provided by the decree.

With reference to the "high cost of living" referred to by counsel, we think you will agree with us that this is due to the increase in cost of nearly every commodity which enters into the expense of

living. It will be noted, however, that the cost of water to the city of Des Moines and the consumers therein is one of the very few commodities the price of which has not been raised for many years, although the elements entering into the cost of the production and distribution of the water by this company have very greatly increased. In this connection it is suggested that the money of the city could be better spent in constructing and maintaining "rest rooms, comfort stations, etc." than in carrying on ill-advised litigation.

It is not true that this company occupies, or has ever occupied a "public be damned" attitude. It is a fact that though this company has no franchise in the city of Des Moines, and therefore is investing its money at its peril, it has since April 1, 1912, and prior to January 1, 1917, expended more than four hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$445,000.00) in extensions and additions to its plant, and if it is permitted, and is not harassed by useless and vexatious restrictions and litigations, it expects to so maintain its plant in the future than its present high standard of service will be continued.

The Corporation Counsel attaches to his communication a list of the orders which have been enacted by your Honorable Body since October 1, 1916, requiring the laying of mains, and complains that these orders have not all been complied with. With respect to this matter several things are to be said.

The present market price of cast iron pipe and all other items entering into the construction and laying of mains, is abnormally high and the material is very hard to get even at these prices. As shown by the testimony in the case of City of Des Moines vs. Des Moines Water Company (the condemnation proceedings), the average cost of cast iron pipe such as is used for water mains, f. o. b. Des Moines, for the period of five years prior to April 1, 1912, was approximately twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) per ton. The last pipe purchased by this company (in August of this year) cost the company seventy-two and 30-100 dollars (\$72.30) per ton, f. o. b. Des Moines. The cost of all other materials entering into the construction of water mains has advanced in substantially the same proportion. It has, therefore, seemed to us inadvisable both from the standpoint of this company and the standpoint of the city, to construct water mains during these abnormally high prices, except at such places as they were absolutely necessary.

Notwithstanding the advance in the price of material, this company in February of this year contracted for one thousand (1,000) tons of cast iron pipe, with the necessary specials and fixtures (enough to lay about eight miles of pipe), for immediate delivery. Although we have constantly urged delivery of this pipe, up to this time we have only been able to obtain about five hundred tons. This we have been using to fill the orders which your Honorable Body have urged upon us as the most important, and the balance will be used to fill other orders as fast as the pipe can be obtained.

Eliminating from the list of orders attached to the communication of counsel such pipe as has already been laid; eliminating also such orders as appear to be duplicates, and such orders as are so indefinite as to be impossible to locate, and such orders as cannot be complied with because the city has no title to the ground upon which they are to be laid, and adding to the list such pipe as will be necessary to lay in order to connect the isolated orders with our present system; we find that to comply with all of these orders would require the laying of 129,673 feet of main pipe and 3,120 feet of hydrant branches. We have made a careful estimate of the cost of laying this pipe, and without taking into consideration the cost of engineering or overhead charges, we estimate the total cost to be three hundred fifty-two thousand, three hundred ninety-nine and 72-100 dollars (\$352,399.72), in addition to which the city would have to expend the sum of twenty thousand, nine hundred eighty two dollars (\$20,982.00) for fire hydrants.

While our supply and pumping system is fully adequate for present purposes, yet the continued and rapid growth of the city of Des Moines to which we are all looking forward, will require not only large expenditures for the extension of our distributing system, but much larger expenditures for the enlargement and development of our source of supply and pumping station.

From the foregoing it must be perfectly apparent to you that to keep up with the growth of the city of Des Moines and continue to supply adequate water facilities requires constant investment of new capital, which can only be obtained by going out upon the market. You are also well aware that the franchise of the Des Moines Water Company has expired. You must also know that it is impossible to borrow money for the extension and improvement of a public utility which does not have a franchise. For this reason it has been the intention of the officials of the water company to ask of your Honorable Body and of the citizens of Des Moines, the enactment of a franchise ordi-

nance which would permit the extension and improvement of the water plant as the necessities of the case may require. It goes without saying, however, that it is not worth while to open the discussion of the terms of a franchise while there is pending a controversy over rates. We deem it therefore exceedingly unfortunate that the Corporation Counsel should have raised an issue with reference to rates at this particular time, because it seems to us highly important to the city and the water consumers, as well as to the water company, that the rights and obligations of the water company should be fixed and defined by a properly enacted franchise, and that such a franchise should be enacted promptly so that there may be no delay in making the necessary improvements and extensions to the plant. The question of rates is one over which your Honorable Body always has jurisdiction, subject only to the constitutional provision that the same must be reasonable.

Referring now to the question of the adequacy of the existing rates. An adequate rate necessarily depends largely upon the value of the property. In the year 1912 the value of the water plant was fixed in a judicial proceeding between the city and the water company by a court consisting of three of the ablest district judges in Iowa, one of whom is now chief justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa. After a long and exhaustive hearing these judges fixed the value of the property as of April 1, 1912, at two million, three hundred two thousand, five hundred twenty-two dollars (\$2,302,522.00). The value thus fixed by the court, while not entirely satisfactory either to the officials of the water company or to the officials of the city, was afterwards agreed upon by both the city and the water company as being the fair value of the property, and as it was made by three competent and disinterested judges after a careful and exhaustive investigation, we think it should be taken by everybody as representing the fair value of the property at that time. Since that date and prior to January 1 of this year, the water company has actually expended in extensions and additions to its property the sum of four hundred forty-five thousand, one hundred ninety-seven and 24-100 dollars (\$445,197.24), not taking into consideration the cost of engineering and administration. In view of these facts and of the vast increase in the value of property generally, we think it cannot be said that the present value of the water plant is less than the total of the two sums above mentioned, or the sum of two million, seven hundred forty-seven thousand, seven hundred ten and 21-100 dollars (\$2,747,710.24), and our view of this valuation is strengthened and fortified by the fact that your honorable body, in April of this year, valued this property for the purposes of taxation at three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00).

The net revenue of the water company in the year 1916, after paying operating expenses, depreciation and taxes, was the sum of one hundred sixty-four thousand, nine hundred forty-six and 53-100 dollars (\$164,946.53), which is six per cent upon a valuation of two million, seven hundred forty-seven thousand, seven hundred ten and 21-100 dollars (\$2,747,710.24), or less than five and one-half per cent upon the value as fixed by you for the purposes of taxation.

We anticipate that the net revenues of the current year will be considerably less than they were for the year 1916, and we also anticipate a further reduction for the year 1918. We anticipate these reductions, first, because of the very great increase in all items going to make up operating expenses, and, second, by reason of the very large increase in the taxes we will be required to pay, both by reason of the increased value of the property made by your honorable body for the purposes of taxation, and the increase in the tax rate.

In conclusion, we desire to suggest to you that if the water company is to keep pace with the growth of the city of Des Moines, two things are essential: First, the water company must have a reasonable franchise so that it may assure the persons from whom it borrows money, of the permanence of the proposition; second, it must have a rate that is adequate to pay not only its operating expenses, but a reasonable return upon the investment, so that it may assure the persons from whom it borrows money that the investment is a safe one. The water plant of this company is recognized by water works engineers as being one of the best in the United States, and the service it performs is recognized as of a very high standard. Des Moines is a rapidly growing city. If this company is to continue its high standard of service, it cannot stand still—it must continually invest large amounts of fresh capital. In order to acquire this capital it must not only have a franchise that will permit it to do business, but it must receive a rate for its service which will permit it to acquire this capital in competition with other public utilities similarly situated.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed)  
DES MOINES WATER COMPANY,  
By Charles S. Denman, General Manager.