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Look over your old clothes. You can never appreciate how much you can brighten and freshen up your wardrobe until you use Dy-O-La-Dye. Take some of your discarded blouses and dresses, dye them with some of the sixteen different colors of Dy-O-La, change the trimmings a bit and you will be astonished at the result.

Dy-O-La is the modern dye made by skilled chemists who have removed all the difficulty from home dyeing in order that you may get perfect results. Old style dyes require a separate dye for each kind of goods. That makes trouble (as you probably know), for if you get a package for the wrong kind of material the goods are spoiled. You can't make such a mistake with Dy-O-La Dye.

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Buy it of your nearest druggist or storekeeper, but if they have not the color you want we will send it to you on receipt of ten cents and at the same time include direction book and color chart.

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Speaks From Experience.

"Here's a substance which breaks down when exposed to light," remarked the chemist. "That must be the stuff reputations are made of," observed the politician.—Widow.

Pussy Cat Indicted.

American foresters present a very strong argument against our friend, the pussy cat, as being by far the most destructive of animals, wild or tame, of the birds, and every forester considers the birds as the greatest friends of the trees. Without the destruction wrought by the birds on the insect enemies of the trees there would be after a generation no tree left for the insects would multiply fearfully and demolish every growing tree and plant.—Grit.

DAVENPORT ITEMS.

The entertainment given by the Living Water club was a huge success both socially and financially. The committee in charge deserve much credit.

Mrs. Florence White, who has been here with her sister, Mrs. Jessie Piper, for several months, left for her home in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith celebrated their fifteen years of married life at their home last Thursday night. They were the recipients of a large number of beautiful pieces of crystal. Their daughter, Hazel, presided at the piano and furnished music for the evening. The guests departed at a late hour, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Smith many more years of happy married life.

Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school held their annual election of officers with the following result: Mr. Robert Samuels, superintendent; Mrs. C. H. Marshall, assistant superintendent; Thelma Bynum, secretary; Mrs. Lucy Hopkins, treasurer; Emma Brown, pianist; Mrs. Jennie Johnson, chorister; Mrs. Ella Fuqua is getting along nicely at this writing, which will be good news to her many friends.

Mrs. Arvela Cook of Chicago is here visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lulu Bator.

Mrs. Cook will remain indefinitely. Mrs. Bertha Thompson has returned from Muscatine, after a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends.

Sparrows Eaten in England.

Sparrows are often eaten by English country persons. They are captured easily in fine mesh nets stretched over the ground and baited with grain, or in nets hung at night around their roosting places in ricks, hedges and ivy-clad walls. Also, the ground can be baited and a crowd of feeding sparrows laid low with a gun, using fine shot for the purpose.

Getting Worried.

Clarence constantly played with Marguerite, one of twins, until his parents teased him about his "girl." One afternoon Clarence's mother was sitting on the porch. Clarence, Marguerite, and a few other children were playing in the yard. Suddenly he left the group and coming to his mother said: "Mother, when you marry a twin, do you have to marry both of them?"

"Alma Mater."

The phrase "alma mater," as applied to colleges and universities, is said to have originated in the University of Bonn, Germany. A statue of the Mother of Christ—the alma mater, or beloved mother, stands over the doorway of that famous seat of learning. From it the phrase received its origin.

OTTUMWA, IOWA. (Special.)

Rose of Sharon Court, No. 5, at Ottumwa, January 3, 1918, had the election of officers. Mrs. Frances Hicks, W. C.; Mrs. Mattie Green, W. In.; Mrs. Ella Graves, W. Imx.; Mrs. Alberta Graham, W. Or.; Mrs. Fannie Allen, S. D.; Mrs. Elizabeth Tipton, W. J. D.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Sarah Lewis has been sick for a week or two.

Mrs. Chas. Washington has been on the sick list. Mrs. Bessie Grayson of Hocking No. 3 was in Albia on Monday.

The people of the A. M. E. church had a week of prayer last week.

A cold wave has passed over this town for the past week; for three or four days it has been several degrees below zero, with wind and snow.

Important Discoveries.

Cheapened metallurgical processes will probably make available as new materials a number of metals now little known. Magnesium, for instance, is likely to become one of the common metals very soon.

Indians Good Orchardists.

The American apple owes much to the care of the Indian farmers, for the Indian was an able pomologist. It was not unusual 150 years ago for Indian orchards to have 1,500 trees, which all had been duly pruned and cultivated by the people we are prone to regard as nomadic savages. The peach and quince were also cultivated by them in later years. To the world the Indian introduced such fruits as the persimmon, the pawpaw, the pineapple and the Virginia strawberry.

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."

CAMP DODGE NOTES.

Mrs. J. W. Bundrant, wife of Lieutenant Bundrant, has been indisposed the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tomlin.

General C O Ballou (white, who has command of the U. S. colored division that is now being prepared for service, arrived in our city this week from Camp Funston, Kans., with his staff on an inspection tour of all the colored regiments. He was well pleased with the progress that the colored soldiers are making.

There were 270 colored boys sent back to Alabama from Camp Dodge because of physical disability.

There has been five colored soldiers dead at the base hospital at Camp Dodge this month of various diseases.

The Army Y. M. C. A. is now opened every day at the Park street Y.

Second Lieut. J. B. Morris of the 366th infantry, Camp Dodge, has been confined to the base hospital the past week.

First Lieut. Carter N. Brown of the 366th infantry, Camp Dodge, who has been confined to the base hospital for several weeks, underwent a slight operation Thursday. Others who are sick in the base hospital are Capt. May, First Lieut. George C. Robinson and Second Lieut. Joseph B. Sanders.

COMPANY MOTHERS TO MEET.

The company mothers of the 366th infantry and their assistants are requested to meet at the residence of Mrs. S. Joe Brown, 1058 Fifth street, on Monday afternoon, January 21st, at 3 o'clock. A report of the conference of camp mothers held at the St. Catherine home on last Wednesday afternoon and other business of importance will be taken up.

To Keep Insects Away.

Eggshells burned in the oven and placed on the pantry shelves will keep the insects away.

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When war was declared the entire Bell Telephone System—including our equipment and our employees—was placed at the service of the government.

All the great military bureaus, training camps, cantonments, navy yards, munition plants, arsenals and warehouses have been connected by telephone.

The Bell System has organized and furnished to the government fourteen complete battalions of trained telephone men who are either constructing, maintaining and operating telephone lines for the forces in France or are in mobilization camps ready to embark.

A great number of our employees have also joined the national guard or other military organizations or have been drafted. These thousands of trained workers cannot be readily replaced.

The Bell telephone men now with the army in France, recently completed the first all-American telephone system over-seas. Cable dispatches to the press say that it is a great treat for the officers to use an American-built telephone system after trying to talk on the lines in use over there.



Buy Another War Savings Stamp.

With our working forces depleted, with equipment growing more scarce and telephone materials costing practically double what they did two years ago, our problems are becoming very serious.

When you use the telephone, won't you please remember the difficulties under which we are furnishing service?

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American foresters present a very strong argument against our friend, the pussy cat, as being by far the most destructive of animals, wild or tame, of the birds, and every forester considers the birds as the greatest friends of the trees. Without the destruction wrought by the birds on the insect enemies of the trees there would be after a generation no tree left for the insects would multiply fearfully and demolish every growing tree and plant.—Grit.

DAVENPORT ITEMS.

The entertainment given by the Living Water club was a huge success both socially and financially. The committee in charge deserve much credit.

Mrs. Florence White, who has been here with her sister, Mrs. Jessie Piper, for several months, left for her home in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith celebrated their fifteen years of married life at their home last Thursday night. They were the recipients of a large number of beautiful pieces of crystal.

Their daughter, Hazel, presided at the piano and furnished music for the evening. The guests departed at a late hour, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Smith many more years of happy married life.

Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school held their annual election of officers with the following result: Mr. Robert Samuel, superintendent; Mrs. C. H. Mar (shall, assistant superintendent; Thelma Bynum, secretary; Mrs. Lucy Hopkins, treasurer; Emma Brown, pianist; Mrs. Jennie Johnson, chorister.

Mrs. Ella Fuqua is getting along nicely at this writing, which will be good news to her many friends.

Mrs. Arvilla Cook of Chicago is here visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lulu Bater.

Mrs. Cook will remain indefinitely.

Miss Bertha Thompson has returned from Muscatine, after a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends.

Sparrows Eaten in England.

Sparrows are often eaten by English country persons. They are captured easily in fine mesh nets stretched over the ground and baited with grain, or in nets hung at night around their roosting places in ricks, hedges and ivy-clad walls. Also, the ground can be baited and a crowd of feeding sparrows laid low with a gun, using fine shot for the purpose.

Getting Worried.

Clarence constantly played with Marguerite, one of twins, until his parents teased him about his "girl." One afternoon Clarence's mother was sitting on the porch. Clarence, Marguerite, and a few other children were playing in the yard. Suddenly he left the group and coming to his mother said: "Mother, when you marry a twin, do you have to marry both of them?"

"Alma Mater."

The phrase "alma mater," as applied to colleges and universities, is said to have originated in the University of Bonn, Germany. A statue of the Mother of Christ—the alma mater, or beloved mother, stands over the doorway of that famous seat of learning. From it the phrase received its origin.

OTTUMWA, IOWA.
(Special.)

Rose of Sharon Court, No. 5, at Ottumwa, January 3, 1918, had the election of officers. Mrs. Frances Hicks, W. C.; Mrs. Mattie Green, W. In; Mrs. Ella Graves, W. Imx.; Mrs. Alberta Graham, W. Or.; Mrs. Fannie Allen, S. D.; Mrs. Elizabeth Tipton, W. J. D.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Sarah Lewis has been sick for a week or two.

Mrs. Chas. Washington has been on the sick list.

Mrs. Bessie Grayson of Hocking No. 3 was in Albia on Monday.

The people of the A. M. E. church had a week of prayer last week.

A cold wave has passed over this town for the past week; for three or four days it has been several degrees below zero, with wind and snow.

Important Discoveries.

Cheapened metallurgical processes will probably make available as new materials a number of metals now little known. Magnesium, for instance, is likely to become one of the common metals very soon.

Indians Good Orchardists.

The American apple owes much to the care of the Indian farmers, for the Indian was an able pomologist. It was not unusual 150 years ago for Indian orchards to have 1,500 trees, which all had been duly pruned and cultivated by the people we are prone to regard as nomadic savages. The peach and quince were also cultivated by them in later years. To the world the Indian introduced such fruits as the persimmon, the pawpaw, the pineapple and the Virginia strawberry.

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."

CAMP DODGE NOTES.

Mrs. J. W. Bundrant, wife of Lieutenant Bundrant, has been indisposed the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tomlin.

General C C Ballou (white, who has command of the U. S. colored division that is now being prepared for service, arrived in our city this week from Camp Funston, Kans., with his staff on an inspection tour of all the colored regiments. He was well pleased with the progress that the colored soldiers are making.

There were 270 colored boys sent back to Alabama from Camp Dodge because of physical disability.

There has been five colored soldiers died at the base hospital at Camp Dodge this month of various diseases.

The Army Y. M. C. A. is now opened every day at the Park street Y.

Second Lieut. J. B. Morris, of the 366th infantry, Camp Dodge, has been confined to the base hospital the past week.

First Lieut. Carter N. Brown of the 366th infantry, Camp Dodge, who has been confined to the base hospital for several weeks, underwent a slight operation Thursday. Others who are sick in the base hospital are Capt. May, First Lieut. George C. Robinson and Second Lieut. Joseph B. Sanders.

COMPANY MOTHERS TO MEET.

The company mothers of the 366th infantry and their assistants are requested to meet at the residence of Mrs. S. Joe Brown, 1058 Fifth street, on Monday afternoon, January 21st, at 3 o'clock. A report of the conference of camp mothers held at the St. Catherine home on last Wednesday afternoon and other business of importance will be taken up.

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EDITORIALS

SKILLED MEN WANTED.

Headquarters 317th Engineers, Camp Sherman, Ohio, December 21, 1917. Mr. R. R. Taylor, Director of Institutes, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

Sir: I acknowledge your letter of the 17th instant relative to the formation of our regiment and am very glad of the opportunity of giving you full information.

As you know, the war department has decided to form an entire division of colored draftees. It has trained colored men to command these troops in all grades except those above captain, and is now engaged in forming and organizing these bodies of troops.

Now, an essential element of a division is an engineer regiment, composed of specially selected men capable of doing everything in a mechanical, industrial or engineering line that an army may require to be done.

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As we will have so little time to teach men to do all these things, besides teaching them to be soldiers, you will see we are interested in securing men who already have much technical skill in various lines. Such men as are turned out by the various high standing colleges like Tuskegee Institute, Howard University, Hampton Institute, etc., are particularly desirable

men for us, and we will be glad to get all possible.

To obtain our exports, for which we have about twenty vacancies graduates from Mass. Institute of Technology would be very desirable, and I would request your full co-operation in getting in touch with all the classes of men I have named.

I have requested authority from the war department to enlist specially men possessing the desired qualifications, but who are subject to draft. Until I get that permission, they could be inducted into the service under par. 150 selective service regulations, and ask for transfer to this regiment.

Thanking you for any assistance you may be able to render us in the formation of this important unit, I am, yours sincerely,

Earl I. Brown,
Col. of Engineers.

THOMAS-REED WEDDING.

A marriage of interest to a large circle of relatives and friends in the east and south was celebrated in this city, Xmas eve at the parsonage of St. Paul A. M. E. church, when Verna Jane Thomas of Dayton, O., and Charles Gardiner Reed, lieutenant in the U. S. army, Camp Grant, Ill., were united in marriage.

The spacious rooms of the parsonage afforded ample space for the wedding. Mistletoe gleamed from the electric lighted chandeliers, the door arches were hung with Xmas bells and two large American flags were draped between the living room and reception hall, where the ceremony was performed.

Mrs. Bundrant of St. Paul, Minn., presided at the piano, and to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March the bride and her aunt, Mrs. S. L. Birt, descended the stairs and were met by the groom. They stood beneath the folds of the flags while Rev. S. L. Birt read the ring ceremony of the African Methodist Episcopal church, which made them one.

The bride looked charming in a short gown of princess lace, with a white silk tunic effect and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The groom wore the regular uniform of the U. S. army. Thirty guests were present. A short reception was held and the bridal party left at 9 p. m. over the Milwaukee for Rockford, Ill., where Mrs. Reed will remain during the lieutenant's time at Camp Grant, Ill.

Mrs. Reed is the accomplished daughter of Mrs. Lillian Ross-Mitchell, who is spending the winter in Denver, Colo. She was born and reared in Ohio, is a graduate of Steele high school, Dayton, Ohio, and from the teachers' training course (class 1917), Wilberforce university. She accepted a position as training teacher at Emerson Institute, Mobile, Ala., but resigned at Xmas vacation to wed.

Lieut. Reed is the foster son of Bishop and Mrs. Moses Buckingham Salter, Charleston, S. C., and received his early training in the public schools of Charleston and Edward Waters college, Jacksonville, Fla. He spent five years at Wilberforce graduated from the liberal arts course class of 1917 and was appointed professor of Greek and Latin in Edward Waters college, Jacksonville, Fla., but resigned to accept the commission of lieutenant at the officers' training school at Fort Des Moines.

This young couple start out in life under most auspicious circumstances. They are both members of old repute as leaders in religious and educational fields. The bride's grandfather, the late Rev. A. H. Ross of Lexington, Ky., was founder of Wayman Institute, Harrodsburg, Ky., and her great uncle, Rev. W. P. Ross, was founder of Edward Waters college, Jacksonville, Fla.

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ROCK ISLAND NEWS.

(Last Week.)

A large number from here attended Year's ball in Davenport.

Mrs. C. Golden, Sr., and Mrs. A. Critz, who have been very sick, are better at this writing.

Miss Stella Stewart from Peoria is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss E. Harper called on Miss B. Edmunds.

Mr. George Payne and Mrs. Oris Jackson and son are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Walkup spent New Year's eve and New Years in Muscatine with Mrs. Fannie Grooms.

The colored people are to have the same hours on Monday evening at the skating rink, so come out and have a good time on skates.

The Trustee Aid realized \$7.85 from their entertainment.

The B. B. club are going to have a musical on January 23. Don't forget the date.

We were sorry to hear about Mr. P. Thompson losing his pocketbook.

Mrs. Sadie Boyd from Aurora is visiting relatives, Rev. Boyd and wife.

Mrs. Campbell from Washington, who was here and spent the holidays, departed for home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. G. Reynolds was hostess Sunday to friends for dinner.

Mrs. W. Walkup was to see the sick Monday afternoon.

Hang the Expense!

As George folded the fair young creature to his heart a dull, cracking sound smote his ear. "Ah! It's good-by to those cigars in my vest pocket," he said grimly; "but hang the expense at a moment like this."



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To Make Screws Hold.

When screws are driven into a plaster wall they may be made firm enough to hold considerable weight if they be withdrawn, wrapped with cotton string and dipped into plaster of paris until sufficient adheres to fill the hole in the wall and to permit some of it to be forced behind the plaster. This latter forms a plug that holds the screw firm.

Worrying Always Weakens.

Worrying is always weakness. It is always danger. In a sense, though often excusable and sometimes unavoidable, it is cowardice; and coward, as Shakespeare tells us, "die many times before their death." We may regard worry as the price paid by humanity for advance in education and in refinement of feeling; but it is a higher price than need be paid.—Exchange.

How to Teach a Dog.

Kindness, firmness, and patience are necessary qualities in teaching a dog. Nothing can be done by cruelty, and if you lose your temper you will never teach him anything. It is very little use trying to teach an old dog. Begin when he is young and do not overtire him. Also do not overfeed him, for most of the lessons have to be taught by a system of small rewards in the shape of tit-bits of food.

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; 20:14; Numbers 2:34; II Chronicles 25:5; 20:12).

She Put the Tea in Ptomaine. 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.

Instruments on an Airplane. The instruments on an airplane usually include an altimeter, for indicating the height; clock; compass; revolution indicator, showing the speed of the engine; speedometer, indicating the air speed of the airplane; and petrol and oil gauges, indicating the amount of fuel in the tanks.

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CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

G. W. Robinson, Pastor. Services were well attended and very good on last Sunday. Three were admitted to the fellowship of the church.

Some of the members are sick and the members are asked to visit them. Mrs. I. A. Shelton, Iowa Congregation hospital, Fourteenth and Clark street. Mr. Crowley, Highland Park; Miss Sara James, Highland Park.

The pastor will speak Sunday morning from the subject, "Out For a Purpose." Mrs. Bertha Terry will sing.

At the close of the services the men will go out two by two to visit every home in the city as far as possible. The members are asked to be at home to receive them.

The ushers had a most delightful meeting last Monday night at the residence of the chairman, W. W. White.

The Corinthian Baptist Brotherhood was organized last Sunday with more than forty men. Mr. J. H. Spriggs was elected president; Mr. E. Baker, secretary; F. G. Giggins, treasurer.

ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH NEWS Building operations on the new St. Paul have been suspended during the zero weather.

The membership is at work. Trustees report \$696 raised last month. Sunday's contribution amounted to \$125.

Rev. Birt wishes to thank the members and friends for the gifts, and especially for the turkey received during Xmas holidays.

The choir will give a parcel post party on the 29th at the parsonage. Samuel Birt celebrated his 11th birthday on the 7th inst. with a party. All boys.

Mothers' meeting at St. Paul on Sunday afternoon. Fine program.

St. Paul is displaying a service flag, eight stars. Most of the young men are commissioned officers at Camp Dodge.

Mrs. Birt conducted the efficiency quiz Friday evening. Four committee chairmen took the test. All C. E.'s are asked to qualify. See the president, Mrs. Woolfolk.

Many strange faces appear at our services. Let the ushers secure cards and present to pastor. Deaconesses and stewardesses be on duty.

A Happy New Year to the congenial editor of the Bystander.

The Callanan club will give a drama on the 4th of February at St. Paul, benefit building fund.

St. Paul's gospel choir will give a concert on the 7th of February for the benefit of the building fund.

The 18 months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown of Rigart street was rushed to the Congregational hospital Wednesday night, January 16, dangerously ill with pneumonia.

Miss Sarah James, daughter of Mrs. Lucy James, of Rigart street, has been confined to the bed for the past ten or twelve days with tonsillitis, but is improved at this time.

Mr. R. I. Johnson of Gravity, Iowa, the son of Richard Johnson, passed through our city Wednesday, returning home from a holiday visit to relatives in Illinois and Clinton, Iowa.

Mrs. Hattie Woodson expects to leave Sunday night for San Antonio, Texas, where she will be for three months. From there she will go to California and return to Des Moines about the first of July.

Little Ruth Alene Law, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Law, has been dangerously sick at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Law, of Lake Park. Their friends will be glad to know she has improved and is out of danger.

Mrs. Naomi Booker, wife of First Lieutenant A. J. Booker, formerly of this city, but at present attached to the medical reserve corps at Camp Grant, who has been spending the winter in Texas, is now in Los Angeles, Cal., where she expects to spend some time.

C. H. King and wife gave a party last Thursday evening at their nice home, 1801 Allison avenue. About thirty were present. A very jolly good time reported by those present. Dainty refreshments were served and all went home feeling that it was good to have been there.

Our city collector will start out next week upon his annual city subscribers delinquent collection. Please be prepared to pay up on the first call. Don't put him off.

Look for and pay for your paper now when we call.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The regularly quarterly convolve of G. H. Clegggett chapter of Royal Arch Masons will be held at North Star Masonic temple, Eleventh and Center streets, Friday evening, January 25. All members are urged to be present, as there will be work in the Royal Arch degree. By order of S. Joe Brown, High Priest. Fred Graham, Secretary.

Miss Hazel Butler was a hostess to a 6 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening, as a courtesy to Miss Lola Gaiter of Sedalia, Mo., who is the house guest of Mrs. H. Broyles of the Thompson hotel. It was given at the home of Mrs. I. Green, 1226 Park street.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the many friends for their kindness and sympathy during the death of my husband, Edward Mixon, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Ina Mixon.

The Home Makers League will meet Tuesday p. m. with Mrs. Amos Adams, 2703 Chester avenue, at which time the members will discuss the housing conditions of the city. The president will deliver an address. Subject, "How We As Colored People May Secure Houses in Any Part of the City."

Owing to the severe cold weather last week the Mary Church Terrell club postponed their meeting last Friday evening and will meet Friday, January 18th, with the president, Mrs. Emerald Mash, 842 Twelfth street, at which time the election of officers for the next six months will be held.

The Deborah Administrative Council will meet next Monday evening, January 21 at Mrs. J. L. Thompson's, 1306 W. Twentieth street, at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing year. All members are requested to be present. Mrs. Maud Thompson, president; Mrs. Jessye E. McCain, secretary.

A brilliant affair of the season occurred last Tuesday evening at the Dreamland hall, when the Royal Eight entertained about three hundred of their friends at an informal dancing party, including about thirty out of town guests. In the wee small hours of morning the guests departed, congratulating the boys for being such royal entertainers.

The Callanan club met with Mrs. Henry Taylor on January 16th. After an interesting business session the newly elected officers were installed. A dainty two-course luncheon was served and club adjourned to meet in regular session with Mrs. C. B. Woods on January 30. The next rehearsal will be with Mrs. Mayweathers, 1046 Fourteenth street, Wednesday p. m., January 22.

PARK ST. ARMY "Y."

Our permanent house secretary, Mr. Edward Ross, of Kansas City, Mo., has at last arrived and is now in charge of the building at Tenth and Park streets, which will be open every afternoon and evening for the accommodation of the colored soldiers from Camp Dodge whenever they happen to be in the city. Special religious services each Sunday at 4 p. m. Speaker for next Sunday, Rev. H. A. Perry, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church. A cordial invitation is extended to all men from the city as well as from Camp Dodge.

AMERICA'S RICHEST COLORED WOMAN WILL VISIT DES MOINES.

What promises to be one of the rarest treats ever presented to a Des Moines audience will be the appearance of Mrs. C. J. Walker of New York City, America's richest colored woman, who will give her famous stenoepic lecture on February 14th in the auditorium at West High. Mme. Walker, who is styled the "Hettie Green of her race," has traveled across the continent several times speaking only in the larger cities; therefore the Des Moines people will be given an opportunity for the first time to see and hear this most distinguished woman, who recently startled the millionaires of New York City by building a \$250,000 mansion on the Hudson, and furnishing it as a cost of \$10,000. Mme. Walker who comes to Des Moines on the one hundred and first anniversary of Frederick Douglass, the great Negro statesman, will appear under the auspices of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Committee, of which Mrs. S. Joe Brown of this city is chairman.

OBITUARY.

Edward J. Mixon was born in Selma, Dallas county, Alabama, January 29, 1872. He was married to Miss Ina Plummer November 24, 1909. To this union one child was born, Anna Marie. He served in the Spanish-American war. He passed away January 8, 1918, at the age of 45 years, 11 months and 20 days. He was a faithful husband and a loving father. He was employed at the city hall since April, 1914. He leaves a widow, one child, two brothers, Dr. J. H. Mixon of Kansas City and Dr. W. H. Mixon of Sel-

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ma, Ala., and two sisters in Selma, Ala., and many other relatives in Alabama, a nephew here, Andrew Mixon, Davis, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Sleep on, dear Ed; through coming ages we will meet you in the Great Beyond.

Mrs. C. M. Wilson, who has been confined to her home since January 1, is able to be out again.

The home of Harrison Gould was partially burned last Tuesday evening. Origin unknown. House insured.

Mr. Ed Ross of Camp Funston, the new secretary of the Y M C A, arrived in our city Wednesday to take charge of the colored Y M C A.

Enola V. Thompson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Thompson, is sick this week, but some better at this writing.

The little children of Lieutenant and Mrs. Thompson have been sick the past week.

Mrs. James James on East Ninth has been quite sick, but is better at this writing.

Don't forget to attend the young people's Christian Endeavor at Union Congregational church Sunday at 6 o'clock. Everybody is invited.

Remember church services at 11 o'clock at Union Congregational church. The new minister will preach his first sermon, also evening services at 7:30 sharp.

NOTICE.

All agents of Mme. C. J. Walker in the city are requested to meet at the residence of Mrs. John L. Thompson, 1306 West Twentieth street, on Monday evening, January 21st, at 8 o'clock. Matters relative to the coming of Mme. Walker will be taken up. Mrs. S. Joe Brown.

CITY MINISTERS TO ORGANIZE.

The colored ministers of the city met at the Bystander office Tuesday noon for the purpose of organizing a Ministerial alliance. Rev. G. W. Robinson was elected temporary secretary.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the home of Rev. W. L. Lee, 1023 Crocker street, Tuesday morning, January 22, at 10 o'clock for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization. All the ministers of the city are asked to be present.

NEW MINISTER TO BE HERE.

The new minister for Union Congregational church, which was scalled a few weeks ago, will arrive in our city this week from Brooklyn, New York, where he had filled an appointment in that church last Sunday. His name is Rev. H. E. King. He comes highly recommended as a great Christian worker, a graduate of the Harvard divinity, a minister of experience and ability. He will preach his first sermon in Des Moines at Union Congregational church Sunday morning, January 20, at 11 o'clock prompt. Everybody invited to come.

DINNER LUNCH FOR NEW SECRETARY.

Mr. Wm. Parsons (white), state secretary of the Y. M. C. A, gave a dinner Thursday at the Y M C A complimentary to our new colored secretary for the Park Street Y M C A. Mr. Ed Ross, who is just from Camp Funston. Those present were State Secretary Wm. Parsons and Mr. Raper, assistant secretary (white), and Rev. S. L. Birt, Rev. G. W. Robinson, W. L. Lee, Perry, Atty S. Joe Brown, Atty J. B. Rush, Harrison Gould, Elbert R. Hall and John L. Thompson. It was one of the finest meetings ever held in our city by representatives of the two races, the spirit of the meeting was good and very helpful. Secretary Tucker, Capt. Holland, Capt. Kelley and Lieut. Bundrant from Camp Dodge had planned to be there, but were called into conference with Gen. Ballou at that hour.

Children's Bedtime.

Interesting statistics showing the time at which the children of Beverly, Mass., between the ages of eight and twelve, go to bed, disclose that 13 go to bed between five and six o'clock, 5,240 between eight and nine; 130 between 11 and 12, and 45 between 12 and 1. It is to be hoped that there are no Beverly children who are not in their nighties, safely tucked up, by one o'clock.—Boston Globe.

Japanese Have No Beds.

The Japanese do not sleep on European beds, but on many thick, soft puffs piled one on top of each other upon the floor. For bed covering they use more of the same kind of puffs. It is said that the Japanese emperor has 20 such puffs. One of those which cover him is made in the shape of a kimono and has a velvet collar. Probably he creeps inside of this, if he feels cold in the night.

Simplest of Cements.

Condensed milk applied to the edges of the pieces of broken china will keep the article as intact as the majority of cements on the market today, writes Edwin W. Ely in a letter to the Electrical Experimenter. Mr. Ely adds that he has mended saucers that have withstood washings in hot water, and has mended a telescope lens of fairly large size with this unique cement.

Rev. J. L. Lucas of 2 18 Sixth avenue, who was called to the pastoral work of the Bethel Baptist church of Perry, Iowa, January 1, 1918, they had no place that they could worship the Lord in, that they could call their own. However, he held his congregation together by preaching to them a part of the time in the open air. But by trusting in the Lord, with his few members and devoting much of his time there with prayerful attention, the Lord has brought us thus far out of Egypt and made us able on last Lord's day to go into our cozy little place of worship, where we gave praises unto the Lord for His goodness, and can now accommodate our visiting brothers and sisters and friends. Program for the day was as follows: Singing and praying, after which we devoted our time to covenant meeting. Preaching began at 8 o'clock. Subject, "Go Forward." Exodus, 14th chapter, 15th verse. After which there were two additions to the church, one which was for baptism and one on Christian experience.

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6 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.
7:30—Preaching.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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Fifteenth and Linden Sts.
G. W. Robinson, 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. Harge, 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.
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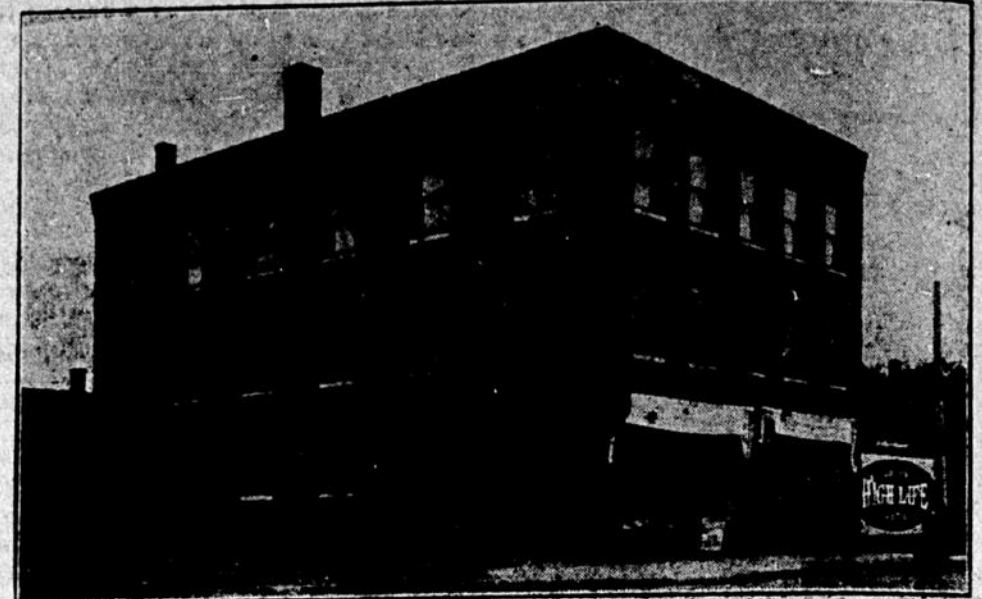
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HOW TO KEEP WELL.
 J. Alvin Jefferson, M. D.
 The time of bathing depends upon the kind of bath needed. Hot baths are best taken upon retiring.
 People who do not rest well at night will often be benefited by taking a hot bath at bedtime. Sometimes this acts well with children who give their mothers much trouble at night.
 The best tonic bath is the cold bath, which should be taken upon arising. It may not be advisable to plunge into cold water all at once; the better way is to get into the water at body temperature and slowly add cold water, giving the body a chance to warm up to it. After the bath, give the body a vigorous rubbing with a rough towel.
 The use of scrubbing and skin brushes is not to be encouraged, for the body is not to be scrubbed as though it was a board. Scrubbing removes all the natural oil from the surface, leaving the skin dry and scaly.
 The best soap to be used is the purest you can find. Avoid the use of sweet smelling soaps, because they are usually impure. Perfume in soap is chiefly used to disguise offensive odors of decaying fats extracted from garbage. The use of tar soap is not always wise for it is usually the poorest grade of soap manufactured.
 The nails a derivative of the skin, should be kept clean and the best way to keep them clean is to keep them trimmed. It is a bad practice to go around with the ends of your fingers "in mourning."
 Skin diseases are due to external and internal causes. The best way to protect the skin against disease is to keep it clean. Irritation is the chief cause of skin trouble. Of the internal causes, irritation is due to the elimination of waste poisons of the blood through the skin; while the external causes may be due to injury from poor soaps, improper clothing, vegetable and animal germs.
 Among the internal causes are syphilis, scarlet fever rash, measles, smallpox, chickenpox, etc. From the external causes we get eczema, psoriasis, scabies, trichophytosis or ringworm of the scalp, face and body, pediculosis or lice of the head and body. Prophylaxis is better than medication, for it is better to prevent disease rather than to cure disease.

SIoux CITY, IOWA.
 Mrs. J. Johnson, who has been seriously ill, is somewhat improved at this writing.
 The A. M. E. church is preparing for a bazaar to be given in the early spring.
 Mrs. E. R. Edwards has departed for Elgin, Ill., to visit for an indefinite period with her daughter.
 Mr. Albert Williams, who has been very ill, is recuperating.
 Mr. F. W. Roberts, who is the presiding elder's aid, is preparing to give a concert the latter part of this month to finance his office.
 Mrs. J. D. Anthony is acting as pianist for the two choirs during Mrs. Edwards' absence.
 (Last Week.)
 The Progressive club of the A. M. E. church presented the drama, entitled "Out in the Streets," to a large and very appreciative audience on New Year's night. The proceeds for the night were \$27.05.
 Mr. Squire Grant met with a very painful accident when he fell down a dark cellar and broke his arm. We wish for Mr. Grant a speedy recovery.
 Miss Vesta Walker, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, returned to Ames on New Year's night to resume her studies.
 Word has been received in Sioux City of the marriage of Mr. Marcellus Morgan and Miss Virginia Wright of Yankton, S. D. The young couple are well known in this city, Mr. Morgan having formerly lived here. They will make their home in Yankton and we wish them a happy voyage on the matrimonial sea.
 Mrs. M. Askew underwent a slight operation for tumor of the nose on Thursday, January 3.
 Mrs. Annie Claybrooke of Des Moines is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sailes.
 The Progressive club of the A. M. E. church will meet with Mrs. E. Wilkinson this week.
 Mr. Cephus Tonsul has gone to Indianapolis, Ind., to visit his sister and mother.
 The A. M. E. church is preparing for a rally, which will be May 5.
 All persons having news for the Bystander please call Miss Helen Dowdy, Bell 2140-M, who is chronicling the news for Mrs. M. Askew.



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Mrs. Emma Tibbs has returned home from an extended visit with relatives in Lawrence, Kans.
 Mrs. Kaddie Smith of Centerville was visiting Sunday with Mrs. Roe Cunningham.
 The Pastor's Aid club is progressing nicely with Mrs. M. C. Cunningham, president.
 A cold wave, struck this part of the state Friday and Saturday, which forced the thermometer down to 21 below zero early Saturday morning.
 Those on the sick list are Mrs. Lula Best, Mr. James Marshall, Mr. Frank Fowler, Mr. Lee Miller and Mr. Hobart Clark

Indians Utilized Irrigation.
 The Indian discovered for himself the science of irrigation. Many of the tribes, such as the Crow and the Apaches, early made use of the river bottoms for the cultivation of their staple crop—corn. When the condition of dryness came they would construct a rough temporary dam of log, with which they could divert the course of part of the stream into their lands. There were primitive ditches which distributed the water.

Unified Varied Writing Forms.
 When Charles the Great became monarch of central Europe, among other great ideals he set himself to unite the learning of Christendom by purifying and unifying the many and varied forms of writing. To do this he went back to the original Roman model. The invention of printing came as a great advance, and at first the type took the form of a writing hand.

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Cat's Standing in Rome.
 In Rome the cat gave the first evidence of predatory instincts and his value as a mice destroyer. Agathicus, whose pet partridge had been killed and eaten by a cat, denounced him as one of the devouring dogs of Acteon. Pliny and Palladius praise him for his destruction of mice and rats, while Caesar's soldiers carried the faces of cats emblazoned on their banners.
Nothing New Under Sun.
 The strings of blue beads that the modern girl dons to ward off bronchitis are merely new versions of the strings of blue beads worn in Egypt 1600 years before Christ to keep diseases of the chest at bay, says a writer in the Philadelphia North American. The tiny sealed bottle of mercury which she carried to ward off rheumatics had its prototype in bottles of a strange elixir used in India 30 centuries and more ago.

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Panel 1: Simon Simple is fishing. Ben-Gal is nearby. Simon says: "PO QUIET AN SOLENTUDE DERE'S NUFFIN LIKE GWINE FISHIN'".

Panel 2: Simon catches a large fish. He says: "GOLLY DAT'S A WHALE!".

Panel 3: Simon is looking at the fish. Ben-Gal is nearby. Simon says: "GOLLY DAT'S A WHALE!".

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