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### EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

By John L. Thompson.  
Monday, Sept. 30, found me for a few hours in Osceola, Iowa, the county seat of Clarke county. This is an old town containing about 30 colored people. At one time there were more than a hundred, but many have left here. Mrs. John Bryant is one of the pioneer citizens here. She has several sons, all doing well in different parts of the United States; one, Roy, in Minneapolis; two, Samuel and George, in Des Moines; one in Los Angeles, Calif., and one, Frank, who is married and lives here. He has been the bus and express man for the Howe Hotel for many years. He is a fine young man. Mrs. Anna Williams is another pioneer, having lived here for 50 years. W. Griffin is also an old settler. The Draden people are newcomers. There are three families. They are good citizens.

Our next stop was in Creston. It too is like Osceola, losing in colored people. They never did have a church, as does Osceola, now has a good A. M. E. church and parsonage. Mr. Marton is one of the pioneer settlers here, an old soldier of the Civil war. He is a genius in wood and wire working. He can make most anything. He has made a Noah's Ark in wood and has exhibited it and many other things in shows that he used to travel with. Ye Editor has bought a bird house that he made out of one piece of wood and it will be on exhibition in my office in Des Moines. The Baldwin brothers are still farming two miles east of this town on their 500 acre farm. This big farm they own, the other is rented. They are the most up to date colored farmers that I know of in Iowa. They ship their own hogs and steers direct to Chicago. Mr. Hawkins still runs the shoe polish stand.

We next landed in Red Oak, the county seat of Montgomery county. We found here about 80 colored people and the other two towns just observed. The colored population is decreasing perhaps. The new and more progressive northern Iowa cities are offering better opportunities. Mr. P. S. Everhart, the pioneer colored man who owns a music store in Iowa, is still doing a good business here. Mr. Everhart is indeed one of the best business men of our race in Iowa. He started out in life with nothing as a newspaper boy with a stand in Red Oak. Later he entered the music store for himself, where he has been for the past 25 years. He handles some of the standard pianos, organs, graphophones and high grade sheet music and other instruments. Mr. W. Chappell is still here. He has just built a new house on his lot. Thomas G. Jones is one of the successful young business men. He is an automobile washer and cleaner and has a large trade. His wash garage is on his own lot. W. A. Baker is doing nicely. He owns his own home. Emanuel Keene is doing well. He is still working in Tucker's dry goods store. Mr. H. Goodlaw is a young farmer who is succeeding well here. He has a farm of 200 acres rented and a large crop of corn, about 60 acres this year.

We next arrived in Clarinda, not in the state asylum, but in the city. Here we found the colored population about at a standstill. They have about 300 colored people. Two churches, A. M. E., presided over by Rev. Manley, and the Baptist, pastored by our good friend and brother from Des Moines, Rev. J. H. Reynolds. Both of these

churches own good and valuable property and each is out of debt. They have a Masonic Lodge and a Knights of Pythias with ladies' auxiliaries. The ladies have also a good Red Cross unit here, one of the oldest in Iowa in point of organization. Mr. H. H. Cook has gone out of the grocery business. Mr. R. T. Lane is still running the Busy Bee restaurant and hotel, doing well. Mr. L. W. Williams is still running his lunch room and restaurant, doing nicely. G. W. Noland, K. D. Black and Ed Pemberton are hustling young men out here. Mr. Headley is here working at the ice plant. Miss Viola Walker is our new agent here and she will chronicle the Page county news. Mr. Chas. Halder is in the ice business for himself and J. M. Montgomery are also doing well. Dr. Gibson, the horse veterinarian, is still doing well. Mrs. Laura Jones has been very sick last winter, but up now. Mrs. G. Jones, Sr., is still living in town and rents her farm out. There are several colored farmers here.

### ROSCOE CONKLING SIMMONS TO SPEAK HERE.

Speaking of Col. Roscoe Conkling Simmons, peerless Negro orator, who will deliver an address in this city on Thursday evening, Oct. 24, at the Auditorium, the Favorite Magazine has the following comment:  
"Most of us think of Roscoe Conkling Simmons as an orator, and a great orator, but little do we realize the full significance of this remarkable man. He is God's thunderbolt come to judge a sleeping world. Out of the depths he has arrived to make right fifty years of wrong suffered in the shadow of democracy."

"There are little men, beside them Simmons is a giant. There are men who bow to the God of Mammon; Simmons is above anything that might lower the race politically or economically. His field is the world, and he loves his field."

Simmons' address will feature a big patriotic meeting which has been arranged under the auspices of the Des Moines Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., Corinthian Baptist, Bethel A. M. E., Maple Street Baptist and St. Paul's A. M. E. churches.

### Governor W. L. Harding will introduce Colonel Simmons.

As this will be the first appearance of Iowa's chief executive at a meeting in Des Moines arranged by colored people, hundreds will be present to hear Iowa's foremost citizen and America's greatest orator.

### THE FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown, lieutenant of the 4th Precinct of the 4th Ward under Mrs. O. Cohen, captain, desires to take this method of expressing her appreciation to the following persons who subscribed to the Fourth Liberty Loan thru herself or one of the sergeants appointed by her in the amounts set after their names as follows:

Subscribed thru Miss Adah Hyde, sergeant: R. N. Hyde \$50, Chas. Smith \$50, C. C. Johnson \$50, Robt. Miles \$50, S. L. Ewing \$50. Total \$250.

Subscribed thru Mrs. Violet Hunter-Thurman, sergeant: Violet Thurman \$50, Leona H. Jackson \$50, Clara Winn \$50, Hazel Harris \$50, Jno. W. Rhodes \$50. Total \$250.

Subscribed thru Mrs. Susie Lee-Hart, sergeant: Olive Smith-Lindsay \$50, R. A. Dobson \$50, Chas. Smith \$50, Mayme Gould \$50, J. A. Smith \$50, P. Trotter \$50, Mrs. Thos. Frey \$50, Neola Binion \$50, I. P. Johnson \$50, L. W. Greene \$50, Edward Clark \$100. Total \$600.

Subscribed thru Mrs. S. Bates, sergeant: Maple Baptist Church \$50, Mattie Brooks Tabernacle \$50, Mt. Moriah Tabernacle \$50, Nathaniel Harris \$50, Callie Irvin \$50, Solomon Brown \$50. Total \$300.

Subscribed thru Mrs. S. Joe Brown, lieutenant: S. Joe Brown \$50, Stella Brown \$50, Bettie Griffin \$50, W. H. Lowry \$50, Intellectual Improvement Club \$50, Geo. Williams \$50, D. T. Moseley \$50, O. L. Glass \$50, Mrs. C. W. Rodgers \$50, A. C. Payton \$50, Viola Mitchell \$50, Jacob Ginsberg \$100, Lafe Fowler \$100. Total \$750.

Grand total subscribed thru colored solicitors \$2,500.

This sum, however, by no means shows the total amount subscribed in Des Moines by colored people as the great majority of our people were compelled to subscribe thru the business concern by which they were employed or the labor union or professional association of which they were members, but it simply is a slight indication of what kind of a showing we would make along this line if permitted to place our subscriptions all into one fund.

As State Representative of the National Association of Colored Women it is also Mrs. Brown's duty to report to the National President the amounts subscribed by members of the race throughout the state and will appreciate it if all such would report to her at the earliest possible date.

### KEOKUK, IOWA.

Miss Belle Aikers will return to Chicago this week accompanied by her mother and foster sister, Julia.

Mrs. Nannie Owens is recovering after an attack of the Spanish influenza. Mrs. T. H. Phillips is busy selling liberty bonds.

Miss Lizzie Russ has recovered from a slight illness.

Mrs. Isabelle Dean entertained Miss B. Aikens and mother at dinner Sunday. M. N. Foster of Winchester, Canada, is visiting his son, Mr. Geo. Foster.

The juveniles had a delightful time Saturday at Rand Park, chaperoned by their mother matron, Mrs. Jennie Dandridge.

Mr. Austin Freeman is not so well, though not confined to his home. Mr. Henry Harris is apparently much better.

Mrs. Birdie Williams is better. Mrs. Nelson of Burlington has returned home after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Cora Holt.

Mr. J. Scott has been visiting his brother, Mr. Andrew Scott.

Keokuk congratulates Des Moines on the coming of our great race orator, Roscoe Conkling Simmons.

### THE WOMEN AT HOME.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.  
They are as brave as any man who goes Forward to face our foes  
On battle fronts, these women of each land  
Who proudly take their stand  
And with no protest, face and do not shrink  
The unaccustomed work,  
Which helps the ship of state to ride the wave  
With banners flying. Brave  
As any soldier at the front, I say,  
These women are who do men's work today.  
The warriors of the world could not be fed  
Or clothed or comforted,  
The nations could not carry on their toil  
Did they not till the soil  
And keep the wheels of action moving on,  
These women from whose homes the men have gone—  
Husbands and fathers, brothers, sons—  
to fight  
In this great cause of justice and of right  
Against inhuman might.  
Theirs are the wounds no medicine can heal,  
The anguish that they feel  
May not be uttered. With a smiling face  
Each fills her lonely place  
And sends a cheering message over seas,  
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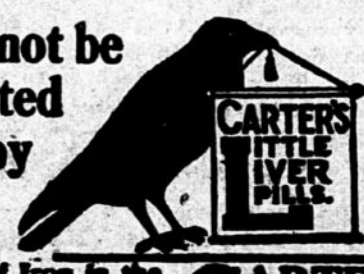


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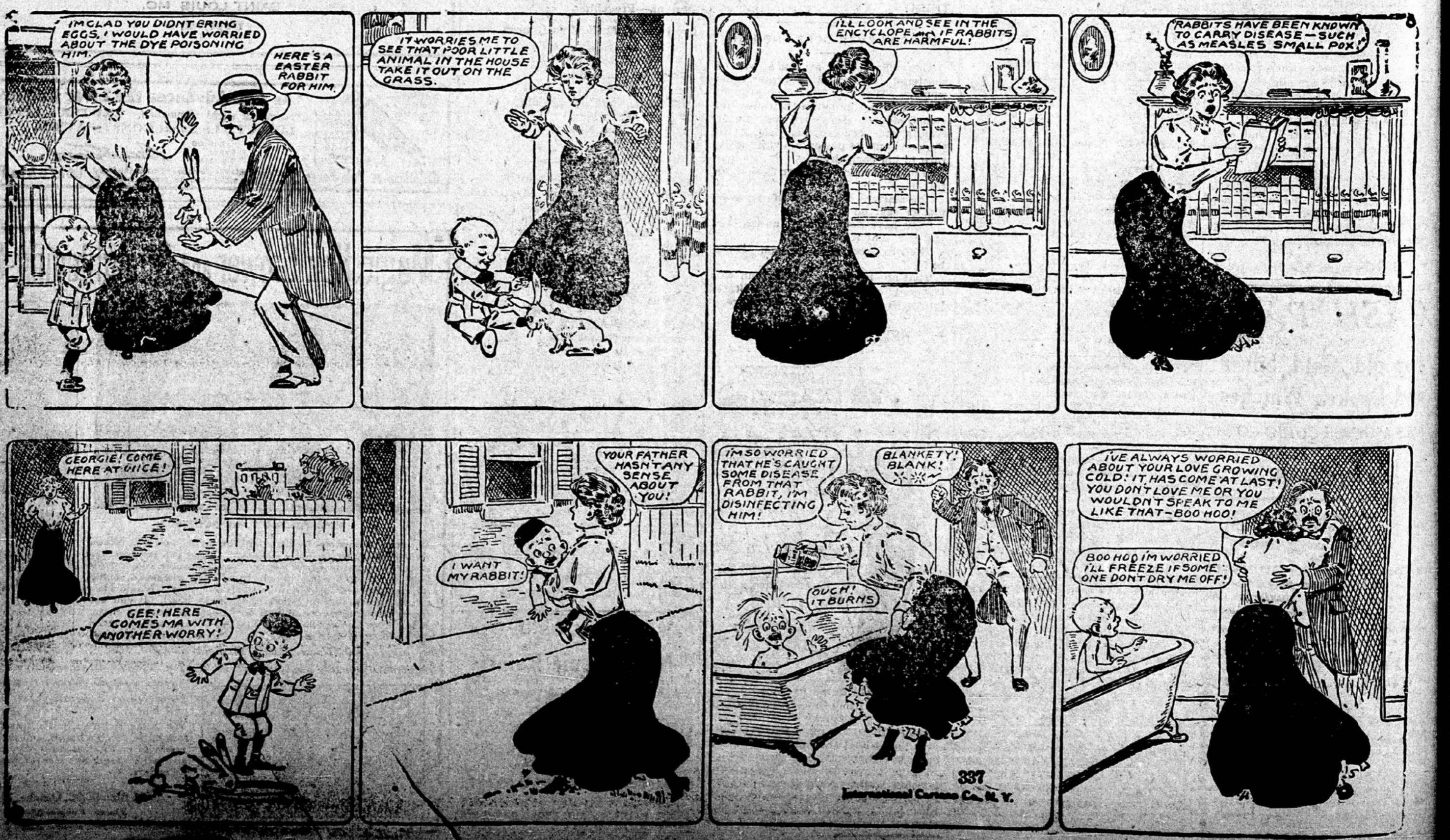
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Once more the death angel visited our midst and called to reward Aunt Caroline Crockett, who died Oct. 3, 1918. The deceased was 99 years old. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. St. Mark Jones. For 30 years she was a devoted Christian, faithful and was a true respected and Baptist faith, was honored and loved by all who knew her. She waited upon the Lord and was ready when the summons called, sleep peaceful away. Prov., 6th chapter and 10th verse. Yet a little slumber, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands. There are griefs which cannot find comfort and words that cannot be heard. There are sorrows so deep in the human heart they cannot be half revealed.

Sleep on "Aunt" and take thy rest. You were loved by all that knew you, but God loved you best.

Rev. J. W. L. Underwood and wife have returned from a month's visit in Salm, Alabama. Mrs. Underwood and little daughter have been gone over two months.

Mrs. Clark of St. Joe was in Macon over Sunday.

Mrs. Stella Allen of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Bessie Watkins of Coshocton, Ohio, attended the funeral of Aunt Caroline Crockett.

The news reached here that Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Perkins of Kansas City announce the arrival of a new boy.

In memory of my dear daddy, Arthur C. Crews, who departed this life October

12, 1917. One year has passed since that sad day. One whom I loved has passed away. God took him but it was his will, but in my heart he is still. Sadly missed by his devoted son, H. Xenophon Crews.

Mr. May Burton still remains poorly at his home in the west end.

The funeral service of Mr. O. Griffin was held Sunday by Rev. J. L. Underwood. The deceased was years of age, a devoted Christian, had been sick for some time in St. Louis, Mo., and was only home not quite a week before his health failed. He was an undertaker, which he held for some time. The K. of P. had charge of the body. Funeral service was held at Vine and B. Baptist church.


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**Panel 2:** "IT WORRIES ME TO SEE THAT POOR LITTLE ANIMAL IN THE HOUSE TAKE IT OUT ON THE GRASS."

**Panel 3:** "I'LL LOOK AND SEE IN THE ENCYCLOPEDE IF RABBITS ARE HARMFUL!"

**Panel 4:** "RABBITS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO CARRY DISEASE—SUCH AS MEASLES SMALL POX."

**Panel 5:** "GEE! HERE COMES MA WITH ANOTHER WORRY!"

**Panel 6:** "YOUR FATHER HASN'T ANY SENSE ABOUT YOU!" "I WANT MY RABBIT!"

**Panel 7:** "I'M SO WORRIED THAT HE'S CAUGHT SOME DISEASE FROM THAT RABBIT, I'M DISINFECTING HIM!" "BLANKET! BLANKET!" "OUCH! IT BURNS!"

**Panel 8:** "I'VE ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT YOUR LOVE GROWING COLD: IT HAS COME AT LAST! YOU DON'T LOVE ME OR YOU WOULDN'T SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT—BOO HOO!" "BOO HOO! I'M WORRIED I'LL FREEZE IF SOME ONE DON'T DRY ME OFF!"

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