

Opportunity for Negro Race.

So very often our editors of the white newspapers are publishing such splendid articles about the American Negro that I am prone to run some of them occasionally. Below we are printing one run last week April 25 in the State Line Democrat of Keosauque, Iowa, edited by Geo. W. Neafie:

Several regiments of colored troops have returned from France, where they made a highly honorable record for gallantry in the line of duty. Some time since a colored regiment was mustered out at Camp Dodge and another at Camp Grant near Rockford, Ill. Among the former was a Keosauque boy, Ed. Buckner. Five other Keosauque colored boys are in the service.

In the world crisis the colored people have proved their devotion to our country and their country with their blood. The sense of gratefulness and obligation which all right-minded people must feel towards them, might appropriately find expression by broadening and equalizing, to some extent at least, their sphere of industrial opportunity. No one will pretend the colored people have a fair chance for employment and industrially under present conditions.

There is nothing in race equality. Equality is defined as meaning primarily "sameness in quality." There are no two persons who have the same qualities, to say nothing of different races possessing them. There are millions of white people who are superior to millions of colored people, and there are millions of colored people who are superior to millions of whites.

It is equality of opportunity that counts—opportunity of persons of equal fitness to fill similar positions in the professional and business world—in the offices, counting rooms, stores, and factories; instead of being restricted to employments that white people regard as undesirable. Such equality of opportunity is the natural right of the colored people, as it is of the Caucasian. The all too common discrimination against them in that respect is a national sin for which we may be sure we shall have to account some day—here or in the hereafter, as we accounted for holding them 250 years in bondage.

The gallant and self-sacrificing service of that race in the late world crisis should tend to eradicate as far as possible our unreasoning prejudices and dispose us to give to the colored people a fair and more equal chance in this world than has heretofore been accorded them.

ALBIA NEWS.

On April 27, 1919, memorial services in honor of the Rt. Rev. C. S. Shaffer, the esteemed bishop of the A. M. E. church. The life of the Bishop C. S. Shaffer and works were talked upon by Ed Butler and C. L. Washington and B. T. Lewis. The Missionary Society also gave a program.

Messrs. John Lewis and Seanoro Ford passed through Albia Tuesday enroute from Okaloosa to Des Moines and returned Sunday evening to Albia and spent a few hours in this city.

The Davis-Bruce nuptial in Ottumwa was attended by Mrs. Pearl Thomas, Mrs. Eldist Walls and Miss Sadie Lewis on April 20.

Miss Bernice Jones visited Miss Alberta Robinson in Hocking on Sunday. The C. E. League plans to give a musical program at the A. M. E. church on Sunday, May 1, 1919, Mother's day. Miss Bernice Jones was elected delegate to the A. M. E. Sunday school convention to convene in May. Miss Frances Thomas is alternate.

Sunday, May 4, 1919, at the A. M. E. church, 3 o'clock, the K. of P. and the Court of Calanthis will celebrate their annual Thanksgiving day.

CARNEY, IOWA, ITEMS.

(Special to Bystander.) Mr. James Payne, Huntsville, Mo., and Bessie Williams of Carney, Iowa, were united in marriage at the bride's home by Rev. W. Ewing, Saturday afternoon. After a week's visit in Missouri they will be at home in Carney.

The revival meeting has been quite a success at the Baptist church. Eight have thus far been added to the church. Rev. and Mrs. Toomey were visitors in Carney Thursday.

Mr. Wm. Burrell is home from the hospital after being confined several weeks by a broken leg.

Mr. Wesley Burrell who underwent an operation at Mercy hospital, will be home this week. Mr. Frank Moppins and wife went to Huntsville for a visit.

CLARINDA, IOWA.

Mrs. Hattie G. Talley closed her union revival effort here Friday evening, April 25, and left for Muscatine, Iowa, the following evening. She spent three weeks here, holding her hearers spellbound with her soul stirring gospel message. Each evening there was an increase in attendance, and general interest in the services were at fever heat when the meetings closed. Nineteen persons are credited to the revival effort, one of which was a backslider. An hour before Mrs. Talley went to the depot a number of ladies gave her a surprise in the way of a handkerchief shower, and then accompanied her to the train.

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THE FALL AND UPLIFT OF MAN.

By Mrs. J. P. Boltin, Medford, Ia.

Bedford, Iowa, April 29.—After the creation of the world and God saw that man had fell from the majestic of his mighty power he began to search the creation and no help was found there; and looking into the fixed worlds no help was found there for the redemption of man, and he searched high and low into the extreme north, south, east and west, no redemption was found for the fall of man, and looking into the heaven of heavens searching his abiding places where he himself dwells and the majesty of his love the angelical hosts of God in the heavens and no help comes through space from any direction, and God then began searching the great I am. Jehovah God and in through the self of the God Head of himself he found a wee lamb hidden way back in the word of God and he hid him come forth, and as he found it was his own world which came stepping forth by the power of God, fearing nothing but the will of God saying, Father prepare me a body and I will go down and redeem man. I bring him out of the sinful world Satan has placed him in. I will bring him out of these satanic dens, the houses of ill fame, the liquor traffic, the saloons, the base ball, the basket ball, the card tables, dominoes, checkers and gambling devices of all kinds. I will go down and die as a living sacrifice for man. So in the pleading word of God he found that he had in himself the redemption from sin through himself and man for man as a bleeding sacrifice, making a way for man to come back to God as he was in the first of the creation through the power of God born of the virgin Mary. Grew up to manhood and as the great word of God came stepping forth on time we hear John the Baptist, his forerunner, saying behold the lamb of God and at the age of thirty he began distributing the words of God to the multitudes, the dead heard and arose, the hungry was fed, the deaf were made to hear, the dumb to speak and he healed all manner of diseases, then we hear the Son of God say all these things, that I do man must do, because I must go back to my father, and I will send you the comforter the gift of the Father, which is the Holy Ghost, and when he is come he will guide you into all truths whatsoever he has heard of me. Is the world meeting those conditions today? Are we paying the price God required for this sacrifice to Jehovah for the lamb as long as we do not meet the conditions of the sacrifice given on Calvary? We must continue to pay the price we have just paid in this terrible world's war, and continue to give our sons, husbands and loved ones up to be a sacrifice for the disobedience and sins of the world there is nothing in man that can please God but obedience to his divine word. There is no man that can form plans over those laid down by the Father. If we sin there is famine, wars and rumors of wars, pestilence, sickness, death and destruction on all sides for us. If we obey God there is peace, joy, happiness and life everlasting in the world to come.

MYSTIC, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.) Spring time is here, but not spring weather. It has rained nearly every day this month so far. The weather is so cool and damp that gardening will be very late.

Mrs. Nannie Marshall, formerly of Mystic, but now of Kansas City, Mo., is here visiting friends and acquaintances. She and Mrs. Cunningham were calling on Mrs. Lula Best Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Rhoda Clark made a business trip to Centerville last Monday. Quite a number of our race men of Centerville are working here in the mines.

Mrs. Peet Willis and her brother are very sick at this writing. Mr. Dee Massingale has been in nearly three weeks suffering with a severe attack of rheumatism.

The First Baptist Sunday school rendered an Easter program Easter morning instead of the lesson study, after which each scholar was given an Easter egg.

Mrs. Lula Best and Mrs. Rhoda Clark were calling on Mrs. Peet Willis Monday.

FORT DODGE, IOWA.

Mrs. A. Stepp has returned from Rochester, Minn., where she went to undergo an operation and is much better.

The K. P. will have their Thanksgiving sermon Sunday at 3 o'clock at Copin A. M. E. chapel.

After a week of illness Mrs. D. Brooks is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Buckner entertained a number of friends at dinner Easter Sunday.

The Second Baptist church will celebrate their 31st anniversary beginning May 8 until May 11, and want to raise \$200 during this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coleman were hosts to an auto party Easter Sunday.

Hang the Expense!

As George folded the fat 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."

NOTICE.

The Des Moines district of the Chicago Conference will hold District Conference Sunday school, Missionary and Allen C. E. League convention at Council Bluffs, Iowa, July 22-25, 1919. Rt. Rev. L. J. Coppin, D. D., bishop; J. H. Ferribee, presiding elder; Rev. M. E. Rhonenee, pastor.

DAVENPORT, IOWA.

We are quite sorry to announce the death of one of our little friends in the person of William Thomas Wellington. Little William Wellington leaves to mourn his death a mother, father, two sisters and one brother, aunts and uncles and a host of friends. A card of thanks is given to Mr. and Mrs. Collins and distant relatives for their flowers and consolation in the family's hour of grief. The funeral was officiated by Rev. F. K. Nicholson, assisted by Rev. S. B. Moore.

The Colored Scouts are ever on the alert for governmental work. On last Saturday they were called upon to help keep back the crowd when the War Relief Train came through this city. The scouts have also lent their aid to the government by selling V Liberty Loan Bonds. The scouts are all working for the token for the sale of ten bonds or more, which is a German helmet for the troop.

The A. M. E. Sunday school is now preparing for their concert for tonight. Although the rain clouds have darkened the skies the members are not afraid of the rain.

The Allen Endeavor is progressing rapidly. A splendid program was rendered at the league meeting last Sunday evening.

The youngest singers are sweetest warblers. If this be true, Bethel A. M. E. church will have a splendid choir for the morning services. Music is next to the sweetest thing in church, therefore let us hope for that phase to appear at Bethel A. M. E. church next Sunday morning.

A similar occurrence to that which happened in Rock Island on Easter Sunday will occur at Bethel A. M. E. church next Sunday afternoon. Their swords will tell of the Knights of Pythias' coming if the sun sees fit to cast its rays upon the paraphernalia of the K. P. They will hold their annual sermon at the A. M. E. church, with Rev. S. B. Moore as the sermon deliverer.

Rev. J. D. Peterson has now acquired his physical strength and mental ability and is now taking in hand his charge at Iowa City.

HOCKING NEWS.

Last Week. Easter Sunday was a glorious day. Services were well attended all day.

Misses Edyth and Frances Thomas and Bernice Jones of Albia were the guests of Miss Albertha Robinson Sunday.

The Willing Workers Club is progressing nicely. Mrs. Mabel Robinson, the president, was elected delegate to I. F. C. W. C., which will convene in Marshalltown.

Quite a number of visitors from Albia and Buxton attended the Easter program Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Thomas Lowrey and Miss Anna Edmonds were Albia visitors Saturday. Miss Ruth Singleton was an Albia visitor Sunday.

This Week. Madam Mabel Robinson was in Albia attending to her Madam Walker hair work.

Those who attended lodge meeting in Albia were Mrs. Mabel Robinson and daughter, Albertha, and Mrs. Virginia Burns.

Mrs. Eva Roper was an Albia visitor Monday.

Mrs. Nellie Taylor has returned home from her visit in Des Moines with friends.

Messrs. Charley and William Lewis were Hocking visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Emma March has returned home from Buxton, where she was visiting with friends.

The Second Union Baptist church is progressing nicely. Come out and help carry on the good works.

Mrs. Samuel Patterson was an Ottumwa visitor.

MACON, MO., NEWS.

Mrs. Lula Brown has returned to her home after a pleasant visit in Rock Island, Ill., and Moline, Ill.

Mr. Joe Ansell of Macon, Mo., and Mr. Chapman of Berier, Mo., have purchased new cars.

Mr. Claud Majors spent Sunday with his mother after a visit out in Illinois. He is on his way to Washington, D. C., where he takes up his old position that he held before going over seas.

Mr. James Majors returned to Detroit, Mich., after visiting in Illinois. He recently returned from France.

Mr. Chester Minor of Sparta, Ill., is visiting his parents.

Mrs. Tillie Burton spent Sunday in Moberly Mo., visiting friends.

Mrs. Addie Houskins, who has been visiting her brother in St. Paul, Minn., has returned to her home in Rock Island, Ill.

Mrs. Clotel N. Harris has a fine bouncing boy. The little man has as yet not been named. Mother and babe are getting along nicely.

Sunday was a real blue day. Rained nearly all day.

Mr. Wade Brown was on the sick list Saturday and Sunday.

GALESBURG, ILL.

Easter Sunday contest of Allen chapel Illinois and Missouri clubs was a grand success, Illinois club winning first prize. Missouri club captain, Mrs. A. Ogden, reported \$123.45. Illinois club, Mr. George Brown captain, \$124.20. Rev. Garrison and members are very grateful to the captains and friends.

Electoral college will meet at Allen chapel May 21 to elect a delegate to St. Louis.

Quarterly meeting was held at Allen chapel Sunday. Dr. N. J. McCracken preached two splendid sermons morning and evening. Quarterly conference was held Tuesday evening. It bids fair to break all previous records of the steward-ship board.

Mr. Lawrence Fletcher, formerly of this city, now of Chicago, spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fletcher.

Lieut. Roy Tizel of Peoria lectured at Allen chapel Tuesday, April 23, on the front line trenches. He has just arrived from overseas. While here he was the guest of Miss Frances Green.

Rev. Garrison is preparing to go on a ten days fishing trip.

Mrs. E. Murphy and little daughter, Robertta, spent Easter at the parental home.

Miss J. Meredith of Waterloo is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hawkins.

Mr. H. Harmon spent the week end in Paris, Mo., guest of his aged mother and relatives and friends.

Little Maggie Peters returned home from Springfield Monday. She reports a grand time, but says there is no place like home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Mitchell and son of Kewanee and Mr. Irvin and John Jabine spent Easter with their sister, Mrs. Edward Berry, and attended the ball.

The stork visited at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Triplet and Mr. and Mrs. E. Donaldson and left daughters. They are getting along nicely.

Grandma Turpin is still reported very low.

Mrs. C. Bulter, Bolder, Logan, Green, Miss S. Allen, C. Allen, M. Davis, pastor Rev. Scott attended the Woodriver Baptist Institute at Rock Island, Ill.

A large number attended the Easter dance at Central hall. All report a grand time.

Mrs. M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Shoats spent Easter Sunday in Chicago.

Mrs. A. Hawkins entertained Mrs. A. Frye and daughter of Keokuk, Mrs. S. Thompson of this city at dinner.

Mr. George King spent Easter with his parents in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. S. Carter, Jr., Miss S. Carter motored to Peoria Easter Sunday.

Biliousness and Constipation.

"For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally."—Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala.

For a burn or a scald apply Chamberlain's Salve. It will allay the pain almost instantly and quickly heal the injured parts.

KEOKUK, IOWA.

Sunday the 27th was rally day at the First African Baptist church and it proved the old adage true that every cloud has a silver lining. Sunday was a disagreeable day, nevertheless the members and friends wended their way to the church and there listened to a sermon by Rev. J. Sterling Moore that will ever cling in the memory of those that heard it. Logical and timely remarks were made by Rev. Waters of the Bethel A. M. E. church, after which the different finance committees came forward and made their reports with amount to \$200.13. Mrs. Mally Williams, one of the oldest members of the church, alone solicited \$64.

All Keokuk congratulates the First African Baptist church on having secured such a leader as Rev. Clark, and here's to the First African Baptist church, if you don't go to higher ground don't blame your leader.

To our regrets, we miss Mrs. M. E. Moore when she is out of the services.

Mrs. Dolly Henderson does not improve. We sincerely hope that before long she will be able to be out.

The Sewing Circle of the First African Baptist church was entertained at the church, Mrs. Preston being hostess.

The Mission Circle of Pilgrim's Rest church was entertained by Mrs. Carl Buckley. All report a fine time.

We are glad to see Mrs. Ida Byrd out again after a recent illness.

The entertainment given last Thursday by the boys of Mrs. M. E. Moon's Sunday school class was a success. Money cleared \$20.

Mrs. Marjorie Toomes received word that her husband, Mr. W. S. Toomes, is safe in France.

The Twentieth Century Over Girls will give a parcel post and donkey entertainment Tuesday, April 29.

Mrs. Eula Fields is ill at this writing. The choir of the Bethel A. M. E. church rendered beautiful music at the First African Baptist church on the occasion of their grand rally Sunday, April 27.

Suggestion for a Camping Trip.

Buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy before leaving home. As a rule it cannot be obtained when on a hunting, fishing or prospecting trip. Neither can it be obtained while on board the cars or steamships and at such times and places it is most likely to be needed. The safe way is to have it with you.

OTTUMWA, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.) Mr. Edgar Lee, John Henderson, W. S. Page, McKinley Weeks and Eugene Bailey went to Centerville in the interest of the N. A. A. C. P. They report splendid success.

Rev. E. R. Edwards is feeling somewhat indisposed this week.

Mrs. Katherin Wager and daughter, Miss Celia, and son, Earl, of Chicago, are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Anna Robinson. They are enroute to Omaha, Neb., on business.

GOOD THOUGHTS FOR TODAY.

By Ben Franklin's Thriftograms. Save and have.

Every little makes a muckle. Little strokes fell great oaks.

A rolling stone gathers no moss. God helps those that help themselves. Spend one penny less than thy clear gains.

Look before or you'll find yourself behind. The way to wealth is as short as the way to market.

He that waits upon fortune is never sure of a dinner. Money can beget money, and its offspring can beget more.

It is foolish to lay out money in a purchase of repentance. Learning is to the studious and riches to the careful.

Waste neither time nor money, but make the best use of both. Remember that money is of the prolific, generating nature.

All things are cheap to the saving, dear to the wasteful. If you would be wealthy, think of saving as well as getting.

Beware of small expenses; a small leak will sink a great ship. A penny saved is a twopenny clear. A pin a day is a groat a year.

WOUNDED BY SHELL THAT KILLED FOUR MEN

Under shell fire and gas for three weeks, the buildings in which he ran his canteen hit six times, and finally knocked out by a shell which killed four men, wounded thirty and put him in a hospital for two months, Guy A. Willis, a Grand Rapids, Mich., lumberman, has returned on crutches.



GUY A. WILLIS.

from France, evidence of the zeal with which Y. M. C. A. canteen men worked with the troops in the St. Mihiel and Argonne drives.

Willis was attached to the Three Hundred and Fifty-fifth regiment, Eighty-ninth division. In the Toul sector, which the division held until the St. Mihiel drive began, Willis' Y. M. C. A. outfit had a canteen near Mont Sec, at Beaumont, and one of his pleasant jobs was to drive almost daily around the famous Dead Man's curve on trips to get supplies for his canteen. Willis entered Benny, in the St. Mihiel drive, three hours after the Germans had been thrown out of it.

VOICES CONTEMPT FOR Foe FIGHTERS

REPORTS OF FRATERNIZING BY AMERICAN AND Foe TROOPS DENIED BY RED TRIANGLE WORKER.

Chicago.—Reports of fraternizing of allied and foe troops following the signing of the armistice on the western front are denied in a letter from H. B. Stecher, Racine, Wis., received at the offices of the national war work council, Y. M. C. A., here.

Stecher was a Y. M. C. A. worker attached to the Ninety-first division. He served for more than six months on three fighting fronts—at St. Mihiel, in Flanders and the Argonne. Twice he was cited for bravery and awarded the D. S. C.

Before going to France to serve as a "Y" worker Stecher was associated with the Hamilton Beach Manufacturing company at Racine. Formerly he was a member of the California National Guard when he was living in Los Angeles, Cal. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Stecher, live in Chicago.

Referring to reports of fraternizing of the troops Stecher says: "Certainly there was no attempt or desire on the part of the men of our division to fraternize with our much-despised opponents, and had there been, the officers would not have permitted it. As a matter of fact the guns were going right up to the time the armistice went into effect. You see, our boys have had a mighty good chance to size up the caliber of the other side, and had the Germans shown any indications of good sportsmanship in the fighting no doubt we would feel some little respect for them. Having been a dough-boy myself in the past, and now having gone through all the fighting with my division, I believe my viewpoint is the same as that of the majority of our division, and, personally, I have the utmost contempt for the German soldier, his methods and his ideals."

MAJOR GENERAL PRAISES SERVICE OFFERED BY "Y"

Spread upon the records of the Third division.

Brought to the attention of the national war work council of the Y. M. C. A., is a general order issued by command of Major General Dickman, which "Y" officials have hailed as an emphatic answer to charges that Red Triangle workers had avoided the danger zones in France and had wrung exorbitant prices from the soldiers for the comforts which the association had sent overseas. General Dickman directed that a copy of the order be sent to every one of the thirty-four men and six women who went with the division through the fighting of Chateau-Thierry and along the Marne, to St. Mihiel, and later into action north of Verdun and along the Meuse.

The Y. M. C. A. has made public General Dickman's order along with a communication from Col. J. C. Rhea of another division which was in the St. Mihiel fighting. Colonel Rhea gave figures showing the large amount of supplies which were distributed in his division by "Y" secretaries without charge.

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.

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EDITORIALS

WHO IS THE REAL HERO AFTER THE WAR?

For more than six months our soldiers have been coming back from across the Atlantic and the reception that has been tendered them regardless of color has been hearty, gladly and enthusiastically. This has had its good effect upon the soldier for it inspired them, renewed strength with a new character, namely, to enter into the civil life of our country and to make it a better dwelling place for true democracy.

It was the colored soldiers who were brave in war, but now return to peace are loyal to the country that as yet is not loyal to them.

Do Your Best.

Everyone should do all he can to provide for his family and in order to do this he must keep his physical system in the best condition possible. No one can reasonably hope to do much when he is half sick a good share of the time.

WHEAT GUARANTEE HELPS ALL CROPS

Acts as a Balance That Will Sustain Present Prices on All Farm Products.

PUT THE SURPLUS INTO BONDS

Federal Reserve Board Looks to Farmer for a Generous Support of the Coming Victory Liberty Loan.

The United States Congress has appropriated \$1,000,000,000 to guarantee the American farmer \$2.26 a bushel for his 1919 wheat crop, a price which is \$1 a bushel more than he might reasonably expect if American wheat was thrown on the market to compete with Argentine, Australian and Indian wheat.



er's pocket. Hay added \$1,500,000,000 to the farmer's income. Apples brought him \$230,000,000. Oats sold on the farm for something over \$1,000,000,000.

The guaranteed price of wheat will not only assure the farmer a profit on wheat, but will also sustain the prices on other farm products, Food Administration officials point out. With the return of an abundance of labor, the farmer is assured a highly prosperous year.

With the surplus the farmer has from his last abundant harvest and with his present season's return in a large measure guaranteed, the Federal Reserve Board looks to the farmer for a generous support of the coming Victory Liberty Loan. The securities to be offered will merit his attention as first class investments, aside from their patriotic appeal.

"Sixty thousand American lads, many of them farmer boys, gave their lives for the freedom of democracy," said an official of the United States Food Administration. "Had the war continued throughout next summer, as our military chiefs believed it would, two hundred thousand Americans and many more hundreds of thousands of their compatriots would have been sleeping in Flanders' fields and beneath the sod of France and Lorraine.

"That these lives were spared was due in a large measure to the lavish expenditure of the United States government in assembling men and munitions to crush Germany. Most of the men and even less of the material of war was never used. Yet the mighty preparations of our government forced the Germans to cry 'Kamerad.'

"The American farmer's sons are coming home for the most part unscathed. For this the American farmer is duly grateful. From his abundance from the past year and from his assured prosperity for the coming season, he should and will set a new record, a Thanksgiving record, in his subscription to the Victory Loan."

HELP "FINISH THE JOB." LET US STAND BY DEAR OLD UNCLE SAM.

Uncle Sam is asking for a Victory Liberty Loan to clinch the stupendous demonstration that moral force, not military force, is to rule the world. We must care for our army of occupation and bring it home; we must reconstruct and rehabilitate those who have been wounded and blinded in defense of the right. This is to be a Loan of Thanksgiving, and the response should be more hearty and joyous than the response to any of the preceding loans. Uncle Sam has helped to save the world for Liberty and Civilization. Let us give him the wherewithal to complete the job.

"Peace must be finished as well as war, and the final stages of peace may be found even more expensive than war. Therefore, get behind the Victory Liberty Loan when it comes."

A WORD TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

We have from time to time called the attention of our regular correspondents to a few fundamental things necessary to publish your articles, and what applies to our regular correspondents most certainly applies to all other persons who write articles for publication. 1st, sign all articles, every week some one fails to sign their names to the letter that they write; 2nd, write plain, on one side only of the paper; 3rd, do not write church sermons, church subjects or eulogize individuals; 4th and lastly, condense your matter and give all churches, classes and societies a square deal.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

Sunday, April 27, was stewardess day in Shorter A. M. E. church and not a stewardess at the morning services. Rev. Brown delivered a splendid sermon from Isaiah, 64th chapter. The class meeting was enjoyed by all. Brother Audrey Reed led Brother Allen's class in his absence, and Brother Hines led Sister Ida Henderson's class, she being in Missouri visiting friends and relatives. The Sunday school took up its work led by C. B. Kinn, who fills the office of superintendent, made vacant by the resignation of Eugene Richards. The school continues to progress right along. The superintendent and teachers are interested in the work and

every scholar seems to be alive with enthusiasm.

Much credit is due the committee who so beautifully and artistically decorated the church for the Easter services. Peach blossoms, narcissus, and Easter lilies were in profusion.

Mrs. Mabel Smith Crowder spent Friday in Evans.

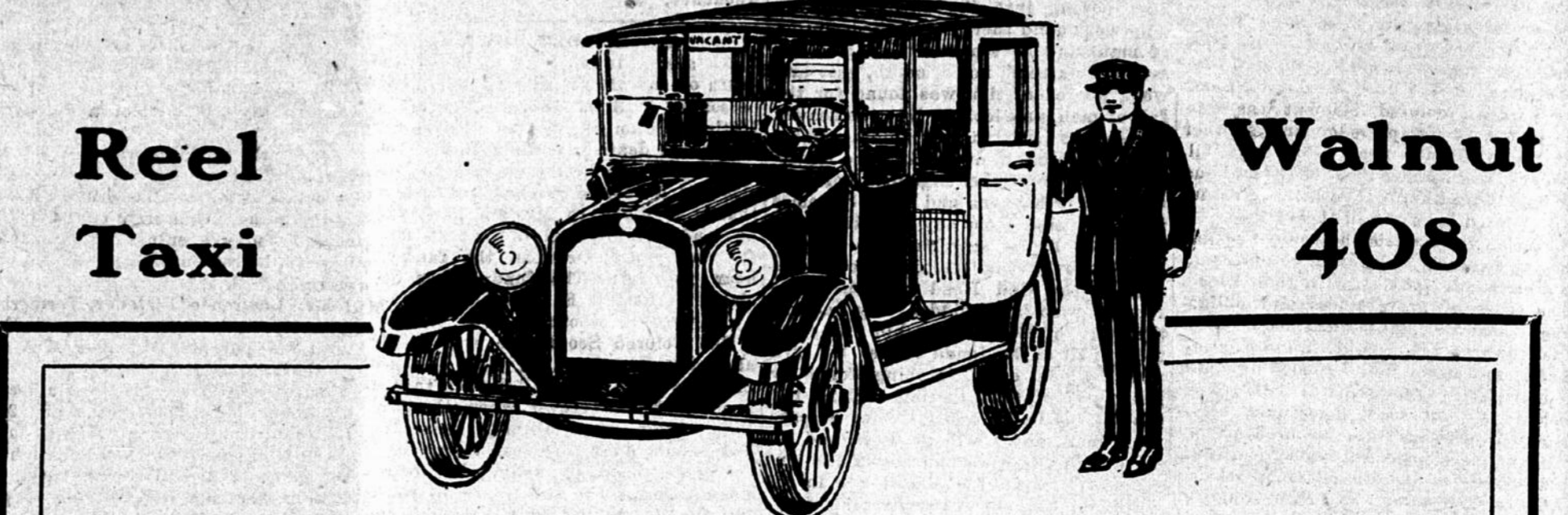
Geo. H. Woodson was a business guest Tuesday.

Thomas Brown is out again after several weeks confinement in the Abbott hospital. Tommie says he is feeling fine. Master Frankie Allen, who has been nursing a very sore hand, says he is O. K. now.

Mrs. Eugene Richards and children, Master Charles and Miss Margie, left Sunday morning for Ft. Wayne, Ind. While enroute they will visit relatives in Kirksville, Mo., friends in Joliet and Chicago. We regret very much losing these good people from our midst. Mr. Richards was the superintendent of the Shorter A. M. E. Sunday school and will be missed greatly.

Mrs. Eliza Green, who has been confined to her home for several months past, is able to be out again. Also Mrs. Fannie Smith.

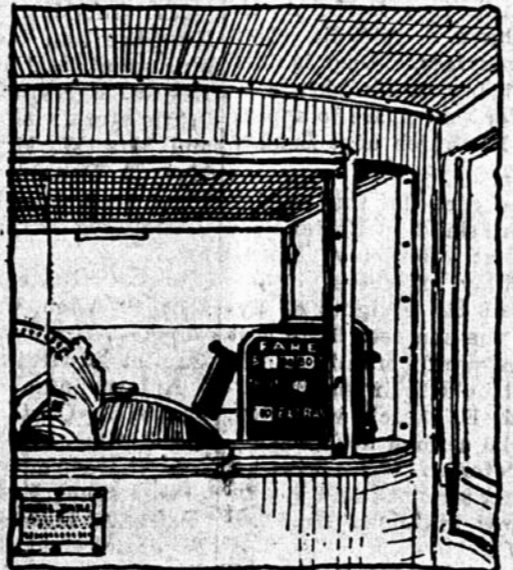
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"There is a certain limit in the matter of dress and that limit is decency." The laws of health and decency go hand in hand, and the minute there is a lack of clothes to appear stylish, the health of the young lady is endangered and she has over-stepped the limits of decency.

Women's standard of dress is determined in a great way by what men think, and just as man's mind becomes degenerate by seeing immodest costumes, the standard of dress is gradually lowered to meet the baser tastes of man. This tendency is encouraged by young men in that young ladies are judged more by their dress than by their character.

Too often the young lady that is morally good is the young lady with very limited association, such is her price for virtue and chastity. The



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young lady who is a "social lion," I am safe in saying attains nine-tenths of her station in society by dress which appeals to men.

Remember that in every city, community and even in the churches there are certain men who make a study of systematically destroying the character of young women. They will argue that social purity is a dream and myth. Young women must have the courage to stand firm and make such friends of humanity, the liars they justly are. No man who talks thus loves any girl and he who should happen to, if such was possible, is a social leper and should be watched as any other animal of like nature.

Never think that because a man has a family and is a member of some religious body, the possibility of his taking advantage of virtue is removed. Far from it. Such species of humanity are encountered in every walk of life, and should be thrown in the very vilest depths of perdition.

Many girls gamble with their own character and win, many others gamble and lose, the girl who loses goes down in degradation. Remember, a virtuous

character can only be protected by the young lady herself.

WILBERFORCE, OHIO, NEWS.

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are complimenting themselves on their success in setting up one of their chapters at Iowa State University. The chapter was recently initiated by Miss Edwina Woodyard from Wilberforce.

Miss Woodyard reported a pleasant time spent in Iowa City and is very much impressed with Iowa.

Dean Gilbert H. Jones is on a lecturing tour in the interest of Wilberforce's campaign for "More Students in the College Department" next year.

Bishop Joshua H. Jones, president of the Wilberforce board of trustees and bishop of the third and tenth Episcopal districts, has just returned from the south, where he was engaged in his conference work.

A very interesting event of this week was the passing through of the great war tank, enroute to Cedarville. A number of Wilberforcians witnessed this great war relic.

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity had their sisters, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, as their guests on a very pleasant hike on Sunday afternoon. Snaps were taken and a pleasant time enjoyed by all.

Miss Esther Bruce, corresponding secretary of the Delta's and a college junior, was called home to Springfield, Mo., on account of the death of her father.

Misses Ethylene Smith, Grace Edwards, Bernice Cable, Bertha Jackson and Clara Morris were recently initiated into the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

A pleasant sight can be seen on Sunday mornings when the dignified college seniors appear on the campus in their black caps and gowns. Iowa is represented by two in the persons of Miss Hazel Bussey and Mr. Allen C. Beau of Davenport.

Many plans are under way for a successful and pleasant commencement week, some of which will be announced later.

The Senior Federation entertained the Junior Federation at a beautiful reception in Arnett Hall, April 26. At the same time in Emery Cottage the Senior-Junior Academy banquet was held. Mr. Burns Cassell and Miss Beatrice Tate led one of the most beautiful grand marches witnessed at Wilberforce.

The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity will give their annual formal banquet in Emery Cottage May 3. Their elaborate preparations insure a most enjoyable time.

Among the new students this term are: Mr. Thomas Byrd of Texas and Miss Edna B. Johnson of Des Moines, College; Miss Geraldine Burke of Detroit, Academy; Misses Sadie and Armintra Rankins and Miss Marie Claggett of Pittsburgh, Preparatory School.

About Rheumatism.

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CENTERVILLE NEWS.

Last Week.

The box social given by the B. Y. P. U. Saturday night, March 17, proved to be quite a success. Chairman Sister Lucille Martin.

Rev. G. W. Smith of Des Moines arrived in the city Sunday morning and preached for us.

The Easter program given Sunday night by the Sunday school was well attended.

Mark Carrington, Jr., is reported better at this writing; also Mrs. E. Hicks.

This Week.

A social will be given at the home of Sir Creary Noah, Saturday, March 3, by the K. of T.

Mr. S. M. Page of Ottumwa, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and his committee, Mr. Edgar Lee, Mr. Eugene Bailey, Mr. Vencan and others

were in the city Sunday and held a meeting at the church in regards to the club. The meeting was called to order Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Mr. Richard Good of this city. Open by singing "America." Miss Dessie Johnson at piano. Invocation by Bro. Joe Saunders.

Opening address by Mr. R. Good. Mr. Page was introduced by Mr. Good. Mr. Page addressed the audience on the work done by these clubs for the advancement of the race.

Mr. Edgar Lee made a wonderful address on the "Cause and Effect," which was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Eugene Bailey made a wonderful address on education which was a real treat to all who heard him.

Mr. Vencan also made some very encouraging remarks. Nineteen members were added to the Ottumwa club list and a committee appointed on club work here. Chairmen, Mr. R. Good and

Mr. J. W. Martin. All present enjoyed the meeting and wish the men much success in this great drive. Closed by singing "Star Spangled Banner."

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