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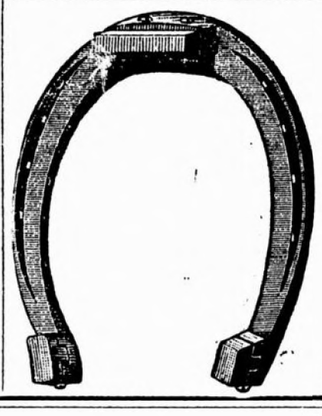
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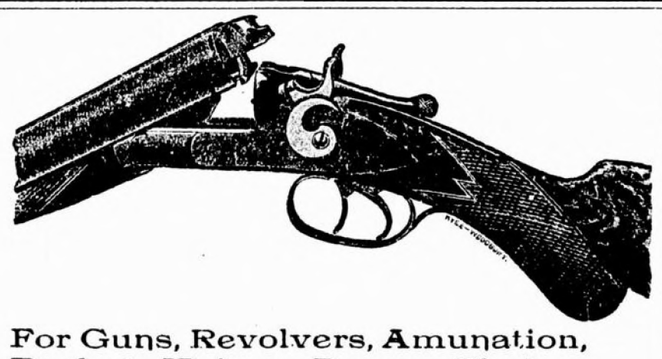
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Set a bad example and it will hatch out mischief.

Narrow minds overlook a charitable act and search for the motive.

Some people are never so happy as when they have bad news to tell.

A fool may be able to answer questions that a wise man wouldn't ask.

If General Joubert is dead his soul is certainly marching on with great success.

When men have more money than they need they think they need more than they have.

All a man has to do to obtain so-called social success is to put a fair value on himself and live up to it.

A competitor to the Illinois State Pawners' society is in the field, and there will soon be two of these low-priced loan associations in active operation in Chicago. Competition is, in this case at least, the surest proof that the new idea is a success and has already achieved popularity among "genteel borrowers."

It has been discovered in St. Paul that electric ground connections, made by attaching wires to water pipes, not only ruin the pipes by electrolysis, but seriously interfere with the operation of the water meters. In one case a meter through which a large quantity of water was discharged failed to register. This was an extreme case and easily detected, but what the effect has been upon the indicators in cases where the current is not so strong the officers of the water board have no means to determine. To protect themselves, however, they have ordered the removal of all electric wires from the water pipes.

Personal reserve is sometimes lost sight of in the far West, as a famous sugar merchant from the East recently discovered. He had business in a Missouri town, and was lunching at a table with a native. "Hi, stranger," asked the other, "where you from?" The eastern man, having a stud farm in Kansas City, mentioned that place. "What's your business?" "Well, horses," came the reply. "Say, what's your name?" "None of your business," rejoined the disturbed sugar-dealer Even in Ohio, settled largely by Massachusetts and Connecticut colonists, the eastern man sometimes finds himself in an atmosphere of frankness. "You are all talking about your western reserve," such a one recently remarked. "Blessed if I see any!"

A wheat calendar, giving the time of ripening in various countries, shows how the grain has all seasons for its own. Dwellers in the United States, for example, where so much of the land is resting during the winter months, find by the calendar that wheat is at the harvest point of growth in December for Burma and New South Wales agriculturists. January witnesses the same stage of development in Australia, New Zealand, Chile and Argentina; while February and March are wheat harvest months for Upper Egypt and India. The list for June, July and August is the fullest. There is one feature, almost inevitable, in the world's annual wheat story. A shortage, real or fancied, is apt to be reported in some quarters, and then speculation sees its opportunity quite as soon as legitimate dealing.

The biograph is doing good service to science. A hospital in New York is adapting a machine to record minutely the actions of persons in epileptic fits and similar affections. Moving pictures have been taken showing the walking movements in persons afflicted with locomotor ataxia. When these films are reproduced on the screen doctors can study the symptoms carefully in the laboratory. The movements of all kinds of microbes are also being photographed, as well as the action of healthy and diseased corpuscles. When these pictures are magnified and thrown on the screen the improvement or decline in the condition of the patient can be told. One of the most interesting uses of the biograph is to photograph and show minutely the growth and flowering of plants from the time of planting until in full bloom. A picture is taken every half-hour continually for about thirty days and nights. In order to secure a uniform light for every view a powerful electric light is employed. Sometimes 1,000 pictures will be made of one subject. Should the subject be a lily the pictures at one stage will show the opening of the lily, while at another stage its fading away is seen. By quickening the time of the pictures on the screen the plant is actually seen to be growing.

Another cherished theme of the college orator and essay writer—the swift extinction of the American Indian—receives a shock when studied in the light of statistics, the figures in the case from the recent annual report of the secretary of the interior. According to that document there are now 267,417 Indians in the United States, while the census of 1890 showed a total aboriginal population of 249,473. "Poor Lo" has evidently taken a fresh grip on life and calmly and with exceeding stubbornness refuses to "pass away with the buffalo."

Eleven hunters were killed and seven wounded in the forests of Wisconsin and Minnesota during the season just ended. Considering the small number of people engaged in the sport the list of casualties is rather worse than that of a South African battle reported by the English.

Secretary Root says that there should be radical reforms in the war department, but fails to include in his list of crying evils the practice of capturing individual Filipino towns fifty times in one campaign.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

ACCOUNT SYSTEM IS FAULTY.

State Board of Control's Report On the University.

DES MOINES, Dec. 19.—Chairman Larrabee and T. G. Kinne, of the state board of control, visited and examined the accounts of the state university and their report is made public. The board confines its report to criticism of the method of keeping the financial accounts of the institution, which, in the opinion of the board, are not a sufficient check upon the officers handling the funds. The demonstrator of anatomy is allowed $3,000 a year for procuring dissecting material, and there is no showing that the money is expended. The board proposes to send bodies from state institutions for this purpose where it can lawfully be done. It is charged that bills are sometimes paid before they are properly audited, and that contractors have received money for buildings without the proper showing from the architect.

CONTEST WEBB BYERS' SEAT.

His Recent Opponent Files Notice of Contest With Secretary of State.

DES MOINES, Dec. 17.—Papers have been filed with the secretary of state inaugurating a contest for the legislative seat to which Webb Byers was recently elected in Shelby county by the narrow margin of twelve votes. George Battey is the contestant. The papers filed with the secretary are ssealed and directed to the house of representatives, so that the specific claims made by the contestant are not known. It is presumed, however, that the usual claim of counting illegal votes is made.

MARION THOMPSON SHOT.

According to His Story Footpads did the Deed.

OSKALOOSA, Dec. 20.—Marion Thompson was held up just south of the Iowa Central passenger station by a couple of well dressed men. He was ordered to throw up his hands. As he did not comply, the men commenced shooting at him at close range. Thompson was hit twice, once in the right arm and once in the left leg. His wounds are not serious and the balls were removed this morning. The officers pursued the fellows. "Cell," or Monroe Wilson who recently came from Marshalltown, was arrested this morning on information of Thompson. Other arrests of local parties will follow.

TRAIN WRECKER CONVICTED.

Man Who Attempted to Wreck B., C. R. & N. Passenger Found Guilty.

MASON CITY, Dec. 21.—Frank Fay was found guilty in the Floyd county court of attempting to wreck the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern "cannon ball" passenger train on the night of October 30. Brockett, his companion in crime, confessed and turned state's evidence against Fay. It is thought that judge Clyde will give both Fay and Brockett life sentences.

Farmer Robbed of $370.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 21.—Two men on a single horse committed a robbery near Smithland, a few miles from Sioux City, which netted them about $370. The victim is Wayne Warner, a farmer who lives a few miles from the town. He had been in that afternoon to sell his crop of corn, and had received the cash. He started home just after dark and after driving a few miles was accosted by two men, one riding behind the other on a horse. One alighted, and the other drew a revolver, which he shoved at Warner's head. The money was demanded and it was promptly turned over. Both men on the one horse then rode off in the darkness, and so far they have not been caught.

Defaulting Cashier Surrenders.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 20.—Defaulting Cashier Kendrick, of the Citizens' bank of Sioux Center has returned and surrendered to the officers. He was at once released under a $2,500 bond, which had been signed by a number of Sioux Center citizens. The bank has received a draft for $10,000 from the American Surety Company of New York, in payment in full of the bond of Kendrick. Kendrick's defalcation is not fully known, but it is said to be in the neighborhood of $1,800.

School District Loses $50,000.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 17.—The Iowa supreme court has rendered a decision which costs the Sioux City school district $50,000. The district had secured judgment in the lower court against the American Surety Company for $50,000, which was surety on School Treasurer Hubbard's bond for that amount. The money was lost by failure of the Home Savings Bank. The supreme court reversed the lower court's decision.

Pleaded Guilty of Theft.

BOONE, Dec. 21.—John Quinn, who stole an express package from a Northwestern baggage car and was arrested for the crime, pleaded guilty and was placed in the county jail to await the January term of court. The amount stolen was $32, which was found in the toe of his shoe.

Serious Fire at Marshalltown.

MARSHALLTOWN, Dec. 21.—A fire at midnight destroyed the stock of dry goods of the R. C. Peterson company, damaged the Haradon block $1,000, and other tenants were damaged $1,000 more. Peterson's loss amounts to fully $21.000, with an insurance of $12,000.

Bill to Protect Mail Trains.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Congressman Lacey of Iowa introduced a bill in the house providing that any person who shall be found guilty of obstructing any train carrying United States mails shall be punishable by a fine of $10,000 or imprisonment for ten years, or both.

It is stated that the little mining town of Coalfield, twelve miles south of Oskaloosa, in the corner of Monroe county, is afflicted with smallpox. Five cases are already reported, and Dr. John A. McKiveen, of Charlton, a member of the state board of health, who was sent to the little town, reports all the cases genuine, although of a comparatively mild type.

WILSON IS ALL RIGHT.

Nothing in the Rumor of His Illness and Resignation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The report sent out as to the illness of Secretary Wilson was simply born of the imagination of an irresponsible reporter on an evening paper. In speaking of the matter Mr. Wilson said:

"There is not a word of truth in the statement. I am as strong as a bull calf. I do a hard day's work every day, although I do sometimes get tired after being at it for a long time. I have not seen the president about it or talked with anyone on the subject, nor have I any intention of doing so. I have worked every day this summer and after getting out my report I did say to some of the boys that I intended to go a little slower. The clerks in my department had vacations. I had none and I felt I was entitled to a little rest. I think they might have telephoned me and asked me before publishing such a statement."

A Glass Factory for Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Dec. 21.—Chas. Bryant and Levi Pierce, of Anderson, Ind., appeared before the directors of the Commercial Exchange with a proposition to locate a window glass factory in Des Moines, or rather to hear any proposition which the Commercial Exchange might make to them for the location of such a plant in Des Moines. The proposition has been taken under consideration.

BREVITIES.

Des Moines dispatch: The State Horticultural Society elected the following officers: President, C. F. Gardner, Osage; vice-president, M. J. Wragg, Waukee; secretary, Wesley Greene, Davenport; treasurer, W. M. Bomberger, Harlan, directors, C. J. Blodgett, Mt. Pleasant; Abner Bransom, New Sharon; N. K. Fluke, Davenport; A. L. Plummer, Ivy; R. P. Speer, Cedar Falls; P. F. Kinne, Storm Lake; Eugene Secor, Forest City.

The 3-year-old child of C. S. Argo, of Chamberlain, S. D., was fatally burned a few days ago in Sioux City. The child had evidently been playing with matches in a room alone, and when her little sister came in, attracted by the screams of the baby, found her wrapped in flames. Aid came at once, but it was too late, as the child's body was frightfully burned. Even in its mouth were great blisters. Her father is a prominent attorney at Chamberlain.

The Novak case is ended, so far as the public is interested in it, for the supreme court has overruled the petition of Novak's attorneys for a rehearing in the case. This means that Frank A. Novak, made famous by the fire in the little village of Walford three years ago and his famous flight to the Klondike regions, will have to serve out the remainder of his life sentence for the killing of Edward Murray, unless the chief executive of Iowa may sooner or later see fit to look upon him with clemency.

Jack Shields, arraigned at Council Bluffs recently for forgery in the district court, owes his liberty to his ignorance of the different kinds of revenue stamps. It appeared in the trial that he had put a proprietary stamp on a forged check, which he passed. Judge Green held that inasmuch as the check bore a proprietary and not a documentary stamp, it could not be the subject of forgery and having no legal efficacy, could not have been passed as a forged instrument. He accordingly dismissed the case and ordered the jury discharged. The case will be passed up to the supreme court.

At the state horticultural society convention at Des Moines recently the San Jose scale came up for consideration. The last legislature passed a law providing a method of protecting Iowa orchards against the ravages of this pest, but the members of the society fear that still more is necessary. They believe the danger to Iowa orchards is serious, and that the state law cannot fully meet the demands of the occasion. For example, the state cannot exercise any control over plants and seeds sent by mail, and yet in these there is serious danger. The result was the adoption of resolutions calling on congress for protection. The scale has not done any serious damage in Iowa thus far, at least none has been reported. But its ravages have been discovered in other states of the Mississippi valley and Iowa is threatened.

Des Moines dispatch: The state geologist is in receipt of a report that the Allamakee county iron ore, of which two train loads were shipped to Milwaukee for smelting, proves much richer than expected. The percentage of phosphate is so small it can be used for Bessemer steel, which was not expected. It ran from 50 to 55 per cent pure iron, and is a light, easily reduced ore. Capitalists have been buying options on mineral rights on considerable areas of the iron-bearing land. The amount of the mineral is said by the state geologist to be almost unlimited. A large part of Allamakee county is underlaid with it from 60 to 100 feet thick. It is now proposed to erect furnaces next year near Waukon and reduce the iron there instead of shipping it. Capitalists are investigating and endeavoring to buy mineral rights enough to support the plant.

Gov. Shaw and Adjt. Gen. Byers have gone to Washington, D. C., where they will arrange for the proper disposal of the Iowa war claims. The government owes the state about $40,000 on account of the Spanish war. Governor Shaw said that his plan was to induce congress to pass a law general in its terms providing for all claims on account of the recent war which may be endorsed by the governors of the different states. This will include all the states, and it is thought that such a general measure will receive the unanimous support of the government. Congress has been passing laws authorizing the war department to pay war claims for specific items which have been named in the acts. The department, of course, has promptly interpreted the act as closely as possible and paid nothing that it didn't have to. The general law will be the proper thing in this case.

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this week. They'll make handy Christmas presents.

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California Wool Wrapper Pattern Blankets for Bath Robes and Slumber Robes—these are Xmas novelties, of which we have too many—Wednesday we will sell

$6.00 quality for $3.95.
$5.00 quality for $3.25.

Our Blanket Department

Great Clearance Sale

We buy nothing but fresh, clean Blankets, direct from the manufacturer, and not the shelf worn, moth eaten Blankets of the jobbers. Below we offer a few of our many bargains in this department.

$10 to $15 all wool California Blankets—11-4 and 12-4 size—in white only—with pretty plain and Jacquard borders—edges bound in silk binding—

Annex Clearing Sale price—$7.50 to $8.50 a pair.

$7.00 all wool Oregon Blankets—In natural greys, blue, pink and white plaids—crochet edges—weight 6 pounds—

Annex Clearing Sale price—$4.75 a pair.

Christmas Gifts that are handy.

$5.00 all wool white Blankets—11-4 size—pretty colored borders—crochet edges—weight 5 pounds—

Clearing Sale $2.79 a pair.

That's a bargain you can't match in town.

11-4 Cotton Blankets, extra heavy, in grey only—A bargain at $1.10 a pair—Clearing Sale price 89c a pair.

Just as cheap as white cotton sheets.

1 case of 10-4 Cotton Blankets, in grey or tan, regular 55c kind—Clearing Sale price 39c a pair.

Great Clearing Sale

All of our Comforts are made by the various church aid societies of the city and are made right and just as you would do it yourself. They all contain the best grades of clean white cotton, and not the sweepings of the eastern mills. Always remember when you want a Bed Comfort that you can rely on us. Come and inspect our beautiful and practical lines.

$2.50 home made Silkoline Comforts, 6ft. by 7½ft. large—tufted with pretty shades of wool yarn, 4½ inches apart—weight 5 pounds—Annex price $1.75 each.

Just for a Christmas Gift.

$1.50 home made Comforts 6 ft. by 7½ ft. large, clean white cotton filling, heavy comfort percale covers, weight 5 pounds — Annex Clearing Sale price $1.00 each.

Can't match this up or down the street. Harris-Emery Co. Annex, opposite the old stand.

Special Sale of Men's Neckwear

We will place on sale Wednesday at Our Annex an exceptional purchase of Men's Imperial, Puff, Teck, Bow, Four-in-hand and String Ties—all the season's new goods.

This is the way they'll go—

Lot No. 1—Men's 25c Puff ties in dark staple styles, not a poor one in the lot—

An Annex Snap, 2 for 25c

Lot No. 2—Men's Imperial, Teck, Bow and String Ties, in new nobby styles—not a tie in this lot worth less than 25c—

This Sale Only 21c each, 2 for $1.00

Lot No. 3—The new—the nobby—the correct in Men's 50c and 75c Neckwear, in four-in-hands, tecks and puff ties in all the brightest new shades and colors—all go in one lot—

At the Annex 35c each, 5 for $1.00

At the Annex Thursday

Big sale of Knit Goods—bought at 50c on the $1.00—will reach here this evening by express for Xmas shoppers—

Ice Wool Fascinators, hand made—50c on the $1.00.

Wool Toboggans — 50c on the dollar.

Silk Hoods, Wool Hoods—for ladies and children, all sizes—50c on the dollar.

Wool knit Skirts for ladies, 50c on the dollar.

Wool knit Jackets without sleeves, the very thing for ladies to wear under capes—50c on the dollar.

At Our Annex Thursday

150 dozen men's work Gloves and Mitts, sample pairs, both lined and unlined, all kinds, large sizes—Thursday 50c on the dollar.

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Worshiping the Tearful Onion.

The onion was worshiped by the ancient Egyptians. The cauliflower is a patrician among vegetables and was taken from its Cyprus home to Italy and England in the reign of Elizabeth.

Queen of Portugal, M. D.

The queen of Portugal has begun the study of medicine as a "hobby," has taken her degree of M. D., and is now the chief physician of her consort, herself and her children.

The following extract, from a most interesting article, is taken from the New York Sun:

"A southern woman, whose family is the one white family on a cotton plantation in lower South Carolina, a tract embracing 5,000 acres and peopled with colored tenants numbering thirty-five families in all, maintains that the negro is as chivalrous and kindly by nature as the white man, and that the assumption that his presence is a menace to the white women of the south is most unfair. In speaking of recent disturbances in the south and the comments and statements which they have provoked, she said:

"'I and my girl friends, young women who happened to be visiting us, habitually walked and ridea nd drive everywhere on that plantation and in the surrounding country, in out-of-the way lonely roads and wood tracts, wherever we happened to want to go. We never met with anything but respectful and kindly treatment, and the men of the family never seemed to apprehend that we would be in danger. The negro has as much chivlary and courtesy in mind for the native southern woman or for any white woman as a white man has, and is willing and ready to do her service on the slightest intimation that she needs such.

"' * * * I have read of lynchings, and of the need for them, but in each case with the feeling that there was another underlying cause, some harsh, brow-beating treatment of the negro that culminated, even if indirectly, in this form of outrage. I doubt seriously if a true-born southern lady, one whom the negroes respected as such, was ever subjected to rude treatment by a negro tenant or employe. And the unfortunate woman victim of lynching events will in nearly every case be found to be associated with the common, under-bred, negro-hating order of white men in the southern white population, people whose fathers never owned slaves or much of anything, mentally of materially, and who are jealous of the negro's advancement and fitness for places of trust.

"'A serious schism between the races is out of the question; there are too many ties to bind them together, and whatever report to the contrary, the people who have studied the negro and know him best will maintain that he is kindly and straightforward and tender-hearted, the reverse of the brute that he is portrayed. He loves peace and sunshine and rhythm, and would far rather be docile and pleasant than sulky. He is easily led, and that is the chief stumbling block.'"

WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES.

When Christmas comes,
And from the steeples far and near
The bells are ringing, sweet and clear,
To welcome in the birthday morn
Of One in lowliest manger born,
Who died for men, and reigns a King,
All hearts take up the theme and sing
As angels sang, o'er Bethelhem's hill,
As angels sang, o'er shrdlshrdlshrdll uuuuu
Be peace on Earth; to Men good will,
When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes,
And holly hangs upon the wall
Of lowly men and stately hall,
Then men put by, for one brief day,
The cares that frighten peace away,
All thoughts that vex; and festal cheer
Comes in this best day of the year,
To gladden hearts and homes and make
Man better for his brother's sake,
When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes,
We somehow feel the whole world kin.
Then friendship's fires are kindled in
Cold hearts, whose doors have long been shut.
"Come in!" rings out from hall and hut.
"Come in, come in this Christmas day—
Put all old differences away.
Join hands and hearts as all men should,
In universal brotherhood,
When Christmas comes."

When Christmas comes,
Let us remember, generously,
The poor on earth, where'er they be,
And share with them our Christmas cheer,
As Christ would do if He were here.
And what we do for His dear sake
Love will a fitting tribute make
To Him who came to earth in love.
So may each heart its fealty prove.
When Christmas comes.
—Eben E. Rexford, in Chicago Advance.

SLAVERY VS. RELIGION.

The Episcopal church held slaveholding inconsistent with piety and a blameless, exemplary, Christian life.

The Presbyterian church, in 1816, characterized slavery as a "mournful evil." In 1818 the assembly declared it "totally irreconcilable with the spirit and principles of the gospel of Christ," and " to effect a total abolition of slavery with no greater delay than a regard for the public welfare demands." The division of the church did not hasten the "total abolition." The old school held slaves and the new school admitted slave holders to communion. All resolutions of this church prior to 1860 would be regarded in these days as a fine attempt to carry water on both shoulders.

This article will no doubt be of interest to the American people and perhaps of great surprise to the casual reader of history, but to the close student of American history and college man will perhaps be of but little service except is renewing the facts and dates to their minds. Some of us have forgotten that the first slaves in the Western hemisphere were Indians.

The first slaves in the Western hemisphere were Indians. Columbus sent 500 native Americans to Spain, and they were sold publicly at Seville. In a few years the West Indies were practically denuded of their native inhabitants by the Spaniards. The name of Columbus is tarnished with this traffic. By following his example the followers of Columbus caused the death of hundreds of thousands of inoffensive natives; and when the supply was exhausted, Las Casas suggested that negroes be substituted, and they were poured into the West Indies. The Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch and French joined in the trade. When, in 1607, the first abiding English colony, Virginia, was established in what is now the United States. Negro slavery was more than a century old in Spanish and Portuguese America, and nearly a half century old in the British West Indies. When the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, Virginia had received her first cargo of African slaves.

Oglethorpe, the first governor of Georgia, was opposed to slavery. After he had resigned and returned to England, before the trustees of the colony surrendered their charter to the crown, and in 1752 Georgia became a royal colony, and slavery was introduced.

METHODIST.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, declared slavery "is the sum of all villianies." The slavery question caused the disruption of the Methodist church. This church found its first communicants among the poor and despised classes. The general conference of the Methodist church held at Cincinnati in 1836 condemned the two ministers who had delivered abolition lectures, and declared the opponents of abolition "true friends to the church, to the slaves of the south, and to the constitution of our country." But the northern Methodists refused to be "negro catchers" for their southern brethren. Possibly the Methodist church, north, sent more sons to the northern army than any other denomination. The pulpit of the northern church thundered against the institution of slavery. The old circuit rider was an apostle of freedom. He could not be bulldozed; he believed all men were created equal; he believed that Christ died for black sinners as well as white. He did not believe that a man could consistently ask God to bless his family and go and sell another man's family. He voted for Lincoln, upheld him when he called for men. In hundreds of burial grounds that surround Methodist churches in the north the sons of Methodist families sleep, who gave their lives for freedom; and then there are those who sleep under southern skies. Ah, colored man, our freedom cost many a Methodist father and mother their son: made many a home desolate. To the old Methodist mother of the north, God has wiped the tears from the eyes of many long ago. They sleep beside their sons. But other denominations did noble work for freedom. The Congregationalists, the Campbellites (Garfield was a Cambellite) in Ohio, Indiana and elsewhere, were, with few exceptions, for freedom. The same is other denominations.

BAPTISTS.

The Baptists of Virginia, in general assembly, 1789, on motion of Elder John Leland, "Resolved, That slavery is a deprivation of the, rights of nature, and inconsistent with republican government." But field hands became worth $1,000 each, and infants at birth were worth $100, so we find the Baptist silent on the slavery question (at least I know of none) until 1835, when the Savannah river Baptist association decided "that slave husbands and wives, separated by sale, should be at liberty to take new partners; because * * * to forbid second marriages in such cases would be to expose the parties not only to greater hardships and stronger temptations, but to church censure for acting in obedience to their masters." "This is a fair specimen," says an eminent writer thirty years later, "of what has passed for religion in the south for the last thirty or forty years."

FRIENDS.

In 1774 the Philadelphia meeting of the Quakers directed that all persons engaged in any form of slave trading be disowned, and in 1777 that "the owners of slaves, who refused to execute the proper instruments for giving them their freedom, be disowned likewise." In 1787 "it duly appeared that there were no slaves owned by the members." After 1800 there were no Quaker slave owners in the south, but there were fewer Quakers. In 1860 there were fewer Quakers in the south than there were eighty years before. Quakers and slavery could not flourish on the same soil—the wheat was choked by the tares.

DAVENPORT REPORT.

The Masked ente tainment given by the band boys on the 13th was quite a success.

Rev. P. W. Jones of Centerville was here over Sunday and preached at the Third Baptist church both morning and evening.

The Sunday School of the Third Baptist church will have their Christmas tree Monday evening the 25th

The Ladies Sewing Circle of the Third Baptist church will give a musical entertainment and Cantata at the Band hall on second and Brady Tuesday evening the 26th., they have secured the best talent in the city and a grand success is promised. The admission is ten cents, supper fifteen cents.

The Executive Board of the Iowa Baptist Association, adjourned its quarterly meeting at Centerville and J. T. Mabry, clerk of the Third Baptist church has been notified that they would meet here with the Third Baptist church March 1900

Invitations are out announcing the wedding of Mr. Lommie of this city to Miss Daisy Hannan of Rock Island, Ill. out of town girls seems to be in great demand here of late. Keep the good work going.

The Ladies sewing circle met at Mrs. B. Bakers last Saturday.

Don't keep borrowing papers, but subscribe for the Bystander yourself.

Mrs. Kanes will entertaine her friends at breakfast Christmas morning at her residence 619 Harrison street.

Mrs. B. Baker entertained the Ladies' Violet Club of the Third Baptist church Wednesday.

The funeral of the late Reubus Stone was held from the 3rd Baptist church last Friday.

The Secretary of the band has the boys still guessing, Christmas is nearly here and no invitations are out yet, better hurry up.

Mr. A. D. Corbin can now boast of being the greatest colored real estate owner in the city.

Tuesday the 26th will be the election of officers with the Eureka Lodge Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, all members should be present.

Mr. Charley Moss was converted into the Eureka Lodge, on last Wednesday and is now one of the produst Odd Fellows liveing.

Rev. Christy the pastor of the A. M. E. church has taken unto himself a companion. They all believe in crossing the great Mississippi river to get their brides it must undoubtedly be good luck.



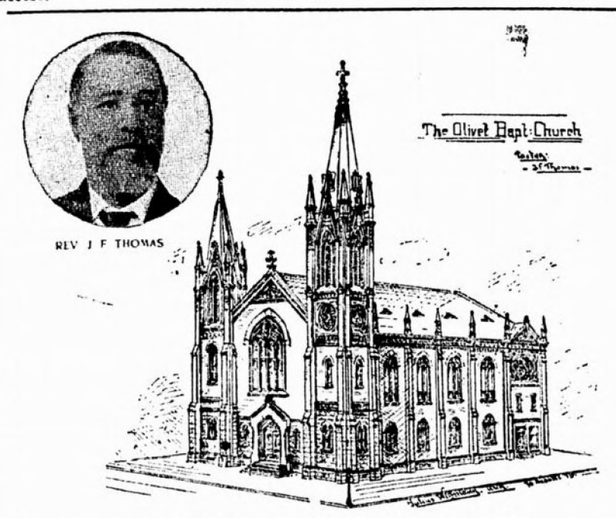
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"I must look out for a turkey job for Christmas."

"Why, what do you mean?" I queried.

"What, haven't you heard of 'turkey actors'?"

[illegible] plenty of actors who are ed in Hel a few actresses who are 9th; This the reply.

Christmar, no! Turkey actors are at 6;30 P only get an engagement for ing or Christmas or New

Mr. H[illegible]ow long can they live on

[illegible]ell, it's better than nothing. I ma[illegible]ged for twenty dollars and ex[illegible]es last Christmar to play Alida [illegible]dgood in 'The Streets of New [illegible].' Oh, what an experience!"

[illegible]come in here," quoth I, "and over a co[illegible]ming bumper of chocolate or a st[illegible]wassail of tea, tell me all."

[illegible] as we lunched together she told this:

"They sent for me from a dramatic [illegible]ency, said the money was sure and most any dresses would do. Alida is he daughter of a banker in the play, ut they said that in the town where we were to perform on Christmas night they wouldn't know the difference. However, I fixed up three changes without spending a cent.

"We were all to meet the manager at the ferry in Jersey City. He didn't appear, but sent a message that he'd see us in the town.

"We all paid our fares—I had forty cents left—and reached the place pretty well disgusted.

"At the hotel they viewed us suspiciously, as we had no trunks, and there we learned that the matinee had been abandoned, no seats having been sold.

"We had a rehearsal instead, and it was six o'clock before I staggered into the hotel, only to learn that we couldn't have any supper unless we paid for it individually.

"I sent word to our manager that I had no money and shouldn't play without my supper.

"This brought him to my door in a hurry. He knocked, and entered with a surprised air.

"'Why, my dear,' he said, 'there's some mistake.'

"'I think there is,' I replied, spiritedly. 'If I don't have any supper I don't go on.'

"'Why, that'll be all right, my dear. We'll go out together, and you shall have supper with me.'

"And he laid his arm affectionately on my shoulder.

"I gave him a good push, and he fell up against the door. Oh, how angry he was!

"What are you doing?' he shouted.

"'Rehearsing you in the character of a gentleman,' said I, 'and you won't suit.'

"He went out and banged the door, but a very nice supper came up to me later. Still I remembered the gleam of hate in his eyes and was on my guard.

"We had a very good house that night and felt a little encouraged. As I stood looking out of the peephole in the curtain, the property boy brushed against me.

"'Beg pardon,' he said, hurriedly, 'but I've been workin' so hard an' nothin' to eat so that I'm as weak as a rat. I've had no supper.'

"'You shouldn't go without your supper,' I said.

"'I ain't got the price.'

"I gave him half of my forty cents.

"'Go out and get a cup of coffee and a sandwich.'

"He took the money with a grateful look and disappeared.

"The play went on. So did he, for



"I WANT GREENBACKS."

that matter, for he played two parts, poor little soul!

"At the end of the third act he knocked at my dressing room door.

"'Say, you're Miss Hallett, ain't yer?'

"'Yes.'

"'Well, I got somethin' I want to say to yer on the quiet.'

"I finished dressing and came out.

"'You certainly was good to me,' he said with a grin, 'an' now it's turn about.'

"'What do you mean?'

"'Just this. The boss—the manager, I mean—just sent me up to the hotel to get five dollars changed into pennies an' nickels an' ten cent pieces.'

"Well, what has that to do with me?"

"'Plenty! He's a-makin' up salaries out front in the office, an' he's a-laughin' with another feller. He's going to pay you your salary in pennies an' nickels an' dimes.'

"'I don't believe it.'

"'Well, you can. I heard him tell the other feller, an' they think it's a great joke. He's down on you for some reason or other. Don't gimme away.'

"And so he disappeared again.

"So this was the manager's contemptible revenge.

"Twenty dollars in nickels and pennies!

"I called the stage manager.

"'Don't ring up the curtain, Mr. Clarke,' I said, 'for I shan't go on until I get my salary.'

"'But, my dear what I said,' was my rejoinder, as I went back to my dressing room.

"I thought of Patti refusing to put on her slippers until poor old Mapleson had produced $4,000—how she got two thousand, simply put on one slipper and waited.

"Heavens! Suppose they had paid her in nickels and pennies!

"The manager came dashing back.

"'What's this, Miss Hallett?'

"'I want my salary.'

"'Salaries will be paid immediately after the performance.'

"'Mine must be paid now or the performance will not be finished.'

"In awkward position he drew a newspaper package from his overcoat pocket. It seemed heavy, and I heard the clink of coin.

"'Awful lot of silver tonight,' he said, as he handed me the parcel.

"I dropped it scornfully.

"'I want greenbacks,' I said firmly.

"'But I haven't——'

"'Greenbacks or no performance,' I repeated calmly.

"You should have seen his face!

"You should have seen the property boy contorting himself with delight behind a 'set house.'

"With the 'smothered curse' of the melodrama the manager picked up the scattered coins and marched away. A twenty-dollar bill came back to me in a few moments and the play ended in orthodox fashion.

"But what do you think of that for meanness?"

"I'm speechless," said I. "Encore the oolong, please! I must steady my nerves!"

Made Him Wait.

"Mrs. Hopkins, where is that Christmas present you said you had bought for me?"

"Well, Mr. Hopkins, you talked so much about hard times that I put it away until your birthday."—Chicago Record.

Mamma had received a book of synonyms for Christmas. Hattie was telling a friend the presents each one received, and she ended by saying: "Oh, yes, mamma got a book of cinnamona."

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Where the Pennies Go.

What becomes of all the pennies? A superficial answer might be that we spend them, as in truth we do, but did you ever stop to consider the enormous quantities of the little copper coins turned out by the Philadelphia mint every year? The figures are really appalling in their magnitude. There are at present about 1,000,000,000 cents in circulation, and yet the mint is compelled to turn out nearly 4,000,000 a month to keep up the supply.

Novel Scheme for Libraries.

Patrons of every public library realize the difficulty of obtaining the popular books of the day. It is impossible to meet the demand, even with a large increase in the number of copies purchased. A device, originating in the St. Louis library, and being copied in some other city libraries, is to put such books on a special list and to charge a fee of 5 cents a week for them.

Mlle. Bonheur's Ark.

At the time of her death, Mdlle Bonheur had six wild horses, seven wild goats, a dozen stags, many dogs and a monkey. These are in the park of the chateau. At times she had a veritable Noah's ark. She was an early riser, and attributed part of her success to painting the animals before the heat of the day made them restive.—Our Dumb Animals.

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WOMAN'S COLUMN.

Special for the Bystander.
("The Christmas Bells", by Katherine Davis Tillman.)

The happy Christmas bells are ringing,
The heavenly choir their anthems singing,
The sweetest words of tongue or pen—
Peace on the earth, good will to men!

A Savior born in poverty,
Brings to the world true liberty;
We sing the song angels sang then—
Peace on the earth, good will to men!

The song the angels sang of peace,
Its heavenly strains shall never cease,
Till discord from our earth shall flee,
And men shall know soul harmony.

Till man his brother's care shall feel
And labor for his brother's weal,
And men of every tongue and race
The truths of Christ's great life embrace.

With heavenly hosts Him we adore,
Who all our sins and sorrows bore,
And upward still our songs ascend—
Peace on the earth, good will to men!

Another year filled with its attendant joys, hopes and fears has almost gone and the happy yule-tide season has come again. The time when the world joins in a mighty celebration of the greatest event in its history—the birth of the Christ.

Into a world of heathen superstition, cruelty and ignorance, Christ brought light and life, and taught us that the true secret of happiness is in service to our fellowmen. May this Christmastide bring His peace and joy into our hearts, and inspire us to make glad many hearts by our kind words and merry gifts.

Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett is sustaining her reputation as the foremost woman of the race on the lecture platform and in private life, as a leading factor in all movements to suppress lynchings and other forms of outrage perpetrated against African-Americans. Mrs. Barnett is an able, influential woman.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington is editing a little monthly in the interest of the National Colored Woman's association, known as the National Association Notes, published at Tuskegee, Ala.

Mrs. Lillian Price, a graduate of the Chicago Musical college, also a promising composer, is setting to music M. s. Tillman's poems, "The Black Boys in Blue" and "In a Southern Cabin."

The Phyllis Wheatley club of Boston, of which Miss Irene Jurix is president, is furnishing a home for friendless colored girls.

Mrs. Fannie Hall Clint of Chicago has a good reputation as a reader.

Miss Mary Butler of Cool Spring, Fayette county, is mail carrier from Jumonville to Uniontown, Penn.

Mrs. Georgia Debaptiste Faulkner has a thousand dollar a year position in the Chicago postoffice.

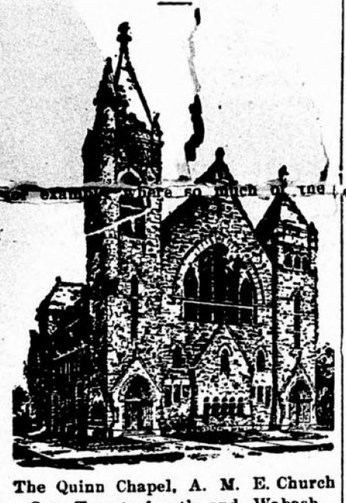
Miss Harper, a graduate of the Provident hospital of Chicago, has gone to Philadelphia to take charge of a hospital there.

Amanda Smith is now well established in her Orphans' home at Harvey. Ill., and solicits the patronage of the race.

Drs. Golden, Cooper and the rest of Chicago Afro-American female physicians are doing well.

The Philadelphia Tribune says Mrs. Dr. Bently of Chicago. That she is well known in literary circles throughout the country, was for years employed on the Philadelphia Press and Philadelphia Times, represented these journals during the world's fair. It adds that Mrs. Bentley is a woman of great depth of feeling, readiness of expression, and a keen student of human nature.

Henrietta Vinton Davis is winning deserved laurels as a reader during her western trip. She is superb.



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Rev, A. J. Carey, D. D.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Misses Emma Oliphant and Myrtle Cooper entertained their friends at a Cracker-Jack party last Friday evening, at the home of Miss Addie Price, every one who attended, speak of a good time and plenty cracker jack and hope to be entertained by these ladies.

Besure and attend the Christmas exercises at the A. M. E. church Monday evening and the tree ought to be loaded down with presents.

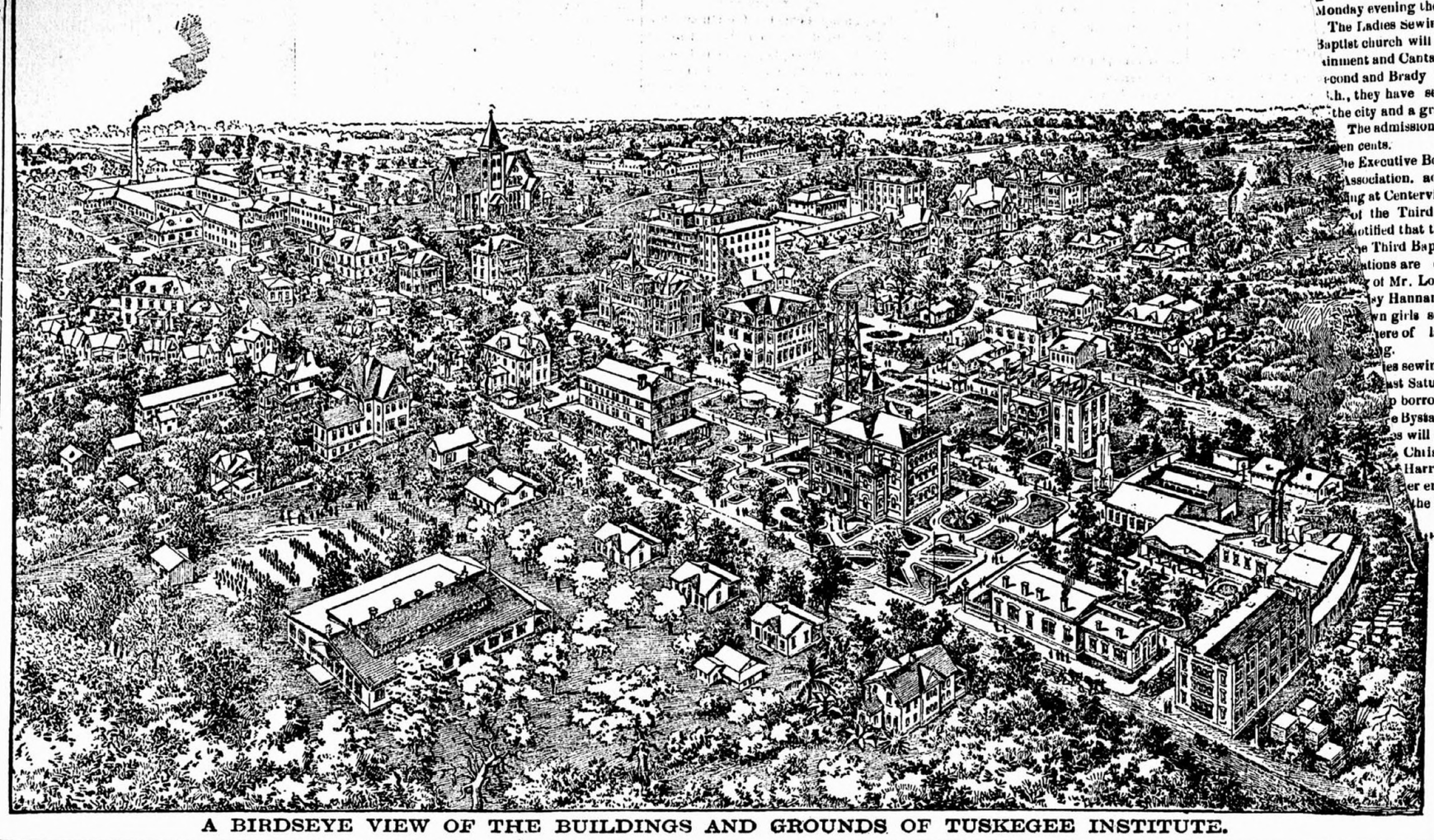
Rev. Bass is expected home this week from a visit to his family in Ohio.

Miss Jessie Martin entertained a few friends Thursday evening in honor of, Miss Myrtle Cooper of Knoxville.

We were much surprised as well as pained to learn of the very unexpected and sudden death of Wm. Ousley, one of the oldest colored citizens of the Rapids, which occurred at the Soldiers' Home in Marshalltown where he was an inmate. Mr. Ousley was quite favorably known in our midst and left a wife, two daughters and a son besides many friends to mourn his loss.

Mrs. R. C. Ousley and daughter Maude have departed to Muscatine to remain indefinitely.

Mesdames Lowery, Hawkins and Wade ve been appointed by the Sunday ol to purchase presents for the school shou s Searcy has returned home after departm of short duration. list of cry. turing indi mas very ably filled the times in one cars during Rev. Ba



A BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OF TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.

Evolution of Tuskegee.

It was last May, 18 years ago, that Prof. Booker T. Washington (then unknown, now so noted) went into the black belt of Alabama, and founded what is now known the "Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, at Tuskegee, Ala., then a little hamlet. The story of this institution reads more like a romance, or an Egyptian fairy tale, then a real fact. Prof. Washington first rented a shanty church with himself as teacher and 30 pupils. It has now become one of the most successful educational institutions in America.

It now has $300,000 worth of property, with no mortgage; 42 buildings, nearly all erected with student labor; 2.267 acres of land; 88 officers and teachers; and an attendance the year past of 1,-164 students—801 young men and 363 young women. The students came from 24 states and territories, and from Cuba, Porto Rico, Africa and England than 1,000 others applied for admission, but were turned away for lack of dormitory facilities because of lack remarkable evidences. Truly a most single horse revolution!

Tuskegee seeks to teach the dignity of labor to its students, to afford them the best possible opportunity for the development of their mental faculties, emphasizes systematic industrial training, and fosters the habit of right thinking and right living. The idea is kept constantly in mind, that the need of the great masses of the negro race, is a system of education which shall enable them to hold on to the basic and fundamental employments, without which no people can hope to win a permanent place, either of respectability, wealth or power. For this reason, instruction in 26 industries, largely of the south, is given, in connection with thorough normal and religious training, as follows: Agriculture, blacksmithing, brickmasonry, carpentry, carriage trimming, cooking, dairying, drawing—architectural, free hand and mechanical—plain sewing, housekeeping, harness-making, plastering, plumbing, printing, sawmilling, founding, horticulture, laundering, machinery, mattressmaking, millinery, nurse training, painting, shoemaking, stock raising, tailoring, tinning and wheelwrighting.

The officers of the school are: Booker T. Washington, principal; Warren Logan, treasurer; John H. Washington, director of industries; J. D. McCall, directress academic department; George W. Carver, director agricultural department; Major J. B. Ramsey, commandant; Mrs. L. L. Kenniebrew, lady principal. The heads of each division of the several departments are competent worthy men and women, who have had every advantage at the foremost academic and technological schools of the country. The whole constitute an aggregation of perhaps one of the best equipped and most thoroughly consecrated bodies of workers in the cause of Negro education in America. The intellectual and social atmosphere of these teachers is remarked by every visitor who tarries a moment at Tuskegee to get an insight into its workings.

THE ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT.

The urgent demand for trained teachers and educated artisans has made Tuskegee essentially a normal as well as an industrial school. Co-related with and designed to assist the other departments of the school in the training of skillful, economical and self-respecting men and women, the academic department finds its usefulness. Throughout the south, the graduates of Tuskegee are at work, and in many instances, in the very darkest sections of the south, have wrought marvelous results in the uplifting of their unfortunate fellows. They easily take rank as leaders wherever they go, and are welcomed by all classes of the citizenship black and white. The academic course is constantly being lengthened and made more useful to the student. The class rooms are commodious, laboratory almost complete, and every apparatus provided to make the instruction most valuable to the student.

THE INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

There are hundreds of schools where colored students can receive literary training, but those in which young men and women can learn trades in addition to their literary training are very few. It is Tuskegee's aim to help, as far as its resources will permit, to supply this great need of industrial training, among the colored youth of the south. In the industrial department it is sought to reach the dignity of labor; to teach students how to work, giving them a trade when thought best, and to enable students to pay a portion of their expenses in labor. Beginning with next year, the twenty-six divisions of the industrial department will be located in the new Trades building, now nearing completion, shown in the background and to the left of the view of the grounds. The plans and specifications of this building were drawn by Mr. R. R. Taylor, in charge of the architectural and mechanical drawing division. It is being built altogether with student labor, as indeed all Tuskegee's buildings are, under the general supervision of the director of industries, and the instructors in carpentry, brickmasonry, painting, etc. In plan, it will be rectangular in shape, with a court in interior. The outside dimensions are 283 feet by 315 feet, the front half being two stories high, the rear one story. It is built of brick, with tin roof, the woodwork being yellow pine. It will be heated with steam and lighted with electricity. In appointment and arrangement, the building will be splendidly suited to the teaching of trades. Already a New York gentleman has given $5,000 for the further equipment of the department. In every way now and better than ever, Tuskegee will be enabled to give the very best opportunities to young men and women. With respect to the later, it can be chronicled that two New York ladies have signified their intention of giving $12,000 for the purpose of erecting an industrial building for the girls, in which all the industries for girls will be placed.

Many students come to Tuskegee without money, but enter the night school; that is, work during the day and spend two hours in study each night for two years, at which time they have earned enough to enable them to enter the day school. In this way they learn a trade and get an education at the same time. Last year more than 500 students took advantage of this opportunity and paid, in labor toward their expenses, $56,000. This means, among other things, the making of 1,000,000 bricks, the cultivation of 700 acres of land, the sawing of 250,000 feet of lumber and dressing of 260,000 feet, work on the large Trades building, Huntington Hall, Science Hall and Hamilton Cottage; the washing of 300,-000 pieces in the laundry, sewing, cooking and mattress-making. The department of repairs has looked after all buildings and their furnishings, and after all vehicles and tools used by the school. In every department much new work has been done, both for the school and country round about. The machine shop and foundry have been especially serviceable. About 75 cows have been milked daily during the year and a fine quality of milk and butter furnished the school. A sample of usefulness in the work of the students is seen in their having laid about 700,000 bricks during the year. Plans are now being perfected with improved machinery to make 2,000,000 bricks next year.

The agricultural department and the state experiment station, located and established by the state legislature of Alabama, at Tuskegee, are under the supervision of the director of the agricultural department, a graduate of the Iowa State Agricultural college, at Ames, Iowa, of which the national secretary of agriculture, Hon. James Wilson, was the president prior to his accepting a place in President McKinley's cabinet. The chief aim of this department is to make the instruction practical, as well as scientific.

From the beginning of this school, special prominence has been given to all forms of work connected with the cultivation of the soil. About 85 per cent of the colored people live in the country. They are farmers and by their labors support not only themselves, but also a large number of white people, who own the rented lands upon which they live. A part of Tuskegee's method of education has been to prepare young men by actual work on the school farm, in raising the food supplies, caring for stock, fruit and all other useful products, to become more intelligent and successful farmers. In 1897 a splendid modern building, costing over $10,-000, was built and equipped for teching both practical and scientific agriculture. At about the same time, the legislature of Alabama passed a law establishing an agricultural experiment station at the school. With these helps, the agricultural department was reorganized, and placed on a much broader plane of usefulness. Under the direction of the head of this department, work is carried on in the laboratory and in the field. The laboratory work is simple, and easily understood by the students. It consists in an analysis of the various soils, for the purpose of learning what elements need to be supplied in order to make them more productive. This enables the farmer to make a proper selection of fertilizers. Fertilizers are tested to find their composition. Feeds are tested to determine those best adapted to fat, to milk, or to muscle, according to the present need. There is also practical anlysis of all dairy products, milk, butter and cheese, and a comprehensive study of our foreign and native forage plants. All of the scientific knowledge is carried daily into the fields ,and into the practical work of the various departments of the farm. Mr. C. W. Greene, who for many years has had charge of the schools' work in practical agriculture, superintends the young men in the actual work of raising the school food supplies and thus the technical knowledge of the laboratory is worked out in the fields and in the products of the dairy, garden and orchard. From 50 to 75 splendid cows supply the milk for the dairy. These cows are used, not only to prove the experiments of the laboratory, but also as an actual work in carrying on a dairy to meet the needs of teachers and students in milk and butter. The Tuskegee butter has been called by most competent judges, excellent, both in appearance and quality.

The orchard and market garden are also used for practical results. Budding, grafting, trimming, the care of plants and trees, are taught, always with a view of a supply of fruit and vegetables for the school. The following are some of the practical results that have come from the agricultural department: 1,000 bushels of acorns were bought last fall and fed to hogs, horses and cows. The experiment was most satisfactory. It has been made the subject of a bulletin, which is free to all on application to the school. An experiment in sweet potatoes was made last year. The yield was 266 bushels from an acre. After deducting cost of labor and fertilizers, there was a net profit of $121 from the acre: the price last year being 50 cents per bushel.

This year, from one acre, a bale of cotton has been picked, with some still unpicked. This is the acre on which the potatoes were planted last year and has had no fertilizer this year. Before the fertilizer was applied, the land was not equal to the average land of Macon county. This looks as if, by proper cultivation, cotton might be raised at a profit, even at 4½ cents per pound.

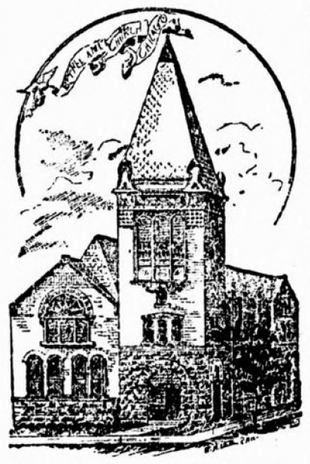
A plat of 5½ acres brought $300 worth of onions. A portion of this ground was later planted in squash, cantaloupe, kershaws and peas, yielding $130, making $430 from 5½ acres.

A plat of 4 acres gave $423 worth of cabbage, corn and asparagus, turnips and hay.

Experiments have been made during the year with the soja and velvet beans, with six standard varieties of strawberries, 15 varieties of grapes, crimson clover and broom corn. The result of some of these experiments will be published in bulletins for the benefit of the public.

THE RELIGIOUS WORK OF THE SCHOOL.

The demand for an educated Christian ministry is constantly growing throughout the country. To meet this need a generous New York lady has erected at Tuskegee, a building known as the Phelps Hall Bible Training School, containing a chapel, library, reading room, office, 3 recitation rooms and 400 sleeping rooms. Each room is comfortably furnished. The teaching is wholly undenominational and is free. In the rapid growth along academic and industrial lines, the spiritual side of the school has not been neglected. For ten or twelve years there has been a regularly appointed chaplain to look after the religious interests of the school. A Sunday School, a regular preaching service, a large and enthusiastic Christian Endeavor society, a Young Mens' Christian Association, besides a missionary society, a Young Women's Christian Temperance Union, a Humane Society, etc., makes Tuskegee a real fountain of Christianity, under the influence of which so many young men and women have been brought to Christ and have been influenced to nobler living and more determined striving after the highest ideals. Last year more than 150 students were converted during the week of prayer and the week succeeding.



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Then the bold blue eye grew tender, and the old harsh face grew mild
As he stooped between the jerring ranks, and kissed the Negro's child"

JOHN G. WHITTIER.

The above cut was loaned to us through the courtesy of our venerable and beloved fellow townsman, Isaac Brandt, who was a bosom friend of John Brown and aided him in every way possible. Mr. Brandt is a true friend of the Negro race



Major Taylor, the Champion Bicycle Rider of the World, having recently received the decision from the Judges of the L. A. W. Association as winning the first place, and thus lowering the world record for fiast riding.

RAM'S HORNS.

Growth makes the glad Christian.

A half success may be a whole failure.

The place of prayer becomes the bosom of God.

He who falls before Him will be raised beside Him.

The greatest motive forces are the ones that cannot be moved.

To jump down a man's throat is a poor way to get to his heart.

If our hands would touch humanity, our hearts must touch Heaven.

God may deny you many toys, but He will certainly give you the kingdom.

There was more dancing over the golden calf than over two tables of stone.

Rev. P. W. Jones of Centerville was here over Sunday and preached at the Third Baptist church both morning and evening.

The Sunday School of the Third Baptist church will have their Christmas tree Monday evening the 25th

The Ladies Sewing Circle of the Third Baptist church will give a musical entertainment and Cantata at the Band hall on Second and Brady Tuesday evening the 26th., they have secured the best talent in the city and a grand success is promised. The admission is ten cents, supper ten cents.

The Executive Board of the Iowa Baptist Association, adjourned its quarterly meeting at Centerville and J. T. Mabry, pastor of the Third Baptist church has been notified that they would meet here with the Third Baptist church March 1900

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Lommie of this city to Miss Hannan of Rock Island, Ill. Our own girls seems to be in great demand here of late. Keep the good work going.

The ladies sewing circle met at Mrs. Hall's last Saturday.

Stop borrowing papers, but subscribe for the Bystander yourself.

Mrs. will entertaine her friends Christmas morning at her home Harrison street.

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Mr. A. Birney who has been quite sick is improving now.

Get your winter coal at 1007 Center street. Iowa 'Phone 255.

Those who have New Year's or Christmas cards to print, give the Bystander a call.

Miss Della Richardson, who has been very sick for the past few weeks is still quite sick at her home.

Mrs. C. S. Duff, left Thusday evening for Ottumwa to spend the holidays with her relatives and friends.

Miss Isabella Watkins of Mexico, Mo., will arrive in our city this week, the guest of Mesdames Harrison and Wells on 2nd street.

The Christian Endeavor's subject for Sunday is "Our Royal Brother" founded in Hebrew, First Chapter 1st to the 9th; Third Chapter six verse. It is a Christmas meeting, everybody invited at 6;30 P. M.

Mr. H. J. Pierce left this week for Omaha where he will enter the employment of the U. P. Rail-road. He may make Omaha his headquarters.

The Entepris Investment Company, is financial venture operated exclusesively by colored people. It should be commended and encouraged by taking stock. see Add elsewhere.

Mr. S. Thomas left Tuesday evening for several weeks visit to her old home in Charlettsville, Va. from there she will go to Washington, D. C. to spend the winter.

Invitations are out announcing a reception to be given at Mr. and Mrs. Gus Comley December 27th, from 2 to 6 P. M.

Extra copies of our Holidys Number can be had from any of our agents or by sending to this office.

Dr. Peterson's sermon last Sunday to the young men was very interesting. his subject next Sunday evening is The Result of Unrighteous Sport" all are cordially invited.

Attorney Geo. H. Woodson of Muchakinock was a capital City guest this week. He is the first colored Gear man, we have met.

The Ladies Sewing Circle Rally at the First African Baptist church Sunday Dec. 24th, Praise Service at 11:00 A. M. at 3:00 P, M. special to Women, this service will be preceeded by a short praise meeting, at 8:00 P. M. "A Christmas Thought" will be the subject of discourse, special music by choir. All are cordially invited to attend all these services and assist the ladies in their rally.

The members of the A. M. E. church, will hold a four night Bazaar, begining Tuesday evening Dec., 26th on west Fourth street between Walnut and Locust streets in the large store room in Redhead block, as all the members of this church are interested in this Bazaar, it promise to be the largest event of the holidays, a good program for each evening.

The Ladies and Gentlemen Sunday Club, was fairly well attended last Sunday, the address by Dr. Peterson was quite brief. The paper by C. B. Woods on the life of Robert Smalls was very interesting, next Sunday Mrs G. H. Cleggett will address the society recitation by J. C. Williams; Solo, Mrs. J. Frank Blagburn; Paper. Professor Leo; I. Holt; President, J. C. Williams.

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Summary of Mileage of the Chicago & North-Western Railway System.

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F. E. & M. V. R. R. and S. C. & P. R. R	1,407.95
Total mileage of the North-Western system.....	8,273.02

In the case of Myra Harding against the Metropolitan Life Insrance Company, was tryed in the district court, Mrs. Harding was carrying insurance on each of her four children, this is one of those company that come a round each week or once every four weeks and collect ten cent for each week, week, when her daughter Fannie was taken sick the collector stop coming around to collect. there is a clause in these policy which says that the policy holder must go to the office and pay if they would keep their polcies alive notwithstanding the agent may agree to call for the money, the law says that a verbal contract with the agent will not change the contract in the policy. So Mrs. Harding looses her insurance by relying on the statement of the agent it was a hard blow on her as she is a widow with four small children.

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COLORED MUSICIANS OF IOWA ATTENTION!

An effort is now on foot to bring together in one Grand State Assemblage all of the most talented and artistic colored vocalists and instrumentalists of the state of Iowa. This proposed affair will be for the benefit of the new Auditorium, situated in the city of Des Moines, being the most capacious as well as the most convenient convention and entertainment hall in the state, and one of the most commodious in the west, it should be regarded with much pride by all Iowans as a great credit to their state. Besides assisting in such a truly praiseworthy undertaking, these entertainments will also bring together the best colored talent of Iowa and will quite convincingly demonstrate to the public the quality, the amount and extent of the development of such talent, thereby affording the colored artist a recognition among the musicians of thestate, which heretofore he has not enjoyed. Of course, only the best and most artistic are expected to apply for place on the program of these entertainments which will be held in the new Auditorium and shall probably continue for three or four afternoons and evenings. Each applicant must send press notices or "bona fide" recommendations from recognized professor of music, or both. All applications must be filed on or before January 1900. The round trip railroad fare and hotel expenses while in Des Moines will be furnished each participant. This enterprise will be conducted by some of the leading business men of this city and of the state and bids fare to be the grandest event in the history of the talented colored men and women of the state of Iowa. For further particulars address B. H. B., care of IOWA STATE BYSTANDER,

THE BYSTANDER.

This issue of the Bystander will either be criticed or complimented perhaps more than any prior issue since its beginning, whatever may be your deas, we can say that we endeavor under existing conditions to give the reading public a clean healthy wholesome and interesting matter pertaining to the public in general and our race in particular. we try not to be unbias or unselfish, guided by no clique or class, but to simply and plainly tell the news and print that which in our feeble judgment will be of interest and appreciated by the general public and to this end we ask your hearty co-operation.

We are sometimes ashamed and often embarrassed to meet or see some of our people, especially upon the streets and public highways, not because they are colored, but because of their action noise, untidyness and boistrous again we must emphasize that is we will ever make the race we hope for, to be respected and considered like, other races, we must respect ourselves, stop this foolishness and fun making, get down to solid business, learn some trade attend to your own business, stop gossiping go to work and get wealth and knowledge.

The Senatorial Question

The contest for United State Senator to succeed Hon John H. Geaf is becoming quite a lively little contest. Thus for only two candidates are in the field with but slight possibility for any other man to enter even though some would like to enter. Hon. John H. Gear of Burlington and Hon. Albert B. Cummins of Des Moines. A few months ago it looked as though Senator Gear would become his own successor, but since the nominations and election nevelopments show that Mr. Cummins is likely to become his successor. One thing at least has recently developed that the masses of common people throught the State are for the Des Moines man. Mr. Cummins incorporate some of the best qualities and will if elected make the best represeative and one of the most eloqnent statesmen ever sent from the West to the upper-house of Congress. He was born of poor parentage and by his own energy honesty and ability has worked up degree by degree until to-day is perhaps the best all round lawyer in Iowa. His candidacy is not pushed by federal office holder post-masters, or organized capital, but by the free independont young republicans of Iowa who ought to at least be permitted to say who they want to represent them in the Senate.

Senator Tillman, condems the use of money in the Northern election. He no doubt thinks that the shot gun method which is in use in his State and several of the other Southern States is much cheaper and more effective way of controling election,

How shall the young people of our race be employed, is the one great question which is puzzling the brains of the leading men and women, more and as the years comes and go. This question does not only concern those with an education but there is a great army of honest men and women who really desire some profitable employment. The idlers are the dangerous classes that any community or a race will have to contend with. We are satisfied that when we as a race learn to help each other in a business way, this alone will do much in helping to solve this question.

This world is not a play ground in which men and women dance and to play in all the time. If it would be proper for us to spend our time at the Theater, or at the ball and such places. This world is a school room in which we should prepare ourselves for the greatest possible good, although it may be through tears, through toil and through proverty, if we properly appreciate the use that we are to make of our lives what we should, we will never consider this world as a play ground.

Remember that every star in the heavens is essential for a perfect universal, every brick in the great building is essential for a perfect wall,, every thread in the garment is essential for it durability, and every perfect and upright life is essential in building up our race.

The family of post master Baker who was mudered in South Carolina, by those bruites who has more prejudice than brains, because he had been appointed post.master, now lives in a nice ten room house in Chelsea, Mass., which cost $1,250 given them by kind friends. The good friends of this family are now raising money to furnish their house, Mr. Wm. Loyd Garrison, is the leader in this good work.

We understand that Commodore Booth Tucker, of the Salvatihn amy is going South with the view of interesting the colored people of all the larger cities, in his religous work, and if he is successful, he intends to employed many of those will join him in this work, and to assist in carrying this religion in every part of the South, we wish him success in his new field, and he will also find much in his line of work that should be done among those who are lynching and burning Negroes without a court or jury.

The Sunday School Christmas Programme, Monday evening Dec. 25th at 7:30 P. M. Music, Organ Solo Sunday School Organist Sophia Bass; Recitation, Ethel Stewart; Singing, Sunday School classes led by Mrs. J. H. Shepard; Reading Mrs. Viola Perguson; Address, Pastor Why We celebrate Christmas; Singing Sunday School led by Mrs. J. H. Rhepard Recitation, Ethel Haworth; Letter from Santa Clause by Superintendent Shepard; A Pantomine, The children assisted by Mr. A. J. Vaughn and Mrs. H. B. Lewis Recitation, Irwin Clark; Reading, Mrs. Luella Wilburn; Music. The Church Across the Way; Appearance of Santa Clause, for distribution of presents. assisted by committees; Singing by audiecce Praise God from whom all blessings Flow.

J. FRANK BLAGBURN
Committee on Programme

CHRISTMAS.

Before another issue of The Bystander Christmas will have come and gone forever, never again to be enjoyed in this century. But as we think to men to deepen with each passing year. Since we last stood at this our annual and customary festival last year our planet has carried the human race around the sun 500 millions of miles, and each December ask the sun to look down upon a greater and better human race, larger cities, greater achievements, better homes and richer fields. Must the human race stand still? The scenes of barbarism, lynchings and oppression must give way to scenes of friendship, enlightenment and reason. Perusasion, liberty and justice are a higher art than prejudice, jealousy and ignorance. Yet some of the American people, especially in the southern section of the United States, we are sorry to say, have not risen to that higher conception of universal brotherhood and due respect for all; but we hope when they meet around their festival table this Christmas that they may reflect and think and make a change for the better, so that the whole American family may pass from the old to the new century with our newly acquired island brothers and march onward and upward, that we may rejoice more and be merry each Christmas. May sunshine and plenty bless us all, and each, the poor and the rich, shall be happy.

CHARACTER.

"Character," says some one, "is a distinctive mark—a letter, a sign or qualities which distinguishes one person from another." Good qualities or reputation forms one's character. The world judges your past history and predicts your future. It is an axiom that a good name is rather to be desired than great riches; yea, than silver and gold. Therefore, how essential is it for each of us as individuals and as a race to have a good character, for it shines brighter and more resplendent as we grow older. It is a jewel more precious than diamonds. It is you character more than any other one thing that individuals are judged by. Indeed, it is a pure, honest and unspotted character in a man or a woman that makes them a true and influential citizen among other people. Our race should look to character-building. We sometimes forget to watch our actions, our words, our lives, until we have done something to bring shame on you, and a blot on your character, that even time cannot efface; and more especially is this done by our young people, without reflecting, and who afterward become ashamed of their past lives.

SOME GREAT MEN THE RACE HAS PRODUCED

It is an inevitable truth that all races and nations will honor the achievements of their country or race. So it is with individuals. You will see them eulogize, praise, write histories, carve them in marble, write them in poetry and sing of them in song. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: "Men hear gladly of the power of blood or race. Everybody likes to know that his advantages cannot be attributed to air, soil, sea, or to local wealth, nor to laws and traditions, as it makes the praise more personal to him." The cause of the rise and fall or variation of races is scarcely better understood than why one tree in the forest will live, grow strong and waxes old in magnificence while another dwindles, remains long, feebly, and then dies miserably. Each remains a problem not yet satisfactorily explained. But the African race has produced some great men in the cycle of time when we look back through the long ages of history that we admire and appreciate the same as any other race would. Beginning with Caanan's ancestors and the mighty Nimrod, who first built up Egypt and those mighty cities, then coming down to Carthage, there we see Hamilcar and Hannibal, that great African general, who by his military tactics and skillful maneuvers, defeated Julius Ceasar and conquered the then known world. So great was his skill that Cesar and Charlemagne, Napoleon and Washington, Grant and Lee copied his military tactics. Then there was Toussaint l'Ouverture of Hayti, that soldier hero and statesman, who arose from slavery, and took his undisciplined slaves, defeated the Englishmen, drove the French army from the island, freed his own people and established a republic which stands today, and recently the brilliant military achievements by the late General Anotine Maceo, who is today beloved by all nations, except, perhaps, Spain. The heroic deeds of bravery of Robert Smalls in the civil war, Peter Salem and Crispus Attucks, who was the first to shed his blood in the revolutionary war to appease the British wrath. Then Richard Bennacker, who published the first American almanac computing the time. We admire Ira Aldridge, the tragedian. Then listen to Blind Tom and Boone, the musical wonders, receiving the applause of the world; also Miss Mamie Siseratta Jones (Black Patti) and Flora Batson, wonderful singers, where, at the opera houses every night, thousands go to hear them. Then Paul Lawrence Dunbar's poems are eagerly sought after and read by scholars and educators.; Judge D. Augustus Straker, whose law book has been adopted in the Michigan courts; Prof. Scarborough's Greek grammar is used in Yale college. Then, again, we deem it a supreme pleasure to recall to memory the late Hon. Frederick Douglass, ex-Senator Blanche K. Bruce, ex-Congressman John R. Lynch and Prof. John M. Langston, whose names are household words in every American home, and also ex-Governor Pinchback of Louisiana. And today but few Americans are more sought after than Prof. Booker T. Washington of Alabama, who, by his industrial education, has revolutionized college training. Then, in the pugilistic arena we see George Dixon, the champion feather weight pugilist of the world, who can boast of fighting over 2,000 times and was never whipped. Peter Jackson's name will live in the pugilistic world. In the bicycle world Major Taylor is known everywhere as the fastest wheel rider in the world today. Last, and better than all, is Don Juan Knight, the money king and financial power of Guatemala, Central America, worth over $10 000,000.

There are many others we could name who are well known outside of their own country, but space forbids. Now with the success that those whom we have mentioned and with such promising young men in college as H. O. Tanner, son of Bishop Tanner, the artist studying in France; Lewis Douglass, grandson of Fred Douglass, studying violin music in Italy, and Roscoe C. Bruce, the son of the late United States Senator Blanche K. Bruce, at the head of his class in Harvard, who recently represented his college in the great Harvard-Princeton debate, it is but right that we should feel proud of the progress and success of our great men. We should place their pictures upon our walls with enthusiasm and pride.

FIVE GREAT NEEDS OF THE RACE.

There are many things needed that are esesntial to the development of the negro race and some things that all races need; but today the five things most needed for our race are: Wealth, family training, the church, the state and the school. We must be taught the sacred character and educational value of the family and the higher and refined ideals of home life. Of wealth we must learn to be industrious, economical, and frugality. It is so of the church—we must learn its theory of life, its view of the world and of the destiny of man. In like manner we must be taught the science of government and to take our rightful part in the responsibilities and the privileges of the state and in the making of laws. And last is the school, around which is centered, and from which is emanated, the greatest power which moves the world, for without education man is a mere animal, just above the beast. It is education that builds up good character. Loftier ideas ennoble the soul and broadens the mind. It is education which organizes civil society and stands for purity, honesty and morality: and without the proper instruction in those five needs of the race we can never hope to lead the race upward to that high degree of civilization that we optimists may hope for.

HISTORY OF THE NEGRO.

In this time of rapid development of the American Negro, under very embarrassing environments, leads the thoughtful reader of other races to ask about the origin of the Negro, his ancient history, if he has any, and what influence did he exert during these ages. Some biased writers have endeavored to assign the Negro race to a separate creation, thereby denying its kindred with Adam and Eve. But the history of past records proves the Negro as ancient as the most ancient races. Five thousand years ago mention is made of the Negro race. "The pyramids of Egypt" and "the temples on the Nile" were built by Negroes or people closely related to them. All the science and learning of ancient Greece and Rome was probably once in the hands of the ancestors of the American slaves. History traced from the flood makes the three sons of Noah—Ham, Shem and Japheth—the progenitors of the three primitive races of the earth: The Mongolian, a descendant of Shem, who settled in Asia; the Caucasion descendant of Japheth, who settled in Europe; the Ethiopian, a descendant of Ham, who settled in Africa and adjacent countries. From Ham undoubtedly sprung the Egyptians, who in honor of Ham named their principal god Hammon or Ammon. Ham was the father of Canaan, from whom descended the powerful Canaanites, whose ancestors had built up Egypt. Phoenicia, the mother of the alphabet, and also Ninevah and Babylon, the most wonderful ancient cities, they also enslaved the Jews, both in Egypt and Babylon. Cush, the oldest son of Ham, was the father of Nimrod, "the mighty one of the earth" and founder of the Babylonian empire. It was Nimrod's son who built the beautiful city of Ninevah in the picturesque valley of the Tigris. Then, again, the African race was once a great people is shown by their natural love for fine arts and poetic nature; and the national airs sung long ago by exploring parties in Central Africa are still held by them, and strikes the ears of the modern traveler with much joy and surprise. Then, again, the Buddhist, Asia's chief delty, is represented as black, with egro features and hair. We might cite you two other statues that stand today, one at Ceylon and the other at Calanse. Many other evidences and facts could be mentioned, but space forbids at this time.

Among Our Agents and Correspondents.

For nearly three years that the Bystander has been under our charge. We have received news from our correspondents, whose help is invaluable, and we appreciate their letters; yet we have never before mentioned them for knowing, as we do, they form a part of the Bystander family of newsgatherers all over Iowa and other states, we thought a mention of them in this issue would be appropriate. Remember, we will only mention those who represent us now. The first, and the one who has been corresponding the longest, is Miss May Davis, that brilliant young Christian lady of Albia, Iowa, who was born and educated at Albia. After finishing the common school she entered the Albia high school, from which she graduated in the class of '98. She has been elected Sunday School superintendent, and several times a delegate to the state Sunday School convention; has corresponded for the Avalanche, Solicitor. Her letters to the Bystander are noted for briefness, conciseness, and punctuality in reaching our office on time.

Mrs. George H. Wade of Cedar Rapids holds the quill for that beautiful city. She has been a very faithful worker. First attended school at Le Mayne institute in Memphis, Tenn. Later she graduated from the St. Paul, Minn., high school, after which she spent two years in the college preparatory class at the Wilberforce university in Ohio. She is quite young, and she has a bright future.

Miss Eldora Le Ota Green represents Newton, Iowa. Miss Green is a native of Iowa; was educated in the Newton schools, graduating from the Newton high school June 13, 1894. She has traveled a good deal, and is quite conversant with the current news, which makes her items interesting. She has taken several prizes at the state fair for artistic needlework.

Mr. Eliah A. London, a young and successful business man, has full charge of the Bystander's interests at Muchikanock. He was born in Virginia and moved to Iowa with his parents about sixteen years ago, settling in Mahaska county. He is employed by the W. A. Wells Company's store as a clerk where he has been working for more than eight years. He is an energetic, good business man and a good clerk.

From extreme northwestern Iowa, Sioux City notes are furnished by Miss Josephine Proteau, who was born at Bayou Hills, Dakota. She was the third colored child born in Dakota, her other two sisters being the first. Her parentage is of colored and French extraction. Her parents soon moved to Yankton, where Miss Josephine was educated. Being the only colored family there, the children received special respect. She is quite an artist, and does all kinds of fancy work. She is quite a society leader and young church worker. Was secretary of the Y. P. S. C. E. and King's Daughters of the A. M. E. church. She is now taking a course of bookkeeping, shorthand and stenographic work in the Metropolitan bussiness college at Sioux City.

The Clinton News is reported by Mr. Albert A. Bush, who now has charge of the Wapsepinicon club and is also collector for the club. He was born in Xenia, O., 34 years ago last July, but came with his parents to Clinton, Ia., in 1870, where his parents lived ever since, receiving his education in the public schools at the age of 17 years. He took up the study of photographic art, entered the employ of Santee & Temple. He advanced very rapidly and has the trade well learned. He is quite an active church worker, holding nearly every office in the church. He was elected as an alternate lay delegate to represent Iowa in the general conference next year at Columbus, Ohio. He is township clerk of Clinton, being elected the third time. He has a bright future before him. Mr. H. C. Walker on the banks of the Missouri in Council Bluffs, reports the Bluffs news. He was born in Boone county, Missouri, April 6, 1869. In 1870 he was taken with his parents to Topeka, Kan., where he attended school. In 1890 young Walker came to Council Bluffs, where he married Miss Payne in 1892, and has taken up hotel life. He is quite a church worker; was Sunday school superintendent of the Baptist church for two years; also deacon and trustee and various other offices.

Miss Gertrude J. Ervin tells the happenings from Chariton. She was born in Stanton, Va., Dec. 18, 1880. In 1882 her parents came to Lucas county, Iowa, where Miss Ervin attended the common school. Later she entered the high school, where she graduated in the class of '98. She has a talent for elocution and music, and is yet progressing nicely.

From Mt. Pleasant we read the happenings as reported by Miss Louise Atwood Mason, the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mason. She was born in Mt. Pleasant, where she attended the common schools. Next she entered the high school, from which she graduated in June, 1886. Immediately she entered the Iowa Wesleyan university, where she graduated from a classic course, receiving the degree of B. A. In 1894 she went to Missouri, where she taught school for three years. She is very intelligent; has a bright literary mind and a willing worker in the church and society, and several times a Sunday school delegate.

The Boone doings are sent here by young Fred A. Anthony, a clerk in the Webb & Tucker grocery store. He is a Hawkeyeian; born and raised in Boone county, where he graduated from the high school in the class of '97; then he was soon employed in the store as a delivery boy; has been promoted up to a clerk. Fred is a steady and reliable young man, with a bright future before him.

The Gate City items are written by Miss Sadie A. Benthan, on the banks of the Mississippi. She was born and raised in Keokuk; graduating from the Keokuk high school in the class of 1893, receiving first honors. In the fall of 1893 she accepted a school in Shelby county, Missouri, teaching two terms. Then she taught two terms at Kehoka, Mo. In 1897 she entered the Keokuk Business college, taking shorthand, stenography and bookkeeping, where she graduated in 1898. Her name stands first on the eligible list for a clerical position in the postoffice, having obtained the highest percentage of any candidate. She is a church worker, loved by all who know her; a delegate to many Sunday school conventions, and her papers are listened to with marked attention. She is a high type of a model young lady.

Marshalltown is represented on our staff by Mr. I. L. Brown, whose biography appears under his cut.

Miss Florence Altena White furnishes the Muscatine sayings. She was born in Muscatine October 18, 1881, and has gone through the common school and will graduate from the high school in the class of 1900, being the only colored girl in the class of thirty. She is quite a musician. At the age of 15 years she composed two waltzes and since then she has written several pieces of waltzes, marches, etc., which can be played on piano or organ.

Our Evans, Iowa, agent is Miss Maud Steel, who was born in Virginia in 1883; came to Iowa in 1884, and settled in Evans, where she has remained ever since, attending school there now. Maud is quite young, and will, we hope, make a success.

The news of Knoxville is written by Miss Hallie Q. Byrd, who was born in Clarksville, Mo., August 15, 1882. She came to Iowa with her parents, settling in Knoxville, where Miss Byrd attended the school. She is now attending the Macon City, Mo., college.

Davenport, which forms the Iowa side of the Tri- City on the Mississippi. The news is written by Mr. J. T. Mabry, who first saw the light in Barnesville, Ga., August 15, 1876. His father died when he was quite young. Then his mother with the children moved to Alabama, where young Mabry was placed in the Congregational school; later under an M. E. church school and lastly he attended a Baptist seminary for three years. He then went with his brother to Birmingham, where he clerked in a restaurant a while. He then learned the iron graders' trade. In 1893, after wages got so low in the south he came north and was selected as foreman of a concrete gang in Ohio. Later he came to Illinois and worked in the mines. He soon located in Davenport and is now superintendent and clerk of the Baptist Sunday school. He is an ambitious young man and one of the best agents the Bystander has.

Oskaloosa, sometimes known as the Quaker town, is now represented by Miss Christina Gant, who was born on August 6, 1882, in Oskaloosa. She moved with her parents to Omaha and when she was 4 years old her father died. In 1894 her mother died, and she was left an orphan girl. She came back to Oskaloosa to live with her aunt, Mrs. Jones. She is now in the Oskaloosa high school.

The city items of Dubuque is chronicled by Miss Blanch Rober who was born in Dubuque in May, 1883, after finishing the common school she entered the High School where she is now, she was Sunday School Delegate and is Secretary of the A. M. E. church. Miss Blanch's friends expects much of her.

Miss Maggie Mason a charming young lady represents the Bystander in Iowa City, where she attended the public schools and graduated from the High School, She is an enthusiastic christian worker. very influential in church and Sunday School worker and several times a delegate to the State Sunday School Convention.

Miss Blanch May Bell furnish the Ottumwa news. Miss Bell is a graduate from the Ottumwa High School in the class of '98. She is a good Sunday School worker. was a delegate to the Sunday School Convention and is well liked by all who know her.

There are many others who write letters occasionally to the Bystander, whom we have no mention.

We want you to subscribe for the IOWA STATE BYSTANDER.



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.



A view of company M of the 7th Immuens on their return from the South, as shown from the State House steps, after a reception tendered them by the citizens.



A. H. ROBERTS, ESQ., a prominent lawyer and able orator who was recently elected president of the Sunday Men's Club, of Chicago, Ill.

$2.75 BOX RAIN COAT

A REGULAR $5.00 WATER-PROOF MACKINTOSH for $2.75
SEND NO MONEY. Cut this ad. out and send to us, state your height and weight, state number of inches around body at breast, taken over vest under coat, close up under arms, and we will send you this coat by express, C.O.D., subject to examination. Examine and try it on at your nearest express office, and if found exactly as represented and the most wonderful value you ever saw or heard of, and equal to any coat you can buy for $5.00, pay the express agent OUR SPECIAL OFFER PRICE, $2.75, and express charges.
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Listen for the Christmas Sleigh Bells.

If not these bells some other belles may do better (but not any old belle, that will not fill the bill.

Christmas Week.

All week at the Grand Old Store. If any of "oldest inhabitants" do not feel "at home" elsewhere, but sigh for the old familiar haunts of other days, come to us and rest awhile, and we will certainly do all in our power to make you comfortable until the daisies and the buttercups come again.

If the same conditions of weather prevail as did in the winters of 1891 92 when the Harris Emery Co. made their debut in Des Moines; we will be "at home" to you on April 1st, 1900—when hearts are young even in what this sense calls old bodies. Hope revives and promises cheer, even amid the gloamings of this life dream.

Christmas Week-

From Monday forward but little thought will be given to any subject, but the happy and joyous one of making all hearts happy and the older hearts young again.

We know of no other place where this beautiful thought and desire can be carried to its full fruition but at the Harris-Emery Co.

Would remind our friends and other old patrons that notwithstanding our present congested quarters that whatever we have to offer will be as cheap as any place in this city. If in the whirligig of competition some one may mark his goods below their value for effect—if our friends will kindly inform us they will always obtain goods of us that will meet any and all competition. This we always have done. Not only have we led in low prices (for we believe in them) but we also say that we want to trade with you, and there is no price that can or will be made that will not be met by the Harris Emery Co. promptly and effectually.

Therefore every facility will be offered by the Harris-Emery Co. in the arrangement of their store, and their goods, with plenty of help—to handle the trade and prompt delivery of goods up to 5:30 Christmas eve by wagon, and after that up to 10;30 by special delivery, and if anything should go wrong, telephone No. 3, or 1235 any time before 10 a. m. Christmas morning. This is only a safeguard—as mistakes have always been known to occur in the best regulated families, especially in our mercantile family as now constituted.

To detail for you some of the good things for Christmas week we offer

A Table of Dress Goods 49c.

Every yard worth 75c to 89c and all new stylish goods. Will cut them in lengths just as you want them, at the low prices of 49 cents.

Dress Patterns

and skirt lengths in blacks and colors, silk and wool and all wool fabrics at half price or less. As an illustration, goods that sold at $10.00 a pattern will be offered at $4 95. Another table of high class colored dress goods worth $1 25 up to $2.00, Christmas price 89c.

Another Attractive Table.

containing advance ideas as to styles and colorings in French flannel, challies, embroidered henriettas for both fancy waists and house gowns from 59 cents up to $1.25 per yard—the finest thing made.

(Open every evening Christmas week until 9 o'clock.)

Young Men.

Would you like to send to mother or sister a good substantial Christmas gift? Can buy for Mother one of our guaranteed Cloths in staple styles of the celebrated Priestly Black Fabrics—departure for wearing goods ever made. list of cr... turing ind... sister one of our grand times in ...rs of black silk or ...in of the H. E. Co. guaranteed Brand—or of the C. J. Bonnet & Co. Celebrated Black Silk—all of which are warranted not to crock, slip or crack and will agree to make good any claim made within six months (even if in hard service). Drop in and see what we can do in either of these lines.

Guaranteed silks at 89c, $1.00 $1.25, $1.50, $2.00, $2.25 and $2.50. Fanco silk waist lengths just as good. A grand array of styles at 87c—$1.00 up to $2 00, in both plain and fancy styles.

Evening costumes—to be made from rich brocades up to $2.50 per yard or in the modest Crepe de Chenes and satin crepes in the new Pastel shades, $1 00 per yard

Get ready for the grand Charity Ball that is now slated for a January, 1900, event. All merchants can be reached in a tender spot when you talk of these great social events.

Before we leave the first floor we must call attention to the great array of Christmas Goods that are plainly in sight at and about the front door great values will be offered in Men's Furnishings.

Ladies' handkerchiefs, neckwear, men's and ladies' umbrellas, some elegantly mounted handles—large assortment of jewelled hair goods and toilet articles of all kinds, and last but not least, our 'Toy Land' in basement—entrance, just to the right at the front doors—you will find many things that are warm in the hearts of our boys and girls.

Back by the Elevator.

Mr. Jack Wohlenberg holds the fort and is selling lots of fancy linens and table pieces, and if you have only a few minutes to devote to our Jack, just stop a minute and hear what he has to say about things, any way.

He will Tell You

of a 72-inch bleached double satin damask he'll sell at 85c, and a 3 4 napkin of equal value, worth $3 25—Christmas price $2 45.

Or those of heavy knotted fringe imported Marseilles spreads—Christmas price $1.89 and $2 50. And a lot of $1 00 spachtel pillow shams Christmas at 69c. And a full assortment of fancy linen pieces in tray and lunch cloths, table scarfs, any size or shape in plain open work and Roman embroidery.

(Open every evening Christmas week until 9 o'clock.)

Comforts and Blankets

For Christmas presents nothing more useful or better appreciated many married friends, one to another—dainty comforts, tufted and tied, $1.75 to $3.50.

Blankets.

The best that is going, from $4,00 up to $16.50.

Our Carpet Department.

Large additions to stock just at hand—135 rolls of (three quarter) carpets, 30 rolls of (yard wide) ingrains and 20 bales of rugs, all bought before the great advance. All carpets will be 20 to 25 per cent higher (at the mills) after January 1, 1900. Thirty cases of Linoleums and oil cloths. These figures give you only a partial list of the goods received during the past two or three weeks.

Bear in Mind

this entire stock is all new patterns. All our old styles were sold to the fire insurance companies on the morning of October 3d (and they didn't pay full price either).

Monday a Leader.

Oil cloth stove augs, 1½ yards square with zinc binding corners and tacks, for 75c each.

Drapery Department.

Finest line covered pillows—pillow covers and cords at Christmas prices for luck. $4.00 slumber robes for $2.75,

Substantial Christmas Gifts on the Second Floor—Ready to wear garments and small and large furs (the old Younker Building) all of which will be offered on Christmas week to aid out friends in making presents practicable and possible.

Item No. 1—Four different styles of Cloth Jackets in the latest cuts and fine tailor made—Retail price, $12.50, 15,00, 16 50, 17.50—at the very low and popular price of $10.

When you can get such styles and such values as we offer today don't fail to respond to our generous offer.

Item No. 2—To those who do not wish to put $10.00 or $20.00 into a garment—you want style, fit and finish at lower prices—they can buy six different styles of Cloth Jackets that are cheap and have been good sellers at $8.75 and $10. Christmas week paice, $6.95.

Come Monday and take your dividends in jackets that are all new and bright since the fire.

New Tailored Suits Shattered Christmas week.

(At the old Younker Building.)

Nothing old—all bought since the fire.

Item No. 3.—There are 43 of these dresses—ready to be put on. The styles and colors are correct. Jackets lined with silk—You can take no exception to these handsome gowns, sold at $15 00 and $17.50—Slaughtered price Christmas week, $10.00.

Furs for Christmas Week.

Item No. 4—10-inch Electric Seal, Collarettes; 10-inch Electric Seal, edged with imitation Chinchilla—Satin lined—worth $3.50 and $4 50—They are yours Christmas week, $2.95.

Item No. 5—For Scarfs—imitation brown Marten with eight (8) cluster tails, stylish in effect—worth $6.50 to $7.50—Christmas week, $5,00.

Second Floor Offerings.

Not restricted to any one line. This is to entice willing feet and eager buyers to the old familiar haunts of the "Grand Old Store"—made new—(inside).

163 Silk and Velveteed Waists—Nothing offered in this ad of better value, ar more stylish, more dressy, than this splendid collection of ready to put on garments. Jaunty effect, fashionable—worth anywhere $6.75, $7.50 and $8.50 All colors and black—we've t' that's why this price is made—Christmas week, $1.95.

French Flannel Waists—Nothing more desirable for the house or street—nothing that will please the wearer better—$4.50 and $3.50 was the price until Christmas week, $2.95,

Our stock is full in better grades—just as cheap in proportion.

(Open every evening Christmas week until 9 o'clock.)

The Children.

Are in it, too! Christmas week you can buy more for your money in this department than in any other in this town—always could—you can now—and that means today.

Reefers and Jackets—Sizes 2 to 14 years. Everything new—all received since the fire—styles and colors just what you want. You'll find no better about town at $4 00 and $5 00, but here Christmas week, $2 95.

Another Big Lot all bunched together—Cloaks, Reefers, Jackets, Boucle and Kersey cloths, braid and fibre trimming, stylish and effective—sizes 4 to 14 years, worth in other places $6.00 and $7.50—our price Christmas week, $4.50.

Great Bargains Christmas week in high class Underwear. A specially favorable deal gave us a lot of Underwear very cheap We offer the entire line Christmas week—

$1.50 all wool Black Union Suits	$ .98
2.00 all wool Black Union Suits	1.19
2.25 all wool Black Union Suits	1 48
2 75 all wool Black Union Suits	1.98

Black Wool Underwear is very desirable and at these price they are real good values. You can buy "The Jaeger," "The Ypsilanti," "The Portage," all high clas, Underwear as cheap as can be bought anywhere on this continent of us right here in Des Moines, and don't you forget it!

Special drives in Hosiery Christmas week. Fast black fleeced hose—two for 25 cents.

Fleeced lined, full fashioned, spliced heel, double sole—good 35-cent stocking, Christmas week. 25c

Miss Lummis would like to see her friends at the Glove Counter—

Christmas comes apace—acceptable presents here. High class goods can be had of us. Every pair warranted, The latest style in coloring and stitching in Piques at $2.00

Centemri—an old standard—you know them—all colors, at $1.75.

A drive for Christmas week—A $1.00 kid glove for 65c.

Ribbons.

5,000 piece purchase bought cheap—Satin and Gros-Grain Ribbons—all silk, all colors—the biggest snap of the season—you'll want them for all sorts of fancy work, and we'll give you them at half price, just for luck.

Look at the prices—you can buy Nos. 5 and 7 at	4c
You can buy Nos. 9 and 12 at	6c
You can buy Nos. 16 and 22 at	8c

Is that cheap? Guess yes.

Holiday Jewelry.

We are strictly in the lead.

Solid Gold jewel set Rings for $1.00 and 48c,

$2.00 and $1.48 jeweled Pompadour Combs, 98c

Ebony Brushes and Rubber Combs, in sets, with sterling silver mountings—sold everywhere at $2.00 and $2.50, $1.50. Fine Sterling silver mounted, real ebony sets, real value $10.00, our price $7.98.

Fine manicure sets—fine smoking sets, $1.50 up

Dog Collar Belts, tan, mode and black—worth double, 69c.

Leather Purses—High class goods for holiday gifts, at $4.00, $3.00, $2.50—also a good line of $1.00, 50c, 25c, 10c and 5c each. We meet the needs of any pocket book.

Men's Furnishings—a special mention for Christmas week

Gents Mufflers.

The very latest effects in fancies and reversible quilted, at $1,00 each Monday and all the week if they last. Black Satin and silk Mufflers, the $1.00 kind for 75c—a few left at 50c.

Harris-Emery Co.

A Vanderbilt in Black.

New York Press: "Whenever my glance falls upon those sticks," said the importer of rare woods, surveying a pile of mahogany logs carefwullly shedded in his yard, which faces the East river, "I am reminded of their shipper, a man who is sending more mahogany to market just now than any other man in the yorld, and whose history reads like a romance or a page out of the 'Arabian Nights.' His name is Don Juan Knight of Guatemala, and he is virtually the financial ruler of the Central American states. His wealth is estimated popularly at anything from $5,000,000 to $10,000,000. Every cent of this money was earned by this man, and the remarkable part of the whole thing is that Don Juan Knight, which is Spanish for plain John Knight, is a negro, and was born in slavery in Alabama.

"There is no one in all Guatemala who does not know the name of Knight, and all the financial and commercial interests in Central America recognize his power and court his friendship. He is about five feet eleven, weighs perhaps 175 pounds and has so light a complexion that he would be mistaken for a dark Central American, only for his hair. He speaks Spanish and English fluently, is thoroughly conversant with the news of the day, and continues to take great pride in America. His characteristics are energy and force, even to this late day in life, and despite his enormous accumulations, he has scores of schemes for increasing his riches many times over before he retires permanently from the money-making business.

"Don Juan's annual income cannot be less than $500,000 at the present day, and of this he spends more than $150,000, for his is a large family, and the negro loves to live in royal style. Besides, he gives liberally to various charities. His tremendous income is derived from great coffee plantations, immense tracts of mahogany forests, gold mines, an extensive banana plantation, and investments in wharf, boat and banking stocks. But not content with this, Knight is perpetually engineering some great financial project which adds to his capital.

"His handsome residence near Guatemala City is one of the places which visitors come from all parts of the country to see. It is three miles west of the suburbs of the queer, straggling old town, and is a sprawling two-story house, with something like thirty-five large rooms. The rich Central American, I discovered, while on a recent trip to Guatemala, where I met Knight, bankers for the largest rooms it is possible to get into a house. The drawing room of the Knight mansion is about ninety feet square, and the other rooms are in proportion. Costly furniture of rare designs is stowed in the house from top to bottom. The sofas are of mahogany and satin, there are grand pianos and magnificent mirrors galore from Paris, and velvet carpets from New York. The rooms were decorated by a corps of artists from the United States, who were half a year at their work. The dining room represents the expenditure of what many men would consider a fortune. It is finished throughout in polished mahogany and plate glass mirrors; the floor is a mosaic of the rarest hard woods which the replete forests of Central America afford. Such another elaborate floor is not to be found in the New World. The grounds about the mansion, about three acres in extent, are embellished with beautiful and perfect copies in statuary from France and Italy, and an artistic tangle of paths, clumps of shrubbery, beds of brilliant flowering plants, artificial grottoes and singular designs in lawns and vines.

"Out in the mountains Knight has another estate of 5,000 acres, where the coffee flourishes. The entire property is under cultivation, and the finest orchids in the country are there to be seen. There are also acres of roses, lilies in rows half a mile long, fine, winding roads among the coffee, banana and pinapple fields. Buildings for the laborers' families and fruit harvesting and packing houses and coffee curing plants have been erected on this estate at a cost of $150,000. There are seven children in John Knight's family, and all were educated in the nited States. Two of his boys recently completed a course at a military academy in Mississsippi, while one of his daughters is a portrait painter in Boston. Once every two years Knight and his wife take a trip to New Orleans. They have been in Europe two or three times and frequently send their children abroad.

"'Knight, who is proud of his rise from a slave boy to great wealth and commercial power, told me the story of his life, and in some particulars it seems almost beyond belief. He never knew his father, because the latter was sold in a lot of slaves who went to Georgia a few months before John was born. His mother was a mulatto, who became by inheritance the property of a tobacco grower, Daniel Upton, and who lives at Dadeville, Ala. Upton was a scholarly, kindly disposed man, so Knight said, who treated his slaves well, and his wife, who had been a school teacher, believed it was her duty to guide and protect the black people on her husband's plantation. Mrs. Upton had a brother, John S. Knight, after whom she named the little black boy when he was born in an outbuilding one spring day in 1845. The child was unusually bright, and Mrs. Upton discovered that he took an absorbing interest in the instructions given to her children. In the bright weather, when the children and teacher sat on the piazza of the house, John would take up a station near by and listen to all that was said. His apparent zeal for an education appealed to Mrs. Upton, who determined to give the little slave boy sufficient lessons to get him started on the road to independent studies. Eventually Mr. Upton became interested in John's education and helped him along.

"When old enough Knight worked in other slaves, but he had special privileges in the evening, and while the other small blacks did chores around the place he was allowed to read and study. When about 16 years old Knight was the most promising negro in Talapoosa county. Mr. Upton died at that time, and at the exceeutor's sale at the Upton plantation in 1850 Knight was auctioned off to Hannibal M. Judson, of the adjacent county of Chambers, for $1,600, which was rather a stiff price for a negro at that time. But slave boys who read and figured were at a permium. Knight went with his new master to a coffee plantation in Central Alabama. Next spring the war broke out and Mr. Judson entered the confederate army. Knight then was made an overseer of part of the plantation, and for four years superintended the gathering of the cotton and its shipment to New Orleans. When his master returned from the war Knight declared his freedom, and walked to New Orleans, where he secured work as a laborer for a firm which handled fruits from Central America. He saved his money, and one day in June, 1866, he was sent by his employers to Yucatan to superintend the packing and shipping of fruits to New Orleans, for which he received $25 a week.

"From that time dates the fortune of Don Juan Knight. He lived in Yucatan one year, working hard at the time, saved every penny of his money and conceived an ambition to be a fruit shipper on his own account. He learned of the immense tracts of fertile land adapted to fruits south of San Cristobal, Guatemala, and located there. An energetic person was something not only unique, but weird, in those days in that region of siestas and tropical sunshine. A revolution in which Ramon Sanchez was deposed from the presidency was just closing, and Knight realized there was an excellent opportunity to ingratiate himself in the favor of the new administration. He proposed, in return for a concession of 50,000 acres of land suitable for pineapple and banana growing to go to New Orleans and get the wholesale fruit dealers, who controlled the southern markets about thirty years ago, to agree to buy $2,000,000 a year of fruit from Guatemala's plantations. The government accepted his proposition, and within three months Knight had put his deal through. This was the beginning of a trade which eventually became worth several million dollars annually.

"This first success opened Knight's eyes to other possibilities and opportunities. Subsequently he obtained other valuable concessions from the Guatemalan government, when he demonstrated the profit there was in growing fruit for the markets of the United States. The shipping business to New York, New Orleans and San Francisco was tremendously enlarged. by 1887 Knight was the largest employer in Northern Guatemala. White men had often despaired of getting work out of the lazy, improvident and careless natives of the rural districts of the state, but Knight's experience among them stood him in excellent stead.

"Don Juan was rich and something more than thirty years old when he married a young native woman, a marriage which was a great help to his fortunes. About twenty years ago he persuaded capitalists in New York and Boston to embark extensively in coffee growing in Guatemala, and invested at the time $150,000 of his own money. Advantageous concessions were made to him by the government for his successful efforts in bringing capital into the country. For many years coffee growing proved marvelously remunerative, and at one time the annual shipments of the bean from the Knight plantations were the largest from any private estate in Central America.

"Some years ago Knight came here and also visited Philadelphia and Baltimore, where he contracted to furnish so many tens of thousands of feet of mahogany annually for ten years. Then he returned and bought up great tracts of mahogany trees in Nicaragua and Guatemala. At one time, and he may be today for all I know to the contrary, Knight was the second largest dealer in mahogany logs in the world. His was a Midas touch. Everything which fell into his hands resolved itself into gold. He was the bosom friend of President Rufino Barrios, who was killed in battle in April, 1885, in the course of one of those charming little revolutions the natives of Central American states are so fond of getting up when time hangs heavily on their hands. Had Barrios succeeded in uniting the Central American republics then as he contemplated, it would have more than doubled Knight's property and increased his influence in Central America. With Barrios, Knight formed the syndicate which built the first telegraph lines in Guatemala, and he invested his capital and induced American coffee planters down there to construct a railroad connecting the Gulf of Mexico with Guatemala City.

"For years Don Juan Knight has been interested in gold mining and in 1886 the shafts and tunnels which he had been boring for a long time without great success began to develop valuable mines. For more than twelve years the mines which he owns in Northern Guatemala have kept 100 men busy every day in the week and have yielded more gold than any others in Central America, with the exception of two in Honduras and one in Costa Rica. He has invented machinery for crushing the peculiar ore which comes from his mines, and has fairly astonished the natives by his system of tramways, by which he saves one-fourth the labor of hauling ore to the stamps.

"In many ways is the influence of Knight felt in Guatemala. His opinions are sought after and his advice is treasured. He gave liberally to the national hospital, which was founded by Barrios about fifteen years ago, and to his individual efforts entirely is due the raising of the capital for the new railway now stretching across Guatemala. He is as popular as any one from the United States can be in a Central American state.

"Knight has divers peculiarities which might be set down as superstitions. On no account will he allow any one to photograph him, nor will he venture forth by day in anything but a red shirt or a shirt which has some of that brilliant color in its ornamental make-up. No matter what the fabric or what the occasion, there is sure to be a thread of red in the garment, and he has shirts of all degrees of redness. It is said by those who are particularly intimate with Knight that years ago, when he was a poor, ragged 'coon' in New Orleans, he was told one day by an old negress that red was his lucky color, and upon putting it to the test he became convinced that red was all the old woman said it was. Knight is fond of music, and frequently has an immense orchestra at his home. But he will never allow the flute to be played in his presence. He will not pay a bill on the 13th of the month, nor will he undertake any financial transaction on Friday. He will never permit any light at night in his magnificent sleeping apartment or in his private office, except that supplied by a common, flickering tallow candle."



Dr, Ransom is one of the most eloquent divines in the A. M. E. Connection. He leads the Iowa District Conference next year and is the foremost candidate for Editor of the Christian Recorder.

SIOUX CITY ITEMS.

Merry Christmas from Sioux City.

Miss H. V. Davis gave one of her readings at the church on the evening of the 7th to a large and appreciative audiance after which a grand banquet was given by the young men of the city.

Mr. Emery Smith of Yankton S. D. is a guest at the home of Mr. F. Baker. Mr. Smith will locate here if he can find work.

Mrs Jas. Washington has been quite sick but is much better at this writing, the others who have been on the sick list are Mrs. Harrison, Allen Williams and Mr. A. Morgan's little children.

Sioux City has a colored band which was organized by Prof. Owens, we wish them success.

The Ladies Sewing Circle will give a one night bazare on the 29th.

Rev. Clark is holding a two weeks religious services preparetory to his revivals which he expects to start after the holidays.

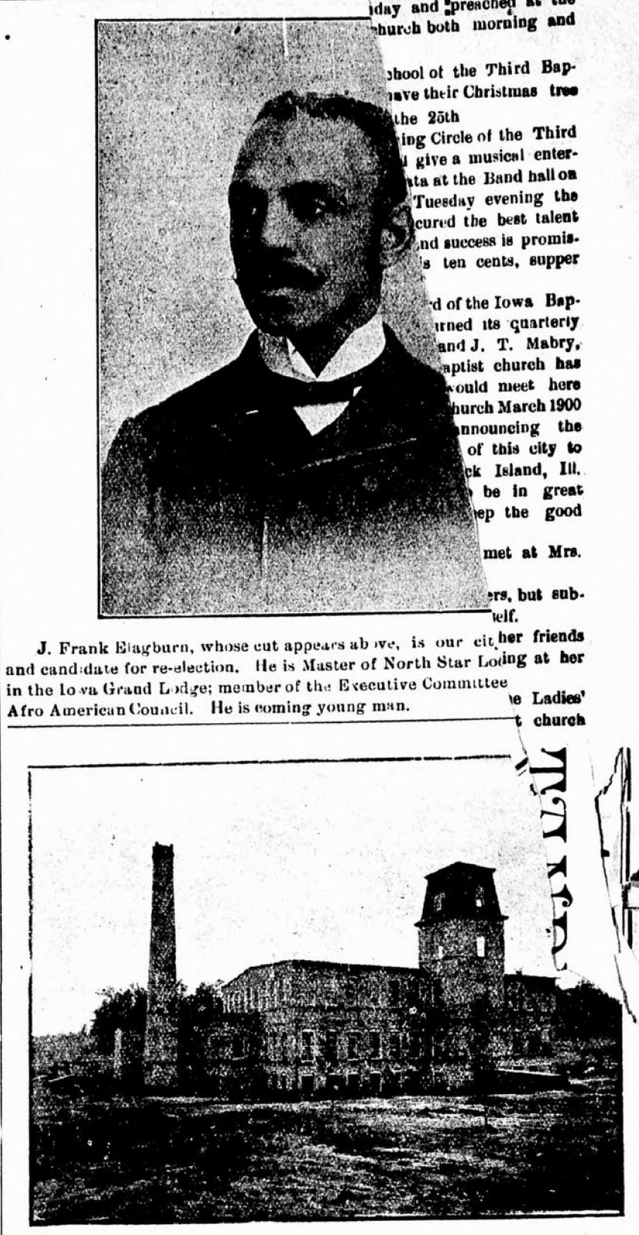
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Reports from the university of Minnesota indicate that its total number of students will this year reach, or even pass, 3,000.

Two hundred and fifty-nine university of Michigan men were in service, either at the front or in camp, during the recent Spanish war.

The Presbyterians of Tennessee are striving to establish a college at Memphis to be known as the Cumberland Presbyterian university.

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Ge (aged 5)—Our family is awfully exclusive. Is yours?

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PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION

That Mysterious Major...

...BY...

ETHEL A. SOUTHAM

CHAPTER IV.—(Continued.)

But all thoughts of a stroll in the town had entirely forsaken him now. He also, like Miss Luttrell, had suddenly been seized with a longing for a quiet afternoon under the trees, in his case to pursue an interesting debate in the Times; and, with this idea in view, he immediately turned away from the window, caught up the first paper which came to his hand, and went out into the hall. Yet five minutes later, as he sauntered leisurely across the lawn, glacing cursorily from side to side, a slight feeling of guilt for the first time came over him as a gap in the trees revealed a glimpse of a familiar white parasol.

Fiddlesticks! Because Miss Luttrell had chosen to bring her book into the garden was no reason why any of the other inmates of the "Royal George" should not feel something of the same inclination.

Ruminating thus, the Major moved slowly on his way, passing first one enticingly shady nook and then another, until he reached a high overhanging bush about 20 yards from the group of trees which Miss Luttrell had selected, where he threw himself down upon the dry burned-up grass and gave himself up to the delights of a peaceful summer afternoon.

And yet, as he took out his cigar-case and lighting a fresh cigar, glanced casually down the columns of the newspaper, it was evident that something besides the perusal of the Times had brought him to that secluded spot, or he would have at least exhibited some annoyance when, instead of finding himself in possession of that star of London daily literature, he discovered himself aimlessly scrutinizing the visitors' list and the many advertisements which occupied at least two-thirds of the Saltcliffe Chronicle.

But worst of all was the knowledge that Major Brown had raised his head and was wonderingly surveying



LYING BACK ON THE GREEN SWARD.

No wonder therefore that after some minutes he quietly discarded it, and, lying back on the soft green sward, tilted his hat far over his eyes and prepared to enjoy the perfect calmness of the day.

But half an hour had passed quietly; his feelings of perplexity had given place to hopelessness, and hopelessness to a general sense of lassitude, which had brought him to that stage when the sights and sounds around him had grown vague and indistinct, and before long he was traveling peacefully in the land of sleep.

Thus he was quite unconscious of the fact that a little black French poodle had discovered him and had sniffed suspiciously round him for two or three minutes, and also quite unconscious that, when that little black French poodle had disappeared, his cigar-case, which had been lying on the grass at his elbow, had disappeared also.

Meanwhile Miss Luttrell, who had comfortably ensconced herself in a large bamboo chair, was deeply absorbed in the thrilling incidents of her three-volume novel. So deeply was she absorbed indeed that she had not the remotest idea that Major Brown had even crossed the lawn, or that Sambo, who had been lying on the rug at her feet, had grown tired of making little grabs at the army of gnats and flies which had been hovering round his head and had gone trotting off to pay a visit to that hapless individual.

Yet, when he returned again and settled himself in silence by her side—a silence which was perhaps ominous of coming evil from the very fact that any unusual calmness on Sambo's part generally foreboded mischief—she bent forward and, raising her eyes from her book, asked what he was doing.

"Sambo!"

Horror and dismay were depicted upon her countenance, her tones were filled with the keenest reproach, as she sprang up from her chair and paused in consternation at the sight which met her eyes.

CHAPTER V.

There was Master Sambo literally surrounded by a mixed collection of cigars and cigarettes, whilst between his paws was calmly reposing a silver-mounted Russian leather cigar-case, at which he was gnawing with apparently as much enjoyment as if it had been one of the most tasty bones.

"Sambo, where did you get it? Oh, you bad dog! Whose in the world can it be?"

In an instant Evelyn had seized hold of the cigar-case and dragged it away from the poodle's clutches, but, alas, not before the whole of the leather had become indented with well-defined tooth-marks, whilst one of the corners had been entirely nibbled away!

"Well, Sambo, you have quite surpassed yourself this time!"

Evelyn held up the cigar-case before the culprit with a threatening air, and then gave him a couple of small pats with it on his two front paws.

But what was she to do about it? To whom could it belong? That was more to the point than scolding Sambo. She raised her head and looked round anxiously, but drew back as her eyes fell upon a familiar form.

"Sambo, surely you have never touched anything of that man's?"

Yet, as she gave a hurried glance at the initials engraved upon one side of the case, her heart sank within her. Yes—it was too true.

Should she make her escape into the house, and leave Sambo, surrounded by the litter, to settle his own difficulties? It would certainly be the easiest thing to do; but certainly that Sambo was her own dog, and that she was responsible for his actions, would not it be rather a mean way of getting out of the mischief? She took up her book and set off with Sambo.

"This will be a very good test as to whether he is an educated man," mused Evelyn. "Common people can never disguise their feelings. Anyhow, it has to be done; so come along, Sambo, and bear the brunt of his wrath!" And, with an admirable assumption of indifference, as if prepared for any reception, Miss Luttrell braced herself up for the encounter and advanced slowly towards the recumbent form of the Major, who was still lying stretched at full length beneath the shade of the overhanging trees.

But, as she reached his side and was just about to begin a carefully prepared apology she paused, then hurriedly drew back, for the gallant Major was still indulging in the proverbial "forty winks."

Must she wake him? No—decidedly not; it would never do to disturb his slumbers. Any annoyance that he might feel would be ten times increased if he was so summarily roused. Besides cogitated Evelyn with a sigh of relief at the thought of a respite, if he were accustomed to dropping off to sleep in that way nobody could possibly be held accountable for what in the meanwhile might happen to his belongings. She would put the cigar-case down by his side, and then—well, she might as well go into the hotel and think of what course to adopt next. It would not be nearly so disagreeable to confess that Sambo was the delinquent if at the same time she could provide him with another cigar-case the facsimile of his own. This new idea seemed so preferable to her first one that, as she stepped forward to place the case on the grass by his side, her heart almost ceased beating in her anxiety not to wake him. It was therefore with an expression of absolute dismay, which could scarcely have been more suggestive of guilt had she been detected in the act of committing some heinous crime, that, as the Major suddenly opened his eyes, she started back, and, dropping the cigar-case at her feet, stood the picture of hopeless confusion.

"I—I am so dreadfully sorry!" she stammered, thoroughly taken aback. "I—hope I have not disturbed you."

"Disturbed me!" echoed the Major, looking perfectly mystified. "Oh, dear no—not at all!" He had sprung to his feet, and, raising his hat, was vainly trying to collect his scattered senses.

"The fact is—I had come to ask you if you have lost anything," began Evelyn hesitatingly, looking round helplessly and forgetting in toto the calm dignified apology which she had intended to make; "because I am afraid my dog has been doing some dreadful mischief."

"Really?" returned the Major. "It is very good of you, I am sure. But what has your dog been doing? Is it anything so very serious?"

"Well, yes—that is what he has done!" answered Evelyn, with a rueful glance at the cigar case, the dilapidated state of which plainly told its own tale. "And now I want to know if it belongs to you, as, if so, I cannot tell how I am to apologize for Sambo's dreadful behavior. Where he discovered it, and how he came into possession of it, I have no idea, as I found it in his mouth only about a minute ago; but——"

"Then do not trouble, please!" said Major Brown courteously. "It is mine, certainly; but it does not matter in the least. What is of more importance is, Has he eaten any of it? Because I should think that Russian leather is not the easiest thing in the world to digest."

"No." Evelyn gave a dubious shake of her head. "Sambo knows better than to swallow anything of the kind. He is too fond of gnawing my shoes not to have learnt by experience that leather is a bad thing for his digestion."

"Ah—so this is not his first offense?" He asked the question anxiously fearing each moment Miss Luttrell would bring the interview abruptly to a close by walking off imperiously with her head elevated as she had done on the previous morning.

"Oh, dear, no! He destroys something every day; but as a rule, he takes care not to spoil anything that does not belong to me. That is one good thing, or he would be everlastingly in disgrace."

"I see; he evidently considers it a sort of mark of esteem, which he reserves entirely for his mistress," was the Major's reply, made in a somewhat speculative tone. "If that is the case, I must look upon myself as an honored individual, since he has condescended to bestow his attention upon something of mine. Come, Sambo, shake hands."

"Yes, Sambo—put out your paw and shake hands like a gentleman, and say you are sorry for what you have done. But please let me have that unfortunate cigar-case," she added suddenly, coloring slightly, as the Major bent forward to take up the remains of that once elegant article. "There will be so many different kinds, I suppose, and, if possible, Sambo would like to get another exactly like it."

"It is very kind of him, I am sure"—there was a gleam of amusement in his eyes—"but, all the same, I shall value this one far more than I ever could a new one of Sambo's choosing; and, if I may be allowed, I shall always keep it in remembrance of him and"—here he hesitated and glanced down admiringly at the disturbed pretty face before him—"his mistress!"

And so at last Fate had been kind to him.

As, five minutes later, the Major tucked his newspaper under his arm and took a leisurely stroll round the garden, he came to the conclusion that, even had the French poodle devoured a hundred cigar-cases, he would have been perfectly compensated by that rather short interview with Miss Luttrell of Luttrell court.

(To be continued.)

The True Pearl.

The origin of fine pearls was the subject of an interesting paper lately read by M. Leon Diguet before the Academie des Sciences, Paris. The author believes the true pearl to be pathological calcification or "stone" induced by parasites. The true spherical pearl is formed in any part of the shellfish except the mantle, and has no connection with the shell itself, but begins in a small sac of humor. This becomes gelatinous, and finally solidifies in a series of concentric layers. A pearl thus formed consists of alternate layers of crystalline matter and a substance resembling conchioline, and it has a central cavity containing calcareous crystals and the remains of some organized creatures, presumably the parasites which have induced the disorder in the bivalve. The small sac in which the pearl has been made, after a lapse of time, becomes thin, and can be easily broken by the oyster and the pearl ejected. It has been held by many investigators that pearls were caused by shellfish coating foreign bodies, such as grains of sand or insects, with nacre, and, although undoubtedly such intrusive bodies are so coated and are often sold as pearls, M. Leon Diguet maintains that these are quite distinct from the true "Orient" pearl. They always occur between the mantle and the shell, and are usually attached to the shell by a neck of pearly matter, and they have not the fine iridescence and luster of true "Orient" pearl, but only that of mother-of-pearl. These "pearls of nacre" are the result of accidental intrusion and probably an effort on the part of the mollusc to allay the irritation caused by the presence of a foreign body in contact with its soft flesh, but are quite distinct from the spherical pearls formed in the shellfish itself.

What Sleeplessness Means.

Medical scientists have now demonstrated that a brain cell actually loses part of its substance during action. The cell of the exhausted brain, instead of being plump and full of nervous matter, is found to be hollowed out, or "vacuolated," a cavity having formed without its substance, which has become filled with water. This means that a part of the cell substance has been actually consumed, precisely as coal is consumed when one gets heat from a furnace. It has been found that if an animal whose brain cells are thus exhausted be permitted to sleep, its cells readily recuperate, new material is supplied from the blood until the cell is as good as new. The brain of a person, therefore, who is beset by sleeplessness is in the condition of a locomotive which runs night and day without going to the repair-shop.—Science Siftings.

Fed by the Eye.

A lady went into a pastry cook's shop the other day. On the counter were displayed all sorts of toothsome dainties. The only attendant was a little girl about 10 years of age. "Isn't it a great temptation to you my dear," asked the lady, "to see all those nice things? You must always be wanting to eat them." "Oh, no, ma'am," was the answer; "it is enough for me to see them made."

An Innovation

"In our house," said the base ball crank with a new baby, "the rules of the game are reversed. Four bawls put me off my base."—Philadelphia North American.

Weak-Lunged Carnivora.

It is a somewhat curious fact universally noted by travelers that lions, tigers and other fierce carnivora are too weak in lung power to run more than a half mile.

One of Fashion's Frills.

"I hear they are trimming the bottom of skirts with fur."

"Yes. That is another fashionable fur-below."

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The Christion is well armed whose faith says, "God is my strength."

A Bright Outlook.

La Porte, Texas, is now attracting the attention of the business men of the United States and during 1900 great interest will be manifested in it. Owing to an advantageous natural location it is destined to enjoy a growth in commercial manufacturing and shipping interests which millions of dollars in advertising and years of energetic promotion could not give it were it not so favored by nature. Men of affairs with large experience in the upbuilding of cities are predicting a future for La Porte which if but half realized will make it the greatest seaport on the Gulf of Mexico and indeed one of the principal seaports of the United States as well as a city of great importance in the manufacturing, railroad and commercial world. It is at the head of Galveston Bay in the celebrated coast country of Texas and has a summer and winter climate which makes it a resort for travelers the year round. The farming land surrounding it is as fine as any in the United States.

Angelina is from Greek. Its meaning is indicated by its form.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

Hannibal is Carthaginian, meaning the Grace of the Lord Baal.

The Cause of Chapped Hands.

Much of the discomfort experienced from chapped hands in cold weather is due to washing with inferior soap, the ingredients being poisonous to the skin. It is therefore important to have pure soap. If warm rain water and Ivory soap are used in washing the hands, they will be smooth and white at all seasons. ELIZA R. PARKER.

God sometimes sends us good gifts in evil looking chariots.

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Where God gives much in the way of favor and opportunity he expects much.

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Who are injured by the use of coffee Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

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Winter in the South.

The season approaches when one's thoughts turn toward a place where the inconveniences of a Northern winter may be escaped. No section of this country offers such ideal spots as the Gulf Coast on the line of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad between Mobile and New Orleans. It possesses a mild climate, pure air, even temperature and facilities for hunting and fishing enjoyed by no other section. Accommodations for visitors are first-class, and can be secured at moderate prices. The L. & N. R. R. is the only line by which it can be reached in through cars from Northern cities. Through car schedules to all points in Florida by this line are also perfect. Write for folders, etc., to GEO. B. HOSMER, D. P. A., St. Louis, Mo.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN S. WOOLSON.

By S. H. M. Byers.

What—dead? and the courtliest man of all,
The knight with his armor on;
The gentlest soul, if in aught or hall,
The prince of all kindness gone?

What—brought the foe him on his shield, at last,
The battle but half begun,
The light gone out that had burned so fast,
And the day of his work not done?

Yes—into the room where the lilies stand,
And there where the mourners goe,
Aye, him they brought of the iron hand,
And him of the heart of rose.

"Dead—dead," they said, and they gazed the while
With eyes that were growing dim;
Yet, standing there, they could almost smile,
For they knew it was well with him.

O! thanks for a life that had not a stain,
For the chivalrous soul now gone;
O! hark! O hear, like a sweet refrain
Is the voice not sounding on?

O! never a sun like his went out,
Or faded behind some hill,
But the lingering sky alone all about
With the joy of its radiance still.

Several members of the Scottish Reserve, before leaving for the Cape, were entertained at a farewell supper by their fellow-workers in Dundee. "Now boys," said the chairman, after an appropriate speech, "treat what is on the table as you would the Boers." As the feast ended one of the reservists was observed stowing away a bottle of whisky in his pocket. "What's that ye're daein,' Tam?" shouted the chairman, good-humoredly. "Oh," replied Tam, "I'm only obeyin' orders. Ye telt us to treat the supper as we would the Boers, and, ye ken, what we dinna kill we tak' prisoners."

Vaccination caused severe inflammation of the arm of Annie Ackels, of Brewsters, N. Y. A few days later lockjaw resulted, and the child died.

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Mrs. Byron Alford, of Eldred, Pa., owns and operates a nitro-glycerine and dynamite factory.

THE CHRISTMAS ISSUE

Of the Lake Shore Book of Trains is something entirely out of the ordinary in the way of railroad literature and will be of interest to all. Copy will be sent to any address on receipt of 2-cent stamp.—F. M. Byron, G. W. A., Chicago; A. J. Smith, G. P. A., Cleveland.

There is nothing good in a man but his young feelings and his old thoughts.

A Boston Man Pleased.

In conversation with some friends, a prominent Boston man told of his sufferings from rheumatism and nervousness, and one of his friends gave him some advice, which will be mentioned later, and which has proven to be of incalculable value.

To successfully act on the advice, it was necessary to make a trip of over 2,000 miles, but he undertook it, and now thanks his friend for the advice, as he finds himself fully relieved of his old trouble and has returned to his home feeling able to cope with his business demands, a new man.

The advice given was to go to Hot Springs, South Dakota, and there take the baths and enjoy the finest climate of any health resort in America.

If this man was satisfied after making a long trip, those residing within a few hundred miles and similarly afflicted can certainly afford to try it, or rather can't afford to neglect to try it.

Ask any agent of the North-Western line for full particulars, or write J. R. BUCHANAN, General Passenger Agent, F. E. & M. V. R. R., Omaha, Neb.

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12 Butcher Knife, "Keen Kutter," 8-in blade	75	34 Guitar (Washburn), Rosewood, Inlaid	2000
13 Shears, "Keen Kutter," 8-inch	75	35 Mandolin, Very handsome	2000
14 Nut Set, Cracker and 6 Picks, silver plated	80	36 Winchester Repeating Shot Gun, 12 gauge	2000
15 Base Ball, "Association," best qual.	100	37 Remington, double-barrel hammer Shot Gun, 10 or 12 gauge	2000
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Renix Bro's, Carolinian University Students are playiug to good business.

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W. A. Dixon, tenor, is scoring big hits nightly and making new friends on the coast.

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The transportation of the Fifty-first Iowa from California home cost the state $31,097.

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Amos Gillard, trombone player, of Charleston S. C. joined the big Minstrel Festival.

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Chas. H. Gaut, musical artist, with the Old Southern Life" company sends regards to all friends.

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Oberton is a in village Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, of about 500 inhabitants, of whom are Negroes. The postmaster is a Negro, the notary public is a Negro, and there is a Negro marshall. The town has not been incorporated, likely will be soon, at which time the entire set of officers will be Negroes. There is considerable business enterprise among some of the people of the neighborhood, which comprises a circle of about fifteen miles.

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Perhaps no woman in Washington has devoted more time, and labored more zealously in everything that looked toward the upbuilding of our people' especially the women and girls, than Miss M. R. Bowen. She is a teacher in the public schools, vice-president of the Sunday School Union, superintendent of an Alley Mission Sunday school, a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, G. A. R., and tresure of Bethel Literary and Historical association.

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The Sojourner Truth Home, for working women and girls was organized in 1896 with the following officers: M. R. Bowen president; I. E. Wilkes, secretary; and C. J. Payne treasurer. Its object is to provide a comfortable home. surrounded by Christian influences, with a chance to become trained in house-hold science self-surporting intelligent and industrious women.

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Head-waiter W. Forrest Cozart, of the Spaulding Hotel, has turned author and he has turned out a very creditable work entitled "The Waiters Manual." The author has spent his life in the business and he knows whereof he speaks and treats it very intelligently. A chapter of interest to outsiders deals with the tipping problem.—The Duluth Herald.

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Gertrude Idalia Harper, Michigan: Carrie Smith Barnes, Missouri; Nettie Emma Butler, Texas; Alexe Edna Fepper, Mississippi; Eliza Virginia Caldwell, Kentucky; Evangeline Greenwood, Illinois; are the six young ladies who graduated from the Provident Hospital, at Chicago, as trained nurses.

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The silk mill at Fayetteville N. C., is in operation. The owner has bought 140 acres of land nearly. and says he will establisd a $2,000,000 silk plant there, moving it from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Only Negro labor is to beemployed. The best type of Negroes, all educated, are alone chosen, all of them being young. Strict examination is made as to moral characbr, and a shortcoming in this regard means failure to get work.

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The Negro has for many years, has stood in his own light. He has allowed himself to be humored and petted by political highwaymen who are republicans for no other reason than a chance for office. He beginning to get over this foolishness and straighten up his spinal column.

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FT. MADISON RIPPLETS.

Mrs. Snoddie's condition has not improved much.

The Second Baptist Sunday School will have its Christmas exercises next Saturday evening,

Mrs. John Woods will give a concert Monday evening.

Mrs. Stella Hall will give a concert for the benefit of her church Thursday night.

Miss Mollie Woods expects to spend Christmas South.

The entertainment given by the young men of the Baptist church was quite a success. chairman Fraizer and A. Jackson and Mesdames Fraizer, Hall and Winfrey deserves much credit.

The Hilarity club met at Mrs. Fraizer Friday evening. Miss Cattie Yeiser is president.

The Gossiping Nine will meet next Saturday evening at number three to arrange for Christmas.

Mr. Yeiser and the rest of the men who work at Oakville will spend Christmas at home. Willie has returned again.

DUBUQUE NEWS.

Mrs. Aaron and daughter were in the city last week.

The club gave an entertainment last Tuesday evening at Mr. J. C. Lewis. The evening was spent in music games and all present had an enjoyable time.

The club which was organized a few months ago is growing rapidly they have also deposited money in the bank.

Mr. George Green has entered the Lorimr hotel as a porter.

Mr. Mills the Superintendent of the Sunday School has donated a Christmas tree.

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EVAN'S NEWS.

Rev. Samuel Bates preached at the Baptist church Tuesday night.

Rev Tate and Rev. Bates left for Centerville Wednesday where they attended board meeting.

Rev. Tate returned home Monday.

Mrs. S. Harris has been very ill from a kick in her side a horse, which loosened two ribs, she is unable to leave her room.

The young people of our city are enjoying herself skating.

Messrs Churchill and Frank Johnson Johnson made a visit to Ceaaloosa Sunday and returned home Sunday night.

Mrs. M. Vandergriph is on the sick list.

Mr Harris Franklin returned home from Marshalltown Monday.

Miss Hattie Parker and Miss E. Johnson and Maud Steel were Sunday visitor at Miss Maggie Alexander.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Josie Meadows made her usual trip to Muchakinock this week.

The small-pox is rumored to be in Coalfiel and about the vicinity of Albia so that it is making our people somewhat shy

A number of the Hocking people were in Albia Friday and saturday no work at the mines so they came to town.

Preparation for Christmas entertainment has been tardy on account of the repor of small pox

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Rev. S. Bates, Pastor.

St. Paul A. M. E.—Corner of Second and Center Streets. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.: Sunday School at 3 o'clock; Epworth League at 7 p. m.; preaching at 8 p. m. F. J. Peterson, pastor.

Baptist—East Second Street—Between Walnut and Court avenue. Service at 11:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; Bible services at 6.30 p. m. - Young Peoples Endeavor at 2.30 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m.

First African Baptist Church—Corner School and B. streerts. Rev. J. Underwood pastor. Preaching 10:30 a. m.: Sunday school 2.30 p. m., Mrs. E. L. Noble, Superintendent: Young People's meeting 7 p. m., preaching 7:30 p.m.

Burn's M. E.—East Second and Des Moines street.—Sunday services, preaching at 11:00 a. m and 4 p m. Sunday School at 12:30. Prayer and Class meeting, Wednesday 8 p. m. All are welcome. Rev. G. W. Holmes, pastor, 220 Des Moines streer.

SECRET ORDERS.

North Star Lodge, No. 2, A. F. A. M.—Meets Third Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall—East Second and Walnut. J. F. Blagburn, W. M.; G. H. Cleggett, secretary.

King Solomon Commandery, No. 6.—Meets Second and Fourth Thursday in each month at Masonic hall. Frod Jackson, M. C.; G. H. Cleggett, Rec.

Charity Lodge, No. 2192, G. U. O. of O. F.—Meets First, Second and Third Tuesday each month at Odd Fellows hall on West Sixth and Walnut streets. D. Burns, N. G.; F. Brown, P. S.

Naomi Court, No. 3—meets Second Monday in each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. J. H. Shepard, matron; Mrs. Fred Jackson, secretary.

Mt. Olive Court, No. 4—Meets First Thursday of each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. Susan White, matron; Mrs. Flora Majors, secretary.

Knights and Ladies of Honor of the World No. 178 Victoria Lodge—meets every Monday evening at Webster's Hall, corner of Tenth Center streets. Mrs. E. A. Wood. Proctor; Mrs. Rose Johnson, Secretary.

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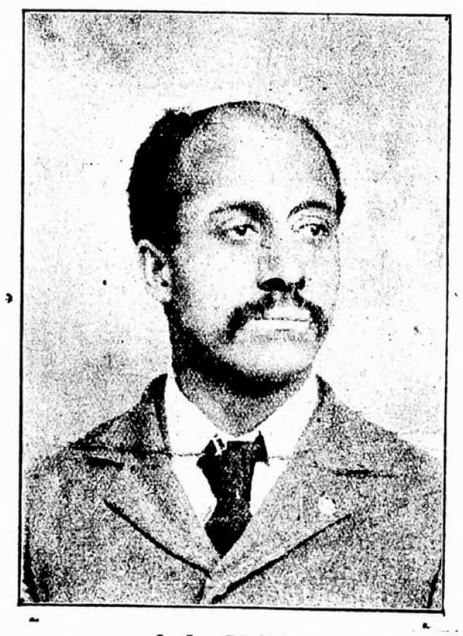
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