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CITY NEWS

IN B. T. you have relative or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us; we will tell all your local news. (Ed.)

Mrs. J. H. Shepard is improving this week.

Mr. J. W. Brown who has been very sick is convalescent.

Madam E. Azalia Hackley, the great singer is coming to Des Moines, soon.

Mrs. E. B. Ellison, who has been so very sick the past week is improving.

Rev. and Mrs. Bates was the guests Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hayes 1007 West Walnut St.

Mrs. J. H. Shepard, J. H. Woods and L. J. Shelton, went to Marshalltown, Thursday.

The Get Busy club met last Tuesday evening with the Misses Allen 1215 Park street. After business a 3-course lunch was served.

The regular church services were held at the Maple St. Baptist church. Rev. S. Bates, the pastor preached.

The M. C. T. club will meet Monday afternoon May 8, 1911, with Mr. J. Theodore Bell, 1651 E. Lyon street.

Let us all assist to make the Iowa special edition of the Bystander a worthy and interesting one, that will please us all.

A beautiful Memorial service were held last Sunday by the primary department of Union S. S. in honor of little Chas. Turner.

Mrs. J. C. Clayborn of Burlington is in our city this week looking up a location. The family may move here this summer. Her husband is blacksmith.

Mr. Spencer Ellison, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ellison, has been employed at the hotel in Colfax, Iowa, and will work there indefinitely.

Messrs. B. N. Hyde, Luther Bledsoe and J. Graves attended the social festival given at Marshalltown last week. They report a nice time.

Mrs. Mary Mease departed April 16 for Pittsburg, Pa., to visit her sister, Georgia Hopkins, for an indefinite period. On her return home she will spend a week with Mrs. May Smith in Chicago.

The Carnation club met with Mrs. Kata Beahrs last Thursday at 1205 Sampson street. A large number of members and visitors were present and a nice lunch was served.

The Get Busy club gave an entertainment Friday night, realizing \$16. A penny contest in which the Messdames J. L. Lucas, Bertha Angles, Dema Campbell, and Mrs. Bates. The latter won the prize, a water set.

Mr. John Eubanks of Chicago arrived in our city last week, having been employed as head waiter at the Savery hotel to succeed Douglass Miller, who was head waiter there for more than twenty years. We hope that Mr. Eubanks will succeed, as he is an experienced man at the business.

The many friends of Mrs. S. Joe Brown will doubtless be pleased to learn that she has sufficiently recovered from the operation which occurred at Mercy hospital a few weeks ago, that she has been removed to her own home at 1053 W. 5th street.

Master Preston Walker, who has been dangerously ill for the past few weeks was able to sit up Monday afternoon, May 1st. His teacher and 25 little tots of the Kindergarten department of Crocker school, went to house and gave him a little May party, and presented him with a basket of beautiful flowers.

Notice.
The Des Moines Negro Literary convention will hold its regular monthly session at the residence of Prof. W. H. Warricks, 1006 W. 13th street, Monday evening, May 8th, at which time and place the names and subjects of all those who expect to participate in the city contests at the convention, must be reported. A full attendance of all delegates is required as the selection of the judges and all other details for the city contest will be arranged for at this meeting. By order,
S. Joe Brown, Chairman,
Mrs. J. B. Rush, Secretary.

Sunday, May 7th will be Old People's Day at Corinthian Baptist church. A special sermon will be preached for their Sunday morning. Covenant meeting and Lord's Supper at 3 p. m. Dr. Wm. Beckham, field secretary of the National Baptist convention will preach on Sunday night. Sunday school at 12 M. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. Old people will be brought to the morning service in carriages. Dinner will be served after Sunday school and all are asked to bring baskets.

Princess Zorah Chapter No. 10 will give a banquet at Cycling hall July 13, 1911. Committee: Messdames Gus Watkins, Maud Jones, Harrison Gould and Alice Graves.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Grand May Party, to be given by the members of Mt. Olive Court, No. 4, of H. of J. at Hansen hall, East Sixth and Locust street, Thursday evening, May 11, 1911. Come and enjoy yourselves.

The Corinthian Aid society met last Friday with Miss Patterson on Park street. The Aid society realized a neat sum from the musical given last Thursday night and they made their monthly payment of \$15 on the carpet. Mrs. Ewing, McCormick street, will entertain the society next Friday in honor of her sister, Mrs. Harper of Omaha.

The Ethiopian Commercial club met in regular session last Tuesday evening, May 2, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Frank Brown; vice president, Joseph A. Hall; secretary and treasurer, Archie Day; assistant secretary, George Powell; Finance Committee, Warner Johnson, Henry Collier and Sam Coulson; Committee on Arrangement, W. F. Fulwood.

At a regular meeting of the Congregational church last Wednesday evening. A call was extended to Rev. H. R. Pinckney of Kansas City, Mo., to become its pastor. Rev. Pinckney having been conducting a series of meetings which close Sunday. He will then leave for his home. He will consider the call. He will preach Sunday morning at 10:30, then communion will be celebrated and he will preach in the evening at 7:45. Everybody invited.

Mrs. Lizzie Palmer-Berry, of Jersey City, N. J., formerly of this city, arrived in our city Thursday, from New Orleans, La., where she was called to the sick bedside of her uncle, Mr. Frank Anderson. Mrs. Berry will only spend a few days here at this time, as she contemplates a future visit. She will come from here to Burlington then to Chicago, then to her New England home. She says that while she has a lovely home and enjoys the New Jersey hospitality there is no place like Iowa and Des Moines.

The committee on Grand Courts of H. of J. appointed by N. A. M. of Mt. Olive Court No. 4, is planning on making this the twenty-first year of Grand Court of Heroine of Jericho for the State of Iowa and Jurisdiction, a banner annual session which will be held in the city of Des Moines June 13-14-15, 1911. Evening reception of welcome with musical program and refreshments will be on Tuesday evening, June 13th, at Masonic temple 10th and Center, and on Thursday evening, June 16th a public reception will be held at Cycling hall.

The "Annual May Party" given by the Phyllis Wheatly Girls' Club at the residence of Atty. S. Joe Brown Monday evening was a decided success. A delightful evening and a neat sum was realized by the club as the result of this, its initial entertainment. The regular meeting will be held this week with Miss Corna Wilson, 1053 W. 5th street, at which time Life of Prof. W. E. B. DuBois will be discussed by the club, and its leading work "The Souls of Black Folk" will be reviewed by Miss Bernice McDowell.

A New Grocery Store Here.
Mr. S. A. Strapp & Son of Muskogee, Oklahoma, arrived in our city last Wednesday, and has opened up a grocery store at 1012 Center street. He carries a nice full line of staple groceries and meats. We urge our race citizens to patronize this firm and encourage them in business. Mr. Strapp is a man of many years experience, having been in business in Muskogee. He owns some valuable property there and is a man of wealth, having recently sold a three story building in Muskogee for \$25,000. He and his family have come here to make their home in Des Moines. We are glad to welcome such people to our city and state. Give him your trade.

Whereas, Charley, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner, has been called from labor to reward by the hand of the omnipotent God.
Be it resolved, That the teachers of the kindergarten department of U. C. S. S., extend love and tenderest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Turner and family, in this their saddest hour of grief.

Be it resolved, That we ask them to be cheered by the thought that as Charley was devoted to them in life so his angel eyes will ever watch them from on high.

Be it resolved, That whereas the parents have lost an affectionate and faithful child, the Sunday school a faithful little Christian.

We commend the parents to the great God the wheels of destiny in his hands. And in his for seeing wisdom, that he will sustain them under this dark hour of affliction.
Be it resolved, That a copy of these resolutions of condolence be placed on the record of this department, a copy sent to the bereaved parents and one to the Iowa State Bystander.
Teachers,
Miss Daisy Jacobs,
Miss Geneva Tomlin,
Miss Maryje I. Bell, Sup.

MADAM HACKLEY RECITAL.

We now announce that Madam E. Azalia Hackley the sweet singer of our race who sings in four languages, who only appeared once in Iowa last year, and that was in Des Moines last spring, and made such a great hit with those who heard her, will appear only one night in our city. Thursday eve, June 8th, at Union Congregational church. Tickets will soon be on sale. Let every race lover and any person who loves the best in modern art should avail yourself of the opportunity to hear her. She stands in the musical world as Mr. Washington does in industrial education. Full program will appear later.

PROCLAMATION.

Proclamation of D. G. M. to the Lodges and Members of the G. U. O. of O. F. throughout the jurisdiction of Iowa district No. 30.
Feeling interested in the moral principles governing this grand order of ours. I call your attention to one of those principles that has been recently modeled into our general laws, page 102, law 93, that all members of our order and of every branch shall assemble in hall or church and give thanks to the supreme being who has so graciously guided and protected us and our order ever since it was fostered by Peterogon to Philanthropy 646, New York City, 1843.
Feeling it my duty to call your attention to the obedience of this regulation of law and I trust that each and every member of every lodge and of every branch of the order will turn out and give homage to their creator and keeper. Remember the date, May 14th, the second Sunday. I am yours in
F. L. and T.
GEO. O. TERRELL,
D. G. M.

IOWA EDITION.

The Iowa State Bystander announces this week that they will endeavor to get out a special Iowa edition about the first week in June, showing the progress of the colored people in Iowa in the last half century. It will be an illustrated edition with cuts of men and homes owned by our people, together with a brief biography of some of the leading business, professional and clergymen, with a list of colored men and women who have graduated from the colleges and universities, also a list of all the high school graduates. Those who may read this article and know of any graduates in your city, send us a list with the year that they graduated, those desiring to run a cut of themselves or their homes write us at once for particulars.

Sunday School Convention

The Sunday School convention of the Keokuk Dist. convened at St. Paul A. M. E. church Moine, Ill., March 24th, 1911, with Supt. M. O. Culbertson presiding. Nineteen schools were represented by pastors and delegates. All of the sessions were well attended and a great deal of interest manifested. Good reports, showing an increase morally and financially, were brought in from every school represented. The many subjects that were assigned to the schools throughout the district were well studied with interest and profit. The Superintendent's address was full and instructive, showing that he had traveled extensively over the district. The following officers were elected:
Rev. T. Tyler.....President
Mrs. Sadie Harris.....First Vice-Pres
Rev. S. B. Moore.....Second Vice-Pres
Miss Clara Toliver.....Secretary
Miss Louise Mason.....Asst. Sec'y
Mrs. G. H. Merchant.....Treasurer
The convention was royally entertained by the pastor and good people of Moine.

The Normal Faculty as follows:
Rev. W. A. Searcy.....Church Doctrine
Rev. B. U. Taylor.....Church History
Mrs. T. B. Stovall.....Prof. of Pedagogy
Mrs. Ruth Bright, Prof. of Bible History
Miss Sadie Washington, Prof. of Sacred Geography.
Miss Louise Mason, Prof. of Sacred History.
Mrs. G. H. Merchant.....Reporter

COUNCIL BLUFFS ITEMS

Mrs. Ella Allen of Chicago left for Lincoln after a month's visit with her uncle, Mr. Thomas Britt.
Mrs. Wilcox of Moberly, Mo., is visiting her brother, Leonard Bartlett.
Mrs. Cora Wesley is on the sick list.
Mrs. Lou Hall is on the sick list, but is somewhat better at this writing.
Mrs. Victor Oliver is visiting her sister in Missouri Valley and expect to remain at least three months.
Rev. W. A. Moore, preached a grand sermon, Easter morning, to a full house and in the evening the Sunday school.

DAVENPORT NEWS.

(Last Week)
The Easter exercises were all that could be expected at both of the churches this year. Both the churches were beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Rev. S. Straws, who is making his home in Davenport, filled the pulpit for Rev. Stovall, Sunday morning. The Elder preached an eloquent sermon on the resurrection. The ladies of the Third Baptist church had charge of their evening service, and they acquitted themselves well. The children's exercises were in the afternoon and brought out a large audience. Bethel Sunday school carried out their Easter exercises in the evening and had a full house to entertain on the whole. We take occasion to commend both schools and congregations for the beautiful way in which they showed loyalty to our sacred Easter day.
Rev. T. B. Stovall, who was taken

down the early part of last week, with a severe attack of the lagrippe is able to be around again to the delight and pleasure of all members and friends. Two of Des Moines prominent citizens got married in Davenport. Mrs. Mary Mease and Mr. Louis W. Scott, both of Des Moines, Iowa, were married at the A. M. E. parsonage, Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Stovall performed the ceremony, and put his seal upon upon them for success. After a short honeymoon in Davenport at the Kokomo House. The bride will visit a sister in Pittsburg, Pa., while the groom will return to his business in Des Moines.

On account of the illness of Rev. Stovall, the week meeting that was to have started on Easter Sunday has been postponed until next week.

There will be preaching every Wednesday evening during the months of May and June. The Tri-City pastors will be asked to take turns in preaching. There will be special attention given to these services to make them what they ought to be. Now that the Spring time has come, let everybody give God glory by going to the church of their choice on Sunday morning. The best way to build up and maintain healthy congregations is for every member to be on time with a prayer, a song, and a smile.

A Prominent Young Man Come.

The above cut is that Theodore B. Reid of Mobile, Ala., who died April 22d. He was a brother of Rev. J. C. Reid of Ottumwa, Iowa, who is well known in Iowa. Mr. Theodore Reid was a very wealthy young man. He was U. S. Mail Clerk on the fast mail from New York to New Orleans where he was one of the efficient men in the service. He was one of the able men. He was president of the Broad Street Academy Alumni Association. He was a member of the Y. M. C. A., and a splendid type of the progressive young Negro. His brother, Rev. J. C. was made administrator of the estate. He will soon return to Ia.

ROCK ISLAND NEWS.

Mrs. S. Vann entertained the Progressive Art club at her home on 1117, 37th street, Wednesday afternoon. The club rendered an excellent program, which is as follows:
Song.....Blessed be the Tide
Prayer.....All
Roll answered by Miscellaneous Quotations.
Recitation.....Negro Funeral by Mrs. W. H. Moore
Paper.....Influence of club Women by Mrs. Chas. Windsor

The paper was ably discussed. Many good points were brought out. Mrs. Ansley and Miss Maude Ansley were the afternoon guests. Miss Ansley addressed the club in a very pleasing manner. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Chas. Windsor the 1st Wednesday in May. After adjournment the hostess served a dainty lunch. All reported a pleasant afternoon.

There was a musical at the A. M. E. church last Thursday evening, under the management of Rev. J. L. Phillips.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. It was well attended by the Tri-City church goers. Rev. W. H. Saunders preached the sacramental sermon which was good. Rev. Stovall of Davenport and Mr. C. B. Walkup of Moine received the offering.
Rev. S. McDowell will preach next Sunday afternoon in Davenport at the quarterly meeting.
Mrs. C. B. Lewis of Davenport was a caller in our city Monday.
Mrs. W. H. Moore, Beatrice Moore and Kenneth Hording have been on the sick list but are able to be out.
Mr. R. D. Taborn representative for Tuskegee institute with headquarters in Decatur, Ill., was in our city on business, Monday and Tuesday, the guest of Mr. C. B. Hosmer.

A Friend to Negroes

Liew Arntz, the well known Doctor of Optics, believes in treating the colored people the same as whites. This is evidenced by the fact, he offers to sell or rent to black or white alike, his residence at 3215 Fourth St., Highland Park, which contains city water, sewer, gas, barn, etc., for \$1250, on monthly payments of \$40.

KEOKUK NOTES.

(Last Week)

The funeral of the late Henry Willis who died at St. Joseph hospital, Thursday morning of pneumonia, was held from the Pilgrim's Rest Baptist church, Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Hellam, pastor of the church. The pallbearers were Frank Click, L. S. Hawkins, George Hench, James Webster, Howard Webster and Ben Webster. The remains were interred in Oakland cemetery.

J. Lock Warwick, formerly of Sioux City has opened a first class hotel, at No. 19, S. Fifth street. He also has an ice cream parlor, where he serves hot chocolate and all kinds of sandwiches and ices. He respectfully solicits the patronage of all.

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Dade was held from the Pilgrim's Rest church, Monday afternoon, Rev. Hellam officiating.

The death of Mr. John Harris, Jr., occurred at the family home 1219 Morgan street, after a lingering illness of over two months, or since the death of his father, which occurred some time during the winter. He leaves a sister, Carrie, Keok; and two nieces, Blanch and Iva Keok, and a host of other relatives to mourn his departure.

Mr. Bertram Searcy of Monmouth, Ill., was a Keokuk, visitor last Monday while in the city. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fields, 323 North 13th street.

Mrs. Georgie Dade Caldwell and Miss Amanda Brown were Burlington visitors over Sunday.



BUXTON BRIEFS.

Miss Eva Brookins left for Chicago Thursday to join her husband, Jackson, who has a position there on the railroad.

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Get your tickets for the grand musical to be given by the Mt. Zion church choir Monday evening, May 8th. Tickets are on sale now. Admission, adults 20c; children 10c.

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

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We are not philanthropists; we are simply good business men who use our cash to the best advantage and we are making a proposition to thrifty people, which will quickly dispose of this enormous purchase at a living profit to us and a tremendous saving to you. Watch for the announcement of the sale and in the meantime drop in and let us explain the proposition and make a reservation for you.

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And here comes the fourth skirt.
The trouser skirt is the only one that needs police protection.

The price of lobsters has gone up, but this is no excuse for being one.
It wouldn't seem fair to tax bachelors and let the young widowers escape.

The "bungalow" hat is the latest for women. Can it be bought on the installment plan?

It was Queen Elizabeth who said a lie is an intellectual method of meeting a difficulty.

The population of India is \$15,000,000, an increase of 20,000,000 since 1901. No race suicide there.

Absolute independence consists, says one writer, in eating onions and not giving a darn who knows it.

"Convicts are not the worst men," says a Chicago preacher. Still, there are a lot of good men out of prison.

Sandow, the strong man, is trying to build King George up to his own standard as against coronation week.

A Chicago minister says that some marriages are planned by Satan, and we thought they were all made in heaven.

The harem skirt is being taken seriously in Rome. One father has committed suicide because his daughters wore them.

Prof. Ferrier, a French astronomer, tells us emphatically that there is no life on Venus or Mars. When astronomers disagree, etc.

An airplane carried thirteen men in a fight in France the other day, but the average citizen still prefers to cling to mother earth.

A new aviator whose name is Mars has dived on the world. For once a birdman has been found who has a name that fits his calling.

Wherever it has appeared the harem skirt seems to have caused a riot. It is going to be hard on the timid to be fashionable this spring.

A Boston clergyman says women have lost the art of blushing, and this may be why some are wearing the hobbles and some the harem skirt.

Pride goeth before a fall. When an automobile tries to knock a freight train off the track the pedestrian is tempted to chortle within his sleeve.

We move that the New Yorker who is running an agency to dispose of titled foreigners to American heiresses be thrown into jail for peddling gold bricks.

A church about to disband in New York has a membership worth about \$750,000,000. The task of getting that treasure laid up in heaven seems to be a difficult one.

A Philadelphia public man thinks the harem skirt will uplift the race. It seems to have more the tendency to upset it, as far as practical results can be relied on for judgment.

A transatlantic liner which recently arrived in New York with a big cargo of Paris finery would have filled Diogenes with surprise and delight, for everybody on board was honest.

"Daisy Cornucopia Pauline" is the name of the cow that has established a new world's record by producing 84 pounds of butter in seven days. The cow with the crumpled horns of plenty, as it were.

One woman, unmarried, is of the opinion that if women were allowed to do the courting and proposing there would be more happy marriages. It might be worth while to try it, anyway.

Two dinosaur footprints won the finder's way through college, and he has sold another pair for a fancy price. If it turns out that he has struck the trail made by a dinosaur after a hard night there will be a new millionaire in Colorado.

A Pennsylvania judge has decided that it is no part of a woman's household work to milk cows. But where was his consistency when he also decided that she might collect the eggs and feed the chickens?

New York authorities threaten to place a ban on "cuss words" on the stage. This will be a heavy blow to the deep dried villany. Can you imagine a respectable villany muttering "fudge" or "addie-ticks"?

A health lecturer advises people who wish to live long to eat sauerkraut, as it contains the longevity germ. But perhaps the desire to live long might be somewhat checked by a steady diet of sauerkraut.

Fighting duels by proxy is the latest pastime in Paris. Possibly the game was invented by a man with a sense of humor who feared that personal participation in a duel might cause him to laugh himself to death.

A young woman in a Michigan city, who wanted to wear a harem skirt in public, got a police permit, including police protection, before she ventured. The harem skirt fills a long-felt want of those who can do nothing to win fame and are anxious for notoriety.

While handling bills amounting to \$10,000 a New Jersey man contracted blood poisoning from some of the dirty bills. But many would be willing to take the chances of infection from dirty money in blocks of \$10,000 at a time.

LINE TO KNOXVILLE

Rock Island Starts Work on New Coal Road From Mines

ARMY OF MEN ON GROUND

Des Moines Construction Companies Begin Excavating and Grading at Flagler—To be Completed by August 1, 1911.

Knoxville.—Workmen on the new spur of the Rock Island, which is to extend one and one-half miles south and west from the village of Flagler, five miles east of Knoxville, to the proposed new mining camp on section 22, East Knoxville township, have started grading and excavation work. The contractors, the J. H. Johnson Construction company of Des Moines, are at the Flagler terminal with a small army of men.

Contractor Bebe, also of Des Moines, will arrive shortly with his men and teams to begin work on the south terminal of the spur. The contract specifies that all grading, cuts and bridges are to be finished and the roadbed ready for the ties by August 1.

Atlantic Road on Block. Council Bluffs.—Judge W. R. Green of the district court has ordered the sale of the Atlantic Northern & Southern railway at a receivers' sale, July 24th, next. The road, about 75 miles in length was promoted by farmers in the territory through which it runs. It has been in financial difficulties for some months. The headquarters of the road are at Atlantic, Iowa.

Start Work on New Park. Perry.—Work will commence this week on the new Perry Driving and Amusement park, which will be built and managed by J. W. O'Brien and E. F. Sammon. Arrangements have been made for a big race meet July 4 and 5, at which time automobile races, as well as harness and running events will be held.

Close Bond Contract. Ottumwa.—The water works trustees here have closed a contract with the bond firm of Woodin, McNear & Moore of Chicago for the purchase of \$275,000 bonds. A portion of the issue bears 4 1/2 per cent interest and the balance 4 3/4 per cent. The trustees are given a premium of \$2,500.

Bloodhounds After Burglars. Iowa City.—Deputy Sheriff H. G. Sturmer of Springfield, Ill., arrived in Iowa City with a pair of monster bloodhounds trained as man-hunters, which Sheriff Theodore Fautz of Johnson county is using in searching for burglars who robbed a clothing store at Oxford.

Not to Rebuild Gruver. Estherville.—Gruver, on the Rock Island railway about twelve miles east of here, which was recently almost completely destroyed by fire, is not likely to be rebuilt. The tendency of population decreasing in small places makes the investment of rebuilding rather hazardous.

Vaunter Given Damages. Dubuque.—The federal jury in the case of Edward Vaunter, who sued the Illinois Central railroad for \$10,000 for injuries alleged to have been sustained while employed by the defendant as a section hand, returned a verdict awarding \$900. Vaunter resides at Dyersville.

Storm Severe at Webster City. Webster City.—Following a down-pour of rain, the mercury dropped to the freezing point and the rain became a driving snow. It is feared that fruit in this part of the state has been ruined. Northbound trains ran four hours late on account of snow.

Wanted for Forgery. Des Moines.—After several months of work, the Iowa State Bankers' association has located W. C. Williams, wanted for forgery and caused his arrest at Ottumwa. He also is accused of having forged checks in Des Moines and Sioux City.

Ready for Travelling Men. Mason City.—Plans for the entertainment of the delegates to the state convention of the Traveling Men's Protective association, which will be held here Saturday, May 6, practically are completed.

Finds Seventeen-Year Locusts. Ottumwa.—L. J. Newquist, a farmer living near here, has discovered seventeen-year locusts on his farm. This is the year for the visit of the ravaging pests.

Aged Bachelor Suicide. Creston.—Because of ill health, Irvin Gilbert, a bachelor aged 65, committed suicide at his home on a farm between Mackburg and Lorimor by shooting himself through the head with a revolver.

Judge Clark Indorsed. Mason City.—Judge J. J. Clark has been indorsed by the Methodists of this part of the state as the conference delegate to the general conference of the church, which is to be held in May.

Open New College. Harlan.—Western Iowa Vocational college having filed incorporation articles will open a summer school here under the direction of Prof. George Galloway. College's new building on the 20 acre campus is nearly completed.

Monument to Fort Defiance. Estherville.—A monument will be erected in the near future to mark the site of old Fort Defiance, which stood where the city of Estherville is now located.

Explain Franchise Terms. Keokuk.—J. A. Trawick, representative of the Stone & Webster Co., of Boston, who are about to take over the public utilities of Keokuk, at a meeting of business men, explained the terms of the franchise desired, and said that improvements that would cost from \$300,000 to \$400,000 would be made at once. The Keokuk public utilities will be operated by Stone & Webster in conjunction with the water power development.

Wanted at Ft. Dodge. Des Moines.—H. F. Hume, wanted in Ft. Dodge on the charge of embezzlement, was arrested here by officer Badgley, Charles A. Post, sales manager for an eastern publication, filed the charges against Hume at Ft. Dodge. It is said that Hume while employed as solicitor for the eastern publication appropriated the company's money for his private use.

Boomed to Head Iowa Bankers. Des Moines.—E. J. Curtin, who has been in charge of the speed department at the Iowa state fair for several years, is being boomed for president of the Iowa Bankers' association. At the meeting of Group Four at Elkader Mr. Curtin was endorsed for president. W. G. C. Bagley of Mason City was endorsed for treasurer.

Class of Seventy Initiated. Keokuk.—A class of seventy Knights of Columbus were initiated here Sunday. Rev. A. R. Foley, Quincy, arraigned the newspapers, the Associated Press for disseminating false news effecting the Catholic church, and urged the extension of the Catholic press. Over 500 Knights sat down at the banquet.

Shriners to Celebrate. Marshalltown.—A special dispensation has been granted to the temple of the Mystic Shrine of Des Moines for a ceremonial session to be held here on May 25, when the Shriners of central Iowa are planning a celebration. A class of fifty will be initiated, and the ceremonies will be followed by a banquet.

Rewards Faithful Clerk. Waterloo.—In recognition of the faithful services of Edward Sohner, his clerk, Ashley A. Dunham, chief of the Waterloo fire department, has presented him with a half interest in a grocery store. Mr. Sohner has been continuously employed in the store for the past seventeen years.

Body of Boy Identified. Waverly.—Body of the boy killed on the Great Western tracks has been identified as Willie Fries, son of a widow at Omaha. Picture of a girl found in his pocket was published. Friends in Oakland called her attention to it and she gave the clue.

Academy Names Officers. Cedar Rapids.—The Iowa Academy of Science elected the following officers: President, L. E. Begeman, Cedar Falls; vice-presidents, A. A. Bennett, Ames; C. N. Kinney, Des Moines; secretary, L. T. Ross, Des Moines; treasurer, George F. Kay, Iowa City.

Croton Man Dies at Age of 99. Keokuk.—Aaron W. Harlan, one of the oldest residents of Iowa, died at his home at Croton, aged 99 years 5 months and 15 days. He had lived in Lee county for sixty years. During the civil war he served in the Twenty-first Missouri Infantry.

Bluffs Man Makes Speech. Logan.—Deputy Grand Master T. Stevenson, Council Bluffs, made the address at the Odd Fellows' county convention here. N. S. Lawrence, Magnolia, was elected president; D. A. Wright, Modale, vice-president; O. O. Rock, Logan, secretary.

Banquet for Newcomers. Belle Plaine.—Business men are planning to welcome Northwestern crews, dispatchers and clerks who go up there from Boone because of the establishment of a new division. Officers of the new gas company will also be guests.

Waterloo Pioneer Dead. Waterloo.—John C. Duke, 66 years old, a resident of this city for fifty-three years and an employee of the Waterloo and Cedar Falls Union Mill company continuously for forty-five years, is dead.

Aaks \$50,000 For His Wife. Jefferson.—W. G. Pooley has started a suit against O. J. Dutton and wife for \$50,000 damages, charging alienation of his wife's affections. She is the daughter of the defendants.

Smallpox at Still College. Des Moines.—A smallpox scare has broken out at Still College. There are seventeen cases of smallpox in the detention hospital and nine of them are Still College students.

To Build Big Elevator. Boone.—The Younglove Construction company of Sioux City have been given the contract to erect a 10,000 bushel elevator for the Farmers' Elevator company of Ericson, Iowa. The elevator will be modern in every particular.

Davenport Policeman Killed. Davenport.—Fred Smith, colored, a porter in a barber shop, shot Henry Jansen, a patrolman of the Davenport police force through the neck and Jansen will die. Smith escaped.

Get Petition for Brewery. Cedar Rapids.—Work of canvassing the brewery petition of consent which has 3,022 names has been commenced and the "drys" who fought the saloon petition are making no fight against the brewery.

Burlington Firemen Settle. Burlington.—There will be no strike on the Burlington, the committee from the firemen, who demanded higher wages, having met the officials in Chicago and arranged a settlement.

LET LENA DO IT



Dr. Sargent Says Women Are Better Suited for Physical Force. All the Men Who Agree With Him Hold Up Your Right Hand.

VICTORY FOR BORAH

COMMITTEE REPORTS OUT HIS RESOLUTION FOR DIRECT ELECTION OF SENATORS.

LINE-UP ON ISSUE IS 7 TO 5

Democrats and Insurgent Republicans Force Favorable Action—Sutherland Amendment Which Defeated Measure at Last Session Is Lost.

Washington.—A marked victory for the popular election of senators was achieved by Senator Borah and the final passage of his resolution seems assured, as an informal poll shows that more than the necessary two-thirds vote can be mustered at any time.

By a vote of 7 to 5 the senate committee on judiciary agreed to report out the house resolution for direct senatorial election. More than that, it cuts out the Sutherland amendment, which defeated the bill in the last congress by stirring up the fears of the old state-rights Democrats.

The committee victory was by no means a party one. It was the result of an agreement between the Democrats and progressive Republicans. Roll call of the committee on the motion to report out revealed this. Voting "aye" were Senators Chilton, Overman, Culberson and Bacon—Democrats; Borah, Cummings, Brown—progressives. The negative votes were cast by Clark of Wyoming, Dillingham, Sutherland, Brandegee and Root.

Practically the same division took place when the Sutherland amendment was up. This proposition provided for "federal supervision of elections when deemed advisable." The direct threat here made on the political rights of the individual states alienated so many Democrats that it was recognized as too heavy a weight for the bill to carry.

Following favorable action by the committee, Senator Borah reported the resolution to the senate. Senator Heyburn of Idaho, asserting that the resolution had been prematurely considered by the committee, indicated that he would later on call for its recommitment.

MRS. GATT GRANTED DECREE

Wife of Charles G. Is Given Divorce After Referee Makes His Report.

New York.—Charles G. Gates, son of John W. Gates, lost the divorce action that he raced across the continent recently at a cost of \$5,000 to prevent his wife from filing in the supreme court.

Mrs. Mary W. Gates, plaintiff in the suit, was deaf to her husband's pleas. She served him with the complaint, naming a young woman who had a singing part in a Broadway light opera production, and promptly asked for a referee to try the case. Former Justice David Leventritt was appointed to hear the evidence. He reported in Mrs. Gates' favor and Justice Gerard granted her an interlocutory decree.

Luther's Letter Brings \$25,500. Leipzig, Saxony.—At an autograph sale a letter written by Martin Luther to Emperor Charles V. was bought by a Florence dealer for \$25,500. The purchase is said to have been made for J. P. Morgan.

Woman Arrested as a Spy. Cologne, Germany.—Mlle. Thilron, an attractive Parisian resident here, was arrested, charged with being a spy and obtaining the secret mobilization plans of the German army from an army officer.

Doctor Parker Heads S. A. R. Louisville, Ky.—Dr. Moses Greeley Parker of Lowell, Mass., was elected president general of the Sons of the American Revolution at the annual congress here. Doctor Parker succeeds William A. Marble of New York.

Theatrical Man Drops Dead. New York.—Frederick W. Bert, a well-known theatrical manager associated with William A. Brady, dropped dead of apoplexy in Brady's arms as the two were walking on Broadway. Bert was seventy years old.

REVOLT IS GROWING

CONDITIONS IN MEXICO REACH ALARMING PHASE.

State Department Pessimistic as to Peace Negotiations—Diaz May Be Deposed Soon.

Washington.—The situation in Mexico is daily becoming more tense and causes much anxiety here in administration circles.

The most alarming phase of the situation is the activity of revolutionists at Cuernavaca, a city of about 18,000 inhabitants, about forty miles south of Mexico City.

Henry Lane Wilson, American ambassador at Mexico City, has asked the Mexican government to furnish necessary protection to Americans at Cuernavaca.

Officers of the state department are pessimistic over the probable result of peace negotiations to be held in northern Mexico between representatives of the Diaz administration and the insurgent army which is now investing Juarez. Whatever the result may be, it is feared it may have no effect upon the revolution in other parts of Mexico, which is spreading rapidly.

According to confidential reports which have been received from government representatives in Mexico, practically three-quarters of the country is now more or less in revolt. The downfall of the Diaz administration at any moment would cause no surprise.

El Paso, Tex.—Francisco I. Madero, Jr., the revolutionist's leader, and Judge Francisco Cabajal, official peace envoy of the Mexican government here, inaugurated formal peace negotiations.

They met on neutral ground and arranged the preliminary details of the first conference, which began at nine o'clock this morning.

Nogales, Ariz.—It is reported that 300 Yaqui Indians, under Chief Mori, in the state of Sonora, have sent a messenger to General Madero offering to take and hold for the rebels any cities in Sonora if Madero would promise to restore to the Yaquis at the close of the revolution the lands and chattels they claim have been unjustly taken from them.

The fighting of the insurgents in two directions from Nogales confirms the report that the rebels were preparing to attack the town from two sides.

Douglas, Ariz.—Refugees from Guaymas, Mexico, arriving here, said 1,000 Americans were penned up in Mazatlan unable to get away because of the severed railroad connections, and unable to get word to Washington to send a warship to take them away. Mazatlan is reported captured by the rebels.

MORAN WINS THE DECISION

English Lightweight in Ten-Round Bout Beats Phil Brock at Canton, Ohio.

Canton, Ohio.—Owen Moran, the English lightweight, won the decision over Phil Brock of Cleveland in a ten-round bout here. Moran fought brilliantly all the way through, while Brock put up the worst fight of his career.

Duveens Pay \$1,180,000. Washington.—The government accepted \$1,180,000 in compromise of the suits against Duveen Brothers, the New York art firm accused of customs frauds. The books and papers of the firm will be retained for evidence in a criminal action.

Carnegie Aids Switzerland. Geneva, Switzerland.—The announcement is made in the Geneva newspapers that Andrew Carnegie has presented \$125,000 to the Swiss government to found a hero fund.

Standard Oil Lawyer Dies. New York.—John Henry Flagg, well known as associate counsel for the Standard Oil company several years ago, is dead here of pneumonia. He became identified with the Standard Oil company and served for over 12 years as the associate counsel. He was sixty-eight years old.

DARROW WILL LEAD

TO BE CHIEF COUNSEL FOR McNAMARA BROTHERS.

County Supervisors at Los Angeles Appropriate \$10,000 to Be Used in Prosecuting Men.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Following a prolonged conference with J. J. McNamara and J. B. McNamara, Attorney Lee Rappaport of Indianapolis held a consultation with District Attorney Fredericks here and then made the definite announcement that Clarence Darrow, the Chicago lawyer, would be the chief counsel for the two accused men.

Rappaport stated that Mr. Darrow would not come here until after the arraignment of the two prisoners and probably not until a date for trial has been set.

District Attorney Fredericks set at rest the rumors that \$100,000 would be used in the prosecution of the two McNamaras. The county board of supervisors set aside a fund of \$10,000 and it is believed by the district attorney that this amount will be entirely sufficient for the use of the prosecution.

It is understood that the defense will make objection to Judge Bordwell trying the case upon the ground that he summoned the special grand jury which returned the indictments.

Attorney Rappaport, who is the general counsel for the International Association of Structural Iron and Bridge Workers, visited the county jail and for two hours conferred with J. J. and J. B. McNamara. He made no effort to see McManigal and announced that he would make no effort to see the alleged informer, and that neither he nor Mr. Darrow would defend McManigal.

The first legal battle in the case will occur shortly after the prisoners are arraigned. At that time it is likely that the defense will move to quash the indictment and that an attack will be made upon the grand jury which issued the indictments. This fight will precede the date for pleading.

ENEMIES OF WAR GATHERED

National Peace Congress in Baltimore, Opened by President Taft, Attended by Eminent Men.

Baltimore, Md.—"Peace on earth" is the slogan of the foremost men of the nation who have come from all parts of the country and were here at the opening of the third National Peace Congress. Baltimorean hospitality is being exercised as probably never before in the history of the city.

The visiting peace advocates have been given the keys of the city and hosts and hostesses are vying with each other to do homage to the national figures.

The congress was opened in McCoy hall of Johns Hopkins university this afternoon by President Taft. Following the invocation by Cardinal Gibbons, Mayor Mahool of Baltimore delivered an address of welcome to the visiting peace advocates. Hamilton Holt, president of the congress, then spoke on "A League of Peace."

Andrew Carnegie, Dr. Benjamin Trueblood of the American Peace society, Prof. Leo S. Rowe of the University of Pennsylvania, and William C. Dennis of Washington, spoke briefly. Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott and Dr. Albert Shaw delivered addresses on "A Substitute for War."

Many eminent citizens of this and other countries delivered addresses, among them being Speaker Champ Clark, Congressman Richard Bartholdt, John Barrett, Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, President Thwing of the Western Reserve university, and the Belgian minister.

Aside from the regular sessions of the congress, there will be much other work done in Baltimore along the line of the peace movement. The school teachers will be assembled at special meetings to hear addresses directed especially to them, and there will be speeches made to the pupils of the upper grade schools of Baltimore by many of the prominent speakers.

The congress concluded with a banquet at the Hotel Belvidere, at which Champ Clark was toastmaster.

M'VEAGH SUE FOR LIBEL

Deposed Cleveland Customs Collector Brings Action at Chicago for \$100,000 Damages.

Chicago.—Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury, was made defendant in a suit for \$100,000 which was filed in the circuit court by Charles P. Leach, formerly collector of customs for Cleveland, O. The suit against Mr. MacVeagh is to collect damages for alleged libelous statements made against Leach. The latter had occupied the position of collector of customs for 13 years but was removed from his office on March 10, 1911, by order of President Taft.

Death Takes Nebraska Official. Lincoln, Neb.—Lieut. Gov. M. R. Hopewell died at his home at Tekamah. Pneumonia complicated with heart trouble caused his death. He served three terms as lieutenant governor.

Women of Iceland Get Ballot. London.—Telegraphic reports bring the information that the Icelandic parliament has passed a bill giving the right of suffrage to all women who have reached the age of twenty-five.

Woman Wins Research Prize. Northampton, Mass.—A prize of \$1,000 for the best laboratory research work for women was awarded by the Naples Table association to Miss Mary E. Pinney, B. A., of Kansas university.

Harry Whitney, Explorer, Ill. New Haven, Conn.—Word has been received here by relatives of Harry Whitney, sportsman and arctic explorer, that he is suffering from blood poisoning in a fishing camp at Knights Beach, Fla.

SIX IN BRIBE NET

THREE OHIO SENATORS, TWO REPRESENTATIVES AND SERGEANT-AT-ARMS INDICTED.

JURY RETURNS TRUE BILLS

George B. Nye, Who Had Detectives Arrested, Is Held—No Indictments Are Found Against Sleuths—All Accused Released on Bonds.

Columbus, O.—Indictments against three senators, two representatives and Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate Rodney J. Diegel of Sandusky were returned by the Franklin county grand jury. The legislators were indicted on the testimony of three Burns detectives. The accused senators are: Isaac E. Huffman of Butler county; and George K. Cetone of Montgomery, Democrats; and L. R. Andrews of Lawrence, Republican. The representatives, Dr. George B. Nye of Pike county, Democrat, and Dr. A. C. Lowry of Lawrence, Republican.

One indictment is returned against each of the assemblymen charging solicitation of bribes. Diegel is charged with aiding and abetting in the bribes, solicitations. All of these with the exception of Lowry were named by the Burns detectives in the statements which they gave out.

Soon after the indictments were returned the indicted men with attorneys appeared at the courthouse and gave bonds. The amount was \$5,000 for the three senators and Representative Lowry. The bond for Nye and Diegel is \$10,000. Huffman and Cetone furnished personal bonds. The other bonds were furnished by a surety company. The grand jury returned no bills against F. S. Harrison, A. C. Bailey and D. H. Berry, the detectives who worked up the case and who were arrested at the instance of Nye on the charge of offering bribes.

The cases will be pushed rapidly and court will not adjourn until the cases are disposed of. The legislature will also remain in session indefinitely, as it is planned to conduct a probe after the court finishes its work, in order that those members who are guilty of wrongdoing but who may have escaped conviction can be given a hearing and expelled if they are found guilty. The grand jury will continue its investigation and more indictments are expected. The grand jury heard the dictagraph reports of the conversation between the detectives and the accused legislators. It is said that several of the latter offered to go before the grand jury pleading immunity would be granted, but this was denied them.

The house passed the senate bill making the penalty for bribery of a public officer or member of the legislature one to ten years and cutting out a fine as alternative penalty.

RICH MAN ADMITS MURDER

Confession He Killed Employee Accidentally Causes Search of Farm For Other Missing Men.

Fowler, Ind.—John W. Poole, wealthy land owner, killed in jail here on the charge of killing Joseph Kemper, a German farm hand employed by him, has confessed to the officers that he shot Kemper accidentally on December 12, 1909.

Poole was arrested near Rensselaer after the decomposed and terribly mutilated body of Kemper had been found in a corn field by Emory Poole, his son, and several of his neighbors. The officers and people living in Poole's neighborhood believe that he may have used his farm as a graveyard for others employed by him who are missing and search is being made for graves.

The mystery promises to rival that of the famous Guinness case near Leport, Ind. Like Mrs. Guinness' farm hands, who were killed after entering her employ, Kemper and at least two others employed by Poole are believed to have been murdered. A fourth farm hand whose name is not known is missing.

Poole's arrest was made on charges filed by his son Emory, who says that he was afraid that his father would kill him and his mother. The latter, however, stands by her husband.

Young Poole insists that his father killed Kemper in the kitchen at his home near here, but Poole declared that he killed Kemper accidentally in pursuit of a rabbit. He says that while he was climbing over a fence the gun was discharged. Kemper, he says, was struck in the head by the shot and killed.

Poole is under heavy guard here as excitement is running high among the farmers. He is about fifty years old. He has several farms, but has been feared because of his temper. Several years ago he shot and almost killed one of his employees in a controversy over wages. He was released on the ground that he was insane.

Investigate Murder of American. Washington.—James O. Laing, American consul at Malta, will go to Cyrene, Africa, to assist in the investigation of the murder of Prof. H. F. de Cou, an American archaeologist, by Arabs on March 11.

Colony for Cure of Inebriates. Baltimore, Md.—A committee of the Maryland Medical and Chirurgical faculty is developing plans to establish a colony for the cure of inebriates. It wishes to raise \$100,000 for that purpose.

Wisconsin Merit Law Valid. Madison.—The state supreme court upheld the constitutionality of the state civil service law, which had been attacked by the secretary of state and attorney general as a violation of both the state and national constitutions.

Slow Safe; Get \$1,500. Hastings, Neb.—The Bank of Rosemont was entered by robbers and the safe was blown after the third explosion. The robbers got \$1,500 in cash and escaped.

MISS SELINA LUE

and the Soap-box Babies

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CHAPTER I.

Ethel Maud Sees Her Thumb.

"If grown-up would just chaw one another's good luck, they could get a heap of satisfaction from it."

—Miss Selina Lue.

"Miss Selina Lue! Oh—Oh—ho—ho, Miss Selina Lue! Boo—hoo—hoo—"

"You, Bonnie, honey, quit crying this minute and tell me what the matter is. Come here and let me see!" And Miss Selina Lue made a grab for the grief-stricken youngster who was dancing with excitement in the doorway. "Now, where is the place? Put your hand where you hurt if you can't say it!"

"Oh—ho—ho, 'tain't me a-tall! It's Ethel Maud, and she's sewed herself in the sewing-machine and pa's cussing something awful and ma's sick to her stomach. Please, ma'am, come quick and get her out!"

"Lands alive!" said Miss Selina Lue as she reached with one hand for a sunbonnet hanging on the wall and pulled the top on the pickle barrel with the other. "Miss Cynthia, honey, can't you stay here for a few minutes until I can send Mr. Dobbs back to tend the store? And whatever you do, don't let nothing happen to the babies in the soap-boxes. The red-headed Flarity twin has been trying to turn his'n over all morning; watch him. Please hand me that turkey-tail duster hanging over there on the wall, while I straighten out my water waves. They ain't nothing like burnt feathers or hair to bring up them that's in a faint, and I never go without 'em to burn."

And after a quick glance into her little bedroom mirror, Miss Selina Lue hurried down the street, leaving an uncertainty as to whether the turkey-tail or her own soft waves were to be sacrificed in the cause of resuscitation.

"Gracious me, Miss Selina Lue, who's hurt now?" called Mrs. Kinney from her side door, standing with a hot fat-iron dangling from her hand. Mrs. Jim Peters also halted from her kitchen window, but Miss Selina Lue kept sternly on her course, piloted by the sobbing but important Bessie.

In the first of the three rooms that formed the Dobbs residence Miss Selina Lue found the pathetic little figure of Ethel Maud hanging against the corner of the sewing machine while Mr. Dobbs, red and embarrassed, stood trembling by the window, and the maternal relative of the young sufferer, leaning against a chair, white and heaving.

At sight of the deliverer, Ethel Maud gave a relieved whimper and her tumbled head fell over on Miss Selina Lue's bosom, the depths of which were stirred by more than the mere suffering of a pined finger, and which took sympathetic note of sweating, masculine misery and white-faced, inefficient mother-butterflies.

"Hurry on over to mind the store for me, Mr. Dobbs," she said with a kind glance at him. "I can get her loose in a minute. And, Miss Dobbs, quick as you can, set the kettle on the stove in the kitchen for some hot water to take out the swell. We'll be so, vastly relieved, with one accord the parents disappeared through opposite doors, thus leaving Miss Selina Lue with the limp and whimpering bag to hold.

"There, there, chickie-biddie," she crooned to the little white ear buried against her neck as she raised the arm and hand and with a quick, dexterous turn of the needle released the small pink thumb. "It ain't injured much. However did you come to sew your thumb?"

"We was trying to see what made the top of it go and she got in the way," volunteered Bessie, who was the only member of the family that had stood by the afflicted one. Although his distress had been genuine, there is an attraction to ten years in blood, even though that same blood be consanguineous. "Shoo!" that didn't bleed half as much as my toe did last week," he further remarked.

"It did! It did!" wailed the small sufferer, for the first time giving away to the to-be-expected lamentations of one injured. "Everybody stumps their toes, but they didn't ever anybody get sewed up in a sewing machine before."

Bessie was on the point of arguing the question when he was overtaken by swift retribution for his seeming heartlessness in the shape of a wet dish-towel that spanked across his shoulders with a sting.

"Bessie Dobbs, I am ashamed of you for your unfeelingness to your little sister," cried his mother, who stood in the doorway with a cracked, yellow bowl of hot water in one hand and the towel in the other. "You are just like all men folk, a-trying to make light of the sufferings of women which they can't none of you know nothing about. Men always look at women troubles cutes the little end of the horn. There the Dobbs standing there a-cussing me 'cause my stomach turns at the sight of blood, and him the one to unsew his own child if so comes to need it." Mrs. Dobbs was still white about the mouth, and the tears were still undried on her red, round, shiny cheeks. She stopped the water over Miss Selina Lue's shoulder and sussed one of Ethel Maud's little pigtail plaits as she handed over the bowl with a sniff.

"There, there, Miss Dobbs, you know they ain't a mite of harm in Mr. Dobbs, and as for cussing, looks like that awful habit is all the let-off a man have got, while a woman can break up dishes, stam the stove lids, spank her children, and make herself a cup of tea to ease her nerves, and nobody even knows she's upset."

"That's all very well for a woman as free as you is, Miss Selina Lue, but a married woman has feel-

ings you can't never understand, and one of 'em is a cussing husband."

"That's so, and I reckon I can't hardly sense your feelings in that case, but if I had a married, and he had a-felt a cause for cussing—There now, she's done dose off with the foot-lag of the hot water! Open my bag there and get me that old linen handkerchief tored into strips. Don't take off this rag tonight, and I'll fix it again in the morning." Miss Selina Lue laid the relaxed little figure on the bed without causing a tremor of the white eyelids.

"Law, Miss Selina Lue, it do seem a shame you ain't got ten of your own, you are that kinder hovering-like with them. I shore am sorry for you," said the grateful mother as she jabbed in the dart of her sympathy with a smile.

"Well, I don't know but it's best as it is," answered Miss Selina Lue with spirit, "for you all are so good about letting me help with yours. People kinder grow along towards what they think about; and as I think baby tending a good part of the day, come night I feel like I was the mother of twenty. Mind not to take off that rag until I see it again."

In a few minutes Miss Selina Lue departed and attempted to hasten down the street, but was interrupted at every turn, it seemed. On the corner she met Mr. Dobbs, whose steps were faltering towards home.

"Miss Selina Lue," he said sheepishly, with his face turned away from her, "if it had a-been Ben, now, I could—er—done it; but the little 'un—I—I—"

"Mr. Dobbs, I respect you for your feelings for I seen the thought ter help were in your mind, but Ethel Maud is a slimy little thing as would

be hard for a man to handle. She is asleep, and I expect Miss Dobbs have got your dinner ready by now."

"I thank you, Miss Selina Lue, ma'am, and I do say as how you was the master hand with the young 'uns. I was just a-telling Miss Cynthia, who is a-waiting to see you, that it do seem a pity—"

Miss Selina Lue's progress down the street was resumed before Mr. Dobbs had exactly formulated the regrets he wished to express, but whose nature Miss Selina Lue inferred from experience.

But her hurried return to her own affairs was not to be permitted by the anxious neighbors along the path of duty which she had trod so excitedly with Bessie Dobbs an hour before. Mrs. Kinney had been sitting on the hot stove or curiosity, and her face was determined and her voice was compelling as she halted from her stoop.

"Wait a minute, Miss Selina Lue, can't you? Whatever was the matter with the Dobbses?" she said, draping herself over the picket-fence as if she had come to hear the news if it took all morning and all the backbone she possessed to extract it.

"It was a bad accident, but it might-er been worse if she had a-run it in her eye, though that would-er been hard for her to do unless it had been something like a knitting-needle. A thumb ain't so much use except in peeling potatoes and such as a sorter balance wheel for the rest of the hand," answered Miss Selina Lue, commencing in the dramatic part of the tale without any unnecessary preamble.

"Now, ain't that like Mary Ellen Dobbs? I never seen such a person fer carelessness. It's a wonder she ain't died it before! It will be powerful awkward to be without a thumb when it comes to going to meeting in a genteel way with gloves."

"It was Ethel Maud, Miss Kinney."

"Ethel Maud? Who ever heard of a child injuring her mother? Miss Selina Lue, she must have the rabies. Maybe she was bit by a mad dog when

she didn't know it. I reckon I better call my children on this side of the street till I see what happens."

"Miss Kinney, ma'am, please wait till I tell you the straight of it. Ethel Maud sewed her thumb in the sewing machine, and she ain't hurt bad at all. In a day or two—"

"Well, Miss Selina Lue, I take it hard indeed that you let me get so upset over the troubles of one of my neighbors that ain't anything at all. I never expected no such treatment from you that I call—"

"Oh, Miss Kinney, honey," pleaded Miss Selina Lue, with an eager pat on the heaving shoulder, "I wouldn't hurt your feelings for worlds. Now, hush but you could-er been so kind and thought up all them afflictions for the Dobbses?"

"That's jest it," sobbed the friendly one; "I takes more interest in my friends' doings than I do in my own, and I don't believe they appreciate it like they oughter, neither. Sometimes they are so cold to me when I ask questions jest outen sympathy."

"Yes, they do, Miss Kinney, honey, and don't you go to doubting your friends, which is a poor thing for anybody to do. When you want to sympathize with me I am always glad to git it and consider it a blessed thing to have, whether I need it or not. Sympathy is jest the pure juice of the heart squeezed out fer a friend."

"That's like you, Miss Selina Lue, apatching up people's hurt feelings and children with kind words and rags. I was a-saying to Mr. Kinney last night, when he went and got that cough medicine for Luella from you, that it's a plumb shame you ain't got a round dozen husbands and children of—"

"Oh, must you go? Please, ma'am, don't forget to make me another mess of that medicine; she do cough so, come night."

The haven of her grocery door, her neglected business, and the shade of her own hackberry tree which hung over the front stoop of the store lay in the sight of Miss Selina Lue, when another hail sounded from the other side of the street. Mrs. Jim Peters' shining face nodded at the window as she held up a small white bundle and beckoned by waving a tiny red hand.

"You ain't been in to see him for two days, Miss Selina Lue, and we's both gittin' downright hurt with you," she said. Mrs. Jim Peters was very, very young; Jim was also young and was

TO CLOSE CLUB BARS

Prohibitionists in Session Claim A New Weapon Found

LAW OPERATIVE ON JULY 1

Fraternal and Social Organizations Get Government Licenses—This Fact Will Be Evidence of Intent to Sell.

Des Moines, May 5.—The party prohibitionists of Iowa in session in this city say they have found a "rider" in the only temperance measure to pass the legislature by which the sale of intoxicating liquors may be prohibited in the social or fraternal club houses of the state. The bill, because of its unique position as the only liquor regulating bill to be ordered by the legislature to be made a part of the laws of the state, was given considerable discussion at the party prohibition conference.

When the law becomes operative on July 1, say the party prohibitionists, liquor can be obtained only at saloons or at drug stores having liquor permits.

The bill, which was fathered by Representative Beebe of Franklin, originated in the house of the legislature and has brought such joy to the temperance people in prohibiting bootlegging in fashionable club houses, compels the county attorney to get a certified list of all holders of government retail license receipts and file them with the county auditor.

This certified copy is to be prima facie evidence that such persons are engaged in the sale of liquor in violation of law. Fraternal and social clubs take out government licenses and this fact will be evidence, say the temperance men, that there is an intent to sell. Under the Cossan law the county attorney will be forced to prosecute.

BANKERS HERE FOR MEETING

Charles G. Dawes Former Comptroller of the Treasury Will Discuss "The Aldrich Plan."

Des Moines, May 5.—Group six of the Iowa State Bankers' association holds its annual meeting in Des Moines today.

Among the well known people who will attend the meeting are Charles G. Dawes, president of the Central Trust company of Chicago and former comptroller of the United States treasury, who will deliver the main address; A. J. Earling, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; Rufus C. Dawes; John T. McCutcheon of the Chicago Tribune; Wm. Tilden of Chicago; Francis McMillen and Charles A. Hanna. Mr. Dawes' topic will be "The Aldrich Plan," for a great central bank.

HOME COMING OF DENTISTS

State Dental Society Making Arrangements to Celebrate Semi-Centennial Here Next Year.

Des Moines, May 5.—Iowa dentists will hold a great home-coming celebration in Des Moines next year. It will be in celebration of the semi-centennial of the Iowa State Dental society. Members of other years who have retired or left the state will be invited to return and join in the observance of the anniversary. President-elect W. G. Crandall of Spencer, announced plans for this celebration yesterday. He said that a reminiscent and historical program will be prepared and that pioneer members of the society will take part in that program.

Legislators in City.

Des Moines, May 5.—A number of members of the legislature were in the city and at the state house yesterday. Senators Sammis and Clark-son were before the supreme court, and Representative Jacobs of Cal-houn county was at the capital on other business. Attorney J. F. Ab-glen of Albia appeared with Senator Clarkson before the court.

Group Three Bankers Meet.

Charles City, May 5.—Bankers of Group 3 will hold their annual convention in this city May 16th. There are nine counties and 143 banks in this group. Secretary Morton W. Wilbur of the Security Trust and Savings bank, is now working on the program.

Stillman for Congress.

Des Moines, May 5.—News came from Jefferson, yesterday, that Paul E. Stillman, speaker of the house in the late legislature, has authorized the announcement of his candidacy for congress in the Tenth district.

Senator Kittredge Dead.

Hot Springs, Ark., May 5.—Former United States Senator Albert Beard Kittredge of Sioux Falls, S. D., died here at 9:30 o'clock last night after a month's illness with liver and kidney trouble.

May Build Big Dam.

Fort Dodge, May 5.—Fort Dodge and Humboldt capitalists, in the Northern Iowa Power company are considering a proposition to build a \$200,000 dam across the Des Moines river here.

Celebrates Ninety-ninth Birthday.

Algonia, May 5.—Algonia, Franklin Tuesday celebrated his ninety-ninth anniversary of his birth at his home in Algonia. Mr. Franklin was born near Rochester, N. Y., in 1812 and probably is the oldest man in the state.

Plumbers Go on Strike.

Mason City, May 5.—Plumbers here are on a strike, the third strike within a year. They want \$4.50 for eight hours work and master plumbers to stay off the work.

NEGROES ARE OPTIMISTIC

PESSIMISM IS PRACTICALLY AN UNKNOWN FORCE AMONG NEGRO-AMERICANS.

The Prairie View Standard says in a recent issue:

"The negro pessimist has long been with us, though he has not known himself by that name. The negro pessimist has no faith in any undertaking of his own race; he is always criticizing or denouncing the preachers and the churches of the race, because it is a safe thing to do. He never takes stock in any negro enterprise. He never subscribes for a negro newspaper. When any enterprise is started he immediately predicts its failure, and does all he can to make it fail. But the influence of the negro pessimist is waning."

Commenting upon this, State Press of the Dallas News says:

"This is a new view of the negro. It has been generally understood heretofore, at least among the white folks, that there were no negro pessimists. Optimism has been the colored man's best asset, according to the Caucasian idea. Through drought and flood, through fire and famine, the black man has gone his way, serenely confident of the future, to all appearances, and wholly contented with the present. Many men of the other color have envied the Afro-American his easy mental attitude in times of stress. Millionaires in gilded carriages have looked through their French maid glass at the happy black man wielding a pick in the streets and wished that the laborer's fine freedom from carping care might be transplanted into their own bosoms. The mistress of many a palatial home has longed for the restful philosophy that characterized the 'black mammy' in the kitchen. If the negro is beginning to be a pessimist, then he is losing his birthright."

Pessimism is practically an unknown force among negroes.

The Standard evidently mistakes criticism for pessimism. During the past few years a good many things, long regarded as too sacred for adverse comment, have been subjected to fearless but well-intentioned criticism among negroes. Here and there, it will be admitted we have a few—very few—preachers who have had no more preparation for their work than a mule, and who make up in clatter for what they lack in matter, who substitute sound for sense—thunder for lightning, and under whose teaching the race is not getting anywhere morally, spiritually or intellectually—and somebody has had the hardihood to say so. Here and there a few men of God have shown more eagerness for the dollar than for souls—and somebody has said so. Here and there a colored man has gone into business and hoped to succeed by virtue of his color. He has been urged to revise his business creed and to get in the game, leaving his color out of the question. That's the sort of pessimism that is now prevalent.

Thinking men have seen that the race is long on church building, but is decidedly short on factory building. And somebody has said so.

Here and there a few secret orders, useful in themselves, have been used by designing men to enrich themselves at the expense of the many—and somebody has had the nerve to say so.

Here and there people have thought that when men organize a bank or other commercial enterprise and bid for public support, the organizers ought to have some money, some business capacity and some honesty. These things have been voiced by fearless critics—men who were looking for no office and who were indifferent alike to applause or blame. That's the kind of pessimism that our contemporary has in mind, and it is as different from the real article as night is from day.

The negro is not losing his optimism. He's more of an optimist now than ever, because he needs to be. But along with that optimism he's becoming sufficiently keen sighted to know that every sermon is not "great," every speech is not "grand," every enterprise or scheme originated by negroes is not necessarily founded on strict business principles; every public uplifter is not necessarily an angel, and that every appeal made in the name of "race pride" is not necessarily unselfish.

The critics who have been radiating this sort of "pessimism" have been making conditions better for every negro of brains and worth, and for every honest enterprise endeavoring to struggle for recognition and a foundation upon which to stand. They have simply tried

"To prune the luxuriant, the uncouth, the reeds, But show no mercy to an empty mind."

and still less to the fellow who regards the race as his particular and lawful prey.

The atmosphere is becoming less and less favorable to the fellow whose chief ability is to blunder and to plunder. And that's the result of the "pessimism" that is now frightening our honest contemporary. What? The negro is so much of an optimist that he looks for the best, and when he gets the worst, he doesn't believe it!—"Old Hickory," in Dallas Express.

How He Broke It Off.

Mrs. Coyne—Did you tell Ethel that you would disinherit her if she married that broken-down nobleman?

Mr. Coyne—No. I told the broken-down nobleman.

A Possible Reason.

"It is very difficult to exact a promise from that man."

"I wonder why?"

"I think he figures on keeping his promises."

Spare.

"This," said the janitor of the flat building to the prospective renters, "is the spare room."

"Gee!" replied the man, "none but spare guests for that spare room!"

Current Notes

By 1940 the population of New York city will probably reach 8,000,000.

Compared with 1870 pauperism in London has decreased by 50 per cent. All patents in Korea have to be registered in the Japanese patent bureau.

The world's product of gold since the discovery of America is estimated at \$130,000,000,000.

Exports of manufactures from the United States will, this year, for the first time, exceed \$500,000,000 in value. Forty years ago the paper making industry of Finland was in its infancy. Now it is worth \$9,000,000 a year.

Turin's international exposition will be opened April 29 by the king and queen of Italy in the presence of other members of the royal family and the government.

A one-wheeled jirikaka, on the monopoly principle, is being introduced among the Chinese of the Malay states. It is said to be safe and to have many advantages over the old-fashioned vehicle.

The principal telephone company of Spain, with stations in Madrid, Barcelona and 17 other cities, has only 3,705 subscribers. The city of San Sebastian has a municipal telephone service.

The Bible contains 3,666,480 letters, 810,697 words, 31,175 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books. The longest chapter is the 119th Psalm; the shortest and middle chapter is the 117th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th of the 117th Psalm. The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah.

Frederick August Wilhelm, wife of the kaiser's fourth son, has set herself the task of reviving one of Germany's oldest customs, that according to which newly wedded couples immediately after the marriage ceremony plant a couple of oak saplings side by side in a park or by a roadside of their native town.

Queen Mary has a black carpet in one of the rooms of Buckingham palace, and in consequence there is much interest in the artistic possibilities of such color of carpet. The carpet will, however, not be very popular, as it must have gilt or some other light furniture, and it will not wear well, showing every dust mark.

The forest resources of Queensland are extensive, amounting to 40,000,000 acres, or 9.32 per cent. of the whole area of the state, while 3,836,191 acres, or 0.83 per cent., is specially reserved by the government for timber. The forests of Queensland yield a great variety of woods noted for strength, durability and beauty.

Miss Anna Rogstad is about to become a member of the Norwegian parliament. Miss Rogstad was chosen an alternate member for Gen. Brattle, who has since been chosen president of the storting. He is now obliged to give up his seat for a while to take part in reorganizing the army. Miss Rogstad as his alternate will have to fill his place as a member, though it is said she will not act as president.

The census of 1910 gives 204,354 as the population of Arizona territory. Immigration to the Salt River valley and other agricultural sections continues to increase. The Salt River lands are being subdivided into small holdings. Homestead entries increase, not only for irrigated lands, but also in dry farming regions.

The most costly medicine a few years ago was metallic gallium, which sold for \$150,000 a pound, but radium is now the priceless gem of the mineral world, selling for more than that price an ounce.

Charles H. Johnson, the new Democratic United States senator from Maine, is fifty-two years of age, and the length of his active service in the councils of his party is indicated by the fact that he was its candidate for governor 20 years ago.

M. Jean Braille, just appointed notary at Saint-Sauver, in the Gers department, in succession to his father, who has resigned, is the eleventh member of the same family, the members of which have succeeded one another from father to son for 315 years. The royal ordinance which appointed Blaise Braille first on this long line of men of law is dated Pau, December 23, 1596, and signed by Catherine, sister of Henry IV.

In Cawnpore, India, with American machinery, they are making shoes so cheaply that the manufacturers of Lynn can no longer compete with them. The cotton and silks which we one time sent to Asia are now made in Japan and China.

Mrs. Potter Palmer is going into the wholesale fruit business. A mile-square tract on the Florida west coast, at Sarasota, 50 miles north of Tampa, is the site chosen by Mrs. Palmer for her venture, and she is there now looking over the ground.

Havana imports its granite paving blocks from Norway, getting them cheaper than it can from any American port. It is said that the low Norwegian rates, combined with the low cost of material, prevent competition.

English was in 1906 the sole language of worship in 181,393 religious organizations, with 23,648,267 members, or 85.6 per cent. of the total number of the organizations and 71.8 per cent. of the total membership in Continental United States.

M. A. Nayland, seventy-one, of Kansas City, who gave \$80,000 to charity last week and then went into seclusion to escape praise, reappeared at his home afterward. Asked why he gave three-fourths of his fortune away, he said: "I had a little money. I saw so many people worse off than I that I wanted to help them a little. That's all."

Light but strong waterproof paper that successfully imitates leather and rubber is made in Japan from vegetable fibers.

Forty persons are employed on one English farm in the picking and preparation of watercress for the market.

The use of bicycles is decreasing in Russia. One dealer recently stated that he sold 2,000 in 1908, but only half that number in 1909. In Germany the demand for them is stationary. Russia and Germany are thus exceptions to almost all other countries, where the cycle seems to gain in popularity.

In the days of the barefoot skit, it will take a clever child to spot out either of his two parents.

Mrs. A. J. Hoffman of Green Creek, Idaho county, Wash., defeated her husband in the last election for the office of constable and justice of the peace. Mrs. Hoffman's name was not on the original ballot, but some of Hoffman's friends suggested to several others that they write her name in and vote for her. The joke took so well that Mrs. Hoffman received nearly two votes to her husband's one. She declines to accept either office.

The oldest student attending a university in the United States is said to be Rev. David Jordan Higgins, a non-sectarian preacher and former colonel in the United States army, who is attending the classes in philosophy conducted by Prof. J. H. Hoose of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Southern California. The incident of an octogenarian teaching a nonagenarian probably has no parallel in the world. Rev. Mr. Higgins was born in Maine in 1817.

Alaska's fishing industry, next in importance to mining, gives employment to 12,588 persons, of whom 2,823 are natives.

The flowers of many trees, like the oak, elm and hickory, are so inconspicuous that they are popularly supposed to be altogether lacking.

Speaking of the uses of the X-ray, Dr. J. Hall Edwards, a famous Birmingham, England, physician, says that it might be employed to determine if oysters contain pearls. This would obviate the necessity of destroying the bivalve in the hope of finding a pearl inside.

Born in 1884, M. Henri de Regnier, the symbolist poet and novelist, one of the new French academicians, is among the youngest members of the academy. The youngest of all is still the Academy, who is four years M. de Regnier's junior and has the rare distinction of being elected an academicien when he was only thirty-four.

The doyen of the academy is Napoleon III's old war minister, M. Emile Olivier, who is eighty-five and still actively writing.

One of the most ludicrous enactments to be found in the acts of parliament is the statute for the rebuilding of a certain jail. The bill as originally drafted provided that prisoners should be confined in the old jail until the new one was built; but in committee a clause was added to the effect that the new prison should be constructed out of the materials of the old, and the bill became a law before anybody detected the absurdity.

It has been shown in South Africa that, contrary to an old tradition, as much dew forms on a cloudy night as under a clear sky, unless there be a wind. Gusts of wind invariably check the formation of dew.

A German astronomer says that starlight does not account for all the brightness of a moonless night. He attributes a part of the brightness to "earth light," which he thinks may be a permanent aurora surrounding the earth.

Because he had forgotten his "climbers" C. E. Ordish, Montana lion hunter, had to walk back five miles after them through the snow to Libby, Mont., before he could climb a tree, rope and capture a lion which his dogs had tracked.

Sir George Clarke, the governor of Bombay, in inaugurating a scheme to supply Bombay with 30,000 horse power from a storage of reservoirs in the western Ghats, protested against the ignorant croakers who belittled Indian progress and enterprise.

Congressman Edwin Denby of the First Michigan district, who has just been re-elected for a third term, is engaged to wed Miss Marion B. Thurber, a daughter of the late Henry T. Thurber, who was President Cleveland's private secretary in the latter's second term.

George Spoor, aged eighty-six, living in Glendale, Mass., claims to be the champion veteran wood-chopper of Hampton county. Last week he cut, chopped and split 14 cords of kindlings, and on Saturday afternoon devoted all his time in piling the wood in his barn.

One-third of the Londoners who present themselves for enlistment in the territorial force have defects of vision, and ophthalmic specialists are considering whether there be any particular cause of this high per cent. It may be found that the insularity of the English people is due to the structure of the eye.

Melvin A. Halstead, ninety years of age, founder of Lowell, Ind., has proved up 320 acres of land near Harrison, Neb. He did all the work himself. Mr. Halstead is a "forty-niner" and a Civil war veteran. He homesteaded land in Lake county, Indiana, when Chicago was Fort Dearborn and ran the first grist mill in the state.

The municipal art commission of New York is reported to be turning its attention to the letter boxes, and is said to have a plan for having the boxes removed from lamp poles and fixed on pedestals of their own. A more attractive design is to be sought and also a uniform plan of placing the boxes throughout the city.

In Albany, Mo., the town committee promised more than free transportation for voters on election day. Their advertisement contained the following invitation: "A free lunch, consisting of hot coffee, meat sandwiches and pumpkin pie will be served on election day. All voters are invited to call and partake as often as they desire."

A Michigan millionaire, who is not a Mason, has presented to the Grand Masonic lodge of that state a fine property to be used as a Masonic home. The building was designed as a sanitarium in the millionaire's town. All the equipment of the sanitarium are included in the gift, which is valued at \$300,000. The gift was made without conditions.

Mary Goddard, the oldest Quaker preacher in the world, preached a sermon at Brunswick, Me., lately, on her one hundred and first anniversary.

A method of felling trees by electricity has been invented in Berlin, Germany. A fine steel wire is looped about the tree, and then moved rapidly against the wood by an electric motor. The heat is enough to burn its way through the tree, and six minutes is all that is required for a diameter of 20 inches.

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ENTERPRISE NEWS.

The Olive Aid Society met Thursday with Mrs. C. Briggs as the residence of Mrs. Ada Harris. After transacting of business a delicious two course luncheon was served by the hostesses.

The entertainment given last Monday by the Progressive Art Club was quite a success. They are few in number but are pressing on with the faithful few.

The W. H. and F. M. society met Friday with the president, Mrs. Robert Hunter. After business and sewing light refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown died at their home Tuesday, April 26, 1911. She was only seven weeks old but is greatly missed by the family. The many friends extend to them their heartfelt sympathy.

Mrs. Frank Brown and son Edward of Colfax, Iowa, was in our city Wednesday to attend the funeral of her little granddaughter, Stella Thors Brown.

Rev. and Mrs. Jas. Bowles left Wednesday for Des Moines, where they spent a few days visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bell, 1340 Jefferson street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown entertained at six o'clock dinner Wednesday, Rev. and Mrs. Jas. Bowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Merideth Gundersen left Wednesday for Buxton where they will make their future home.

Our B. Y. P. U. are doing splendid work, everyone should hear our program.

Mrs. Brown and daughter Mable and Mrs. Wickley of Des Moines were guests at the Mr. and Mrs. G. Divers home Sunday.

J. M. Howell, a popular druggist of Greensburg, Ky., says, "We used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our own household and know it is excellent" For sale by all dealers.

BURLINGTON ITEMS.

The Burlington subscribers are very much pleased to know that Mr. J. L. Thompson, the editor, is much improved and able to be out after his recent illness and hope the other members of the Publishing Co., who were indisposed are all O. K. by now.

We sincerely regret to lose such good citizens as Mr. and Mrs. S. Vaughn who departed last week for Peoria, Ill., accompanied by Mrs. Vaughn's sister, Mrs. Brown. We wish them success and many new friends at their new life in the city attending the business.

Rev. Palmer of Keokuk spoke at the Baptist church Sunday. Owing to the bad weather there were but a few members in attendance.

Stella, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simms of Stove street, is quite ill.

Miss Scott of Columbus, Mo., has returned to her home after a very pleasant visit with her aunt, Mrs. L. Wheeler. Mrs. Scott was entertained by Miss C. Brooks and Mrs. G. Tyler during her visit.

Mrs. L. Cook of Natchez, Miss., arrived in our city Saturday evening to join her husband. They are very pleasantly located on Spruce street, near 13th street.

KEOKUK NOTES.

The funeral of the late John Harris, who died Monday evening of tuberculosis was held Wednesday afternoon from the family residence. A goodly number of friends of the deceased gathered to pay their last tribute of respect. The services were conducted by the Rev. Brice Taylor. The pall bearers, French Bland, F. D. Fields, George Brangr, James Boyd, Chas. Teabean, John Craig. The remains were laid to rest in Oakland cemetery.

The death of John Givens, an old and much respected citizen of Keokuk, occurred at his late home on Franklin street, Thursday at midnight or drooping. He has been a faithful member of the fire department for years. He was also identified with the U. B. F. society, and a member of the A. M. E. church, from which place the funeral occurred Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Brice Taylor. Those left to mourn his loss are his wife and two daughters, three sisters and one brother and a host of other relatives and friends. The remains were laid to rest in Oakland cemetery.

Mr. Lester Frye is very ill with pneumonia at the family home, 1828 Main street. Friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. Otis Fields left Monday night for Omaha, Neb.

At the Parish hall May 10 and 11, 1911, Keokuk, Iowa, Home Talent will present the beautiful romantic military drama in three acts entitled, The Rio Grande.

BILLIENESS AND CONSTIPATION.

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

DAYTON NOTES.

The Literary met Wednesday the 26th and rendered quite a commendable program. They will meet again May 10th at the Baptist church.

Sunday April 30th the pastor preached in the morning on the Gospel of Good Health and in the evening on the Evils of the Modern Dance. The Sunday school and church is progressing nicely.

Rev. Wm. Beckem, D. D., field agent for the National Baptist Publishing Board will lecture at the third Baptist church Thursday night, Dr. Beckem is an able orator.

The third Baptist church will observe Mother's day, May 14th. The pastor will preach a sermon on the occasion at 3:00 p. m.

There will also be papers and songs suitable to the occasion.

Mrs. Tabatha Anderson of Frankfort, Kentucky, who has been teaching a class in millinery, returned to her home last week.

Two of Dayton's society ladies took advantage of this opportunity and the result is they are able to make and trim hats that sell from \$5 to \$25.

The dinner held in the parlors of Mrs. C. H. Merchant last Wednesday

afternoon and evening was indeed magnificent. The class has organized under the name of the Murphy Millinery Co., officers as follows: Mrs. Ruth Bright, president; Mrs. Nora Sheppard, secretary; Mrs. James Barley, treasurer.

St. Mary's Court elects officers: Mrs. Clara Cud, M. A. U.; Mrs. Eliza Shilton, Asst. Matron; Mrs. S. B. Walkup, treasurer; Mrs. Daisy Harris, secretary; Rev. S. B. Walkup, Joshua; Miss Clara Tarver, I. G. K. Mrs. Sylvia, O. G. K.

The Violet Club met with Mrs. Georgia Allen last week in North Davenport.

Mrs. Cecil Carter of W. 11th street entertained a number of young ladies and gentlemen last week in honor of her sister, Miss Fay Sykes of Fairfield, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Johnson attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Redd at Washington, Iowa last Friday.

Quarterly meeting last Sunday at Bethel A. M. E. church was a record breaker in every particular.

Rev. S. M. McDowell of Rock Island, preached one of his best sermons.

Rev. W. H. Sunder of Moline came over with his choir with a large following and the song was sung striding. 75 communed at the altar.

Rev. L. J. Phillips P. E. preached morning and evening and conducted the communion services.

Sunday afternoon, May 7th. Rev. T. B. Stovall and his choir and members will go to Moline on the occasion of the quarterly meeting. Rev. Stovall will preach the sermon and the choir will do the singing.

Mrs. L. F. Phillips joined her husband here Sunday and is now a resident of Davenport.

The revival services that have been in session for a week, closed Sunday night with good results.

Mrs. Wm. O'Neill of W. 9th street is in Evanston on a business trip.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the members of Union Congregational Sunday School, the M. C. T. club and friends; for the sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our little son, and for the beautiful floral tributes given.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Turner and daughter.

(Special to Bystander.)

Chicago, Ill., May 1, 1911.

Mrs. Hamilton, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alexander of Des Moines, Iowa returned home last week.

Married, April 25, 1911, Miss Mabel Weeks and Mr. Ed. Sanford. The bride has quite a number of relatives in Des Moines, who will be glad to hear of her marriage.

Mrs. Eliza Wood of Champagne, Ill., returned home Monday, after a two weeks stay at the sick bed of her daughter, Mrs. H. Rae King.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson, Rev. G. H. Ford and wife, Mr. Phillip Garner, were callers at the Horne residence Sunday.

Mrs. M. T. Lowery will return home Wednesday from Mercy hospital.

Mrs. Clara Price has returned from Macomb, Ill., for a short visit. The entertainment given by the stewardess of last Tuesday night was quite a success.

Master Logan Marshall has returned from Rock Island, Ill., where he spent Easter Sunday with his friend Ulysses Clark. Master Logan also attended the grand Easter Ball, on Monday, April 17th at Davenport, given by Bates Light Guard Band.

On last Monday night the skating rink was turned over to the colored people, and was well attended. The rink is opened on every Monday night. There was a large attendance last week. The city federation met at the home of Mrs. A. G. Jackson, on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Della Marshall has accepted the agency of the Plain Dealer, a paper edited by Mr. Nick Chiles of Topeka, Kansas. She expects to call upon her friends in the near future and solicits their patronage for subscription.

Quite a few of the C. R. people expect to attend the May Ball in Marshalltown, Thursday.

Mrs. Della Marshall received an invitation to the marriage of Miss Minnie Page of Topeka Kansas and Mr. Alex Tillery of Omaha, Neb., April 27. Mr. Tillery will be remembered as the gentleman that was here last fall and winter, with C. H. Hubbell's private car and was very popular in church and social circles.

SIOUX CITY ITEMS.

The Barrel Opening given by the Stewardesses of the A. M. E. church last Thursday, April 26th, and at the church was a grand success both socially and financially. The sum of \$28.65 was realized from the barrels, the prizes were won as follows: First prize, a silver toilet set by Mrs. Jessie Cowns and a gold ring, set with pearls and ruby, by Mrs. Sadie Norris.

Mrs. Lina Costa and little daughter, Ion have returned home from Newton, Iowa, where she has been with her mother who has been quite ill. She reports her mother much improved.

A Mite Missionary society organized at the A. M. E. church last Tuesday evening. The following officers were elected, namely: President Mrs. J. W. Hudson; Secretary, Mrs. Irene Sturges; Treasurer, Mrs. Marzaret Smith.

Rev. J. E. Roberts of Kansas City, arrived in our city on Friday. His wife will join him in a few days.

Mrs. Myrtle Taylor was taken to the Samaritan hospital Sunday, for appendicitis. She is getting along nicely.

The Ladies Aid society of the Mt. Zion Baptist church met with V. and Mrs. Thos. Sturges, last Thursday evening for a social time. The ladies husbands were the guests of the evening. The evening was spent in business and social conversation. A nice two-course luncheon was served.

The A. I. P. club met with Mrs. J. W. Hudson last Thursday afternoon. The club had for its guests Mesdames Brooder and Hill.

The pulpit of the Mt. Zion Baptist church was filled by Rev. J. E. Roberts Kansas City.

Cupid has gotten busy once more and caught in his web one of our city boys, Mr. Wesley Callier and Miss Paulina Seller were quietly married at the bride's home, Evely, Iowa. Rev. Costs of said city solemnized the marriage. They returned to our city Thursday and are the guests of the groom's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Lee. They will remain in our city for awhile. We wish them a long happy life.

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COLFAX NOTES.

Mr. Crews of Omaha is at Hotel Colfax where he hopes to regain his health. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller, of New-

ton were Spring City visitors last week. Mrs. C. H. Holmes and baby have returned from a brief visit in the Capital City.

Mrs. W. B. Battles was hostess to the Mission Circle last Thursday. After the transaction of business the hostess served a delightful luncheon and a pleasant hour was spent in a social way.

Messrs. S. A. Spencer and J. J. Beasley have recovered from their recent illness.

Mrs. Lonnie Brooks and baby Joseph, will leave Monday for Lexington, Mo., for an extended visit with relatives.

Miss Tribby Sheffield of Crickett is visiting her numerous friends in this city. She was the guest of honor at a 6:30 dinner, given by Misses Gertrude and Viola Broadas last Sunday evening.

Mrs. S. Dean entertained at an elaborate dinner, Sunday afternoon, complimentary to Mrs. W. D. Miller, who will leave Monday for Colorado Springs.

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No More Gold Lace for Afghans.

The ameer has published an edict, which applies to all parts of Afghanistan, prohibiting the import into the country of all kinds of gold lace, including embroidered kullas, lungis and embroidered shoes. The ameer is evidently actuated by a desire to prevent his subjects from spending their hard earned money on showy dress. It is the poorer classes who are notoriously addicted to this extravagance which his majesty has decided to check. The gold laced coat of the Afghan is decidedly handsome, and although the ameer has acted wisely in bringing into general use clothing less costly, his majesty's orders will doubtless be received by his subjects with rather mixed feelings.

Proper Bestowal of Charity.

Dickens: There are not a few among the disciples of charity who require in their vocation, scarcely less excitement than the votaries of pleasure in theirs; and hence it is that diseased sympathy and compassion are every day expended on out-of-the-way objects, when only too many demands upon the legitimate exercise of the same virtues in a healthy state are constantly within the sight and hearing of the most unobtrusive person alive. In short, charity must have its romance, as the novelist or the playwright must have his.

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