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DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1912.

Price Five Cents.

CITY NEWS.

L. W. Wilhoite has accepted a position with the East Side 10 cent store.

Arthur Granham was called last Friday to attend the funeral of his sister near Mexico, Mo.

Musical Alliance and the Y. M. C. A. committee are requested to meet next Monday at 11 o'clock, at the office of Atty. S. Joe Brown.

Rev. S. Hates, Chairman.

Mr. J. H. Bates of Buxton, while in the city attending the miner's convention is the guest of the J. H. McDowell residence, 909 Eight St.

Mrs. Calvin Carey, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Harry Henderson and Mrs. Irvin were entertained at dinner last Tuesday at Mrs. Charles Thomas 100 3rd St.

Hon. J. T. Ross, an attorney of Buffalo, N. Y., was in the city the first of the week transacting business; while here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gould.

The list of colored judges of the school election and city primaries last Monday were H. E. Jacobs, B. N. Hyde, H. C. Brown, John L. Thompson, Archie Day and Arthur Granham.

Mr. W. J. Shepard, D. Yancy J. H. Hates, W. H. Brown, Tom Watson and W. W. Jones of the Buxton's Miners Union are the delegates to the state miners convention being held here this week.

Rev. Bates left Tuesday morning to attend the Executive Board meeting of the Iowa-Nebraska association. He will return Friday. Rev. F. C. Bolden of the Enterprise church will baptize converts at Maple street Baptist church, Sunday.

At the annual church conference of the St. Paul's A. M. E. church last Tuesday the following were elected trustees for the ensuing year: E. T. Banks, S. Joe Brown, David Bowman, Adam Dixon, E. B. Elliott, J. L. Edwards, S. F. Graham, W. H. Humbard and A. C. Payton.

The members of Burns M. E. church has purchased property at 777 W. 11th street. The church has taken on new life and the prospects for a great church are anticipated. The fourth quarterly meeting will be held Sunday, Rev. A. H. Higgs, D. D., will preach. The members and citizens presented the pastor with a new suit of clothes for conference, for which he is very thankful.

L. Woolrich, M. T. D., Pastor.

P. L. Jones and G. W. Pendleton of Buxton were over Sunday guests of the Misses Lottie Ragsdale and Geneva James. A one o'clock luncheon was given Monday afternoon in their honor at the home of Miss James' mother, Mrs. Watson, 1305 Wayne st., and in the evening a number of friends were entertained by the two young ladies at Mrs. Watson's residence. The evening was spent in conversation and music. An attractive luncheon closed the evening's festivities.

The M. C. T. club met with Mrs. J. L. Thompson last Monday, at which time the following delegates were elected to the I. S. F. of C. W. C., which convenes in May at Sioux City: Mrs. Theodore J. Bell and Mrs. Arthur Jones; alternates Mrs. Chas. Turner and Mrs. J. H. Perkins. The club is preparing to put on a drama about the first of April. After the program refreshments were served by the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Jones. The next meeting will be next Monday a terno at the home of Mrs. Chas. Turner, 1901 Washington avenue. Program as follows: Vocal Solo, Miss Maylie I. Bell; Paper, Mrs. J. L. Thompson subject discussion led by Mrs. H. R. Graves.

WONDERFUL RESULTS ON SHORT NOTICE

I have used your Pomade. It's the best thing I ever used for making curly hair lie smooth. I have not finished my first bottle, but can see wonderful results, writes Mrs. Louise E. Hayes of Riverdale, S. C.

Try Ford's Hair Pomade for harsh, unruly hair and Ford's Royal White Shampoo for the complete hair treatment. Ask your druggist for them. Be sure and get the genuine (Ford's) manufactured by the Ozonized Oil Refining Company, Chicago, Ill.

A surprise party was given last Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Collier of Chesterfield, in honor of Mr. Collier's twenty-third birthday. A number of their many friends were present. Delicious refreshments were served and a delightful time was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson were entertained at a three course luncheon, Tuesday evening at 8:30, March 12, in honor of Mr. Jno. Drew's birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Drew 255 Sheridan Avenue.

The Corinthian Baptist Church Announcement.

Sunday March 10th, 10:30-Subject: "The Light and Lights of the World." 12 M. Sunday School. 7:30 p. m., Subject, "Blessings of Self Denial." The choir is rendering excellent music. Come and hear them. The Corinthian Bible Study class meets Tuesday evening from 8:30 to 9:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all who can make a specialty of Bible study.

T. L. Griffith, Minister.

Y M C A NOTES

Mr. W. H. Humbard delivered a special address to boys at the Young Colored Men's Christian Association last Sunday afternoon and quite a number of the junior members were in attendance.

Mrs. M. P. Johnson, President of the Mother's Congress was present and presented the Treasurer with the sum of \$12.50, the proceeds to the supper given for the benefit of the "Y" last week.

On next Sunday the principle address will be by the Rev. A. H. Higgs, Presiding Elder of the St. Joseph District of the M. E. Church who bears the distinction of being the first Negro graduate of the state University.

As this is Dr. Higgs' last visit on this District and very probably his last visit to Des Moines for some time it is hoped that a large audience of men and boys will be present to hear him.

Grand Matron Visits Des Moines

(Continued from last week)

On Wednesday afternoon the Grand Matron and the other distinguished visitors O. E. S. ladies were entertained at a luncheon by Mrs. S. Joe Brown and on Wednesday evening the Grand Matron made her official annual visit and lectured to Princess Ozil Chapter in East Des Moines. This occasion was also honored by the presence of the distinguished O. E. S. members who attended the one at Zorah Chapter on Tuesday evening, also the Matron and several other officers of Zorah Chapter was likewise made the more enjoyable by the serving of dainty refreshments by the officers of the Chapter, thus on two occasions succeeding days during this week were the heads of the three departments of Masonry, the Master Masons, the O. E. S. and the Heroines of Jerico seated together around the banquet board.

The Grand Master honored the Bystander office with a very pleasant call Thursday morning and departed on the noon train for home declaring herself well pleased with and highly entertained on this her first official visit to the Des Moines Chapters.

Obituary.

Special to Bystander. Mrs. Maggie Smith died at her home near Mexico, Mo., last Friday. She was born in 1872. She leaves an aged father, seven children, one sister and three brothers, with a host of friends to mourn their loss. She was an active member of the Baptist church and loved by all. Following are a set of resolutions that her order passed: Sister Maggie Smith was a member of Pleasant Hill Temple, No. 248 known as Sisters of the Mysteries of Ten. She was First Princess of the Temple and was one among the organization. She was a faithful member, always on duty, and we as sisters sincerely mourn her loss. To know her was to love her in her we lose a beloved sister.

Standing of the Contestants.

	VOTES
Miss Francis B. Reeder	1440
A. A. Bush, Clinton	600
Miss Rosa Goodlow	150
Miss Blanch Allen	270

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CEDEX RAPIDS NEWS

The reception of the Allen Guards will be on next Monday night at Bethel A. M. E. church, March 18th.

Mrs. E. C. Thomas is some better at writing.

Mrs. Georgie Gray is still on the sick list.

The wedding bells were ringing for Mr. Phillip Gownner who was quietly married to Miss L. E. Greeley Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Armstrong of Marion, Iowa, was the guest of Mrs. M. T. Lowery Sunday and attended the services at Bethel. The Culture club held a successful meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Lena Green. The study being Household Economics.

Mrs. Clara Price Harrison entertained the J. S. Y. C. club on last Wednesday. The topic discussed was Social Purity.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Horne has moved to 10th avenue East.

On last Wednesday evening from about half-past eight to a quarter of ten, one of our popular young men had a delightful chase between third and fifth street, stopping the street cars and last was seen standing on the corner of fifth avenue and sixth street, counting the shingles on the A. M. E. church, where a friend of his happened to be passing by told him to take the next car for Oak Hill. I wonder who it was? Can you guess.

The Allen Guards gave their regular concert at Bethel Sunday night.

Mrs. M. F. Loner entertained the pastor and others to a Chattering supper on last Tuesday night. All report having a fine time.

Miss Lavittan Little of Monmouth is visiting her mother, Mrs. Holley.

Mr. McCullen, Mr. Calvin Johnson and Mrs. Mae Terry were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Horne on last Wednesday evening.

The box social given last Thursday evening by the P. E. committee was quite a success. There were many beautiful boxes and they were well filled with many good things to eat. All report a good time.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mr. Pearl Thomas, and Miss Virginia Wade spent Saturday in Hocking.

Misses Nightengale and Boals of Hite-

man was in Albia Saturday.

Messrs Wm. Gordon and Robinson of Hocking was in Albia Saturday.

Song service at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening.

Madam Mosely and Carthen of Hite-man in Albia Sunday to services.

Mrs. Edell Lewis of Oskaloosa is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roper, a few days this week.

Little Alberta Roberson of Hocking was in Albia this week, canvassing for the Western Magazine.

Mr. Chas. Carthon of Hite-man was in Albia Saturday.

Mr. Henry Bowman is improving and little Noel Bowman is on the sick list.

Mrs. Walter Beasley was called to Hocking on account of the sickness of her mother, Mrs. Carthon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grayson and son Ben of Hocking was in Albia Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Burt Jones of Hite-man is at the parental home of Henry Jones. He was sick a few days the past week.

Some few strangers in our town the past week.

Mrs. Oscar Roper is up and out again.

Mrs. Mary Harris of Buxton is in Albia, this week.

Another snow storm visited us Monday and Tuesday of this week.

FORT MADISON NOTES.

The Rosebud club met at the residence of Mrs. James Bowles, Thursday evening and elected the following officers: President, Miss Louise Harper; Vice-

Pres., Mr. T. Johnson, Sec'y, Miss Grace Smith; Asst-Sec'y, Miss Zethia Cartmille; Treas., Miss Neoka Black. Next meeting will be at Miss Louise Harper, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Green Jackson entertained Saturday at one o'clock dinner. Rev. and Mrs. James Bowles, and Dunlap and Mr. Freeman.

Mrs. Joe Price of La Grange, Mo., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. Henry.

Mrs. George Mack entertained in honor of Mrs. Joe Price from LaGrange, Mo.

Mrs. John Mack is on the sick list.

The Willing Workers club will meet at the residence of Charles Thomas, Friday evening. Mrs. C. Murphy hosts who will soon take her departure to Canada to make her home.

Mrs. Green Jackson will read a paper at the Willing Worker club, Friday night for discussion. Subject: Does our colored men respect our women as they should?

Mrs. George Mack, Mrs. Henry and P. ice, was callers at the home of Mrs. Charles Thomas, Thursday.

MASON CITY NEWS.

Rev. E. J. Penny and wife have moved on a farm eight miles from town.

Rev. Penny has severed his connection as pastor of Plymouth Mission. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Penny a happy and successful life wherever they may go. He is an able preacher and a convincing teacher and his many friends will miss him.

Miss Wright our popular hotel proprietor of the American house is on the

sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Ladies Aid society meets Friday the 15th at the home of W. L. Jones.

Mrs. Banning entertained the Whist club and friends at her home last Tuesday evening. A 3-course luncheon was served.

Mr. S. S. Stratton was pleasantly surprised by a number his friends and Monday evening in honor of his sixty-fourth birthday. We wish him many more happy birth days.

Mr. W. L. Jones returned home Monday from a three weeks visit in Philadelphia and reports a pleasant visit.

Miss Marjorie Jones of Philadelphia is visiting at the home of her uncle Mr. W. L. Jones.

Mr. Roy Stratton has been spending few days in St. Paul.

Wanted—25 new subscribers for the Bystanders by April 1st, by Mrs. W. L. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson entertained a number of friends last Sunday evening in honor of Miss Margurite's birthday of their little daughters.

There is some class to the young ladies of Mason City. They have shown the young men how to send hacks after young ladies and taken them to and from the ball-room when they give their dances. Now boys show your metal the next three years.

ENTERPRISE NEWS.

The B. Y. P. U. had a very interesting lesson last Sunday. Subject, "Christian testimony that counts." Mr. John McKinley read a very interesting paper.

The lesson was beautifully discussed by Mr. Major Barber, after the discussion of the lesson a splendid program was rendered.

Mrs. Caroline McMillon who has been very sick at her home, is improving nicely.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. G. W. White and Mrs. Joe Garrison.

Mrs. George Allen left Saturday for Marshalltown to visit her son Otis Swan who is very ill.

Rev. White returned home last week from Centerville where he went to preach Sunday.

Rev. Rowman left last week for Clarinda where he is going to help carry on a revival.

The Missionary circle met last week at the home of Mrs. Robert Brown. After business a 2-course lunch was served. They adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Henry Edmunds.

The converts will be baptized next Sunday in Des Moines at Rev. Bates's church.

Mrs. Maude Joenson, Mrs. Hannah Brent and Miss Goldie Crutcher gave a pin entertainment at the church last Saturday night. They had great success and all those present seemed to enjoy themselves.

The court of Calathions will give an entertainment Monday night at the home of Mrs. Mary Roman.

ST. JOSEPH (MO.) NOTES.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission board who is now making a tour of the different states delivered a lecture at the Francis St. Baptist church, Monday night the 4th inst. About \$75.00 was donated that evening for the mission work.

Miss Sarah Hicks who has been gone from this city for several months returned last week. During her visit she spent several weeks with her sister in Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Wheatley of Omaha Neb., are visiting with relatives and friends in this city. They expect to remain here for several weeks.

The following subject "Should the young Afro-American secure a different education than the young Caucasian" was discussed at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last Tuesday by the Messrs. Frank Perry, Clem Brown, Wm. Hawkins, Ralph Hayes, all high school boys. The judges decided that each side had about the same number of points, hence it was a tie.

Rev. J. W. Darden of Des Moines, Iowa, has been speeding a few weeks here he preached at the Francis Street Baptist church last Sunday night.

Rev. Jno. Gregg pastor of the Ebenezer A. M. E. with the assistance of officers and members of the church are now making preparation for their "Annual Fair" that will be held next month as usual it will last about a week. A good program will be arranged for each evening after which refreshments and other novelty features will be enjoyed.

One of the most harmonious Republican city conventions that has been held in this city for years was the one which met last Saturday morning at the Lincoln club rooms to nominate candidates for the city offices there was 281 delegates present of that number about 25 were Afro-Americans. The following ticket was named for Mayor Charles A. Pfeiffer for Treasurer, A. S. Gillespie, for Auditor, Frank H. Allen for councilman (two years) J. J. Bamsbach for councilman (four years) W. D. Morrison and John Brendal for School Director Jerry Wing. The Democrats have been in control of the city affairs for several years and the only positions that any member of our race hold is one or two janitors and a like number of street sweepers. Now since the different factions of the Republicans seem to be in

harmony with the aid of the colored voters they can possibly elect the Republicans, as stated by the Bystander several weeks ago. Now would be an excellent time for our race to ask for city fireman as there will be three new fire stations built this summer, so when the various candidates ask you for support ask them which will give members of our race if elected, or would it be best to have a committee say two or three men from each ward to call on the various candidates and tell them what we want, what say you Mr. Voter? The election will be held the first Tuesday in April, so we should get busy at once.

Mr. Geo. Backman left last Sunday night via St. Louis for New York to join Barnum & Bailey's circus.

Mr. James Evans who has been confined to his room for the past ten days with the "grip" is convalescent.

ST. PLEASANT NOTES.

Rev. Burton gave a very interesting talk, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18th at the Second Baptist church to the men only. On Sunday afternoon Feb. 25 at the A. M. E. church. He also gave the ladies a talk which was highly appreciated by all who had the opportunity to hear him.

Mr. Clay Read left Friday afternoon for Chicago on account of the serious illness of his son-in-law, Mr. Fay Martin, who is thought to have consumption, but his many friends hope he may soon recover.

Mrs. G. W. Jackson has been confined to her home on account of sickness for several days. We hope she may be able to be out again soon.

Mrs. A. White of Minneapolis is in this city visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McCracken.

Mrs. Myria Carter has returned from La Jolla, Colo., and was greatly delighted with her trip as well as the climate in Colorado.

The men's C. C. C. club met Wednesday evening regular business.

ST. PAUL BUDGETARIAN.

At a meeting of the Self-Culture Club last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anna Hughes, the following officers were elected for the next twelve months:

Pres., Mrs. Mattie R. Hicks; Vice Pres., Mrs. Blanch Charleston; Sec'y, Mrs. Augusta Jones; Treas., Mrs. Mildred Johnson; Editor, Mrs. Mamie Durant; Chaplain, Mrs. Emma Hood; Critic, Mrs. Elizabeth Echols. The next meeting will be held March 20th with Mrs. Hough of Charles street.

The ladies of the United Charities will give their Annual Soiree Easter, Monday night. No doubt they will have a large attendance as everybody who indulges in real thrills for a good dance, having refrained during the Lenten season.

St. Paul has quite a few Afro-American Democrats, who are getting in readiness for the political campaign. Owen Howell is chairman, and Ora Hays is secretary.

Miss Beale Hodge is in the city. A grand ensemble will be given at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, March 21st, under the direction of Chas. H. Miller, the renowned comedian. Proceeds for the benefit of B. P. P. U.

Mr. E. L. Johnson, who is at Walker, Minn., Sanitarium, being treated for Tuberculosis, is improving daily. We hope for him an ultimate recovery.

Mrs. M. A. Johnson of Thomas street is on the sick list at this writing.

The Choral Club meets each Monday evening at St. James' A. M. E. Church.

A return engagement of Miss Sworth Newman, the elocutionist, is announced for April 11th at St. James' Church.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Afro-American Women's State Federation last Friday afternoon the following delegates were elected to the National Association of Colored Women which convenes in Hampton, Va., next July. Mesdames Ione E. Gibbs and Nellie Francis; alternate, Mrs. Ida Sellers.

The Annual Convention of the State Federation meets the first Wednesday in June in the city of Duluth. Quite a few delegates will attend from the Twin Cities. As this year will be the election of officers, where will be quite an exciting time. We wonder who will be elected President?

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton have moved to 574 Fuller avenue.

Mrs. L. B. Gross of Superior, Wis., is in the city, stopping with Mrs. Hough of 542 Charles street.

The Social and Literary Society of Pilgrim Baptist Church held a very interesting meeting at the Y. W. C. A. Monday evening. Mesdames Gibbs and Sellers of Minneapolis were on the program.

Miss Bertha Lewis has returned from an extended visit in St. Louis. We have a daily paper published in our city known as the "Daily Guide." Thos. R. Morgan is the busy editor. It is a newsy little sheet, only five cents per week, devoted entirely to our own people.

Adah Overton Walker and Co., are playing at the Orpheum this week, to a crowded house.

SHERIDAN, WYOMING

(Special)

The many Iowan's residing here are all enjoying good health except Mr. and Mrs. John Ivy, who have been under the care of a physician. Mr. Ivy's eye sight being poor, but at present it is better. While Mrs. Ivy's throat has caused her much suffering and it is not improving as expected. We hope both will soon be entirely well again.

The ten days meeting conducted at the Second Baptist church by Rev. P. C. Critchfield of Cheyenne, Wyoming,

closed on the 19th of Feb. The pastor Rev. L. S. Douglas and members. The meeting was a success.

Spiritually and financially, this being the first revival the church has held since its organization eighteen months ago. Although members have been added to the roll at different times.

During the Evangelist's stay eight were added to the church—six of these were converts. Sunday, March 3d, at 11:00 a. m., the pastor preached a sermon on Baptism to the candidates, namely, Wesley L. Proctor, Robert Earl Palmer, John Douglas, Jr., and Armenta Douglas. The sermon was a forceful one and showed it had been given much study. It was enjoyed by all present.

At the close of the service, the pastor and congregation proceeded to the First Baptist church, where the ordinance of Baptism was performed at 1:30 p. m. regardless of the stormy weather.

At 7:00 p. m., the B. Y. P. U. met to complete the election of its officers. It is hoped the young people all will take as active part in the meetings. At 8:00 o'clock a sermon was preached, subject—"The Lord's Supper" by the pastor.

Miss Lizzie Lewis died at her home on Feb. 28th. She had been ill for some time. The funeral was held from A. M. E. church, March 3d, at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Baker conducted the service, which, which were impressive. The choir rendered good service. The instrumental solo by Mr. Nathan and Mrs. Newsome were well rendered. The attendance was large. Many friends sympathize with the bereaved family. There were beautiful flowers from friends which told of the esteem in which she was held.

The dry farmers in this section are rejoicing over the amount of snow that continues to fall, which means a good harvest of grain.

DAVENPORT NEWS.

The religious campaign is doing a great deal of good in awaking an interest in church going. Both churches were well attended, both morning and evening.

Rev. T. B. Stovall preached Sunday morning from the subject Love, John 4:12. The speaker said in part, It is a glorious thought that we are appointed God's visible representative, and that we are to reflect his image and by reflecting his image his love dwells in us. We become mighty agents in his hands; this love is an instrument that tries every heart and every spirit. It teaches us how to sympathize, how to be merciful, kind and sweet.

Pastor Stovall's sermon Sunday night was found in Matt: 7:1-15.

Rev. M. Toamey was duly installed Pastor of the Third Baptist church Sunday afternoon. A program of fourteen numbers was well rendered. Hon. W. G. Matt acted as master of ceremonies.

Rev. T. B. Stovall made an able address in behalf of the A. M. E. church. Installation sermon was preached by Rev. Madison of Rock Island, Ill.

Rev. Madison is a good preacher and did credit to the occasion, with a sermon that will live in the memory of the Third Baptist church.

Trustees of the A. M. E. church are planning a big Spring entertainment. The program will be a debate.

Resolved, That married life is happier than single life.

A chicken pie supper will be served at the conclusion of the program.

Sunday evening, March 17th Stewardesses day at Bethel A. M. E. church. The usual good program will be rendered at the evening services. Rev. Stovall and members are arranging for a revival to commence April 7, 1912.

The young colored boys athletic improvement club gave a successful entertainment at Bethel A. M. E. church, March 6th. The boys played a very fine game of basketball. The young boys are making a name for themselves. They meet every Sunday afternoon at Bethel A. M. E. church.

The boys appreciate what is being done for them by the two colored churches this is right for the boys are to be our future men, and we must do all we can to help them.

Mrs. Ollie Turner of Washington, Ia., was a visitor in Davenport, Monday and called on her old friend, Mrs. L. J. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Bright on Ripley street.

Mrs. R. Green, who has been on the sick list is able to be out again.

Mr. Eugene Perkins is quite sick at his home on Ripley street. Mr. Geo. Watts who has been suffering with an ulcerated tooth, is able to be about his business again. Mr. D. Dellward is confined with rheumatism. Mrs. Della Marshall, who has been quite sick is some better at this writing. Mr. Geo. Hawkins w 10th street, is quite sick. Miss Frada Foster, one of our high school girls was confined at home all week with an attack of lagrippe.

Mrs. Ford, on Harrison street is very sick.

The Sewing circle of the Third Baptist church will be entertained at the home of Mrs. F. Baker, March 16th.

Mrs. Ida Washington has returned home from Quincy, Ill., where she went to bury her husband, the late Geo. Washington. Mrs. Washington has the sympathy of her many friends in this the hour of her bereavement.

Mrs. Ella Delward is in the city rooms for rent on 14th and Hy Jean.

Now as the political campaign is open

our colored voters ought to get together and organize a political club that they may be able to choose and vote right.

BUXTON BRIEFS.

Thanks We wish to thank the Monroe Meacantile Co., and clerks, also Atty. Geo. H. Woodson for the beautiful offerings and the many friends for their kindness during the illness and death of our wife and mother, J. R. Blaney and family.

Mrs. Eliza Toran was on the sick list one day last week. Her sister Mrs. Eva Burns took charge of her room.

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DIDN'T TAKE TO THE GAME

That There Was Good Football Material in Ole Was Not at First Apparent.

No wonder Ole was a sensation. He didn't look exactly like football material to us, I'll admit. He seemed more especially designed for light derrick work.

Bost went right to work on Ole in a businesslike manner. He tossed him the football and said: "Catch it. Ole watched it sail past and then tore after it like a pup retrieving a stick. He got it in a few minutes and brought it back to where Bost was raving.

"See here, you overgrown fox terrier," he shouted, "catch it on the fly. Here!" He hurled it at him. "Aye, aye, seen no fly," said Ole, allowing the ball to pass on as he conversed.

"You cotton-headed Scandinavian cattle ship ballast, catch that ball in your arms when I throw it to you, and don't let go of it!" shrieked Bost, shooting at him again.

"Oll right," said Ole patiently. He cornered the ball after a short struggle and stood hugging it faithfully.

"Toss it back, toss it back!" howled Bost, jumping up and down. "Yu tal me to hold it," said Ole, reproachfully hugging it tighter than ever.

"Drop it, you Mammoth Cave of ignorance!" yelled Bost. "If I had your head I'd sell it for cordwood. Drop it!"

Ole dropped the ball placidly. "Das han fule game," he smiled dazedly. "Aye, ent care for it. Emly feller got a Yawharp?"—George Fitch, "At Good Old Slaw."

Pins and Pincushions.

In an interesting history of pins just published under the title of "Pins and Pincushions," one learns that there was actually no factory in England for the manufacture of pins until 1625. Up to that period supplies all came from abroad. But having established itself the industry has flourished and now the English pin is regarded as the best of the world produces. Another interesting fact gleaned from this book is that the fancy box into which we now put pins can boast of more ancient lineage than the pincushion.

It was somewhere about Queen Elizabeth's time that the pincushion came into vogue. Then it was a positive thing of beauty adorned with exquisite needlework and painting. It was in early Victorian days that the pincushion cut reached its zenith. We now prefer the fancy box as a receptacle for our varied assortment of pins.

Those "Boomer" Basques.

The Norwegians are not the only people credited with the discovery of America before Columbus. Francois Michel, in "Le Pays Basques," maintains that the Basque sailors who went north for whales and cod were familiar with the coast of Newfoundland for centuries before the birth of Columbus, and that it was probably from one of their countrymen that the navigator learned of the existence of another continent. There is also a mystery about the origin of the Basque people and the strange resemblance between their language and North American dialects. Whitney, the American philologist, declares: "No other dialect in the old world so resembles the American language in structure as the Basque." Did the Basques come from America to Europe.—London Chronicle.

Fall Killed Somnambulist.

A tragic death was that of Eric Zibberman, a German sailor on board the steamer Vandalla, which has just been reported. While the Vandalla was in the Red Sea, Zimmerman, walking in his sleep, climbed the rigging of the foremast and fell to the deck, fracturing his skull. The mates said that he had always been a somnambulist. He was a wealthy man once and owned a schooner of his own in Hamburg. Three years ago he took his wife and children for a trip from Hamburg to Hull. During a gale, they were swept overboard and lost. After that he shipped before the mast.

Discouraging a Student. "Nobody can learn all there is that's worth knowing in a lifetime," said Mr. Meekton wisely, "and a man ought never to assume that his education is finished. I'm going to keep right ahead with mine. I'm going to study astronomy."

His wife looked at him sharply, and then in a cold, hard tone exclaimed: "Leonidas, you'll have to think up some better excuse for staying out at night!"—Youth's Companion.

Immensely Rich.

"Do you see that corpulent old gentleman alighting from a big red automobile?" "Yes. He seems to be prosperous." "I should say so! He has yard eggs every morning for breakfast."

Formed and Chloroformed.

Willie—We've got a lot of Peter Pan kittens up at our house. Auntie—Why do you call them Peter Pan kittens, dear? Willie—Because they're never going to grow up.

Exacting.

"Only a pound of porterhouse steak for your large family?" said the butcher. "That isn't for the family," replied Mr. Cumrox. "You surely don't expect our new cook to eat sausage the same as we do!"

Spent Too Much Money on Socks.

A well-known society lady of San Diego, Cal., has gone to Reno to endeavor to obtain a divorce from her husband because he spends \$1,250 a year on silk socks.

AFRO-AMERICAN COLLINGS

With due ceremonial, a new president—Daniel E. Howard—has been installed as the successor of Arthur Barclay in Liberia. Liberia and Abyssinia are now the only areas in Africa not absolutely controlled by European powers. Great Britain, France and Italy have, however, undertaken to preserve the territorial integrity of Menelik's empire, and the United States has taken a friendly interest in the recent reorganization of Liberia's finances.

The scheme for an international loan of \$2,500,000, agreed upon one year ago, provides that an American controller, with British, French and German subcontrollers, shall administer the customs. Liberia has welcomed the arrangement, for since on July 26, 1847, the "Free and Independent Republic" was constituted, its government has been in unstable equilibrium between the threatened aggression of European powers and the menace of natives—at present numbering perhaps 2,000,000—in the unexplored and mysterious hinterland whose borders have never been precisely determined. What may be called "civilized" Liberia is but a strip of land along the sea front not more than 200 miles in width, inhabited by some 15,000 civilized American Liberians, negroes, with the status of British citizens, and Europeans of diverse nationality.

The appointment of an American controller in chief authority over the customs encourages the Liberians to believe that the United States will guarantee the territorial integrity of their country just as England, France and Italy are on guard to prevent encroachment in Abyssinia. They would like nothing better than to have an American protectorate established at Monrovia, their capital. But though the plantation on the African coast was of American origin and inspiration, the intention of the promoters being to provide a United States colony for freedmen, the United States will go no further than the present agreement to organize the finances, the national defenses and the agricultural system, and determine the proper boundary. Otherwise, the Liberians will be left free to work out their own political destinies and to improve their rich and hitherto almost untouched natural resources.—Editorial, Philadelphia Public Ledger.

In some instances our people pray so long as there is, or has been any spirit in the congregation it will surely leave. It seems that the ones who offer these prayers have no conception whatever of how to pray to derive some benefit therefrom.

They seem to think that they have got to "disturb God on his throne" in the way of a nonsensical prayer before they are heard.

They will, in most cases, start in at "Our Father," etc., and end God knows where. They pray seemingly only trying to outpray the other good old brother who has just preceded him; caring nothing for how he addresses the Almighty, calling him from God the Father to the Babe born in the manger.

The good brethren get so enthused over their prayers some times they get out of words and repeat from one to fifty times in succession: "Oh Lord, Oh, Lord, and Ab! Oh, Lord!" which is good praying but not so regular. These brethren again seemingly pray for that shouting spirit to come to the good old Amen-Sisters; praying in every tone of voice, from a deep bass to high tenor, and from the cradle to the grave, they will finally get the good old sisters to moving about after a two or three hour prayer, then they will say: "Amen, and thank God." At the end of this noble three hour prayer the majority of the people are tired out and before the contribution basket is passed, half the congregation has dispersed. Dear brethren, when you pray—pray for the good that there is in prayer and not for the shouting qualities and the defeat of the brother who has just "disturbed God on his throne."—Palestine Pictorial.

According to the last count made by the United States government 9,228, 294 negroes dwell in this country, and \$327,345 of them live in the 13 states of the south.

A few years ago five southern states had larger negro than white population, but now, according to statistics only two have more negroes than whites. South Carolina and Mississippi. Mississippi's total population, white and negro, is 1,797,114, of which 1,009,487 are negroes. South Carolina has a total population of 1,515,400, of which 355,843 are negroes.

The negro population of this country has not decreased, but thousands of negroes who desired to remain in the south, on account of climate and other conditions, have been forced to scatter themselves over the country in search of manhood rights.

Many of those who have remained in Virginia have much to be thankful for, as they have practiced the industrial virtues, and instead of being tenants, as they were a few years ago, many now are land owners, and can "sit down under their own vine and fig tree." The negro is steadily acquiring valuable property, and we commend his ambition for so doing.

From the Farmville Herald is gleaned a touching incident concerning the faithfulness of a colored man to his "white folks." During the lifetime of the Misses Mills, two maiden ladies, who lived on an 80-acre farm near Farmville, Jeff Hudson, a worthy colored man, looked after their comfort, cut their firewood and in other ways provided for their bodily wants. These two old ladies lately died, and in their will they rewarded their faithful colored friend by giving him their entire farm. He now lives upon it with his family. As the Herald well says, "No race problem there, no bitterness between the members of different races." There are others like Jeff Hudson in Virginia today; there were more like him in an unreturning yesterday of our history.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

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The report of business progress made by the race during the past 12 years, as shown by the statement of Professor Charles H. Moore, national organizer of the National Negro Business league, published in The Age, should encourage the race everywhere not only to support negro business enterprises more and more, but to add to the 25,000 business places we now have as openings appear. The 52 banks which last year did \$20,000,000 of business, and the 4 insurance concerns, with \$1,500,000 business last year, will grow in number and capitalization and money handled in the next ten years more rapidly than in the past ten years, because the foundation has been laid, because the people have been taught now to do it, because the people have before their eyes "the evidence of these things, seen, not heard." Cover the south with negro business enterprises, and edge in one wherever there is an opening to do a thing is to do it. "If we do not make business openings for our children, whom we are educating every year who will?" should be a question ever present on the negro's tongue.

In many respects St. Paul's is the third largest school in the country for the education of colored youth, and the largest in the Episcopal church. Its enrollment will exceed 500, its faculty 50. It has a property with a gross value of over \$200,000. There are seventeen families connected with the school, giving their entire life to the work. There are four other married persons awaiting accommodations. In an organized way the influence of the school reaches every person in the county and may be felt in the lives of its graduates in nearly every state in the Union and in some foreign countries. In this county alone the school has 26 active leagues, conducts an annual fair, a farmers' conference and a teachers' institute. During the past year we have been forced to turn away a large number of students for lack of accommodations and means of support. The majority of these applicants came from the rural districts and seemed to yearn for an opportunity to work for an education.—Lawrenceville (Va.) Southern Missioner.

In addition to having to sustain the shock of battle being waged against the race at large, every negro who is trying to move forward has an individual battle of his own to fight—this is especially true of the negro whose working capital is his brains and who for that reason is in competition with the rest of the world. To illustrate: At Louisville, Ky., the white people are erecting a million dollar hospital one wing for the white and the other, with equal appointments, for the colored. White internists and physicians will practice on colored patients, but negro doctors and surgeons will not be permitted to enter. They are barred from practicing on any body.

Unless all signs fall movements of this sort will tend to stimulate negro physicians to establish hospitals and sanitariums of their own. It was once thought to be true, that on the intellectual sea there is room for every sail. If the negro does not find that to be so, he must make it so. If the sea is too narrow it must be enlarged.—Dallas Express.

"Health is wealth," this is an undeniable fact. Those who possess it will do well to throw around themselves all the safeguards in order to retain it, and those who have lost it should exert every effort to regain it. We are by nature subject to many diseases, and the only way to guard against all stampedes on our health is to make a study of our own physical self.

To have a tuberculosis day in the colored schools of this state is an excellent move, and we endorse it. Every pupil and parent should be made acquainted with the ravages this dread disease is making upon the race and the methods by which it may be prevented.

Every effort should be made to put the young in possession of such facts and literature that will enable them to successfully combat tuberculosis.—Richmond Reformer.

To reconcile and unite these antagonistic opinions, and to gain the good will of the people in all sections in his effort to uplift the negro race, Dr. Washington has displayed great ability, unusual tact, marked patience, and unbounded faith in his mission. The great industrial school at Tuskegee stands as a monument to his success in overcoming obstacles that confronted him in his work. "My Larger Education," as a result of the accomplishment in the development of an earnest and sincere educator, is a valuable contribution to the literature of the race question as well as to the field of pedagogical achievement.

When the man who had been hit by the automobile at last opened his eyes a sigh of relief went up from the crowd. "It's a wonder you weren't killed," said one of the bystanders. "You're luckier than most of the fellows what get hit."

"I certainly am," replied the victim, rubbing his bruises. "I got my number just before he struck me."—Youth's Companion.

WHITE JUDGE TOURS NORTHERN STATES IN INTEREST OF NEGRO SCHOOLS

JUDGE PETER C. PRITCHARD OF ASHEVILLE, N. C., WORKING FOR NATIONAL RELIGIOUS TRAINING SCHOOL.

BY GEORGE FRANCIS KING.

Springfield, Mass.—Judge Peter C. Pritchard of Asheville, N. C., who was United States senator for eight years; for a number of years served as assistant Supreme court judge of the District of Columbia and was later appointed by President Roosevelt United States circuit judge for the Fourth judicial district, is making a tour of this section of the country in the interest of the National Religious Training school, Durham. He does not confine himself to speaking about the school, but also emphasizes the economic and social conditions in the south and especially his state. After speaking about the ennobling scope of the school and the effective plans that have made the chautauqua and summer school a potent force for good and showing the need of the great conference of negro ministers to be held at this institution for one week beginning July 6, 1912, the entertainment being free of charge, he in part said: "The American people by no means appreciate the importance of the conservation of manhood. After the Civil war we in the south were in a very bad condition. We had lost everything and had almost lost our ambition. The more earnest among us, though, went to work immediately to build up conditions, and we have succeeded in bettering the country remarkably. Right here I want to correct a false impression that seems to be very widespread in all section of the country. The whites and the colored people in North Carolina are far from being at sword's points. On the contrary, I feel safe in saying that there is as good a feeling between races in North Carolina as in any state in the Union.

"There is more racial prejudice in the north than in the south, and this can be attributed largely to the fact many of the negroes who come north are ignorant adventurers who think that they can better themselves in this section of the country without working. There has never been a time in the south when the white people were not willing to help the negroes, and that is especially true today. The school which Doctor Shepard has founded is not a denominational one in any sense of the word. His idea has been that the people can best be reached through the ministers of their own race. I am a firm believer in foreign missions, but I don't think that they are as important as converting the Americans at home to the Christian religion."

In touching upon the qualification for citizenship, as he did in the beginning of his address, he aroused pronounced enthusiasm. He said: "The negro can make a first-class citizen and a patriotic citizen. He is as thoroughly American as anyone. I am not a pessimist or an alarmist. But I am afraid that if we don't do something to alleviate our citizenship, the government will be in grave danger. The man who loves his God loves his country, and it is pretty well proved that the negro loves his God. It is well known that even the best educated people in the south at one time wanted to keep the negro in slavery, and my purpose in coming north is to let the people here know that the south realizes that it is important to educate the negro and to make a good citizen out of him. There are many undesirable negroes in North Carolina, but we believe that we can make good citizens out of them and we are going to do it. The problem that we have to face in the south is the same that you have to face in this state. There was a time when people in the south felt that their interests were entirely separate from the interests of the people in any other section of the country, but now we all feel that it is just as important to the people of Massachusetts to have good citizenship in North Carolina as it is to the people of that state, and that it is as important to the people of North Carolina to have good citizenship in Massachusetts as it is to the people here. The flood of foreign immigration that is pouring into the country is a good thing, but we must always keep the people who know and can sympathize with our government in as good condition as possible and that is why the training school at Durham has been founded. We must see to it that the homes are in good condition. When I was on the bench I had names on the criminal docket of every race except one and that was the Jew. I attribute this to the fact that the Jews are more careful in home life and they are more particular in the training of their boys and girls at home. In North Carolina we are doing everything we can now to atone for any neglect we may have shown in the past. I firmly believe that we have made more advancement in legislation for education and for the building of roads during the past ten years than any other state in the Union. We realize that legislation cannot make a good man out of a bad man, but we can by legislating do away with liquor and gambling and thus remove the evil influences or at least minimize them. Ninety-five per cent. of all the criminal cases which come before me can be traced in their origin back to the barroom and by removing the barroom we remove a large part of the evil."

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NEW HEAD OF TRUE REFORMERS ASSUMES DUTIES—FORMER GENERAL SECRETARY BURELL THINKS ORDER CAN BE REHABILITATED WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

Richmond, Va.—Floyd Ross, vice-grand worthy master of the True Reformers, and chief of the St. Louis division, is now the head of the order, succeeding the late W. R. Griffin, who was accidentally killed in a railroad wreck near Fordo, Va.

The news of the death of Grand Worthy Master Griffin came as a great shock to the members of the order throughout the country. The deceased had been at the head of the True Reformers since last fall and spent all of his time toward rehabilitating the order.

Funeral services were held over the remains from the Third street A. M. E. church last Thursday, and were attended by the prominent members of the order.

W. P. Burrell, formerly general secretary of the True Reformers, was a visitor in New York this week, and commenting on the accidental death of Grand Master Griffin declared that the order loses a member who had its best welfare at heart. Mr. Burrell viewed the remains of the deceased shortly after the wreck.

"Although I was one of those ousted last fall when Mr. Griffin and a new set of officers were elected, yet I am on good terms with the deceased," declared Mr. Burrell to a representative of The Age. "While he was grand worthy master he appointed me on several different committees, and I co-operated with him to the best of my ability."

The outlook for the rehabilitation of the True Reformers is good. Under the leadership of the new grand worthy master, Floyd Ross, if a conservative policy is pursued, the order should ultimately get on its feet. There is a debt of \$100,000 to be wiped out, which should be done within the next few years."

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PROGRESS AT HOWARD

REPORT OF PRESIDENT THIRKIELD SHOWS THAT INSTITUTION IS IN PROSPEROUS CONDITION—MANY IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

Washington.—The semi-annual meeting of the board of trustees of Howard University was held this week with Justice Job Barnard, president of the board, in the chair. The board of trustees, comprised of a number of the most distinguished men of the district with several members from other states, were present as follows: Chief Justice Stenton J. Peelee, the Rev. Charles Wood, the Rev. Chas. H. Richards of New York City; Justice Thomas H. Anderson, Justice George W. Atkinson, Dr. John R. Francis, Dr. F. J. Grinke, Dr. Booker T. Washington, William V. Cox, Henry M. Baker, Dr. J. H. N. Waring, Dr. Marcus Wheatland of Newport, R. I., John T. Emlen of Philadelphia, Pa., Hon. J. C. Napier, President W. P. Thirkield, Secretary Geo. Wm. Cook and Treasurer E. L. Parks.

The report of President Thirkield shows continued prosperity in the university, which is the only institution in the nation where the government directly touches the education of the negro, and the equipment of teachers, physicians, lawyers, and the training of moral and industrial leaders for a race of ten millions. The president commends the large student body for good order and devotion to scholastic work. With over 1,100 men enrolled, most of them rooming in the city, no serious case of infraction of law or order has been reported. The Deans on Sunday meet their departments in the study of the Bible, and classes in Bible study and religious work are regularly conducted under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. He reports a fine expression of the religious experience of the students as shown on Christmas Eve, when nearly fifty spent several hours singing carols and Christmas hymns about the campus and through the wards of the hospital, and in the alleys of the city.

The attendance in the College of Arts and Sciences has shown a four-fold increase within five years, and the faculty has increased from seven to twenty-four. A decided advance has been made in the department of engineering, made possible by the completion of the new Hall of Manual Arts and Applied Science. For the first time such courses in an institution especially for colored men are available in civil, electrical and mechanical engineering, with competent instructors from the engineering departments of leading universities. These courses enable the university to meet the demand for the skilled mechanic and engineer.

The report also notes the eager response of the student body to the new facilities now offered in chemistry, physics, and biology, as seen in the fact that nearly seven hundred students are regularly instructed in these branches, with practical laboratory work offered in each department. This practical scientific work now requires three professors, one assistant professor, three instructors, besides seven students assistants. The emphasis has been shifted from the traditional to the modern basis of education. It has often been said that while colored students were proficient in the languages, history, etc., they showed marked adaptation to the sciences; but the eager response of the great body of students to the opportunities here for the first time offered in the exact sciences reveals their adaptation to these lines of study, and marks an era in the educational life of the negro race.

BLACKS BAPTIZED IN ARCTIC WATER

WITH THERMOMETER NEAR ZERO 27 NEGROES ARE IMMERSSED IN RIVER.

Pittsburg.—With the thermometer registering four degrees above zero, 27 colored men and women, recently converted to the Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal church of Brownsville, near here, were immersed in the icy waters of the Monongahela river today. The immersions were witnessed by several thousand persons who shivered on the river banks and huddled close to fires built by small boys.

In order to get the ceremony under way it was necessary to cut a hole in the ice. Carriages were in waiting and as fast as the converts came out of the water they were wrapped in blankets and driven to their homes.

A DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT.

William Lawrence, bishop of Massachusetts, delights in telling this story. "Once when there was a vacancy in the Massachusetts bishopric, Phillips Brooks was the most likely candidate. I was walking with President Eliot one day, and in the course of the conversation, I said to him, 'Do you

MINERS WILL QUIT

Walk Out Voted For March 31
By District No. 13

BIG ROW OVER CREDENTIALS

Departing From Usual Custom Resolution Does Not Provide For Protection of Mines From Damage During the Suspension.

Des Moines, March 15.—At the first session of the United Mine Workers of America, district No. 13, yesterday afternoon a resolution was adopted and incorporated with others, that, "all men and boys under the jurisdiction of district 13 should cease work on March 31."

Here was another phase which had never been brought to such a convention. At all times in the past the union has allowed enough men to remain on duty to see that the mine was not damaged in any way during a suspension. This will put a new phase on the mining situation in the district if it passes the convention. There are those both opposed and in favor of such action. That there will be a suspension is a conceded fact, but the length of the suspension will depend largely on the action taken at this convention.

Last night it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the miners would not resort to leaving the operation without any protection, but would modify the resolution so that it would give a better chance for both to get together on a contract at the time stated.

ROCK ISLAND ROAD OFFICES

General Manager Whittenton of Chicago Will Move to Des Moines With Force of Employees.

Des Moines, March 15.—Official announcement that the operating department of the First district of the Rock Island road will be moved from Chicago to Des Moines in the near future was made today by J. L. Parrish, attorney for the Rock Island lines of Iowa. The change in the location of the offices is due to the fact that Des Moines is in the center of the First district, which includes the lines in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota and South Dakota. With the completion of the line from St. Paul to Kansas City, Des Moines will be the geographical center of the district and the affairs can be more easily handled from this city than from Chicago. The offices of General Manager W. M. Whittenton, now at Chicago, will be moved to Des Moines. From the Des Moines office 3,800 miles of the system will be managed. Forty office employees and their families will come to Des Moines as a result of the removal of the offices of the general manager from Chicago to Des Moines, according to Mr. Whittenton.

STAND PART IN DAMAGE SUITS

Threshers' Association Vote to Protect Members in Cases Growing Out of Machinery Movement.

Des Moines, March 15.—The threshers' convention voted to assume one-third of the expense if a member of the Iowa association becomes a defendant in a damage suit growing out of the movement of threshing machinery over bridges, culverts, highways and other public property. Some of the members were in favor of raising the responsibility of the association to one-half the cost of the suit. It was decided to increase the amount at the next annual convention if this course is deemed wise.

Cigarettes Are Fatal.

Dubuque, March 15.—A post-mortem examination on the body of the late Samuel Josephs, who died under peculiar circumstances, after having charged his cousin, Ollie Faleen, with having placed poison in some cough syrup, revealed the man came to his death from nicotine poisoning, he having been an inveterate cigarette smoker.

Brings \$20,000 Suit.

Creston, March 15.—Mrs. Alice Dixon Lowther created a sensation here today when she brought a damage suit in the district court for \$20,000 against John W. Lowther and wife, parents of her husband, whom she says have alienated the affections of her spouse.

Killed By Falling Tree.

Davenport, March 15.—Tom Trainor, aged 50 years, a patient at Mercy hospital, was killed today when a tree blew down and fell on him. Trainor was exercising in the yard.

Every House Is Occupied.

Lake City, March 15.—For the first time in recent years residence properties for rent are at a premium in Lake City. Every house is now occupied and rents were advanced 10 per cent the first of the month.

Passed Worthless Check.

Creston, March 15.—Officers with warrants are looking for E. P. Cole, a stranger charged with passing a forged draft on a local bank bearing the name of President Ralph Gill of the local business college.

THE DES MOINES ORPHEUM.

Five young women trained to the minute in the physical arts of fencing, boxing and wrestling will furnish the headline attraction this week. Their skill is said to rival that of champions along these lines and is a wholesome exhibition throughout. Another feature that will excite wonder is Little Lord Robert. This tiny midget is 24 inches high, 22 years old and weighs 15 pounds, is perfectly developed and has a pleasing personality. A number of other clever features complete the bill.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

NOTED EDUCATOR ADDRESSES LARGE AUDIENCE OF COLORED PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON.

Washington.—Advising the colored men of Washington to engage in business enterprises in proportion to the number of colored residents within the boundaries of the District of Columbia, and exhorting them to strive for success with the declaration that success in America is honored and looked upon with respect, regardless of religion or race, Dr. Booker T. Washington, addressed probably 2,000 persons at an enthusiastic colored mass meeting in the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal church.

The sponsors of the meeting had expected President Taft to be present and deliver a short address. Owing to important business engagements at the executive offices through the evening, however, he was unable to attend. Dr. Washington came after a dinner and reception extended to him by the colored lodges of Washington. After the preliminary exercises, he was introduced to his audience by Nelson E. Weatherless, prominent in local, colored, fraternal circles.

Good of Secret Orders.

"Secret orders existing among the negro race have accomplished much toward its uplift, notwithstanding the so-called weaknesses of these organizations are referred to in an uncompromising fashion," said Dr. Washington. "They have an exceptionally strong side, a side that with a little consideration on the part of those who condemn them would receive a proper and sufficient credit. It is largely through the work of the secret organizations of the negro, in connection with his church, that the negro has in a large degree supported and cared for the poor and unfortunate of his own race. In the southern states there are few negro beggars, few negro paupers. The unfortunate are cared through the secret organizations and the church. This in a larger degree is true of our race than any other race in the same relative stage of civilization in this or any other country."

"I am glad to take note of the preparations to erect a large and substantial building that will be headquarters for secret organizations, and the plans to provide accommodations for business enterprises that are owned and operated by our race. This is most praiseworthy and encouraging. The erection of this building should command the hearty good will and the generous support of all our people in the District of Columbia."

Building Means Much.

"The erection of this building will mean a new era in the business life of the negro in Washington. In proportion to the number of black people in the District of Columbia, and in proportion to the amount of money they handle the race here has not gone into business to the extent that is true of our brethren in the southern states. You have here a negro population of about 90,000. That is enough black people to constitute a city within itself. This means that you have as many black people here as there are persons in Dallas, Tex.; Hartford, Conn.; Lynn, Mass.; San Antonio, Tex.; Trenton, N. J.; or Springfield, Mass. I repeat, then, that you have within our race here a city within itself aside from the white race."

There should be in operation in the District of Columbia, on the part of our race, at least 2,000 business enterprises. In a larger degree in the future than in the past we must become pioneers in industrial and commercial directions. There are openings in Washington with your 90,000 black people for 10 architects, 5 banks, 40 drug stores, 50 barber shops, 35 blacksmith shops, 30 boot and shoe stores, 30 shoemakers and repairers, 120 carpenters and contractors and builders, 30 confectioners and bakers, 40 dentists, 160 dressmaking businesses, 30 dry goods stores, 5 undertaking establishments, 20 florists, 10 furniture dealers, 175 grocery stores, 20 hair dressers, 20 milliners, 60 trained nurses, 70 painters and kalsominers, 10 photographers, 120 physicians, 40 plumbers, 30 real estate dealers, 50 truck gardeners, 50 restaurants and 20 variety stores.

Handle Enormous Sums.

"I note in this city that our people who are employed by the government handle \$2,000,000 at least annually. We should see to it that a large proportion of this tremendous sum is carefully and permanently invested in business enterprises."

"In Birmingham, Ala., with 52,000 negroes, they support three banks; in Memphis, with 52,000 negroes, they support two banks; in Richmond, Va., with 47,000 negroes, they support three banks; in Nashville, with 38,000 negroes, two banks; in Jacksonville, Fla., with 29,000, three banks, and Jackson, Miss., with 6,000, support two banks. Certainly you ought to be able to do as well in the District of Columbia."

"In the public schools here you have unusual opportunities to secure education of the best kind for your children. I know of no 90,000 black people anywhere in the world who are provided with such excellent public schools as are the 90,000 black people here. Your children should not only receive an education in the abstract, but they should learn to combine that education with the practical, every-day affairs of life."

"At the head of your school system stands Howard university, an institu-

LOGICAL THEOLOGY.

A negro known as "One-Eyed" Walling was, and probably is now, a preacher in Virginia. His ideas of theology and human nature were often very original, as the following anecdote may prove.

A gentleman thus accosted the old preacher on Sunday:

"Walling, I understand you believe every woman has seven devils. Now how can you prove that, I'd like to know?"

COLORED BOY'S BRAVE DEED

HE RESCUES WHITE BABY FROM A 50-FOOT WELL, WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE EXCEPT THE CHILD'S MOTHER, DESPAIRED.

The following heroic deed of a colored boy was taken from the Willis Point (Tex.) Chronicle, a white paper. It is self-explanatory, yet we just can't resist saying that it tells unmistakably that as true a spirit of heroism and manly qualities lurks in the colored man's breast as does in any other being living, and, in many instances, he seems to possess more. Among other things, the following is noted:

The hero of the hour was Albert Gray, a negro boy of fifteen years of age and the son of Bud Gray. The boy is small for his age and was thus enabled to go head downward into the small hole and fasten a rope around the child's body, by which means it was drawn from its perilous position, a feat requiring rare courage and worthy of a Carnegie medal.

The well was at the home of Vernon Stepp. In drilling it a rock had been struck some 60 feet down and the well had been abandoned for a new location. Unfortunately it had not been covered over and had not been culped. It was of the ordinary bored well type, making a hole some 13 or 14 inches in diameter. The baby's Grandmother Stepp saw the little toddler just as its unsteady and unknown footsteps went into the well and the little baby shot downward to the bottom. The alarm was spread rapidly and soon neighbors and men from town began to assemble, all intent on devising some means by which the child might be rescued, and stout hearts quaked as the baby's piteous voice pleaded out from its narrow prison, "Mamma, tom die me out."

This brought the assurance, however, that the child was still alive, and this assurance gave strength to men and women—some frantic, some cool and deliberate—in their efforts to devise some means of rescue. With the aid of a reflected light the child could be plainly seen and an effort was made to loop a rope about its body, but the little mind could not understand and the little arms fought off the life-saving rope. The frantic mother begged to be lowered into the well to rescue her child and, clad in man's attire, with ropes attached to her feet, she made the attempt, but her shoulders were too broad to allow her entrance in the well.

It was apparent that the only hope was to secure some person whose body was small enough and who was yet brave enough to go into the well, and a messenger had been dispatched to town for this purpose. It was the result of this trip that brought the negro boy to the scene.

He expressed his readiness to undertake the task and was first lowered into the well feet first. In this way he managed to catch the arm of the child, but when about half way up the waistband of the child's clothing gave way and the little fellow for the second time dropped to the bottom of the well. Hearts trembled sick when the falling child told listening ears what had happened. The boy was drawn out and though his head was bleeding from scratches on the walls of the well, he was ready to try again, and this time "his body was lowered in the well head foremost. He carried the end of an extra rope which he fastened securely about the child's body. "All right, pull me out," he called and there was deathly silence as willing hands drew him out, closely followed by the baby, and there were few dry eyes as the little tot, splattered with mud, but still alive, was placed in the arms of its shouting mother. Although it had been in the well for nearly four hours, Dr. M. L. Cox, who had been called soon after the accident and whose wise counsel had much to do with the final rescue, pronounced its injuries apparently confined to a few bruises of no serious consequence.

The negro boy whose courage and heroism made the rescue possible was not forgotten, those present at the well of the time making up a purse of \$25, which was swelled considerably by the crowd in town when he reached there, and one negro boy had reflected undying credit on his race. On all sides he was given unstinted praise for his heroic act.

And while men and women told and retold the story of the little child in the well and its rescue, father and mother, were almost overcome with joy and the mother pressed her precious babe to her bosom and lavished the mother love upon it even as she had never done before, and thanked God for its delivery.

Fortunately there was no "damp" in the well, and that the child was not seriously hurt by the two falls was marvelous. It can be accounted for only by the narrowness of the walls, which possibly impeded the downward progress, and the further possibility of the air pressure underneath the child breaking in some degree the force of the fall—or was it angels?

JEWEL AMULETS.

Among the curious superstitions connected with precious stones is that cherished in Burma concerning the car's-eye, which is supposed to secure invulnerability in war.

The very water in which such gems as diamonds, pearls, topaz, sapphires, amethysts and emeralds are immersed is drunk to secure immunity from all evil.

IN THE BACKGROUND.

"Are you a candidate?"

"My future is in the hands of my friends. But I am taking care to show them how to play their hands."—Washington Star.

PRETTY MANNERS.

Having pretty manners helps a little girl, but all a little boy gets out of pretty manners is to have the other boys call him "Sissy."—Athens Globe.

NEGRO DEMONSTRATION AGENTS

WORK WHICH THEY ARE DOING FOR NEGRO FARMERS IN ALABAMA.

The following is a portion of an article by Rev. A. F. Owens, published in the Montgomery Advertiser.

Five counties in Alabama now have negro demonstration agents to carry on the work of teaching negro farmers better methods of farming by means of demonstration plots. There are at present negro demonstration agents in nearly all the southern states, with the exception of Virginia, which has seven agents working in eleven counties. There is no other state where so much work is being done by negro agents for negro farmers as in Alabama. The reason so much is being done for the negro farmers in Alabama is undoubtedly due to the influence of Tuskegee Institute, just as the reason that so much is being done for negro farmers in Virginia is due to Hampton Institute, of which the Tuskegee school is an offshoot.

Of the six negro demonstration agents in Alabama, four gained their training at Tuskegee, and the district agent, T. M. Campbell, who has charge of the work among the negroes in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Oklahoma, is a graduate of the same school. A recent report made by the agricultural department on the work of the demonstration agents in Alabama, shows that the negro farmers, working under the direction of these agents, have made a pretty good showing.

The following is a summary of results obtained by some of the negro county demonstration agents in farm demonstration work during the past season:

C. D. Menefee, Lee county, conducted 59 demonstrations in corn and 60 in cotton, using 123 acres for the former and 300 acres for the latter. The results were an average of 54.1 bushels of corn per acre and an average of 1,869 pounds of cotton per acre.

Washington A. Tate, Macon county, had charge of 22 demonstrations in corn and 33 in cotton, using a total of 39½ in corn and 73 acres in cotton. The results were an average of 54.1 bushels of corn per acre and 1,429 pounds of cotton on the same amount of land.

Harry Sims, Wilcox county, supervised one demonstration in corn and 22 in cotton, planting one acre in corn and 35 acres in cotton. The one acre in corn yielded 27 bushels; the 35 acres in cotton yielded an average of 1,399 pounds per acre.

G. W. Patterson, Madison county, had charge of 21 demonstrations in corn and 25 in cotton. The amount of land cultivated in corn was 31 acres, and 56 acres were in cotton. This demonstration made an average of 43.3 bushels of corn per acre and averaged 910 pounds per acre for cotton.

Some notion of what the demonstration agents have done for the negro farmers may be gathered from the fact that the average yield of corn per acre for negro farmers in 1909, the year the census was taken, was less than eight bushels per acre. The average bushels made this year by negro demonstration farmers in Macon county was 54.1 bushels per acre. This was the best average made by farmers under any of the negro demonstration agents and was nearly eight bushels above the average of the other white and negro demonstration agents throughout the state.

The average yield of seed cotton in Alabama in 1911 was about .600 pounds per acre. The highest average yield made on the farms conducted under a negro agent was in Lee county, where the average was 1,867 pounds of cotton per acre. This was 124 pounds of cotton above the average made on the other demonstration plots in different parts of the state and more than 1,200 pounds more than was made on the average farm.

NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE.

Boston, Mass.—The local Negro Business league had a red letter night Wednesday last week. There were about forty present, and a program was arranged which gave a number of men opportunity to tell about the successes they had attained in business. The stories related by many of the men were remarkable, and during the course of the evening the enthusiasm reached a high pitch. Dr. Booker T. Washington, the president of the National Negro Business league, was present as the special guest of the occasion, and delivered a stirring address. The local league is planning for much work during the present winter.

AN OLD FRIEND.

A private soldier once rendered some slight service to the first Napoleon.

"Thank you, captain," said the Emperor, carelessly.

"In what regiment, sire?" was the instant response of the quick-witted private.

"In my guards," replied the Emperor, pleased with the man's ready retort.

This incident, with appropriate variations, also happened to Genghis Khan, Ivan the Terrible, Attila, Gustavus Adolphus, Louis XIV, Charles IX, Alexander, King Alfred, Xerxes, Richard the Lion-Hearted and Henry of Navarre.—Success Magazine.

AS USUAL.

Bacon—Hear your friend went into the bee business last summer.

Egbert—He did.

Bacon—What luck?

Egbert—Oh, just his usual luck. He got stung.

A PHILOSOPHER.

Our idea of a philosopher is one who is content to sit around all day and seine his whiskers with his fingers.—Galveston News.

DR. EDWARD W. BLYDEN DEAD

EDUCATOR AND DIPLOMAT EXPIRES AT THE AGE OF 79 YEARS.—REPRESENTED LIBERIA IN MANY OFFICIAL CAPACITIES.—ENJOYED FRIENDSHIP OF FAMOUS MEN.

In the death of Dr. Edward Wilmot Blyden, educator and diplomat, which occurred at Sierra Leone, West Coast Africa, the negro race loses one of its foremost scholars and Liberia its most widely known citizen. Dr. Blyden was seventy-nine years old at his death. He was born in the Danish island of St. Thomas in the West Indies on August 3, 1832, and was baptized as a member of the Dutch Reformed church, to which his parents, who were of pure negro stock, belonged.

When eighteen years old he came to the United States to enter an American college, but every college refused to act favorably on his application for admission, and in 1850 he sailed for Liberia, entering the Alexander high school at Monrovia two years later. While at the Alexander high school he took a course in mathematics and classics, becoming a teacher of the school in 1853. In 1861 he was appointed a professor of languages in Liberia college, which had just been established, and made an enviable reputation. Five years later he took a leave of absence and visited Egypt and Palestine, and while on his trip improved his knowledge of Arabic.

Returning to Liberia, Dr. Blyden resumed his duties at Liberia college until 1871, when he resigned and visited Europe. About this time he was appointed by the British government as diplomatic agent to make treaties with the Mohammedan and pagan chiefs of the interior tribes of Africa. He completed his work in three years' time and then took charge of the Alexander high school. In 1877 Dr. Blyden was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary by the Liberian government to Great Britain, serving three years, and upon returning to the black republic was made president of Liberia college. In 1884 Dr. Blyden resigned as the head of the college and took up independent educational work among the Mohammedans at Sierra Leone. He was appointed Liberian representative at the court of St. James in 1892. He was secretary of state and secretary of the interior in Liberia, and in 1862 visited the United States as commissioner from the Liberian government.

Dr. Blyden was an authority on Arabic, and also spoke French, German, Italian, Spanish, Hebrew, Greek and Latin. He was author of several books, and in 1863 after the publication of his work on Liberia he received the honorary degree of A. M. from Hamilton college. In 1870 Lafayette college conferred on him the degree of D. D. He was elected corresponding and honorary member of the Society of Sciences and Letters of Benal, and was a member of the Athenaeum club of London. The deceased was intimately acquainted with Lord Salisbury, Charles Dickens, Charles Sumner and the Earl of Derby, and was a personal friend of Gladstone.

MAKING LEADED GLASS AT HOME.

If you have a mechanical turn of mind, a clear eye and steady fingers, combined with an infinite capacity for taking pains, it is quite possible to make leaded glass windows or doors at home. The diamond-shaped and the long pointed panels are the most popular designs and the simplest. Whether you desire to make a hall window or doors for the bookcase or china closet, you must first measure the space you wish to fill with a piece of paper. This serves as a pattern on which are drawn, with the utmost accuracy, the diamond shapes, one-sixteenth of an inch being allowed between the shapes for lead. The sheet of glass is then cut into diamonds with a glass cutter. If you have not a sure hand, it were better to have a glazier do this for you.

The lead is pliable and bought in strings, six feet long, at the hardware shop, where may also be obtained the solder and the soldering iron. This lead is grooved on either side, into which the glass fits. The lead is fitted around the diamond shape, cutting and mitering it at each corner, where it is then soldered. When the piece of glass has been enclosed in its frame, some thin cement should be laid along the edge of the lead so as to hold lead and glass firmly together. Now you have one pane completed with which to start. The rest of the work consists in fitting in diamond after diamond, according to the paper pattern. Heat the soldering iron in the fire or in the strong flame of a gas stove. As the lead is pliable it will be necessary to have an iron brace or two fastened across the inside of the door to make it firm. When the work is finished it is all bound by a heavier piece of lead and it is ready to be tacked or cemented to the wooden frame.

NOT TOO ENTHUSIASTIC.

Sandy was an elder in the church, and a truly pious man. He had an eye for beauty and a love for it, but he married Tina because he knew she would make him an excellent wife.

"I suppose Tina is a handsome lass?" said Sandy's cousin, who met him in Glasgow not long after the marriage, and had never seen the bride. "I ken ye've gude taste, Sandy."

"Aweel," said the bridegroom, cautiously, "she's the Lord's handiwork, Tammas. I'm no' prepared to say she is his masterpiece."—Youth's Companion.

OBJECTION REMOVED.

"I'd buy a car if it weren't for one thing."

"What is it?"

"Having to look out for the other fellow."

"But if you had a car the other fellow would have to look out for you also."

"Gee! I never thought of that! I'll buy one."—Judge.

ITS USES.

"I see where the ashes on one's pavement is often counted as a measure of philanthropy."

"Yes; so to speak, on a sliding scale."

DRASTIC MEASURES.

"I am going to take legal steps about that torn book."

"What kind of steps?"

"I am going to have it bound over to keep the piece."

WIT AND HUMOR

HE CONSULTED THE DICTIONARY.

Franklin Matthews represented a newspaper during the Russo-Japanese war, and one day succeeded in breaking through that remarkable hedge of news censorship and reaching Field Marshal Oyama. The interview was brief but extremely courteous, and the jubilant correspondent hurried back to prepare the story for his paper. In the course of it he used this expression: "Marshal Oyama is a brick!"

The letter was duly passed along to the official translator, and presently Captain Kanaka of the marshal's personal staff, called upon the correspondent.

"Marshal Oyama presents his compliments," said the captain, suavely, "and regrets to inform the esteemed correspondent that his honorable letter can not be forwarded as written."

"Why, what's wrong with it?" cried the amazed war scribbler.

"Captain Kanaka explained with polite gravity."

"Marshal Oyama," he said, "objects to having the great American public regard him as baked mud."

For that is what the extremely literal translator had made of "brick."

NEW JERSEY MEASUREMENTS.

"The wilds of New Jersey," said Frank Malone, "reward the explorer well. If they who sojourn at Atlantic City or Long Branch would but penetrate into the wilds, they would see and hear many interesting things."

"Take, for example, the measurement of distance. I once asked the keeper of the general store in a New Jersey village choked with sand how far it was to Skeeter Swamp."

"Skeeter Swamp," said the storekeeper. "Well, I would say Skeeter Swamp was 'bout two whoops from here—or maybe two whoops and a holler."

"I asked a man in Skeeter Swamp how far Flytown was. The man shifted his quid to the left cheek and replied:

"Flytown, stranger, is about three chaws to the south—unless ye're a fast chawer. Then I'd say it was about three chaws and a half."

NOT A REAL CONDUCTOR.

Sousa nearly always wears his bandmaster's uniform when he goes out walking, and on one occasion this habit of his led to a certain curious mistake. He was standing on a railway station platform when a lady approached him and asked him when the next train was due to start.

"I am very sorry, madam," he replied, "but I do not know." To eliminate the question, he asked the lady, "Then why don't you know?"

"Surely, you are a conductor, aren't you?"

"Yes," replied Sousa, quietly, "but only of a brass band!"

SOME SATISFACTION.

"Her mother wanted her to marry a duke, didn't she?"

"Yes."

"And she married a factory superintendent?"

"Yes."

"Then it wasn't satisfactory at all, was it?"

"I'm not sure. Her daughter's husband can buy out three dukes and his wife's diamonds are bigger than those of any duchess!"

UNFORSEEN RESULT.

"I notice that you courteously refrain from mentioning the name of your political rival in any of your speeches."

"I can't say my practice in that respect is so much a matter of courtesy as of prudence. I once started in to denounce a rival, but as soon as I mentioned his name the audience burst into deafening and continuous applause."

CONTEMPT.

"I don't think I'll go to any more of my wife's parties," said Mr. Cumrox.

"Don't you enjoy yourself?"

"Yes. Only someone always mistakes me for one of the guests and starts in making remarks about how I made my money."—Washington Star.

PHYSICAL DEMONSTRATION.

"The English carry their reputation as a physical nation into their politics."

"How so?"

"Because they use a party whip when they want to beat their opponents."

NOT SO BAD.

"I went home to my aunt's the other day and asked for some lunch, as I was hungry, and she gave me the cold shoulder."

"How unkind of her."

"Not at all. She knows I like it that way."

THE THING TO DO.

"What do you do when a number of men in a baseball game die on the bases?"

"If it's the home team, you bury the subject."

ITS USES.

"I see where the ashes on one's pavement is often counted as a measure of philanthropy."

"Yes; so to speak, on a sliding scale."

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"I am going to take legal steps about that torn book."

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KEOKUK ITEMS.

Mrs. P. A. Jones of 1123 Concert street is on the sick list.

Leon Bland, who has been quite ill for the past week, is recovering.

Rehearsals for the drama "Among the Breakers," are in progress, and will be put on soon for the benefit of the A. M. E. Church. The play is given under the auspices of the Sunshine club and promises to be a rare treat. We hope it will be patronized as this club has gone to a great deal of trouble to make this entertainment a success. It will be given at the Association Hall, Fourteen and High streets.

Mrs. A. J. Fields, 323 N. Thirteenth street, will give a tea Thursday, March 21st, for the benefit of the Church of the Virgin. Everybody is cordially invited.

Miss Elva Robins, who has been very ill for the past three weeks with a gripe, is recovering. Her mother, Mrs. Mable Smith, has also been quite ill, but is better at this writing.

One of the most pleasing events of the season was the surprise and donation party tendered the Rev. and Mrs. Brewer at their home, 1123 Morgan street, Wednesday evening, March 6th. The party met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alden. After a large crowd had gathered, they repaired to the home of Rev. Brewer. Mrs. Brewer, being alone at the time, naturally was terror-stricken, but finally summed up courage and opened the door—only to find some of the party lying prone upon the ground, with baskets lying in all directions. However, after the fragments were gathered up, they entered, and, as one of the committee expressed it, "they had one more time." The Rev. and Mrs. Brewer were the recipients of many useful articles for which they are very grateful. The committee: Mesdames, A. Alden, W. Summers and H. Buckney.

Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Harry Ashby are on the sick list.

A club of young men are rehearsing for a minstrel entertainment, which will be put on immediately after Easter.

The members of the Young Men's Sunday Lecture Club of Bethel and friends feel grateful to their president, Mr. W. T. Rush, for his efforts in presenting to the club his Honor, Mayor Joshua P. Elder, who addressed the club last Sunday afternoon. His talk was brief, but to the point, and greatly appreciated by all. He dealt principally in an explanatory way concerning the intricate phases of commission form of government.

Mrs. Black of Fort Madison was an over Sunday visitor with her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Rush.

Mrs. Amanda Holt is in the country at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Buckner, for a few days.

Miss Maude Jefferson of Chicago, who was here intending to spend the winter with her parents, was called to Champaign, Ill., a few weeks ago, owing to illness of her sister, Mrs. Brownwell, who is now convalescent.

Mr. Andrew Scott was called to Louisiana, Mo., by the illness of his mother, Mrs. Sophia Ridd.

The Bachelors' Club entertained at their residence, No. 517 Morgan street, last Monday evening in honor of Miss Samuel Bell, one of their members who is expecting to leave for the near future for an indefinite stay. This is one leap year party that was void of proposals.

There were no ladies present.

We would be delighted to welcome a certain Fort Madison lady within our midst, if indications signify reality, the happy culmination of affairs will soon terminate.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sol Williams, Jr., Monday, March 4th, a son.

Mrs. P. A. Jones will serve luncheon at her home Monday evening, March 18th. Proceeds are for the benefit of Bethel Church. St. Patrick color scheme will be conspicuous throughout the dining hall. A green menu will be served for green currency by girls who will be dressed in green, and a green program will be rendered. It is hoped that all will assist in making this green entertainment one of success. A substitute for green currency will be adopted.

Mrs. Henrietta Buckney was hostess to a few of her friends one evening last week. A full-course dinner was enjoyed by the guests. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilson, Miss Madah Lewis and Miss Cleo Larson.

Miss V. Olive Bailey and Mr. Oliver Bailey have returned to their home after a few months' stay in Oklahoma. Their father, Mr. Jno. Bailey, has moved from Argyle, Iowa, to Hinsdale, Iowa, having leased a large farm in that locality.

Under the direction of Rev. J. Brewer an Old Folks' Concert is soon to be presented at Bethel. It is rumored that this will be the star hit of the season, they have an orchestra of three pieces and their amusements will be varied and entertaining. So watch for the date.

Yes, the Power City is still on the map, and awaiting the completion of the big dam in July, 1913. Thanks to Ye Editor of the St. Paul Budgetarian for complimentary bouquets.

CLINTON HAPPENINGS.

Rev. G. W. Slater spent last week in Clinton with his family. He left Sunday for the Tri-Cities, where he will continue his ministerial duties for a couple of weeks, holding meetings.

The ladies' Leap Year party of a few weeks ago, which was such a success, and at which the gentlemen were so royally entertained, has caused a great deal of comment. The latter have arranged to return the compliment on Thursday evening, March 21st. At this time each gentleman will furnish supper for himself and lady, she to pay for the box and all other expense incurred. This is one of the many events given to assist in the trustee rally which was started some weeks ago. A good time is looked for by all.

Mrs. Holland Williams left Tuesday for Chicago, in response to a summons, on account of the death of her brother, Samuel Moreland, who passed away Sunday. Deceased was a former Clinton boy.

The "War of the Roses" is the title of an entertainment which will be given Thursday evening at Bethel A. M. E. Church. The entertainment will consist of a spelling contest, Mrs. Geo. Slater and Mrs. Alva Stewart are the captains of the contesting sides. A strong rivalry, no doubt, will exist for the honors.

The committee of arrangements of the Men's Leap Year Party met at the home of Mrs. Emma Heron recently, where they held an enjoyable

meeting. During the evening they were served with light refreshments, much to their surprise.

An Old Folks' Concert will be given at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Friday evening, March 21st.

Sunday, March 17th, will be rally day at Bethel A. M. E. Church for the trustees.

Send your name in as a subscriber, to the agent.

A musical entertainment was given at the Second Baptist Church, Monday evening, by the Men's Male Chorus of twenty-five voices of the First Baptist Church. Rev. Rogers, pastor of the First Baptist Church, delivered a short address, and the pastor of the Second Baptist Church also spoke. Solos were rendered by Geo. Spencer and Roy Crawford, and a duet by Miss Olive Barker and Roy Crawford. A large crowd was in attendance.

Mrs. Payton West of Chicago spent several days in Clinton last week, the guest of friends.



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In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 48 of the laws of the Thirty-second General Assembly, the undersigned, city clerk of Des Moines, Iowa, did on the 12th day of March, 1912, publicly canvass the returns made by the judges of election from all the voting precincts of the results of the vote in the primary election held on the 11th day of March, 1912, and the result of such canvass was as follows:

The total number of valid votes cast at said election was 12,482, of which the various candidates for mayor and councilmen received the number set opposite their names, as follows:

FOR MAYOR

Hanna..... 6,607
Duhigg..... 2,644
Mathis..... 2,098
McCrillis..... 710
Loose..... 524

FOR COUNCILMEN

Ash..... 2,622
Brandt..... 1,699
Church..... 1,752
Gibson..... 215
Hamery..... 4,457
Hedges..... 676
Johnson..... 1,090
Kell..... 599
Kelso..... 433
MacVicar..... 3,684
Miller..... 577
Myerly..... 3,654
Needham..... 4,955
Pugh..... 1,639
Roe..... 4,853
Schramm..... 3,247
Van Liew..... 5,865
Werum..... 226
Whitnack..... 781
Wilcox..... 2,380
Wilson..... 339
Zion..... 626

The two candidates for mayor receiving the highest number of votes are James R. Hanna and Thomas F. Duhigg.

The eight candidates for councilmen who received the highest number of votes are:

F. T. Van Liew..... John MacVicar
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Rev. I. W. Boss has returned to Fairfield after a pleasant visit here with friends.

The Glee Harmonic club entertained Friday evening at Dean's hall. A musical program was rendered during the evening, including several selections by Lewis' concert band. Dancing and cards were also enjoyed until a late hour. Light refreshments were served the guests.

Miss Hazel Moseley left Monday for Mendon to visit with friends.

Miss Lena Greene of Peoria spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Jesse Hazel, Sr., was hostess to the Thimble circle, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Mason Drury has returned from Chicago. She reports her aunt much improved.

The Culture club met with Miss Mayme Richardson, Wednesday afternoon. Following an excellent literary program, a game of Hearts and Arrows was enjoyed which resulted in Mrs. E. Wallace capturing first prize, while the consolation was awarded Mrs. A. Davis. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. G. Fletcher at which time their annual indoor picnic will be enjoyed.

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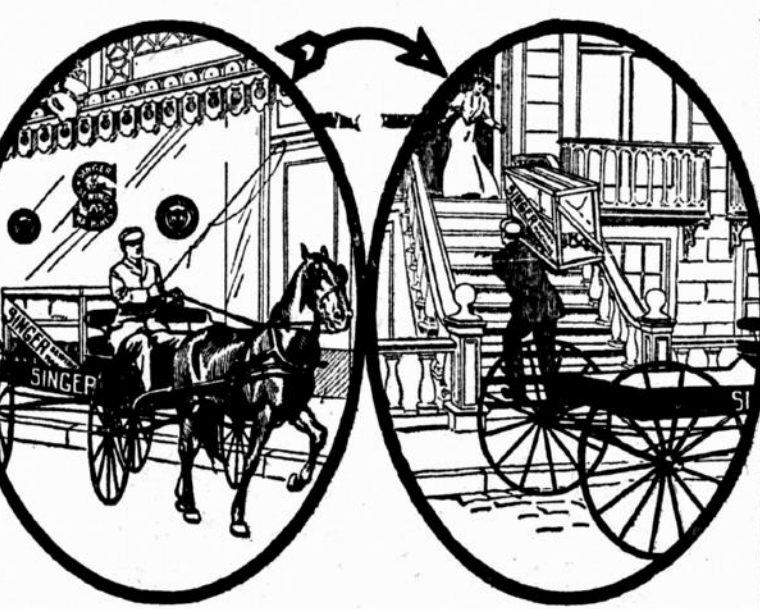
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