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Iowa News Continued

ALBIA ITEMS.

Mrs. Mary F. Ward has been quite sick for two weeks.

Mrs. Venerable, sister and her husband from Omaha have been visiting at the home of her brother.

It has been a cold week in this part of the country.

All miners started to work on Monday.

SPLENDID PLAN.

(Special to the Bystander by request of the Presiding Elder, Rev. T. B. Stovall.)

Albia, Iowa, Dec. 19.—Sunday, Dec. 14 was the occasion of the first quarterly conference of the A. M. E. church of this city, and we were favored with the presence of our new presiding elder, Rev. T. B. Stovall, who preached soul-stirring discourses which were greatly appreciated. A new feature being inaugurated by Rev. Stovall is his honor roll, which is to raise funds to assist the steward boards of the various churches in his district, and when the plan was presented to the congregation they saw the wisdom of its move and gave hearty response. Anyone paying \$1.00 or even 50c a quarter is entitled to be placed on the honor roll, and although the congregation was not its usual size at this service on account of the fuel conservation order, the following names were enrolled for \$1: Sister Mary Jameson, Sister Minnie Dowden, J. W. Dowden, Brother Joe Jameson, Brother C. L. Washington, Sister Emma Thomas, Brother Pearl Thomas, E. F. Butler, Sister Hattie Bowling.

BURLINGTON ITEMS.

(Mrs. Bessie V. Johnson.)

On Nov. 8 Burlington welcomed home one of her favorite and most distinguished daughters in the person of Mrs. Laurence C. Jones, formerly of our city, but now of Braxton, Miss., where she is the able assistant of her husband, Prof. Laurence C. Jones of Piney Woods school.

On Sunday Mrs. Jones addressed the members of the Congregational church (white) in the evening she spoke at the A. M. E. church.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Jones accompanied by her hostess, Mrs. Ed Williams, Mrs. Peter King were the guests of the white missionary society of the Congregational church.

Wednesday afternoon addressed the Rotary club at the Burlington hotel making a strong appeal for the race.

Thursday Mrs. Jones spoke to pupils of Prospect-Hill school.

On the Thirteenth Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Jones met the ladies of the Y. W. C. A. in consultation of the proposed school center for the colored people of our city, which is being advocated by the federated clubs. The federated clubs tendered Mrs. Jones a reception on Friday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson 710 Cpenec street. The guest was given a little surprise which supplemented the pleasure of the evening, being informed it was also the thirteenth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams the young mens orchestra assisted by Mrs. I. Baker and Mrs. Ed Williams furnished music for the evening.

Welcome addresses were made by the following: Rev. H. C. Ransom in behalf of the colored citizens; Mrs. Fred Graham in behalf of the Willing Workers; Mrs. Bessie V. Johnson in behalf of the Progressive club; Mrs. Jones responded in her usual pleasant manner. Mrs. G. Clark, Mr. H. Irwin rendered a beautiful instrumental duet. Miss Laura James White delighted the guest with a vocal solo. Mr. and Mrs. A. Rideout's vocal duet was unusually good. Mr. J. H. Dunno gave a splendid vocal solo. The vocal solo by Dr. J. E. Johnson was the song of the city composed by hostess Mrs. Bessie V. Johnson.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Jones addressed the Young Men's club at the home of her hostess, Mrs. Ed Williams. Mr. and Mrs. A. Rideout entertained with a dinner party in honor of Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. Jones departed for Keokuk Saturday evening after a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends in our city.

Mrs. Bessie V. Johnson has returned from Dubuque where she attended the funeral of the late Edward W. Martin Sr., a brother-in-law.

The social given by the B. V. J. Progressive club at the residence of the Mrs. William Dickson last week was a success both socially and financially.

Mrs. Birdie Rideout is visiting relatives in Rock Island, Ill.

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CEDAR RAPIDS ITEMS.

On Saturday afternoon and night, Dec. 6, Mount Sinai Temple No. 590 of the International Order of Twelve was organized in Cedar Rapids by Sir Edward Rebersen, C. G. M. and Sir Robert Jackson, C. G. S. After the initiation a three-course luncheon was served. The Daughters of Tabor were invited to take part in the refreshments. Miss Imogene Wilson, G. Q. M. was a visitor that evening.

The following officers were elected: Sir Fred Crawford, C. M.; Sir A. B. Joyce, V. M.; Sir W. H. Beshears, C. S.; Sir Charles Dorsey, A. S.; Sir Alexander Tate, C. T.; Sir Andrew Ford, C. O.; Sir Frank Walker, C. D. M.; Sir John Patterson, C. C. B.; Sir George Taylor, C. G.; Sir Sidney Tate, C. G.; Sir Edward Jackson, C. G.; Sir J. L. Robinson, C. S.; board of attendants, Sir Tom Mason, Sir L. H. Franklin, Sir William Moore; board of judges, Sir T. E. Jackson; Sir T. L. A. Murphy, Sir E.

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SIOUX CITY ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray have moved to Omaha, where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. M. Cason and son, Mr. Earl Cason of Minneapolis have been in the city for several weeks visiting relatives and friends and transacting business matters.

Mrs. Thaddeus Watson, formerly Miss Luella Matthews, has returned from an extended visit in the east.

Mr. Jesse Boyd has been quite ill with tonsillitis.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Norris have departed to Washington, Iowa, where Dr. Norris has a charge.

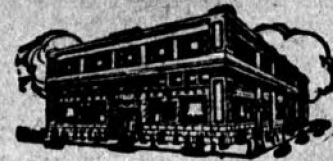
Rev. E. M. Lewis, pastor of the Malone A. M. E. church has been somewhat indisposed but is improved.

Mrs. M. Thompson, who has been confined to her home for some time is able to be out again.

Mrs. H. Hill, who has been a patient at the German Lutheran hospital is at her home and is convalescing nicely.

Mrs. H. Hill was royally entertained in her home Sunday, Dec. 7 by the Perry jazz musicians, Sunday, Dec. 14, Mr. R. Clayton of Minneapolis, was entertained at dinner at the Hill residence.

The Phyllis Wheatly Art club met Wednesday night with Mrs. Roy Todd at 939 Fourteenth street place. The next meeting will be Dec. 31 with Mrs. Bert Watkins at her residence, 762 Twelfth street.



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CITY NEWS

By Ada F. Hyde

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Rev. E. S. Hargde, pastor of Kyle's chapel A. M. E. Zion will leave Monday for a three weeks' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hargde of Montgomery, Ala.

Mr. Walter Hutchison, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Buxton, Iowa, was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday attending a conference.

Rev. G. W. Robinson and Rev. S. L. Bates attended the Baptist board meeting in Ottumwa Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Jennie Miller of 837 West Twelfth street, who was stricken with paralysis several weeks ago, shows but slight improvement.

Mrs. Joburness Redmon Kelso and little son, Redmon of Chippewa Falls, Wis., arrived in the city Saturday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Redmon of Eighteenth and Center.

Rev. H. A. Perry, formerly of Bethel A. M. E. church now of Terre Haute, Ind., will arrive in the city Monday en route to Tuskegee, Ala., where his wedding will take place Dec. 29.

Mr. S. A. T. Watkins, of Chicago, supreme attorney of the Knights of Pythias was in the city this week on

business connected with the order.

Mrs. Katie Montgomery, who has been spending some time in the city at the home of Mrs. Gus Nichols, left Tuesday night to spend the winter in Chicago. Mrs. Montgomery made a large number of friends while in our city. Before leaving Mrs. Nichols gave her a six months' subscription to the Bystander for a Christmas present.

Mrs. Elenore Johnson, who has been very ill, is much better. Her mother, Mrs. J. F. Baker of Ft. Dodge, who was called here during her illness is still here.

Mrs. John Mayweather is confined to her home by illness.

Rev. and Mrs. John W. Whittaker of Tuskegee, Ala., have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter Annie, to Rev. Henry Allen Perry, on Monday, Dec. 29, at Tuskegee, Ala. Miss Whittaker is a graduate of Tuskegee institute. Rev. Perry was formerly pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, Des Moines, Iowa. While in Des Moines he attended East Des Moines High school and Drake university.

The at home cards read, after Jan. 1 at 218 Crawford street, Terre Haute, Ind.

Mrs. Katie Montgomery entertained

eight friends at dinner Sunday as a

parting courtesy before leaving for her

home in Chicago.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown, grand matron of

the order of Eastern Star for the state

of Iowa and jurisdiction made an official

visit to Silver Leaf Chapter at Cedar

Rapids, last Saturday remaining

over until Monday to meet and confer

with the members of a recently or-

ganized club of applicants who are ask-

ing to be set up as a chapter in that

city.

CLUB NOTES

The Mary Church Terrell club was entertained Monday night by Mrs. Emerald Mash at her home on Twelfth street. The Hunchback of Notre Dame was finished. The next meeting which will take the form of a Christmas party will be Monday, Dec. 22 with Mrs. J. Wardlaw Mitchell as hostess. At this time the members will exchange Christmas gifts.

The members of the Cosmopolitan Breakfast club are still enjoying their weekly breakfasts. On Dec. 8 they were entertained by Mrs. Grtrude Brown at her home, 1360 East Nineteenth street. They were entertained by Mrs. Frank Lewis of 1647 Walter street on Dec. 17. A very palatable breakfast was enjoyed. This club is getting to be quite a social center.

The girls of the Community Center, Ninth and Mulberry are planning a big membership drive for the fourth Tuesday in January. All of the clubs are asked to show their strength. Cash prizes will be awarded to those bringing in the most new members.

The Mary B. Tolbert club met Tuesday night with Mrs. R. N. Hyde. An interesting meeting was enjoyed by the members present and further plans were made for the Christmas party. The next regular meeting will be Dec. 30 with Mrs. Gus Nichols.

The following new members have been added to the Intellectual Improvement club during the month of December. Mrs. J. B. Morris, Mrs. William Brooks and Mrs. Maud Woods.

The Syndicate club held its regular weekly meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 17 at the home of Mr. Philip McGuire, 1320 Laurel street. Mr. V. S. Eagan, former coach at Des Moines college was present and gave a few interesting remarks. Mr. Carroll Curtley was present and gave a short talk.

The following officers were elected for the next four months: Alden Blagburn, president; James Rhodes, vice president; Jenkins Hunter, vice president; Casten Crenshaw, treasurer; Philip McGuire, sergeant at arms; Charles E. Woods, reporter. The club adjourned to meet Wednesday, Dec. 24 at the club room, at which time installation of officers will be held. All members are urged to be present.

Members of the Charles Young auxiliary are asked to meet for a brief conference Thursday evening at 7:30 at the residence of the chairman, 1058 Fifth street.

The Colored League of Women Voters will hold an open meeting on Christmas evening at the residence of Attorney and Mrs. S. Joe Brown, 1058 Fifth street and pursuant to the plan heretofore outlined will hear discussions of the merits of Attorney General H. M. Havner, Lieut. Gov. E. R. Moore, Food Administrator J. F. Deems and Ex-Speaker N. E. Kendall all of whom are candidates for the gubernatorial nomination of the republican party of Iowa. The public is cordially invited. Everybody attending will be handed a package on presenting receipt from the press exchange which will be in charge of Mesdames R. E. Patten, H. R. Graves and Frank P. Johnson.

COMMUNITY CENTER AT NINTH AND MULBERRY WILL REOPEN

On the 24th of December under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Rush, a Christmas tree for the poor children of the community at Community center.

On Jan. 1 the girls clubs will receive the public afternoon and evening. Everybody invited; music afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Alice Dickerson and H. R. Wright returned Friday from a three-day conference of community service held in Chicago. It was a great meeting; delegates from New York to Denver and as far south as Louisville, Ky. Miss L. Pearl Mitchell wishes to be remembered to her many friends in Des Moines.

THE PRESENT ACTIVITIES OF COLORED COMMUNITY CENTER

The Syndicate club a club of twenty-two young men mostly high school boys who were in the last draft are now playing basket ball, belong to our community band and are interested in all athletic sports, last week defeated Road Side Settlement Basket ball team 18 to 12 at Community center.

The Roosevelt Community club, twenty-eight young colored businessmen, of the city, one of the members reads a paper each meeting night upon some present event or some distinguished man the last being the life and work of the late Theodore Roosevelt, the subject is then discussed by the other members of the club.

The Booster Community club over 100 membership composed of public spirited men of Des Moines old and young debate some subject each night. The subject for next meeting night is "Resolved that the miners are justified in striking for higher wages," after the debate the subject is open for discussion to all present.

The Lincoln post of the American Legion are taking up all questions such as I. W. W., Mexico, the coal situation, etc., and acting in harmony with the other posts of the American Legion.

The community band of forty members are practicing twice a week and are progressing.

Our Girls clubs are as busy as the men and are now planning for a big bazaar to be held in the near future. The working girls eat their lunch and spend the noon hour in their club room. Every day and night is taken with

some activity which is beneficial to the Negro citizen of Des Moines.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR KIDDIES.

Mrs. J. B. Rush of the public welfare bureau, and Mrs. Mary Coalson, policewoman, will have a Christmas tree for the colored kiddies at the community center at the Lincoln school building, Wednesday afternoon Dec. 24 at 2:30 p. m. There will be a Santa Claus present to give each child a toy. A bevy of ladies has consented to help fill the candy bags and decorate the tree. Gifts are being contributed by both white and colored.

Among those who so willingly assisted were: The Iowa Seed Co., a Christmas tree; the Municipal Bonding Syndicate by John H. Gibson, their president, \$25; Mr. Kelling, \$1.50; Mr. Warts, \$1.50; Mr. Stewart, \$1.50; County Treasurer Hammill, \$1; William George, 50c; J. H. Kelley of the sheriff's office, \$1; S. C. Connor, 25c; Jessie Penner, \$1; Mr. Higgins, \$1; Mr. E. Tracy Blagburn, 50c; Mr. Ed Mason, 50c; Miss Florence Fracker, \$1; Mrs. Edward, \$1; Mr. Fitz Conrod, 50c; and Mr. Charles Schram, 25c.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The membership committee will meet Monday at the Tenth street center with their chairman, Mrs. S. Joe Brown.

Friday the Christmas party will be given at the center for the older girls and their boy friends.

Saturday there will be a Christmas party for all the girl reserve and the boy friends. The center will be decorated with Christmas colors and they will enjoy a Christmas tree.

On account of the coal strike the girl reserves have not been meeting but beginning the next week will hold all their meetings at the Tenth street center.

All friends are cordially invited to drop in and pay the center a visit.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Monday evening Jan. 5th at 7:30 o'clock the Y. M. C. A. religious training institute will begin at the Union Congregational church at 10th and Park streets. Superintendent Z. C. Thornburg will give the opening address. The general public is invited to attend this meeting. For further information concerning enrollment see chairman religious committee Attorney S. Joe Brown.

It has been reported to our authorities from the office of student volunteer movement that the colored citizens of Des Moines have in their action toward this project set an example worthy to be followed by all white citizens of the city. Interest, enthusiasm and co-operation on their part to house their delegates and to make this movement a success is not surpassed.

CROCKER STREET BRANCH Y. M. C. A. TO HAVE BIG SUNDAY MASSMEETING. MR. E. B. DEFRANTZ INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY TO SPEAK

Sunday afternoon Dec. 21 at 3 p. m. at the Union Congregational church will be a public massmeeting under the auspices of the Crocker street Branch Y. M. C. A. Mr. E. B. DeFrantz, one of the leading men of this work in this country will speak. Mr. DeFrantz is a member of the international committee Y. M. C. A. Colored Men's Department, New York City. He has for the public a message that will be inspiring and helpful in every way. The speaker has good friends in this city who were made while he served in association work at Fort Des Moines during the period of the officers' training camp there. A most interesting program will be rendered. Quartet selections will be rendered by the boys Y. M. C. A. Bible class. Other musical selections will be rendered.

MASONIC BODIES TO HOLD PUBLIC INSTALLATION

On Friday evening Dec. 26 at North Star Masonic Temple, corner Eleventh and Center streets, will occur a joint public installation of the newly elected officers of King Solomon commandery of Knights Templar, G. H. Cleggett chapter of Royal Arch Masons and of Zorah and Oziel chapters of the order of the Eastern Star, the members of each of which bodies are cordially invited to be present with their escorts.

The members of King Solomon guild of the Heroines of the Templar Crusades, the newly organized ladies' department of the Knights Templar are also invited to be present with their escorts. Refreshments will be served as the compliments of King Solomon commandery of Knights Templar and G. H. Cleggett chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

By order,
Jas. B. Mitchell, Chairman,
S. Joe Brown, Sec.
Installation committee.
OBITUARY.

Mr. William Knox died at his home, 831 West Eleventh street Tuesday morning, Dec. 9. The funeral was held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. from St. Paul's A. M. E. church. The remains were shipped to Cherryville, Kan., for interment. The deceased was 66 years, 7 months and 7 days old. He was a steward and a faithful member of St. Paul's A. M. E. church. He is mourned by a wife, a son and daughter, four sisters and two brothers. The funeral was conducted by Handy and Bland undertakers.

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VISION.

I saw the mountains stand,
Silent, wonderful and grand,
Looking out across the land
When the golden light was falling
On the distant dome and spire:
And I heard a low voice calling,
Come up higher, come up higher,
From the lowland and the mire,
From the midst of Earth's desire,
From the vain pursuit of self,
From the attitude of self;
Come up higher, come up higher,

PRESENTS AND PRESENTS.

To most people Christmas means a mad rush from store to store at the eleventh hour, to find a suitable gift in time for this or that acquaintance, or a return gift for one they have unexpectedly received. Finally after both brain and body are exhausted they seize upon some gift that would be better not sent. Gift making under such conditions become a bore and they repeatedly wish that the custom of giving presents at Christmas time would be abolished.

Do we agree with them? Decidedly not. Give at Christmas time of course, for giving then symbolizes the greater gift the world has ever known. But there are presents and presents.

The one a present and nothing more; neither pretty nor useful, a present of vanity and show of lavishness that is simply a white elephant on the hands of the receiver; the other small in intrinsic value but full of love and the real Christmas spirit.

Presents are a great deal more than just presents. All kinds of circumstances and relations can make or mar them. In order to make the right kind of gift we must know the preferences of the one for whom it is intended. Since this is the time when we express our "good will toward men," let us begin with our friends. Let us put more time and thought on the selection of our gifts and not simply strive to give them as much as they give us. Do not be taken in by the wily salesman who is trying to palm off old stuff in new wrappings.

As we go from store to store we see the familiar sign, "do your shopping early" and may we add to it, wisely. Make your Christmas giving this year

EDITORIALETTES.

Don't be afraid to pay your debts as you would have others pay you.

Why not a league of states to enforce domestic peace, suppress lynch law and wild eyed propaganda, blot out race riots and obviate the necessity for strikes? It appears to us that there is much room for humanitarian efforts in dear "ole U. S. A."

If the race spent less time in rallying for the church and more time rallying for the race, there would be a marked improvement in both civic, religious and political position.

We are desirous of starting the new year with our books clear. Please be prompt and send in your subscriptions.

The race is badly in need of leaders; not those who will merely talk about what should be done, but one who is willing to roll up his sleeves and work for his people; one who is thoroughly acquainted with the race—one who knows its history, who is far-sighted enough to see its future possibilities; who does not feel that his race is inferior to other races.

When your boy asks you to allow him to work and make some money don't refuse him. He can't start too soon to learning the lesson of thrift and industry. Arrange it so that if he does not leave home to work he can earn by doing the extra things at home which will cause him to look upon himself as a wage earner and pro-

Contributory Department

GOOD HOUSING HINTS.

(Mrs. Jessye E. McClain.)

Every person should desire their respect there to through exemplary effort to excite and foster community pride and community betterment, thus giving one the standing of an energetic and loyal factor in civic progressive-ness.

To this end when choosing a home one of the first things to be considered is a good location, dry and susceptible to cultivation, improvements and beautifying, for we must remember that the home of the masses are long-lived, and thus permanency and length of service should cause us to give grave concern to eliminate conditions.

Good housing argument seeks to get us away from the idea that lots to be filled and good paying investments in that they are obtained at less cost and

the years are ours to fill them through gifts from the city and property owners of dirt from excavation, tin cans rubbish and the bodies of defunct animals for despite our known wishes against unscrupulous are ever with us and to the above and careful surveillance the them night has no turns, but we are gradually learning that in most instances the fruits of such a venture are financial loss, mental worry and physical detriment.

Public health restrictions and regulations have reached the highly effective state, wherein these lots have been censored and objectionable rubbish cans containing anything perishable etc. are tabooed; free dirt is not always obtainable as rapidly as we wish and when finally building or enlarged improvement in home becomes necessary we are put to the expense of completing the job and this together with the removal of cumbersome pieces of iron which mother earth has refused to absorb and which confronts us in the time of cultivation, cause grave question of its economy.

The building or purchase of a home pre-supposes some pride in the owner; pride of possession, pride in becoming a property owner, pride too, perhaps in getting a foot in the substantial citi-tial citizen class, but whatever the quality it must fret and chafe under the knowledge that in a community where careful supervision, a little expense and love of the beautiful has developed attractive homes your own with its unsightly surroundings is an eye sore, a bar to a creditable community standard.

A house where lots are low, too often means a damp, unhealthy basement, where so low as to require filling quite often becomes a menace to health in the hot seasons when its attraction for flies and mosquitoes make it a source of contagion.

It is by far the safer and wiser plan to be like he of Biblical love, who looked so well after elemental conditions that his house withstood the stress and changes of the years. See that your home are located in sewered districts, where you may be accessible to sanitary equipment and have the rudimentary facilities for healthful living.

The good housing law seeks to obtain and to safeguard for you all of the above.

TO CLUB WORKERS.

My Dear Co-Workers:

Many heads of households have been forced out of employment by the fuel shortage. This will mean many "kiddies" disappointed on Christmas morning.

Let us club be Santa Claus. Begin preparations now that as many homes as possible may be visited and many little hearts glad on Christmas morning.

True happiness will be ours for having shown the real Christ spirit by loving out the divine plan peace on earth; good will to all men. Where there is peace; happiness reigns.

I note an error of the print in the notice about collecting money for the home. We are asking the first \$1 by Jan. 1 or as near the first as possible. Our plan is to cancel note No. 2 during the month of January, 1920—

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Handy were called to Waterloo, Iowa, last week to attend the funeral of Rev. James Bowles.

Mrs. Harry Burnaugh was pleasantly surprised last Wednesday, Dec. 3 when the mother's council came in a body to spend the afternoon with her as it would be the last opportunity she would have to meet with the council for some time. A very enjoyable time was spent. Delicious refreshments were passed consisting of sandwiches, assorted cakes, cocoa, popcorn and marshmallows.

On account of the shortage of fuel there were no services at the A. M. E. church last Sunday, but the doors will be open the next Sunday.

Miss Agnes Mason entertained last Sunday evening a company of ladies and gentlemen complimentary to her sister, Mrs. Harry Burnaugh, who leaves shortly for Des Moines. A delicious three-course luncheon was served at 6 o'clock by the hostess. Miss Mason was assisted in serving by her little niece and nephews. A very pleasant time was spent by all present.

"CHRISTMAS"



To Our Friends

An Appreciation

IT is the season of Christmas cheer in all the homes where subscribers to this paper dwell.

Christmas also in the minds and hearts of you good friends of ours.

Christmas, with all that term implies as to universal fellowship, bounteous unselfishness and renewed recognition of the fact that to give is actually better than to receive.

As you have put into anything, that much will you get out of it. Out of the interest you have taken in this paper during the past year we hope you have derived an equal personal pleasure. Your appreciation has made this paper's issuance a congenial work to us of the staff.

And likewise in that same spirit which makes Christmastime what it is, we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to the business men of this community, and of the territory within which this paper circulates, for their cordial co-operation in practical ways which has made it possible for us regularly to present our best editorial efforts to the community in a creditable manner.

May the kindly glow of this holiday season color life for you and yours throughout the coming year.

The Publishers

ANTHOLOGY OF DES MOINES

(A. J. Booker, M. D.)

Fifty-three years ago there were no railroads running into Des Moines, so that the traveler came by his own cart, if he were one of the prospective settlers, or by stage.

Traveling by stage is one of the experiences of a past which will not come again although I have seen them within the last eighteen years pass through Oklahoma in the old days in Texas we had them and it was certainly a great experience. It was not as uncomfortable as one would now imagine. Since there was no other means of transportation there was no unhappiness. They had good springs and one could be quite contented when there was not too much baggage. There were regular routes and stops as relays. Horses were changed at regular intervals and further along one changed vehicles, much after the manner we now change trains. So on Saturday nights, the stage drivers formed the great part of the rough element about this city. There were about seventy-five or eighty of these men who waited until Monday morning to resume their relays.

At this period of the city's growth there were about five thousand people of whom about twenty-five were Negroes. With this population there were twenty or twenty-five saloons. The license fee was two hundred and fifty dollars. They are supposed to sell only wines of the light variety, ales and beer, still if one knew the ropes he could get the real straight stuff. The saloons were not necessarily the kind we used to know, but were rather a line. While there was not much trouble the "soft drinks" with a little of the straight stuff made men pretty daring, so that one would be a little careful of statements. Of course there were not the bad men in Iowa that were to be found in the south-west during this period.

Mr. F. M. Hubbell was one of the leading attorneys then. Messrs. Clay Lewis, Dennis Burris, George Curtley and Jefferson Logan were among the members of the Negro colony. Alex Wilburn was a little boy. There was no church but they all went to the other Sunday school. Later church services were held in little buildings about town. The preachers in those days did not get paid, but worked along with his congregation.

There was a bridge over the river at Court avenue, it was a toll bridge so that many people forded the river, until the time came when there was a ferry. Still one did not have to go far even if he had a job which carried him all over town: For Hoyt Sherman lived at Sixth and Walnut streets, Frank Dennis, the leading banker of the city, lived at Fifth and Locust, and old man Kurtz where the Central Trust now stands. Twenty-eighth and Grand avenues was the site of a farm house, with two graves at Ingersoll and Twenty-eighth. What a lot of chances there were for speculation for those who were here when there were only about five or six business blocks in the town and Chestnut street, from Sixth avenue to the river was the swell residence district. There were no paved streets and Doctor Hanawalt lived on the edge of town at Fourteenth and Grand. All the Negroes who were there then would have been millionaires if they had invested a few hundred dollars in property in the right places. On the other hand during the past ten years the venturesome have cleared away many wooded areas, streets have been paved and certain properties have more than quadrupled in value. When twenty more years have rolled around the same tales of what might have been will be told and there will be a lot of jeers by the then newcomers about what we did not do.

As a matter of fact there are greater opportunities today on account of our having a little bigger range in the field of occupation. This is another story however. If a man would live as simply as those people were forced to live on account of circumstances he has an opportunity to save more money and take more chances; their hindsight is as good, or was, as many of ours, but hindsight is not worth the best tinkers dam it is foresight and nerve and vision which count. The old timers who were the big ones in the days of the sixties did not have much faith in this section as is shown by the narrow twisting streets which run into practically dead walls of limitations. Read the papers and see this effect every day. If people, some of whom were not removed one generation from England, many of whom came from the East, what could you expect of people who had just come out of slavery.

But one day there was a tremendous happening in Des Moines, the people were jubilant and their faith in this place was justified, it meant the passing of the great mob of stage drivers, quicker transportation, a closer connection with folks back East, better and safer transportation of material for in 1883 the old K. and D. railroad laid its tracks right into the village; with the railway was to come many Negroes and with them the history of this place as we now look back.

"PICTURE BOOKS IN WINTER"

Summer fading, winter comes
Frosty morning's, tingling thumbs,
Window robins, winter rooks,
And the picture story books.
Water now is turned to stone
Nurse and I can walk upon;
Still we find the flowing brooks
In the picture story books.
All the pretty things put by,
Wait upon the children's eye,
Sheep and shepherds, trees and crooks,

IOWA NEWS

KEOKUK NOTES.

(Last week's news.)

Mrs. W. H. Clark is at the bedside of her sister in Des Moines, Iowa, for an indefinite period.

Despite the inclement weather the first quarterly meeting at Bethel A. M. E. church over-reached the expectation of all present, P. E. McCracken having been delayed on account of late trains, arrived in time for communion and occupied the pulpit in the evening. He was just from Richmond, Ind., where he had been appointed to assist in unveiling the monument of late Bishop Quinn. He presided a very successful year with Pastor C. B. Waters in charge here. He realizes that Keokuk has some of the best people in the country. The pastor is one of the best financiers of the connection filled the pulpit Sunday morning and preached an excellent sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Taylor and little Dorothy are occupying quarters at the Selby Johnson homestead.

Rev. J. Sterling Moore, one of the best pulpit orators west of the Mississippi is one of the proudest men in the country this morning. His church owns one-quarter of one of the best blocks in the city the block on which the church stands, entirely free of debt. About six weeks ago, he asked his congregation and friends of \$400 and the effort closed Sunday night with almost twice that amount. Too much credit cannot be given the splendid people of Keokuk, the friends of all of the other churches and my co-workers, especially Rev. L. C. Lowe, W. H. Clark, W. H. Starke and William South says the pastor and I am deeply grateful to all. The friends who helped Mrs. Selby Johnson and V. Olive Phillips in the two night's effort known as the market and entertainment will be pleased to know they raised \$74.34 and cleared \$62 for the deacon's side. No one could fail to appreciate seeing the splendid teamwork done by Captain Ed South and his gallant forces and the old folks concert was one of the greatest attractions Keokuk has had in many a day. G. D. Foster and his wife were splendid armor bearers for Solomon Williams captain of the deacon's side and only great credit can be said for all of them. The trustees raised \$441.01 and the deacons \$306.20. The day's receipts were \$770.55. That Rev. J. Sterling Moore was the larger donor is conceded yet it is not exactly known what Dr. T. H. Phillips gave; but one thing is known that this was the greatest rally ever held in the history of the church, and peace and harmony abides among the rank and file.

The many friends of Mrs. P. A. Jones are glad to see her out again.

Mr. Fred Jenkins was at his post again Sunday.

P. E. McCracken left Tuesday for Macomb, Ill.

Miss Elizabeth Smith returned to her home in Quincy after a delightful visit with her sister, Mrs. Ed Bryant and family and old friends of Keokuk of other days. She addressed the B. Y. P. U. to the delight of all present Sunday evening.

Mrs. W. H. Taylor is improving nicely.

Mrs. W. H. Harper is still at St. Joseph's hospital but is better at this writing.

The Carnation club is trying itself these days and the trustees are proud of them.

Thanksgiving week was a week of rejoicing seemingly in all Keokuk. Health and prosperity has attended this people here peculiarly. Less than twelve funerals have been preached among our people in Keokuk this year. Financial harvest among the church people was great during the week. A bountiful dinner and happy faces were seen everywhere. Rev. C. B. Waters and his church people realized \$117.76 and Rev. W. H. Clark felt that his receipts outstripped those of previous years.

Mrs. Reis formerly of St. Mark's church, Chicago joined Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday. Pastor Waters and his stewards administered sacrament Monday and Tuesday to the aged and sick of the church.

The splendid program rendered by the choir Thursday night at the Bethel A. M. E. church is still the talk of those who attended. F. S. Johnson was in everything else is a 100% master of ceremonies and Mrs. Daisy Male Triplett Keokuk's gifted singer sang two selections. Theodore Byrants our talented bass singer, sang as usual, and Mrs. Marjorie H. Toombs and Miss Ruth Johnson, our glee pianists, rendered musical numbers. Mrs. Janette Morton pleased the audience with four Dunbar selections, two by special request. Many say it was the best musical program they had attended for year. The programs by the Sunday school and Christian Endeavor were in keeping with the other splendid work done by Superintendent Alonzo Draine and his colleagues and Miss Lucile McGruder showed skillful management and she proved herself a splendid mistress of ceremonies on Wednesday night.

Mr. J. W. Bland remains quite ill.

Do You Enjoy Your Meals?
If you do not enjoy your meals your digestion is faulty. Eat moderately, especially of meats, masticate your food thoroughly. Let five hours elapse between meals and take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and you will soon find your meals to be a real pleasure.

CEDAR RAPIDS ITEMS.

(Last week's news.)

A meeting of the N. A. A. C. P. was held at the Bethel A. M. E. church Monday, Nov. 24. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Dr. W. H. Beshears; vice president, Mrs. Anna B. Nelson; secretary, W. A. Brown; treasurer, W. H. Milligan, Rev. S. B. Moore of Davenport addressed the meeting. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson of Muscatine were visitors at the home of Mr. Thompson's brother, Robert Thompson, 1006 South Tenth street.

Mrs. Maude Sims of Chicago is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Jackson.

Mrs. McDonnell of Buxton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Horne.

Miss Helen Motts of Washington, Iowa, is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Weatherall.

Mrs. Scott Pitts of Monmouth, Ill., visited Mrs. Corrie Allen for a few days.

The dance given by Cedar Court No. 10 and Twin City lodge No. 12, K. of P. Thanksgiving was a success both socially and financially. An excellent time was reported. Much credit due the "jolly five" of Cedar Court.

Silver Leaf chapter No. 5 O. E. S. initiated a large class of candidates in the Amaranth Monday, Dec. 1, at the K. of P. hall. After initiation a banquet was held for the grand officers of Electa grand chapter, who are members of Silver leaf. Despite the cold weather a large number were present and a pleasant evening passed.

Prof. Funk of Newport News, Va., is a caller in the city.

Rev. Wilson of Kansas City, Mo., spoke at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday, Nov. 30. Rev. Wilson is a very creditable speaker.

Mr. Charles Searcy and W. M. Robinson are on the sick list this week.

Joseph Binder died at the home of his daughter, Mary Lewis, Monday evening.

PERRY NEWS.

(Last week's news.)

A birthday party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Parker in honor of Mr. James Woodson Saturday evening, Dec. 6. A vast number of friends were well entertained and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

Gams and cards were the features of the evening.—Mrs. C. E. Blank.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Blank wish to announce the birth of a fine grandson, Saturday, Nov. 29, of which their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stewart, are the proud parents.

A football game was played between the Webster and Lincoln schools. The Webster scored 12 to Lincoln's 6.

CRESTON NEWS.

(Last week's news.)

Mr. Louis Hartman has just returned from Mexico, Mo., where he has been on business. He was accompanied by Mr. John White, who will remain in our city for awhile.

Miss Nellie Grant of Armstrong, Mo., is visiting her brother, Mr. L. H. Grant and family of Creston, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Grant entertained at a 6 o'clock Thanksgiving dinner in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hartman of Mexico, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rice of Omaha, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hawkins and children of Creston, Miss Nellie Grant of Armstrong, Mo., Mrs. and Mrs. Moses Young of Creston, Mr. John White of St. Louis, Mo., Mr. E. Baldwin of Creston, and Miss Sarah Steele of Creston. A five-course menu was served. The evening was spent with music and games after which everyone left at a late hour wishing that Thanksgiving came every day.

Davenport, Iowa.

(By Raymond Moore.)

(Last week's news.)

Bethel A. M. E. church is planning to have a very spectacular set of doings on Thanksgiving day and evening. They have arranged for a most grand dinner, and have prepared a very excellent program for the evening under the head of Miss D. S. Johnson. Details of the day and happenings of the same will be given later.

The Allen Christian Endeavor society of the A. M. E. church has taken on a renewed interest in the welfare of the same. Each member of the society is striving to make it a better and larger society. There have been for the past two months no less than forty or more in attendance. Let every one boost the young people.

The Rev. Dr. S. B. Moore was out of the city the fore part of the week. He was called to Cedar Rapids to give a lecture under the auspices of the N. A. A. C. P.

The colored citizens of Davenport are steadily awakening to the fact that they must be ever on the climb up the ladder of fame to success. They have reached the rung of the ladder which is called colored Y. W. C. A. Thus they have organized under the help of our white friends the above mentioned society. Miss Lillian Henderson is its chief head, it has been rightly said that the national headquarters used good judgment in sending the Y. here in Davenport. On Sunday, Nov. 16 they held their opening. A very excellent program was prepared, after which a light luncheon was served to the audience,

which consisted of a large number. Miss Henderson has organized various classes of cooking, sewing, gymnastics, and other classes, on Sunday they have vesper services. Mrs. C. H. Marshall led the vesper services this past Sunday. There is much credit due Mrs. Brant and other white friends for the backing they are giving the "Y."

Mr. Raymond Moore and Mr. Alphonso Henry happen to be the only boys of our race in the reserve officers training corps here in the Davenport High school. The former is now a corporal in the above named unit. These two boys are wearing the clothes of Uncle Sam and are proving every inch of their grit and knowledge in the unit. The boys Raymond Moore and Alphonso Henry are quite popular in the D. H. S. being in many of the school organizations and proving to the best of their ability the worth of the race which they represent.

Recipe for Ginger Snaps.

Three measures of the flour of energy. Three-fourths measures of the butter of self confidence.

One measure of the molasses of politeness.

Season with ginger of never give up. Spice to taste with sense and humor. Make light with desire mixed in hope. Stir all together, roll out with the rolling pin of difficulties, held well in hand, and cut into cookies of convenient size for daily use.

If there is no fire of opportunities started, make one and bake until the energy in them snaps.

—By Raymond Moore.

Mrs. Leiuetta Melvin of Terra Hutte, Ind., is within our city visiting her brother, Mr. Charles Shepard.

Davenport will be honored with the appearance of Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, who is the president of the National Federation of Colored Women's club. She will appear in our city THREE BYSTANDER—DEC 4 19 on Dec. 18, 1919.

FORT DODGE NEWS.

(Last Week.)

Mr. Guy Thomas of Ottumwa is visiting his sister, Mrs. O. Buckner over Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Buckner entertained at a four-course dinner in honor of her two sisters, Miss Velma Thomas, Mrs. Nannie Owens and brother, Mr. Guy Thomas and a number of friends Thanksgiving. Everything in Fort Dodge is shut down on account of the coal.

Mrs. Davis of Mason City is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Julius Buckner.

Mrs. Biggs has been very sick but is much better.

Mrs. A. Stepp and F. Perkins entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Thanksgiving at Perkins' cabaret out of town guest, Mrs. Hall Short of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Allen Jackson has come here from Springfield, Mo., for an indefinite stay and is now employed at the Wankonsa hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Perkins and E. V. Freeds are visiting in Clarence, Mo.

Mrs. A. Stepp is visiting her parents at Sioux City, Iowa.

No services Sunday. All church close to save coal.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Buckner entertained at a card party last Friday night, Mrs. Fred Coleman won first prize lady; Mr. Luther Brown, first prize. Everybody reported a good time. A late party escorted Mr. Guy and Miss Velma Thomas to the 4 o'clock train, which they boarded for Ottumwa. They said they enjoyed their stay in Fort Dodge.

Mrs. Mary Short of Minneapolis, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Coleman have returned to Minneapolis, Minn.

CLARINDA ITEMS.

(Last week's news.)

(By Mrs. C. Farrier.)

There was a great shout in the camp Sunday and the pastor broke out in a new place, the words fell upon our hearts in large measure in the afternoon was another great feast at 3 o'clock the Lord's supper was administered. We are proud of our pastor, Rev. J. H. Reynolds. Our Thanksgiving rally was a grand success. With the two captains the total amount turned in was \$253.87. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

Miss Naomi Parker and Miss Dorothy Fields of Weston, Mo., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Give Nowling.

Mr. Allen Jones of Omaha was a Thanksgiving visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. T. G. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Griggs spent Thanksgiving at Marysville, Mo., with Mrs. Griggs mother.

Mrs. Ella Cochran and Mrs. Brooks of Omaha were visiting the Baker and Cook families last week.

There were quite a few strangers in our city Thanksgiving night.

Mrs. C. Farrier and Mrs. F. S. Jones were visiting at the home of Mrs. Louis Montgomery Thursday.

Mr. Henry Cook has gone to Omaha to work for the winter.

Miss Thelma Fountain was able to

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leave the hospital last week and returned to her work at L. H. Williams' restaurant.

Our city, as well as others, are in bad

shape for fuel on account of the coal strike.

Phone all news, 128 R.

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SEATTLE, WASH., NOTES.

(Last week's news.)

(Notes from Puget Sound City.)

Last Sunday was demobilization day at all the churches in the city. A soul-stirring sermon delivered by the Rev. D. A. Graham, D. D., pastor of the First A. M. E. church. The Mt. Zion Baptist church is making rapid progress in starting their new church. Under the leadership of the Rev. W. D. Carter, the Grace Presbyterian church is also rapidly progressing under the leadership of the Rev. Barber.

There are great opportunities for the Negroes in this state. Business opportunities of all kinds are open to them. Here is what the civil service commission says to our boys in this city. One hundred young colored men wanted for street car motormen and conductors.

We are proud to say that we have just closed a deal on 1,000 acres of land which we will cut it into small tracts and sell to the colored people in the south by mob violence and other unfair means and we have 10,000 acres more which we will close a deal on the first of January. Canada offers 2,000,000 acres at a very low price. If the colored people will come from the south.

This movement is promoted by G. W. Montague and some of our leading colored men in the south and the east.

HEALTH HINTS AND TIMELY TOPICS.

(A. J. Booker, M. D.)

There are many sayings which use words and high sounding phrases "but they don't mean anything" there is one however that is sound and right: "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Of course cure makes one think of some malady, and it is the maladies that all of us wish to cure or prevent.

Prevention is the slogan in medicine, now more than ever. The causes of rejection in the army set the health department of the Government working at full tilt.

The discovery of diphtheria antitoxin sent infant mortality along at fifty per cent decrease; to say nothing of the good it did to parents and relatives who stood in abject terror of disease. With the perfection of small-pox vaccine the human race took another high jump and was relieved of the sickness and horrible disfigurement ensuing. Samuel Johnson says that at one time in London the face of one person in every five showed pox marks. It is hard for us to think of the terror this disease spread, unless the flu had the same effect. Anti-tetanic serum has made lockjaw, tetanus, almost a curiosity in this country. The serum which all the recruits had at the beginning of their military careers, protecting them from typhoid and para-typhoid fever, made it possible for great armies to be concentrated with great safety. This serum is often confused with "blood purifiers" as any other hypodermic medication.

These anti-toxins are divided into two great classes; serums and vaccines. The serums are the products of live germs which are either introduced into other animals, such as the tetanus germ into horses or the diphtheria bacillus into the horse, for the production of antitoxin or anti-diphtheric serum, while the vaccines, roughly speaking are the results of the germs being grown upon some favorable media, heated until killed, sterilized and the dead bodies of the germs injected into persons. The process is by no means as simple as here outlined for the production of these vaccines and sera.

The big idea for all this is to give to the blood serum valuable aid in killing off the germs or in neutralizing their poisons. As an example, in lock jaw, tetanus, or diphtheria on is dealing with bacilli which produce powerful poisons—that of lockjaw, tetanus, being several hundred times more powerful than strychnine. These germs do not enter the blood stream, as a rule, but send settle down in one place and like the terrible long range guns send forth death and destruction. In some other types of infection like typhoid and cholera we have germs which over run the system by means of the blood stream. These germs are like the infantry, which both attack mechanically and carry their ammunition with them, the poisons being intimately bound up in the bodies of the germ cell. In the cases where the germs produce poisons, like tetanus, we add to the blood stream anti-toxins which the blood stream attempts to generate; in the types like typhoids we inject the dead germs to stimulate the blood serum in the production of anti-bodies, which joins with the germ in the circulation and neutralizes it before it comes in contact with the body cells. It is the contact with the body cell which makes us ill. This contact is like a chemical union.

Aside from the discovery of the germ which causes a specific disease, it is necessary to be able to grow the germ and attempt to inoculate some animal, producing anti-toxins, or to grow it artificially and make a vaccine. All this takes a great deal of time and investigation and some germs pay no attention to our present methods but keep right on taking toll. In other words we are not yet taken into confidence of all nature's secrets.

As an example, in pneumonia, they have discovered that the usual germs of pneumonia are divided into four

great types, with four or five germs or strains in each type. For two groups there is a serum which has some good effect, but the serum for one group does not immunize or protect from the other. Of the other groups there is no serum yet made which has proven beneficial.

In the matter of common "colds" there are twenty-five or thirty organisms which are guilty of this inconvenience of not being able to keep enough handkerchiefs on hand and of sneezing right at the table with a mouthful of coffee and cakes. According to the big general law they ought to furnish an immunity to the next take just as typhoid, smallpox and whooping cough; but on the contrary these devils make it easier to "catch" you again or you are a ready victim for

their associates. Lately, I have had the good fortune to make a vaccine of about thirty of these fellows and have had good results in shortening the periods between colds and in lessening the duration of the attack. Unfortunately the immunity which this type of germ gives is very short lived and one has to be "shot" at intervals.

In another generation we will have made such strides that very few people will die from infectious diseases; for we shall become more and more enlightened as to the cause, then the wise ones will prevent getting sick and the sick ones will be given curative doses or some serum. Being ill from these troubles will be of minor importance, but we will have something else to make us worry, because all the gloom spreaders will not have dies.



L. J. SHELTON.

Des Moines counts Mr. L. J. Shelton as one of her most successful business men. Besides operating a first class barber shop on Mulberry street opposite the court house, he is a director of the co-operative grocery and agent for the two-story business block at the corner of Tenth and Center streets. Mr. Shel-

ton is active in church work, being chairman of the trustee board of the Union Congregational church. He is interested in various musical organizations and is a member of the double quartet that recently rendered music for the White Sparrow concert. Mr. Shelton owns a beautiful modern home at 1051 Seventeenth street.



Mme. Mattie Brooks, who conducts an up-to-date beauty parlor at 1110 Center street is conceded one of Des Moines' most successful business women. Madam Brooks manufactures her own hair and face preparations which are highly recommended by all her patrons.

Aside from her beauty parlor, Madam Brooks devotes much time to lodge work, being grand H. P. of the Daughter of Tabor for the Iowa jurisdiction, and has recently set up a number of new lodges in the state.

Madam Brooks owns a beautiful modern home at 1623 Searle street.

ST. PAUL NOTES.

The continued cold weather caused a falling off in attendance upon divine worship on last Sunday.

St. Paul membership is like a big family one absence is noted. The sermons at morning and evening breathed the spirit of self-determination of the race have a vision. The man who has a vision works to a definite object; if an unselfish object he succeeds. Let the young clergy of the race write a Christian theology and mail it to the door posts of a Negro church so that the world may know that the black man has had a part in this great Christian drama. Let the Negro make his own social standards—a copyist is a sycophant, he is despised and rejected of men.

One person united with the churches, Mrs. Luke Raglan of Ft. Dodge, Iowa. The junior hour was very profitable forty-eight children braved the zero weather, and everyone took part in the service. The little boys sang, led the meeting and lifted the contribution.

The Sunday school will have a Christmas tree Christmas eve. A program will be rendered and gifts distributed to all the good girls and boys.

The Junior C. E. will have a Christmas song recital Sunday evening at 7 p. m. The children have a fine program prepared. Let all the members and friends crowd the Sunday room and hear the children.

The funeral of Brother William Knox a steward of St. Paul was held at the church on Sunday afternoon, the pastor, Rev. Birt officiating. A large number of friends were present. The body was shipped to the old home, Cherryville, Kan. The official board at its meeting on Monday evening passed suitable resolutions and had the same enounced upon the pages of the minutes.

The S. L. Birt club gave a supper at the home of the president, Mrs. I. Mackey on last Friday.

The hospitality committee of the stu-

dent volunteers is still soliciting homes for the delegates. Telephone your acceptance to the chairman, Mrs. S. L. Birt, Walnut 5220 and oblige.

Samuel and Ross Birt received a fine gift in the form of two Belgian rabbits from Mr. Gus Nicols last week. They have a menagerie—fish, rabbits, dog, cat, chickens of which they are very proud.

Rev. and Mrs. Birt received an invitation to the wedding of Rev. Henry Perry and Miss Annie Whittaker, Tuskegee, Ala., which will take place Dec. 29 at Tuskegee.

Rev. Perry will be in Des Moines and preach at St. Paul's Dec. 23. All are invited to be present and hear this young man who made such a splendid record while pastoring at Bethel.

CORINTHIAN NOTES.

The ushers met last Monday night and elected the following officers: President, Mr. Fred Morrow; vice president, Mr. B. E. Henderson; secretary, Mrs. Selma E. Brown; assistant secretary, Mrs. L. M. Davis; treasurer, Mrs. John Watkins and critic, Mrs. W. W. White.

The Mission circle met Friday and elected officers as follows: Mrs. G. W. Stanton, president; Mrs. M. M. Marmaduke, vice president; Mrs. M. Mathews, secretary; Mrs. M. E. Jeffries, assistant secretary; Mrs. Morrow, treasurer; Rev. G. W. Robinson, teacher; Mrs. Ghee, assistant teacher.

The Corinthian aid elected the following officers: Mrs. Fred Helton, president; Mrs. C. H. Roane, vice president; Mrs. H. R. Graves, second vice president; Mrs. M. Crawford, secretary; Mrs. D. E. Henderson, assistant secretary; Mrs. Allie Divers, treasurer. The next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 26 at the home of Mrs. C. H. Roane.

The mothers will hold their regular meeting at the church Sunday, Dec. 28 at 5 p. m. at this time the vice president, Mrs. Morrow, will give a talk. The following officers have been elected for the coming year: Mrs. Whitefield Reynolds, president; Mrs. Morrow, vice president, and Mrs. Morman, secretary.

The Herald has elected the following officers: President, Mrs. B. E. Reynolds; vice president, Mrs. Campbell; secretary, Miss Jessie Pettit; treasurer, Mr. H. J. Sriggs; editor, Mrs. H. R. Graves; assistant editor, Mrs. Sara Rogers; business manager, Mrs. M. Crawford; assistant business manager, Mr. F. Harris.

WATERLOO NEWS.

Rev. Handy preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday morning from II Kings 18:21, "How long halt ye between two opinions, if the Lord be God follow him."

The Ladies Mite Missionary society rendered a program Sunday evening at the A. M. E. church, which was listened to and enjoyed by a large audience.

On account of the shortage of coal, prayer meeting is being held at the A. M. E. parsonage.

The Ladies Mite Missionary society met at the home of the president, Mrs. Mattie Boyd, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fullilane returned from their trip in the south, the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Bradford who has been stopping at the home of Mrs. Susie Haasman returned to her home Friday evening at East Moline, Ill.

Miss Lydia Branch is still in the hospital but she is improving.

Mr. McDonald, Mr. Clark and Mr. Henry Owens are very sick.

Rev. and Mrs. Handy left for their home in Mt. Pleasant Monday evening.



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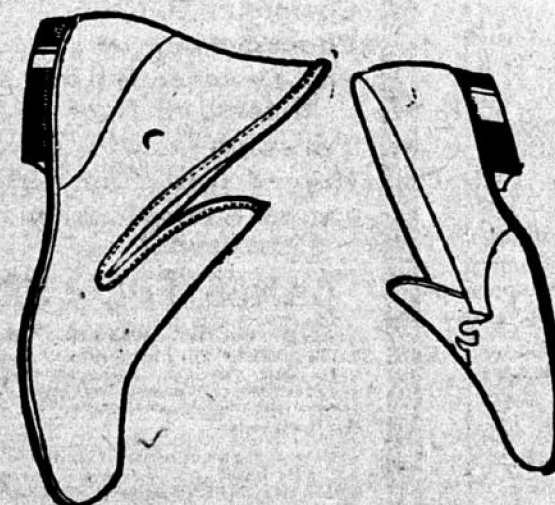
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Rev. G. W. Robinson, D. D. pastor; F. J. Harris, general clerk; C. H. Rone, chairman deacon's board; W. H. Hammitt, chairman trustee board. The Corinthian Baptist church was organized in May, 1897 at 924 West Twelfth street. Rev. S. Bates was the first pastor. The membership was twenty-three. The deacons were trustees, church clerk and improvement committee. Rev. Bates was told by many that there could be no Baptist church in Des Moines because it had been tried too often. He continued to work and that year the membership increased to sixty-four. In 1898 he bought the building and secured a warrant deed to the first colored Baptist church bought and paid for in the state of Iowa. Rev. Bates resigned as pastor in the fall of 1900. The membership then was 165.

without a pastor. Through the correspondence of C. F. Topson Rev. G. W. Robinson of El Paso, Texas was invited by the official board to visit the congregation coming there on Feb. 9. He carried on a series of meetings for two weeks and during the time, he was unanimously called as pastor. He accepted and took up the work April 15, 1917. The membership then was 354. He worked hard that year and brought the membership to 492 in January, 1918. Seeing that improvements were needed he had the building pebble dashed, put in new chairs, new floors and new interior work. The improvements cost more than \$4,000.00. The year 1918 went out with us having 703. Members on our church roll and we begun this year with a larger determination. Corinthian Baptist church has eight

Bethel A. M. E. Church

After three or four unsuccessful attempts to establish an A. M. E. church in East Des Moines, Bishop Lee still felt there was hope.

Perry a young man of the conference here to take charge of the work. On arriving here he found three active members, Mr. and Mrs. John Holt and Mr. George Davis. The present church was secured for services at a rental of \$10. per month. The first months rent was paid by Henry Tolliver who then was a member of St. Paul A. M. E. church.

The first meeting was held on December 20, 1914. The church was known as Lee's A. M. E. mission in honor of Bishop Lee. In April of 1915 the membership had increased to 25 members and at this time they proceeded to buy the church and the two houses adjoining



(Rev. H. C. Claybrook B. D.) it for the sum of \$3,000. The trustees at the time were Mr. Henry Tolliver, John Holt, George Davis, and J. C. Williams. The first revival was held in March of 1915 and the first convert was Mrs. Dora Davis who is still an active member of the church. This being Rev. work with all his heart and with the co-operation of his faithful members and friends he made it a success. He was always willing and ready to help others in any way that he could and he made many friends both white and colored by his broad-hearted spirit which he always exhibited. At the end of five years the membership had increased to 107 members and the church clear of debt. At the annual conference in September 1919 Rev. Perry was sent to take charge of one of our largest churches at Terre Haute, Indiana.

His successor Rev. H. L. Claybrook of Carrier Mills, Illinois has taken up the work. He comes well recommended and we know with the co-operation of the faithful members and friends of this church which is now known as Bethel A. M. E. church. He will be a success.

There are several clubs connected with Bethel. Under the splendid leadership of Sister Chas. Cary the Stewardess board has taken on new life every one is well pleased with their President and Pastor. Bethel club under the leadership of Miss Alma Green who is a graduate of Wilberforce university is making a wonderful record. The President is well loved by all the members. Purity club under the noble leadership of Mrs. Dora Davis is also making a fine record.

Mrs. Stone Roberson is making a wonderful record. The Kory Kornar Klub for the young boys was just organized on the 10 of December. Mrs. Leroy Berry is president. Mrs. Drew Williams overseer. The young girls under the noble leadership of Sister Lizzie Tolliver are all working in an effort to go over the top. The Sunday school under the leadership of Brother George Davis has taken on new life, and with his successful teachers he is making a splendid record. There are over seventy-five scholars. The A. C. E. league under the leadership of Mrs. Estla Williams is making a wonderful showing. The normal class under the leadership of Rev. H. C. Claybrook is making quite a success. There are sixteen scholars enrolled in the class.

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Winifred E. Robb, formerly chaplain of the One Hundred Sixty-eighth regiment of the Rainbow division, who is to be the principal speaker at the emancipation day exercises at Maple street church has chosen for his subject, "The American Citizen in the World War." In addition to his lecture Chaplain Robb will give stereotypical views of the troops overseas, both colored and white. Musical numbers will be given by Miss Ethel Bowmer and Mr. Carrol Curtley. Mrs. L. R. Willis will read the emancipation proclamation. No admission will be charged and it is hoped that a full house will be in attendance.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heart-felt thanks to our many friends who so kindly assisted and comforted us in the death of our beloved husband, father and brother, William Knox and the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. William Knox, wife.
Mrs. A. R. Roberson, Daughter
Mr. Leroy Knox, son.
Mr. E. K. Knox, brother.
Mr. I. J. Knox, brother.



Presiding Elder Stovall

Rev. Thomas B. Stovall may be looked upon as the father of all the A. M. E. churches in the Des Moines district in that he was, this year, appointed presiding elder of this district.

He is well fitted to father this large family, having pastored the past five years at St. Paul, Minn. He holds the record of being the only pastor to hold this charge for five consecutive years and the entire district feels proud of his success.

Zion A. M. E. Church

Kyles A. M. E. Zion church is progressing nicely the future is very bright. In spite of the cold weather and shortage of fuel the church has been able to operate. Each service has been well attended. Since moving into the church. Many new members have been added. Mrs. B. A. Lee, who is now organist for the choir adds much spiritual zeal to the singing. The pastor, Rev. E. S. Hardge will speak next Sunday morning and evening.

There will be services at 3 o'clock



Rev. E. S. Hardge, Pastor

Sunday afternoon which we invite all the pastors of the city and their congregation. Dr. G. W. Robinson, pastor of Corinthian Baptist church will preach.

Rev. Hardge is preparing to spend the Christmas holidays in Alabama with his mother and father from whom he has been absent for five years. Everybody is invited to turn out next Sunday.

The Rev. E. S. Hardge, pastor of Kyles A. M. E. Zion church Des Moines, Iowa was born and raised in Hurtsboro, Ala. He was a member of the A. M. E. church and the East Alabama conference. In 1916 through the influence of Rev. F. W. Alstock, now presiding elder of the Missouri annual conference of the A. M. E. Zion church, Rev. Hardge came to St. Louis, Mo., where he joined St. Mark's church.

In June, 1917 he was recommended to the annual conference in Kansas City, Mo., where he received from the hands of Bishop L. W. Kyles the appointment to the mission on South East Fourth street.

On taking charge of this mission he found only seven active members. Since then he has added one hundred and thirty-seven members. Besides having bought a four-room house, which is used for a parsonage, he has bought a hall and lot on Nineteenth street valued at \$500. He has exchanged this property for a lot on Eighteenth and Scott streets where a spacious \$25,000 brick modernly equipped church is being erected.

In the conference recently held in Des Moines Rev. Hardge received the elders order. He was also held up as an example by Bishop Kyles to all coming young men who wish to succeed.

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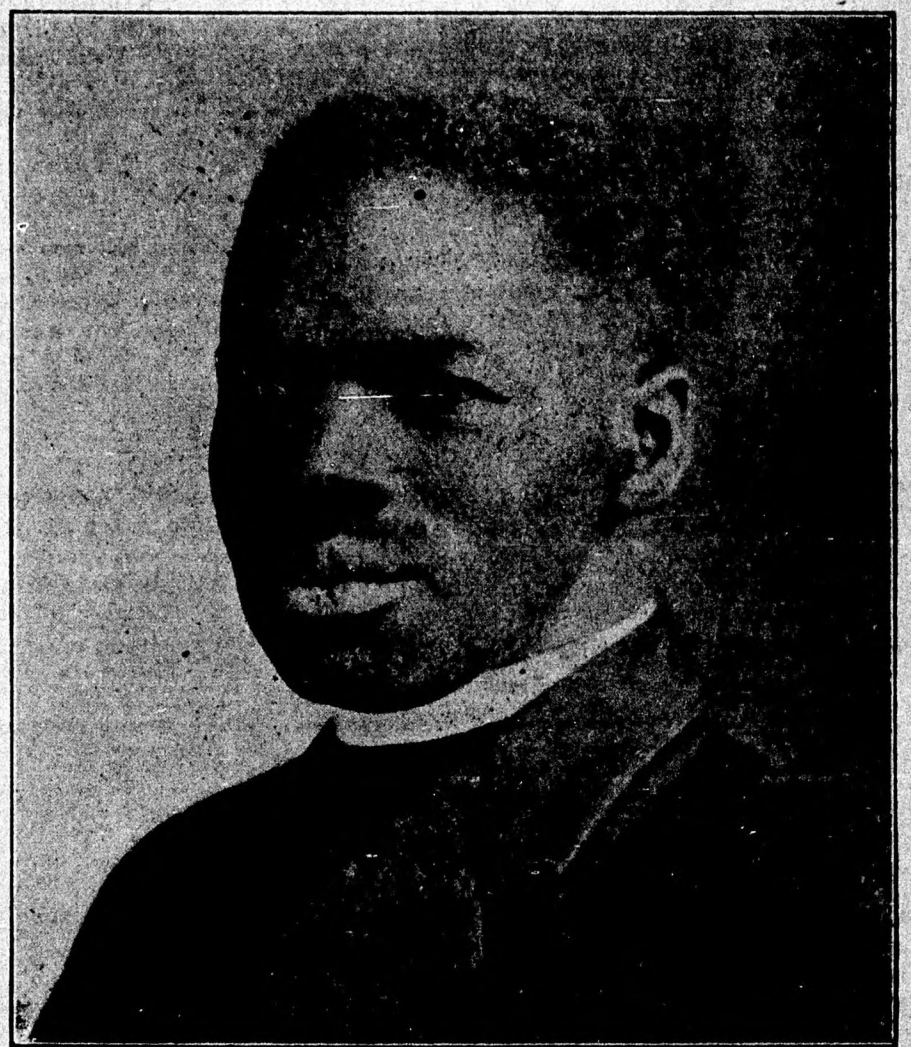
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ST. PAUL'S A. M. E. CHURCH.

The rise of African Methodism in America, grew out of the spirit of self-determination. Back in the year 1816 when American slavery was a fixed institution and in the city of Philadelphia the cradle of American liberty, a group of men headed by Richard Allen met and organized this church, which in its 103 years of existence, has demonstrated to the world the possibilities of the black race in America, Africa and the isles of the sea. As the slave and free man began to scatter broadcast over the country they carried with them this spirit of determination and religious freedom and as a consequence

and labors of Rev. Alexander, Trevan, Dove and others of sainted memory, in 1872 under the Episcopal administration of Bishop J. M. Brown, Rev. Alexander was sent to Des Moines and in 1872 he organized what is now the St. Paul A. M. E. church. This organization has flourished under the administrations of many pastors and for forty years was located at Second and Center streets; but during the administration of the present pastor, Rev. S. L. Birt, a building sight was purchased at Twelfth and Crocker streets and a modern church building costing \$63,000 was erected to the credit of the persever-



Rev. S. L. Birt, Pastor

churches were established which furnished the first nucleus of Negro society. Rev. William Paul Quinn was the first missionary to cross the Mississippi in 1841 and plant the standard of African Methodism on the western shore. The work grew and found its way into Iowa through the preaching

ing pastor and membership. The property sight is valued at \$90,000 and is one of the best real estate investments of colored people west of the Mississippi river. St. Paul has a membership of over 1,240 and is the metropolitan church of the city.

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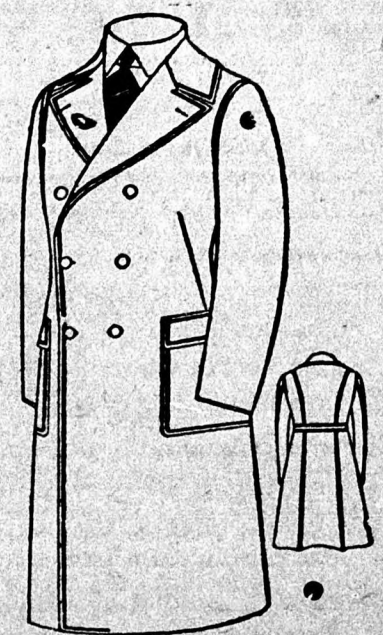
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Still a Chance for You.

Write if you have not done so! We are going to build a great family weekly. The Iowa Negro must have a great recorder of his progress,

MISSOURI ITEMS

PARIS, MO., NEWS.

(Last week's news.)

(By Tom House.)

Paris has organized a wood cutters club for the purpose of selling to our people cheaper than they can buy the wood from the dealers who have been robbing the people by charging \$6 and \$7 a load. Our intention is to sell this wood at \$1.50 to \$2 a load this full proposition is pretty hard on the widows. Tom House, (president); Elliott Kipper, vice president; Sylvester Brown, secretary; Frank Sparks, treasurer.

Little George Reed Butler is sick. He is a grandson of Mrs. Wesley Porter of Clinton, Iowa. The doctor was there Sunday evening.

The Methodist church had two clubs out only a short time. Claude House club raised over \$32. Club No. 2, Miss Stella Johnson and Mrs. Birdie Jean-nell raised over \$19.

Paris has a new restaurant Mr. Chester Campbell and Mr. Roxie Kipper. They are doing well. They have pigs, pig snouts, pig ears, rabbits, opossum and coon which your mouth waters for and sweet potatoes laying around his feet; go way Hannah for I am eating coon.

Mr. Fletcher Coleman of Galesburg, Ill., came over to see his mother and father. Mr. Coleman, Sr., is in a helpless condition and has been for several months.

Miss Millie Vaughn is here from Kansas City, Mo., visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughn.

Miss Delia Richard is here from Kansas City, Mo., visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert Vaughn.

Miss Cora Vaughn was taken seriously sick in St. Louis, Mo., last week. Miss Jessie Vaughn went to St. Louis after her Monday. She is improving now.

Elliott Kipper bought the Robinson house next to Mrs. Amy Lasley for \$500 and sold it to Mr. Pross Bassett for \$525.

Mr. Jim Troy bought a house from Wetmore and Cissell for \$200, paid in cash.

Mr. Chester Campbell has purchased a house for \$600 from Wetmore & Cissell.

Miss Irene Campbell was married to Mr. Collins in Chicago, Ill., last week. She is a sister to Mr. Chester Campbell of Paris.

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crowd attended. Prof. Longdon and Miss Virles Turpin, our teachers are doing nicely in their school work.

Mr. Roscoe Ewing one of our well known and highly respected young men bought a four-room cottage in the southeast part of town. The house has been put in first class shape. Mr. Ewing will in a few days move his family in their new home.

J. L. Doxey, one of our expert painters has completely decorated the home of Mr. and Mrs. Colfax Ford. They are well pleased with the work.

Mr. Edward Outlaw, another one of our highly respected young men, a few days ago bought a six-room house in the north part of town just south of the colored school building. Mr. Outlaw intends to do some improving in the spring.

Prof. and Mrs. London spent Thanksgiving day with his parents at Chillicothe, Mo.

Miss Virlea Turpin was the guest of Miss Helen Hyde Saturday at Keytesville, Mo.

Mr. Clem Watts of this city, who is holding a nice position with the Wabash railroad in Toledo, Ohio, came in last Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with his wife and friends.

Mrs. Lucy Hoyle spent several days in Hannibal at the U. B. F. home sewing for the inmates.

Iowa News Continued

CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.

Mrs. Sue M. Brown, worthy grand matron of Iowa and jurisdiction, made her official visit to Silver Leaf chapter, No. 5, O. E. S. Saturday evening, also to the club which is to become one of the order.

Mrs. Alfred Horne entertained at a luncheon Monday in honor of Mrs. S. Joe Brown of Des Moines.

Mr. George Williams is very sick at this writing.

Bethel brotherhood was entertained Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Perkins.

KEOKUK NOTES.

Miss Beulah Holt is visiting relatives and friends in Ft. Madison, Iowa.

The program given by the Phyllis Wheatley club which does both rescue and charity work at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday, was highly appreciated.

Mrs. Alonza Drain as usual acquitted herself well as mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Janette Morton and Mrs. M. E. Moore gave reading. Mrs. V. Olive Phillips rendered a solo and Mrs. Selby Johnson recited an original story, "Two Trustees on a Hike" for the benefit of the little folks. Miss Opal South was the pianist of the evening. The national color badges were nicely planned by Mrs. M. E. Dixon.

The juvenile temple of the S. M. T. will give their Christmas program Dec. 18 (Thursday) for their lodge. Their presents will also be given then to get idence in a given community as an asset out of the way of the churches.

All of our churches were able to have services Sunday with a fair attendance despite the severe cold weather and the fuel situation.

The members of the Keokuk branch of the N. A. A. C. P. are pushing their claims for membership. Rev. J. Sterling Moore (the president) is highly pleased with the good work we are continuing to do and is leaving no stone unturned on his part to accomplish even greater results.

Mrs. Etta Wilkins spent ten days in Peoria, Ill., recently.

Mr. Nate Mitchell died Monday morning and was buried Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Clark is still in Des Moines.

Mrs. Mary Brown is improving. Miss Beulah Holt entertained her cousins from Ft. Madison last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Russ and Mr. Charles Wilson has been entertaining Mrs. Russ's sister of Kansas City, but she has gone home now.

Mrs. Harry Ashby has returned from a visit to several Iowa cities in company with Mrs. Laurence C. Jones.

DAVENPORT ITEMS.

Please allow me a space in your paper to announce that on Wednesday evening, Nov. 26, that forty-three members of the Baptist faith after reading the scripture and prayer service asking the direction of the Holy Spirit not being satisfied with present conditions desiring to hold up the Baptist cause in this part of the state did on the above date organize the Mt. Zion Baptist church. The following officers were elected: Deacons: L. M. Brown, William Samuels, Cecil Carter, Walter Miller, Charles Davis, Henry Proctor; Trustees: John E. Bradford, Edward Howard, Louis Fuqua, Sylvester Johnson; church clerk, Mrs. Rosabel Howard; treasurer, Mrs. Francis Baker; mother of the church, Sister Francis Baker; Sunday school superintendent, L. M. Brown; president of the Thimble club, Sister Norma Bradford; president of the Mission circle, Sister Florence W. Samuels; organist, Sister Cora Hart; choirster, Sylvester Johnson; president B. Y. P. U. Sister Rachel Johnson. Rev. Henry Pierce has been preaching some very splendid sermons. We are asking for the Baptists of the state to pray for our success. We will be glad to see and well the state missionary, Rev. F. J. Nott. Come over into Macedonia and help us.

THE LAND OF STORY BOOKS.

At evening when the lamp it lit,
Around the fire my parents sit;
They sit at home and talk and sing,
And do not play at anything.

Now, with my little gun, I crawl,

All in the dark along the wall,
And follow round the forest track
Away behind the sofa back.

There in the night, where none can spy
All in my hunter's camp I lie,
And play at books that I have read
Till it is time to go to bed.

These are the hills these are the woods,
These are my starry solitudes;
And I, like to an Indian scout
The roaring lions come to drink.

I see the others far away
As if in firelit camp they lay,
And I like to an Indian scout
Around their party prowled about.

So, when my nurse comes in for me,
Home I return across the sea,
And go to bed, with backward looks
At my dear land of story books.

OSKALOOSA NEWS.

(By Mrs. Cora Moore.)

Esther chapter No. 6, O. E. S. met in regular session Tuesday night, Dec. 9 with the matron, Cora Moore in the chair. After the regular routine of business the annual report of Lee & Treas. The following officers were elected and installed: Mable Crowder, W. M.; Ida Henderson, A. M.; Mima Johnson, treasurer; Stella Ringo, secretary; Luta Crowley, con.; Mollie Smith, ass. con.; appointive officers, Frank Moore, warder; Woodie Thomason, sentinel, Cora Moore, Ada; Mollie Stewart, Ruth; Cora Jones, Esther; Marie Thomason, Martha; Virginia Johnson, Electa.

IOWA CITY NOTES.

Rev. D. Boone of Fort Worth, Texas, father of Mr. T. S. Boone was a visitor in our city during the week end.

Mrs. Helen D. Beshears spent the week end in Cedar Rapids.

The old gold literary society met Friday evening at the home of the Kappa Alpha Psi. Installation of officers were held. A program was rendered which was as follows:

Vocal selection.....Mr. William Allen
Instrumental.....Mr. Clement Scott
Remarks.....Rev. Boone
Instrumental.....Miss Mildred Griffin
The next meeting will be held at the home of Delta Sigma Theta.

Miss Imogene Wilson attended the installation of officers and banquet of the I. O. O. F. in Cedar Rapids.

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