

## CITY NEWS.

(N. B. If you have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us; we solicit all your local news.—Ed.)

Mr. Geo. H. Woodson of Buxton was an over Christmas visitor in our city.

Mrs. Smith is quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. J. Roy on Crocker street.

LOST—Silver gray squirrel scarf, between Ninth and Twelfth on Center. Monday Dec. 27. \$2 reward. Phone Mutual 1429.

Mr. Archie Alexander of Highland Park, who is a student at Iowa City, returned home to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. J. L. Lucas and company were royally entertained at dinner Christmas day by Mrs. Cheatham of 814 Park st.

Mr. J. Lucas spent Sunday in Marshalltown. He will leave Saturday for Chicago on a business trip of several days.

Boyd Nancy, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Yancy, has been quite ill the past two weeks, but is better at this writing.

The Callanan Industrial club met at the home of Mrs. Rev. Daniels. The meeting was very interesting. After the regular line of business a dainty lunch was served. They adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Adam Dixon on Day street Jan. 5.

Mrs. E. B. Elliott, 519 13th st makes a specialty of human hair Goods, also Shampooing and straightening. Mail orders promptly filled.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cottoms have returned home from a holiday visit to Keokuk, Ia., and LeGrand, Mo.—At LeGrand they attended the leather wedding of Mrs. Cottoms' sister and brother-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Chas. H. Hardy, on Xmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Blagburn entertained a large number of friends at a Christmas dinner. A heavy laden table with all the tempting viands was spread before an appreciative crowd. Mr. and Mrs. Blagburn are good entertainers.

Mr. Chas. R. William, Alpha and Miss Ora Coleman of Boone; also Miss Virgie Johnson spent Christmas in our city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Morgan. A lovely time reported.

Mr. Wm. Coleman, formerly of Boone, but now a successful Illinois farmer, was in our city a few days this week. He called at the Bystander office and ordered the paper. He likes old Iowa.

Mr. Jordan Richardson and wife of Kansas City spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Yancy of 908 West Twelfth street. They enjoyed a pleasant visit and returned home Monday very much impressed with Des Moines.

The newly elected and appointed officers of North Star Lodge No. 2, were installed last Monday night and are as follows: James H. Woods, W. M.; Benjamin J. Hack, S. W.; Geo. I. Holt, J. W.; E. Tracy Blagburn, Treas. Herbert E. Jacobs, Sec.; James B. Rush, S. D.; William J. Jones, J. D.; Tolbert Woods, S. S.; John McClain, J. S.; E. S. Morgan, Chaplain; James Mitchell, Tyler.

Among the Christmas festivities was the bob-sled party given by a number of the young men of the city. The first stop was made about 10:30 at the Variety store where refreshments were served. The ride was resumed over the city until about one a. m. Those present from out of the city was Mrs. Daisy Lemme, Miss Ida Hayde and Mr. Pittman of Iowa.

## New Years Ball

Given By  
**WILD ROSE CLUB**  
AT  
**Commercial Hall**

**Saturday Jan. 1st, 1910**

MUSIC BY MORGAN'S ORCHESTRA.

8:30 p. m. General Admission 35c

Luncheonette Refreshments Served.

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## EMANCIPATION DAY.

Pursuant to the call of the president of the Iowa State Afro-American council, S. Joe Brown, the local council will observe January 1 as the official Emancipation day with exercises appropriate to and in accordance with the spirit of such an occasion of the Corinthian Baptist church, corner Fifteenth and Linden streets, New Year's evening at 8 o'clock. The following program will be rendered:

Song—"My country 'Tis of Thee" Congregation.

Invocation, Rev. H. W. Porter.

Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, Mrs. H. W. Hughes.

Vocal solo, E. Tracy Blagburn.

Lincoln's Gettysburg oration, Albert R. Hall.

Duet, violin and piano, Misses Colleen and Edna Alexander.

Address—"Forty-five years of freedom" Rev. T. L. Griffith.

Baritone solo, H. W. Hughes.

Symposium on Lincoln:

"As a Lawyer and Debater," S. Joe Brown.

"As a Humanitarian" Rev. H. W. Porter.

"His place in American Political History" Rev. I. N. Daniels.

"His Practical Knowledge of Men." Rev. F. Douglass Woodford.

Instrumental solo, Miss Zoe Richardson.

A paper—"Our Future, What of It?" J. Clifford Williams.

No admission will be charged, so everyone should come out and assist in paying tribute to the immortal Lincoln.

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## The Syndicate Cafe

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304 West Grand Avenue.

## HITEMAN, IOWA.

The Christmas tree given by the S. S. of Rising Mount Zion Baptist church on Christmas Eve night was a very nice affair. The superintendent and pupils seem to have spared no pains in trying to make it representative. The tree was beautifully decorated and laden with beautiful presents, and many a heart was made glad by the gifts which it contained.

An excellent program was rendered and many fitting speeches and addresses were said in keeping with the occasion. The writer falls to have at hand the names of all the participants and the subject of their pieces, but this may come later. One of the principal features of the evening was an address by C. W. Cothron; subject, "Christmas—its Origin, its Tree; the Time and Place to Celebrate," and being quite historical, it was both instructive and entertaining and was well received. As all pieces that were rendered. The service great credit in the way it was carried out.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Randolph entertained at dinner Sunday the following persons: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cothron and family; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nance and family. The extensive table was laden. A bounteous repast was served with turkey and cranberry sauce in great prominence. All the delicacies of the season were served, and it was served as only the hostess knows how to serve.

Mr. Henry Ednas is still indisposed. Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Bates are expected in the city Wednesday. On Wednesday evening the Women's Board of Missions of the Rising Mount Zion Baptist church. While in the city they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Randolph.

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum the intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by all druggists.

For a few days we are making a special rate of the Bystander, one year \$1.00.

## The Union Mutual Aid Association

Strong Business Concern at Jacksonville, Which Gives Employment to Hundreds of Young Men and Women, Has Proved Its Worth—Colonel W. S. Sumter a Napoleon of Finance.

By GEORGE F. KING.  
Among the many industrial concerns that are promoted by Afro-Americans, with headquarters at Jacksonville, Fla., is the Union Mutual Aid Association of America. This is one of the staunchest Afro-American companies in this section of the south. Its thousands of policy holders among all classes of people is a sufficient endorsement of its integrity and progress. In every town and hamlet of Florida will be found a force of intelligent young men and women representing this company. The company enjoys the distinction of being the oldest Afro-American insurance company of its class in the United States. Its agents are potent factors in diffusing among the thousands of people each week inspiration and a spirit of self help that are causing them to materially contribute to the success of commendable racial movements. The company has a deposit of \$10,000 in the state treasury for the protection of its policy holders. The man who has, through his force of character, ability and finance, been the lever of this successful movement in Florida is Colonel W. S. Sumter. In holding the position of manager and treasurer he has proved himself to be a Napoleon of finance. Colonel Sumter is one of the leading contractors of the state. Although comparatively a young man, yet he is shrewd and quick at business. He owns property in the exclusive sections of the city and is among the largest realty holders of



COLONEL W. S. SUMTER.

our people in Jacksonville. As a churchman he is zealous and is vestryman, treasurer of St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal church and director of the senior chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. He is a Mason and colonel on the brigadier general's staff of the Knights of Pythias of Florida. The Union Mutual Aid Association of America has had a long, successful business career. It has proved its worth to the race and has by its strict business methods demonstrated to the world that Afro-Americans in the south are not losing heart on account of race discrimination along all lines, but are determined to win success by thrift, industry, perseverance and self reliance.

Reunion of Sons of Virginia Jan. 6. Among the important gatherings for the first week in January in Brooklyn will be the annual business and social meeting of the Society of the Sons of Virginia on Thursday evening, Jan. 6. After the reading of the annual report by Treasurer Graham H. Carter and the installation of the newly elected officers the meeting will take the form of a social reunion among the members, their families, friends and the invited guests. A collation will be served, followed by after dinner speeches. Mr. P. H. Fisher, Sr., succeeds himself as president.

Bright Day After Long, Black Night. With Booker T. the greatest and foremost exponent of industrial education in the world, France organizing an army of 200,000 Negro soldiers, Matt Henson standing on the north pole and Jack Johnson the acknowledged champion of the world, it would appear that the "man and brother" was coming into his own. Well, it has been a long, black night, and let us hope the day may be bright.—Dallas (Tex.) Express.

Bill For New High School Building. If the bill recently introduced in congress by Senator Burkett providing for the expenditure of \$200,000 for the erection of a new high school building for Afro-Americans at Washington becomes a law it will fill a long felt need in the educational facilities of the District among our people.

C. W. McDougal on Whitman's Staff. Upon the recommendation of Dr. Booker T. Washington District Attorney Elect Charles S. Whitman of New York has appointed C. W. McDougal, an Afro-American, on his staff of assistant district attorneys.

## WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.

Mrs. G. W. Black and daughter Ruth spent Xmas with relatives at Oskaloosa.

The Christmas exercises at the A. M. E. church last Friday night were a success in every way, the program given by the juveniles of the Sunday School being well prepared and presented in good form. The Christmas tree was the best had in many years.

The Misses Edna and Anna Jones of Oskaloosa were the guests of their sister Theodore Turner, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Washington and son Joe, of Hocking, Ia.; Mrs. S. W. Calloway and daughter Margaret of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams of Muscatine, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Black over Christmas.

Mrs. Henry Rhodes is visiting relatives in Indiana.

Mr. Henry Ciswell and two sons spent Christmas at Fairfield, their former home.

Mr. John Spencer of Grinnell visited recently at the home of his brothers, Horace and Harvey Spencer. Mr. Spencer is a good representative of the race.

Bob Armstrong, the noted colored trainer who will assist in training Jeffries for his coming fight with Jack Johnson, spent the holidays with his mother here and other friends.

Thursday evening, Dec. 2, at Oskaloosa, Ia., occurred the wedding of Miss Jessie Jones and Mr. Theodore Turner of Washington. The happy couple will make their home here.

Henry Rhodes has joined his wife in Indiana.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Black entertained a few friends in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Washington of Hocking, Ia., and Mrs. S. W. Calloway and daughter Margaret of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams of Muscatine, who were visiting at the N. L. Black home. Music and dancing were indulged in and the evening passed pleasantly.

## CLARINDA ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Casson entertained at Xmas dinner Mrs. Tillie Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pemberton and Mr. Give Nolen, also Mrs. E. Casson. A jolly time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Jones entertained a number of friends at Xmas dinner.

Mrs. Eliza Casson is spending the holidays with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Casson.

Miss Susie Lee and Katie Johnson are spending the holidays in Des Moines.

The A. M. E. church had a concert and a Xmas tree under the leadership of Mrs. Bell.

A first class hotel is opened in the city one block west of the freight depot. It is now ready for patronage; Mr. Williams, proprietor.

Miss Margie Towner and Mrs. Mary Knight are expected to arrive in the city next month from Slou City.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Stewart and left a bouncing baby girl.

Mr. Ed Pemberton left Thursday to spend the holidays in Springfield, Mo.

Dr. Wm. Gibson, who has been confined to his home for some time with a broken limb, is improving slowly.

Mrs. J. Jones has been on the sick list with throat trouble, but is better now.

Little Louie Pemberton has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Jones arrived here from Red Oak and are living at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones.

Mr. Charlie Phander still remains very low.

The Baptist church had a concert Christmas.

The A. M. E. church is progressing nicely under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. Bell.

## OTTUMWA, IOWA.

Miss Garner Fowler has returned home from Lincoln Institute to spend his holidays.

## Africa's Brave Son Heard From

Mon. James C. Smith of British Sierra Leone. Schooled in the Sociological, Financial and Economic Questions of His Country. Is Shrewd Statesman and Scholar.

It was, I believe, Burke who said, "Great men are the guideposts of a nation," and Shakespeare said, "Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them."



MON. JAMES CARMICHAEL SMITH.

great in the conception and promulgation of practical and useful ideas; great in the ability to state with clearness and precision his views upon the financial, sociological, economic and industrial questions, to the consideration of which he has devoted years of patient study and application; great as a scholar and thinker who has revolutionized modern accepted theories as to the solution of these questions and the highest authorities on economics in the world as well as by leading financiers and sociologists in Europe, Asia and Africa. There is but little if any doubt as to the accuracy of the writer's knowledge of his subject.

Mr. Smith gets right at the kernel of his subject in the following vigorous and drastic sentences: "We must get down to the facts and realize the magnitude of the financial power controlled today by small groups of men, some of them the most villainously unscrupulous specimens of the human race, and these money kings effectively rule the men who nominally govern the nations." This is neatly put and is as incisive as it is true to the facts as they present themselves to every observant man who has watched the trend of affairs in financial circles in the United States.

Mr. Smith was born in 1852. From June, 1876, to August, 1889, he was chief clerk and storekeeper of the Imperial treasury and commissariat department in the Bahamas; member of the board of education, 1888 to 1902; postmaster, 1889 to 1893; justice of the peace, 1890; member of Bahama house of assembly, 1882, 1889 and 1896; resigned in 1897; assistant postmaster general, Sierra Leone, 1896; justice of the peace, 1897; acting postmaster general, 1897, 1899 and 1900; acting curator of institutes, Sierra Leone, from January, 1890, to January, 1900; postmaster general and manager of government savings bank, 1900; acting collector of customs, October, 1902, to April, 1903; acting colonial treasurer in 1906 and postmaster general in 1909.

The race may well feel proud of this able and scholarly representative, who has trodden paths which few if any members of it have thus far ventured to do, either in Europe or America. We greatly suspect that our friend Mr. Smith had said the last word on the subjects covered in his eight or more books and numerous pamphlets which he has written on the money question and kindred questions growing out of it. If John C. Calhoun, who doubted the ability of the Negro to conjugate a Greek verb was in the flesh and read one of Mr. Smith's books he would probably acknowledge the truth of the famous utterance of the polished African Terence: "Homo sum; humani nihil a me alienum puto."

## SIoux CITY ITEMS.

The A. M. E. Sunday School held its exercises Christmas night. A nice program was rendered by the little folks.

There will be a watch meeting at the A. M. E. church beginning at 10 o'clock. The Philomonic club of the A. M. E. church gave a supper at the church parlor Tuesday evening. A nice program was rendered.

The Starlight club of the A. M. E. church will have a New Year's dinner on Saturday, Jan. 1, 1910.

The Porters' club gave a grand Christmas Eve ball at Seltzer's hall Friday evening, Dec. 24. There was a large number of jolly young people who enjoyed every number on the program.

The Pott orchestra gave a nice ball Saturday evening, Dec. 25, at Simeon's hall. A nice crowd of dancers were present.

Mrs. Birdie Matthews of Red Oak, Ia., arrived in our city Monday for an indefinite stay. She is the guest of her uncle, Mr. Washington.

Mr. John Morgan went to Omaha Friday to spend Christmas with her son Emmett and visit friends.

The ladies of the Mt. Zion Baptist church gave a Masquerade social at Simeon's hall Monday, Dec. 17. A prize was given to the parties who stayed masked the longest without being known, which was won by Mrs. Pearl Perry and Miss Margie Lounnear, the latter winning first prize, a powder box.

Mr. Potts has organized a juvenile band among the home boys and their future looks bright, the way the boys take hold.

Miss Emma Crawford, formerly of our city, but now of Sioux Falls, S. D., came down last Tuesday for an indefinite visit. Old Soo has the strongest charms.

Mrs. Samuel Elias of Everly, Ia., arrived in our city Saturday for a week visit. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rev. J. C. Reid.

The ladies of the A. I. P. club will keep open house on New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson. The day will close with a club party for members only.

Mr. Groomes, who recently came to our city, was knocked down by a street car last week and severely shaken up. He was taken to the Samaritan hospital for several days, but at the present he is being cared for at his home on 513 1/2 Maine street.

Mr. Chas. Murray entertained four of his gentlemen friends to a Christmas dinner Saturday at Mrs. Roberts' restaurant, she serving the dinner.

Miss Lena Dewitt of Red Oak is in our city visiting. She accompanied Mrs. B. Matthews home.

## FORT MADISON.

Mrs. Fred Henry and little son Maceo are visiting relatives and friends in Le Grand, Mo.

The Cantata, an old time Xmas party, was successfully rendered by the Sunday School of the Second Baptist church Xmas eve. The decorations on the platform were beautiful and in keeping with the season. The cast of characters was as follows: Mother, Miss Naomi Harper; Harry, Master Garret Dunlap; Uncle Will, Master Ervino Mack; Cousin Mary, Miss Agnes Stewart; Olive, Ruth Mack; Santa Claus, Rev. J. W. Evans. Each one performed their part with much credit to themselves and friends. Fort Madison has need to be proud of such excellent talent displayed by these young people.

Miss Grace Pleasant of Burlington is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap. Mrs. Hattie Hoskins of Davenport is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. McClelland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jackson very pleasantly entertained on Xmas Day the following persons: Mrs. Malinda Henry, Mrs. Ann Williams, Mrs. George Obannon, Mrs. Crutcher of Louisville, Ky., and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Jackson.

Mrs. Parks and daughter of Franklin, Kan., are the guests of Mrs. Bud Henry.

Rev. George Chambers is still on the sick list.

On Xmas night the A. M. E. Sunday School rendered the beautiful cantata, "The Christmas Pilgrim." Those who took part in it received much applause from the audience. The church was appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Obannon entertained Rev. J. W. Evans and family at 2 o'clock dinner Sunday week. Presiding Elder Phillips is in the city assisting Rev. Straws with his quarterly meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomas entertained Rev. J. W. Evans and family at 6 o'clock dinner Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. King entertained Rev. Straws and Rev. Phillips at 12 o'clock dinner Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wallace, and Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Wallace, are spending the Christmas with relatives and friends in Monmouth, Ill.

## BUXTON BRIEFS.

(By Rambler.)  
Rev. I. N. Daniels of Des Moines visited our city week and joined in holy wedlock Miss Violet Lucas and Mr. Mays, the bride being the daughter of Mr. J. B. Lucas, Buxton's well known baker, and the groom a brother of Mrs. Ellen Mays Lucas, Buxton's popular school teacher. The ceremony was performed at noon Wednesday, December 29th.

The Christmas festivities at each and all the churches were successes from every point of view.

The Monroe Mercantile and Consolidated Coal Companies, as usual, donated heavily with a full view of supplying every child in Buxton with a full taste of Christmas sweets and a present.

The churches and their respective pastors were liberal in their eulogies of these concerns on the account of which giving symposiums by voice and note.

The funeral service of Mable Underwood was held at the St. John A. M. E. church Sunday morning, conducted by Dr. Butler. Appropriate condolences were read by the Misses Ruth Lowry and Price, representing respectively the public school and A. M. E. Sunday school. Interment was at Alpha the same afternoon. Commitment by Pastor Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker, No. 8 1/2

street, served an elaborate Christmas dinner in honor of Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Butler and Rev. G. W. Mays. Music and social converse featured the after hours.

After a pleasant Christmas in other parts, Atty. Jos. A. Spears is again at his post of duty here.

The teachers and parents' meeting at the Boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. last week was addressed by Miss Georgia Blackburn, Reverend Mays and Epperson and Mr. Lee. It was one of the most interesting and enthusiastic meetings yet. Secretary W. H. Brown has every reason to congratulate himself as to the past and the brightening future.

The Rev. S. L. Birt visited us this week and spoke at the A. M. E. mission Monday night.

Mrs. Hutchinson, wife of our popular druggist, has become identified with the Mite Missionary movement in Buxton.

Mrs. Minnie Ball is on the sick list at this writing.

Bishop C. T. Shaffer will visit Buxton soon on a mission of race amelioration. Bishop Shaffer is very popular, especially in Buxton, and wields tremendous prestige. He is promised a district ovation. He comes as the guest of Rev. D. E. Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Gaines entertained a number of friends at their handsome residence New Year's eve. Joy and feast reigned supreme. Neither time or expense were spared in making which the most artistic, enjoyable and sumptuous function of the season.

The Fannie Barrier Williams and Fidelity clubs worshipped at the St. John's A. M. E. church Sunday in committee form. At the conclusion of the service the one presented Rev. Butler with \$10, while the other gave \$10.50. Rev. A. L. DeMond, who occupied the pulpit, made an appropriate speech of appreciation in behalf of Rev. Butler, eulogizing the women with unusual dignity and grace.

## GALESBURG, ILL.

Mrs. Josie Winston of Denver, has arrived for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Gash.

Mrs. Geo. Fletcher, Sr., who recently returned from Chicago, is ill at her home.

Miss Gertrude Lucas of Bedford, Ia., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lucas.

Miss Lydia Crawford has returned from Cedar Rapids.

Miss Beatrice Murray of Fort Madison is spending the holidays with her parents.

Mr. Roy Lyons has returned from a visit in Davenport.

The husbands and gentlemen friends of the D. D. W. C. were hosts at a reception Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McBride. The members of the club were royally entertained. During the evening dainty refreshments were served in three courses. Present from out of the city were Miss Floy McGaw of Davenport and Miss Daisy Walker of Indianopolis.

Miss Stella Carter is spending the week with her parents and expects to leave soon for Denver.

Mr. I. McGill is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henry of Chicago are visiting relatives and friends here.

The A. M. E. Sunday school held their annual Xmas entertainment. A short program was given during the evening, after which presents were distributed. Each faithful pupil received a pretty present from the Sunday school.

Lincoln Memorial Chapel served dinner Christmas day, ending the evening with a concert.

A wedding of interest here was solemnized in Chicago Dec. 14, when Miss Louise Mason, formerly of this city, and Mr. Henry Jones of Chicago were united in marriage. They went immediately to housekeeping in a newly furnished flat. Mr. Jones has many friends here who wish them much happiness and success through life.

Jefferson Gash, a well known and respected colored resident of this city, died at his home at the corner of Henderson and First streets. Mr. Gash sustained a paralytic stroke on Dec. 15 and since that time he has been comatose. Under the circumstances, his death was not unexpected. Mr. Gash was born in the south in the days of slavery. He was a slave, and when the Civil war broke out secured his liberty and served two years under the Union flag. He was honorably discharged, and after the war came to Galesburg, where he was united in marriage with Mrs. B. W. Gash. The relatives surviving are the wife, two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Monroe and Mrs. Lucinda Craig, both of this city; four brothers, Anderson Gash, Tifford Gash and George Gash of this city and William Gash of Chicago; four grandchildren, Ray, Eddie, Jeffie and Junita Richardson. Mr. Gash was a member of the A. M. E. church.