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## CITY NEWS.

**Mr. B. J. you have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us; we will call on your local news.—Ed.)**

**Mrs. Wm. Tomlin is still improving from her operation.**

**L. J. Shelton was sick the past week, but is better now.**

**Mrs. Stella Spaulding's little boy is quite sick with fever this week.**

**Mr. Fred Anthony of Boone was a Capital City visitor, Monday.**

**For Rent—Two houses by F. G. Goggins 222 Arthur ave., Des Moines, Ia.**

**Miss Emma Hughes of Newton is a visitor at the home of Miss Isabelle Cousins.**

**Mrs. Maria Wells of 2816 4th street is slowly improving from an attack of typhoid pneumonia.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Steaven Sheets of 1503 Central avenue entertained Mrs. M. E. Cottons at Thanksgiving dinner.**

**Christmas Money—Will make short loans on chattel or real estate securities Phone Drake Park 1244 or Walnut 2324. L. J. Shelton.**

**Mrs. Sadie Garth entertained at a six o'clock dinner Tuesday evening Mr. Isaac Miller of Minneapolis and Mr. Charles Lee of Washington, D. C.**

**Mrs. Sadie Garth and Mrs. J. S. Miller spent Sunday afternoon in Colfax visiting friends. A pleasant time is reported.**

**Mrs. H. R. Graves entertained at breakfast Wednesday Mr. S. N. Vass, Rev. T. L. Griffith and the Misses Besie and Effie Mason.**

**Atty. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown entertained at five o'clock luncheon Sunday in honor of Mesdames C. R. Foster and W. S. Jones of Buxton. The local guests present were Mesdames E. D. Johnson, W. H. Humbard and Wm. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Adam Dixon.**

**The Union Congregational Christian Endeavor, writes all to attend their Endeavor, Sunday evening at 6.30 to 7.30. The meetings have proven to be to be very enthusiastic; all are welcome. Mrs. Frank Johnson, President Mrs. Johnston Robinson, Vice-Pres Mrs. Sims, Treasurer. Mrs. Frank White, Secretary.**

**Mesdames J. H. Preston and S. F. Thomas of 223 Arthur avenue entertained last Saturday evening at six o'clock dinner in honor of Dr. E. N. Vass of the American Baptist Publication Society. Covers were laid for 6. Rev. T. L. Griffith, Burton Fields C. B. Brown and F. G. Goggins enjoyed these excellent repast.**

**Misses Hazel Cousins entertained Miss Emma Hughes and Mr. Emery Jackson at a five course dinner Wednesday in honor of Mr. Jackson's 19th birthday. After the dinner the Lake Park younger set, led by Miss Hazel Cousins, gave a surprise birthday party in honor of Mr. Jackson's birthday. The evening was spent in games and music. Refreshments were served and Mr. Jackson received many nice presents.**

**The Mary Church Terrell club held their literary meeting at the home of Mrs. Anderson White, 909 W. 17th St., at 3.30, Monday, Nov. 28, '10. The members reciting their quotations from various authors Mrs. White read an eloquent paper on Thanksgiving in its truest form. After the business meeting adjourned at 4.30. A white served a lunch: Sardines, Italian cream, potatoes, home-made lunch bread, stuffed olives, coffee. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Williams, 514 Penn ave. A members are requested to be present.**

**The H. P. S. C. club met at Mrs. H. K. Hendersons in regular session last Thursday morning and after a very interesting program the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. H. R. Graves; vice-president, Mrs. H. W. Walden; secretary Mrs. John R. Drew; assistant, Mrs. C. W. Brown, treasurer, Mrs. Mrs. M. A. Propps. The next meeting will be with Mrs. John Drew. A cooking demonstration will be one of the features of the meeting.**

**At the meeting of the City Literary Convention at a residence of Atty and Mrs. J. B. Bush, Atty. Brown, chairman, made a report of the recent Inter-State to Executive Com. meeting held in Lawrence, Kansas on Saturday the 26th and four of the local clubs paid in their portion of the assessment for the Inter-State entertainment fund. There will be just one more meeting of the City Convention prior to the Inter-State meeting and this will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cook, 1310 Center street, Wednesday Dec. 21st, at which time it is urgently requested that all clubs be fully represented, that all committee chairmen be prepared to submit full and final reports and that those clubs that have not already done so be prepared to pay in their assessment for the entertainment fund.**

**WESTERN NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION.**  
Fourteenth Annual Session A Great Success. Editors Luke Muskoogee, Okla.  
The 14th annual session of the Western Negro Press Association held the best and most largely attended session ever held, with more real work and more enthusiasm. Some editors came 300 miles to be present. Fully 20 editors or newspaper men were present. The meeting was called to order by the president John L. Thompson of Iowa at 11 o'clock. After invocation by Rev. T. D. Lee of Muskogee the president stated the object of the meeting and read the official call. He then appointed the committee on credentials, on finance, on resolutions and an address to the country and then adjourned until 1:30 o'clock. The meeting was held in the First Baptist church and dinner being served by the good ladies of the church the press force dined there. The afternoon sessions were taken up in reading papers as published in a previous issue. In the evening the welcome program and the annual address of the president was delivered as the crowd was the largest and it would reach more people. The annual address was a masterpiece and elicited great cheers and all present requested that the president's address be published. Prof. Harry R. Graham of Quinter, Kans., father of the association gave a complete history of the organization. S. T. Wiggins, editor of the Lantern of Wagner, Okla., read a very fine paper on the "Political Status of the Negro." Then the party retired to the banquet room of this large church where about 200 plates were laid and an experienced waiter with 20 young high school girls all dressed in white with an orchestra playing sweet music was scene was great but the event greater and will never be forgotten by those present. The pastor of this fine church who has been dispensing the gospel truth to this congregation for nearly a quarter of a century invoked the blessings of heaven upon the banqueters. Lawyer Stewart acted as toastmaster and well did he perform that duty and toasts were made by several present.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS.**  
The Executive Board of the Iowa-Nebraska Baptist Association will meet with the Second Baptist church, Clarinda, Ia., Tuesday, December 13th. Members of the board are requested to be present.  
Samuel Bates Moderator.  
J. Cornelius Reid Cor. Sec.

**Notice.**  
There will be a special meeting of the reception committee for the Inter-State Literary meeting at the residence of the chairman, Mrs. S. Joe Brown, No. 1058 5th street, Monday evening, Dec. 4th. All those who have consented to serve on said committee are urgently requested to be present at this meeting as there are several matters of vital importance to be considered.

**TO THE MEN OF THE CITY.**  
In lieu of the movement now being conducted by the City Association for the suppression of the saloon evil in this city, the Young Men's Progressive Association will hold a special meeting at their regular hour for holding religious services, at the Association rooms corner Ninth and Park streets, Sunday Dec. 4th, at 4:30 p. m.  
Mr. Geo. W. Peak, President of the Central Life Insurance Co., and Mr. A. U. Coates of the real estate firm of Philpot & Coates will be the speakers, subject "The Issue of the Hour." You men, owners of property, tax payers, fathers and sons, are surely interested in this great movement from the standpoint of morals as much as from the standpoint of personal and civil liberty and rights.  
Come out and show by your presence your loyalty to city, home and self.  
Good music.  
The ministers of the various churches of the city are sincerely requested to join with the members of the Y. M. P. A. in making this meeting a success.  
The popular meeting for men and women to have been held Dec. 4th has been postponed until Dec. 18th, and by request of the Deacons and Trustees of Union Congregational church, will be held in the auditorium of the church. Program announced at last.

**SIoux CITY ITEMS.**  
Rev. R. Knight filled the pulpit at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening and preached to a large appreciative congregation.  
The newly organized club known as the Married Men's Club, held its first pleasant time Thanksgiving evening. A few single men were invited. The time was spent in dancing. A lunch was served later in the evening, but they danced into the wee small hour.  
The A. I. P. club met with Mrs. Anna Roberts Friday afternoon.  
The Stewardship board of the A. M. E. church has been strengthened by adding three new members, namely Mr. Jessie McCowen, Mrs. Katherine Aske and Mrs. Margaret Smith.  
The ladies of the Mt. Zion Baptist church held a Thanksgiving dinner Thursday and the sum of \$35 was cleared. It was under the management of Mrs. Cora Harrison.  
Miss Nellie Craig of Kansas City, Mo., arrived in city last week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Williams.  
The literary society which is held every Tuesday evening is meeting with great success. The following program will be carried out Nov. 29: Solo, Mrs. Elward Aske; paper, Mrs. John Patterson; debate resolved, "That Fire is More Destructive Than Water." Affirmative, Mrs. S. Norris; Negative, Mr. John Jones.  
Master George Ellett of Excelsior Springs, Mo., is visiting in the city with his papa, Mr. Fred Ellett.  
The Silver Leaf club will meet Tuesday evening at the Mt. Zion Baptist church.

**Mr. and Mrs. John Steeles entertained Miss Grace Watts at dinner Thanksgiving day.**

**CLINTON HAPPENINGS.**  
B. F. Cooper of Buxton was a Clinton visitor last week, the guest of his mother and other and other relatives.  
At a meeting of the Missionary society held recently the following persons were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Chas. Thompson; vice-president, Mrs. Emma Herron; secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Plummer; treasurer, Mrs. Alantha Stewart.  
Miss Anna Cooper left Saturday for Buxton where she will be the guest of friends.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson have returned from a visit in Macon, Mo.  
Miss Mauda Beason of Buxton is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Richardson.  
Thanksgiving day was observed in an appropriate manner at Bethel A. M. E. church. During the day dinner was served which was well attended, in the evening a program was rendered. A neat sum was realized for the trustees and stewards.  
At a meeting of the choir of Bethel A. M. E. church held recently the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. A. Bush, re-elected; vice-president, J. T. Culbertson; secretary, Miss Anna Cropper; treasurer, Mrs. Holland Williams; director, T. G. Dozier; leading soprano, Mrs. Holland Williams.  
The engagement of Miss Anna Cooper to Asa U. Williams of Sterling, Ill., has been announced.  
Subscribers wanted for the Bystander Mr. Harry Plummer of Bettendorf spent Thanksgiving in Clinton with his wife.

**OTUMWA NEWS.**  
A ten day revival meeting was begun at the Second Baptist church Sunday, under the direction of Rev. J. Cornelius Reid, the pastor, city minister, and the Rev. J. J. Chappell, B. Th., filled the pulpit this week. Next week Evangelist C. C. Calloway of Buxton will conduct the meeting.  
A splendid programme was rendered Thanksgiving night at the Second Baptist church. The chorus of thirty voices was excellent. Mrs. Helena Downey read a fine paper on Thanksgiving, Mrs. J. C. Reid gave a splendid reading of Dunbar's Diastem poems, Solos and Duets, were sung. Dr. Reid was master of ceremonies. It was impossible to accommodate the people with refreshments.  
Dr. O. A. Moore, our colored physician is doing well. He is a splendid young doctor.  
Rev. J. C. Reid will read a paper before the Ministerial Association (white) on the "Negro and Religion."  
Mr. J. Slaughter is not expected to live.  
Deacon James Eaves and wife entertained Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Reid with a choice dinner, Thanksgiving.

**AT PLEASANT NOTES.**  
Miss Myrtle Burnaugh spent Thanksgiving in Keokuk visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scott.  
Miss Hazel Price of Fairfield spent Thanksgiving here visiting friends.  
Mrs. R. Keith of Burlington was in town visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keith.  
Mr. Wm. Burnaugh visited friends in Ft. Madison, Thanksgiving.  
Rev. Miller left Monday for his home in Burlington.  
Rev. Coats left Sunday night for Joliet, Ill. He has gone with the intention of bringing his wife here to live.  
Mrs. Herbert Hutchison of Fairfield is here for an indefinite stay.  
Mrs. Jane McCain of Marshalltown spent Thanksgiving here with her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Anderson.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burnaugh entertained Mrs. Jackson and son, Theodore at dinner Sunday.  
Rev. Burdette, state Missionary, passed through here last week. On Wednesday evening he preached a very able sermon.  
Mrs. Ross McCain of Monmouth, Ill., spent Thanksgiving here with his mother.  
Mr. Geo. Robinson left for Chicago, Monday.  
Mrs. Louise Bedford, of Buxton, is visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McNeal.  
Mr. Albert Stevens spent Thanksgiving in Fairfield with his mother, Mrs. Stevens.  
Mrs. Wm. Burnaugh entertained a few friends Thursday afternoon and evening in honor of Mr. Burnaugh's birthday. A two course luncheon was served.  
Mrs. Phillips entertained a small company to a six o'clock dinner Thanksgiving.  
Mrs. Iora Rice of Omaha, Nebraska, is visiting relatives and friends in the city.  
On Wednesday the 23rd at her home on W. Washington street, occurred the death of Mrs. Sarah Trimble. She was a strong Christian woman, and for many years a member of the A. M. E. church. It is not known just how old she was, but she was well along in years, and has been in poor health for some time. She left a host of relatives and friends by whom she will be greatly missed.

**KEOKUK NOTES.**  
Mrs. Madeline Schlotter, Misses Helen and Flora, a widow of Galesburg attended the funeral of their grandfather, James Smith. A large concourse of sorrowing friends gathered at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the A. M. E. church to pay their last tribute of respect to James Smith whose funeral was held at that hour. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bruce U. Taylor, pastor of the church, who paid a very high tribute to the deceased. His discourse was beautiful and impressive. The pall bearers were Joan Bland, W. Green and T. Rush. The remains were interred in Oaklawn cemetery.  
Thanksgiving in Keokuk was ideal despite the high cost of living, which made turkey a rare luxury. The tables of nearly every family in the city was graced with a noble bird and there was feasting in all of the homes. All the churches gave their regular dinners or suppers and the day was one of general rejoicing. There were also services held in all the churches.  
The ladies of the Parish Aid society of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin will give a chicken supper and apron sale Wednesday evening, Dec. 7th. Everybody is invited.  
Miss Della Danah, who has been ill with tonsillitis, has fully recovered.  
The entertainment given by the vestrymen of St. Mary the Virgin Thanksgiving evening at the association hall, 319 N. 14th street, was a splendid success.  
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**ALBIA NEWS.**  
Mrs. Grayson entertained at dinner Thanksgiving day, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hollingsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grayson, Mr. Monroe Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Esters and the Grayson family. A very nice Thanksgiving dinner was served.  
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Henderson and Miss Letta Johnson spent Thanksgiving day at Keosauqua, with friends.  
Mr. John Washington of Hocking has bought a home in West C. avenue, and moved his family to Albia.  
Editor John L. Thompson of Des Moines, passed through Albia, Tuesday, enroute to Muskogee, Oklahoma.  
Miss Virginia Wade was a Knoxville visitor, Thanksgiving day.  
The social at the A. M. E. parsonage was attended by a number of the people of town.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grayson of Hocking were in town Thursday.

**FT. MADISON.**  
On the 20th of November, Mrs. Sadie H. Harris, of Galesburg, Ill., the wide awake and efficient superintendent of sub-district, No. 1, visited the A. M. E. Sunday school. Mrs. Harris addressed the school, giving it so much needed instruction and advice. Mrs. Harris expressed herself as very much pleased with the school, and especially with the work in the Catechism, which the children are learning word for word.  
Thanks giving was observed in the A. M. E. church. Dinner and supper was served, and in the evening an interesting program was rendered by the Christian Endeavor.  
Saturday Mrs. Mory Woods gave a birthday dinner in honor of her brother John Harris. Rev. Lowery and Miss Lillian Woods were the invited guests. Sunday was Mother King's 83d birthday.

**OSKALOOSA NEWS.**  
Thanksgiving was well kept at Shorters chapel morning service at 11 o'clock. Dinner served at 2:30 o'clock at the Parsonage, under the management of Mrs. Rosa Mitchell, Newman and Mrs. Ida Henderson. Quite a neat sum was realized, which was greatly needed.  
Rev. Newman, our new pastor, and family are getting nicely situated at the parsonage.  
Rev. Newman has done quite a great deal of work since he has been here; put the stone foundation of the church, also done quite a lot of work on the parsonage.  
Mrs. Henry Moore of Iowa City spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. A. G. Clark, on 3d avenue East.  
Mrs. I. Baget, of Burlington, spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. E. E. Jones, on North street.  
Miss Lettie Cary visited a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Frank Allen before returning to Iowa City to her studies.  
Walter Smith, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. John Williams on North High street, returned to Chicago this morning.  
Rocoe Jones of Minneapolis, spent Thanksgiving at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jones.  
Mrs. Anna Cobble and daughter are here from Des Moines, caring for her mother, Mrs. Eliza Ford who has been quite sick for six weeks with Rheumatism. She is not improving very fast.  
Mr. Thos Tyler of Mason City was an over-Sunday visitor at the home of Luella Eranlin, on D. avenue East.  
Miss Mattie Green is visiting Mrs. Bertha Daniels of Des Moines.  
Miss Luta Mickles is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jake Hickman on first ave. West.

**BURLINGTON ITEMS.**  
As we had no snow for Thanksgiving, cupid got busy and rang wedding bells instead of sleigh bells. On last Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m., Rev. Thomas united Miss Lillie Brown and Jess Finny as man and wife. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage. Miss Brown was one of our most popular young ladies and highly esteemed by colored and white. Mr. Finny is to be congratulated, as his choice for a help mate. Mr. and Mrs. Finny are at home to their friends at 714 Spruce street.  
On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the A. M. E. parsonage occurred the wedding of Mrs. Ella Murry to Aaron Hughs, after which a reception was held at the residence of Mrs. Rosa Cowden, on Washington street, the mother of the bride. The house was very elaborately decorated for the occasion and the table a scene of beauty. Mr. and Mrs. Hughs received many valuable presents and congratulations near and far. They are at home to their friends in a cozy little cottage on Washington street.  
Mrs. A. Lamb is quite ill at her home 502 W. hington street.  
Mrs. Jack Badgett returned Saturday evening from Oskaloosa, where she attended the wedding of her niece, Miss Anna Jones. Miss "J" has been a frequent visitor in our city and made a host of friends who offer a shower of blessings.  
Mr. L. Washington is suffering from a severe burn, received while cooking, having scalded a hand and wrist with hot grease. He is able to resume his duties as chef.  
Imagine Wilson of Keokuk spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. Wilcox, at the residence of Mrs. L. Washington.  
Mrs. Washington entertained Mr. J. Badgett, Miss Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson at dinner Thanksgiving.  
The I. A. Club will have a sale at the Young Men's Reading room, Thursday, Dec. 1st. The public is invited.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bige Real were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray, Thanksgiving.  
The Peerless Social Circle played whist Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Ed. Johnson. Mrs. A. Pleasant being awarded the prize, a half dozen beautiful serving plates.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Washinton have moved and are at home to their friends in a cozy little five room cottage on S. Third street, between Locust and S.  
Viola Woods is on the sick list.  
Mrs. Alberta Folks visited in Galesburg last week.  
While paying your bills for 1910—please don't forget the Bystander as we have not forgotten you.  
Mrs. W. H. Collins of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is the guest of Mrs. Jack Badgett.  
Mrs. Collins had the misfortune to fall off a spin her angle, last week.  
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**MACON, MISSOURI.**  
Mrs. Trice is on the sick list. Her friends are sorry to see her so poorly. Miss Ruth Perkins is spending a few days with relatives in Glasgow, Mo.  
Miss Ora Finney is home from Moline, Ill. She says there is good times in Ill.  
Mrs. Rosa Corbin and son, Ed S., of Davenport, Iowa, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Amanda Dysart, on Vine street.  
The Methodist church people were very successful Thanksgiving, realizing over one hundred dollars at their dinner.  
Mrs. Nora Oney entertained at cards Friday evening, in honor of her cousin, Mr. Edward Sample of Davenport, Iowa.  
Mrs. Woods' of St. Louis is guest of her father, Rev. P. C. Crews, on Second street.  
Mrs. E. Hubbard whom is teaching in Kingston, Mo., is visiting home folks this week.  
Mrs. Nora B. Oney received her friends from 2 to 5:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Rosa Corbin of Davenport, Iowa. Light refreshments were served. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon.  
Mr. Edward Sample is sorry that Macon is not closer to Davenport, Iowa, says that O. B. is O. R.  
Mrs. C. L. Scraggs was hostess Saturday evening for her young friends. Out of town guests were Mr. Sample, Miss Label of Fayette, Mo.

**EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.**  
Headquarters Iowa State Afro-American Council:  
To all whom these presents come, be it known that whereas, pursuant to the resolution of the National Afro-American Council, the first day of January of each year has been set apart as the day for the annual observance of the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation of Abraham Lincoln; now, therefore, I, J. Cornelius Reid by virtue of the authority vested in me as president of the State Afro-American Council, do hereby request that all local Afro-American Councils, Negro Churches, Clubs and other race organizations observe the first day of January, 1910, by appropriate ceremonies consisting of the reading of the Proclamation, the singing of patriotic songs and the delivery of addresses commemorative of that memorable occasion.  
Done at Ottumwa, Iowa, this 1st day of December, A. D. 1910 and in the year of our freedom the 47th.  
J. Cornelius Reid Ottumwa, Iowa, Pres. Iowa Afro-American Council.  
Attest: Mrs. T. Hughes, Newton Acting Secretary.

**EDITOR'S OBSERVATION IN OKLAHOMA.**  
Oklahoma, the land of Aborigines, the former home of Creek, Choctaw, Seminole, where but a few days ago the Indian, the buffalo, and the deer reigned supreme, has now yielded to the industrial hand of civilization. No longer do we hear the wailing of the uncivilized nor the cooling of the wild but the whistle of the factory and trains and the hum of business in the fast growing cities. But yesterday Oklahoma was a territory with only a few thousand white people, now she is a great state with hundreds of thousands of white and black people dotted over the treeless prairies of that rich state. Oklahoma is rich in minerals, great in producing cereals. She raises two crops of potatoes a year: wonderful in fruit, especially peaches and apples. To give my readers a topography of this state would take too much space. Muskogee, the second largest city in the state, has now entered the contest for the state capital against Oklahoma City. It is a city of about 30,000 people with about 12,000 colored people and the colored people are doing better here than any place that I know of in the United States. They have a bank, 8 grocery stores, 22 business and office buildings ranging from 2 to 7 stories high, built of the most modern pressed brick with 18 physicians, 21 lawyers, 5 dentists, 7 drug stores, 16 contractors, all the mail carriers are colored, all the special delivery and messengers, 14 real estate agents, 4 insurance agents, 15 restaurants, 14 churches, 2 department dry goods stores, completely modern, 1 clothing store, 2 furniture stores, 6 second hand stores, several hardware stores, 1 jewelry store, numerous repair shops and blacksmith shops, two newspapers, several printing offices, 1 shoe store, 49 ministers belonging to the ministerial union. It was my first time to go into a bank owned entirely by colored people. The president is Mr. Escrow, Jr., whose father is also an officer and lives in Wichita, Kans. He has just purchased himself a new \$3,000 automobile. Mr. J. C. Johnson is the cashier, a fine business man. Lebron E. Edwards is the head bookkeeper of this bank is known as the Peoples Bank and Trust Co. The O. K. Furniture Co. is one of the largest stores owned by our people, a company with Mr. J. H. Bryant, manager, a student of the Kansas University. Mr. R. G. Barrow is a teacher in the schools. Dr. Sims owns a beautiful three story brick business building and also a very beautiful residence. He is a brother to our Rev. J. P. Sims. J. W. Adams owns a very beautiful dry goods department store. He is from Montgomery, Ala., and has been in the business for 20 years. He is now another store in Oklahoma. Mr. Elliott owns a very fine clothing store.  
There are so many whose names we did not get, hence we cannot mention them now. The largest and finest church is the First Baptist, costing fully \$60,000, pastored by Rev. S. S. Jones.  
To G. Thrie, the capitol, we next went. Here we found Edward W. Thompson, formerly of this city, owning the only colored drug company. He is doing well and wishes to be remembered to his old friends. Dr. A. R. Eagleton, a dentist, is doing well. He is a real estate agent pioneer loan and owns a very beautiful home; his wife is a teacher in the public schools. Dr. A. Hugh Shoals is a physician and surgeon. Herbert Lee Lang is pastor of the Warner Ave. Congregational church. He is a very able young man with about three co-educational schools, 8 churches, some other minor stores and residences.  
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