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## CITY NEWS.

Mrs. E. T. Banks left this week to visit two weeks in Bloig, N. D.

Mrs. J. H. Shepard of Clive, Iowa, was in our city Thursday to attend Geo. Wilson's funeral.

Remember the grand Golden Emancipation Jubilee on New Year's evening at Plymouth church, the only one in the city. Come early.

Baker Dixon, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Dixon, who is a student in Chicago, is spending the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. C. A. Cleggett and Mrs. Laura J. Lewis, who are employed at Ames, Iowa, in the agricultural college, are spending a ten days' rest at their home in this city.

Mrs. Cass Lambert of Rock Island, Ill., arrived in our city this week to spend Xmas with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Fulton, on South Ninth street.

Finesse Bledsoe, a student at the State Agricultural college, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Shaw, on Sixteenth street.

Mrs. Emily Branch and Mrs. Chas. Turner have for their holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. Barney Griffin and Mrs. Belle Mitchell of Evanston, Ill.

When in Des Moines stop at Mrs. Jake Smith's rooming house for good rooms, neatly furnished. 511 West Third street, Des Moines. Phone, Red 6589.

Mrs. Jack Wilson returned Thursday from Western, Iowa, where she visited a few days with her husband, who is traveling with a musical company and singing, the same company that Mrs. Mae Ruff Johnson is with.

The Holy Saints church people are making a great success in East Des Moines. One of their ordained saints from Omaha, Neb., is here and assisting Rev. H. G. Darden in the meetings.

Rev. S. Bates of the Maple Street Baptist church baptized eight persons on Christmas day and added twenty-three new members to his church as the result of the recent revival meetings. They will start the revival meetings again after New Year's day.

Mrs. Anna Collins of Chicago is in our city spending the holidays, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. West Hurd, 1447 Fremont street. Mrs. Collins formerly lived here and worked in the Harris-Emery department store.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph passed through the city Thursday, en route from Cedar Rapids to Ellsworth, Kans. Mrs. Randolph visited her cousin, Mrs. R. N. Hyde, whom she had not seen for thirty-three years, when they were young girls together in Keosauqua, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Mash of 910 Twelfth street delightfully entertained a few of their friends at a Christmas dinner. Covers were laid for twelve. After having expressed themselves as being delightfully entertained the guests departed at a late hour.

The following are the representatives from Des Moines who are attending the Inter-State Literary society at Topeka, Kans.: Mrs. J. W. Brown, Miss Estella Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Miss Gertrude Hyde, Mr. Jesse Graves and Miss Nellie Letfage.

Mr. Nelson Watkins of Albany, Mo., arrived in our city Tuesday to visit his children, Mrs. J. L. Thompson and Gus Watkins. He intends to attend our great emancipation celebration to be given on New Year's night at the Plymouth church.

The Misses Ethel and Maud McDownd of Bushnell, Ill., and Miss Mytunne Newsome of Macomb, Ill., arrived in our city last Saturday to visit as the guests of the Misses Coalsen. They made a call at the Bystander office and are enjoying their visit very much. They will leave this morning for Illinois.

The third quarterly conference of Asbury chapel will be held Sunday, December 29, at 777 West Eleventh street. Rev. R. H. Young of Oskaloosa, Iowa, will be present and conduct the services. All members and friends of the church are expected to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Watkins gave a dancing party last Tuesday night in honor of Miss Mytunne Newsome and Misses Ethel and Maud McDownd of Bushnell, Ill. Quite a number were present and an enjoyable time was had by all present.

A very nice little birthday party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barefield for their little son, Master Edward, who was 3 years old on December 20th. About fifteen of the little children were present and amused themselves with games, stories, songs, and refreshments were served and the little ones enjoyed

themselves immensely. It was given at the residence of Master Edward's grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hendricks, 1645 Buchanan street.

Don't forget to buy your Golden Jubilee Emancipation banquet ticket so your plate will be reserved, 50 cents per plate. Hon. Geo. H. Woodson will make the principal speech. Then a symposium of five-minute speeches by anyone present. It will be the only opportunity to express your thanks for your freedom. Everybody should come.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Courtney gave a house party reception Tuesday from 2 until 11 o'clock in honor of their visiting friends, the Misses Ethel and Maud McDowell of Bushnell, Ill., and Miss Myhrrene Newsome of Macomb, Ill., three of Illinois' beautiful high school girls. Fully 100 attended this reception. The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney was decorated in autumn leaves, palms and ferns and Xmas decorations. The dining room table was decorated with a large candy basket surrounded by individuals savory. Mr. Clyde Glass furnished music, assisted by Naomi Coalsen. The guests also played and sang solos. A most enjoyable time was had by all who called. Miss Lucile Morrison attended the frappe bowl. Mesdames James Woods, Effie Watkins and Mary Midgett were the reception committee.

**TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.**  
On last Monday night John Bain got a mad fit or spell of some kind and went running along the streets shooting at the little children, whom he chanced to see. Then he went to his home at 933 West Thirtieth street and shot his wife, Mrs. Ollie Bain and then made his escape. She was taken to Mercy hospital, where she died the next day. The funeral was held Thursday, conducted by Rev. H. G. Darden, the Holy Saints minister, to which faith she belonged. She was an honest, industrious, hard working woman and had the sympathy of the community. The officers finally located Mr. Bain down at the foot of Fourth street at his barn, where he was barricaded in. When they began to break down the door he shot himself and when the officers reached him in the barn he was just breathing his last. He was a teamster and hauled ashes and had \$80 on his body.

**THE INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH.**  
It seems that today we are confronted by this situation—a deepening social consciousness on the one hand, and a religious awakening of the churches on the other. The former condition is, in a large measure, due to the latter. For the churches are gradually infusing the spirit of helpfulness and righteousness into the so-called secular life of the world. Along with this trend of social and religious service the church is becoming more and more institutional in character.  
Dr. Rainsford of New York and Dr. H. H. Proctor of Atlanta, Ga., men of broad vision and sympathy, have through religious activities contributed much to this institutional movement, and have clearly demonstrated the possibility of creating an environment of social and civic righteousness, the Christian church being the center.  
Perhaps the chief value of the institutional church is its opportunity to reach the most neglected classes and conditions of men, and to meet the most neglected community needs. In order to do this it doesn't necessitate, as is thought by some, a lessening of the spiritual life of the church, but rather a deeper and broader social life and service. That the church must be a living and vital force for social and civic righteousness cannot be denied. Then the best legitimate or Christian method that will work to this end should be employed wherever practicable. To my mind the institutional church, through its varied avenues of social, but religious, service best fulfills this method.

Rev. T. M. Brumfield.

**OBITUARY.**  
Mr. Wilson Dead.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mr. George J. Wilson, one of our highly esteemed and successful men, who died on the operating table at Mercy hospital last Monday, December 23d. Mr. Wilson has been ailing for many months, having to quit the work as head waiter at the Kirkwood hotel more than a year ago. He moved to his beautiful poultry and truck farm in the southwest part of the city. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon from Dunn's undertaking parlors, conducted by Rev. B. U. Taylor. He leaves a loving and dutiful wife, an aged father in Paducah, Ky., one brother in Chicago and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He was born in Henderson, Ky., February 13, 1867, and lived in our city about eighteen years.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of \$15.00 or more. He sought for quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by all dealers.

## EDITOR'S OBSERVATION OF BUXTON, IOWA.

Some of Her Business Men and Her Homes.

There are many towns that are admired and talked about because of their age their history or some event connected with it. Yet I am to tell you in as brief a manner of a town not noted for its age or her great men, but one that is perhaps the most unique American town on the map. It is Buxton, Iowa, an un-twenty-five years. He is perhaps the

played by the company. He is very successful. And Dr. G. S. Robinson, who has a good practice among the people. There are two lawyers, Hon. Geo. H. Woodson and J. S. Spears. Both are Howard university graduates. One hotel, managed by Mr. Oscar Peterson, a very efficient and experienced man. It is a new hotel, called "Hotel Buxton," two stories, completely modern, with steam heat in all the rooms. It was built and owned by Ruben Gaines, one of the wealthiest men in Buxton, costing \$10,000. This hotel is a credit to the Negro race. It is built of cement,

incorporated town of about 6,000 people, located in Monroe county, north of Albia, the county seat, about twelve miles, on the county line between Mahaska and Monroe counties. Truly to do justice I would need to get out a regular edition, but in the small space I have for this observation I must necessarily be brief. Buxton was founded about twelve years ago by Mr. Wm. Buxton, a large mine operator, who was then manager of the coal mines at Muckakinoak. He moved the mining camp from Muckakinoak to this place and named the town in honor of him. It has grown from a little village to

fireproof. There are one colored tailor and two white ones. Dentist, Dr. L. R. Willis, who has a good practice. There are three colored churches and two white. Rev. F. B. Woodward has charge of Zion Baptist, the largest in the town. He is a very able, progressive Christian minister. Rev. J. L. Wharton is the new minister at the A. M. E. church. He is an eloquent pulpit orator, a young man who if he will can become a strong minister. Rev. C. H. Mendenhall, formerly of the Zion Baptist, is now at the Second Baptist of St. James Baptist. His ill health has compelled him to go to Hot Springs,

Ark., and just recently he met with still more reverses. His house was burned and he lost everything. Rev. Mendenhall is a strong man when at himself. The secret societies flourish to a large degree. The leading societies are the Masonic, Odd Fellows, Elks, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Tabor and Modern Woodmen. There are about sixteen teachers in all, of which ten are colored. Of course the schools are mixed. The two justices of the peace are colored, also the constables. There are fourteen colored clerks of the sixty odd clerks in the large department company store.

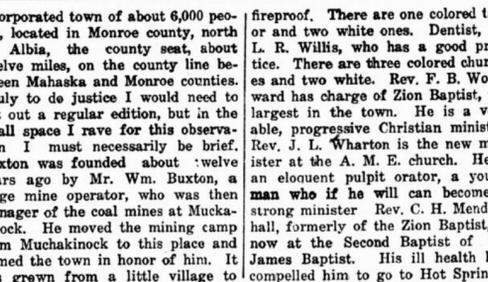
nearly 6,000. It is unique that its chief occupation is mining and again the first mining camp to build a \$20,000 Y. M. C. A. and a \$5,000 boys' Y. M. C. A. Then again it is unique that about 5,000 of its people are colored; hence the town is run and controlled by colored people. The postmaster is and always has been a colored man. Mr. P. Mills has been postmaster for several years. All of his deputies are colored. There are four drug stores, of which two are colored—Mr. B. F. Cooper and I. K. Hutchins. The former is the oldest in the town and is one of the wealthiest men of our race is the state. Unfor-

tunately Frank is still single, yet we hope that he will not always be single. There are six grocery stores, of which four are colored. There are five barber shops, all colored, and all the restaurants, four, are colored. There are three meat markets, of which two are colored. There are several colored confectioneries and notion stores, two lunch wagons, one colored bakery, owned by J. B. Lucas. He has a first class plant and does first class work and has a large trade. He cannot supply the demands. One blacksmith shop. Mr. Roberts runs it. There are several pool halls, two dance halls, one shoe shining parlor and one of the three livery stables is owned by the colored people. There are two colored physicians. Dr. E. A. Carter, a graduate from the State university, who is em-

ployed by the company. He is very successful. And Dr. G. S. Robinson, who has a good practice among the people. There are two lawyers, Hon. Geo. H. Woodson and J. S. Spears. Both are Howard university graduates. One hotel, managed by Mr. Oscar Peterson, a very efficient and experienced man. It is a new hotel, called "Hotel Buxton," two stories, completely modern, with steam heat in all the rooms. It was built and owned by Ruben Gaines, one of the wealthiest men in Buxton, costing \$10,000. This hotel is a credit to the Negro race. It is built of cement,



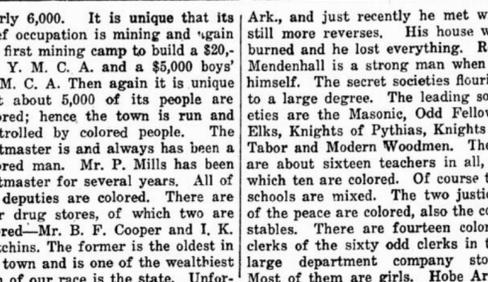
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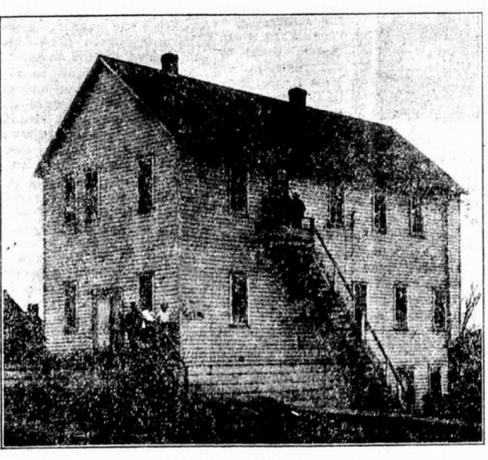
VIEW OF MAIN STREET LOOKING SOUTH.



FIRST STREET LOOKING WEST.

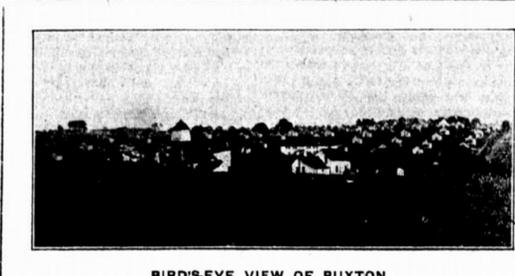


MINERS' TRAIN LEAVING.



POST OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR

strong, who runs the regular meat market of the company's store, has been in this business for more than richest colored man in Iowa. He owns a little more than 1,100 acres of Iowa farm land in Mahaska and Monroe counties. Some are very valuable farms. He recently purchased 200 acres at a cost of \$100 per acre. His son, Charles, runs the meat market, while his oldest daughter, Lotie, until recently was the cashier of the Buxton bank. Ruben Gaines, Sr., is a very rich man. He is a real race man, has built the beautiful Buxton fireproof modern hotel costing fully \$10,000. B. F. Cooper is perhaps the richest colored bachelor in Iowa, the oldest druggist, a real race man, a gentleman in every respect. The London Bros. run the only music store and millinery and insurance of-



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF BUXTON.

Rev. C. H. Mendenhall, who started for Hot Springs, Ark., for his health, got as far as Topeka and was called back to look after his insurance, as his house and contents were totally destroyed by fire.

The Progressive Woman's club met in the home of Mrs. Gertrude Massey last week in a very interesting meeting. Domestic science was the topic for discussion. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Harry W. Miller, 29 East Ninth street. We regret very much that Mrs. S. Joe Brown, state organizer of Colored Women's Clubs of Iowa, also member of the Progressive Woman's club,



VIEW OF MAIN STREET LOOKING SOUTH.

Watson, B. McDonald, Mr. Ashby, Hon. Geo. H. Woodson and many others whose names I cannot just now recall. They have two excellent bands of about twenty-five pieces each, under the direction of a Mr. Oliver. Mr. Richard Oliver has charge of the famous Buxton concert band and his brother, Robt., has charge of the other.

was unable to meet with said club at this time, but owing to urgent business she was compelled to leave on Tuesday for Ottumwa.

**BUXTON BRIEFS.**  
Miss Victoria Medley, who has been very sick the past three weeks, is able to be out again. She and Mrs. Hattie Douglass were in Albia and Hamilton on Friday on business.

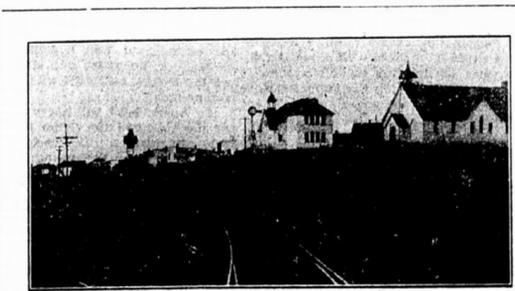
Mrs. M. E. Oliver has completed her course in hair dressing and is now ready to serve those desiring their scalps treated and shampooed. Any one wishing anything in her line may call at No. 13 East Fifth street.



A VIEW OF E. BUXTON—A. M. E. CHURCH AND PRIVATE BUILDING.

day to remain during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. John Holland are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy that came to their home the 19th inst. Mother and son doing nicely.

The store force has greatly increased for the holidays. The newly added ones are Misses Lelia Ryberts, Magnolia Sears, Jeanette Chapman, Mary Jane Reeves and Nellie Calloway.



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dale and Cleopatra Smith from Des Moines, Ollie, Ray, Percy Smith and the Lehman Smith of Albia.

Mrs. A. R. Jackson and daughter, Miss Freda, of Topeka, are in the city, the guests of their mother-in-law and grandmother, Mrs. Sally Jackson.

## GREAT EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.

Great preparations are going on and from all reports it does seem that the grand Golden Jubilee celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the colored people from bondage in our city on January 1, 1913, at Plymouth Congregational church, corner Eighth and Pleasant streets, will be a wonderful success. The Des Moines Choral Study club of forty voices, under Prof. Geo. I. Holt, is making preparation and fifty little boys and fifty little girls between the ages of 7 and 14, representing the fifty years of our freedom, is being trained by Prof. Holt and every colored man and all lovers of freedom should by all means come out next Wednesday night and come out early in order to get a good seat and avoid the crowd. It is the first time that we can celebrate our fifty years of freedom and the last time. The general committee that has this grand celebration in charge is Editor John L. Thompson, chairman; Atty. S. Joe Brown, secretary; Rev. T. L. Griffith, J. H. Reynolds, Rev. Brice U. Taylor, Atty. James B. Rush, Rev. T. M. Brumfield, E. S. Morgan, Rev. S. Bates and Rev. W. L. Lee. The ushers that will handle the big crowd are L. J. Shelton, B. P. Porter, Gus Watkins, Mr. Griffin, Walter Ewing, A. Roberson, Earnest Owsley, Spencer Simmons, Oscar Glass, Harrison Gould, Rufus Jackson Jud Crews, C. Williams, A. White, R. Porterfield, Jessie Estell, H. C. Brown, L. M. Brown, C. G. Brown and Samuel James.

Opening Chorus .....  
"Come Thou Almighty King" .....  
Invocation ..... Rev. S. Bates  
Chorus ..... Fifty Children  
"The Red, White and Blue" .....  
"Dixie Land" .....  
Reading of Emancipation Proclamation ..... Mrs. J. B. Rush  
Song, "Swanee River" .....  
Des Moines Progressive Choral Study Club.  
Introductory Address .....  
Atty. S. Joe Brown  
Song, "John Brown's Body" .....  
Children and the Choral Study Club.  
Address—"Economic Progress" .....  
Rev. W. L. Lee  
Solo ..... Mr. Malcom Griffith  
Address—"Women's Progress" .....  
Miss Zella Davis  
Song, "Estudiantina" (Lacombe) .....  
The Choral Study Club  
Address—"Religious Progress" .....  
Rev. B. U. Taylor  
Instrumental Solo ..... Mr. Clyde Glass  
Address Gov.-elect Hon. G. W. Clarke  
Song, "Greeting To Spring" .....  
(Strauss) The Choral Study Club  
Address ..... Senator A. B. Cummins  
Song, "Great and Marvelous" .....  
(Farmer) The Choral Study Club  
Benediction ..... Rev. T. M. Brumfield  
Master of Ceremonies—Mr. John L. Thompson.

Program Committee—Rev. B. U. Taylor, chairman; Mr. J. H. Reynolds, Rev. T. M. Brumfield.  
In the afternoon at 3 o'clock a banquet will be held at the Union Congregational church to give everybody a chance to express their feelings at this Golden Jubilee banquet in a five minute speech. The toastmaster for this occasion is Attorney James B. Rush. The committee assisting Mr. Rush is Rev. T. M. Brumfield and Rev. T. L. Griffith. Those who wish to attend this banquet in the afternoon must purchase their tickets from some member of the committee or send their names in to The Bystander office not later than Monday, December 30, in order that a plate can be laid for them. Only those who have plates will be admitted to the banquet room. Anybody who wishes to purchase a ticket may come, for there is no regular invitation. The principal speech will be by the Hon. Geo. H. Woodson of Buxton, Iowa.

## NOTES FROM QUINCY.

The following persons are on the sick list: Mr. J. W. Monroe, Mrs. Cora Harris, Mrs. Mary Mitchell and Mrs. Mattie Lillye.  
Mrs. Julia Gates of Palmyra is in the city visiting her son, Mr. Frank Miss R. M. Johnson, who teaches in Kansas City, Kan., is home for the holidays.  
The following marriages occurred last week: Mrs. C. Ross and Mr. Clark Perkins, Miss Queena Thompson and Mr. M. E. Earl, Miss Mamie Jackson and Mr. John Harris of Macomb, Mo. Through The Bystander we wish them all much success.

The Stewardess Board No. 1 will serve dinner at Bethel A. M. E. church on New Year's day. At night Quincy Colored Band will give their second band concert at the same church.

The Current Event club was elaborately entertained by the teachers of Lincoln school. The club did its regular routine of business, after which a dainty three-course lunch was served.

Mr. Wesley Woods, son of Mrs. Mary Brown, was killed in a collision in New Orleans. His remains will be shipped to this city for burial.

Little Luretha Jackson arrived in the city from Rock Island to spend the holidays with relatives.  
Mrs. John Early and Miss Bessie Early of Burlington, Iowa, are in the city en route to Missouri for the holidays.

Give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are excellent. For sale by all dealers.

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