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DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1913.

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CITY NEWS.

The Maple Street Baptist church held regular services Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Turner who has been seriously ill is able to be out again.

The Missionary Circle met Friday at the home of Mrs. S. Bates.

Mrs. Joseph Stone, who has been indisposed for several days, has greatly improved.

Rev. J. W. Morton left Sunday for Danville, Va., where he was called on account of the illness of his father.

Mr. Frank P. Johnson, who has been quite ill at his home on Thirtieth street, is reported much better at this writing.

Rev. and Mrs. S. Bates entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Johnson, and Mrs. H. Rodgers of Lake Park.

Mr. W. H. Mason who recently returned from the West, is now employed at the McCurnin Drug Co., in the luncheonette department.

The Benjamin club met last Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Murray, 1447 Fremont street and gave a home social which netted a neat sum.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cavis of 1722 W. 8th street are happy over the arrival of a 7½ lb. baby girl at their home May 17, 1913. Mother and child doing well.

The Dramatic Art club met Tuesday with Mrs. C. C. Johnson. Next meeting June 8th with Mrs. Laws, study Cantos XII and XIII of Purgatory.

The Get Busy club met Tuesday night at the Maple Street Baptist church and realized a neat sum from an entertainment. Pres. S. Rodgers; Sec. Mrs. B. Campbell.

There will be a special meeting of the Mother's Congress Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. R. N. Hyde. All members are urged to be present as there is important business to be transacted.

Rev. F. C. Bolling of Enterprise will occupy the pulpit of Corinthian Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. The pastor, Rev. T. L. Griffith will be in Topeka, Kan. to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at the Industrial and Educational Institute.

Monday night the Carnation club met with Mr. and Mrs. R. White, 751 11th street, and was entertained by A. J. Warricks. After the transaction of business refreshments were served.

Pres. Mrs. S. Bates; Sec. Mrs. S. Trent.

Mr. C. W. Strawther, one of our industrious young men who is messenger at the Citizens National Bank, recently purchased property at 947 14th Street Place and moved into it this week. We are always glad to hear of our young men making a move like this.

NOTICE

All Des Moines delegates to the I. S. F. J. W. C. will leave via of C. R. I. R. Monday at 7:30 a. m. and arrive in Davenport at 1 p. m. in time for the Board meeting at 3 p. m.

Mrs. J. B. Rush

Mrs. Lucy Shull and Mr. Grover Shull wish to thank their many friends for kindness shown them during the sickness and death of their husband and brother; also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Monday evening twenty boys and girls had a pleasant surprise party on Mrs. Thomas Harris at the residence of Mrs. Shackelford. The occasion being Mrs. Harris' birthday she received some beautiful presents. The evening was spent in music and games. A lovely repast was served and just before departing the group had flashlight pictures taken. All report a lovely time.

WANTED—At once a barber at Cedar Rapids, Ia., Address J. E. Nelson, 202 N. 1st street.

STUDENTS WANTED—I want about 4 students to act as waiters during their vacation, at Hyperion Field club house. Good opportunity for young men who have to work their way thru school. Some experience desired. H. C. Brown, Care Bystander office.

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PROPERTY FOR SALE I have 12 houses and lots, also some vacant lots and acreages for sale reasonable, on easy terms. Call at the Bystander office or see John L. Thompson.

Mrs. John L. Thompson was called to Kansas City, Mo., suddenly last Tuesday on account of the death of her niece, Cresta Watson.

Miss Cecil Harris, who has been living in Chicago, was brought home last week and taken to the Methodist hospital, where she underwent an operation. The last reports are that she is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Price Alexander, who has been critically ill for several days, was removed to the Methodist hospital to undergo an operation. Her many friends are greatly alarmed over her condition and hope she will soon be on the road to recovery.

Mrs. J. W. Fields entertained Monday evening in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Lee, of Minneapolis, Minn., who spent a few days in Des Moines the first of the week. Mrs. Lee was accompanied by her husband.

One of the most interesting and novel entertainments ever presented by the children at Union Congregational church was given last Thursday evening in the auditorium of the church. The play, which was entitled "The Merry Month of May," was composed by Mrs. H. E. Jacobs, who deserved great credit and who was assisted in directing the children by Misses Daisy Jacobs and Lillian Neal. The stage was decorated with trees, grass and flowers, with a beautiful May basket hung in the center, which was presented by Mr. Charles Stewart. The crowded house was fully appreciated, the proceeds of which went for the benefit of the Sunday school.

Federation Club Women Delegates Take Notice

We are in good shape to serve you good meals or lunches at all hours. E. Green, 114 E. 5th street. The same restaurant which served the Grand Masonic lodge last summer. You are invited here. E. Green Proprietor.

OUR CITY CHURCH SERVICES.

Corinthian Baptist church, corner of Fifteenth and Linden streets. Rev. T. L. Griffith, pastor. Morning services at 10:30. Sunday school at 12 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. Evening services at 7:30 p. m.

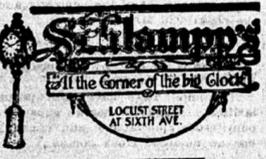
Union Congregational church, corner of Tenth and Park streets. Rev. T. M. Brumfield, pastor. Morning services at 10:45. Subject, "The True Life and Its Secret." Sunday school at 12 o'clock noon. Evening service at 8 o'clock. Subject, "Christian Gratitude."

Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, 777 West Eleventh street. Rev. W. L. Lee, pastor. Morning services at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m. Epworth League at 7 o'clock p. m. Preaching services at 8 o'clock p. m.

St. Paul's A. M. E. church, corner of Second and Center streets. Rev. B. U. Taylor, pastor. Morning services at 11 o'clock. Class meeting immediately after services. Sunday school at 3 o'clock p. m. Allen C. E. at 6:30 o'clock p. m. Evening services at 8 o'clock p. m.

Maple Street Baptist church, between Eighth and Ninth street on Maple street. Rev. S. Bates, pastor. Morning services at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday school at 1 o'clock p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6 o'clock p. m. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock p. m. Preaching at 8 o'clock p. m.

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EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS 1913.

(By John L. Thompson.)

Again on bicycle with pen in hand we have started out upon our regular annual collecting trip incidentally to observe the changes and improvements that have been made among our race in each community, town or city that we might visit. I sometimes think that these lessons become a bore or monotonous to our readers, yet after all and after a lapse of a year we are glad to hear of the progress that the race is making in their community, which to some degree is encouraging to the race and gives hope and inspiration to us everywhere. I shall be very brief this year on each person or thing observed, because there are so many towns and so many individuals that are deserving of space that we must necessarily condense the articles even though we would like to do otherwise.

Oskaloosa, Iowa, the "Quaker City" was our first stop. This town bears an Indian name and was one of the oldest settlements in Iowa by a band of Quakers from Pennsylvania. In fact Oskaloosa is today unique in Iowa, as it has the only Quaker college in the state and the only Holiness college in Iowa. In fact it has three colleges with a population of about 10,000, of which about 500 are colored people, who have two churches, the A. M. E., presided over by our friend, Rev. John H. Bell, who is making a success, and the M. E. church, pastored by Rev. A. A. Tolson, a new minister recently assigned here from central Missouri, who has entered upon his work. Mr. A. Hardy is one of the oldest and substantial men of our race. He is doing well. A. G. Clark is still operating his tonorial parlors. Frank Moore is assisting him. Mr. Clark is our grand custodian of the Masonic lodge. E. E. Jones is working at the same place. Mr. Henry Coleman is still at Boldworth's dry goods store. He has worked there for more than twenty years. H. J. Hackady is still running his barber shop. Mr. Lloyd is running the barber shop in Mr. George Jones' old shop, doing nicely. Rev. M. G. Newman is a very busy man at his trade, that of a carpenter. Robt. Franklin is still here. Mr. Frank Allen is perhaps the most successful of any of the men here. He is a plastering contractor and has several men working for him. He owns a beautiful home and is a hustler, highly respected. Robt. Johnson is employed by the Standard Oil company as a driver of the oil wagon. Robert is a fine man, a real race man. The new subscribers from here are Hannah Williams, L. T. Tolson, H. J. Anderson, A. L. Cooper, Frank Allen, Julia Taylor, Rev. A. A. Tolson, Robt. Johnson and Wm. Crump.

Washington, Iowa, being our next stop. Here we are told that the people are about as usual. I think perhaps a larger per cent of our race here own their own homes than any other town in Iowa. Our agent, Mr. N. L. Black, had done his duty as a real agent. He had collected most of the subscription dues. Rev. W. D. Brown, pastor of the A. M. E. church, the only colored church here, is doing well. He is improving the church both on the interior and exterior preparatory to entertaining the district Sunday school convention on the 25th of June. The ladies of this city have a nice club, recently organized, and the men of the city have also organized a club for social and commercial advantages. Both organizations are doing well. Mr. Joe Daniels still holds the city contract to do the street sprinkling. He is the most successful business man here Mr. Horace Spencer is a cement contractor in this city. He is a hustler, a brother to our John Spencer, the contractor, of Grinnell. Mr. Geo. Black is the oldest colored barber in Iowa. He has been barbering in Iowa since 1852 and Ye Editor is indebted to Mr. Black for some manuscripts and early history of the first colored colonies in Iowa, which we are compiling to some day print a history of Iowa colored men. Mr. Mott, the barber, is one of the best fixed financially here. Mr. Rhodes is still working at the depot.

Iowa City was our next stop. Here dwells but a few families. Mrs. Ella Moore and her daughter, Daisy Fannie, are in the hair dressing and manufacturing business. They have got a nice business. Mrs. Moore at one time lived in Des Moines. Rev. B. F. Hubbard, our good friend, is the pastor of the only colored church here, the A. M. E. He is doing nicely. Mr. J. Wesley Thompson is still working here, fully determined to succeed financially. He is a fine young man. There are about sixteen colored students here attending the university. Mr. J. W. Morton, formerly of Des Moines, is here doing nicely.

Our next stop was in Muscatine. Here live about 500 colored people. Mr. I. P. Johnson and Arthur Manley own very valuable acreage garden farms near the city limits. Wm. Thompson is doing well. His wife, Mrs. Alice, is improving from a spell of sickness. Miss Fannie Gooms is still matronway boys and father are three Greenway first class barber shop, which was recently bought a seven-passenger automobile. John McElroy is head chef at the Kimball hotel. D. A. Dishman is still running his barber shop, as also is Frank A. Walker. Mrs. A. L. Jamieson runs a boarding house. Mr. Robt. Johnson and W. L. Seay are two of South Muscatine's good citizens. Miss Maude Owsley is

still here working at her trade, doing well. The tri-cities will be our next stop.

(Special to the Iowa State Bystander) The official program for the Colored Women's Federated Clubs of Iowa, which is to meet in Davenport, May 26th to 28th, 1913, seems to be quite a bit mixed up and misleading in the main. The erroneousness of the official program is causing some dissatisfaction.

The official program is persistent in stating that the federation is to be held at the Third Baptist church, which statement is not true. Bethel A. M. E. church, southeast corner of Ripley and Eleventh streets, is the place of meeting. Bethel A. M. E. church asked for the meeting long before the Federation voted Davenport its meeting place for 1913. I told the ladies who went up to Sioux City to tell the Federation if they chose Davenport for their next meeting place that we extended them a cordial welcome to hold the Federation in Bethel A. M. E. church. Now I understand that this invitation was accepted by the Federation. The federated clubs of Davenport all understood that Bethel A. M. E. church is the meeting place for the Federation, which convenes in our city May 26th to 28th.

We also have a number of men by the name of Stovall, and some of them are reverend. I notice that a Rev. Stovall is to make a welcome address on behalf of the churches. I would like to know the gentleman's full name and where he is from, etc. I think this is due anyone who is placed upon a program of this kind. Kindly help me out in this matter and oblige. Yours for the Federation, T. B. Stovall, Pastor, Bethel A. M. E. Church, Davenport.

WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.

J. L. Thompson, editor of The Bystander, visited in our city May 14th and at night addressed a large audience at the church. His talk was instructive and interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Armistead, bride and groom, arrived last Sunday from Fairfield and will make their home in this city for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Julia Currie has returned from Chicago and was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Major Brown, who will make an extended visit at the H. Spencer home. She is here to recuperate and the change is proving effective.

The Intellectual Improvement club had charge of the evening services at the A. M. E. church last Sunday evening and an interesting program was rendered. The speakers of the evening were G. W. Black and John Taylor of Jacksonville, Ill. A good audience was present.

Regular meeting of the Intellectual Improvement club at the A. M. E. church next Tuesday evening. A good attendance is desired, as a good program is to be rendered.

Miss Ruth Black is visiting at the homes of her aunts, Mrs. Will Jeffers and Mrs. Henry Hockey in Oskaloosa.

Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Brown spent several days this week at Keokuk and Fort Madison.

Mr. Mason visited at Davenport recently.

Lewis H. Wallace was indisposed a portion of this week with a lame back. He is better now.

Mrs. A. L. Hall, who was sick, is convalescing.

Mrs. Daniel Haynes, who had her right eye operated on for cataract, now has to have her left eye operated on for the same thing. She expects to go to the Iowa City hospital soon.

Mrs. Emma Black and Mrs. Eliza Reed expect to represent the Christian Culture club at the Federation meeting at Davenport next week.

The young ladies of the A. M. E. church gave a social in the lecture room Thursday evening, which was a success in all ways.

Mrs. John Taylor will join her husband here next week and will spend the summer here.

Mrs. Helen Anderson and Thos. Bradford of Ottumwa, who were guests at the H. Spencer home, left for their home last Tuesday week.

The Christian Culture club met Thursday at the home of Miss Nettie Campbell. The meeting, previous when the delegates were elected for the Federation meet, was held by Miss Geneva Murray at the home of Mrs. Frank Walker.

KEOKUK NEWS. On last Tuesday evening Miss Ethel Bland and York Anderson were confirmed at St. Mary's church. Confirmation exercises were conducted by the Rt. Rev. Harry Sherman Longley. D. D. (white), bishop suffragan of the Iowa diocese, who paid his first visit to the church of St. Mary the Virgin. After the exercises at the church an informal reception was tendered the new bishop suffragan at the parish hall, at which time he was greeted by a large number of the parishioners and friends.

Friends of Mr. Albert Ganiel, who worked on a government boat here, are pained to learn of his demise, which occurred recently in Peoria, Ill. His remains were taken to Canton, Mo., his former home, for interment. Mr. W. H. Dixon, Mr. Geo. Kellies, Mr. David Easley and Mrs. L. Krepser attended the funeral obsequies.

Mrs. Ritchie Johnson returned from Shelbyna, Mo., last week, where she attended the funeral of her brother, Mr. Austin Lewis. Relative of deceased are extended the heartfelt sympathy of sorrowing friends.

We are glad to know that Mr. W. T. Rush, who left our city a few months ago with a view to locating elsewhere, has decided to return home, he having accepted a responsible position with the Weinburg Laundry Co.

Mrs. Lulu Lamb of New Boston and Mr. Geo. Fowler of Summitville attended the Odd Fellows service at Union Baptist church the 11th inst. They were entertained at dinner at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Bowles, 1808 High street.

Rev. Samuel Johnson of the First African Baptist church conducted the baptizing on the 11th inst. at Mt. Olive Baptist church, New Boston. The services were well attended and were a source of much inspiration to the loyal members of this congregation.

Mrs. Susan Chambers of Lagrange, Mo., visited recently with her daughter, Mrs. Ollie Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Young of Peoria, Ill., are present in our city. Mr. Young is the hustling auctioneer that is so well known throughout the state.

Mrs. Mary Bland and Mrs. M. E. Dixon left last Monday morning for Buxton, Iowa, to attend the sixth annual communication of the Grand Chapter O. E. S.

A carnival that was held in our city last week attracted quite a number of visitors from Fort Madison. Mr. Raymond Black was the chauffeur for a crowd of sightseers that came down last Friday evening.

Mrs. Ina Lawson of near Hannibal, Mo., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Buckner.

Mr. Richard Cutwright has bought the restaurant of Mr. Jno. Hampton near Tenth and Maine streets.

The converts' banquet at Pilgrim's Rest church will be on the 22nd inst.

Mr. Lawrence Bryant is now greatly improved from the effects of an operation recently performed.

The annual thanksgiving sermon of the Illinois jurisdiction of S. M. T.'s will be held at Bethel church Sunday afternoon May 25th. Services conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Sims. The sad news announcing the tragic death of Mr. Ed Vinson, who is quite well known here, was received by friends in our city last Saturday morning. Mr. Vinson met his untimely end by being shot three times by Harry Medford (white) at Frankfort, Mo. Our daily papers state that the authorities refuse to arrest the assailant, whom they claim acted in self-defense. Mr. W. H. Taylor of our city was despatched for after the tragedy and was present with Mr. Vinson when the end came. Deceased was a former resident of Louisiana, Mo. He has one son living in Quincy, Ill., and is reputed to be worth several thousand dollars.

Mrs. Maud Amos Scott has returned home from a very pleasant four weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Chicago and Evanston, Ill.

Mr. Jno. Tucker of Farmington, Iowa, passed through our city last Thursday en route to Missouri, where his sister, Miss Ola Tucker, closed a very successful term of school.

Police Officer Thos. Freeman is enjoying a week's recreation. Officer Freeman is one of the oldest men in point of service on the force and has the distinction of not having one mark to his discredit.

Miss Louise and Naomi Harper of Fort Madison spent last Sunday in our city as guests of Miss Verna Beamon.

Mrs. Harriet Dade witnessed the baptizing at Canton, Mo., on the 11th inst., also visited with relatives.

Mrs. Emma Brown recently sustained a very painful injury while attempting to board a street car. We hope it may not prove serious.

Mrs. Etha Goins was called to Wayland, Mo., last Monday evening, because of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Louisa Webster.

DAVENPORT NOTES.

Rev. S. K. Nicholson of Chicago, Ill., preached at the Third Baptist church Sunday morning. Rev. G. L. Hays, secretary of the B. Y. P. U. of Nashville, Tenn., preached at the Third Baptist church Sunday evening.

Rev. S. B. Walkup of Moline, Ill., preached at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday morning. Rev. T. B. Stovall preached morning and evening at the A. M. E. church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on the occasion of Rev. F. J. Peterson's rally. Grand Master Hon. J. L. Thompson lectured at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday evening. Subject, "The Duty the Young People Owe to Their Fore Parents." The lecture was simply fine and ought to be given often to the young people everywhere.

Mrs. E. S. Hoskins of W. Eleventh street left for Fort Madison to be at the bedside of her mother, who is very sick.

Mrs. Ruth Bright, G. M. of the Order of the Eastern Star, and Mrs. Jennie Johnson, W. M. of Naomi chapter, No. 1, left for Buxton, Iowa, Sunday morning.

Health a Factor in Success.

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MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.

The A. M. E. church held a rally Sunday, May 18. Quite a large sum was raised toward the debt on the church.

Mr. John Spencer of Grinnell was in the city Sunday to attend the rally. While in the city he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Brown.

Mr. Carl Brown was host at a dinner Sunday. Covers were laid for twelve. Those from out of town were Mr. Fred Simms and Albert Greene of Toledo, Miss Bertha Carter and Mrs. C. Starks of Cedar Rapids.

Rev. I. H. Kinney entertained the A. M. E. Missionary society Thursday, the 15th, at the home of Mrs. Carrie Wheeler. Mrs. Morris (white) continued her story of Jacob Kennedy, a colored missionary to Africa. After the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Addie Suter the last Thursday in June, a three-course dinner was served by Mrs. Wheeler assisted by her daughter, Miss Beulah. A delightful time was had by all present.

Mr. Tom Robinson of State Center was in the city over Sunday, the guest of Miss Hardenia Gilmore.

At the end of the school year there are fourteen colored children in the grades and four in high school. Miss Beulah Wheeler is in her junior year. Those who will leave Monday for Davenport to attend the Iowa State Federation are Mrs. I. L. Brown, Mrs. R. Roman, Miss Wilda Warn and Miss Jessie Walker. Mrs. I. L. Brown will meet her sister, Mrs. S. W. Greene, who will also attend, at Tama City.

NOTICE. The Iowa-Nebraska Baptist Sunday School Convention will hold its twenty-eighth annual session with the Mt. Zion Baptist Sunday school, Buxton, Iowa, June 12, 13, 14 and 15, 1913.

Dear Brethren and Co-Workers: The call is loud and the field is extensive. We urge you to come to Buxton, not only with determination, but with money to do great things for God and His cause. Let us make this the banner year of the convention. Yours for the cause, F. B. Woodard, President.

NOTES OF GRAND CHAPTER.

The sixth annual grand session of Electa Grand Chapter, State of Iowa, are in session at Masonic hall at Buxton, Iowa, with Guiding Star Chapter No. 11, with Worthy Grand Matron Ruth B. Bright of Davenport presiding. The following grand officers were present: W. G. M. Ruth B. Bright, W. G. A. M. Lizzie Green of Burlington, W. G. A. M. Emma Milligan of Cedar Rapids, W. G. Sec. Mary E. Bland of Keokuk, G. C. Cora E. Jones of Oskaloosa, G. A. C. Addie Johnson of Buxton.

Misses Jennie Koger, P. W. M., and Eva Abbey of Price of the West Chapter, No. 30, of Minneapolis, Minn., are visiting Electa Grand Chapter.

On Monday evening Guiding Star Chapter No. 11, invited Electa Grand Chapter to dedicate their hall.

Miss Jessie Walker of Marshalltown is visiting the Grand Lodge.

Members of Electa Grand Chapter are being royally entertained at the Hotel Buxton.

MASON CITY NEWS.

Master Harry Hawkins, who has been on the sick list for the past three weeks, is reported much better.

Mrs. J. R. Beverly and Mrs. Scott Davis made a flying trip to Fort Dodge on Sunday and returned the same day.

Mrs. E. J. Penney of Manly, Iowa, was an over Sunday visitor in Mason City.

Mrs. L. W. Tyler, who has been real sick for the past week, was able to be out again Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stratton and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell formed a party of four and went to Saunders' Cafe for a special Sunday dinner.

Mrs. Midget and daughter, Margaretta, are visitors in the city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Green for an indefinite time. Their home is in Chillicothe, Mo.

Mr. Redman is also a visitor in Mason City from Fulton, Ill.

The Old Plantation play given by the Ladies' Aid was a success, having cleared \$7.00 in spite of the stormy weather, which each of the ladies feel very proud of.

Sunday was rally day at the Union Memorial church and a neat sum was realized to help complete the auditorium of the church.

The Tabernacle will have an afternoon shower at the residence of Mrs. Dave Howard on Thursday in honor of Mrs. Howard's baby.

Rev. F. D. Woodford is suffering this week with a severe cold.

John C. Crawford, teacher of class No. 3 of Union Memorial M. E. Sunday school, gave an informal party Monday, May 13th, in behalf of his scholars. The evening was passed pleasantly by playing games. A two-course luncheon was served by Misses Freda and Clara Alexander of Mitchell, S. D. Candy maid, Miss Florence Wright.

Mrs. and Mrs. Williams entertained Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scott for dinner last Sunday.

As we go to press we received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Lena Richmond of Mt. Pleasant.

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OHIO SUSTAINS HUMAN RIGHTS

State Legislature Defeats Bill For Separate Marriage.

LEADERS IN THE CONTEST.

Measure Known as House Bill No. 26 Intended to Prevent Intermarriage Between Races Failed of Its Purpose by a Vote of More Than One-half. Big Victory For the People.

Columbus.—The second week in April records the defeat of Ohio's separate marriage measure known as house bill No. 27. The fight against the pernicious proposition was won after a severe contest which lasted for several weeks. Ohio Afro-Americans, male and female, with the aid of their influential white friends, protested vigorously against the measure, which was intended to humiliate the race in the state in particular and in the nation in general.

The Cleveland delegation, known as the "militant warriors," led by the



HON. HARRY C. SMITH.

brave and experienced Harry C. Smith, was composed of Dr. H. C. Bailey, Theodore B. Green, Madams Blanche Gilmore, Bessie Kitzmiller and Mollie C. Green, gave their leader the most loyal support throughout the tedious struggle which culminated in a sweeping victory for human rights regardless of race or color. The vote stood thirty-two for and sixty-six against the passage of the separate marriage bill.

Thus Ohio registers her protest against discrimination on account of race in no uncertain terms. This makes the sixth state to vote down measures of this kind. The other states are Iowa, Kansas, New Jersey, Michigan and Pennsylvania. The Hon. Mr. Smith has been three times elected to the state legislature. Although now in private life, so to speak, the loyal support which members of the race gave him in this recent brilliant fight has greatly encouraged him to continue in the work for racial uplift.

On Nov. 7, 1895, when Mr. Smith was a candidate for re-election, he received 3,000 votes more than the Republican candidate who was running for common pleas judge. In September, 1899, Mr. Smith was renominated for the second time and was elected by a large vote. There were thirty candidates, and Mr. Smith's plurality on election day, Nov. 7, 1899, was over 10,000. His work, personal and newspaper, in the interest of the race and the Republican party for a period of more than twenty-eight years is well known.

His most conspicuous work as a legislator in the interest of the race during his first term (in 1894) was the passage of the Ohio civil rights law. His "mob violence or anti-lynching law," which is now on the statute books of the grand old state, overshadowed all his work in the general assembly of Ohio. For four years, during the time Senator Foraker was governor of Ohio and as a result of his favor, Mr. Smith was a deputy state oil inspector.

His bond of \$5,000 was signed by three of Cleveland's oldest and most highly respected colored citizens. Though born in West Virginia (in 1853), he has lived since 1895 in Ohio at Cleveland, where he attended the public schools, graduating from the Central high school. No other Negro legislator the state has ever had has such a splendid record for work done, the kind that is of practical benefit to the race. No other is more highly respected in Ohio than Mr. Smith.

Indeed, he is the only Negro legislator who has ever accomplished such work for the race. Mr. Smith has always wielded a fearless and able pen for right and truth. He has fought squarely in behalf of his race, demanding for it recognition wherever denied. Though at times he has been severely criticized, he has never varied from what he considered his duty.

Unique Business Concern Prospers. The Farmers and Consumers League, located in the heart of the wholesale district in Philadelphia, is designed to reduce the high cost of living by a new system by which the farmer deals directly with the consumer through the league. The project is succeeding. Messrs. C. K. Brown and Charles A. Hopkins are the promoters of the unique concern.