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Price Five Cents.

CITY NEWS.

Mrs. Price Alexander is improving nicely. She is still in the hospital.

Mrs. Jane Robinson has been sick the past fortnight.

Miss Mary Perkins is in Burton this week visiting her former home and relatives.

Mr. Chas. Wilson, who is chef at Colfax was up this week to see his family.

Mr. A. C. Payton recently bought a lot on Sixteenth street and is building a new home.

Little Eugene Wilson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson, is sick at the home of his parents, 1323 Day street.

Mrs. F. P. Johnson went to Chicago last week for a visit with her parents and other relatives. She formerly lived there.

Mr. Chas. Browning and wife, formerly Mrs. J. Dixon, have moved into their home, 902 14th Street Place. We wish them success.

Miss Adah Hyde, accompanied by Miss Julia Bailey of Marble Rock, Iowa, will leave Saturday evening for Kansas City, Mo., for a visit.

Mr. Tom Kinney left Thursday night for Pittsburg, Pa., where he expects to make his future home. His wife and daughter, Miss Lillie Cunningham, will join him in a few weeks.

Miss Ora Spears of Buxton who has been in the city a few days visiting Miss Bertha Allen, received a telephone call to return home as death had claimed their little niece.

Mrs. H. H. Hooker, formerly of this city, but now of Chicago, is visiting in our city, meeting old friends and looking over the old landmarks where they lived for about forty years.

Mr. A. G. Rhodes, one of our well known decorators who contracted arsenical poison last week, wish to thank his many friends, relatives and especially Dr. Jefferson for their kind hospitality during his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Thompson received a beautiful invitation to attend the commencement exercises of the Western Military Academy at Alton, Ill., to be held June 10th, from James and William Agar, the sons of W. G. Agar, manager of the Des Moines Packing Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Warfield and daughter, Zenobia, of Guthrie, Ky., arrived in our city last Saturday to visit his brother, William Warfield, at 1637 Filmore street. Mr. Warfield is baggage man at Guthrie and stands well there.

The Misses Bailey of Marble Rock, Iowa, teachers in the public schools, arrived in our city this week to attend the wedding of Taylor and Davis. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Rush on West Twentieth street.

The trustees of St. Paul's A. M. E. church have purchased a new modern six-room parsonage at 1045 W. Thirtieth street, where the pastor and his bride will be at home to the members of the church and congregation within a few days.

The Mothers' Congress will meet at Mrs. J. W. Campbell's, 1026 West Sixteenth street, Saturday afternoon. Paper on "Sexology Taught in Public Schools," by Mrs. Chas. Cousins and echeques from the Federation by the delegate.

Mrs. Adam Dixon left this evening for Chicago, Ill., to visit her only son, Baker Dixon, who recently graduated from the plumbing school and was employed there, but recently met with a painful accident by the falling of some gas fixtures, but he is improving and will soon be at work again. From there Mrs. Dixon will go to Michigan for a few days' visit.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown returned last Friday evening from Davenport, where she had been attending the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, and she was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E. S. Jones, who was also a delegate to the Federation. Mrs. Jones returned the next morning to her home in Buxton.

At the meeting of the Des Moines Negro Lyceum on Tuesday evening the California Japanese situation was discussed by Dr. J. A. Jefferson and others. Misses Mamie and Julia Bailey of Marble Rock and Miss Mabel Johnson of Gravity were out.

Rooms to Rent—We have good rooms to rent, furnished or unfurnished, at reasonable rates. Call and see us.

Mrs. J. E. Roberts, 1224 Day St.

Neatly furnished room \$2.00 per wk., kitchen with gas range and water free. Phone Red 1267 or call at 1708 Center street.

of town visitors, who addressed the meeting, after which a dainty repast was served by Misses Cleo Smith and Nazerine Ragsdale, the hostesses. The next meeting will be with Atty. J. B. Rush at 1547 Twentieth street, at which time Atty. S. Joe Brown will discuss the "Loan Shark Problem."

OUR COLLECTOR will be in Creston and Bedford, Ia., Wednesday, June 11; Clarinda, Thursday June 12; Shenandoah and Red Oak, Friday June 13; Council Bluffs Saturday June 14; Omaha Monday June 15; Sioux City Wednesday June 18; Ft. Dodge Friday June 20; Boone Saturday June 21.

The local order of the Knights of Tabor will hold their annual memorial day services on Sunday, June 15, at 3 o'clock, at the Union Congregational church. This is a Negro secret order organized by Moses Dickson of Missouri and it is one of the largest orders in our city among the colored race. They have a children's department and a ladies' branch and all of the departments will be out June 15th in full regalia.

At the regular meeting of North Star lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., last night more than fifty members were present, one of the largest attendances in its history. Joseph H. Shepard, P. G. M. of Clive, was present and presented the lodge a very beautiful gavel made in Oregon from a tooth of a moose. The following new officers were elected: W. M., Atty. James B. Rush; S. W., Gus Watkins; J. W., Andrew McDowell; treasurer, L. H. S. Brown; secretary, Hurbert E. Jacobs.

The ladies and members of Princess Zorah Chapter of O. E. S., assisted by the members of Princess Ozial Chapter of this city, celebrated Esther day Sunday, June 1st, at Union Congregational church. A very large crowd was present and a very interesting and instructive program was carried out under the able worthy matron, Mrs. Maude M. Wilkinson.

The principal parties on the program were: Paper, "Esther," by Mrs. S. Joe Brown, which was good, sure to her usual standard. The paper, "The Five Heroines," by Mrs. John L. Thompson, was a very fine paper, rendered without manuscript. She was very highly complimented for such a thorough speech. Rev. J. H. Reynolds delivered the sermon in a fine manner. S. Joe Brown made a few fitting remarks. It was a splendid meeting.

DANCING PARTY.

With snowballs, peonies and ferns much in evidence Hansen's hall presented a beautiful appearance Wednesday evening, when the Friday Bridge club, composed of twelve girls, entertained about twenty-five couples of the younger social set at a dancing party. The dance programs, which were very unique, were dedicated to the various members and visiting guests and contained eighteen numbers and three extras. Frappe was served throughout the evening in the small reception room. Out of town interest centered in the Misses Hazel Deisart and Alice Porter of Atchison, Kan.

Mr. R. J. Walker of Buxton met with a very painful accident about five weeks ago while mining out a shot of coal, some sulphur flew in his eye causing him to nearly lose it. He is in our city at present taking treatment of Dr. Pearson, an eye specialist.

OUR CHURCH SERVICES.

Corinthian Baptist church, corner of Fifteenth and Linden streets. Rev. T. L. Griffith, pastor. Morning services at 10:30. Subject, "The Wells of Salvation." Sunday school at 12 o'clock. B. Y. P. Union at 6:30 p. m. Evening services at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "A Mountain Experience." A cordial invitation to you.

Union Congregational church, corner of Tenth and Park streets. Rev. T. M. Brumfield, pastor. Morning services at 10:45. Special sermon for children. Subject "Parental Obedience and Respect." Sunday School 12 m. Evening worship 8 o'clock. We will be glad to have a large number of children and parents present at the morning service.

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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WELCOME TO THE OLD SOLDIERS.

Next week will gather in our city the remaining part of the civil war veterans and hold their G. A. R. reunion for the state of Iowa. It is indeed that we extend to those remaining veterans the full hospitality of our city, our home and our people. It has just been fifty years since Abraham Lincoln's proclamation went into effect, which released an enslaved race and freed the entire American people from hypocrisy and misrepresentation. Iowa was represented in that great struggle in 1863 by only one colored regiment, of which representatives of that regiment will be present. Des Moines has always been loyal to the cause of the union soldier and there is no question about their loyalty in receiving veterans this year. We therefore welcome them in behalf of the 5,000 Negroes of this city and the 16,000 Negroes of Iowa, who are today the most loyal and true Americans, for in every crisis the Negro's loyalty has held out supreme with bravery and valor unquestioned and today after fifty years of freedom we only ask the American citizens for equal justice before our laws and a square deal.

ANOTHER IOWA GIRL MAKES GOOD.

Memphis, Tenn., May 28, 1913. Dear Mr. Thompson: Feeling that you are always anxious to hear of your home boys and girls' success, I thought perhaps it may be of interest to you and others to inform you that the colored people here have a lodge named "Mosaic Templars of America," and this lodge has just recently organized a club and I was fortunate enough to attend one meeting last night, and as a whole they were so deeply impressed with my talk that they immediately elected me a member, and then to my sudden surprise I was honored with an office, "critic." This organization is composed one hundred members and I am next to the youngest in the club, so I feel quite highly honored. It shows that Des Moines schools do something.

Again I call your attention to the fact that I was successful in naming the club, "The Philis Wheatley," one of our former Des Moines clubs, and of which I was elected first president, under Mrs. S. Joe Brown's instruction I am trying to lift up our banners down here, as well as keep them floating in the north I have been attending the different school commencement exercises and I must say they are indeed splendid. I enjoy seeing my own race deliver the different addresses. Perhaps you'll be glad to know that Prof. Roscoe Simmons, who was recently in Des Moines, delivered the commencement address for Howe Institute and it was grand. I see and learn so much that I have decided to remain here a while. I am doing splendid in my stenographic work and am looking forward for higher things. Your faithful scholar, Lillian Colston.

TO BURN A. M. E. CHURCH MORTGAGE.

St. Paul's African M. E. church, Lawton and Leffingwell avenues, celebrated its seventy-first anniversary last night with a financial rally, at which the members of the congregation raised \$7,000, the last payment on the mortgage indebtedness of the present church structure, which was erected in 1890 by Rev. E. T. Cottman, at a cost of \$77,000. The church during the last year has paid off \$12,000 of the debt, under the present pastor, Rev. W. Sampson Brooks, who will burn the mortgage with formal ceremonies. Bishop C. W. Parks of Chicago presided at the rally, in which 1,500 members took part. It will be remembered by many that Rev. Sampson Brooks was a member of the Iowa conference and pastored at Des Moines, St. Paul and Chicago. We congratulate him.

EMANCIPATION AUGUST 4TH AT MOBERLY, MO.

There will be two running races. Also there will be speaking at the new fair grounds by the following brothers: Rev. W. B. C. Coleman, Moberly, Mo.; Prof. C. W. Black, Pottsville, Mo.; Prof. C. C. Hubbard from Sedalia, Mo. There will also be a ball game and a bicycle race. There will be a band concert from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. There will be a grand banquet at 6. Tyrick hall from 1 o'clock until 6. Admission 25 cents. Music by Dave Hanna. These are the long distance excursions: Leaving Norborn at 9:20, round trip \$2.95; High Hill at 10:24, \$2.90; Columbia at 10, \$1.80; Queen City at 10:35, \$2.90; Glasgow at 10:30, \$1.50. Train leaving Moberly for the west at 12:30 p. m., the east at 11:30 p. m.; the north at 1:30 p. m. The M. K. & T. excursion will be announced later. There will be waltzes and two steps at the fair ground amphitheater. Each dance will be 5 cents a couple. There will be special trains to and from the fair grounds, 20 cents for the round trip. Notice, to everyone taking a carriage or an auto going out to the fair grounds, will take those that has a card on them to the amphitheater. All ground and booths for sale. For further notice address A. C. Black, 204 N. Clark street, general manager.

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.

NUPTIALS.

Taylor-Davis Wedding.

On last Wednesday evening at promptly 8 o'clock occurred the wedding at the A. M. E. church of Rev. Brice U. Taylor, pastor of the A. M. E. church, to Miss Zella Davis of this city. The church was very lavishly and beautifully decorated by the Altar Guild Ladies, of which Mrs. A. C. Fisher is president; Mrs. Emma Pyree, vice president; Mrs. Jett, secretary, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Johnson rendered a beautiful duet. The choir led was filled with the ladies of the Altar Guild club, beautifully gowned. At promptly 8 o'clock Clyde Glass, that young master musician, struck up Mendelssohn's wedding march. Then appeared in the right aisle Mrs. Adam Dixon, chairman of the stewardess board, as attendant, followed by Rev. Taylor. Then in the opposite left side aisle appeared Mrs. Lizzie Glass, chairman of the deaconess board, attendant, followed by Miss Davis. On reaching the altar Rev. S. B. Moore, presiding elder, was there, who very impressively and eloquently performed the duty of uniting them together in holy wedlock, using the ring services, after which the happy couple repaired to the basement, where a reception was held and refreshments served. This department was presided over by C. B. Coates, Sioux City. Recording Secretary—Mrs. Alice Thompson, Muscatine. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. J. Clark, Okaloosa. Treasurer—Mrs. J. P. Hamilton, Des Moines. State Organizer—Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Des Moines. Chaplain—Mrs. M. E. Cheshire, Ottumwa. Honorary Presidents—Mrs. Helena Downey, Ottumwa; Mrs. Belle Graves, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Gertrude Culbertson, Clinton, Iowa; Mrs. Mattie Lewis, Davenport, and Miss Jessie E. Walker, Marshalltown. Press Committee—Miss Jessie E. Walker, Marshalltown; Mrs. C. B. Woods, Des Moines. This committee should be complimented for their excellent service in making full reports. Credentials Committee—Mrs. Ruth Bright, Davenport; Mrs. Clara Shepard, Davenport; Mrs. Mary Joyce, Cedar Rapids. Tuesday a. m., May 27, 1913—Devotional exercises were conducted by the chaplain, Mrs. M. E. Cheshire of Ottumwa. Finance Committee—Mrs. J. P. Hamilton, Des Moines; Miss Bell Watkins, Buxton; Mrs. Mary Roman, Marshalltown. Courtesy—Mrs. E. Shelton, Davenport; Mrs. Emma Beard, Davenport. Sergeant-at-arms—Mrs. H. Warrick, Des Moines; Mrs. I. L. Brown,

IN MEMORY

We will not think of her as dead, But only gone away, And left to you the fallen tint To moulder and decay. Though cold she looked as if asleep, In womanhood's first dawn When natural sleep would gently kiss Her weary eyelids down.

She was an earnest, lovely girl, And acted well her part, And what her hands would find to do She did with all her heart, And lifted burdens hard to bear From loved ones bowed in grief, And if distressed in any way Would fly to their relief.

At home, abroad, no matter where, She did the best she could, And struggled to avoid the wrong And labored to do good, And scattered sunshine on the path That leads to earthly fame, And like "a true girl" passed away With an untried name.

Her lovely form is resting now Upon a cold, damp bed, Where many of our loved ones sleep Among the quiet dead To await the dawning of the day When from their beds of dust The ones that we so fondly loved Will be restored to us.

She and her sister Carrie will Be happy when they meet And clasp immortal hands and Walk along the golden streets. Then mother, I am sure you will Be fully satisfied When you hold in your arms and kiss Your darling girl that died. (Dedicated to Mrs. Mollie Watkins and family by J. H. Coffey, 605 N. Second street, Council Bluffs, Ia.)

PROCEEDINGS OF IOWA STATE FEDERATION

Mrs. Harvey Brown, Editor, 1804 Bluff Street.

Proceedings of the twelfth annual session of the Iowa State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, which convened at Davenport, May 26, 1913. Monday night was Citizens' night. The session was held at the Third Baptist church. Address of welcome by Mayor Mueller. Address of welcome by Mrs. Francis Baker, presi-

dent City Federation. Mrs. J. P. Hamilton responded to both addresses. All of the musical and other numbers on the program were good.

Tuesday morning's session opened with a memorial service conducted by the chaplain, Mrs. M. E. Cheshire of Ottumwa, Mrs. J. B. Rush of Des Moines, the president, being in the chair. The memorial service was in honor of deceased members of the federation.

The greater part of the morning session was devoted to the reports of the constituent clubs. The state organizer, Mrs. S. Joe Brown of Des Moines, delivered her report, showing that seven new clubs had joined the federation, the largest number brought in since the organization of the federation. All of these were admitted at this session. They are as follows:

Woman's Progressive club of Buxton

Self Improvement club, Carney.

Richard Allen's Aid, Des Moines, organized by Mrs. S. Joe Brown.

Ladies' Improvement, Okaloosa, organized by Mrs. A. G. Clark, appointed deputy organizer by Mrs. S. Joe Brown.

Woman's Aid, Des Moines, organized by Mrs. Mary Mease Scott.

Political Study, Des Moines, organized by Mrs. J. B. Rush.

Rebecca Sewing Circle, Ottumwa. Much praise is due Mrs. Brown for her excellent work as organizer.

The federation is incorporated, the reports of the officers showing that the papers had been filed at Des Moines about three weeks before. The following officers and committees were present:

President—Mrs. J. B. Rush, Des Moines.

First Vice President—Mrs. Emma Gardner, Ottumwa.

Second Vice President—Mrs. L. M. Coates, Sioux City.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Alice Thompson, Muscatine.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. J. Clark, Okaloosa.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. P. Hamilton, Des Moines.

State Organizer—Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Des Moines.

Chaplain—Mrs. M. E. Cheshire, Ottumwa.

Honorary Presidents—Mrs. Helena Downey, Ottumwa; Mrs. Belle Graves, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Gertrude Culbertson, Clinton, Iowa; Mrs. Mattie Lewis, Davenport, and Miss Jessie E. Walker, Marshalltown.

Press Committee—Miss Jessie E. Walker, Marshalltown; Mrs. C. B. Woods, Des Moines.

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Marshalltown.

The feature of the session Tuesday evening was the annual address of the president, Mrs. J. B. Rush of Des Moines. The subject of her address was "The Good Samaritan." Mrs. Rush gave a splendid address in a very pleasing manner. She compared the club women of today with the Good Samaritan.

A paper making an appeal for race loyalty had been prepared and was read by delegates from Des Moines. Mrs. E. Greene spoke of the benefits from women's clubs derived by communities. Other numbers on the program Tuesday evening were songs by the A. M. E. church choir, the invocation by Mrs. L. J. Philip, music by Clarke's orchestra, an instrumental solo by Miss Marie Wilkerson, reading of quotations from Frances E. W. Harper, the colored writer, a vocal solo by Mrs. R. T. Hastings, and the address of welcome delivered in behalf of the A. M. E. church by Rev. T. B. Stovall.

The features of Tuesday afternoon's session were two papers. One, on "Fifty Years of Progress of Our Women," was read by Mrs. Gertrude D. Culbertson of Clinton. Mrs. L. J. Philip of Davenport discussed the subject, "Why Women Should Vote." This was followed by a discussion led by the Cedar Rapids delegate.

Miss Hazel Bussey of Davenport read a paper Tuesday afternoon on "Some Effects, Good and Evil, of Women's Clubs," which was followed by a discussion led by the Davenport delegates.

There were many other papers and literary and musical numbers on the program of the three days' convention, all of which were good.

Tuesday evening a reception was held in the Bethel church parlors, and Monday afternoon Mrs. Charles Shepard gave a reception at her home.

Among the visitors at the convention was Mrs. Ella Woods of Moline, who is chairman of the ways and means committee of the Illinois state federation. Mrs. Jennie Coleman, ex-president of the Illinois federation, gave an address Tuesday morning.

Report of National. Mrs. J. B. Rush, federation delegate to the National Association of Colored Women, which held its eighth biennial session at Hampton, Va., last July, made an interesting report. Other delegates were Miss Jessie E. Walker and Mrs. C. B. Lewis, honorary presidents of the federation; Mrs. S. Joe Brown, organizer; Mrs. Ruth Bright, credential committee, and Mrs. H. R. Graves.

Arts and Crafts. There was an exhibit of the arts and crafts department at the church Tuesday morning. Mrs. J. W. Hudson is chairman of this department. The exhibit of the arts and crafts committee was valued at \$303. The judges were Miss Mabel Johnson of Clarinda, Mrs. Mary Mease Scott of Des Moines and Mrs. S. White of Indianola. Much credit is due Mrs. J. W. Hudson of Sioux City for this excellent exhibit.

The exhibit consisted of fancy work, hand painted china, paintings, etc., made and donated by the members to the federation. The money realized through the sale of these articles will go into a sinking fund

to be used for educational purposes under the direction of a committee consisting of Mrs. J. B. Rush and Mrs. J. P. Hamilton of Des Moines, Mrs. C. B. Lewis of Davenport, Mrs. F. W. Smith of Ottumwa, Mrs. Alice Thompson of Muscatine, Miss Jessie E. Walker of Marshalltown, Mrs. F. White of Indianola, and Mrs. H. Warrick of Des Moines.

Mrs. Rush, the president of the convention, is an excellent presiding officer, maintaining the strictest attention, and pushing the business of the convention through with dispatch.

A feature of the evening session was the negro folk songs. Fifteen minutes were devoted to these at the beginning of the session, and more were sung by the entire audience later. They included such tunes as "Swing, Lou, Sweet Chariot," and "Roll, Jordan, Roll."

This was the best attended and most successful convention ever held by the state federation. The officers of the City Federation of Davenport, who entertained the delegates, are as follows:

President—Mrs. Frances Baker. Secretary—Mrs. Jennie Johnson. Chairman Entertainment Committee—Mrs. Eugene Greene. Chairman Badges—Mrs. G. H. Merchant. Chairman Halls and Homes—Mrs. C. B. Lewis.

The resolution committee, consisting of Mrs. Harry Horne, chairman, and Miss Wilda Warn, Mrs. H. R. Graves, Mrs. S. H. Ormstead and Mrs. Julia Southall, brought in a splendid set of resolutions.

A magnificent bouquet from Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Green was presented to Mrs. J. B. Rush on the night of her installation.

The officers of the State Federation for the ensuing year are: President—Mrs. J. B. Rush, Des Moines. First Vice President—Mrs. Mary Joyce, Cedar Rapids. Second Vice President—Mrs. Henry Warrick, Des Moines. Recording Secretary—Mrs. Alice Thompson, Muscatine. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. G. Clark, Okaloosa. Treasurer—Mrs. S. H. White, Indianola. Organizer—Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Des Moines. Chaplain—Mrs. Francis Baker, Davenport. Auditor—Mrs. Clara Shepard, Davenport. Chairman Art and Craft—Mrs. F. W. Smith, Ottumwa. Chairman Education—Mrs. C. B. Lewis, Davenport. Chairman Social Purity—Mrs. Harry Horne, Cedar Rapids. Chairman Child Study—Mrs. Cadie Ferrier, Clarinda. Chairman Rescue—Miss Wilda Warn. Chairman Philanthropic—Mrs. L. M. Coats. Chairman Forestry—Mrs. B. Watkins, Buxton. Chairman Credential—Mrs. S. H. Ormstead, Des Moines. Historian and Statistician—Mrs. J. P. Hamilton. Chairman Music—Mrs. Flossie Williams, Ottumwa. Household Economics—Mrs. Julia Southall, Buxton. Editor—Mrs. Harvey Brown, Des Moines.

Next at Des Moines. Des Moines was chosen as the place for holding the thirteenth annual convention. It will open the last Monday in May, 1914. The executive board will meet at Cedar Rapids previous to that time, the exact date to be set later by the president.

A prize was awarded for the best exhibit in the arts and crafts department. This prize, which was a hand-painted vase valued at \$8, was won by Mrs. A. J. Hogg of Sioux City on china painting. The judges in the contest were Mrs. Joyce of Cedar Rapids and Mrs. Clara Shepard of Davenport.

Announcement!

Have recently arranged to represent "THE GUEST PIANO Co." in this locality and central Iowa and have had fitted up a number of parlors on the second floor of old Masonic building, southwest corner Walnut and Seventh streets, the most prominent corner in the city. True, one flight of broad stairs to climb. It may not appeal to you at first, but when you fully realize that the rent is less than a Dollar a Day, instead of \$100, \$200 or \$300 per month (as is the case with several music houses here) and all other operating expenses in proportion—reducing the cost of selling Pianos to a minimum—you will appreciate what an immense advantage, a strictly economical, intelligent and scientific method of handling Pianos is to the prospective buyer. This is a day for specializing. More intense farming is the cry. An expert physician will make a specialty of treating but one organ of the body—concentration of all the faculties—singleness of purpose—efficiency—is the watchword.

It does make a vast difference how well a child is equipped—in pursuing a musical education. Accuracy as to tone, scale, action are as vital as the filling of a prescription. A drop of the wrong ingredient may cause instant death. A faulty car caused by using a poor piano may never be corrected, nor overcome. Coming to the point. The very best Pianos to be found in the markets of the world placed in the home direct from the factory with the least possible expense of handling—by one thoroughly conversant with all details of the piano industry, musically, mechanically and scientifically speaking, are the ones that should arrest your attention and claim your best thought and reason.

Lines comprise "Chickering & Sons," "Weber," "Gaber," "Packard," "Wheeler," and a host of other celebrated makes of Pianos—"Steinway," "Weber," "Steck," "Stuyvesant," "Technola" and other Pianos and Player Pianos of marked reputation.

Very Respectfully,

CHAS. E. RISSER Mgr.

The Guest Piano

S. W. CORNER WALNUT AND SEVENTH, SECOND FLOOR.

to be used for educational purposes under the direction of a committee consisting of Mrs. J. B. Rush and Mrs. J. P. Hamilton of Des Moines, Mrs. C. B. Lewis of Davenport, Mrs. F. W. Smith of Ottumwa, Mrs. Alice Thompson of Muscatine, Miss Jessie E. Walker of Marshalltown, Mrs. F. White of Indianola, and Mrs. H. Warrick of Des Moines.

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The officers of the State Federation for the ensuing year are: President—Mrs. J. B. Rush, Des Moines. First Vice President—Mrs. Mary Joyce, Cedar Rapids. Second Vice President—Mrs. Henry Warrick, Des Moines. Recording Secretary—Mrs. Alice Thompson, Muscatine. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. G. Clark, Okaloosa. Treasurer—Mrs. S. H. White, Indianola. Organizer—Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Des Moines. Chaplain—Mrs. Francis Baker, Davenport. Auditor—Mrs. Clara Shepard, Davenport. Chairman Art and Craft—Mrs. F. W. Smith, Ottumwa. Chairman Education—Mrs. C. B. Lewis, Davenport. Chairman Social Purity—Mrs. Harry Horne, Cedar Rapids. Chairman Child Study—Mrs. Cadie Ferrier, Clarinda. Chairman Rescue—Miss Wilda Warn. Chairman Philanthropic—Mrs. L. M. Coats. Chairman Forestry—Mrs. B. Watkins, Buxton. Chairman Credential—Mrs. S. H. Ormstead, Des Moines. Historian and Statistician—Mrs. J. P. Hamilton. Chairman Music—Mrs. Flossie Williams, Ottumwa. Household Economics—Mrs. Julia Southall, Buxton. Editor—Mrs. Harvey Brown, Des Moines.

Next at Des Moines. Des Moines was chosen as the place for holding the thirteenth annual convention. It will open the last Monday in May, 1914. The executive board will meet at Cedar Rapids previous to that time, the exact date to be set later by the president.