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CITY NEWS.

Mrs. Wm. Howard is somewhat indisposed this week.

Mrs. Geo. Mason who broke her arm a few weeks ago is improving nicely.

Little Nelson Thompson is confined to his home on 20th street with the measles.

Mr. George Mason was one of the old soldiers who marched in the parade of the reunion of old soldiers last week.

Mrs. Sophia Owsley has returned home after a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Iowa Falls and Eldora.

Dr. A. J. Booker who is attending the American Medical Association in Minneapolis will return home Sunday evening.

Miss Edna Alexander left Tuesday evening to attend the wedding of her brother Archie, who accompanied her to Denver.

Miss Letha Johnson entertained Miss Maymie I. Bell, Mr. J. E. Shepherd and Mr. Branham Hyde at a 6 o'clock dinner Monday.

Mr. Oscar Micheaux of Wittenberg, So. Dak., was in our city Saturday on business and spent a few pleasant moments in our office.

Little Miss Opal Wade, the daughter of Mrs. Mattie Hicks of St. Paul, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gould, 955 16th street.

Miss Maymie I. Bell spent Wednesday in Grimes visiting her uncle, Mr. Dave Barnes, who is very sick and with little hopes of recovery.

Mrs. Margarette E. Mason-Lowry of the Colored Industrial School of Institute, West Va., is paying a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mason of 601 23rd street.

Mr. W. H. Mason was initiated into the Improved Benevolent Order of Elks of the World Friday evening. He says they put it to him very strong.

Miss Carrie Watson of Kansas City, Mo., the niece of Mr. Gus Watkins and Mrs. John L. Thompson of this city, will arrive in the city soon to spend the summer.

Mrs. John Wilkinson returned home this week after attending the session of the Grand Court at Keokuk and visiting relatives and friends in Missouri.

A prettily appointed whist party was given by H. W. Mason at his home, 601 23rd street last Monday evening. The evening was spent very informally.

Rev. and Mrs. James Bowels of Ft. Madison and Mrs. Randolph of Hiteman arrived in the city today, the guest of Mrs. Bowels parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bell.

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The Progressive Choral Society will meet at the usual place Tuesday evening June 24.

Mrs. V. L. Jones and Miss Daisy Clay left the city last Saturday evening for Denver, Colo., to attend the Lindsey-Alexander wedding.

Doric Lodge No. 30, A. F. & A. M. will observe St. John's Day Sunday June 22nd, at Maple Street Baptist church at 3 p. m. They will meet at their hall, 318 E. 5th street at 2 o'clock and march to the church.

On last Monday evening at 6 o'clock occurred the marriage of Mrs. Henrietta Lee to Mr. Duncon Henderson of Chicago, Rev. W. L. Lee officiating. The happy couple will make their home in our city.

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Dr. L. R. Willis of Buxton spent Sunday in our city and delivered an address at Corinthian Baptist church Sunday morning and made some encouraging remarks. While here he was the guest of Miss Ella Lucas.

The North Star Masonic Temple Association held its second annual election of officers Tuesday June 10th and elected the following named directors for the ensuing year: Wm. Tomlin, L. H. S. Brown, Wm. T. Buckner, J. B. Rush, E. Tracy Blagburn, James B. Mitchell, Boyd Yancy and Lee Holt.

The death of Robert E. Wilson of this city occurred last Saturday evening after an illness of about six weeks. Robert was well known here, having lived in Des Moines from childhood. He was only 25 years of age and leaves to mourn his death, a wife, Mrs. Laura Wilson, mother, Mrs. Eva Jones, son, Robert, and a host of friends. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family in their hour of sadness. The funeral was held at St. Paul's A. M. E. church Thursday afternoon. Burial in Woodland cemetery.

At the meeting of Doric lodge, No. 30, A. F. & A. M., last evening the following were elected and appointed officers for the ensuing year: C. F. Topson, worshipful master; Isaac Pierson, senior warden; Dr. E. A. Lee, junior warden; J. H. Reynolds, secretary; A. C. Payton, treasurer; Tug Wilson, senior deacon; Dr. J. A. Jefferson, junior deacon; John Jackson, chaplain; Chas. C. Johnson, senior steward; Arthur C. Winn, junior steward; J. A. Wilson, tyler.

On last Sunday afternoon the Knights and Daughters of Tabor held their annual sermon at Union Congregational church. The Knights met at their hall on Eighth and Mulberry streets and headed by Enterpriser Juvenile band, marched to Tenth and Center streets, where they were met by the ladies and children, who had assembled in the parlors of the church, and marched from there to the church. The Knights were in full uniform and the ladies and children were dressed in white with full regalia, which made a very pleasing and beautiful line of march. It was the largest turnout of any of the secret societies this year. The main auditorium of the church was reserved for the order, which consisted of about 100 little children and 250 men and women. The balcony and lecture rooms were reserved for the visitors, who occupied all of the seating capacity. Rev. S. Bates preached a very stirring sermon along the line of brotherly and sisterly love, which was truthful and good. An excellent program was rendered by members of the order, after which a neat collection was lifted, and the order returned to their hall with memories of an afternoon well spent, never to be forgotten.

CITY CONTEST.
The annual city contest in oratory, music, poetry and declamation to be held at St. Paul's A. M. E. church on Monday evening, June 30, will have as contestants these persons:
Oratory—Miss Gertrude Hyde, Mary Church Terrell club; Miss Georgia Blackburn, Dramatic Art club; J. G. Dellinger, Cosmopolitan Literary society, and Rufus Jackson, Negro Lyceum association.
Music—Miss Marie Johnson, Young People's Progressive Lyceum, and Miss Sarah Johnson, Cosmopolitan Literary society.
Poetry—D. G. Patterson, Cosmopolitan Literary society; Miss Mamie James, Negro Lyceum association; Arthur Wright, Young People's Progressive Lyceum, and Miss Nellie Leftage, Dramatic Art club.
Declamation—Miss Eldora Edmunds, Young People's Progressive Lyceum; Miss Judith Cook, Cosmopolitan Literary society; Gus Durden, Negro Lyceum association; Mrs. N. C. Marshall, Dramatic Art club, and Miss Edith Comley-Strawther, Mary Church Terrell club.
Program numbers will be contributed by Miss Effie Mason, Miss Letta

Cary, Mrs. Florence White and Miss Lalala Brooks. Invocation by the Rev. Bruce U. Taylor, pastor St. Paul's A. M. E. church and benediction by the Rev. S. Bates, pastor Maple Street Baptist church.

RECEPTION AT ST. PAUL'S A. M. E. CHURCH.

Thursday evening, June 26th, for district conference and Sunday school convention.

Piano voluntary, Miss Mildred Griffin.
Song by choir.
Invocation, Rev. H. McCravens.
Song by Progressive Choral Study club.

Welcome address on behalf of city, Hon. J. L. Thompson.
Paper, Miss Effie Mason.
Instrumental solo, Miss Edna Jones, Oskaloosa.

Reading, Mrs. J. H. McClain.
Welcome address on behalf of Sunday school, Mr. R. E. Patton.
Quartet, Mesdames Chas. C. Johnson and C. B. Woods and Messrs. Chas. C. Johnson and Chester Woods.
Oration, Master Raymond Moore, Galesburg, Ill.

Response on behalf of city delegate from Ottumwa.
Instrumental solo, Miss Gracie Fredricks.
Response on behalf of Sunday school, delegate from Buxton.
Solo, Mrs. Andrew Morris.
Song, Progressive Choral Study club.
Miss Lucile Morrison, mistress of ceremonies.

GRAND COURT HEROINES OF JERICHO.

(Special to the Bystander.)
The twenty-third annual communication of the Grand Court Heroines of Jericho of Iowa and jurisdiction met at Union lodge hall, No. 19 N. Fifth street, Keokuk, June 10th. The meeting was called to order by the M. A. G. M., Sister Maud Wilkinson of Des Moines, Iowa. The G. M. A. M. then appointed committee on credentials, which reported a constitutional number of courts represented. After which the G. M. A. M. proceeded to open the Grand Court in due form. The grand officers present at the opening were Sister Maud Wilkinson, G. M. A. M., of Des Moines, Iowa; Bro. W. A. Searcy, G. W. J., of Monmouth, Ill.; Sister Ella Tarver, G. M. A. M., of Moline, Ill.; Sister Mattie Woods, G. T. of Des Moines, Iowa; Sister Emma Tebeau, G. S. of Keokuk, Iowa; Sister M. I. Fields, G. I. G. K., Keokuk; Sister Ellen Dixon, G. O. G. K.; Sister Ella Walkup of Moline, P. G. M. A. M. After calling the roll the G. M. A. M. proceeded to appoint the several committees. Called off until 2:30.

Tuesday Afternoon.
Promptly at 2:30 p. m. the G. M. A. M. sounded the gavel, which called the Grand Court to order. The morning journal was read and approved, after which the appointing of committees was resumed, after which the committee on returns made partial report. A recess of ten minutes was then given. Meeting called to order. After singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul" the G. M. A. M. delivered her annual address, which was listened to with marked attention, being inspiring and full of kindly advice for the betterment of the order. The G. M. A. M. and G. W. J. each delivered their annual addresses, which were also replete and full of good advice. On motion the addresses of the grand officers were received and turned over to the proper committee. After the report of several committees the Grand Court adjourned, to be called on at 9:30 Wednesday morning.

Tuesday Evening Reception.
The members of Margaret Ann Court, No. 1, and Brent Court No. 2 met at Union lodge hall at 8:30 o'clock, where they tendered a reception to the grand officers, delegates and friends of the grand court. A short program was given as follows:
Welcome address, Sister M. E. Bland, Keokuk.
Response, Sister, Ella Tarver, of Moline, Ill.
Impromptu, Bro. W. A. Searcy, Monmouth.
Response, Sister Bertha Hanger, Des Moines.
After which refreshments were served by the committee.

Wednesday Morning.
Meeting was called to order at 9:30 o'clock. After the approval of the Tuesday afternoon journal the committee work was received and other routine of business attended to. At 11 o'clock a. m. the business was suspended and the Grand Court held a memorial in memory of our deceased sisters, Rosa Jefferson of Cedar Leaf Court, Everett, Wash., and Sister Anna Logan of Brent Court, No. 2, Keokuk. After which the Grand Court was called on and adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

Wednesday Afternoon.
The Grand Court was called to order at 2:30. Morning journal approved. Committee on the revision of the constitution and by-laws reported, which was received, with necessary corrections. Next in order was the election of officers, which resulted in all present officers being retained for the ensuing year. After which the G. W. J. declared all officers duly installed. All committees called to floor and discharged with thanks. The G. M. A. M. then closed the Grand Court, to stand closed un-

til the second Tuesday in June, 1914, to meet with Mt. Olive Court, No. 4, Des Moines, Iowa.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

By John L. Thompson.

On leaving the metropolis of Iowa on Wednesday for southwestern Iowa our first stop was in Creston, the county seat of Union county. Here lives about fifty colored people, the most of them doing well. C. F. Burroughs is perhaps one of the oldest settlers here and one of the longest in point of service as porter for the Summit hotel, where he has been for nearly thirty years. He is well fixed. His daughter, May, is married and lives in Chicago. I suppose Mr. Burroughs knows every traveling man in southern Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are other old citizens highly respected. He is the man who made a miniature Noah's ark out of wood and traveled with it on a wagon for many years. Mr. G. W. Dow is well and doing nicely. He is employed at the Summit hotel. He owns a nice truck garden of several acres in the city. I forgot to mention Mr. Martin's valuable lots, covered with the best of fruit. Also he has lots of early vegetables. We made a brief visit to the Baldwin brothers' farm just two miles east of Creston, and I must say it was astonishing to me to find those brothers farming on such a large scale. My editor was born and spent the first quarter of a century on a farm, but I have not seen any colored farmer that is operating such a large farm in Iowa. They rent and own altogether 500 acres of as pretty and level laying land as you ever looked at. They have 110 acres of corn in, 120 head of cattle, 70 head of steers, 150 head of hogs, more than twenty-five head of horses. Their horses are the best that the country affords, Norman and Percheron, weighing from 1,400 to 1,800 pounds. They have cow barns, hog barns, implement barns and now have about 5,000 bushels of old corn to feed their steers. This mammoth farm has been run by Sherman Elrey and Charley Baldwin, who live with their aged mother, who is a widow. Sherman, who was the head of this enterprise, was the young man who recently died last month, and it is said that so highly respected was he that his funeral was the largest farm funeral ever held in Union county, over one mile long and covered with a great number of hogs and cattle and horses direct to Chicago and get the best prices, because their stock is very fine. We only wish that some of those street corner loafers and curbstone politicians and would-be race leaders who claim to know how to solve the race problem could visit these boys' farm. They were born and raised here and have run this farm for eight years. They have many thousands of dollars invested here. These two living brothers are yet single, a great chance for our good girls.

Gravity was our next stop. Here lives just two colored families, W. H. and R. H. Johnson, brothers. Each owns eighty acres of land adjoining the town. W. H. is rural mail carrier. His wife is his assistant, while his only son, Fred, is also a rural mail carrier. They manage to farm their land at odd hours. His industrious wife and daughter, Mabel, have nearly 400 young chickens, perhaps more before this letter reaches my readers. R. H. and son run the first class barber shop and they also farm their eighty acres. They also own valuable town property. Their daughter graduated last year from the Bedford high school.

Clarinda was our next stop. Here is located one of our large state asylums. We find about 300 colored people here, with two churches, the A. M. E. and the Baptist. The former is pastored by Rev. N. R. Morgan, a veteran in the ministry, and a fine Christian gentleman. Mr. J. Jones is still working at the same place, doing well. Ed Pemberton is also doing well. They own their homes. H. H. Cook is still running the grocery store. His wife is assisting him. They are nice people, highly respected. Allen Jones is still working in the blacksmithing. He owns a beautiful home and they have been raising the house, remodeling it, making it modern. They have a fine bunch of young chickens. His brother, Fred, is working here. He is keeping house for his mother, who has moved in from their old homestead, two miles from town. Wm. Headly is still working for the ice company, driving the ice wagon. He is a representative race man. Mrs. Lu Nash has lost one of her young sons, who died a few weeks ago. L. W. Williams is still running his restaurant and rooming house. He is the district grand master of the Knights of Pythias of Iowa. Rev. R. T. Lane is here. He is the supply minister to the A. M. E. denomination for this section of Iowa. Mr. Carl Looney is cook at the Washington hotel. Mr. E. Cook is still in the carpet cleaning business, doing well. He owns a beautiful home. L. F. Montgomery is still hauling for the city. He owns valuable property and is doing well. He is highly respected. Mr. Noah Pemberton is one of the four mail carriers in Clarinda, who is colored. He has been on the force for five or six years. Mr. Farrier is still running his paint shop. He paints wagons, buggies, automobiles, etc. He is quite an artist and the only

one that we know who runs his own shop in town. Mr. T. Gibson is in business here. He is a veterinarian doctor and has been in business here for many years. There are several colored farmers around here and they are doing well, the Casen's and Stewarts, etc.

In Shenandoah we found four families. Mr. R. P. Caldwell is still working at the hotel, doing nicely. His wife is sick. Mr. R. L. Collins is still employed at the postoffice as custodian. He owns a beautiful home and has three boys in the high school. One of them, Eugene, graduated this spring. He was the first colored boy to graduate from the Shenandoah high school. He is well liked. Robt. and George are still in high school. Mr. Griggaby owns a nice home. He is the oldest colored man here.

Red Oak was our next stop. Here lives about fifty colored people. They have a Union Mission church here of no denomination. Ministers of any denomination may preach. Wm. Hampton and wife, the federal court bailiff for Judge McPherson, lives here, doing well. David Garver is a hustler. He owns several lots and gardens them. He is highly respected. C. W. Chappell is working at the hotel. He owns a good home. Oscar Connor is still in the barber business. P. S. Everheart is still running his nice music and piano store. He is a busy man and has been in business for more than twenty years. James Fisher, T. Pemberton and T. J. Jones are all hard working men with family, doing well. Mr. H. S. Martin is still here working in the barber shop. Roy Balance is also a good young man, doing well. We will next begin with the tornado stricken district of Omaha and Council Bluffs.

KEOKUK NEWS.

In our last issue we failed to record the death of Mr. Ollie Brown, which occurred two weeks ago. Deceased had been ill with tuberculosis for several months. He was just entering manhood and it is quite sad indeed for relatives and friends to part with the loss of one whose ever ambition pointed toward the heights of success. All that tender care and loving hands could do by his parents was done, but to no avail. We must submit to the will of Heem who doeth all things well. Deceased was a member of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist church, from which church the funeral was held, conducted by the pastor in charge, Rev. J. H. Helm. Burial was in Hamilton cemetery.

Another death which occurred last Thursday morning was that of Mrs. Virginia Battles. She was a good Christian woman, a member of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist church and loved by all who knew her as a loving wife and mother. She was very devoted. The family moved here from Mississippi about two years ago. She is survived by her aged mother, Mrs. Wilson, one brother and sister, her husband and several small children and a host of friends, to whom profound sympathy is extended in their sad hours of bereavement.

Mr. Wm. Frye and daughter, Katherine Eveline, are visiting friends at Shelbyville, Shelby, North River and other Missouri points.

Mrs. Lewis Lowe entertained at her home last Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Maud Wilkerson and Mrs. C. B. Woods of Des Moines and Mrs. Peter King of Burlington and Rev. W. A. Searcy of Monmouth last Thursday. It was a 1 o'clock luncheon at the home of Officer and Mrs. A. J. Fields. A very elaborate course luncheon was served.

Mrs. Annie Alden, assistant superintendent of Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school, entertained her Sunday school class at a picnic in Rand park last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Beatrice Bragg and daughter, Bertha, and son, Beltram, of Fulton, Mo., who are visiting Mrs. Alden, were guests of honor.

BUXTON BRIEFS.

The Progressive Woman's Club held a very pleasant session with Mrs. Lucy Walker at No. 10 Junction last Thursday, and listened to a very interesting report of the recent State Federation meeting at Davenport by Mrs. E. F. Jones, the president, who represented them in the Federation. After the meeting the hostess served a dainty repast.

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CENTERVILLE, IOWA.

The Sir Knights and Daughters of Tabor, Maids and Pages of Honor celebrated their annual sermon on June 15th at 2:30 at the Second Baptist church. All met at their hall and at 2 o'clock marched to the church for their sermon, headed by Centerville's famous band, followed by the Sir Knights, Daughters, Maids and Pages.
Dgt. Mattie Brooks, D. G. H. P. of the state of Iowa and vice H. D. of the world, was in Centerville and as-

sisted in the ceremonial exercises of the International Order of Twelve and made a rousing talk on scope and extent of Tabor, for which she received high compliments from Rev. J. W. Evans and others as being the first lady Baptist preacher of the state of Iowa, and from her talk and explanation of the order we have received several applications for membership. The program was carried out to the letter as printed, after which Rev. J. W. White of Des Moines then preached a soul-stirring sermon on the work of Tabor, and for one so young in the order it could not be beat. The choir, assisted by Prof. C. C. Taylor, rendered some excellent music. All marched back to the hall and from there went to the home of Dgt. Shelly Noah, H. D., who served refreshments on her lawn, and from there all returned to evening service at the church and listened to a very interesting sermon by J. W. Evans.

Monday evening, June 16th, the Daughters of Tabernacle gave a reception at the home of Dgt. Emma Martin in honor of D. G. H. P. of Dgt. Mattie Brooks of Des Moines, also Dgt. Addie Tarwater of Kansas City, Mo., who was in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Morton. A four-course luncheon was served, after which the Daughters of Tabernacle presented Dgt. Brooks with a token of remembrance for her excellent work while with us. Dgt. Brooks was entertained at dinner Tuesday noon, June 17th, at the home of Dgt. Sarah Price. Covers were laid for eight. All who know Aunt Sarah know things were served in style and right up to date. After noon a short time was spent with the family looking around her beautiful home and from there was taken in an auto to the home of Mrs. Bernice Crosby-Richmond for 4 o'clock coffee. Covers were laid for fourteen ladies. After luncheon Mrs. Richmond presented Dgt. Brooks with a small token of remembrance, a hand-embroidered doilie and several other souvenir post cards of Centerville. All departed about 6:30, reporting a well spent day and an excellent time. Dgt. Brooks will leave today, June 18th, for Clarinda, Iowa, at 12:30 o'clock.

Shelby Noah, H. P.
A. L. Crittenden, C. R.

WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.

Horace Spencer has returned from a visit at Jacksonville and Springfield, Ill., where he has been on a business trip.

Miss Ash of Ohio arrived Tuesday evening, June 17th, for an extended visit at the home of her uncle, Mr. Lewis H. Wallace.

The following announcement has been received by relatives and friends here: "Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Morris announce the marriage of Miss Lucy Lindsay and Mr. Daniel McKee Jackson on Wednesday, the eleventh of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, Jessamine Farm, Benton Harbor, Mich." Miss Lindsay was a native of Washington and is a sister of F. D. Motts here and the late Robt. T. Motts of Chicago. The groom is a fine man, an undertaker in the business world, and is to be congratulated on his selection for his life partner. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Morris offer congratulations. The happy couple will be at home after July 16th at 3242 Calumet avenue, Chicago.

Miss Ruth Black reports having a fine time at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Will Jeffers, at Oskaloosa.

Misses Iota Phillips and Helen Motts visited friends at Cedar Rapids recently.

If one can judge from reports coming in the attendance at the Sunday school convention next week will be one of the largest in its history.

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. Union 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 "Two Opposing Kingdoms"
Special music will be rendered.
Sunday school at 12 o'clock noon.
Evening service at 8 o'clock.
Subject "The Living Word"

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 8 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.

The Rev. I. N. Daniels, P. E., arrived Tuesday evening and is making preparations for the quarterly meeting next Sunday and looking into matters pertaining to the coming Sunday school convention.

Wesley Moore, one of the old settlers here, is seriously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jas. Redd.

Rev. Greer of the Reformed Presbyterian church occupied the pulpit at the A. M. E. church last Sunday in the absence of Rev. Brown, who was in Muscatine.

The social given by the young ladies last Thursday in the lecture room of the A. M. E. church was very unique and was a great success.

B. Walker of Centerville spent last Sunday in the city.

Remember the lecture by the Rev. Geo. W. Slater next Tuesday evening at the A. M. E. church.

Miss Helen Motts was a participant in a musicale given last Monday evening by one of the leading music instructors in the city and her effort on the piano is very highly spoken of by those who were fortunate enough to have been present.

Mrs. John Taylor of Jacksonville has arrived and is at the home of her brother, Mr. Horace Spencer.

CHURCHES AND TEMPERANCE.

Cedar Rapids Republican—The trouble with church and temperance effort is that they do not reach such boys as go wrong. Such boys seldom come under such influences. Some of them have probably never seen the inside of any church or Sunday school.

The saving of some boys is a hard problem. It will be best for none of us to blame our neighbors, whether they are parents or guardians or moral instructors to the boys. Nor is it due to liquors alone. Some boys go wrong who never taste of liquor. We know of one who never took a drop of liquor, he was so intent on being dishonest and stealing. That was his hobby of despair. Others follow after bad women and still others after cocaine and other drugs. Our appeals to them, our prayers for them and our calling in the police does not help them. They still go wrong.

Our understanding of such matters is still primitive. Some day we may understand such problems better. It may be that these young men are merely diseased. It may be a disease of the understanding or of the will or of the nervous forces in the human body. Some day we may be able to minister to them for these diseases. Our present way of dealing with boys and men who go wrong in these ways is still brutal. We arrest them, we throw them in "bum" cells, where they deteriorate more rapidly than in the gutter. We take away even the shades of self-respect in them. We fine them so much and send them, in default of payment, to another jail that is worse than the first. And we do this over and over and over until the poor wretches are worn out and then we bury them in the potter's field.

We must confess our methods are bad and they are bad because we do not understand their diseases. But there is no use in us blaming each other for their shortcomings and for the faults and their misdoings. All of us would do the best we could by them.

'WHISKY POWDER' IN EVIDENCE

Wichita, Kan.—Western Kansas is up against a proposition of how to do away with the whisky powders. This section of the state is being flooded with little brown powders, which, mixed with a pint of water and a dash of alcohol, make a drink which it is almost impossible to distinguish from regular whisky.

The chief of police has been investigating this new way of evading the law for some time. Only a short time ago he secured a quantity of powder, mixed one up with some water and a small quantity of alcohol, and the result was a brand of whisky that could not be detected from the bonded stuff. The trouble with stopping this kind of whisky making is that it is so easy to secure the powder. For two dollars a small box of the powder can be procured and this amount will make several gallons of whisky. Chief Kensler has always contended that the bulk of whisky sold here by the bootleggers has been made by them and not shipped in, but it is only recently that he has secured evidence to bear out his theory. There is no doubt that a large quantity of these powders are being shipped into this state, and if the habit gets prevalent it will practically nullify the prohibitory laws. Kansas has already practically failed in enforcing its prohibition law and with this new menace what little enforcement there has been accomplished is likely to be nullified.

"DRY," BUT NOT DRY.

Sioux City Journal—Waterloo is to stay dry until further notice. "Dry" in this relation does not mean that no intoxicating liquor will be sold or consumed in Waterloo. When a city of 30,000, including a large factory population, is made dry by the courts after a majority of the voters have petitioned for saloons it would be a little unreasonable to expect an ideal example of the feasibility of a policy that is difficult to enforce under the most favorable conditions.