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CITY NEWS.

Mrs. J. H. Shepard of Clive spent a few days this week in our city.

Mrs. John Griffin, S. E. 14th street, is seriously ill at her home.

John Spencer of Grinnell spent Sunday in our city.

Mrs. Amanda Morton of Decatur spent Sunday and Monday visiting her daughter, Miss Lillian Neal.

Atty. S. Joe Brown was attending to legal business in the district court of Cerro Gordo county at Mason City last Monday and Tuesday.

Don't forget to attend the great annual football contest between Drake university and Ames Agricultural college Saturday afternoon at the Drake Stadium.

Miss Hattie Boone of George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo., has accepted the position as office girl for Drs. Lee and Jefferson.

Mr. Charley Ray of Crocker street returned home Monday evening, after spending two weeks in several different towns in Nebraska.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Alvin Jefferson, 1322 Day street entertained at 6:30 o'clock dinner Monday evening, the Hon. R. Benton Cabell of Manila, P. I., Mrs. E. L. Davis of Chicago, Mrs. J. B. Rush and Mrs. E. B. Elliston.

The Wednesday Night club was entertained by Mrs. Edith Strawthers. After the game of bridge was played refreshments were served. The club will meet next Wednesday evening with Mrs. Carrie Stone.

The colored ministers of this city met last Friday afternoon in The Bystander office and made arrangements to hold union Thanksgiving services Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Union Congregational church on Tenth and Park streets. The Rev. Samuel Bates of the Maple Street Baptist church will preach the sermon. Everybody is invited and a large crowd is expected to be present.

At the meeting of King Solomon Commandery, No. 6, held last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Eminent commander, James B. Mitchell; generalissimo, S. Joe Brown, captain; general captain, Edward T. Banks; prelate, C. F. Topson; treasurer, Chas. Cousins; recording secretary, James B. Rush; S. W., W. C. Rhodes; J. W., Gus Watkins.

MADAME WATKINS has opened a school of Dressmaking at her residence 2113 Mondamin avenue. The school will continue throughout the season. School open from 7:30 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Mr. N. Wiley, who formerly operated the Get Busy Dress club of 1008 Center street, left Thursday for French Lake, Ind., during the winter. He will also stop a few days in Louisville, Ky., and will join his mother in Chicago on his return to the city next spring.

The Mary Church Terrell club met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Jones, at which time Mrs. E. L. Davis of Chicago gave a very interesting talk to the members. After the lesson dainty refreshments were served and club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Robt. D. Mash, 910 Twelfth street, on December 1st. No meeting will be held on Monday, November 24, on account of the literary and musical program at St. Paul's A. M. E. church. The name of Mrs. Addie Darsey was taken into the club.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Erickson entertained quite a number of young people last Sunday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock in honor of Miss Blanche Tucker of Hutchinson, Kansas, and Miss Carrie Watson of Kansas City, Mo. The afternoon was spent in music and conversation, after which light refreshments were served. The hostess was assisted by Miss Bessie Mason of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin of Southeast Fourteenth street are expecting their son, Mr. Otis Griffin, from Creighton, Neb., here to spend the winter with them. He is a well-to-do farmer, owns 280 acres of land in Nebraska worth \$100 an acre and has equity in Colorado real estate. He is a hustling young man and we welcome him to our city.

The Mysterious club will give a grand Thanksgiving ball at the Auditorium on Thursday evening, November 27. The dance program will begin at 9 o'clock and will last until 2 o'clock. Schneider and Weaver of the Berchel theater will furnish an orchestra of seven pieces, with chimes obligato. The floor of the Auditorium has been given special preparation. Jas. Woods will be floor manager and the tickets will be \$1.00 per couple. Over 500 invitations have been issued.

The bazaar given last Tuesday by the Local Social Science Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. S. Joe Brown, national superintendent, at St.

Paul's A. M. E. church, was a decided success from every point of view. The cafeteria and department store did a rushing business all afternoon and evening, while the living model display attracted a large crowd from 4 to 5, as did also the literary and musical program in the auditorium from 8 to 10. The gross receipts to date are over \$80, with some reports yet to come in, which will doubtless increase the gross receipts to about \$100, about 50 per cent of which will be net profit and will be used in the publication and distribution of the literature of the social department of the National Association of Colored Women, of which Mrs. Brown is national superintendent, the object of which is to educate the masses of our people to fight against the divorce evil, the white slave traffic, the black plague and all such social evils.

MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAM.
The City Literary convention cordially invites the public to attend the musical and literary program next Monday evening at St. Paul's A. M. E. church, corner of Second and Center streets. Some of the best talent in the city will appear, including Des Moines' interstate contestants and program representatives.

OUR HOLIDAY NUMBER.
We are now working on our holiday number, which will appear about December 15. All cuts and contributors please send in at once.

MRS. DAVIS HERE.
Mrs. Elizabeth L. Davis, the national organizer of the National Federation of the Colored Women's club, lectured at the A. M. E. church to an appreciative crowd Sunday morning. She spoke at the Union Congregational church to a good crowd in the afternoon, to girls only, and Friday evening she lectured again at the Citizens' banquet. She is a fine speaker, with wide experience and an enthusiastic club and social worker. She made many friends while here.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Birney Dead.
We are called upon to announce the death of Mr. W. A. Birney, who has lived in this city nearly one-half century, but died at the home of his brother, E. F. Birney, at Sioux Falls, S. D. Mr. Birney had been sick for many months. He was one of the most highly respected and esteemed men of our race among both classes of people. He had worked at his trade, that of a barber in our city, for the past forty-five years. He was born in North Carolina in 1837, and died November 14, 1913. His wife died about sixteen years ago. He came to Des Moines in 1868. He leaves two children, Alex Birney, who is very sick, of this city and Edith Harrison of St. Louis, Mo., and a host of sorrowing friends to mourn his loss. He was a member of the A. M. E. church of this city. The remains were laid away in Sioux Falls, S. D.

ALoving Mother Gone.
Mrs. Mary E. Griffith, the mother of Rev. T. L. Griffith, died suddenly Monday morning of acute gastritis. She attended the Sunday morning services and was feeling well and at night the attack came. She was born in Loudon county, Va., February 3, 1842, and died November 17 at the home of her only son, Rev. T. L. Griffith, 828 Thirteenth street. She had lived in our city about one year. She leaves a son, Rev. T. L., and a daughter, Mrs. Lucy James, of this city, and many friends to mourn her loss. She was a consistent Christian, a member of the Baptist church. Rev. M. J. Burton of Keokuk, state missionary, preached the funeral, assisted by all of the ministers of the city. Interment at Glendale.

JESSE HAMMITT KILLED.
Jesse Hammitt of this city, but working up in Fort Dodge, was accidentally injured by a rock crusher while working with a cement gang in Fort Dodge. He died last Tuesday, about two days after the injury. His body was taken to Omaha for burial.

OTTUMWA, IOWA.
The services at Mt. Zion A. M. E. church were well attended and Rev. Andrew N. Webb delivered two excellent and soul-stirring sermons. The church has organized a choir of twenty-four voices and Sunday evening was their first time to assist in the services, and it was a rare treat, as Ottumwa church has been without a choir.

The Second Baptist church has started on closing rally of the year. The Benevolent club and Sewing Circle of the Second Baptist church had splendid meetings last week at the residences of Mrs. Flossie Williams and Mrs. Minnie Green, respectively. Mrs. Q. B. Taylor is slowly improving. Mrs. Claypool of Chicago, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. Weeks, and daughter of Mrs. Carrie Smith, remains were laid to rest in Ottumwa cemetery Monday. The remains were brought here from Chicago, where she departed this life, after a short illness of one week. Company A. under the captainship of Mrs. W. L. Fowler, gave an entertainment at Mt. Zion A. M. E. church, the first of four. It was a decided

success. The parsonage will soon be in readiness and Rev. A. N. Webb will move in. It has been newly papered and a furnace installed, making a nice parsonage.

The Christian Endeavor has been revived and met Sunday evening in a very interesting meeting. Mrs. Lelia Downey has been appointed leader. She is an able leader and her whole heart is in the work. Thanksgiving day will be observed at the Second Baptist church by a sermon at 11 a. m. and dinner in the evening.

The Benevolent club will give a bazaar and supper Thursday evening, November 13. The one selling the most tickets will get supper free.

MY VIEWS.
Dear Editor: We notice from the clippings of the eastern papers that since trouble has been booming on the Mexican border our colored soldiers are again addressed as "Sir." From the writer's own experience he knows what the other fellow thinks of him in time of peace, but in time of trouble it's please, Mr. Tommy, walk in front. The moving of the Tenth U. S. colored cavalry from Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, to the Mexican border was a good indication that something soon was expected, as in time of peace he is worthless, but answers an awful good purpose on the firing line in time of war.

No doubt the question has been often asked, Can the two races always live side by side? I believe they can, as in my opinion that in proportion as the Negro gets education and thrives in material direction friction will increase. The statistics show he has begun to see the dawn of existence by the record he has made, but we are not as sheep "lay down," but please, Mr. Tommy, walk in front.

Knowing we have to be prepared, why not keep training, as it's the third and lower class we must redeem, as the first two classes may easily be reckoned. But unfortunately the great body of the race and a vast percentage of the growing generation belongs to the third class. Is it this class that we are to be reckoned with?

It's like a sluggish mass of uncolored lava over a large section of country, burying some portions and affecting the whole. It's apparently harmless, but beneath its surface smolder fires which at any time may burst forth and destroy all in its reach. It's this mass that's increasing from beneath, not from above, that constitutes the race question.

As the situation is now it calls for thought, as the races are more divided now than ever before, as white and black mechanics no longer work together generally, as of old, as the Negro carpenter and mechanic are greatly reduced and from the writer's point of view that such work as they later may expect will be created among his own people. The causes are not far to seek. It is partly due to the failure of ability to hold his own in the struggle of completion, and partly to the changed condition of him and the white.

As the young Negro has been taught that he is the equal of the white, and he is always asserting it and trying to prove it by any way except the right way—equality in work. Respectfully, A. G. Rhodes, Jr.

CITY OBSERVATIONS.

Our last observations for this city left us in Gilbertown, near the city packing house. Mr. Dozier has just built him a nice house at 718 Astor street. He is a single man. He also owns another house and lot, where he is running a small grocery store. Mrs. E. B. Thompson is managing this store for him. Mr. Thompson and wife have recently moved here from Muskogee, Okla. Mr. Chas. Bradley, 1200 Scott street, is also a newcomer into our city. Mr. A. E. Edwards owns a nice little home at 721 S. E. Fifteenth street, as also does Alice Turner on Dixon street. Tim Anderson at 615 Astor street is a hustler. He is doing well. Passing by the packing house again, I stop with Brother Thompson for another one of his good dinners. His wife, who has been sick, is improving. In Gilberttown there is a church mission called the Church of God, pastored occasionally by Rev. Saucer, a non-resident. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Floyd are intelligent and hard working people interested in the development of the race. In Chesterfield there must be about forty families, most of them owning their own homes. Mr. J. R. Roberts, 909 S. E. Twenty-sixth street, owns several lots. His wife has been sick the past two weeks, but much better. Mr. J. E. Jones, 703 S. E. Twenty-sixth street, is one of our successful young married men. He owns a very beautiful home of about nine rooms and eight lots here. He is a miner and has a nice orchard on it. Mr. Frank Brown is doing well. He was sick when I called. J. F. James is a hard working man. Mr. H. J. Collier has a nice home. He is an engineer in Harris-Emerly's department store. Archie Day has a nice home. Another Mr. Brown owns a very nice home. Mrs. Gill and Mr. Martin own nice homes. Dr. J. Dulin at 1619 Walnut street, is still hustling with his many patients. The Dr. is a man nearly 80 years old, yet he is active and a very busy man. He owns a valuable home. He is highly esteemed by all the white people. His wife is not so well, as she has rheumatic troubles.

THE INTER-STATE LITERARY ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS AND THE WEST.

The Twenty-third Annual Session in Atchison, Kansas, Christmas Week, 1913.

Wichita, Kans., Nov. 8, 1913.

To the President and Members of all Literary Societies of the Middle West:
This comes to inform you that the Inter-State Literary Association of Kansas and the west will hold its 23rd annual session in Atchison, Kansas, Christmas week, 1913, opening Monday evening, December 29th, and closing with the annual contest in oratory, original music, original poetry and declamation Wednesday evening, December 31st.

Every literary society in the middle west that has been regularly organized for a period of three months and has been regularly organized for a period of three months and has held at least twelve regular meetings this calendar year is entitled and is hereby invited to elect and send three delegates, one of whom may appear on program.

The membership fee for new societies is \$1.50; for old societies, \$1.00. The program will be made up by a sub-committee on November 22nd, and each society must therefore have in the hands of the corresponding secretary by said date its membership fee, also the names and addresses of its delegates, together with the subjects of those who are to appear on program and the manuscripts of all its contestants.

All societies please take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Cash prizes will be awarded to the successful contestants as follows: Oratory, first \$10, second \$6; declamation, first \$3; second \$3; original poetry, first \$5, second \$3; original music, first \$10, second \$6. No graduate in any subject admitted to that particular contest. An admission fee will be charged Wednesday evening only.

No paper or oration shall be more than ten minutes in length. Please bear this in mind when writing your production. A special train will carry the delegates from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. It will probably leave Des Moines some time on Monday morning, September 29, as it is earnestly desired that as many as can will join the party at St. Joseph, and other points along the route. For further information write Prof. Fred Roundtree, President, 1317 Van Buren St., Topeka, Kans.

Dr. W. W. Caldwell, Chairman Executive Committee, 507 Com'l St., Atchison, Kans.

Mrs. G. G. Brown, Corresponding Secretary, 937 Indiana Ave., Wichita, Kans.

Done by order of Executive Committee.

What Would You Do?
In case of a burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by all dealers.

CLINTON, IOWA.

The entertainment that was given on the 16th by Mrs. Sanders and Miss Edith Junkin was a success.

The services at the Second Baptist church were well attended on Sunday evening. At the close of the sermon, that was preached by G. W. Martin, three persons were added to the church membership.

Mrs. M. O. Culbertson is so much improved as to be able to go out of doors. Her friends are pleased to hear of her doing so well.

The members of the Second Baptist church are pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Brown, newcomers in the city, with them, also Mrs. Wm. Allen, Jr. All seem to be ardent workers.

Prof. Richard B. Harrison of Chicago gave a highly entertaining recital at Bethel A. M. E. church on last Friday evening before an appreciative audience. A social hour was spent at the close of the recital.

Jas. W. Cooper visited last week in Buxton, the guest of his brother and sister.

The A. M. E. church cottage prayer meetings are reported as increasing in interest each week. Rev. Slater has been giving talks the past three weeks on Jealousy at the evening service.

BOONE, IOWA.

(Special.)

The first quarterly meeting was held Thursday, November 13. The presiding elder, Rev. S. B. Moore, was here. We had a glorious waiting on the Lord.

The members and pastor had quite a surprise for the P. E. They have just put in a chancel and they had it all dressed in white, which was very pretty.

The church is moving on nicely, having done several repairs to the church and parsonage.

The missionary society was organized by Mrs. Stansberry and is doing nicely. Meets the first Thursday in every month.

The missionary society gave a Hal-low'en social. The black cats and witches were everywhere. They raised a very neat sum, which was equally divided between the trustee and steward.

Mrs. Stansberry was in Marshalltown three days of last week, looking after the missionary society.

Mrs. B. F. Taylor spent three days down at Moingona, Iowa, with her sister.

Mrs. Harden of Des Moines will make her home in our city for the winter at least.

The Sunday school, under the leadership of Mrs. Chas. Coleman, is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin were visitors at our Sunday school.

The young people of the city gave a birthday surprise party on Miss Blanche Rollins on October 28, 1913. It was indeed a surprise.

BUXTON REVIEW.

Mr. David Phillips has returned home from Virginia, where he made an extended visit. He also visited in Chicago.

Misses Ona Webb and Lucile Phillips visited at the home of Mrs. Joe Sorrell's, East Swede town, on Sunday. A dainty repast was served.

Mr. John Graves, who lives at 15 W. Eighth street, who has been on the sick list, is somewhat better at this writing.

Mrs. Richard Johnson went to Springfield, Ill., this week. Mr. Lloyd Moore had his foot injured at Mine No. 12.

Tabernacle Baptist church. Sunday was a high day in Zion. Rev. Northcross preached a wonderful sermon. The Sunday school and the B. Y. P. U. and church services were all well attended. Rev. Northcross preaches to a crowded house every Sunday.

The Virginia and Kentucky club are getting ready to have a joint entertainment Saturday night, November 22.

The Mission Circle are planning to have a bazaar on December 6th. Do not forget the literary every Monday night. The president has a good debate and program to render.

Mt. Zion.
A revival has been going on this week. A few souls are being lead to Christ. The pastor is still preaching the series of sermons.

St. John's A. M. E.
Sunday was another beautiful day. Presiding elder preached an excellent sermon, after which eighty-five gathered around the sacrament table to partake of the Lord's supper.

Sunday school is progressing nicely. The Christian Endeavor is booming. The newly elected officers were installed Sunday night by the pastor.

We hope to see more out next Sunday. Mr. Leonard Roberts, Sr., has returned from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Sadie Smith, of Des Moines.

The F. B. W. club met with Mrs. Anna Williams on Wednesday. Mrs. Johnson of Pittsburg, Pa., was the honored visitor at the meeting.

Mr. J. W. Cooper of Clinton, Iowa, is spending a few pleasant days with his sister, Mrs. Asa Williams, also Mr. B. F. Cooper.

Mr. James Smith visited with his family in Des Moines.

Mr. Morris Foster is on the sick list this week with a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright have just returned from Des Moines.

Mr. Leonard Roberts, Sr., has returned from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Sadie Smith, of Des Moines.

Mrs. B. F. Cooper left for Colfax, Iowa, Saturday for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell.

SIoux CITY, IOWA.

The Ladies' Aid society of Mt. Zion Baptist church held their annual bazaar at 318 Douglas street November 11-13.

A social was given Monday evening at the A. M. E. church by the Serval club.

A surprise party was given Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones in honor of their daughter.

The A. I. P. club will meet Friday evening with Mrs. L. M. Coates.

We wish to announce that Messrs. Mansfield and Edward Askew are sole proprietors of the Mazatlan cafe.

The Art and Culture club will meet with Mrs. J. H. Garrison as hostess.

Mr. Eugene Grant has returned home, after an extended visit in the twin cities.

The Progressive Men's club will give an entertainment at the Odd Fel-

lows hall next Tuesday evening. A literary and musical program will be given by the Odd Fellows at their hall Tuesday evening, November 18.

Mr. Fred White has just returned from a trip in Wisconsin. Mrs. Louise Collins has returned home, after visiting with relatives.

Rev. R. L. Knight, who has been ill for the past week, is convalescing. It is whispered that wedding bells will soon ring in our city.

DAVENPORT NOTES.

We are sorry to learn of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Mearchant leaving Davenport to take up their residence in Oklahoma.

Mr. Fred Wright has returned to Davenport for residence. Mr. Wm. H. Green and family of Niagara, N. D., have come to Iowa for residence. Mr. Green is a brother of Mr. Eugene Green, and we hope that Davenport may have him for a citizen.

Miss Hattie Richardson is visiting in Chicago this week. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lewis and daughter have returned to Davenport to winter.

Mr. Geo. Young, who has been visiting in Missouri for some weeks, has returned home delighted with his visit.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Gus Hall of West Liberty, Iowa. We herewith express our heartfelt sympathy.

Mrs. Frank Brown, who has been visiting in Missouri for the past six weeks, returned Monday, the 17th.

Mrs. John Harris of Wall street is a new subscriber to the Bystander. Mr. O. South, who went to Missouri a few weeks ago to see his sick mother, has returned home, leaving his mother much improved in health.

Mrs. W. H. Green is reported quite sick. Mrs. John Harris met with a painful accident last week by falling down stairs.

Ye correspondent also had a hard fall by tripping on a plank in the sidewalk.

The following is the program for the union Thanksgiving services at the Third Baptist church: Opening hymn by the two choirs; prayer by Rev. F. K. Nicholson; song by choirs; governor's proclamation; president's proclamation; sermon by Rev. T. B. Stovall. Subject, Reasons For Being Thankful.

Sick Headsche.

This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all dealers.

MOBERLY, MO., NEWS.

Mrs. Daisy Wells, who has been quite ill at her home in this city for the past several weeks, is reported convalescing.

Prof. Miles Otis of Roachport, Mo., was called home by the death of his grandfather, P. H. Atkinson.

Mrs. Emma Stephenson is reported ill at her home in Winchester street.

We are having plenty of rain now. Mr. P. H. Atkinson died at his home on Forest avenue November 11, after a long illness. The sympathy of the entire city is extended to the bereaved family.

Cuban Temple, No. 130, held its regular monthly meeting on November 14 at Coleman's hall, with quite a number present. Mr. F. B. Coleman, W. P., Mrs. Katie Black, secretary.

There is lots of sickness in and around Moberly.

Mrs. A. C. Black and Mrs. Wm. Bartlett will leave Tuesday for St. Louis on a short visit.

The Art club met with Miss Emma Hurley on Thursday, November 13. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Nellie Ray on Franklin street. Mrs. Mayme Quinn, president.

Mr. A. C. Black made a business trip to Huntsville on Sunday.

Rev. Avant just closed his revival meeting with great success.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mr. Wm. Bennings and Mr. Walter Bennings were in Albia over Sunday from Knoxville.

Mr. Elzie Martin, who has been in Des Moines for two months, was an over Sunday visitor in Albia.

Mrs. G. A. Davis entertained at 6 o'clock lunch Mrs. M. F. Ward, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Manly and Miss Pauline Thomas.

Mr. Washington of Ottumwa was in Albia on Saturday and Sunday.

Union tent meetings are being held in Albia the past week.

Mr. Brown of Hocking died Sunday morning and a number of people from Albia went to Hocking on Sunday.

Many of the people of the A. M. E. church are taking advantage of the union meetings at the Tabernacle and are attending regularly.

Quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church on Sunday, November 23.

BURLINGTON, IOWA.

Last Sunday the quarterly meeting services at St. John's A. M. E. church were well attended. Presiding Elder I. N. Daniels preached two very able sermons.

There will be preaching at 11 o'clock next Thursday morning, after which the ladies of the church will serve a turkey dinner.

Sunday will be stewardess day. The choir will render special music for the occasion.

Mr. Albert Boyd left Friday for Memphis, Tenn., where he will visit his father.



The Christmas Preparatory Sales

--the clearing out of all odd lots, broken lines, discontinued numbers of merchandise and making ready for the Holiday Stocks. There are bargains--unusual bargains, aplenty and you should not pass up this opportunity to share in them.

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