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DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1914.

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CITY NEWS.

Mrs. Maria Mash is sick this week.

Miss Mario I. Bell is reported sick this week.

Mrs. Clay Lewis is no better. She remains about the same.

Mrs. H. E. Jacobs is reported ill this week.

Wm. Morrison has been employed by the Younker Bros. department store.

Mrs. E. Yeager of 108 West Thirtieth street has been sick, but is improving now.

Mrs. Emery Jackson spent a few weeks visiting her old home in Moberly, Mo.

Mr. Oscar Heibel of Kansas City, Kans., was the guest of Miss Florence Griffin on Wednesday.

Mr. James R. Roberts was taken suddenly sick with pneumonia this week.

Mr. James Davis, who has been so very sick for several months, does not improve at all.

Mr. W. H. Birney is no better at this writing. His condition is getting worse.

Mrs. Joe Sorrell spent a few days in Enterprise with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sorrell.

Mrs. Joe Sorrell of Buxton spent a few days in our city, the guest of Mrs. Andrew Morris.

Mr. J. W. Campbell has just returned from Kansas City, Mo., where he was called to attend the funeral of his brother, who died there last week.

Mr. F. P. Johnson, one of our progressive mail carriers, has been sick the past week.

Mrs. H. S. Graves has returned from Nashville, Tenn., where she has been visiting with her parents. She reports a pleasant trip.

Mr. H. C. Brown, a student at the Capital City Commercial college, has been sick the past few days, unable to go to school.

The Des Moines Negro Lyceum met last Tuesday with Mrs. Warrick. They will meet next Tuesday with Mrs. J. B. Rush. The Life of Dunbar, led by Magerine Ragsdale, will be discussed.

Sunday, March 8th, has been selected by the ministers of Des Moines as go to church day. Everybody is going to some church on that day.

Mrs. Frank Harris entertained Mrs. Annie Morris and Mrs. Fannie Sorrell at a 2 o'clock dinner Monday. An enjoyable time reported.

Mr. James B. Mitchell, one of our well known citizens, met with an accident last week. He fell from a ladder and badly sprained his ankle. While still confined to his home he is improving.

Mr. Baxter McDowell of Buxton is visiting his sister and brother, Andrew, who has been quite ill with a slight attack of pneumonia. He is much better at this writing. They reside at the home of their uncle, J. H. McDowell, 909 Eighth street.

The musical concert that was to be given by Roman tent Wednesday night, February 11th, owing to the bad weather was postponed and will be given at Maple Street Baptist church Tuesday night, February 24th. All holding tickets for the above date will be good for that night. Everybody is invited to attend. Admission, 10 cents.

The Intellectual Improvement club celebrated Frederick Douglass' birthday at the home of Mrs. J. H. McClain. Addresses were made by Atty. S. Joe Brown, Mrs. John Wilkinson, Mrs. J. B. Rush and remarks by the president, Mrs. F. P. Johnson. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21.
10:30 a. m.—"The Christian's Prize."
12 m.—Sunday school.
6:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.
7:30 p. m.—"A Strange Handwriting."
T. L. Griffith, Pastor.

WANTED AGENTS—Colored school boys and girls, good positions, good pay. Write for particulars. The Washington Agency Co., 3025 3rd St., Dept. 6, Des Moines, Ia.

DRAMATIC ART CLUB.
The Dramatic Art club met Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. J. B. Rush. The program consisted of a discussion of Social Purity and Rescue as outlined by the State Federation. Meet next week with Mrs. R. N. Hyde. Discuss Household Economics.

The Woman's Law and Political Study club will meet Thursday evening,

February 26th, with Mrs. Harvey Brown. Lesson, "Mortgages." Last month the club met with Mrs. T. Adams and had an interesting lesson on "Property Rights."

SUFFRAGETTE CLUB.
The Des Moines Suffragette club met Friday evening, February 13, at the Union Congregational church. A large number of men and women were present to hear the very instructive address of Mrs. Frank W. Dodson, ex-county recorder. The club is having the desired influence on the public. At the next meeting, Friday, March 13, the program will consist of a drill in voting and a discussion of municipal ownership of the water works. Everybody is invited to attend.

EDITORIALS

FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

This week is supposed to have occurred the birthday of Hon. Frederick Douglass, one of the truly great men of his race and the age in which he lived—in abject poverty and a degraded slavery, with no maternal training or parental care—yet from out of this low depth he struggled to become a man. So it was by the divine hand that he freed from bondage, purchased his own freedom, became a lecturer, an editor, a statesman and a diplomat of the highest rank, honored abroad, revered at home. He was one of the finest orators of his time, and truly a great character in moulding the destinies of the Negro race.

THE NEGRO FARMER.

The Negro Farmer is the name of a new farm journal just started in Tuskegee, Ala., by some of the citizens of Tuskegee. It is published in the interest of the Negro farmers throughout the United States and will meet a long felt want. We welcome it and shall encourage it, for our agriculturist should be encouraged. Then again the Negro farmer, like the white farmer, is going to be a mighty power in the making of our race and solving the race problem. We have a few colored farmers that are farming and owning farms from 160 to 1,000 acres of valuable Iowa land and there is no race prejudice out on these farms. These white farmers buy and sell their corn, wheat, oats, hogs, cattle and chickens from the colored farmers, so let us thoughtful and leading men encourage the Negro farmer and urge him to stay on the farm and buy more farms. So we welcome this new journal, The Negro Farmer, to our office and hope for it a large and useful influence in this country.

MARRIED.

On Thursday afternoon at the residence of Rev. B. U. Taylor occurred the marriage of Rev. A. C. Taylor of Douglas, Wyoming, to Mrs. A. R. Richardson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. U. Taylor in the presence of a few friends. They left Friday for their future home in Wyoming. The bride is well known here, where she spent many years, the wife of A. R. Richardson, who died many years ago. The groom is assistant U. S. chaplain in the army.

PUBLIC MASS MEETING.

To all whom it may concern: This is to certify that the undersigned committee has been authorized to call a public mass meeting to convene in St. Paul's A. M. E. church March 9, 1914, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a local Negro Business League. All persons engaged in legitimate business and all others interested in the future business welfare of our people are hereby extended a special invitation to present. To absent yourself from this meeting without a reasonable excuse means that you are not interested in the progress and business enterprises of the race.

Rev. T. L. Griffith, Chairman.
Rev. B. U. Taylor.
Rev. T. M. Bramfield.
Rev. S. Bates.
Atty. S. Joe Brown.
Dr. A. J. Booker.
Mr. W. H. McCree, Esq.
Mrs. J. B. Rush.
Rev. W. L. Lee, Secretary.

OBITUARY.

Clem Miller Dead.

Mr. Clem Miller one of Jasper county's highly esteemed colored citizens, died at his home in Newton on February 10th. He was 76 years, 6 months and 10 days old. He was born in Kentucky and came to Missouri when about 15 years old. He came to Iowa in 1862, enlisted in the civil war in 1863 and after fighting bravely for his and his race freedom he returned to Newton, where he spent his life. He was successful and well liked. He leaves one son, Fred, and a loving wife to mourn his loss. The funeral was conducted by Rev. T. L. Griffith, which was largely attended by both white and colored folks.

CEDAR RAPIDS ITEMS.

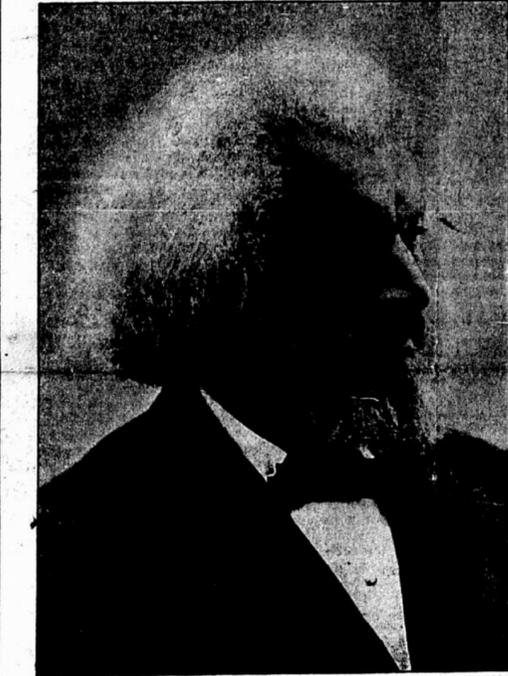
The Culture club met at the home of Mrs. Lulu Horne on Friday evening. The club is making preparations for an apron bazaar. Grandma Milligan fell down stairs and cut her head, but is doing nicely at this writing. We sincerely hope it does not prove serious. Mrs. Milligan entertained at a 2

FOR COUNCILMAN.



M. P. McNeerney.

This week we present to our many readers the likeness of Mr. M. P. McNeerney, one of our young successful business men, who has announced himself as a candidate for one of the city commissioners to be elected next month. Mr. McNeerney is a Des Moines boy, raised here, and a brother to the very popular druggist, Mr. John McNeerney, on Sixth avenue. They are true friends of the colored people and he solicits your support.



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o'clock dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Gresham, Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew and Mesdames Hawkins and Boyd.
Mr. Eddie Corely spent Sunday in Muscatine with his best girl. Watch yourself now, the Mississippi is frozen over.
The Missionary society gave an entertainment February 5th. It was very much enjoyed, considering the large audience. The young men had charge of the refreshments. There is much credit due them in the way they served.

BOONE, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.)
Miss Hazel Brown and Mr. Howard Evans a young couple of our city, stole a march on the rest of the young people and were married Saturday at high noon. Nobody but her brother was present.
Miss Alice Stark has been ill, but is much better at this writing.
Sunday, February 8th, was quarterly meeting at Bethel A. M. E. church. Rev. S. B. Moore, P. E., was present. Although it was very cold the church was well filled at every service.
Mrs. Emma Terry entertained Rev. Moore and Rev. Stansbury at a three-course dinner Friday, February 6th. The young people of the city gave a birthday surprise party.
Mrs. Stansbury was called to Chicago on Tuesday on account of the illness of a dear aunt.
Mr. B. F. Taylor has been indisposed for several days.
Mrs. Betty Morgan has been very sick for a few days.

FORT MADISON NOTES.

The A. M. E. church is planning to have a mock wedding on February 22d. The participants are little Miss Viola Murphy and Masted Orville Woods. A program will also be rendered by the talented members of the Sunday school.
Mrs. Cornelia Molby of Lake Village, Arkansas, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Harper.
Mrs. Cornelia Molby was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Bert Payne. Covers were laid for ten.
Mrs. Bessie Buckner is seriously ill at her home on Spruce street.
The entertainment given at the A.

M. E. church last Thursday evening was a success both financially and socially.

Miss Louise Harper was visiting in Keokuk on Sunday as the guest of Miss Verna Beaman.

Mr. Burl Anderson of New Boston was a Fort Madison visitor.

The following officers were elected for the incoming year at the A. M. E. church: Daniel Isom, superintendent; Ruth Mack, secretary; Rev. Owens, teacher of Bible class; Louise Harper, teacher of intermediate class; Lucy King, class No. one; Virgie Black, teacher class No. two; Mrs. R. Owens, teacher class No. three.

A club was organized by a few of our prominent citizens Friday evening, with Miss Jennie Harper acting as chairman. It bears the name of "The Golden Leaf." They have enrolled ten members. More are expected later on.

OTTUMWA, IOWA.

Miss Demby gave a musical entertainment at Mt. Zion A. M. E. church. She was assisted by local talent and Miss Edna Jones of Okaloosa presided at the piano. We highly commend Miss Demby.

Mr. and Mrs. G. McGill's children, Marjorie and Lawrence, have been quite sick.

Mr. James Fields is quite sick, confined to his bed; also Mrs. Fields, who is unable to get around, is suffering with rheumatism.

COUNCIL BLUFFS ITEMS.

Mrs. Ruth B. Bright, G. W. M. of Electa Grand Chapter, O. E. S., organized in our city Thursday, February 6th, a new chapter, known as Star of Bethlehem, with a membership of twenty, assisted by the G. M., J. L. Thompson of Des Moines, and Miss Flora C. Walker of Naomi chapter, No. 1, Davenport, Iowa, after which the ladies, under the direction of Mrs. F. C. Walker, served the entire chapter, Mr. Charles Davis, G. J. W., toastmaster.

Mr. Lee Burger died Friday, February 6, 1914, at Clarinda, Iowa. Funeral from Bethel A. M. E. church on Thursday, February, of which he was a member and also a former trustee of said church.

R. C. Milton preached on Sunday evening at Bethel A. M. E. church, preparatory to leaving to the charge of the Centerville circuit, to which he has been assigned by the presiding elder.

A concert will be given February 14 at Bethel for the benefit of the choir.

The entertainment given at the Tabernacle church was quite a success.

Mrs. Hazel Turner had as her guest for tea Mrs. R. Bright of Davenport, Iowa, February 6th. Mrs. Turner was assisted by Mrs. Fredonia Green.

Mrs. Ruth Bright was entertained at the home of Mrs. Ellen Rose on February 2.

Mrs. Flora Walker entertained at luncheon at her home in honor of Mrs. R. Bright of Davenport, Mrs. O. C. Steward of South Omaha and Mrs. Irma Estatto of Council Bluffs. Covers were laid for ten. Spring flowers were the decoration. Color scheme, blue.

Those that are sick are Mrs. Berry and Miss Hazel Steward.
Mrs. E. Anderson has been called to Kansas City to be at the bedside of her son.

KEOKUK ITEMS.

The following officers of Household of Ruth, No. 177, were installed by Ex-District G. M. W. A. S. Mills for the year 1914: Mrs. Fred Holmes, M. U. G.; Mrs. G. Holt, R. U. G.; Mrs. J. Smith, W. R.; Mrs. M. Mills, W. T.; Miss N. Mills, N. G.; Mrs. Thos. Jefferson, W. P.; Mr. W. A. S. Mills, P. M. N. G.; Mrs. B. Smith, W. C.; Mrs. Alice Kebo, W. S.; Mrs. G. Stuart, Miss B. Stuart, senior stewards; Mrs. Edna Alberts, Mrs. James Boyd, junior stewards; Mr. Zack Taylor, counselor.

Officers of Reliance lodge, No. 1859: H. A. S. Mills, U. G.; Frank Fields, V. G.; Ed Robertson, P. S.; Wm. R. Mills, E. S.; George Mott, W. T.; P. Pollard, W. C.; Zack Taylor, N. F.; Francis Perkins, R. S. N. G.; Hugh Sackey, S. G.; A. T. Watkins, P. N. G.; John Buford, warden; George Fowler, R. S. V. G.; James Boyd, L. S.; C. Prentice, advocate.

After the joint installation a delicious luncheon was served and pleasant hours were enjoyed by all until a late hour.

The death of Mr. Jno. F. Craig, which occurred at St. Joseph's hospital last Friday morning, came as a severe shock to many friends of deceased. Mr. Craig is survived by his wife, Mrs. Serelda Craig, and one son, Horace. Funeral was held last Sunday afternoon from the residence, conducted by Rev. J. P. Sims. A large concourse of sorrowing friends gathered to pay their last tribute of respect.

The death of Mr. Mark Elliott occurred at his home last Tuesday morning. Deceased was an old and highly respected resident and had many friends.

An old fashioned wood chopping and log tacking was enjoyed recently at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Dandridge. The prize honor for tacking the most logs was awarded Miss Pearl Mitchell. We failed to get the gentleman's name who won in the wood chopping race.

The lecture that will be delivered at Bethel church by Mrs. Tillman will be February 17th instead of February 12th, as previously stated.

Miss Louise Harper of Fort Madison spent last Sunday in our city as the guest of Miss Verna H. Beaman.

Rev. Burton is conducting meetings at the First African Baptist church this week.

Mrs. Etha Goins has been quite ill, but at this writing is convalescent.

Mrs. Jane Goins is reported to be quite seriously ill.

A recent visit from the stork presented Mr. and Mrs. Sid Daley with a son.

Mrs. Isabelle South and Sr. Sud Lean were recently united in marriage and are receiving the congratulations of their numerous friends.

Reason Enthroned.

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

BUXTON NEWS.

(Special to Bystander.)
Mrs. Adah Green quietly passed away last Monday. We were looking for the end, but still we were not ready.
Mrs. Katherine Carter and Mr. James Brooks were quietly married last week by Rev. B. F. Woodard. They are now located in their own

home on East Fourth street.

Miss Ida Davis was down from Des Moines to attend the Brooks-Carter wedding, also visiting her aunt, Mrs. James F. Guy.

Mr. John Graves passed away last week, leaving a large family.

Old lady Nancy Allen is confined to her bed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lucy Wright.

We, the members of St. John's A. M. E. church, take this means of thanking Mrs. James F. Guy and Mrs. Anna Humbles for the new velvet altar cloth.

We note since go to church day some new faces in our congregations. The Self-Culture club met in the country at the beautiful home of Mrs. Addie Johnson. Talking about good cooking and plenty to eat, it was there.

Mrs. Jinkins of Virginia is here visiting her brother, Mr. Anderson.

The Bible concert was grand and a success financially. We wish to thank Mrs. James F. Guy, Mrs. Anna Humbles and Mrs. W. W. Lee for their splendid effort.

Some of the men who belong to the Mission Circle entertained the Mission ladies at a bountiful repast on Thursday at the Mt. Zion Baptist church.

The Y. W. C. of the Y. M. C. A. sang some beautiful music Sunday. Mrs. B. F. Cooper and Mrs. F. Guy also sang a very pretty duet.

Dr. Carter's address was something fine Sunday at the Y. M. C. A. Don't fail to hear him next time.

We wish to thank all of those who took part in the Bible concert. Mrs. James F. Guy, program committee; Mrs. Anna Humbles, refreshment committee; Mrs. W. W. Lee, music committee.

The Organ club entertained at Mrs. Addie Johnson's on Monday, February 9th, with great success. Mrs. Johnson sent in her sleigh and we all had a good time going out.

The Self-Culture club met with Mrs. Alice Stevenson on Wednesday, February 11th.

The Mite Missionary society had a social at the home of Mrs. Ella Johnson.

We are glad to see Mrs. Mayme Oliver out again.

Mrs. John Jinkin has been confined to her home for the past week. She is better at this writing.

ALBIA NEWS.

Misses Pearl and Eunice Cecil spent Friday morning at the home of Mrs. James Burton. They were en route to Fairfield to attend the funeral of their father.

The entertainment given at the A. M. E. church by the trustees was a success. The coldness of the night and the storm did not avail much. The ladies realized \$20. Lawyer Geo. H. Woodson, assisted by Editor Horace Barnes of the Albia Republican, spoke. Music was furnished by the Robinson orchestra of Hocking. Singing by Albia quartet and piano solo by Mrs. Oscar Roper.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith entertained at dinner Mrs. Udell Lewis and a few others Sunday.

Mrs. R. B. Manly was called to Ohio on account of the illness of her mother.

Mrs. Luke Mosely from Hiteman, at the Miners' hospital, is still very sick.

Mrs. Strides, the mother of Mrs. Luke Mosely, returned to Ohio on Saturday.

Mrs. Udell Lewis is visiting her sister, Mrs. Oscar Roper, the past week.

BUXTON REVIEW.

Mrs. Wm. King has been on the sick list.

Mrs. A. Sharp, who is employed by the M. M. Co., is on the sick list this week.

The Organ club gave a social at the residence of Mrs. Ada Johnson last week and report a delightful time. They raised \$5.00.

The Self-Culture club gave an entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Gallant in Coopertown.

St. John's A. M. E.

Sunday was quarterly meeting day. Rev. S. B. Moore, P. E., preached an excellent sermon in the morning at 11 a. m., lead the Endeavor at 6 p. m. and preached again at 7:30 p. m.

The Trustees Aid club has purchased a new bible for the pulpit. Seventy-five took communion Sunday. On account of it being so cold there were not very many out.

The presiding elder, S. B. Moore, was in our city Sunday and Monday. He left Tuesday morning for Albia, Iowa. From there he will go to Ottumwa to assist Rev. Webb, pastor, in a revival meeting.

Mt. Zion Baptist.

On account of bad weather there was not very many out to service. In the afternoon the Sunday school union rendered a fine program.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., NOTES.

One of the best programs that has been given yet this year was the one given last Friday night at the Francis Street Baptist church to commemorate the birthday of Lincoln and Douglass. It was under the auspices of the Negro Business Men's League. Prof. G. M. Grisham of Kansas City delivered the principal address, which was enjoyed by all, and it was an exceedingly good and practical address. The only way to enjoy such an address is to hear it. That league expects to have only a few such programs during the year, when some prominent man or woman of our race will be the principal speaker, and it

is also their desire to have popular prices so that the children attending school may hear our different race leaders without much expense to their parents. As stated in our previous notes, the league's headquarters are at 916 1-2 Fredrick avenue and Mr. A. T. Walker, who is chairman of the information employment bureau, is in charge of the office and he will cheerfully give you information about our race in this city free of charge.

Mrs. Holt of Wathena, Kans., was shopping in our city last Saturday night.

It is said that Rachel Lanear, a colored woman at Lebanon, Mo., had prayed that her death would be on Lincoln's birthday and she died last Friday night at the age of 101 years. She said while she was living in Kentucky she darned Lincoln's socks once when he was visiting in that state.

Some of our so-called race leaders are very sanguine sometimes about race unity and we should have more business places owned by members of our race, etc., and yet those same people will usually patronize members of another race when they could get similar service from our race.

Mr. Walter J. Irving of Horton, Kans., was in the city a few days last week. He was appointed a regular railway mail clerk a few months ago and has been assigned to a run from Horton, Kans., to Beatrice, Neb., and he will not be compelled to move from his home.

A Valentine social was given at the Ebenezer A. M. E. church last Saturday night, which was well attended.

Not long since we seen a young man and his lady friend going in a furniture store, so we expect some cards will be out ere long announcing a wedding.

The alumni of the S. U. I. in this city have received invitations to attend the initiation of the Euclid club officers at Iowa City, Iowa, on the 7th of next month. That club is a member of the Kappa Alpha Nu fraternity.

Rev. S. B. Butler of Wichita, Kans., has been called to take charge of the Francis Street Baptist church. As yet he has not said if he will accept or not. He was here on the 8th inst. and delivered two sermons at that church and met most all the members and a number of other people. After such a visit he is in a better position to decide which is best, to accept or reject the proffer made him by that church. Rev. Butler impressed me as being a good Christian and church worker, with liberal views and a progressive race man. We trust he will decide to take charge of that church.

The theater recently erected by Mr. Chas. Phelps was opened last Monday night. It is fireproof and has all the modern conveniences. At present they will exhibit moving pictures only. Mr. Louis Smith is the manager. This being the only one in this city owned by a colored man, we wonder if our race will give it enough patronage to make it a success.

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Methodist Minister recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Rev. James A. Lewis, Milaca, Minn., writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been a needed and welcome guest in our home for a number of years. I highly recommend it to my fellows as being a medicine worthy of trial in cases of colds, coughs and croup." Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a trial and we are confident you will find it very effectual and continue to use it as occasion requires for years to come, as many others have done. For sale by all dealers.

DAVENPORT NOTES.

The Dramatic club made good in its play, "Too Much Married," at Bethel A. M. E. church on the 11th inst. A large crowd was well entertained.

Quite a number of our people are on the sick list. Mrs. Jennie Johnson has the mumps. Mrs. Sarah Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mitchell are all much better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Enzer Green will visit for two months at Hot Springs, Ark., leaving Davenport about March 2d.

Cal Robinson died at Mercy hospital Sunday night February 15th.

The Third Baptist and Bethel A. M. E. churches were well represented at the Scott County Sunday School association held here the 13th and 14th inst. Some of the best Sunday school workers in the country were here and gave us a larger view of Sunday school work. The delegates from our churches were: Third Baptist, Mrs. Ella Fuqua and Mrs. Hatlie Haskins; A. M. E., Mr. C. P. Jones, Mrs. Esther Stovall and Ye Correspondent.

Hon. John L. Thompson, G. M. of the M. W. U. G. L. A. F. & A. M., for Iowa and jurisdiction, will visit Hiram lodge, No. 19, the 27th of February. All members are requested to be out at the hall at 7:30 p. m. Banquet at Gr. en's restaurant at 11 p. m.

For That Terrible Itching.

Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Earthquake in France. Toulon.—Slight seismic shocks occurred again Monday in Draguignan, Vaucluse and Puy-St. Rapard. No damage is reported, but the residents were panic-stricken.