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CITY NEWS

Mrs. H. W. Hughes has been ill with rheumatism for the past week.

We wish all of our subscribers a Happy New Year.

Rev. F. C. Bolding of Enterprise was in our city Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Robt. Owens of Ottumwa is spending Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jackson, 717 West Eleventh street.

Mrs. Bernice Wilkerson and children spent Xmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jefferies, of Knoxville, Iowa.

The Bystander for one year for \$1.00 until January 15, if paid up in advance.

Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin of S. E. Fourteenth street royally entertained at their home Christmas day. Those beside the family who shared the hospitality of a turkey dinner were Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Wilson and little Gwen; Dolyn and Miss May Hayes.

Mrs. Louis Holmes and daughter Maxine of Lincoln, Neb., is in the city visiting her sisters, Mrs. Wm. Wilkerson and Mrs. Wm. Howard. During her trip she spent the Christmas holidays with her parents in Knoxville, Iowa. She will return to her home in Lincoln the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herm Stone and daughter of Marshalltown were in the city the past week visiting Mr. Stone's mother and other relatives and friends.

The members of Doric Masonic lodge gave a house warming in their hall, which had been remodeled and overhauled. A fair sized crowd was present and an enjoyable time reported.

Mr. Arthur Williams of East Walnut street died last Sunday of pneumonia in the Methodist hospital. He was born in North Carolina twenty-two years ago. He came and lived with his brother and sister, Jones, of this city.

The annual St. John's observance on Sunday was largely attended. A. M. E. church, which was well filled. The sermon was by Rev. S. Bates in his usual manner. Master Thompson made the invocation.

A. Searcy of Ottumwa is in our city, as he was to deliver the annual address on the occasion of the birth of the North Temple hall. He delivered an address.

There was a great day Sunday at the Union Congregational church. They took in twelve new baptisms. It was indeed a great and happy day. The young people were all standing up by the 60th anniversary, each denouncing and taking up the cross of Christ.

Under the auspices of the Maude Tabor Memorial fund, a Sunday revival will be held on next Sunday. The day of the new year. All are expected to be out and invited.

Joe Brown was attending business in Marshalltown. He is expected to be in our city on Monday.

Joe Brown desires to meet with those who have consented to serve on the provisional committee to have the meeting for Dr. J. E. Hyde, at his residence, 1058 Fifth street, on Sunday evening, January 4th, at 8 o'clock.

NEW RESOLUTIONS. All subscribers for 1915. We do right. We are honest. We pay all our just debts. We are a man and not a kid. We read more good literature. We get more knowledge and we pay what we owe. We are more prompt in settling our bills. We are more prompt in settling our churches and secret societies.

Let us stop going to the swimming dives and pool halls. Let us support our worthy neighbors. Let us support our worthy men in business. Let us quit beggaring. Let us read, but subscribe and not find fault. Let us be boosters and not dr. Bookers.

HEALTH HINTS.

A. J. Booker, M. D.

We attempted at the Iowa Federation of Colored Women to show by means of charts that pneumonia, especially among children, was house disease. The children show more of this in the spring than in the real cold weather. Which fact is due to their being fastened up in the houses during the cold weather and getting run down so they are a prey to germs. One of the essentials for a germ spread disease is the necessary run-down condition. This holds true for every infectious disease, and for some that are not infectious.

If every mother would get this idea firmly fixed in her mind there would be little pneumonia and fewer colds. It is seldom too cold for a baby to be taken out for an airing at least twice a day. Children must be hard and not made hot house plants. Little children who are just creeping or walking should be kept off the floors; there is nearly always a draft coming under the door. Pad a large box and let the child play in it. Larger children should not be allowed to abuse the privilege of playing out of doors until they get chilled. Eternal vigilance is the price of physical freedom from ailments as well as the price of political freedom. A little more time is worth the money.

Properly nursed and not overdozed with medicine, most of the little tot get along nicely, but the fever and strain on the nerves, the irritation to kidneys and the congestion of blood incident to these diseases, all leave some effect on the child. It is not necessary, and positively dangerous to have these diseases of childhood. They confer no immunity; the child can and often does have them over and over. To have one disease on the contrary often makes the child more susceptible to others.

Conserve the health of the children. We need strong men and women. Upon their shoulders will fall many of the burdens that we now have, incident to race prejudice. It is no game for cripples; a man or woman that must spend most of his or her time keeping well has little time to help the community or contribute anything to society at large. It is more than a question of family worry and doctor's bills; it is a world problem.

Once in a while some saphead asks me what I will do if I succeed in getting all the people well. If we, doctors, would see that we were making every one well and eradicating disease we would hunt jobs and go to work like other men. It is no disgrace to work and no particular honor to be a physician unless one does his work in an honorable way. The man who does not attempt to teach his patients to keep well is less than a man and a disgrace to the great profession of medicine.

MACON, MO. NEWS.

Macon is having plenty of snow nowadays. Several Macon knights attended the Xmas dance Friday night in Moberly and report a scrumptious time. James Davis remains the same.

Mrs. Joanna P. Moore, the white missionary for this state, is in Macon, the guest of Mrs. Ida L. Garnett. Mrs. Moore has sacrificed her life for the Negro race and we are glad to have her in our midst, for she is as a ray of sunshine. All the time Mrs. Moore has done and is doing much for the benefit of the colored race.

Prof. T. B. Bruce of Paris is in the city, the guest of Prof. E. W. Perkins. Joe T. Ancell, Jr., spent Xmas in Huntsville, Mo.

Frederic Wright spent Xmas in Louisiana, Mo. Raymond Houston and Keely Donley attended the dance in Moberly. Miss Alberta Young has returned to Chillicothe, Mo., after a visit with relatives.

Miss Bertina Young is on the sick list. Miss Blanche Brooks has returned to her home to spend Xmas.

Hon. Lawyer G. W. Woodson of Buxton, Iowa, was in the city on business.

Mr. Nathaniel Houston is in the city visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. Victoria Brassell spent Xmas holiday in Moberly.

Miss Nellie Goins of Jacksonville spent a few days in our city. Miss Arleta Donley of Palmyra, Mo., spent a few hours in Macon. Ethel Brummall of Moberly spent Sunday and Monday in Macon.

The old folks' concert which was given December 31 was quite a success. Miss Tennie Brooks remains ill at her home.

Lida Pitts of Moberly is the guest of Elhara Jackson. Orville Garth is working in Buxton, Iowa.

Misses Ruth and Mabel Reece spent Xmas night in Moberly. Several Macon knights are contemplating attending the bells in Moberly and Brookfield on New Year's night.

The death of Ernest Smith occurred at his home on Broadway street Sunday, December 30. Funeral services were conducted at Vine and Broadway church. He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

Mr. Chas. McAvoy remains ill at the home of his parents. Mrs. Walker and Miss Thompson passed through Macon on their way

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

(Special to the Bystander.) Mrs. Wm. Morrison, Sr., entertained the Golden and Houston families at dinner Xmas day. Mr. Bailey field secretary of Tuskegee Institute, was also present, the guest of Mrs. Chas. Golden.

Rev. Saunders of Clinton, Iowa, preached two soul-stirring sermons at the McKinley Baptist church both morning and evening.

The Ladies' Progressive Art club is preparing for its annual Xmas tree and benefit entertainment January 5, 1915. The date of the entertainment was set for December 29, but owing to the death of a member of the club the entertainment was postponed until January 5th.

Mr. Cass Lambert is able to be out of doors and he is improving rapidly, after his serious operation. The members of the Whist club, including Mr. and Mrs. B. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Crits and several others spent Xmas day in Muscatine, Iowa, the guest of Mrs. F. Grooms.

Uncle Billy Morrison was quite sick Xmas day, but is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Windsor were callers in Davenport on Sunday. The McKinley Baptist church held their annual election of church at the Baptist church Wednesday night for the ensuing year. Deacon, Sandy Terry, Ramsay, Coleman, Brown and Powers. Trustees, Houston, Taylor, Terry, Bassett and Brown. Church clerk, Chas. Brown, and financial secretary, Coleman.

Mrs. Agnes Burris died Saturday evening at 9:30 o'clock, after a lingering illness with tuberculosis. She leaves to mourn her loss two daughters and three sons. The father died five years ago. She was a member of the Court, S. M. T. and Progressive Art club.

Mrs. Mamie Patterson of Chicago is visiting relatives in Rock Island. Mrs. Essie Lewis of Prophetstown, Ill., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. Moore.

FORT MADISON GLEANINGS. (Last Week.) The remains of Mrs. Bessie Brown, who died in Rock Island, Ill., were brought to this city for burial. Mrs. Brown was born in this city and has many friends who mourn her loss. She was a dear young woman and loved by all who knew her. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. D.

Mr. Charlie Ross, who went to Omaha last week, has returned. Mr. J. H. McGrew, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was called home in Tennessee last week on account of the illness of his mother.

Mrs. Robert Givens of Knoxville, Iowa, has been a visitor this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Southall.

Mr. Samuel Steele of Minneapolis, Minn., was in our city during the holidays visiting his mother, Mrs. Ruth Steele.

Mr. W. A. Brown of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, spent the holidays in our city. Miss Louise Mardis is back to our city again.

Miss Susie Roberts spent Xmas in Des Moines. Miss Ruth Southall returned to Iowa City school Saturday.

Miss Rosa B. Carter from Lexington, Mo., is in our city again. She brings a smile to the professor. There was a wedding last week. Mr. Young was quietly married to Miss Meal Morris at the home of the bride, J. H. Ferrisbe, master of ceremonies.

Watch the Bystander and see who will be next. It's getting very cold. While we are in joy and pleasure death is knocking at somebody's door in the still watch of the night, saying, "Come, Miss Alberta Lee, who has been sick a short while, passed away last Monday morning at her home. She was the widow of Mr. W. W. Lee, who died fourteen months ago.

The Hotel Buxton has changed hands. Mr. John Wright and Reuben Gains, Jr., are now running it. We wish them much success in their new venture. The reporter wishes you all a Merry Xmas and a Prosperous, Happy New Year.

STOMACH TROUBLE CURED. If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klotz of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all dealers.

MOLINE, ILL. Rev. J. W. Whitfield, who was pastor of the McKinley Baptist chapel of Rock Island for more than two years, has been called to the Tabernacle Baptist church of Moline, Ill. Rev. Whitfield has been giving the Moline church one service each Sunday afternoon. He began his pastorate in full the first Sunday in December.

Mrs. Hannah Brown of East Moline is stopping in Moline with Mrs. Ford, who is her daughter. Mr. Lee Hubbard is out again, after suffering a very bad knee for about three weeks. He was kicked by his horse on the knee.

Mrs. Earl Bradley was on the sick list again, but she is out again. The ladies of Moline gave a shower on little Mary Catherine Whitfield, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Whitfield. The little one received quite a number of very valuable presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bradley were the guests of Mrs. Haris Walkup on Sunday morning for breakfast. The Christmas dinner which was given by the sisterhood of Tabernacle Baptist church was quite a success. They made clear of all expenses, \$25.

Rev. J. W. Whitfield, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church, has planned to begin his revivals on watch meeting night.

SIoux CITY, IOWA. (Last Week.) Rev. J. D. Herben of Atlantic City, N. J., who has just closed a successful series of revival meetings at the Mt. Zion Baptist church, departed Monday for Omaha to begin meetings there.

Seven persons who were converted during the revival services at the Mt. Zion Baptist church were baptized last Sunday by Rev. J. D. Herben at the Swedish Baptist church at Ninth and Court streets.

(This Week.) Mrs. Chas. Eubanks is spending the holidays in Marshalltown visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Robinson.

Miss Anna Harper, who teaches school in Carbondale, Ill., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harper.

Miss Louise Harper, who has been attending school in Chicago, is home for the holidays. Mr. John Buford of Keokuk, Iowa, was a Fort Madison visitor Christmas.

Messrs. Chester and Floyd White of Hamilton, Ill., were Fort Madison visitors Christmas.

Mrs. Betty Banister, who attended the funeral of Mrs. Bessie Brown, left for Rock Island, Ill., last Wednesday morning.

The entertainment given at the A. M. E. church Christmas eve was a success both socially and financially. Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Marshall spent Christmas in Monmouth, Ill., visiting relatives.

Mr. Curtis Herndon spent Xmas in Marceline, Mo., visiting his parents. One of the prettiest events of the holiday season was the party given Thursday evening by Misses Jennie and Naomi Harper in honor of their sisters, Anna and Louise, who are home spending the holidays. The house was prettily decorated in the holiday colors, red and green. The evening was spent in dancing and games. At midnight a three-course luncheon was served. All departed at a late hour, voting their hostesses royal entertainers.

KEOKUK SOCIAL NOTES. The Union lodge celebrated St. John's day at their hall on Monday evening, December 28. After the lodge services the friends of the members danced. Music was furnished by Robbins orchestra.

Alpha chapter, No. 2, O. E. S., held their annual election December 15. The following were elected: Mrs. Inez Kelle, W. M.; Mr. F. S. Johnson, W. P.; Mrs. Susie Holmes, A. M.; Mrs. Emma Tebeau, secretary; Mrs. Anna Alden, conductress; Mrs. Ellen Dixon, A. Con.; Mrs. Maria Jones, Ada; Mrs. Agnes Johnson, Ruth; Mrs. C. Woodward, Esther; Mrs. Henrietta Buckner, Martha; Mrs. Mary Bland, Electa; Mr. Geo. Kelle, warden; Mr. Wm. Dixon, sentinel. The installation was held December 22 at the home of W. M. Mrs. Inez Kelle. After installation a four-course supper was served. A very enjoyable time was had.

The girls of the sewing class of the A. M. E. church will hold open house New Year's day at the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. Chas. Goins left last week for Chicago. The Self-Culture club will meet at the home of Mrs. Leon Bland on December 30th.

MT. PLEASANT, IOWA. (This Week.) Both churches had their Xmas trees and exercises Xmas eve. Both programs were good.

The members of the Second Baptist church served turkey dinner and also supper Xmas eve. Master Robert Sheppard is on the sick list. He has an attack of typhoid pneumonia.

Rev. W. W. Williams is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Clay returned home Saturday, after spending Xmas in Eldon and Keosauqua visiting the daughters, Mrs. Morris Wicks and Mrs. Josh Johnson. They report a pleasant visit.

Mrs. Edwin Gater and daughter, Martha, of Ames are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McCracken.

Miss Grace Harris of Buxton is spending the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Harris.

Miss Georgia Williams of Des Moines spent Xmas in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. Tillie Williams, and grandpa, Mr. Elmer Richmond. Mr. Raymond Daviner of Fairfield spent Xmas here visiting friends.

The A. M. E. and Mt. Zion Baptist Sunday schools observed Christmas and rendered their exercises Thursday evening, December 24. The latter school presented a very clever playlet, entitled "A Home Made Santa Claus."

Mrs. A. M. Askew and Miss Arabella Dowdy left Tuesday evening for Chicago, having received word of the illness of Miss Birdie Dowdy.

Mr. Eugene Grant has returned from Minneapolis to visit indefinitely with his parents.

Mrs. Anna Roberts was hostess to the A. I. P. club last Friday evening. At the close of an interesting business session a dainty luncheon was served.

(This Week.) Mrs. M. H. Spencer will entertain the members and friends of the P. I. E. club of the A. M. E. church at the church parlors Monday evening.

Announcements have been received in the city bearing intelligence of the marriage of Mrs. Myrtle Aaron Morgan of this city and Mr. Fred Metcalfe of Omaha. The friends here extend congratulations. They will reside in Omaha.

The Art and Culture club will hold open house at the J. W. Hudson home, 616 Sioux street, during the hours of 12 m. until 12 m.

Mrs. Stokes and little granddaughter of Yankton, S. D., are spending the holidays in the city visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Mack, and sister, Mrs. A. Lee.

Mrs. Ben Wilder of Galesburg is visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Williams.

Mr. Tom Topps of Missouri is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. M. Keith. The Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. Vollie Thompson Monday afternoon.

(Last Week.) Bishop B. F. Lee paid his annual visit here on Sunday, December 13. In the evening he preached a good sermon to a good audience.

Sunday, December 20th, was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. Presiding Elder S. B. Moore was with us in the afternoon and evening. He preached two soul-stirring sermons.

The Mission Circle of the Second Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. Harriet Smith on Monday afternoon. A very interesting meeting was held.

Lena Palmer Robinson was born in Callaway county, Missouri, April 6, 1890. She departed this life December 14, 1914, aged 24 years. Those left to mourn her death are her husband, Mr. Arthur Robinson; two daughters, Edna and Glen; a mother, Mrs. Nellie Webb; Mrs. Leo Reeder of Keokuk, Eva and Beulah Palmer; two brothers, Harley and Dewey. The funeral was held Friday afternoon at the Second Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock. She was a member of the said church. Rev. Eaves preached the funeral sermon, assisted by Rev. W. W. Williams.

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THE NEW YEAR. The old year is past. The new year has come, with her greetings, happiness or woes and trouble. Let us face the new year with a full realization that we as individuals must meet fearlessly and honestly whatever this new year may have in store for us. We all should be prepared spiritually, intellectually and financially to stand the test. With wars around us and rumors of war near us we should all strive to bring peace and tranquility. Then as a race just struggling to raise our civilization should work more and strive to make a good, useful and valuable citizen, neighbor and man, that our enemies as well as our friends will commend us. We must all seek to do right. Then go forth this new year with God as our helper, fully determined to succeed this year of 1915.

THE LYCEUM. The newly elected officers of the Des Moines Negro Lyceum association were installed at the meeting at the residence of Miss Beatrice Turner last Tuesday evening. Mrs. R. A. White of Chicago, Messrs. Rufus B. Jackson of the Iowa State college and Douglas Miller, Jr., of the State University were among the out of town members who were present and addressed the meeting. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. B. Rush, 1647 W. Twentieth street, at which time Rev. E. G. Jackson will review the January Crisis.

Below we clip an article from last Friday's Register and Leader, which is a good article on the city franchise question:

THE STREET RAILWAY PROBLEM To the Editor: The street car franchise question would be quickly settled if some of us did not carry special eye glasses to be used in looking at public utility questions.

We hear talk about the street car company occupying "our streets" and therefore should pay for it. This argument is out of date. The car company paves all the streets it occupies and pays a liberal tax besides. The coal companies, newspapers, department stores, etc., use "our streets" and pay nothing, yet pay as large dividends as their conscience allows. If you think the owner of the ground abutting upon the street is imposed upon by the street cars, try to move the car tracks from Walnut to Locust. If you want Harris-Emery company to forget to build their proposed new building move the car tracks from Seventh and Walnut. Make a motion that the University car line be changed to Center street and the University army led by Brother Evans will storm the city hall. The mayor has wobbled all around on the question and so far as his official acts have come to my notice he has never offered to guarantee a fixed profit to the company. He seems now to have abandoned all proposals except the one suggested to you: That is, to fix capitalization at what Mr. Harris paid for the property. He is now officially offering to guarantee 6 per cent on this value. Well, he is safe enough.

Who ever heard of the mayor or anyone else making a purchase at a bankrupt sale and immediately selling it at cost, unless he found he got a "gold brick." Mr. Harris purchased at bankrupt sale. There was no other bidder. Mr. Harris would not have purchased had he not financed the company while thinking he had a longer term franchise.

In arriving at a reasonable fare to be charged, the courts allow a replacement value to be put on the property. This being true, why is the price paid by Mr. Harris of any importance?

Clear the streets of tracks, cars, etc., and start new. What proposal will the city make to induce capital to put in a street car system? It will offer at least 6 or 8 per cent on the cost of putting in a plant. This rate of interest will bring to takers and you will have no street cars.

We have a new deal in everything except the company has already invested this money under the impression that this franchise was for a longer term. The company has been caught in a trap. Some of you propose to drive a bargain such as we know could not be driven if the street car company had no money invested.

We hear much of Kansas City and Cleveland. These are merely instances of other companies being caught and agreeing to do things they would not do if free to act.

How many who oppose the proposal of the street car company will invest their money under the proposal of the mayor? The company proposes to give good service, extend its service as ordered by the city, pay the taxes, pave part of the streets occupied by its tracks and fixes a fare of six for 25 cents, and half rate for school children. If there is anything left after fulfilling its agreement, it is for dividends.

Biliousness and Constipation Cured. If you are ever troubled with biliousness or constipation you will be interested in the statement of Dr. Erwin, Peru, Ind. "A year ago last winter I had an attack of indigestion followed by biliousness and constipation. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets so highly recommended, I bought a bottle of them and they helped me right away." For sale by all dealers.

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ST. MARK'S NEW EDIFICE. Large and Impartial M. E. Church Erects Modern Parish House. BY CLEVELAND G. ALLEN.

New York.—One of the most notable achievements undertaken by the colored people in this city which reflect creditably upon the genius, ability and civic pride of the race is the completion of a beautiful new parish house, valued at \$75,000, of St. Mark's Althridian Episcopal church, on West Fifty-third street, of which the Rev. Dr. William H. Brooks has been the pastor for eighteen years.

The contractor was R. E. Simons, formerly of Charleston, S. C., and the only member of the race in the city doing contracting on a large scale. Mr. Simons from the start had the work well in hand and completed the structure on schedule time and without a delay of a single day. He employed only colored men, and the new parish house is the only building of its kind to be erected entirely by members of the race in this city.

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