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DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 1915.

Price Five Cents

Miss Mary Jane Reeves will leave soon for Washington, D. C.

Miss Mamie Henderson returned to Des Moines from a two weeks' visit in Buxton.

Dr. and Mrs. Booker left Monday to attend the National Medical association in Chicago.

Mrs. Frank Flummer of Indianola was in the city Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. E. T. Banks.

Mr. Al Walker of Marshalltown came to our city Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. E. T. Banks.

Mr. H. C. Brown, Misses Daye Jacobs and Lillian Neal went on a picnic party to Colfax, Iowa, Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Watkins, who has been visiting in Boone, Iowa, returned Saturday to Des Moines.

Miss Daye Jacobs entertained Miss Lillian Neal and Mr. H. C. Brown to a three-course dinner Sunday.

The Twentieth Century H. O. A. Art and Craft club will meet at the residence of Mrs. H. C. Brown to a picnic party, Wednesday, September 8th.

Mr. A. L. Cook of Burlington, Iowa, was in the city this week. While here he made the Bystander office a pleasant call.

The gospel team of the First M. E. church will have full charge of the services Sunday morning at the Union Congregational church. Every one is invited.

The Mary Church Terrell club met last Monday evening with Mrs. Audrey Alexander. Meet this week with Miss Helen Roberts.

For the benefit of our many friends Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lucas have recently installed a telephone, Walnut 5628. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lucas have entertained Rev. Daniel S. Malekue at dinner last Thursday, a young African missionary, who departed last Friday for Marshalltown.

The members of the Mary Church Terrell club very delightfully entertained at an 8 o'clock breakfast at Greenwood park in honor of Miss Leatha Johnson, one of the club's faithful members, who will leave the city for Peoria, Ill., to make her home indefinitely.

Rev. I. N. Daniels of Evanston, Ill., who is presiding elder of that district, spent a few days in the city with his cousin, Mr. V. L. Jones. Rev. Daniels formerly pastored at St. Paul's A. M. E. church of this city, and his old members are glad to see him.

The Lyceum met at the home of Miss Mildred Griffith. Malcolm Griffith gave an instrumental selection. Atty. J. B. Rush read a paper on the ultimate effect of the grandfather clause, after which Atty. Brown explained the grandfather clause and it was discussed by the members. Next meeting will be with Mrs. S. Joe Brown.

The Trustees of St. Paul's A. M. E. church with the assistance of some of the other brethren, have treated the church to a new coat of gray and white paint, which has greatly improved its external appearance. Next week they will, with the assistance of some of the ladies, proceed to give the interior a thorough renovating and re-decorating. Brother C. C. Johnson, one of the trustees, is acting as fireman of the job.

Miss Lillian Colston returned from Buxton on Friday, August 20, where she addressed the Ladies' Industrial club, also spoke at the First Baptist church. Miss Colston reports that Buxton has one of the most intelligent clubs that she has visited and are really doing things. Mr. Nelly is one of the most prosperous business men of Buxton. Miss Colston enjoyed every moment of her time. She was well entertained by some of Buxton's leading citizens.

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Mr. H. C. Brown, who recently graduated from the bookkeeping and shorthand departments of the Capital City Commercial college of this city, will leave Sunday evening for Laur-

enceville, Va., where he has accepted a position in the business department of St. Paul's industrial school. Mr. Brown is a well known and highly respected young man, who has lived in our midst for eight or ten years. During this time he has been an active member of the Corinthian Baptist church, president of the Business Men's League and has been associated with the Masonic lodge. His many friends will be sorry to see him leave and especially will he be missed among the younger people, but with his affable and unassuming disposition we are sure he will not be long in making many friends in his new field of work, where our best wishes or his success follow him.

Mrs. Lucy McKee Walker was born in Illinois in 1869 and moved with her parents when a baby to a farm at Adella, Dallas county, where she grew to womanhood. At the age of twenty she joined the A. M. E. church. She moved to Des Moines about ten years ago and was married to Mr. John Walker in 1907. She died Monday August 22nd at the Methodist hospital, and leaves to mourn her death a husband, two sisters Mrs. Norah McKee and Mrs. Samantha Smith, two brothers, six step sons and one step daughter. Mrs. Walker was a member of the State Holiness Band, also treasurer of the Deaconess department of the A. M. E. church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. G. Jackson at St. Paul's A. M. E. church. Interment at Glendale.

**A Peace Rally**  
A public meeting in the interest of universal peace will be held tomorrow, Saturday, at 2:30 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium under the supervision of Dr. D. P. Breed of Grinnell college, and state organizer of the American Peace Society. Dr. Lloyd Jenkins Jones and others of Chicago will speak. A state organization of the American Peace Society will be formed. All are invited.

**Violin Recital**  
Pro. F. E. Butler, former student of Joseph Douglass and Clarence Cameron White and at present a student in Howard University will appear in a violin recital at St. Paul's A. M. E. church, Monday evening, August 30th, assisted by Miss Johanna Redmon, vocalist, Malcolm Griffith and Miss Mildred Griffin pianist. The admission fee has been reduced to 15 cents, and it is hoped that the auditorium of the church will be filled to its utmost capacity as this will be the last entertainment this conference year, and the proceeds are to assist in making the conference claims.

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS ENTERTAIN GREAT GRANDMOTHERS.**  
One of the most beautiful sights ever witnessed in the city of Des Moines was that on last Thursday afternoon at the residence of Atty. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown, when the High School Girls' club met and entertained in the form of a house party the elderly women of the city, the youngest present being about 70 and the oldest 84. After a renewal of old acquaintance among these "mothers of Israel," Mrs. Brown introduced the president, Miss Mildred Griffin, who expressed a deep appreciation of the club at being able to have these mothers as its guests on this occasion. Among those who responded expressing thanks to their girls for the real pleasure it had given them were Mrs. Nancy Wellington of Buxton, Mrs. Tennessee Robinson, Mrs. Susan Patterson, Mrs. Jennie Carter and Mother Gardner. Musical numbers were furnished throughout the afternoon by the Misses Beatrice Turner, Edna Johnson, Oseola Jones, Georgia Williams and Meredith Hubbard. After a delicious repast the mothers left, rejoicing in the thought that the high school girls had so kindly remembered them.

**DAVENPORT, IOWA.**  
(Special.)  
Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Rose and mother of Dubuque, Iowa, were the guests of Mrs. Effie L. Dudley on Wednesday at 510 East Eleventh street. They were royally entertained Wednesday afternoon by the Violet Leaf club at the residence of Mrs. Archie Perkins, 1012 Ripley street. They returned home Thursday evening.

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If you will get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and observe the directions given therewith faithfully you will recover in much less time than is usually required. Obtainable everywhere.

## COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

Mrs. Burton of Omaha gave a lecture at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday night.  
Elsie Smith, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Little, was struck by a freight train Friday night. Funeral will be held at the Baptist Tabernacle church Wednesday afternoon.  
Mrs. Hawkins died Sunday night at the home of Mrs. Ellen Rose on Seventh avenue.  
Burks Giants defeated the Owls of Omaha on Friday afternoon at Rowans park.  
Mrs. C. Jackson is quite ill at her home on Sixteenth street.  
Mrs. Rosten left Tuesday afternoon for Oklahoma to be by the bedside of her mother, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and Mr. Stanley Cave left Sunday morning for their home in Parkville, Mo. They were the guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cave, and family. Miss Daisy Cave is also visiting.  
(Last Week's Items.)  
Keep your eyes and ears open for September 1st. The stewards are planning for a big day at Bethel A. M. E. church. A splendid program at night.  
The members of the choir will give a musical at Mrs. Jennie Moore's residence on Twentieth street. Mrs. Moore, chairman.  
The Baptist Tabernacle church will give a big picnic at the old fair grounds on Labor day.  
Mrs. Hazel Turner returned Sunday morning from Moberly, Mo., where she went to attend a funeral of an aunt.

Mrs. R. V. Robinson left for Kansas City, Mo., for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Ward, indefinitely.  
Mr. Maceo Jackson from Fulton, Mo., is visiting his parents at their home on Sixteenth street.  
Mr. Frank Walker died early Sunday morning at 1406 Sixteenth avenue of general decline at the age of nearly 102.  
Mr. F. Means has returned from Hannibal, Mo., where he attended the grand lodge. He reports a busy and enjoyable trip.

**DAVENPORT ITEMS.**  
Prof. George Dandridge of Eolia, Mo., who has been in this city visiting his niece, Mrs. D. L. Holmes, has gone to Keokuk to visit other relatives.  
Prof. Dandridge will resume his school work September 1st in Eolia, Mo., where he has been teaching for a number of years.  
Miss Esther Culberson of Clinton was an over Sunday guest of Miss Marie Wilkerson.  
Mrs. Sarah Wright of Marshalltown is in the city visiting her son, Dr. C. F. Wright.  
Mrs. C. H. Marshall and Mrs. Sarah Wright of Marshalltown attended quarterly meeting in Moline last Sunday.  
Mrs. Ida Callaway and daughter, Margery, of Chicago, Ill., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Green last Sunday.  
Mrs. Lucretia Williams is in St. Paul, Minn., visiting her son, James Williams.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ballard entertained at dinner last Sunday evening for Mrs. Ida Callaway and daughter, Margery, of Chicago.

Mr. C. P. Jones is in Keokuk attending the grand session of the G. U. O. of O. D. as delegate from Eureka lodge, No. 3599.  
Mrs. Katie Green, G. M. U. G. of the Household of Ruth of Iowa and jurisdiction, is holding the grand session in Keokuk this week. At the close of the session Mrs. Green will go to Canton, Mo., to visit friends.  
The Greenway family of Muscatine made an automobile trip to Davenport last Sunday and worshipped at Bethel A. M. E. church. Come again.  
Mr. Silas Hopkins is seriously ill at Mercy hospital. His recovery is doubtful.

## MONMOUTH, ILL.

Mrs. Francis Holly of Galesburg is visiting for a few days at the home of her brother, Mr. Grandville Cooper.  
Little Caroline P. Wallace of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Wallace.  
Mr. Robert Catlin was a Burlington caller on Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Waters have returned to their home at Pittsburg, Penn., after a two month's visit with his brother, Mr. Samuel Waters, and wife.  
Mr. Richard Wallace has made a new improvement at his home by putting in cement sidewalks on the sides and in the rear of his house.  
Mrs. Cora Moore, who conducted revival services at the A. M. E. church, has returned to her home in Chicago.  
Mr. J. T. Peoples spent the past week in Chicago attending the Federation of U. B. of F. and S. M. T's.

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## CENTERVILLE NEWS.

Sunday was a glorious day at the Second Baptist church. Rev. Cooper preached two soul-stirring sermons morning and evening.  
Sunday afternoon the Mission Circle held their sermon. A very good program was rendered and a neat sum was realized, as it was a rally.  
The social which was given by the Court of Calantha on Saturday evening was largely attended.  
The social which was given by the Helping Hand club Monday evening was very well attended and quite successful.  
The Mission Circle will give a social Thursday evening at the Second Baptist church.  
Miss Jeanette Woodson of Lexington, Mo., is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lacy.  
Miss Opal Henry and sisters and brother, who were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cobbe and other relatives and friends, left for their home in Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday morning.

A large number of girls and boys surprised Cora M. Crittenden on Tuesday evening, August 17th, it being her 18th birthday. Ice cream and cake were served. She received some very beautiful and useful presents. They departed at a late hour wishing her many more happy birthdays.  
Mrs. Wm. Noah gave a party in honor of her niece, Miss Opal Henry. Ice cream, cake and candy were served. All departed at a late hour and report having an enjoyable time.  
Delores, the little niece of Mr. F. E. Morton, who has been visiting with him for a few weeks, left for her home in Trenton, Mo., Monday morning.

Mrs. Hazel Penniston has returned from Trenton, Mo., where she has been visiting relatives and friends.  
The church has elected its messengers for the association, Mrs. A. L. Crittenden and Rev. V. S. Cooper. For the Circle, Mrs. M. J. Thompson and Mrs. A. Cooper.  
Mrs. Wm. Claskie and Cora M. Crittenden were out calling on Mrs. S. H. Jones on Monday afternoon.  
Mrs. A. Jackson is very much better, after a few days' illness.  
Philip Saunders is in Mercy hospital, where he has been quite ill, but is reported better at this writing.

## ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stone leave soon for Bloomington, Ill., where they will take up their residence with Mr. Stoner's brother, who owns a large farm on the outskirts of the town.  
The program given Friday night by the Allen Christian Endeavor League was a great success, over \$8 being cleared from the social and program.  
Mrs. Albert Lewis left Monday for a short visit in Prophetstown.  
There will be a grand celebration at the ball park on September 16th, celebrating a half century of freedom. There will be speeches, a ball game, etc. The celebration is under the auspices of the Methodist church.  
Mrs. Ethel Johnston of Galesburg is in the city. She was called to the bedside of her sister, Miss Verne Ellsworth.  
The following students will enter the high school in September: Oneita Golden, Lolita Golden, Harry Stewart, William R. Moore, Lillian Moore, Margaret Rice, William Morrison, Edgar Heuston, Leroy Morrison, Emily Harper, Esther Bern, Edna Oliver, Earle Reynolds, Earle Bassett and Leroy Reynolds. Louis Windsor will do post graduate work.  
Mrs. Penn and children were asked to come to Iowa City for a visit, so she and her children left Sunday morning for Iowa City.  
The musical that was given Monday night by Mrs. Hopkins was a great success. The band, under the leadership of Mr. Clarke, played nicely. The concert was at the Methodist church.  
The grocery of Golden & Bailey was robbed last week. Twenty-four dollars in money and \$100 in food-stuffs were missed by the proprietor.

## ALBIA NEWS.

Rev. Neely of Lovilla preached a very interesting sermon at the A. M. E. church on Sunday morning.  
Mrs. Beasley was visiting in Oskaloosa this week.  
The A. M. E. Sunday school picnic at Hagen park on Thursday afternoon was a success. They were permitted to use the roller skates and about ten were skaters. All others showed signs of learning with a little practice. The superintendent of the park gave them one afternoon to come out and learn skating and enjoy the park.  
Mrs. Cowell and daughter of Chicago was visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Washington, this week.  
Mr. Earl Bowman of Des Moines is visiting at the parental home for a week.  
Mrs. Pearl Thomas, who has been visiting in Des Moines for a week, has returned home.  
Misses Ada Davis and May F. Davis visited Sunday at No. 3 mines, Hocking, at the home of Mrs. Bessie Brayson.  
Miss Edmonia Swancy, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Grinnell the past week, returned home Sunday evening, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Lillian Hodgins, who

## OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

was a three days' business visitor there.  
Miss Francis Kiner arrived Monday morning from Clear Lake, where she has been in the employ of the S. W. White family.  
Prof. F. E. McGirt, poet, playwright, impersonator, dramatic and dialect reader, will appear at Wesley Chapel on Tuesday, September 1st.  
Daniel Malakube, a native of Africa, will lecture at the Second Baptist church Thursday evening, August 25th. All are invited.  
Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Smith and Mrs. Mabel Watts were elected delegates to the Iowa-Nebraska Baptist association, which convenes in Davenport on Tuesday, August 31st, to September 5th.  
Mrs. Arthur Crowder and son, Ralph, will attend the Iowa-Nebraska association.  
Miss Edna Jones arrived home on Tuesday from Ottumwa.  
The luncheon served at the home of Mrs. Susie Stewart on Friday evening by the ladies of the Second Baptist church was well attended.  
The ladies of the Wesley Chapel Aid society will serve luncheon Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Witt. Come.  
Mrs. L. M. Moore and son, Carl, left Monday for Buxton to visit a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris.  
T. J. Hicks and wife and Miss Esther Kiner of Cleveland are visiting at the C. B. Kiner home in Beacon. Mrs. Hicks is Mr. Kiner's sister.

## WATERLOO NEWS.

Mrs. Carrie Bright gave a lawn social Tuesday evening at her home, 906 Iowa street. There was a large crowd out and enjoyed themselves to the highest. The proceeds went for the trustee department of the A. M. E. church.  
Miss Dorothy Simms celebrated her 18th birthday Wednesday, August 18, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Simms, 734 Venton street. Miss Aletha McLourin was the hostess, who took her leave for a month's visit at her home in Jackson, Miss. The out of town guest was Miss Viola Williams of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Mr. Benton Williams of Hartford, Iowa. The evening was spent with interesting readings, after which a musical recital was held.  
The Feast in the Wilderness given at Antioch Baptist church Wednesday evening was a grand success and everyone had an enjoyable time.  
Miss Fannie Jones left Monday morning for Chicago, Ill., to visit friends and relatives.  
Hurrah! The lawn tennis court will be ready and in shape for play Saturday evening. Those that wish to play please notify headquarters. Phone 2558 Black.  
Mr. M. R. Rhonemel was called to Fort Dodge, Iowa, to accept a position on a private car of the Iowa Central railroad, with headquarters at Omaha, Neb., and St. Louis, Mo.  
Mrs. Fern Dowden is on the sick list this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. McDonald entertained Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Wm. Bell of Chicago, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bowles and Miss Bettie Berkly.  
Sunday was another glorious day at Antioch Baptist church. Covenant meetings in the morning. Pastor preached to a large audience in the evening. Every one went away rejoicing.  
The stewardess of the A. M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. F. Goodall, 206 Merrimon street, Tuesday last to lay plans for the winding up of year, after which a dainty lunch was served.  
Mrs. I. W. Bess and Miss Carrie E. Bugg returned home Friday morning, reporting a pleasant and delightful visit.  
Miss Dorothy Simms entertained her Sunday school class Thursday afternoon at her home, 734 Venton street. A two-course luncheon was served. The miss reports the children spent a pleasant afternoon.  
Mrs. Lillie Whitfield entertained Thursday at her home, 211 Albany street, Rev. I. W. Bess and Mr. L. Mosby at a 6 o'clock dinner.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harton returned home Friday evening from an extensive visit in the south, reporting a very pleasant trip.  
Mrs. Calvin Clayton is able to be up and around the house again and doing nicely.  
To the public: You may as well telephone 2558 Black your news so as to get them straight and avoid mistakes, for I am sure to get them and you may not like the way I put said items.

## CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

Miss Causby left last week for Chicago.  
Mr. W. Morton of Rock Island is visiting his brother, Mr. William Lavelle.  
Mr. Lucian Carter is reported sick. Mrs. Lelia Price and Miss Bertha Carter returned from Minneapolis, Minn. They report a splendid time.  
Mr. Harry Lavelle and Mrs. Aikens are some better at this writing.  
Miss Lola Stone returned to her home in Mt. Pleasant, after a pleasant visit with her aunt, Mrs. L. Carter, and friends.  
Mr. Harry Horne left Tuesday evening for Ottumwa to visit his mother.  
Harry Lavelle pulled fourth place in the seventy-five mile automobile race at Iowa City on Thursday, Au-

## ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Miss Hazel Crouch of Wichita, Kan., is now the guest of Miss Nettie Allen of 815 N. 23d street. During her visit in our city she will be the guest of honor at several parties.  
Several of the young men spent most of last week in Kansas City at the tennis tournament. Teams from St. Louis, Independence Lawrence, Atchison, Topeka and Kansas City, Kans., were there. The Messrs. O. A. Burns, Jas. Gordon, Jr., and M. Carpenter of this city all won in the singles. Last Friday night a banquet and reception was given in honor of the visiting teams and their friends by members of the Kansas City team, and Howard Walker, Robt. Swinney and Jordan Cochran said that most all of the pretty girls in that and other cities were present, and if you did not enjoy yourself it was your own fault.  
Mrs. Lena Hines of Lawrence, Kas., after a few weeks' visit with relatives and friends in this city, returned home last Saturday. She was the recipient of many social functions while here.  
Dr. Morris of Omaha Neb., was among the visitors last week.  
At the last regular meeting of the school board on the 16th inst. Miss Cynova Walker was named as first year teacher in the grammar school. Miss Walker received her diploma last June from the college at Manhattan, Kans.  
Miss Florence Talbert of Hiawatha, Kans., has returned to her home, after a few weeks' visit with relatives and friends in this city.  
Mr. W. E. Coffey left Sunday night for Chicago to spend part of his annual vacation.  
Miss Martha Legler of Des Moines has been selected as domestic science instructor at Bartlett high school, Miss Etta B. Kelly having resigned that position. Miss Legler comes highly recommended as an experienced and proficient teacher.  
Mrs. Woodard of St. Louis arrived in our city last week for a few weeks' visit as the guest of Mrs. A. H. Hines of 320 W. Missouri avenue.

The delegates and visitors who were in Omaha last week attending the annual meeting of the U. B. F. and S. M. F., have returned and said it was one of the best sessions that was ever held, more than 1,000 delegates being present, and the report of Secretary S. T. Pettigrew showed that the financial condition of the order was excellent.  
W. H. Whitsey is in Chicago this week.  
Mrs. Sam Jones and daughter, Beatrice, have gone to Kansas City for a visit.

## What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drummond, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberlain's Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

## MARSHALSTOWN, IOWA.

Miss Ruth Brown is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Emma Green, in Toledo, Iowa.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Gilmore and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robinson spent Sunday in Toledo with Mrs. Lulu Sims.  
Mrs. C. W. Eubanks of Fort Madison, Iowa, and Miss Scipio A. Jordan of Little Rock, Ark., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roberson, returned to their respective homes Monday.  
Rev. J. Roman of the Second Baptist church preached a soul-stirring sermon Sunday morning. Rev. Geo. Brown of Winnipeg, Canada, preached a gospel sermon at night.  
While in the city Miss S. A. Jordan and Mrs. C. W. Eubanks were pleasantly entertained on Monday afternoon by Mrs. C. P. Gilmore. Light refreshments were served. At a 6 o'clock dinner on Thursday by Mrs. J. R. Roman. Covers were laid for fourteen. On Sunday at 3 o'clock dinner by Mrs. Emma Jackson. Covers were laid for nine.  
Rev. Maize of the A. M. E. church preached two excellent sermons Sunday.  
Miss Marie Broadus of Keokuk, who has been visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Jackson, will return to her home in a few days.  
Mrs. Orville Spotts, who has been quite sick at the home of her mother in Boone, is convalescing.  
Little Bessie Lowry, who has been indisposed for several weeks, is able to be out again.  
Mrs. Emma Flippings who has been seriously sick for several months, is convalescing.  
Sir E. Roberson, C. G. M., installed the officers of Royal Tabernacle and Regal Temple on Monday night. Mrs. Emma Flippings, H. P.; Mr. Tom Robison, C. M.  
Mr. A. Walker, Miss Jessie Walker and Mrs. Mary Jackson has gone to Chicago to attend the half century celebration.  
Mr. C. Roberson is somewhat indisposed.

## EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS FROM THE FARM.

Having finished my traveling itinerary for only a short period, long enough to go back to the old homestead to rebuild a new house, I thought that it might be a source of inspiration to my readers, especially the agricultural part, to know how one feels who returns to the farm after being a decade away. On the 8th of August I, in company with my only son, Master John Nelson, board-city, in Decatur county, arriving there in the evening. We spent the night in Decatur with Mrs. Amanda Morton. Next morning by 7:30 an automobile had delivered us to the Thompson Bros. farm, a beautifully located home one-half mile from Grand River, four and one-half miles due west of Decatur City, where our old house stood for about forty years, that was recently burned. We can see in all directions from ten to fifteen miles. Once more, donned in an old pair of overalls, a broad rimmed hat, no coat, broad brogans; then to hauling sand, rock and when we could not haul sand, to the hay field shocking, stacking and raking hay; nothing to disturb or excite one. During the day all is quiet under the hot rays of a shining sun (except this season). Occasionally you will hear the whine of a bumble bee or the whistle of the Bob White or the singing of a locust or a frog and the chirp of birds or the caw of the frequent crow, which are all music and company to the harvest hands. Not the noise of the street cars, not the hum of the wheels of the factories and workshop, nor the rustling of the loaded wagons or autos. At eventide at the barn house the scene is changed to the ewing of the cows, the squealing of the pigs and the bleating of the mbs. All the work is done by the aid of lanterns or the light of the moon. What a contrast between this scene and those of a city, where you will find the people going to the opera or moving picture show or society meetings in the glare of the electric lights, almost as light as day. It was a sudden change and yet for one who was born here and spent twenty-five years on this old homestead it seems very dear to me, the early scenes and the hard struggles of young manhood, the lofty aspirations that I received behind the plow handles. I wanted to be a lawyer, a teacher, a politician and finally I stumbled on to editor of a newspaper, with a barrister permit to reach that ambition. Let me say to my friends, back to the farm looks good and fascinating to me. How dear to my heart are the scenes of childhood when fond recollections present themselves to view. The orchard, the meadow, the deep tangled wild-wood and ever loved spot where my infancy knew. For one to re-enter the ring again as a farmer would be like Jeffrey trying to come back into the pugilistic ring, because the modern improvements and many new machines that the old farmer of twenty years ago would have to learn over again. Yet after all the farm is the safest and best place for the masses of the people, but the funniest thing is that eyesight is so poor or my nerves so unsteady that instead of hitting nails in the house I was hitting my fingers, thumbs and even my wrist. Well, I must close this foolish letter. While it is unique to us, it may not be interesting to my readers.

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Alice Starks Banks was born in Montgomery Hill, Baldwin county, Alabama, October 4 1847, and died August 21, 1915, making her 67 years, 9 months and 17 days old. She was married to E. T. Banks on January 5, 1869, moved to Mobile, Ala., the same year and lived there until May, 1882. She then came to Des Moines, following her husband, who had preceded her.  
She professed a hope in Christ in 1875 and became a member of the State Street A. M. E. Zion church, Mobile, Ala., and was a faithful member there until she came to Des Moines. She then became a member of St. Paul's A. M. E. church in 1883. She has been a faithful member of that church until her death. She has no children. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, E. T. Banks, and a niece, Mrs. Laurina Burk, Mobile, Ala. She was past vice grand matron of the Grand Court of Heroines of Jericho of Iowa, past matron of Princess Zo chapter, No. 10, Des Moines. "A loving one from us has gone, A voice we loved is stilled, A place is vacant in our home, Which n'er can be filled."  
The funeral services were held from St. Paul's A. M. E. church, this city, Tuesday afternoon, August 24th, the sermon being delivered by the pastor, Rev. E. G. Jackson, assisted by Revs. J. Dulin, T. L. Griffith, M. W. Alexander and W. L. Lee.  
After the church service the beautiful floral ceremony of the Order of the Eastern Star was carried out by the degree team of Princess Zorah chapter, No. 10, of which deceased was the founder and first matron, assisted by Past Grand Patron S. Joe Brown of Princess Ozuel chapter, No. 9. Interment was made in the family lot at Woodland cemetery.

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