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Racial Progress and Educational Advancement as Noted by John L. Thompson, Editor Iowa State Bystander Des Moines, Iowa

Kansas City, Mo., is undoubtedly the most progressive and up-to-date city in Missouri and the most advanced of those southern cities. Their buildings, streets and public buildings are patterned after the most modern northern city. Here dwells a Negro population of nearly 50,000. More than 90,000 if we should add the colored population just across the Missouri river in Kansas City, Kans. I could not observe much within the short time that I was here, only half a day, yet I shall mention a few men and things. Fortune J. Weaver is one of the self-made business men. He operates the Afro-American Real Estate Rental and Employment Agency and has a large business. He also owns two hotels. His wife owns the only millinery and is president of the Business Men's League of this city and he is well off. He owns a nice five-passenger automobile. Dr. J. H. Lee, the druggist, formerly of Topeka, Kans., has two fine drug stores doing well. Mr. Smith owns a first class drug store. The People's Drug Co., is the oldest in point of time. They have a large trade. Then there is still another very nice drug store owned by Hueston & Campbell. There are more than a dozen physicians, having lucrative practice. Among the leading ones are Doctors Thompkins, Unthanks, Bruce, Thomas, Birch and Perry. Several weekly bulletins, magazines and newspapers, but only one newspaper of any prominence, and that is the Rising Sun, edited by Hon. Nelson C. Crews, that politician and statesman, who is also grand master of Masons of Missouri. He is putting out a splendid paper. Rev. W. H. Wheeler, P. E. of the M. E. church over their churches in Iowa. Our old friend, Rev. O. A. Johnson, pastor of the M. E. church, is located here. Mr. J. H. Jackson is janitor of the Attux school. He is a fine man to meet. Mr. P. M. Dabney and wife are the owners and manage the largest hair grower and preparation parlor in this city. They have a fine plant and will soon be one of our many growing businesses here. See ad elsewhere. Geo. W. R. K. Love runs the Love Regalia House and is doing a fine business.

Arriving in the city of St. Joseph for only a few hours we found the colored population doing fairly well, considering their opportunities. There are about 14,000 colored people dwelling here. There is one drug store owned by Dr. E. W. Thompson on the corner of Tenth and Francis street. Dr. Thompson has a very nice modern drug store. He was formerly an Iowa man, living at Des Moines, a brother of my editor. There are four physicians, Dr. J. A. R. Crossland, the oldest in point of service. He was a diplomat to the west coast of Africa under Benjamin Harrison. Dr. M. O. Ricketts was formerly of Omaha, Neb., where he was elected to the legislature from that state. Dr. Carrigan and Dr. F. N. Goodson; two dentists, Dr. Beashear and Dr. Goins. There are four churches, the A. M. E., Baptist, M. E. and Christian. Each one is doing tolerably well. There are many barber shops, restaurants and pool halls. One of the new business enterprises here is the hair grower and dressing parlors of Mme. H. Beard at 519 So. Sixteenth street. She has been very successful in the past. See her ad elsewhere in The Bystander. Prof. J. H. Jones is principal of the high school. Prof. J. H. Sims and B. T. Pirkins are principals of the different graded schools. As we have a regular correspondent from here I need not say any more about St. Joseph.

Colfax, Iowa, is a little mining town. We spent a short time here. It is noted for its mineral spring water and as a health resort. Here lives about 200 colored people, mostly miners. Mrs. Battles still runs her boarding house, a first class place. She is a very successful business woman. Her only child is Dr. Leo Welker, a practicing physician in Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Battles is a widow. Some good man ought to visit Colfax. Mr. Geo. O. Terrell is still living here. He is district G. M. of Odd Fellows of Iowa. Mrs. Justice of peace and is a race man. Mr. Geo. S. Shaw has the only tailor and steaming store in this town and he has a large business. His son helps him. He has two children in high school. He is a credit to our race. Mr. Creed Taylor is still here. Mr. Straughter has moved here from Buxton. He owns nice property. Rev. W. H. Clark, who recently returned from North Dakota, where he sold his claim and now owns sixteen nice lots in Colfax. The reverend is a fine man. J. W. Holmes is one of the prosperous and good men of this town. J. C. Welch, Wm. Bell and J. J. Beasley are some of the influential citizens here.

JOSEPH DOUGLASS WILL BE HERE.

Mr. Joseph Douglass, the greatest Negro violinist and one of the finest in America among any race, of Washington, D. C., will be in our city this week in two recitals for his first time, one at the Corinthian Baptist church Thursday evening and the other at the Union Congregational church Sunday night. Admission free. Every race loving citizen, as well as the music lovers, are urged to come out early and get a good seat, as all seats are free.

raised the membership from eighty-nine to two hundred and fifty, organized a fine Sunday school and a large Bible class, and raised between \$8,000 and \$9,000 for all purposes since coming to this city.

In the last two years here are a few of the improvements that have been put on the Pilgrim Rest church. In the main room new doors have been put in and also ten new stained glass windows, the outside has been painted, a new roof put on with new gutters, a splendid large walk eighteen feet wide has been erected in front of the church, the interior has been plastered and papered and recarpeted, a new piano has been bought, a platform erected for the choir stand and piano and the interior redecorated in many ways. The basement has just recently been improved, so that it is now a splendid place for socials and entertainments. A cement floor has been laid, the complete interior has

of the North Missouri Baptist association was held here, and only last spring a fruitful revival was conducted by Rev. J. J. Thonley of Glasgow, Mo., at which time fifty-three new members were added to the church. The Pilgrim Rest Baptist church was organized here in the year of 1871 by Rev. W. M. Brown in a hall on Sixth and Main streets with twenty-nine members. About three years later the present church was built and used. Rev. Mr. Brown now resides at Albia, Iowa, and was here recently on a visit.

WASHINGTON, IOWA.

(Special to the Bystander.)

The members of the Christian Culture club entertained their husbands last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Delphia Howard. A three-course supper was served. Mrs. Myrtle Rhodes, the president welcomed the guests. Short talks were then given by the following: Rev. Boyd, Mr. Howard Motts, Mrs. Boyd, Mr. O. L. Howard. Mrs. Anna Burkley spoke on patriotism. Mrs. E. Redd on the race. Mrs. Lola Howard acted as toastmistress. The hostess was assisted in serving by the Misses Helen Motts and Luba Grimm. The members and friends departed at a late hour by singing their club song, New America.

KEWANEE, ILL.

(Special to the Bystander.)

The members and friends of Bethel A. M. E. church seem to be well pleased with their new pastor, Rev. S. W. Stansbery the way they fill the church at both services during Sunday. The Rev. has entered in his new field of labor in earnest and has on foot a large entertainment along with a big Thanksgiving dinner and supper.

Bethel Industrial club met Friday at the residence of Mrs. Arthur Matts on Dewey street. Mrs. Stansbery, Mrs. Clare Ciprier and Mrs. Henry Baily were the club visitors.

The P. E. club met Saturday at the church. The club is preparing to give a play, entitled "The Mendicant," November 18th at the church. Watch the paper for the cast of characters.

Bethel Industry will meet on Friday, November 12th, at Mrs. Lucinda Baily's, 235 E. Elliott street.

Rev. F. W. Penick, the newly called pastor of the Second Baptist church, is moving along silently and slowly, but surely. He is surely mastering the situation and has everything under good control. They have just moved into the parsonage, where they hold open doors to all who wish to come.

Those who have entertained Rev. and Mrs. Stansbery since their coming to Kewanee are Mr. and Mrs. A. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. C. Humphrey, Miss Jennie Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Second Baptist church will meet at Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Bates', 827 S. Beach street.

Mrs. Lulu Studerbecke and son of Chicago were over Sunday visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Hugh's.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle will give a box social at the church Tuesday evening.

Miss Jennie Lewis entertained at a 5 o'clock dinner Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baily and Mrs. Lucinda Baily and Rev. and Mrs. Stansbery.

How To Prevent Croup.

It may be a surprise to you to learn that in many cases croup can be prevented. Mrs. H. M. Johns, Elida, Ohio, relates her experience as follows: "My little boy is subject to croup. During the past winter I kept a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and when he began having that croupy cough I would give him one or two doses of it and it would break the attack. I like it better for children than any other cough medicine because children take it willingly, and it is safe and reliable." Obtainable everywhere.

ALBIA NEWS.

Madam Hattie Bennings and Bessie Grayton visited in Ottumwa on Tuesday at Mrs. Nellie Estes'.

Mrs. E. Jeffers left Albia for Des Moines on Sunday, after a week's stay in our city.

Messrs. Neal Bowman and Clinton Wilson returned home from Illinois Saturday.

The revival meeting closed Sunday evening at the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Burns attended morning services at the A. M. E. church Sunday morning.

The Young People's Endeavor held special services Sunday evening.

GALESBURG NEWS.

(Special to Bystander.)

Thursday evening at Allen Chapel A. M. E. church Mr. George King of Burlington, Iowa, gave a fine piano recital, under the auspices of the Autumn Leaf and Girls' Phyllis Wheatley clubs. A large and appreciative audience was out. Mr. King is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter King and second year student in the Burlington high school. Mr. King is a pupil of the well known Martin Bruid Conservatory of Music, under whose management he gave his first recital last August. Mr. King is only 16 years old and has played for the A. M. E. church and Sunday school since he

Mrs. J. T. Blagburn and Mrs. Horace Lewis will be at home after Nov. 10th, 1915, at 1125 4th street.

The Corinthian Altar guild will meet at the home of Mrs. B. Carr, 1329 School street.

Mrs. Tillie Lee of Clarinda spent this week in our city visiting her daughter and attending the organization of the Grand Court of Calanthe.

Mrs. C. S. Stewart met with a fall last Sunday evening and injured her shoulder very painfully. She is a little better at this writing.

Rev. P. Adelstine Johnson, state missionary, will preach at the Union Congregational church Sunday morning. Everybody is invited to come out early.

The Callanan club met at the home of Mrs. J. A. Jefferson on Wednesday afternoon. They will meet the first Wednesday in December with Mrs. Amos Adams of Chester avenue.

The first quarterly meeting of A. M. E. church of the Des Moines District will be Nov. 14th, Presiding Elder S. B. Moore will be present. Sunday School will convene at 2 p. m. on that date.

The High School Girls' club met last Sunday afternoon at the home of the president, Miss Mildred Griffin. The topic for discussion was the Book of Ruth led by Miss Naomi Carey. Music selections were rendered by the Misses Beatrice Turner, Arzola Davis, Mamie Diggs and Mildred Griffin.

The Dramatic Art club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Warricks. The study of Act I Richard III was completed. A paper on Henry VI was by Mrs. Marshall. Meet next week with Mrs. S. H. Armstrong Lesson Act II Richard III.

The H. B. S. K. C. club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Gaiter. The home for women and girls afforded an interesting topic for discussion. The club decided to study "Great Events in History." Lesson for next meeting, "The Period of Martin Luther." Meet with Mrs. Hamilton.

Dr. Jefferson reports the following stark visits: The home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston, Emery, 708 S. E. 15th street Court, Oct. 31, leaving a 7 1/2 pound girl; the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Carr, 1115 14th street, Nov. 7, leaving 8 1/2 pound boy; the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Brewer, 854 14th street Place, leaving 9 pound girl.

TROUBLE CAUSED A CUTTING.

On last Saturday night a week ago Mack Bradley, formerly of Des Moines, but now of St. Paul, Minn., got into some trouble and cut up Mr. Frank Lamar, who instantly died from the cut. Mack was taken into custody and had a preliminary trial last Monday and was found guilty of murder in the first degree and bound over to the grand jury.

DR. WASHINGTON SICK.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, the noted educator and leader of our race, was stricken with a nervous breakdown in Mobile, Ala., and was taken to a New York hospital, where he is a very sick man, but his physicians state that while he is quite sick, he is not dangerously ill.

MILTON TURNER DEAD.

J. Milton Turner, the old veteran politician of St. Louis, Mo., died last week, after a long illness. His funeral was held last Sunday in the presence of a very large concourse of distinguished people of both races. The Masons of Missouri had charge, headed by Grand Master Hon. Nelson C. Crews, with other grand officers. Mr. Turner was a self-made man that belonged to the old political guard. He florist store in the city. Mr. Weaver was a power in Missouri and the nation and contributed to the development of the race.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

At last we have the youngest A. M. E. church steward in the world. Harold Clay, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Clay, is the young steward. He is only ten months old. Sunday morning at Wayman Mission he marched up and down the aisles trying to collect money for the church. Rev. R. C. Campbell who probably believes in that old thought "that is never too early to train the young in the way that they should go," appointed Harold to the board of stewards.

The Oak Leaf Charity club will give an oyster supper November 16th at the residence of Mrs. Flem Bassett. The proceeds to go for the purpose of Xmas charity.

The Oak Leaf Charity club gave a beautiful reception Tuesday evening in honor of its first year anniversary to its many friends. The affair took place at the home of the president, Mrs. Flem Bassett. A short program was rendered. The club's motto is "Lifting as we climb." Among the guests were the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. Draper, Mr. and Mrs. M. Robinson, Mrs. L. Anderson, Mrs. McClain, Mrs. Palmer Woods and

Joseph H. Douglass, the greatest violinist of our race, will give a sacred violin concert Sunday night at the Union Congregational church. Free admission. Everybody should come out early or you may not get a seat.

The Triple "H" club met at the residence of Mrs. R. Jones, 802 Eleventh street. The hours were spent in industrial work. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Wade McCree, 755 Ninth street. A literary program will be rendered.

Whosoever will may come to preaching services at St. Paul's A. M. E. church Sunday morning and stay to Sunday school. You may get your dinner at the church. A full chicken dinner for only 10 cents. By order of the doers.

The Mary Church Terrell club had an interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. V. L. Jones. From reports of those who sold tickets for their recent entertainment at the East High school the club was quite successful financially and they have a neat little sum to add to their growing bank account. The club will meet Monday, November 15th, with Mrs. Emerald Mash, 824 West Twelfth street.

THOMPSON HOTEL GUESTS.

C. H. Easter, Buxton, Iowa; John Langston, Buxton, Iowa; A. T. Flour, Chicago; Fletcher Grary, Des Moines; Mr. Johnson and wife, Moberly, Mo.; C. H. Carter, Buxton; F. E. Patterson, Davenport.

THE FRUIT OF HIS FOLLY.

A new five act drama, to be rendered at the Union Congregational church Monday evening, November 22. Cast of characters are Mrs. M. L. Gregory, Mrs. Fred Berry, Mrs. Flossie Wilson, Mrs. Otis Banks, Mrs. A. M. White, Mr. A. M. White, Mr. Fred Berry, Mr. M. L. Gregory, Mr. Otis Banks and Master Wm. Gregory.

Music will be furnished by the Wilson quartette and Mrs. Gertrude Shackelford. Mrs. C. H. Wilson, pianist.

JONES HERE.

Joseph J. Jones, editor of the Fraternal Monitor and owner of the Central Regalia Supply Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, was in our city Monday and Tuesday to set up a state Court of Calanthe, as he is supreme grand chancellor. Mr. Jones is a successful business man, a real race leader among his people. He delivered an address while here. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Carr at 1329 School street. He went to Buxton on Wednesday.

WATERLOO NEWS.

The Y. M. S. club had election of officers Sunday and they are as follows: President, Mr. Collins; vice president, Wm. Harton; secretary, Miss Eva M. Smith; treasurer, Mrs. G. B. Cheat-ham.

Sunday was Consecration day at the A. C. E. league. The services were well attended. The president, Miss Myrtle Beason, is to be complimented for the way in which she conducted the services.

Mrs. C. A. Simms entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Thursday Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bowles, Miss Carrie Randolph and Mr. Chas. Phillips.

The literary society is progressing nicely. They had a very interesting subject Monday evening. Resolved that education is more beneficial than money.

Mrs. B. M. Speed entertained at dinner Sunday for Miss Bettie Berkly and Mr. Willard Shield.

The revival has been going on for a week, conducted by the Rev. D. Turner Carey of Chicago, Ill.

OBITUARY OF MRS. FRANCIS SHANGUS.

Miss Francis England was born in Louisiana, Mo., November 7, 1896. Her parents moved to Quincy, Ill., September 1, 1897, and remained there until May 17, 1913. She was married to Mr. Albert Shangus in the city of Des Moines on the general hospital November 5, 1915. She leaves a dear husband, a mother, father, sister and brother and a host of friends to mourn her departure. Funeral services were held at the Union Gospel church on Monday at 2:30 p. m., Rev. H. A. Perry of the East Side A. M. E. church officiating, assisted by Rev. Daniels, pastor of Gospel Union church.

KEOKUK, IOWA.

(Special to the Bystander.)

What the Pilgrim Baptist church has done in the past five years under the Godly and skillful direction of its beloved pastor, Rev. J. H. Helm, is an interesting story. Many improvements have been made, membership has increased from eighty-five to two hundred and fifty members. The Pilgrim Rest Baptist church on Fourteenth and Exchange streets is a great example of what a small Negro church in a small community can do if the right kind of a man takes hold of affairs and inculcates the right kind of enthusiasm at the right time. Since his coming here, Rev. Helm has raised a debt of \$1,500 of thirty years standing, put nearly \$1,000 worth of improvements on the church edifice,

one at the Corinthian Baptist church Thursday evening and the other at the Union Congregational church Sunday night. Admission free. Every race loving citizen, as well as the music lovers, are urged to come out early and get a good seat, as all seats are free.

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KEOKUK, IOWA.

(Special.)

Mr. Raymond Black motored to Keokuk from Fort Madison, Iowa, on Sunday.

A public stock sale at the home of the Anderson brothers near New Boston netted them over two thousand dollars.

Mr. Frank Field is very ill at his home, 1628 Orleans avenue.

Mr. Maurice Terrell has established a pantatorium at 905 Main street.

Mrs. Anna Holmes will have a market at her home Saturday, November 13, for the benefit of Coleridge Taylor club.

Illinois S. M. T.'s held a market Saturday, November 6, at the home of Mrs. Fred Holmes, 1527 Bloudeau street.

Invitations have been issued announcing a fancy dress masquerade November 17th at Masonic hall by Mr. Cornelius Brooks.

Mrs. H. T. Craig, who has been ill for the past week, is rapidly improving.

The Self-Culture club was entertained on Monday, November 8th, at the home of Ruth Bland, 423 North Tenth street.

Mrs. Inez Kellis is visiting her sister in St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Ethel Hawkins is home visiting her parents from St. Paul, Minn.

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.

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