

EDITORIALS

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

On another page of this paper will be found a memorial page to the late Dr. Booker T. Washington. Since his death thousands of newspapers and hundreds of magazines, with the tens of thousands of orators, ministers and poets, have already sung his great name and great works in every land and clime that is civilized. There has been so many splendid and deserving things said about him we thought to publish a few of them so you readers can more fully understand the high esteem and deep regret at his great loss. I consider Dr. Washington the most conservative and the greatest man from every viewpoint that the Negro race has produced and one among the few that America has produced. At his funeral there were 8,000 people, eight governors and ex-governors and many other distinguished citizens, along with several millionaires. All came to pay homage to the distinguished man, some traveling a thousand or more miles. In Dr. Washington's last annual report, which he was in New York making when the fatal collapse came on him, which has just reached my office, he says the current year's expense and improvement budget amounted to \$288,303.51, that the total amount received from all sources for current expenses was \$268,825.17, total amount for building and improvements \$28,919.47, total amount for endowment \$28,102.99, total from undesignated legacies \$53,858.10, making a grand total of \$379,704.83, with the total amount of the endowment fund \$1,970,214.17. This is the result of one man's labor and economy in thirty years.

BIG "DRY" PARTY NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Plans for the rousing New Year's eve celebration of the return of statutory prohibition in Iowa were considered by representatives of the temperance organizations in the city Tuesday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. A banquet may be included in the evening's program. The committees named are: General plans, W. J. Pilkington, W. F. Ghormley, Mrs. B. F. Carroll; banquet, the Rev. E. M. Griffin, Mrs. Anna M. Edworthy, Mrs. W. A. Baldrige; publicity, A. J. Coates, Mark Evans, Mrs. S. Joe Brown.

SOUTH AGAIN TURNS TO NEGRO COOKS.

Charleston, S. C.—The south is planning a revival of old fashioned southern cooking, and with it the old time Negro cook—the best in the world, any colonel will tell you—is coming back into her own. The French chef has been tried in the south, together with the French waiter, but, except in a few rare instances, they have failed to satisfy the peculiar demands of the southern epicure, or even of the tourist, who, coming south expects dishes peculiarly southern, and the kind of dining room service that the trained Negro waiter can give.

Some of the large southern tourist hotels are advertising that they are now employing no foreign help in the kitchen and the cooking is done by colored women. The demand for capable Negro cooks has been so great that a cooking school has been established in Rock Hill, S. C. The Georgia Federation of Colored Women's Clubs is aiding the movement. The only objection raised against the Negro cook in the south was that she is wasteful. We are glad that the Anglo-Saxon will soon begin to recognize the colored man for his real worth and employ him on his merits and efficiency. He is the most loyal American that our country has.

A WORD TO PARENTS.

Washington, Iowa, Dec. 13.—(Special to the Bystander).—Washington is a town of about 4,380 inhabitants. There is about 100 colored people and thirty children of school age. The superintendent of the public schools issued invitations to the parents last week as visiting week. Over 500 responded to the invitations. We wish to mention through your paper that from kindergarten to high school there are about thirty colored children in the schools. In regard to their records, we are pleased to note that Mildred Quinn was one of the best pupils in her class, grade four, among thirty-three in her class. Also two in the grammar school grade. Eight are making good grades in arithmetic. We also have two in high school, one freshman and one junior, Miss C. Allen, who is doing good work in all her studies. Miss Allen came from Oklahoma one year ago to attend school in Washington, from which she will graduate in another year and then enter college at Wilberforce, Ohio. Iowa for good schools. A Mother.

MRS. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON THANKS DES MOINES CITIZENS.

Out of appreciation for the life long services of Dr. Booker T. Washington a committee of representative Negro citizens of Des Moines, consisting of Editor John L. Thompson, Grand Master of Masons; Mrs. S. Joe Brown, president of the Iowa Women's Federation; Wade H. McCree, chairman of the executive committee of the Negro Business League; Rev. T. L. Griffith, president of the Western Negro Baptist, and Atty. S. Joe Brown, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, sent the following telegram of sympathy, which was read at the funeral:

Telegram. To Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee Institute, Ala. We, the citizens are shocked to hear the sudden death of our great educator, Dr. Washington. It is sacred to the memory of the departed.

its greatest leader, and humanity a true friend. We extend condolence and sympathy.

And in response thereto the following letter has been received: Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Dec. 4, 1915. Mr. S. Joe Brown, Des Moines, Iowa. Dear Mr. Brown: I am writing to express to you, and through you to the colored citizens of Des Moines, for Mrs. Washington, her grateful thanks for the message of condolence you have so kindly sent her upon the occasion of the death of her lamented husband, Dr. Washington.

Your expressions of sympathy are a great solace to her. Yours sincerely, Emmett J. Scott, Secretary.

Telegram. Des Moines, Iowa. To Hon. Emmett C. Scott, John T. Washington, Mrs. Booker T. Washington and Family: We are shocked to hear of the sudden death of our great leader and educator, Dr. Booker T. Washington. Both races in Iowa sincerely mourn

July 4th reminds us of the time when America threw off the yoke of British rule. Strictly observed it is sacred to patriotic instincts, and fires the soul with love of country and of freedom. Loosely and carelessly observed, it deteriorates into a time for the insane and unsafe use of fireworks with regard for noise and display, without regard to the nobler sentiments that ought to prevail.

Easter is designed to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord. It is used too often as a time for lavish expenditures for new hats, fine dresses, fine clothes.

Thanksgiving day has its place as a time for the people to render thanks to God for harvests and fruits and material prosperity. The real object of the day is often forgotten in the zeal for great sports at that time.

Great national holidays have their significance. And no matter how much commercialism, and desire for gaiety or for sport may tempt us to depart from the proper spirit of the time, we should hue to the line and

not a disembodied spirit, but he is the spirit of parental love; he is the expression of the spirit of community good will toward the needy; he is the will to gladden and cheer and scatter sunshine over homes, and Sunday schools and churches and towns. Long may he live.

Christmas has often been made a time for revelry. Revelry, always out of place, is especially out of place at Christmas time. Some people have lived fairly decent lives the rest of the year, but would have their own way at Christmas time. This is wrong. This is desecration.

Give what gifts you can to your family and to the needy. And give every hour possible to such meditation as will bring the soul into that fellowship with God which Jesus came to bring about.

T. L. Griffith.

CLINTON, IOWA.

A number of happy children swooped down on the A. M. E. parsonage a few nights ago and left a goodly supper of good things to eat for the pastor and his wife, for which they were very thankful.

W. A. Emerson is reported on the sick list at his home on Third avenue. The officers, teachers and scholars of Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school will be the guests at a dinner to be given by class No. 4 on Christmas eve at 6:30 at the church. The Christmas program and tree will follow as a climax to the evening's pleasures.

Everything is bustle around the A. M. E. church in preparation for the visit of Bishop B. F. Lee, who will conduct a presiding elder's council in this city on December 16th. A reception will be given in the evening to the guests of honor.

Mr. Wm. Thompson of Ottumwa visited his daughter, Mrs. George Johnson, and other children in Clinton last week, returning to his home Tuesday night.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, December 5th, at 3 o'clock at Bethel A. M. E. church in memory to the late Dr. Booker T. Washington. A large number were present and the program rendered elicited much favorable comment. Resolutions were adopted.

An old folks school will be held at the Second Baptist church on Saturday evening. A program of music and recitations will be offered.

The O. E. S. elected officers for the ensuing year last week.

WATERLOO NEWS.

The members and friends of the Young Men's Sunday club, an organization which represents the majority of the best Afro-American men and women in the city, in session assembled in the A. M. E. church, most earnestly and respectfully petition you as chief executive of our city to cancel the permit which we understand has been granted for the production of the Birth of a Nation to be played in the Waterloo theaters in the near future. When it is known that the Rev. Tom Dixon is the author of this play, there is only one honest conclusion to be drawn, viz. that it is something, like all the books that he has written, to intensify the prejudice and strife between the two races. There is no doubt in the minds of the well informed that this "hell fire play," as it is termed by the board of censors of Ohio, who barred it from the state as a menace to the tranqui-

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The above is the likeness of J. Alvin Jefferson, M. D. Mr. Jefferson is a native of the Lone Star state. For several years he was a student at Wiley university, Marshall, Texas, and Prairie View State Normal. He completed the teacher's course in the latter institution and taught successfully for several years as principal of the colored schools of Smithville and Goliad, Texas.

He conducted in 1898 a summer normal for the colored teachers of Goliad county. In 1907 Dr. Jefferson took up the study of medicine, graduating in 1911 from the medical department of Marquette university, Milwaukee, Wis., being the second colored man to be thus honored from this institution.

In February, 1912, Dr. Jefferson made his first visit to Des Moines for the purpose of taking the Iowa state medical examination. He made an average of 84 1-2 per cent. Since

April, 1912, he has been practicing medicine in our city.

By working diligently he has built up a large lucrative practice. His office is located in the new Thompson block over the Model Drug Store. He is said to have one of the finest furnished offices of any physician in the state.

Dr. Jefferson has bought a beautiful modern home on Day street and owns a new automobile. He is a trustee of St. Paul's A. M. E. church and also a Royal Arch Mason. Dr. Jefferson is medical examiner for Doric lodge, No. 30. A. F. & A. M.; Princess Oziel chapter, No. 1; East Des Moines Temple lodge, No. 454; Rebecca Household of Ruth, No. 339; Beautiful Light Household of Ruth, No. 4837; King David's Temple, No. 443; Silver Leaf lodge, No. 9075, G. U. O. of O. P.; Independent lodge of K. P., No. 4, and Mt. Moriah Tabernacle, No. 567.



The above is a group who played in the Rainbow Kimona Nov. 24th, for benefit of N. A. A. C. P., staged by E. R. Hall. Reading from left to right, lower row, Mrs. Fannie Hall, Susie Lee, Gerada Clay, Mrs. Archie Alexander. Top row, Margrett Roberts, Pearl Williams, Nina Hamilton, Bessie Mason and Aurora Brooks.

his untimely death. We regarded him as the greatest apostle of industrial education in America and a great loss at this particular age of our development. Our race has lost its greatest leader, and humanity its true friend. We extend to the bereaved family our condolence and sympathy in their sad hour.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Thompson. To the above the following reply was received:

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Nov. 23. Mr. John L. Thompson, 1306 Twentieth St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Thompson: Just a word to let you know how gratefully Mrs. Washington and all of us here appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending by telegraph a word of condolence upon the occasion of Dr. Washington's lamented death.

Mrs. Washington will herself acknowledge your kindness as early as practicable. Yours very truly, Emmett J. Scott, Secretary.

HOW TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS.

Decoration day comes to remind us of the soldiers and sailors who gave their lives for their country, and incidentally we decorate the graves of the beloved dead of our own families. It is sacred to the memory of the departed.

stand for fundamentals.

Christmas annually reminds the world that the Savior was born, that unto the world a Son was given. In all the pulpits Sunday schools and young people's societies of Christendom, the advent of the Lord is always taught at this time. It is the time for spiritual meditation. It is the time for thanksgiving to the Father Almighty for the working of His greatest miracle—the incarnation of His Son, and for all with which that great miracle has to do.

Jesus was God's gift to the world. Shall we say He was the Lord's Christmas gift to the world?

The making of this season as a time for gift giving is not out of harmony with the spirit of the day. But the gift giving ought not to be merely social. There is nothing wrong when friends exchange presents. There is nothing wrong for Sunday schools to buy presents for their scholars. Indeed it is right. But the Christmas spirit is the spirit of altruism. The Christmas gift which is in harmony with the Christmas spirit is the gift that cheers and the gift that helps the needy.

And what of Santa Claus? Who is he? He does not come driving over the hills of snow, and riding on the houseposts, and climbing down the chimney. He is not a person; he is

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ity of any community. Only in the past week this play was denounced in Sioux City, where it played, and a few days later the films were stolen in Mason City and burned.

This play was staged here once before and made enemies for our race. The races in Waterloo today are at peace and harmony prevails. Our people have jobs and are working every day and supporting their families. Many are buying property and paying taxes on same.

Notice to A. C. E. League members: We find there are quite a number who have signed the pledge card without reading. We shall ask of you to please read and then sign.

The junior choir of the Bess Chapel A. M. E. church is progressing nicely. The directors are to be commended.

Dr. Charles Mmohamed of South Africa gave a lecture at Bess Chapel A. M. E. church Friday evening to a large audience. The condition of the weather and such short notice of his coming prevented the church from being packed to the limit.

Mr. C. Cheers is very ill at this writing. The A. C. E. League topic Sunday is, "How the Prophecy of the Angels' Christmas Song May Come True." Luke 2:8 2 v. In addition there will be several special numbers. The public is invited.

DAVENPORT ITEMS.

Hiram lodge, No. 19, A. F. & A. M., will observe St. John the Evangelist Day on Sunday, December 26, at 3 p. m. at the Third Baptist church.

Naomi chapter, No. 1, O. E. S., held their annual election last Friday with the following result: Mrs. Clara Shepard, W. M.; Mrs. Lena Howard, A. M.; Mrs. Jennie Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. Alice Richardson, secretary; Mrs. Delia Warrick, conductress; Mrs. Monroe, associate conductress; Mrs. Ollie Allen, warder; Mrs. Cora

Oliver, sentinel; D. S. Johnson, patron.

Harry Brown was surprised by quite a number of his boy and girl friends coming in on him last Friday night on the occasion of his sixteenth birthday. A jolly time was enjoyed by all present. Dainty refreshments were served. Harry's birthday cake was baked by his sister, Mrs. Hazel Stokes of Kirksville, Mo.

Mrs. E. H. Hoskins is on the sick list, also Mrs. Ida Manning and Mr. Archie Perkins.

Some of the friends of Mrs. Chas. Shepard assisted her in celebrating her birthday last Friday night. Among the tokens received was an O. E. S. ring.

Mr. Young, who has been in St. John's hospital, is well and at home again.

The ladies of the A. M. E. church met last Wednesday afternoon and organized a Lend a Hand circle, with officers as follows: Mrs. Katie Green, president; Mrs. Kellis Baker, vice president; Mrs. Emma Brooks, secretary; Mrs. Samuel Hale, treasurer.

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mae Terry of Cedar Rapids died December 9th at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Robinson, in Sioux City, Iowa, where she had gone to spend the winter there. Pneumonia set in and the end came quickly. Mrs. Terry was born in Newton, Iowa, in April, 1881, and attended the public schools. Later she married Simeon Terry. To this union four children were born, of which three are still living. Mr. Terry died about two years ago in Illinois. Mrs. Terry's remains were brought to Newton for interment last Monday. She leaves three small children, seven sisters and five brothers to mourn her loss. She joined the church when but a small child. She became a Christian.

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SKETCHES FROM MUSCATINE.

(Special to Bystander.)

The W. J. C. club is getting along just fine.

The young folks met at the home of the Misses Beulah and Clara Tomlin and formed a pleasure club.

Rev. Wharton gave a social Tuesday. It was enjoyed by all.

Mr. J. P. Johnson, who was quite sick, is able to be about again.

We have quite a few young people in our town.

Mrs. Jeff Thompson moved from her farm into the city and has located her office and residence on Second street.

Don't forget the W. J. C. club meets at the home of the Misses Sadie and Gertrude Floyd on Tuesday.

Rev. Wharton is a fine pastor and liked by all the people.

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OSKALGOSA, IOWA.

The Mothers club gladdened the homes of many the night before Thanksgiving by the gifts of chickens, cakes, jellies and fruit.

Mrs. Robt. Johnson was taken suddenly ill Wednesday night with quinsy. She is suffering much pain at this time.

Rev. A. J. Williams is a sufferer with la grippe.

The Mothers' club met in regular session Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robt. Franklin. Next meeting Thursday, December 23, at the home of Mrs. Abram Stewart, N. Third street.

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Williams will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary January 7, 1916.

The opposite dinner and supper Thursday, served by the members of Wesley chapel, was a big success.

Mr. and Mrs. Olyphant of Evans were business visitors in the city on Saturday.

Ed Willis of Evans was seen on our streets Saturday.

Uncle Abe Ford is suffering with asthma.

Mrs. Addie Clark and F. M. Moore received word Tuesday of the death of their brother, Wm., in Chicago. The body was shipped to Washington for burial Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Clark left Tuesday night. Mr. Moore and son, Carl, left Wednesday morning.

The Never Fail club met in business session Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Abram Stewart, with the president, Mrs. Ida Henderson, in the chair.

CENTERVILLE NEWS.

(Last Week.)

Rev. V. S. Cooper left for Davenport, Iowa, Tuesday to assist Rev. F. K. Nicholson in a revival meeting.

The Mission Circle was entertained at the home of Sister Henry Johnson on West Garfield street. A delightful luncheon was served.

Mrs. Bertha Morton entertained a few friends Tuesday evening in honor of her mother, Mrs. A. Tiewater, who expects to leave soon for her home in Kansas City, Mo. The out of town guests were Mrs. Lillian Overs of Pasadena, Cal. A two-course luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Reed are on the sick list this week.

Miss Blanche Clarke of Mystic, Iowa, passed away Tuesday morning, after a long illness. Miss Clarke was 14 years, 5 months and 30 days old.

It is reported that some grafter, an unknown colored man, entered the home of Mr. Milton Pennison on East Wilson street Thursday and sold all of his household goods. Several well known colored people of this town are reported implicated in this mysterious sale. Later some arrests will be made.

(This Week.)

Rev. Crowley and Rev. Marshall of Mystic, Iowa, filled the pulpit for us Sunday was rally day and was a successful one.

The Willing Workers gave a jubilee concert and entertainment Saturday evening. A neat sum was raised.

Mrs. Emma Martin, Mrs. M. Mayfield and Mrs. M. J. Thompkins were hostesses to a few friends Sunday afternoon. A three-course luncheon was served. Out of town guests were Mrs. A. Tiewater and Mrs. Lillian Overs.

Mrs. Alice Cooper was hostess to a few friends in honor of Mrs. M. Jackson on Monday evening. A dainty luncheon was served.

The Mission Circle was entertained at the home of Sister M. Reding by Bro. R. Terrell on Thursday evening. A nice supper was served.

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"Do's what I have said," answered Mr. Erasmus Pinkley, "as I do I imagine I have been cured. I was back: 'Use all right. We've been the same way, however, as if it were a succession.'"