

A Merry Christmas to all of our readers.

The Bystander holiday rates are now open—\$1.00 for one year.

Mr. Harrison Gould is confined to his bed with la grippe and improving some.

Miss Ada Flummer of Indianola was in our city Wednesday doing her Christmas shopping.

Our holiday rates for The Bystander for one year is \$1.00, if brought or mailed to us on or before January 15, 1916.

Mr. Herbert T. Mitchell arrived from Seattle, Washington, to visit a few days with his sister, Margaret Patton.

The Twentieth Century Arts and Crafts club will meet at Mrs. Geo. Wells' on next Wednesday. All members are urged to be out.

Miss Adah Hyde who is teaching in Madison, Ind., will arrive in Des Moines on December 23rd to spend the holidays with her parents.

Read our many advertisements this week and go and trade with them. They solicit your trade by advertising with the colored newspaper.

WANTED—First class barber at once. Four chair shop. L. J. Shelton 509 Mulberry

The Callanan club will hold an Xmas box and dinner December 22nd at the home of Mrs. A. M. Rivers. All active members are expected to be there.

The H. B. S. club held their meeting at Mrs. Rush's on Thursday. A very interesting meeting was held. The next meeting will be held December 30th at Mrs. W. H. Warwick's.

Miss Jessie Scott, Mr. Pierson, Rufus Jackson and Mr. Cain from Ames, Iowa, were the guests of Miss Blanche Goodrich, 1212 Crocker street, Wednesday.

Mr. Theo. Bell has been absent from the city for three weeks, visiting in Chicago and other eastern cities. He has just returned and reports a pleasant time.

The installation of the newly elected officers of Princess Zorah chapter, No. 10, last Wednesday evening was very beautiful and impressive. A fine banquet was served.

Mrs. Maudie Ross Birt, 1045 Thirtieth street, has been appointed Sunday school superintendent of the Eliza E. Peterson W. C. T. U. to affiliate with the various Sunday schools throughout the city.

King Solomon commandery, No. 6, will celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas morning at 11 o'clock at their asylum in the Masonic Temple association hall. A fine program is arranged. Rev. M. W. Alexander will deliver the sermon. The commandery will wear their uniforms. All sir knights and Master Masons in good standing are invited.

At the recent meeting of the Richard Allen Aid society at the home of Mrs. Mary Mease Scott, Dr. J. A. Jefferson delivered a splendid lecture on the child welfare movement. Mr. S. Joe Brown spoke on the life of Dr. Washington. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. C. Young on Thursday evening.

The editor of The Bystander acknowledges the receipt of a beautifully made hand basket full of yam yams from Prof. Lawrence C. Jones, principal of the Piney Woods Institute at Braxton, Miss. They were raised on his institute farm and are fine in quality. The basket is very unique, hand made of splits. Many thanks, Brother Jones. I wish Xmas would come oftener.

"What Drives Men To Drink" was the subject of a well prepared paper delivered by Mrs. Mollie Watkins on last Friday afternoon before the Intellectual Improvement club at the home of Mrs. John L. Thompson. The next meeting will be held this afternoon with Mrs. Watkins at the Thompson hotel. Mrs. S. Joe Brown will have charge of the program, discussing the club movement.

The Citizens Memorial Number to Dr. Washington will be an event in the history of the race. It will be ready the 28th of November. The Special Booker T. Washington Memorial

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STOP! LOOK! READ! Chittellin Supper Union Congregational Church Wednesday Dec 29 6 p. m.

Cottage Cafe 761 10th Street Hot Cakes and Coffee at 6:30 Dinner from 12 to 2. Special Chicken dinner on Sunday from 12 to 3. GIVE ME A TRIAL Mrs. Nella Shelton

morial Number of The Citizen will be 25 cents per copy. The Citizens Magazine, the Citizens Publishing Co., Boston, Mass.

The St. Paul's A. M. E. Missionary society met at the parsonage Tuesday afternoon, December 7, to arrange work for the year. After listening to some splendid remarks by the pastor, Rev. S. L. Birt, the following officers for the year were elected: Mrs. S. L. Birt, president; Mrs. Lizzie Glass, vice president; Mrs. Annie Allen, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Payton, recording secretary; Mrs. Adam Dixon, treasurer.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL. On last Sunday evening Rev. S. L. Birt, pastor of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, dispensed with his regular exercises in honor of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington.

A life sized portrait of the lamented leader draped in mourning was suspended over the rostrum and addresses were delivered on "The Life of Washington," by Miss Tabitha Mash; "Dr. Washington's Services," by Mrs. Jessye E. McClain; "Dr. Washington's Leadership," by Dr. J. Alvin Jefferson; "Dr. Washington As An Educator," Atty. S. Joe Brown, and "Dr. Washington's Worth," by Wade H. McCree. The choir rendered appropriate music and a male quartette sang several of Dr. Washington's favorite Negro melodies.

At the conclusion Mrs. S. Joe Brown, superintendent social science department of the N. A. C. W., offered a resolution imploring the U. S. congress to submit a prohibitory amendment to the national constitution, which was seconded by Mrs. J. H. McDowell, president of the local W. C. T. U., and unanimously adopted by the congregation.



A SUCCESSFUL LAWYER. Atty. J. B. Rush was born in Montgomery county, North Carolina, and began the practice of law in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1893. Afterwards he went to Arkansas, where he practiced in the federal court at Fort Smith and successfully managed a large number of important cases there. He has practiced in Vinita, Indian Territory, and Wichita, Kans. Coming to Des Moines in 1897 he entered the practice here, where he has worked up a large and lucrative practice. He is the most widely known criminal lawyer in the state. He has carried a large number of cases to the supreme court and had them reversed. He owns a beautiful and well furnished home on the corner of Twenty-first street and College avenue, is an active worker in the church and a highly respected citizen. He is the husband of Mrs. J. B. Rush, ex-president of the Iowa Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. He is a progressive republican leader and an active member in the Masonic lodge, a past master and present prelate of the King Solomon Commandery, No. 6.

To the Editor: Very sorry that your reporter did not appear at the Political Equality club on Monday evening past to get some inklings from a wonderful speech made by Mrs. Jansen Haines, corresponding secretary of the white Equal Suffrage club of this state.

It took in the mother's sphere of life and why she should vote. And I wish to say here that one-third of the fathers do not vote, I mean of our race.

They will dodge their poll tax agents and never seek to know where their polling places are located.

Isn't it time for the mother to take a hold? I am not a mother myself, but I can see so much that can be done by all women if we get a chance to vote.

Our men go so far as to say that if women get the vote it will lower the wages of working women and all such frivolous things like that without any foundation. Every part of the home, all of the sanitary or unsanitary conditions of the home and school lies on the vote. Our men should rally and push the movement instead of retarding it.

Look at the colored man of the south. In some portions they would vote if they had the chance. The women stand no show at all.

If you read history you will find that before the civil war white women of the north helped the instigating of the abolition crusade. Such women as Harriet Beecher Stowe and others. They were the ones who freed our forefathers.

Why can't our men show due appreciation for the glorious gift and help push our women to the high ranks of civilization.

Don't let others think more of us than we think of ourselves. Mrs. G. L. Johnson.

MASONIC NUGGETS AND CHIPS FROM THE QUARRY. The grand custodian of Iowa, Bro. S. Joe Brown, has just made his official visits and lectures to the various districts and has been accorded the utmost respect and consideration, having had good meetings at each district that he has visited. Of course dividing our state into districts for holding a Masonic school of instruction

by the grand custodian is a new thing in Iowa. While no other grand custodian has done it, yet it is what our code says to do, and the present custodian has complied with the code.

Grand Master John L. Thompson received the following letter, which is good news to every Master Mason: 294 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

For some time there has been a desire on the part of a number of prominent white Masons in this country to inaugurate a movement for the purpose of bringing about a proper recognition of the Prince Hall Craft by the white grand lodges. With such an idea in mind, the "American Freemason" of Storm Lake, Iowa, will publish quite a lengthy article on "Negroes and Freemasonry" in its issue for January, 1916.

There are many of our brethren who are not at all familiar with facts relative to Prince Hall Masonry, therefore every colored Mason should read this article. The magazine costs 25 cents per copy; if you will send the names and addresses (with the amount mentioned in stamps) of those who want copies, I will have them sent direct from the office of the publisher. Fraternally,

Harry A. Williamson. Past Grand Master J. J. Evans of Michigan, who attended the semi-centennial celebration of Michigan grand lodge last July, held in Detroit, who was the only living Mason at the organization of Michigan grand lodge fifty years ago and was honored by being the first president of the conference of international grand masters held at Detroit, died last month. G. M. John L. Thompson was his successor as president.

The grand lodge of Delaware are holding their sixty-sixth annual communication this week in Wilmington. Grand Master John L. Thompson of Iowa and jurisdiction, has just issued an edict suggesting to the various local lodges that are going to celebrate St. John the Evangelist day to give fifteen or more minutes in memorial services to the late Dr. Booker T. Washington, as he was a Master Mason.

Grand Master Thompson addressed a proposed club of citizens of Albia last Sunday afternoon, with the ultimate object of setting up a new Masonic lodge.



VIVIAN L. JONES. With pleasure we present to our many readers the cut of Vivian L. Jones, one of our most successful business young men, our popular undertaker. He was born in Mahaska county, in Oskaloosa, where he attended the high school, graduating. He then entered the Barnes Embalming school in Chicago, Ill., graduating from there in 1907, and came to Des Moines in 1910 and entered into the undertaking business at 519 East Court avenue, where he has remained in business. He is a member of North Star Masonic lodge, also a member of the A. M. E. church. He took his literary course at Wilberforce, Ohio, graduating in 1907.

TO THE PASTORS AND MEMBERS OF BAPTIST CHURCHES IN IOWA AND NEBRASKA.

Word has come to us that the Western college of Missouri is in dire need. Some years ago a very valuable piece of property in Kansas City, Mo., was secured as a future location for the institution. This property is encumbered with a mortgage of \$14,000. The mortgage expires January 14, 1916, and will not be renewed by the party now holding it. They are able to secure a new loan of \$10,000, but in order to hold possession they must raise \$3,500, which sum, with \$3,000 in hand, will pay interest and taxes and retain control.

The executive board of the Iowa-Nebraska Baptist association in session at Hiteaman, Iowa, decided to appeal to the churches for a special collection on the second Sunday in January (January 9, 1916). Let us in Iowa raise all we can in this crucial time in the history of western educational work.

T. L. Griffith, S. Bates, M. J. Burton, Committee.

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NOTICE We have a few small cottages for rent, 4 and 5 rooms, partly modern Just phone Drake 3882.

N. A. A. C. P. On last Wednesday evening occurred the last public meeting of the Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for the calendar year in the form of an illustrated lecture by Dr. W. A. Guild on the "European War." Dr. Guild has spent almost a year in the military hospitals of Paris and has brought home many interesting

and instructive relics from the battlefields, which he exhibited, as well as three maps which he had made himself from personal inspection of the fighting ground.

The next public meeting will be an Emancipation meeting January 1st at St. Paul's A. M. E. church, at which Atty. Gen. George Cosson, who is a member of the branch, will be the principal speaker.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE TO ERECT HOME.

St. John's lodge, No. 35, A. F. and A. M., (colored) is to erect a home of its own on the site purchased for that purpose at the corner of Shilliam avenue and Mobile street. Excavations for the building, which is to be two stories in height and 20x60 feet in dimension, were begun today.

The building will be of frame structure and will be entirely modern, costing upwards of \$3,500. The lower floor will be arranged for store room purposes and the lodge room and hall will occupy the second story. The hall will be available for parties and all kinds of gatherings, especially for the colored residents of the city, as well as providing a home for St. John's lodge.—Waterloo Daily Courier.

BUXTON, IOWA.

Do your Xmas shopping early. Begin now.

Miss Cecil Oliver of Colfax was a Buxton visitor last week.

Mr. John Rowlette is operating the barber shop in the Reasby lunch room at No. 18 mine.

The bazaar to be given by the ladies of the Organ club will begin on Thursday, December 23, ending on Saturday, the 25th. Everybody come out to play the game of eat, drink and be merry.

Mr. E. T. Mills, school director, has been successful in securing the consent of some of the day school teachers to teach night school at the "Y."

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Richard Claybrook, Mrs. Rebecca Bingham, Mr. E. London, Mrs. Ella Johnson, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Stewart.

Grandma Black is no better. Mrs. Mary Parker is improving. Mrs. R. G. Potter is now running a "swell" back on Second street. Girls, I wouldn't allow this outrage to exist. Just think of the old maids going to waste.

Everybody is requested to hold on to 50 cents for Lowery & Morgan's Mintrels on December 25th.

While you give Xmas presents to your own, do not forget the very poor. With a little trouble you can surprise and fill with happiness some poor children on that day when you delight and surprise your own.

The band boys are lining up for a big early morning Xmas serenade.

Get your tips and cigars ready. God loves a cheerful giver.

The "Y" will begin night school the first of January. Boys, this is a fine way to start out the new year by enrolling for some line of study.

Mr. M. O. Henderson is still ill.

Mr. Jake Wilson is better.

Mrs. Mary Wright of Buxton and Mr. Damon of near Durpy were married Monday.

Dr. Carter has returned and is on the job again.

Neither Dr. A. L. Willis or wife have returned. Both were called away on very sad occasions. Dr. Willis to the death of his mother in Pittsburg, Pa., where she was visiting her brother. Mrs. Willis was called to the death bed of her sister in Sioux City, Iowa.

Excelsior chapter, No. 12, Order of the Eastern Star, held their election of officers Tuesday evening, as follows: W. M., Emma Flippings; W. P., Albert Walker; A. M., Mary Jackson; treasurer, Sadie Warn; secretary, Geo. Suter; conductress, Jessie Walker; assistant conductress, Alice Wolder; Ada, Addie Suler; Ruth, Eva Bannon; Esther, Agnes Gilmore; Martha, Goldie Wolder; Electa, Viola Crawford; warder, Grace Humphrey; sentinel, Henry Flippings. Public installation will be held Tuesday evening, December 21, at the lodge hall. The public is invited.

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Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Gooler. Mr. Catlin left for Chicago Thursday evening.

CLARINDA, IOWA. (Special to the Bystander.) Mrs. James Arnett is on the sick list.

Little Alice Jones was absent from school a day last week on account of sickness.

Bishop Lee will be in our city a week from Tuesday and will deliver an address at the A. M. E. church. Mr. Pearl Nash and Miss Anna Baker will be married December 22.

Mrs. Gertrude Casson is on the sick list.

Miss Callie Arnett is also reported very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Wil Mitchell have a daughter, born recently.

Mite Missionary society meet at the home of Mrs. Robinson.

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