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Cold weather this week, 22 below zero to-day.

Mrs. John Wilkinson was ill last week.

Mrs. Clay Lewis is still a very sick woman.

Mrs. H. E. Jacobs is convalescent.

Mr. Lu Miller is much improved.

Mrs. H. Gould is able to be out again, which is good news to her many friends.

The D. Y. K. club had an interesting meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jefferson. Will meet next Tuesday with Mrs. Sadie Smith, West Thirtieth and Day streets.

The Deborah Administrative council will meet Monday, the 17th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown, 1058 West Fifth street. Mrs. S. Joe Brown, president; Mrs. John L. Thompson, secretary.

We received word that Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Edwards of Omaha, Nebr. announcing the arrival of a baby girl. They formerly lived here, and we of Des Moines expect the cigars from doctor.

Hurry up, last call to get the Bystander one year for 1 dollar. It closes January 15th.

The Triple "H" club met at the home of Mrs. Hurbert Jacobs, 1218 Twentieth street, Tuesday afternoon, January 11. The officers for the ensuing year were installed and the various committees were appointed by the president. Next meeting will be with Mrs. James James, 3230 E. Eighth street.

Mr. Roberts, chief grand mentor over jurisdiction of Iowa, of Marshalltown, Iowa, held a board meeting Monday in this city. Mrs. Mattie Brooks, G. H. P.; Mrs. Aikens of Keokuk, grand recorder, and Thomas Allen, grand secretary, of Mason City, were present. Mrs. B. Carr entertained them to refreshments Sunday evening.

St. Paul's Mite Missionary met at the parsonage Tuesday afternoon. After the regular business the society listened to some very interesting remarks by Charles Mohammed of South Africa, followed by Rev. S. L. Birt. Rev. Mohammed told of the good work done there by our late Bishop H. M. Turner and of the good that had been accomplished by the

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CLUB. On last Sunday afternoon at the social center, 1058 15th street, the High School Girls' club met, and after listening to an instrumental selection by Miss Mildred Griffin and a reading by Miss Meredith Hubbard, Mrs. S. Joe Brown spoke on the life and accomplishments of the late George A. Warren Logan of Tuskegee, Ala., wife of treasurer and a pioneer teacher of the Tuskegee Institute,

also one of the presidents of the National Association of Colored Women. Next Sunday the Ohio book for the Lincoln jubilee by W. A. Joiner will be reviewed by Miss Edith M. Jones.

The Iowa state board of the International Order of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor of the order of Twelve held a special called meeting here Monday. The full board was present, as follows: C. G. Mentor Sir Ed Robertson of Marshalltown; Thomas Allen, grand treasurer, of Mason City; Miss Isabelle Akens, grand recorder, of Keokuk; Mrs. Mattie Brooks, G. H. P., of Des Moines; Sam Bryant, member of the board of Des Moines. All of the above made a pleasant call at the Bystander office except the latter. They speak very hopefully of their great order, as we now have a state organization of our own.

Mrs. F. P. Johnson entertained the Intellectual Improvement club last Friday. The principal business for the afternoon was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. H. W. Hughes; vice president, Mrs. J. L. Edwards; secretary, Mrs. John L. Thompson; assistant secretary, Mrs. H. R. Graves; treasurer, Mrs. Wilkinson; critic, Mrs. J. H. McClain; assistant critic, Mrs. R. E. Patton; journalist, Mrs. Mollie Watkins; assistant journalist, Mrs. Harvey Brown; reporter, Mr. S. Joe Brown; executive committee, Mrs. F. P. Johnson, Mrs. James Bailey, Mrs. Chas. Cousin and Mrs. J. B. Rush. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. S. Joe Brown.

N. A. A. C. P. Dr. A. J. Booker, chairman of the educational committee of the Des Moines branch of the National Association, announces that he has secured the consent of the Rev. Dr. Curtis W. Reese, the noted moral reformer, formerly of Alton, Illinois, but now pastor of the Unitarian church of this city, to deliver his famous lecture, "The Greatness of the American Negro," under the auspices of the branch at Union Congregational church Tuesday evening, January 18th. All members are urged to be present and the general public is cordially invited. No admission fee. By order of S. Joe Brown, President.

A. M. E. CHURCH BURNS. At the annual church conference of St. Paul's A. M. E. church last Tuesday evening the following were elected trustees for the ensuing year: Atty. S. Joe Brown, Messrs. Adam Dixon, C. C. Johnson, John Jackson, J. L. Edwards, Thornton Graves, O. L. Glass, A. A. Alexander and John Moore. These new officers are having a strenuous initiation, as on the following night after their election a fire broke out near the furnace in the basement of the church and ate its way through the auditorium and out through the roof, seriously damaging the building, furniture and fixtures, completely destroying the piano and practically ruining the pipe organ, entailing a total loss of about three thousand five hundred dollars, which is only partially covered by insurance. Through the kindness of Mr. Steward, the new general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., the services of this church will be held in the auditorium of the new Y. M. C. A. building on Fourth and Chestnut streets while the building is being repaired.

PROTEST BIRTH OF NATION. A delegation from the Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, consisting of Atty. S. Joe Brown, Pres. Hon. Harvey Ingham, Editor John L. Thompson and Mr. E. R. Hall of the publicity committee; Mr. Jesse A. Graves, member of the board of directors, and Atty. Casper Schenk and Geo. H. Woodson of the legal redress committee, accompanied by Mr. John B. Hammond, a representative of the Iowa Purity association, called at the mayor's office on Monday afternoon and presented the formal protest of the Des Moines branch against the photo play, "The Birth of a Nation," scheduled to appear at the Berchel theater in this city next April. The principal argument was made by Atty. Woodson, who had seen the play, and gave a detailed description of it, which was listened to with interest by the mayor and Councilman Myerly, who happened in during the conference and who stated in very strong terms that if the production was anything like it was reported he considered it in violation of certain of the city ordinances and therefore should be prohibited; and the mayor, while not expressing himself as freely as Mr. Myerly, announced to the delegation that he would present the matter to Mr. Mitchell, the superintendent of public safety, and to Elbert & Getchell, proprietors of the Berchel theater, and attempt to procure their voluntary withdrawal of the play, as they did upon his request withdraw the stage production of the play called "The Nigger," which they had advertised to appear at the Princess theater during his first administration several years ago, and against which a similar protest was filed. The Des Moines Women's club, the G. A. R. and the Des Moines Catholic Men's League and other organizations of the city for civic and moral

reform have also been appealed to and it is hoped will join with the national association in their protest against the production in Des Moines of this exhibition, which is conceded by all who have seen it to be not only an immoral tendency but also a libel upon the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic as well as upon the American Negro.

OBITUARY.

Gibbs Lamar Johnson was born at New Orleans, La., August 6, 1888, and resided in that state until the month of August, 1910, when he removed to the state of Iowa and settled in Des Moines, where he spent the remainder of his life. On July 3, 1911, he was married to his present widow, then Miss Jennie Story of this city, who proved to be a most devoted companion and was at his bedside administering to his every want when death claimed him at Mercy hospital in this city Sunday, January 9, 1916, at 10:20 p. m., after a brief illness of only nine days.

Shortly after coming to Des Moines he was initiated into the Order of Elks and was soon elevated to the highest station in his lodge, that of exalted ruler. Later he became a member of the Masonic fraternity and was advanced to the degrees of Royal Arch and Knight Templar, in which latter, the highest branch of York Rite Masonry, he was just recently elected to the office of junior warden. During the winter of 1915, under the pastorate of Rev. E. G. Jackson, he joined the St. Paul's A. M. E. church and lived a consistent Christian until the end came. He leaves to mourn his loss a devoted wife, a loving mother and father, ten sisters and one brother, all except the widow residing at Pass Christian, Miss. The funeral services were held at St. Paul's A. M. E. church Wednesday afternoon, in charge of North Star lodge, A. F. & A. M., and King Solomon commandery of Knights Templar, the Rev. S. L. Birt, pastor, officiating, and in the face of one of the worst blizzards Des Moines ever experienced, with the mercury registering five degrees below zero, a large representation of the membership of the church, the Masonic and the Elk fraternities turned out to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory. Beautiful floral emblems were presented by North Star Masonic lodge, G. H. Clegggett chapter of Royal Arch Masons, King Solomon commandery of Knights Templar, Hawkeye lodge of Elks, also by the Mary Church Terrell club, of which the widow is a member. A committee from North Star lodge and the escort from King Solomon commandery accompanied the remains to their last resting place in Glendale and there deposited them with the honors due a Knight Templar of his rank.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Mrs. R. C. Campbell has been on the sick list, but she is now in good health. Mrs. Marie Golden is confined to her room with the la grippe. Rev. R. C. Campbell has returned from Chicago, where he attended a conference of the A. M. E. pastors.

Mrs. MacClay has been very ill with the la grippe. Mrs. James Hoskins will give a musical entertainment at the A. M. E. church the 24th of this month. Mrs. Sanders, wife of Rev. Sanders, has been very sick. Rev. B. R. Penn preached Sunday at Wayman's Chapel. His subject was "The Prodigal Son." Sunday was Trustee day at Wayman's Chapel. Solomon and Benjamin Butler are visiting friends in the city. Miss Carrie Mae Sanders, age 16, died Monday morning, January 3rd. She left a Christian mother and two brothers to mourn her loss. The funeral was held from the McKinley Baptist church, Rev. Sanders conducted the services. Miss Deborah Stewart, sister of Mrs. Cass, is at present making her home with Mrs. Cass. Miss Stewart has entered the high school and has been placed in the junior class.

KANSAS CITY SELECTED.

National Negro Business League to Hold Seventeenth Annual Session August 16, 1916.

After a most careful consideration of the several invitations received from different sections of the country for the next meeting of the National Negro Business League, we are authorized by the members of the executive committee to announce that the league has decided to accept the invitation extended by the Local Negro Business League of Greater Kansas City. The meeting will be held August 16, 17 and 18, 1916. It appears that the business league has selected a most opportune time to hold their meeting in Kansas City, for as Mr. Fortune J. Weaver, president of the Kansas City local league says: "These dates fit in just right, as the Masons will hold their grand lodge in Kansas City during the second week of August and the National Medical association comes during the fourth week."

These two meetings in addition to the Business League session will offer best possible inducements to the railroads to make special reduced fares and will afford delegates to the grand lodge and the Medical Association an opportunity to attend some of the sessions of the Business League. The executive committee has also decided that it will be most appropriate and fitting that the first night's (August 16th) session be devoted to memorial exercises in honor of Dr. Booker T. Washington, founder and first president of the National Negro Business League.

JONES FACTION WINS IN COURT

Decision in Chicago Rendered This Week Sustained the Contentions of E. P. Jones and Followers, Making Them the National Baptist Convention—Judge Smith Rendering Decision. Chicago, Jan. 10. MA decision rendered in the courts of Chicago today by Judge Smith sustained the demurrer of Attorneys Walter M. Farmer of this city and Wm. Harrison of Oklahoma City, recognizing the National Baptist convention, of which E. P. Jones, D. D., of Vicksburg, Miss., was elected president. It will be remembered that during the month of August, 1915, a convention in this city and divided into two parts over a charter gotten out by seven men. A major-

ity of one hundred and fifty or more votes in the convention showed that the strength of the convention was against the charter, whereupon Dr. Morris and his followers left the chair and the convention immediately elected E. P. Jones and an entirely new set of officers. The incorporated convention, led by Dr. Morris, got out an injunction to prevent the the Jones people from using the name National Baptist convention.

SCANDIA, IOWA. (Special.)

Sunday was Covenant day at the Mt. Zion Baptist church. The pastor, G. W. White, delivered two excellent sermons morning and evening.

Mrs. Eliza Ray and children left Sunday evening for Elkhart, Ind., where they will spend several months with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Thomas of Centerville, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jim Overton left for her home Monday morning.

Mrs. Isiah English has been ill for several days at her home.

Mrs. Robert Nichols, who has been ill for several days, is to valetce to Mrs. Anna Miller and little daughter, Mabel, of Perry, Iowa, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Isiah English. Mother and child are on the sick list at this writing.

Much success to the Bystander.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA. (Special to Bystander.)

(Last Week) Mrs. Eula Fields and children, accompanied by her niece, Miss Marie Scott, and Miss Imogene Wilson, all of Keokuk, returned home Sunday, after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roberson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, Mr. C. P. Gilmore and Mrs. Thos. Robison are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Humphrey entertained at 3 o'clock dinner Mrs. Eula Fields and children, Miss Marie Scott and Miss Imogene Wilson. Covers were laid for eight.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Nellie Estes of Ottumwa passed through Albia on Tuesday en route to Ottumwa.

Mrs. Edward Butler entertained Friday evening, January 7th, at 6 o'clock dinner and in the evening about fifteen in honor of Mr. Edward Butler's birthday.

Mr. Pearl Thomas has accepted a position in Ottumwa and left for that city.

The Epworth League young people are preparing an Allen day program for February 14, 1916.

Mrs. M. F. Ward entertained at 12 o'clock dinner on Sunday about six couple, Mr. Roy Burns of Hocking, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Davis and Master Bennie Grayson.

Mr. Robinson of Hocking was in Albia on business this week.

Mr. Roy Burns attended services at the A. M. E. church Sunday.

MACON, MO., NEWS.

Miss Dorothy Skillmore has returned to resume her studies at Western college.

Mrs. F. B. Watson, instructor of the missionary department at Western college, spent Sunday in Shelby, Mo.

The Baptist Missionary Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Samuel Jackson.

Mr. Lonzon Harris of Brookfield, Mo., spent Thursday evening in our

city, the guest of Miss Alma McElroy.

Raymond Houston and Preston Wright will spend Sunday in Palmyra, Mo.

Mrs. Lizzie Reese Johnson, who formerly resided in our city, died Monday morning in East St. Louis. Her body will be brought to our city for burial.

Rev. B. P. E. Gales is out of the city. During his absence Dr. J. H. Garnett filled the pulpit, preaching two excellent sermons.

Dr. J. H. Garnett departed Sunday night for Kansas City.

Mr. William Brown of our city is preparing to give a banquet the 17th of January at the K. of P. hall. Admission \$1.00 a plate. We wish for Mr. Brown much success.

The following entertained for Mr. J. B. Harris while in our city: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Garnett and Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Ansell.

Miss Flossie Patrick of Lincoln, Neb., is visiting relatives in our city. Several parties have been given in honor of Miss Patrick while in our city.

Miss Ora Finney entertained Thursday last at a leap year party.

Mr. J. B. Harris of Quincy, Ill., has departed for his home, after a very pleasant visit.

Miss Julia Howard entertained on Monday evening at a leap year party.

Miss Birtena Young has returned from a visit in Chillicothe, Mo.

Miss Cynthia Materson was called to Palmyra by the death of her cousin.

Miss Alma McElroy entertained at a party Thursday night in honor of Mr. Lonzon Harris of Brookfield, Mo.

Miss Maydeen Howard is on the sick list.

While in our city hungry see T. H. Henderson's cafe on Rubey street.

Mrs. William Carter of Omaha, Neb., has returned to her home, after a visit with relatives and friends.

Master James Herndon has returned to resume his studies at Western college.

Next week of this month will occur the by-monthly examination for the students at Western college.

Miss Pochontas Smith and nephew, Master Chester, are visiting relatives in our city.

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January 1st at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Downey, occurred the marriage of Lelia Agnes Downey to Mr. Chas. W. Crawford of Brownlee, Nebraska, Rev. Searcy of the A. M. E. church officiating. The bride was attired in pink satin and carried a shower bouquet of pink and white roses. Preceding the ceremony Miss Constance Downey, a niece of the bride sang "Until Eternity." After the ceremony a reception was held. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford will reside in Brownlee, where the groom is engaged in farming.

Mr. Thomas Spicer does not improve as his many friends had hoped.

Mrs. Margaret Fox, widow of the late Booker Fox passed away at the home of her daughter, Hattie Weeks, 3743 La Salle street, Chicago, January 6th, at the age of 80. The remains were brought to Ottumwa and interred in Ottumwa cemetery.

Mr. Smith Hearrol has returned from Topeka, Kansas, where he spent the holidays.

Mrs. Carrie Gordon, widow of the late M. T. Gordon, is getting along nicely under the care of Mrs. Jemima Owen.

The health hints by Dr. Booker are excellent.

Miss Nell Fowler and Mrs. Cecil Jones of Chicago are guests at the parental Fowler home.

The following are confined to their homes with la grippe: Miss Ellen Williams, Miss Constance Downey, little Eunice Kipper, Mr. Isaac Patton and Mr. Jewel Campbell, and Mrs. Beatrice Bibbs and Mrs. Cleo Thompson are ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Mattie Thompson and children of Clinton spent the holidays at the home of her mother, Mrs. Anna Foster.

Mrs. Emma Black has returned from her holiday visit with relatives in Des Moines and Oskaloosa. She has been sick since coming home, but is now convalescing.

In the absence of the presiding elder, Rev. S. B. Moore, Rev. Wharton of Muscatine conducted the quarterly meeting on Sunday, January 2. Rev. Wharton delivered three very able sermons.

Hayes Clayton has accepted a position at the Oaks barber shop.

Mrs. Fred Turner has returned from a visit with relatives at Oskaloosa and Ottumwa.

Harley Palmer, who has been a familiar figure around the city for the past several months, has gone to Minneapolis, where he will take a position in a pantatorium.

Miss Luba Gwinn is again at her post as masseuse at the Washington chiropody and shampoo parlor, after a week's illness, being confined to her home with the grip.

Mr. Palmer, the barber, is home from a visit with relatives at Cedar Rapids.

Ollie Howard is assisting at the James Redd barber shop.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwards are the proud parents of a baby girl. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. A. Jones of Twenty-third and Clar broke her arm at the Mecca roller skating rink last week. She is getting along nicely.

Mr. McCater has been sick for the past ten days, but is getting better.

Mrs. R. Lee on Patrick avenue is getting better, after being quite sick.

Mr. Clifford Penn, who underwent a serious operation for appendicitis at St. Joseph hospital, is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Scott, wife of Rev. Scott, pastor of Moriah, was taken suddenly sick Saturday evening.

CEAR RAPIDS NEWS. (Special.)

Sunday was quarterly meeting at Bethel A. M. E. church. Rev. S. B. Moore, P. E., was present after several weeks of illness. He was assisted in the service by Rev. Cato, the pastor. Rev. A. Ford and Rev. Thomas. Rev. Moore after the service Sunday night went out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milligan in order to rest up a few days, as he is quite weak, before he will start out on his work.

A great deal of sickness among our people.

Mr. Miller, an old citizen, died here last Monday a week ago. His body is being held at the undertakers waiting for his son, who lives in Cleveland, Ohio, to claim it.

Mr. Luther Lowery, the mail carrier, is sick with the la grippe; also his mother.

Trio No. 3 of the stewardess board of the A. M. E. church will give a volunteer social February 19th for the benefit of the stewards.

The poultry show will open up here this week. Mr. Milligan, the only colored man in the association, will be on hand to capture some of the prizes, as he has in the past.

Mrs. Moore of Iowa City was received into full membership in Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday at the morning service.

Revs. Cato and Northcross went before the mayor to interview him on the coming of the Birth of a Nation. We are waiting for results.

We are glad to note the closing of the saloons. It has not made any change in the affairs of the colored people.

The Rev. Mrs. A. Ford, who has been confined to her home for four weeks, was out Sunday to the service.

Yunker Brothers

Any Man Who Wants to Save on Haberdashery

should attend the great sale which is now in progress here. Large special purchases were made from overstocked jobbers and manufacturers, to which we have added much from our stocks. Prices that reign mean savings ranging from a fourth to nearly half. Especially important is the sale of

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BUXTON, IOWA.

Those who have the good fortune to bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

Mr. J. C. Rowlette received the sad news that his sister, Mrs. Odella Clark, who spent a portion of the summer with him, is dead. He left Monday evening to attend the funeral services at her home, Sparta, Ill.

Mrs. Ferribe has returned from an extended visit with her son in Chicago.

Mr. Lonnie Carter was indisposed several days last week.

Bill Wheels has decided to try the better or worst degree in partnership with Miss Mattie Doyle.