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DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1916.

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Mrs. Clay Lewis is some better.

Master James James had a touch of the la grippe, but is better now.

Miss Lillian Neal has been on the sick list the past week.

Miss Mary J. Reeves left this week for Minneapolis, Minn., for an indefinite stay.

The Twentieth Century Art club will meet at Mrs. McGuire's, 760 W. Eleventh street, Wednesday, January 26th. All members are urged to be present, as it is a business meeting.

Mrs. Mollie Watkins received news this week that her daughter, Miss Carrie, who is teaching in Athens, Ga., has been very dangerously sick, but is a little better at this writing.

B. Y. W. Y. K. Art club will meet at the home of Mrs. Roberts in Albricht's Apartments, on Tuesday afternoon.

Jess Braden, formerly of this city, but who is now running on the C. G. W. railroad from St. Paul to Mason City, spent a few days here en route from St. Joseph, Mo., where he had been visiting his sick mother.

THOMPSON HOTEL GUESTS.
Adam Johnson, Gravity, Iowa; Fred Rogers, Chicago, Ill.; B. F. Demeay, Buxton, Iowa; C. R. Hulse New York.

We have just been informed that Prof. Holmes, president of Tougaloo University of Jackson, Miss., will be in our city Sunday and will speak at Union Congregational church Sunday evening at 7:30. Everybody invited.

On account of the fire at the A. M. E. church the Sunday school hour has been changed to 1 o'clock and will be held at the new Y. M. C. A. building. All the members and friends are invited to come.

Mr. Chas. Palmer, one of our citizens, left this week with an excursion homeseekers party for Texas and New Mexico. We hope that he and his party may escape the Mexican bullets.

A. B. Johnson, one of our young high school graduates of Gravity, spent a few days in our city en route home from Clinton, where he had been visiting his sister. He took luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Thompson.

Mrs. Gibbs L. Johnson wishes to thank North Star Masonic lodge, G. H. Clegggett chapter of Royal Arch Masons, King Solomon Commandery of Knights Templar, Hawkeye lodge of Elks and also her many friends for their beautiful floral emblems and the kindness tendered her through the illness and final death of her beloved husband, Gibbs Lamar Johnson.

A correction is due in the obituary of Gibbs Lamar Johnson of twin sisters instead of ten sisters.

At the annual meeting of the Deborah council of the Eastern Star held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown last Tuesday evening a good report for the year was made. The following new officers were elected: President, Mrs. C. A. Clegggett; vice president, Edith Essex; secretary, Maud Thompson; assistant secretary, Addie French; treasurer, Jessy McClain; counselor, S. Joe Brown; honorary president, Mrs. S. Joe Brown.

The following officers for the A. M. E. Sunday school were elected last night at their annual meeting: Superintendent, C. B. Woods; assistant superintendent, J. L. Edwards; secretary, J. L. Edwards.

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retary, Vivian Warricks; treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Shaw; organist, Edna Johnson; librarian, John R. Brown; superintendent of home department, Mildred Griffin; teachers, Rev. H. McCravens, J. L. Edwards, Chester Frederick, Mesdames Lizzie Glass, Hattie Lawther, J. L. Edwards, M. E. Boamer, C. A. Shaw, Mattie Warrick, M. Baker, S. L. Birt, Misses Annie M. Wolfolk, Tibitha Nash, Violet Hunter and S. Joe Brown teacher of normal class. With this corps of officers they expect great results this year.

A SURPRISE PARTY.
On last Friday evening about twenty-five friends of Miss Mildred Griffin showered a surprise on her at her home, 1529 Capitol avenue. The evening was spent in games and music. They all departed after having a very enjoyable time.

ANNOUNCEMENT.
Regular monthly communication of Princess Oziel chapter, O. E. S., at Doric Masonic temple, corner East Seventeenth and Des Moines streets, Thursday evening, January 27th. By order of

Mrs. Anna F. Cousin, W. M.
Mrs. Addie French, Sec'y.

THE BYSTANDER.
This week we have changed the name of this paper from Iowa State Bystander to The Bystander for commercial and business reasons. Then The Bystander is no longer confined only to Iowa, but all over the United States. We hope to make it still better. We now have more news from different towns than any western paper.

N. A. A. C. P.

By a very strange coincidence the Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People closed its first year's work Tuesday evening with what proved to be the most interesting educational meeting of the year in the form of a lecture by the Rev. Dr. Curtis W. Reese, a Caucasian native of North Carolina, who delivered a most remarkable address on "The Greatness of the American Negro" to a splendid audience composed of members of both races, who applauded at the conclusion of almost every paragraph.

Dr. A. J. Booker, chairman of the educational committee, introduced the speaker. The Redman octette sang and Atty. Geo. H. Woodson of Buxton closed the program in his usual pleasing manner.

Atty. S. Joe Brown, the president of the branch, announced that at the next public meeting would be the celebration of the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass on February 12th, at which the Rev. Dr. J. E. Kirby of Plymouth Congregational church will deliver an eulogy on Lincoln. The speaker on Douglass and the other details of the program to be announced later.

(All of these locals were unintentionally omitted from our last week's paper.)

Miss R. Foster of Columbia, Mo., has been in our city visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Gross, 852 Fourteenth street. She returned home this week, reporting a nice visit.

On account of the death of Gibbs L. Johnson the Callanan club, which was to have met with Mrs. Thornton Adams, who is a relative of the deceased, has been postponed until Wednesday, January 26th, at Mrs. Thornton Adams'.

On Tuesday afternoon Miss Marie Bell was hostess to a roller skating party. She was assisted in receiving by Miss Gertrude Hyde and Mrs. J. H. Perkins. A beautiful cut glass dish was awarded to Miss Freda Graves for the most graceful skater. A pin cushion was awarded to Miss Hyde for receiving the most falls, and a box of linen handkerchiefs to Miss Clementine Jefferson for the poorest skater. The judges were Mrs. J. W. Fields and Mr. Frank Sheldon. The honor guests were Mesdames Stella Hyde, Marguerite Fields, Lee of Minneapolis, Ione Wilson Coleman of Webster, S. D., Edna Alexander Buford of Denver, Misses Adah Hyde of Madison, Ind., Hyett of Minneapolis, Iva McClain of Iowa City and Freda Graves of Moulton.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.
The Editor of the Iowa Bystander:
Dear Sir: Would you kindly announce that the wedding of Miss Minnie Cave and Mr. Chauncey Herndon took place on January 3rd. Rev. E. R. Edwards read the wedding ceremony. The bride was given away by her father. She received many useful presents.

LOYALTY TO RACE SHOWN BY HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE.

(Special to Bystander.)
Braxton, Miss.—A recent number of "The Pine Torch," a little monthly devoted to the building up of "The Pine Woods Country Life School," Braxton, Miss., of which Laurence C. Jones is founder and principal, contains the following list of our people who have helped the work in various ways during the past year. Most of the names in the list are of people who read The Bystander. It shows that people who read are generally those who do things worth while. They could not have helped a worthwhile cause than the one in the Piney Woods.

Miss Fannie, a prize of \$5.00 in memory of her mother for the girl who shows the greatest desire to be useful to her race; Ladies' Missionary society of Mason City, through Mrs. J. D. Reeler, two barrels of clothing; Mrs. L. Singleton, clothing and dishes; Mrs. Sam White and Mrs. Mahaley Battles, barrel of clothing each; a Des Moines club, through Mrs. J. B. Rush, two boxes; Mrs. A. H. Hoag, Mrs. Coggins and Mrs. Hudson, each a barrel of clothing, and a barrel by Rev. E. J. Penny.

From Monmouth came barrels by Mr. E. A. Jones, Mrs. Daisy Laish and Mrs. G. T. Brown.

All of these things were very useful in enabling poor boys and girls to remain in school who might otherwise have had to stop school because they did not have clothing or shoes.

After all our people are doing things that many of us do not know of in helping to build a race.

Johnson also entertained at tea in honor of Mrs. Wilda Lowery. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson are both reported to be very low. The Baptist Mission Circle will meet at the parsonage Friday evening.

BUXTON, IOWA.
Little James Brown is on the sick list. Mr. John Baker was initiated into the K. of P. Silver Leaf lodge last Monday night.

One of Buxton's most popular young ladies came to escort Scott Mardis to Sunday morning services last Sunday. Get busy girls—this is leap year.

Mrs. Ella Willis was out of the city last week. Those on the sick list are Mr. John Allen, Mrs. Butram, Mr. Jake Wilson. List not complete.

Inice Ewing is confined with chickenpox. The Ladies' Industrial club met at the home of Mrs. Grace McDowell last Wednesday. A very interesting paper on child welfare was read by Mrs. Neely and discussed by all the members present. The outline on civics was also studied. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. Ross.

Mr. Webster Mickens is very busy these days filling the Resasp contract, which is taking three of the Buxton houses to No. 18 miles to be erected. The boys hear from F. H. Townsend every once in a while. He always sends regards to the bunch. Says he and wife are doing fine.

Arthur Mills sends regards to all from Marshalltown, Iowa, where he states he is doing well.

tion of the city at the Russell Lamsin hotel. Rev. I. W. Bess and Presiding Elder B. B. Moore were among the guests.

Sunday was Ladies' day at the Y. M. S. C., which gave way for quarterly meeting. Miss Florence Hughes returned home Saturday morning from the southland, where she spent the holidays.

Mrs. John Bugg from Martin, Tenn., arrived in the city Sunday evening.

ALBIA NEWS.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas S. Griffith visited at the home of Mrs. Griffith's parents, Rev. C. Thomas, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith visited in Ottomwa over Sunday.

Miss Viola Young of Hocking attended services in Albia on Sunday. Mrs. George Arthur, who has been visiting with Mrs. Andrew Smith, returned to her home in Danville, Ill.

Mrs. Sarah Bevelly visited in Buxton this week.

Mr. Ted Gravelly entered Albia high school at the midwinter promotion.

Mrs. Mary F. Ward has been sick for the past two weeks.

Mr. Walter Bennings made a business trip to Des Moines Friday and over Sunday.

On January 15, 1916, the Juvenile Sewing Bee, consisting of children from 8 to 10 years, met at the home of Mrs. Chas. Washington and enjoyed sewing and fairy story telling, led by Isadora Hayes. They closed the meeting by singing the song "Looking To You," and prayer by the sewing bee.

Mrs. C. Thomas and Mrs. H. Jones have been sick for the past two weeks, but both are improving at this writing.

YANKTON, S. D., NOTES.

On Monday, December 20, Yankton was favored by a visit from the bishop of this district, Rt. Rev. B. F. Lee, and our regular pastor in charge, Rev. J. W. Dowden. They arrived on the 11:25 train from Sioux City and returned on the 1:25 for the same place. Both trains being late made the visit much shorter than it should have been. They made their first visit at the church, where they met some of its officers. They were next taken out to the home of Mrs. J. H. Hills, who served dinner for them. After visiting at the home of A. S. Lewis, who was just recovering from a spell of sickness, they left for their train. Yankton people were indeed glad to receive even a short visit from our bishop, who had a chance to see us as we are, a people who are trying to build up a substantial work for God. During Rev. Dowden's administration we have succeeded in almost raising a debt of \$100 that was left on our church last conference year.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

Rev. Edwards delivered an excellent sermon both morning and evening at Bethel A. M. E. church.

Mrs. J. W. Koger of Minneapolis is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Edwards.

The funeral of Vessie Ann Pitts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pitts, was held Saturday morning at 10:30 at the family home, 1714 South Third street, Rev. Edwards officiating. Burial took place at Fairview cemetery.

Don't forget that on February 11th Mrs. Herndon and Mrs. Richardson will give a leap year social. Every effort is being put forward to make this a grand affair.

Mrs. J. W. Koger was the guest of Mrs. Eva Bess at dinner.

Mrs. J. W. Koger was the guest of a theater party given by Mrs. Frank Franknal.

Mrs. Earl Peterson of Mason City is the guest of Miss Bessie Giles at 1319 Avenue C.

Mrs. E. Rose gave a party in honor of Mrs. Earl Peterson of Mason City at her home on Seventh avenue.

Miss Cleota Thompson of Omaha was the guest of Miss Hazel Stewart on West Broadway for a few days.

The members of the W. W. club will begin the study of a drama, entitled "The Finger of Scorn," which will be given in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Johnson are rejoicing over a baby boy.

Mrs. George Brannard entertained at cards on Wednesday of last week. On Wednesday evening, January 26, a grand ball will be given in Cameron's hall. Dancing from 8 to 12. Music will be furnished by the Lyric orchestra of Hannibal, Mo. Admission 35 cents.

Mr. Leo Reeder visited relatives last week.

Mr. Selby Johnson is visiting in Chicago, Ill.

A St. Valentine dance will be given February 14 at Cameron's hall by R. Hanley, S. Kellis and C. Ashby. Music by Agne's celebrated orchestra.

WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.

Word was received in the city by friends last week of the death of Mrs. David Spencer at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Taylor, at Mason City. The remains were taken to her home at Jackson, Ill., for burial. She was the mother of Horace and Harvey Spencer and Mrs. John Taylor, who were former residents of Washington. The many friends here of the family extend their sympathy.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rhodes are getting along nicely with the chickenpox. They are almost well now.

Fred Turner is now in the employ of Chas. Thomas, the stock buyer.

Thomas Benton, the pioneer barber of Sigourney, died last week at his home in that place. Mr. B. at one time was a resident of Washington. He leaves a son bereaved.

Howard Motts is the newly elected president of the Intellectual Improvement club, and active work is now in progress. He has a nice surprise in store for the members at the regular meeting next Tuesday evening at the A. L. Hall home.

Mrs. N. L. Black was unfortunate one day last week in having some concentrated lye spilled in her right eye. But the speedy work of the eye specialist saved her eye.

Recent information from Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Wallace of Pittsburg, Pa., is to the effect that they may again become residents of Washington in the near future. Everyone will welcome them back.

The A. M. E. church, in conjunction with seven other churches in the city, are holding revival meetings at the new Methodist church. The gospel business men's team from Fairfield is doing the work on the platform, and they are wonderful proponents of the word of God, and much good should be done.

ST. PAUL BUDGETARIAN.

Cold, well I guess yes—33 degrees below was the coldest so far this winter, and it continued cold for some time.

Mr. T. D. Parker is quite ill with la grippe at his home on St. Anthony avenue. Others reported sick are Mesdames F. Wheelin, M. Woodfork, Mr. J. P. Anderson and Mr. Chas. Miller.

The O. E. S. club meets this week with Mrs. Fannie Martin, 1119 Sherburne avenue.

Mr. L. A. Melker, who met with a very painful and serious accident when he fell in his home some time ago, has recovered sufficiently to be brought home from the hospital.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at St. James A. M. E. church. Presiding Elder Higgins was present. Rev. F. J. Peterson of Minneapolis preached at 3 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tandy are hostesses for the Drowsy Whist club this week.

The funerals of Mesdames Isabel Grissom and Mary J. Davis were held last week. Both were laid to rest in Oakland cemetery.

The Benevolent association held their annual election of officers at their last meeting as follows: President, Mrs. Florence E. Duckett; vice president, Mrs. Jennie E. White; financial secretary, Mrs. Mattie R. Hicks; assistant secretary, Mrs. Ella Jackson; treasurer, Mrs. F. Wheelin. The association gives a social this week at the residence of Mrs. Duckett, St. Anthony avenue.

The choir of St. James church gives a hardtimes social at the church Thursday night.

Rev. Jas. Higgins, P. E., of St. Paul's district, is a guest at the parsonage.

Mrs. Samuel Hatcher is out again, after a severe attack of the grip.

Mrs. Melissa Glauton, mother of Messrs. J. T. and M. O. Culberson, is seriously ill at her Tenth avenue home.

The following officers were obligated at Bethel A. M. E. church on Sunday night, January 9th: Trustees, M. O. Culberson, J. T. Culberson, Scott Robinson, G. J. Robinson and A. A. Bush; stewards, Scott Robinson, J. B. Easty, M. O. Culberson, Wm. Henderson and Cassius Clay. Subscribe for The Bystander.

Mr. Geo. Robinson of Tenth avenue, who has been ill for some time, was removed recently to Mercy hospital for treatment. He was accompanied by his wife, who also has been in poor health for some time.

At the annual election of teachers and officers of Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school recently the following persons were elected: Superintendent, M. O. Culberson; assistant superintendent, J. B. Easty; cradle roll, Mrs. Aline Henderson; secretary, A. A. Bush; assistant secretary, Miss Fredabelle Aikens; librarian, Calude Heron; assistant librarian, Eugene Stewart; chorister, A. A. Bush; organist, Miss Bessie Stewart; treasurer, Miss Minnie Scales.

Mr. Adam Johnson, who has been the guest of his sister, Frances, and other relatives, returned to his home in Gravity, Iowa, Friday night.

The Masons will be hosts to the O. E. S. on February 11th at the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. Lizzie Wilder returned to her home in Galesburg last week, after a pleasant visit with Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Williams.

The light committee, Mrs. J. B. Easty, chairman, will give a valentine and box social on February 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson entertained a few friends at their home on Friday evening, complimentary to their cousin, Adam Johnson, of Gravity, Iowa.

The fire department was called to the Tenth avenue hotel of F. F. Jackson one night last week. Nothing more serious than an overheated stove.

PREPARING FOR SERVICE.

Miss C. L. Duke and F. B. Washington to Study Social Science.

New York, Sept. 28.—The National League for the Education of Colored People has announced that the two "fellows" of the league working in New York city this year are Mr. Forrester B. Washington of West Medford, Mass., and Miss Carrie L. Dukes of Augusta, Ga. Mr. Washington is a graduate of Tufts college and has been pursuing graduate work at Harvard university. Miss Dukes is a graduate of Spellman seminary and Morehouse college, Atlanta, Ga.

These two young people are registered at the School of Philanthropy and Columbia university for advanced work in the social sciences and will receive their training and experience in practical work in connection with the district offices of the Charity Organization society and the field work of the league.

At the expiration of a year's course of training Mr. Washington will be a candidate for his master's degree from Columbia, and both of the "fellows" will be prepared to take up some line of social welfare work in New York or some other city to which they may be called for service.

The league appoints two "fellows" for resident study in New York city each year. Applicants are not restricted to any schools or communities. The best available persons are selected by a special committee which passes upon the applications early in the spring. Any one may apply for application blanks at the headquarters of the league, 2003 Seventh avenue, or at the southern headquarters at Fisk university, Nashville, Tenn.

BROOKS' LIBRARY OPENED.

Constructive Work of St. Mark's Church, New York, Commended.
On Monday, Sept. 20, the Brooks' Library of Negro Literature at the St. Mark's M. E. church, West Fifty-third street, New York, Rev. William H. Brooks, D. D., minister, was opened to the public with an interesting musical and literary program. A unique feature of the gathering was a number of well rendered solos by prominent ministers of New York city and vicinity. Interspersed with addresses by noted divines and a number of addresses commending the object of the promoters of the library scheme.

It is proposed to make this library a headquarters in New York city, where accurate information respecting the achievements of members of our race in various lines of endeavor may be obtained.

At the conclusion of the rendition of a most excellent program the judges appointed to pass upon the merits of the various musical and literary productions, Attorney Wilfred E. Smith, Lawrence T. Hunt and J. E. Robinson, with retired and subsequently returned to their verdict in favor of Rev. B. W. Arnett and Gilbert Wilson, soloists, and J. E. Bruce "Grit," whose paper, "Making History," was awarded a cash prize.

Attwell to Locate at Columbia, S. C.
Joseph J. Attwell has recently been appointed general manager of the South Carolina division of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance company of Durham, N. C. Mr. Attwell will have his headquarters at Columbia, S. C.

MEMBER NATIONAL NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION



MISS HAGAN HERE.

We are pleased to announce the appearance of Miss Helen E. Hagan, the great pianist of Cambridge, who will appear in our city one night only, Monday evening, February 14th, at Union Congregational church on her second American tour. Miss Hagan

bears the unique distinction and rare honor of being the only colored musician that has won the Sanford scholarship in Yale university conservatory prize in Yale university conservatory of music and received her diploma from Paris conservatory in 1914. Everybody should hear this remarkable and brilliant virtuoso.

MARSHALLTOWN NOTES.

Mrs. Harry L. Wolder is ill at her home on East State street, but is improving.

Theodore Roman is also on the sick list.

Mr. W. S. Warn was also confined to his home a few days, suffering from la grippe.

Mrs. Wilda Warn Lowery of Cedar Rapids is in the city for a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Warn.

Mrs. Jessie Walker and Mrs. Grace Humphrey entertained the Mite Mission Circle of the A. M. E. church last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Walker. Mrs. Wilda Lowery was the only out of town guest.

Mrs. Geo. L. Suter entertained a few ladies at luncheon Saturday afternoon, complimentary to her niece, Mrs. Lofery, of Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Mary Roman and Mrs. Hattie

Mr. R. G. Potter, one of the Y. M. C. A. directors, left last week for Knoxville, Iowa, where he expects to take up hotel work.

Mr. Leonard West while driving a mule in No. 18 mine received a bad ankle, but he is able to hop around on it.

Pete Alexander, who has for some time been living at No. 18 mine, is contemplating moving back to Buxton. Guess Pete wants to be handy for the girls during leap year.

WATERLOO NEWS.
Sunday was quarterly meeting at Bess Chapel A. M. E. church, Rev. S. B. Moore, P. E., presiding at the morning and evening services, which were well attended. He was assisted in the afternoon service by Rev. J. W. Bowles and Quire of Antioch Baptist church.

The Rotary club of Waterloo (white) had as their guests at dinner on the 17th the Ministerial associa-

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