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Miss Lola Reynolds who has been sick is convalescing.

Mrs. Agnes Jacobs is gradually recovering from a severe sick spell.

Mrs. J. H. Perkins who has been very sick is much better, which is good news to her many friends.

Mr. T. C. Brown who has lived here several years, is preparing to move to Chariton, Ia. and later may move to Illinois.

Mrs. J. H. Shepard received two big fat opossums right from Missouri this week, the gift of her relatives near New Bloomfield.

Mrs. Geo. C. Young has moved her dressmaking parlor to the Thompson hotel, where she will be pleased to meet her old customers and new ones.

Mrs. Clara Tate, 1433 Buchanan, underwent an operation at the Iowa Methodist hospital Tuesday Jan. 25th. She is doing nicely at this writing.

Mrs. William Kinney, 1021 Chestnut street, was taken to the Methodist hospital Thursday Jan. 27th for the purpose of undergoing an operation.

Mrs. D. Mickle Ousley received a very painful sprained arm Tuesday afternoon at the skating rink, but is reported doing nicely at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reeves, 908 Fourteenth Street Place, are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, weighing eight pounds, born Sunday Jan. 23rd.

The M. C. T. club will meet with Miss Gertrude Hyde Monday, Jan. 23rd and continue Sennysen's Idylls of King Mrs. Davis will read a paper on Education.

The Eliza E. Peterson W. C. T. U. will meet Thursday, Feb. 3rd at the home of Mrs. Agnes Jacobs, 1238 20th street. All members are requested to be present.

After a business session of the B. Y. W. K. Art club Mrs. J. Roberts served a delightful two course dinner. Meet next week with Mrs. H. Toliver, 16th and Walker.

The Twentieth Century Art club will hold its next meeting at Mrs. Drew's home, 225 Arthur street, Wednesday evening Feb. 2nd. All members are asked to be present.

Mother's Congress will meet Saturday Feb. 5th with Mrs. S. Joe Brown; subject to be discussed is "Where Reform is Most Needed." The principal paper on the subject will be by Mrs. F. P. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hamilton have both been remodeling their beautiful homes, adding more rooms and making the interior more convenient, which when completed will add greatly to the beauty as well as to the value.

Word has just come that Miss Helen E. Hagan, our race's great pianist, has been meeting with a brilliant success in Alabama, West Virginia and Tennessee. To miss hearing her you will miss the master artist in music of our race. She will be here Monday Feb 14

We wish to correct an error in last weeks article concerning the roller skating party given by Miss Marie Bell, We should have said Miss Hyatt received a prize. Miss Hyde did not participate in the skating.

REMEMBER THE Palace Sweet Cafe UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT Is the best place to go for Good Home Cooking Every thing First Class Red 1367 1012 Center Street Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Erickson, Props.

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Constipation and Indigestion. "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Obtainable everywhere.

Atty. S. Joe Brown, Grand Custodian of Masons, returned yesterday from Ft. Dodge where he held a private school of instruction with Western Star lodge, U. D., the youngest lodge in the Jurisdiction, and reports them progressing nicely under the leadership of Mr. Luke Raglin, Worshipful Master.

Madam Robinson of Hocking, Ia., is now able to give the Madam Walker's Hair Dressing and Scalp Treatment. Treatments given at your or her home. Give me a trial and if work does not prove satisfactory your money back. Madam M. Robinson.

A meeting of District No. 1 of the Iowa State Federation of Colored Women's clubs is announced by the chairman, Mrs. Jessye E. McClain, at her residence, 1327 Crocker street for Saturday Feb. 26th at 2:30 p. m. All club workers are especially urged to attend as important subjects of interest to the District will be discussed. Mrs. Jessye E. McClain, Chairman.

The Callan club met the 26th at the home of Mrs. Thornton Adams, 2621 Chester avenue. A very interesting meeting was held, after which the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Emma Pyree; Vice Pres. Mrs. G. Nickels; Secretary, Mrs. G. L. Johnson; Asst. Sec. Mrs. Amos Adams; Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Rivers; Chaplain, Mrs. W. H. Johnson; Reporter, Mrs. Thornton Adams; Critic, Mrs. L. M. Mason; chairman of Executive Board, Mrs. S. Joe Brown. Next meeting with Mrs. L. M. Mason, 601 23rd street.

THOMPSON HOTEL GUESTS. Ira B. Gray, New York City; Sam Bailey, New York City; Thomas Brown Chariton, Iowa; Harry Anderson, Omaha, Nebr.; Julius Glenn, New York City.

The members and friends of St. Paul's A. M. E. church will doubtless be pleased to learn that the trustees have received full payment from the insurance company for the damage caused to the building proper by the recent fire and that the work of temporarily repairing the building will in all probability be commenced some time during the coming week. The damage to the pipe organ, piano and other furniture, however, has not yet been adjusted.

On last Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. S. Joe Brown the ladies of the Intellectual Improvement club met and installed their newly elected officers, viz: President, Mrs. H. W. Hughes; vice president, Mrs. J. L. Edwards; secretary, Mrs. John L. Thompson; treasurer, Mrs. Maud M. Wilkinson; critic, Mrs. Jessye E. McClain; reporter, Mrs. S. Joe Brown; chairman executive board, Mrs. Frank P. Johnson. The ladies decided to hold a public supper meeting on ebruary 11th at the Union Congregational church, at which time all of the federated clubs of the city will be invited to co-operate with them. The club will meet this afternoon with Mrs. Bailey at 758 Eleventh street, and Mrs. R. E. Patten will have charge of the program, which will include the educational outline as laid down by the state chairman of the federation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Mrs. Geo. C. Young & Mrs. Ross Mitchell have moved their Dressmaking Parlors to the Thompson hotel, 9th and Park streets, and are now open for Spring business. Public invited.

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

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB. The High School Girls' club met on last Sunday at their social center, 1058 Fifth street. The Ohio book for the Lincoln jubilee was reviewed by Edythe M. Jones and a solo was rendered by Beulah Waldon. Next Sunday the life and accomplishments of Miss Nannie H. Burroughs will be discussed by Mary Stanton.

THE Typewriter Exchange

Table with 2 columns: Typewriter Model and Price. Includes Underwood No. 4, Oliver No. 3, Monarch No. 2, etc.

KEOKUK, IOWA. I notice in your issue of January 14 that a committee of our people and of your city are making a desperate fight to prevent the "Birth of a Na-

tion" appearing in Des Moines. It is a just fight and a cause no man should be ashamed of, and yet are we, as citizens of Iowa, doing our duty? Can we expect Woodson and Brown to watch the corrupt and discriminating laws against our people before the legislature in this state, when very often the have to spend their own money for hotel bills and railroad fare in the same cause. I for one think the time has come for the men of Iowa to shoulder some of the responsibility, by chipping in a few dollars to help some one fight for us, while we are not able to fight for ourselves. Who will take the lead? I am a good follower and make this appeal to the men of our race.

You will find below an editorial from the National Tribune dealing with the "Birth of a Nation," and every loyal American should read it, and if Ohio can do so much, why not Iowa? Don't forget to put a copy in the hands of your mayor of Des Moines and to the Negroes. "Right is might." T. H. Phillips.

THE BIRTH OF A NATION. Those who have been watching the fight being led by the Des Moines branch of the N. A. A. C. P. against the production in Des Moines of the photo play, "The Birth of a Nation," will doubtless be pleased to learn that the national association has been joined in their protest by the editorial writers of the Evening Tribune, the Des Moines Capital and the National Prohibitor, also by the local post of the G. A. R. and the City Federation of Women's Clubs (white). As a result of these united protests Mayor Hanna and Superintendent of

Public Safety W. F. Mitchell have secured the promise of the management of the theater which has advertised the film that they will procure the film some time in advance of April 30th, the date set for its public appearance, and give a private performance to be censored by the city officials and representatives of the various protesting organizations, the result of which exhibition will determine what, if any, action is to be taken by the city authorities by way of suppressing the play.

WEALTHY COLORED PEOPLE TO HAVE GOLF COURSE NEAR ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Atlantic City, N. J.—An exclusive residential colony for wealthy colored persons of this city, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, with pretentious summer homes surrounding a golf course and tennis courts with a handsome club house completely equipped, is the dream of leaders of the race here who are about to organize a second country club of Atlantic City. Already a site has been selected at Douglass City, the future model community, a large tract lying between built-up sections of Pleasantville and Absecon, on the mainland, within easy reach of the shore road, a paved section of the ocean boulevard. B. F. Garrison, a real estate promoter, who is acting for a committee of colored hotel men, lawyers, physicians and other well-to-do members of the race here, added today to the announced fact that a nine-hole golf course is assured, the further information that the new country club will have at least 150 members living in Atlantic City who are willing to take stock in the holding company

and pay \$50 annually toward the support of the enterprise.



RUSH CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE. We take great pleasure in announcing that James B. Rush is a candidate for municipal judge of our city, subject to the city primaries March 13. Under the new city law there will be four city judges to be elected and we honestly think it but just that there should be one colored man, and, too, Lawyer Rush has by his many years of practice proven fully competent to discharge every duty. He has lived and practiced law for nearly twenty years in our city and is thoroughly acquainted with every branch of our courts. He is a temperance man, active in church and social reform work. The colored voters should all work for his nomination and we commend him to the white voters as worthy of their hearty support.

A GOOD WOMAN GONE (Special to Bystander.)

Mrs. Frances Spencer, wife of David Spencer, deceased, was born November 15, 1840, and passed away December 31, 1915, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edna Taylor, in Mason City, Iowa, after a brief illness of dropsy. She was married to David Spencer on January 25, 1859, and to this happy union were born eleven children, all of whom survive, and one brother, James H. Young, of this city. John Spencer of Grinnell went to the bedside of his mother and was present with other members of the family when the end came, which was peaceful. The children are: Sherman Spencer, Mrs. Sallie McDaniel, Mrs. Jennie Brannum of this city, Mrs. Edna Taylor, Mrs. Julia Currie, Horace and Harvey Spencer of Mason City, Iowa, John Spencer of Grinnell, Iowa, Mrs. Olive Merial of Sigourney, Ia., Mrs. Victoria Brown and Miss Hattie Spencer of Chicago, all of whom are at home to be present at the funeral, which will occur Monday at 2:30 p. m. from the Second Baptist church. Mrs. Spencer was a devout and upright Christian and was loved by all who knew her.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Virginia Thomas went to Ottumwa on Sunday to visit over Sunday. The members of the Sewing Circle that attended the meeting at the home of Mrs. Joe Robinson in Hocking on Monday were Mrs. G. A. Davis, Mrs. Pearl Thomas, Mrs. Oscar Roper, Mrs. Emma Smith and Mrs. Edward Butler of Albia. Mr. Williams of Clarinda, the grand chancellor of the K. P. lodge, was an Albia visitor this week. Social at the A. M. E. church on Monday evening. Mrs. Mary F. Ward is still confined to her home with the gripe. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Davis took 12 o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. Brittain Thomas on Sunday. Mr. Lawrence Carter of Buxton is a student in the Albia high school and stays at the home of Mrs. Oscar Roper. Many have been down with the gripe in Albia the past week. Mrs. Oscar Roper entertained a company to 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Mrs. Virginia Thomas on Tuesday evening.

Stomach Trouble Cured. If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klotz of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all dealers.

DAVENPORT, ITEMS.

There will be a benefit concert given for the Third Baptist church by some of the best talent in the city at the Friendly House on January 29. The members are striving to make it a grand success. Ref. N. B. Jones, evangelist, closed a very successful revival last week and left for his home in Chicago on Thursday. Mrs. Mary Ann Oney of Weskan, Kans., is in the city visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Oney. Mrs. Oney will remain for some time and expects to be joined by her husband, who will drive over in his automobile. Mrs. Frank Brown was called to Kirksville, Mo., by the serious illness of her mother, who remains very sick. The East End Art club meets with Mrs. Ella Fuqua on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. John O'Grady entertained sev-

eral Moline ladies Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Henry Merchant, formerly of this city, but now of El Reno, Okla., is visiting friends in the tri-cities.

FORT MADISON NOTES. (Last Week.)

Friends will be surprised to hear of the death of Mrs. Merle Basfield Moore, which occurred at the Sacred Heart hospital in this city last Friday. Mrs. Moore was sick but a short while and her death came as a great shock to every one. She was a lovable young woman and will be greatly missed by her many friends. Those attending the funeral of Mrs. Moore from out of the city were Mr. Arthur Moore (husband), Mr. M. Moore, Mrs. Bettie Bannister of Rock Island, Ill., Mrs. Griggby (grandmother) and Mrs. K. Johnson of Keokuk. Mrs. Moore was born in Muscatine, Iowa, February 15, 1855, and was nearly 31 years of age at the time of her death. She leaves her mother, Mrs. N. A. Ison, Fort Madison; husband, Arthur Moore, Rock Island; Raymond Cranshaw (nephew), and Freda Range (cousin), both of this city. The many friends of the bereaved ones, and especially of Mrs. Ison, the mother, freely express their deep sorrow and sympathy. It was just about one year ago that Mrs. Ison was bereaved by the loss of another daughter, which makes this a burden, not easily borne. The sweet disposition of Mrs. Moore certainly justified the comparison of her life to a "sunbeam." Mrs. D. Ison and Miss Jennie Harper are planning the organization of a children's club among the colored children of the city. We are glad to know that Mr. Garret Dunlap has entered high school for the last semester. Mrs. A. Jackson, who has been very sick, is able to be up and around again. A mock congress under the auspices of the People's Forum, is now in session at the Second Baptist church. There will be a midwinter picnic under the auspices of the Bethel Literary at the A. M. E. church next Thursday.

BOONE NEWS. (Special.)

The Rev. L. W. Routt enjoyed a happy Christmas. On Christmas night Mr. George Taylor presented the pastor \$10.00, assisted by a number of his friends. The pastor was very much pleased to receive his present. Last Sunday night a good many of the students from Ames, Iowa, attended the service at the A. M. E. church. Rev. Routt preached a good, feeling sermon. The church is moving on nicely under his leadership. The Sunday school is moving on nicely under Mrs. Virgie Johnson, who is still the superintendent. Miss Sadie Patton is secretary. She is a bright young lady. Mr. Charley Coleman and Rev. Routt are the teachers. Mrs. Lulu B. Routt is organist. The juvenile choir is doing nicely. The A. M. E. Literary society held an important meeting Monday, January 3rd, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. The following officers were chosen: President, B. F. Taylor; vice president, L. H. Barlow; secretary, Miss Sadie Patton; assistant secretary, Roy Schultz; treasurer, H. T. Humble. The funeral of Mrs. Lina Brown was held Monday afternoon, January 10th, and the remains laid to rest from Welin chapel. She had but recently moved to Boone and is survived by her husband, who is a blacksmith, and her father, who lives at Buxton, Iowa. She came from Des Moines. The funeral services were in charge of Rev. L. W. Routt, pastor of the A. M. E. church. The congregation rendered appropriate selections and Mrs. Lulu B. Routt sang "Asleep in Jesus." The deceased and her husband had but recently moved to this city from Des Moines. Her father is A. J. Johnson of Buxton. Rev. Routt has returned from Marshalltown, where he preached last Sunday, January 16th. He had been over there since last Wednesday. He reports a good time. He was highly entertained by the members and friends of Marshalltown. Everybody extended him invitations. The Rev. found the members working faithfully. They have recovered the church and are doing good work, it measuring arms with Boone.

IOWA CITY, IOWA.

Mrs. Donnegan has been ill for several days. Miss Mary Perkins Short is in the hospital with the gripe. Mrs. Elizabeth Bell is in the hospital. Miss Greta McDevon is improving nicely, after her operation for appendicitis. Rev. Moore held quarterly meeting last Tuesday evening at the church. Rev. Wharton conducted church services Sunday, after an absence of three weeks. Last Sunday he assisted with revival meetings in Washington, Iowa. Miss Vaeletta London led Christian Endeavor last Sunday evening. Miss Zelma Patterson of Des Moines visited in Iowa City a few days. The first semester will close the 6th of February. Final examinations are raising the burning of much midnight oil. This cold weather has frosted the

toes, cheeks and ears of a number of students.

The G. S. U. I. met with the president, Miss London, Saturday night. Next week it will meet with Miss Gross.

A. A. Keene has been elected pole-march of the fraternity. Mrs. Brown had a very serious operation Tuesday morning. A new rule of discipline will be enforced in the university next semester. There will be no cuts. All absences unexcused will cause absentee to lose one-tenth of a credit.

MACON, MO., NEWS.

We are very sorry to hear of the illness of our pastor, Rev. B. P. E. Gales, in Evanston, Ill. Messrs. Raymond Houston, Preston Wright and Darlington Austin spent Sunday in Palmyra and report a pleasant time. The Macon Women's Federation club met Saturday last at the home of Mrs. C. Harris. A delightful two-course lunch was served. Mr. Loran Harris of Brookfield, Mo., was the guest of Miss Alma McElroy on Wednesday last. Morgan's Mighty Minstrels were in our city Wednesday last.

Miss Lucille Harris of our city was awarded the second prize, which was \$5.00, from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for writing the best letter of what she thought of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

The Macon Women's Federation club will give a bazaar Friday night at the Vine and Broadway Baptist church. In connection with the bazaar Prof. Richard B. Harrison will give a reading. Mr. Nathaniel McRoy is on the sick list.

The banquet which was given by the young men of our city was quite a success. The Baptist Missionary Circle will meet Friday evening at the home of Mrs. C. Harris.

The death of Mr. Grant Brassell occurred at his home in Rochester, Minn. Remains were brought to our city for burial. Mr. Brassell has formerly been a resident of our city and a member of the K. P. lodge. He leaves a host of friends to mourn his death. Mrs. Jane Kimbrough, who has been very ill, is slowly improving. Several Maconites attended the ball in Moberly Monday last. Harry Cobble and W. Proxter of Kirksville, Mo., spent Wednesday last in our city and attended the Morgan Mighty Minstrels. The death of Mrs. W. Enix occurred at the home of her son in Moline, Ill. The remains were brought to our city for burial. She leaves to mourn her death three sons and a host of relatives and friends. Mr. John Williams has departed for St. Louis, after a three weeks' stay with Mr. Albert Perry of this city. Mrs. Ed Harris is reported better at this writing. Why not subscribe for The Bystander and get what you can get. For the Macon news which The Bystander puts out, believe me, it is sure worth the money.

CLINTON, IOWA.

Mr. J. W. Porter, who was badly burned on January 17th, is doing nicely and expects to be out in a few days. Mrs. Greenlee, who has been quite sick for some time, is able to be up and about the house again. Mrs. Wetherall is reported quite sick. Mrs. Jennie Martin and Mrs. F. J. Nott have been complaining the past two weeks. On the afternoon of January 22d Rev. F. J. Nott, pastor of the Second Baptist church, was invited to the residence of Mrs. Josie Carter, where he was presented by Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Carter with a new hat, given by members and friends. Mrs. Stella Robinson served a nice lunch and the Rev. and Mrs. Nott went home thankful and happy. Mrs. Laura Michell is on the sick list. Mrs. John Gunn is under the care of the doctor. Rev. G. E. Sanders and Miss Zella Green of Rock Island attended the funeral of Willard Green on Tuesday. The Rock Island colored band attended the funeral of Willard Green in a body, rendering appropriate music. Deceased was a former member of that organization. Mrs. Melissa Glanton passed away Monday night at her home, after an illness of short duration, superinduced by the infirmities of old age. More will be said later. The funeral of Willard Green, who was fatally shot on Sunday afternoon in Fred Aikens' pool hall by Albert Green, was held Tuesday afternoon from the Second Baptist church, Rev. F. J. Nott officiating, assisted by Rev. W. W. Williams. Interment in Springdale. The leap year party held at Bethel A. M. E. church last Friday evening was a success. The ladies of the O. E. S. are royal entertainers. Louis Culberson of Chicago visited relatives in Clinton the past week, returning home Saturday.

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