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DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1916.

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Rev. S. Bates spent Sunday in Buxton.

Dr. Jefferson is having electric lights installed in his home at 1322 Day street.

Atty. S. Joe Brown spent last Friday in Clarinda, where he installed the officers of the O. E. S.

Mr. J. H. Shepard is improving nicely, which will be good news to his many acquaintances over Iowa.

Mrs. H. E. Jacobs, who has been sick, is convalescent.

The D. Y. W. K. Art club will meet at the home of Mrs. Woods, 1320 Day street, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ed. Reeves was called suddenly last week to Marshalltown on account of the serious illness of her daughter, Mary Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flumer and daughter, Ada, were over Sunday visitors, shopping and attending the auto show.

The Eliza E. Peterson W. C. T. U. will meet Thursday, March 24, at the home of the president, Mrs. Alice McDowell, 909 West Eighth street. All members requested to be present.

Mr. Jesse Graves attended the Western Negro republican conference in Kansas City on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Graves was the only delegate from Iowa.

Hello, hello, for 414 2nd avenue East, Call for Mr. John S. Thomas, The Sea Food Merchant. Make shipment to any place. Patronage solicited. Address Jno. S. Thomas, Albia, Iowa.

On Thursday evening, February 17, the B. T. W. L. society gave a leap year party in honor of forty-two friends over at the Roadside Settlement. The hall was decorated with hearts and red lights. Music and games were the features of the evening.

Madam Robinson, Hair Dresser and Scalp Cleaner, of Hocking, Iowa, and agent for Madam Walker's treatment of the scalp, has practiced in Albia, Hiteman and Hocking for the past year giving satisfaction to all. Write her, or give her a call. Hocking, Ia.

The Callanan club met Wednesday, February 23, at the home of Mrs. Mason. The meeting was very interesting and the newly elected officers were installed by the state president, Mrs. S. Joe Brown. The club is also growing. Mrs. Rev. Birt was added to the membership list. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Frank Stewart, 814 Fourteenth street, March 8.

Jesse Graves, clerk in the county treasurer's office, went to Kansas City on Monday night to attend a conference of republican political workers and leaders, where eight states were represented. The states that had representatives were Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma. Editor John L. Thompson and Atty. James B. Rush had been asked to represent Iowa there, but neither of them could attend. Mr. Thompson was out of the city on his official Masonic visits and Mr. Rush was in the midst of a campaign for municipal judge, so Mr. Thompson selected Mr. Graves to represent him.

**BIRTHS.**  
Dr. Jefferson reports the birth of a seven and one-half pound girl to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hayter, 776 Ninth street, Sunday, February 20.

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB.**  
Miss Beatrice Turner, vice president of the High School Girls' club, left last Saturday evening for Evanston, Ill., to make her home there. The members all express their regret at losing such a faithful member. The club met at the usual hour last Sunday at the home of Miss Edna Johnson. The program consisted of musical numbers by the Misses Oceola Jones, Naomi Carey, Myrtle Brown and a reading by Miss Georgia Williams. The next meeting will be Sunday, February 27th, at 1053 Fifth street.

A big political meeting in the interest of Atty. James B. Rush candidate for municipal judge, will be held at the skating rink on Crocker street Tuesday evening, February 29th. Other candidates will be present. Ladies are invited.

**OBITUARY.**  
Jesse J. H. Lankford was born February 23, 1883, at Osceola, Iowa, and died February 22, 1916, at the Methodist hospital of pneumonia. He leaves a mother, one brother and five sisters. Funeral services were held from McBride's undertaking parlors Wednesday. The remains were placed in a receiving vault in Woodland cemetery.

Mrs. Clay Lewis died at her home, 1300 Nineteenth street, February 19, after a protracted illness of several months. She was a devout Christian woman, having joined the Burns M. E. church in 1872. Mrs. Lewis was born in Corinth, Miss., July 4, 1852, and was married to Mr. Clay Lewis on July 17, 1870. To this union five children were born. The funeral services were held at the residence Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. S. L. Birt of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, of which deceased was a member. She is survived by a husband and other relatives. Interment in Glendale cemetery.

**OLD SETTLER GONE.**  
Thos. H. M. Benton.

Thomas Benton died at the home of Henry Miracle in the east part of Sigourney at the age of 73 years. That is the age Tom claimed, although many persons believed him much older. Tom Benton was born in Morgan county, Mo., a slave. But he lived to be an old man and died more probably of old age than anything else.

Tom had been in bad physical condition for a number of years, but stuck to his post in the barber shop here until about three years ago, when he was obliged to retire on account of his physical infirmities.

Thomas H. M. Benton was a great man. True, he did not rise to as high a fame as some, but he started much lower. A man may become governor of a state or president of a nation, but the chances are that he was born close to fame. Tom Benton came into this world the property of another man—a chattel—and rose from that position to be an honorable citizen and an honored man by hundreds who knew him.

**CENTREVILLE NEWS.**  
The George Washington social which was entertained by Dgt. Mildred Mayfield and Dgt. Emma Martin on Saturday evening was a successful one. A short program was rendered and enjoyed by all. The social was given by the Court of Calanthe at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Chiles.

Rev. W. T. Franklin of Kansas City, Kansas, filled the pulpit Sunday. Quite a large audience attended the services.

The Mission Circle will be entertained at the home of the president, Mrs. Emma Hicks, on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Jones took dinner at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. L. Crittenden, on Sunday.

Mr. W. H. Thompson was called to Chicago to attend the funeral of his nephew, Mr. Brown.

Mrs. Shelby Noah, Mrs. Lulu Jackson and Mrs. A. L. Crittenden attended the parent conference at the Central ward school house Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lillian Palmer, who has been on the sick list for three weeks, is somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen of Leavenworth, Kansas, left for their home, after a few weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wright.

Mrs. Mattie Riding is able to be out again.

Miss Edna Hicks, who has been on the sick list, is much improved.

Mrs. Susie Williams is suffering from a severe cold and headache at this writing.

Mr. E. Bell and son are on the sick list.

**OSKALOOSA, IOWA.**  
Wilbur Johnson was in Des Moines on Saturday attending the auto show and visiting among friends.

Mrs. Luella Spicer of Ottumwa and Mrs. Jesse Jones of Gary, Ind., spent a few days last week at the parental Franklin home, returning to their home Saturday morning.

Mesdames Gertrude Oliphant and George Coleman of Evans were guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Franklin.

The entertainments Monday and Tuesday nights at the A. M. E. church were financial successes.

Master Carl Moore has a touch of pneumonia.

Sunday, March 5th, is quarterly meeting at Shorter A. M. E. church.

The Mothers' club met in regular session Thursday at the home of Miss Marie Buckner. An interesting program was rendered. The subject for discussion was "Mothers' Duties to Their Children," led by Mrs. Lillian Hudson. Some very interesting points were brought out by the members.

Rev. O. A. Smith, pastor of the Second Baptist church, is numbered among the sick.

**WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.**  
Henry Rhodes has fully recovered from the kick of a horse he received recently.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Turner has been very sick with whooping cough, but is now getting better.

Clifford Thorne, chairman of the congress, and if he becomes a candidate he will receive the hearty support of the colored man of this community.

Some of the Thos. Lewis children have the whooping cough.

The big union gospel team meetings which were held at the M. E.

church for five weeks closed last Sunday night. There were 351 conversions and \$1,232.78 was raised. The A. M. E. church has already been benefited with four additions and more are coming as a result of the meetings.

Miss Claretta Allen had the misfortune to fall a few days ago and sprain her ankle, which laid her up for a few days. She is O. K. now.

The P. E. girls gave a very unique valentine social in the basement of the A. M. E. church last week, which was much enjoyed and was a success.

Ollie Gentry, who was accidentally shot while out hunting recently, is now able to be out. His knee is about well of its injury.

Our best wishes for the candidacy of Mr. Rush.

The photoplay, "The Birth of a Nation," is booked for the Graham theater at this place for next April. On last Friday the G. A. R.'s passed resolutions protesting against it, and Monday the City Ministerial association did the same, and the Christian Culture club of the colored women did the same, as did also a mass meeting of all the colored citizens Tuesday evening. The mayor has promised to do what he could to stop the exhibition in case the manager of the opera house refuses to cancel the play. "The Nigger," which was to have been given at the Fox theater on Wednesday, was not shown after it was protested against by the Ministerial association. This manager is to be congratulated for his action. The outcome of the fight against the Birth of a Nation is awaited with interest.

Mrs. Phil Rushing has returned from a visit to Fairfield.

Mrs. Eliza Haines, who has been sick, is convalescing.

**OSKALOOSA, IOWA.**  
Miss Maud Buckner and brother, Ed, returned home from Ft. Madison on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Fred Bennings left for Chicago on Friday. He has a position as a traveling salesman.

Mrs. Mary Garrett is convalescent at this writing.

Allen's Christian Endeavor league will give a 10 cent social at Mrs. John Johnson's Saturday evening and will continue every Saturday evening at the different homes, with the additional raise of 5 cents each week.

Our secretary of Allen's Christian Endeavor league, Miss Bessie Johnson, is making a visit to the new hotel.

Mrs. Mary Crawford is expected home from Springfield soon.

**COUNCIL BLUFFS ITEMS.**  
There will be a bench rally given February 27th at Bethel A. M. E. church. Fifth children of the Sunday school appointed captains. Come and take a seat with them. Help them smile.

A new choir has been organized by the Sunday school children of Bethel A. M. E. church for Sunday morning services.

The members of the W. W. club will give an indoor circus March 15. Come and see some of the fiercest animals in captivity.

Miss Hazel Stewart is much better at this writing.

We are glad to hear of L. I. Brockman stopping over a few hours with his many friends. He is en route to California.

Rev. and Mrs. Moore and Mrs. R. V. Robinson attended quarterly meeting in Omaha, Neb., last Sunday at St. John's church.

Mrs. Frank Frankl entertained the Willing Workers club on Monday evening, February 21. After attending to business dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr. Oscar Parks will entertain the Willing Workers club at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Alice Davis, 2004 Seventh avenue, Monday evening.

**ROCK ISLAND, ILL.**  
Program for Lincoln day, which was observed by the Progressive Art

club at the Second Baptist church: Opening song by the audience; prayer, Rev. Sanders; Lincoln's early life, Belle Taylor; Lincoln as a statesman, Regina Houston; Columbia the Gem of the Ocean, by the club; Lincoln's favorite poem, Mary Windsor; Lincoln as a president, Lizzie Golden; patriotic solo, Edith Stewart; Lincoln the emancipator, Jennie McClain; Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, Anna Harding; the meaning of the life of Lincoln to the colored American, Allie Burris; patriotic recitation, Agnes Pennington; our progress since emancipation, Althea Moore; eulogies of Lincoln, Addie Johnson; Anecdotes of Lincoln, Bell Jones; flag drill led by Marie Golden, with the young boys and girls.

Mrs. Grace Burris-Blackwell of Chicago is visiting at the parental Burris home. She was called home on account of the serious illness of her father, H. E. Burris.

Mrs. Belle Jones (white) entertained the Progressive Art club ladies at her home last Wednesday afternoon. Quite a number of prominent white ladies were present and enjoyed the program rendered by the Progressive Art club. The hostess served a four-course lunch. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flags and cut flowers. Valentine post cards were given as souvenirs.

Mrs. Sanders is preaching a series of sermons from the Sunday school lessons of this quarter, which are very helpful to both saint and sinner.

**MONMOUTH, ILL.**  
Mrs. Hettie Hubbard went to Kentucky for a short visit.

Miss Mary N. Brown fell and sprained her ankle very severely, but is able to be out again.

The Sure Winners club of the St. James A. M. E. church gave a sociable Tuesday. It was well attended. Miss Viola Merrill, captain.

The Missionary society of the Calvary Baptist church gave a literary program and oyster supper Thursday evening. The auctioneering of girls was the novel feature of the entertainment. Mrs. Evans is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Winnie Payne. Robert Ford is also very ill.

Sunday evening Rev. E. Thompson of the St. James A. M. E. church read nine converts into the church. Four of those converts received the sacrament of baptism in the morning.

Mrs. Lillian Catlin returned home, after a long visit with her parents at Washington, D. C.

The Missionary society of the St. James church will meet this week at the home of Mrs. Laura Maupins.

Elga R. Wallace, president of the Galesburg district of the Sunday School Teachers' Institute, has notified the schools of Galesburg, Quincy, Macomb, Peoria and Monmouth that they will be expected to be represented on the program to be held at Quincy in April.

The Sewing Circle of the Baptist church will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. Sarah Flood.

Miss Myrtle Wallace, Mrs. Ella Groff and Mrs. Geneva Wallace were elected to represent their Sunday in Quincy.

The Allen Christian Endeavor League of the St. James A. M. E. church will meet at 6:30 Sunday evening. Mrs. Ada Chamber and Miss Harriet Collins will be the leaders.

The B. Y. P. U. will meet at 6:30 Sunday and the topic will be "Problems of the Twentieth Century."

Mr. Robert Catlin was out of the city a few days last week.

**ST. PAUL BUDGETARIAN.**  
Mr. Jas. P. Anderson, an old and highly respected citizen of St. Paul, and a mail carrier here for thirty years, passed away at his home early Sunday morning, after a lingering illness. He was buried Tuesday afternoon from Zion Presbyterian church, of which he was a charter member and elder.

The funeral of Mrs. James Cleary was held Sunday afternoon at Memorial Baptist church, Rev. McDonold officiating, assisted by Rev. J. P. Sims. Her remains were taken to her home in Kentucky for burial.

The O. E. S. club held a mask social Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Kittie Terril on Fuller avenue.

The literary and social of Pilgrim Baptist church gave a very successful dinner Tuesday at the residence of Mrs. Clarence Jones on Rondo street.

Mrs. R. Young was called to Tacoma on Monday night to the bedside of her husband, who was run down by an automobile and very seriously injured. Mr. Young was running from St. Paul to Tacoma.

A very interesting and successful meeting of the State Federation of Women's clubs was held on February 8th at Pilgrim Baptist church. It was a recognition of their eleventh anniversary. An all day meeting was held, concluding with a splendid program in the evening. Mrs. Mattie Wade Hicks, the president, presided.

The One More Effort club gave a Martha Washington party Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Dora Adams, 411 Charles street. A good time prevailed.

Mrs. W. L. Wheeland is convalescent, after a lingering illness, and will soon be able to be out among her friends.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hutton was christened Sunday

morning at St. Peter's Claver Catholic church by Father Theobald. Mr. Z. A. Pope of Minneapolis was godfather and Mrs. Jas. Lee godmother.

**KEOKUK ITEMS.**  
Mr. George Kellis, who has been ill for the past two months, is now able to be out amongst his friends.

Miss Zella Clark returned to her home in Ottumwa, Iowa after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. H. T. Craig.

Miss Viva Simpson and brother, Charles, of Havana, Ill., are visiting their sister, Mrs. H. Harris.

Miss Zella Clark of Ottumwa, Iowa, Viva Simpson of Havana, Ill., and Prof. J. J. Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., were honor guests at the People's Institute.

Miss Blanche Kebo, who underwent an operation at the local hospital, is improving.

Mrs. L. Holt of Des Moines is visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. Charles Alden is ill at his home at 1807 Morgan street.

Prof. J. J. Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., spent last week in our city and attended the K. and H. club dance on February 14th.

Sunday, February 20, was quarterly meeting Sunday at the Bethel A. M. E. church. The presiding elder, Rev. Daniels, and Rev. Wharton attended the services. On Sunday evening a program, under the auspices of the Sunday Forum, was rendered.

A large crowd attended the recital given by Miss Helen Hagan at Bethel A. M. E. church February 17.

Rev. Dr. Johnson, the missionary, at St. John's Episcopal church will preach at St. Mary the Virgin on Sunday, February 27, at 6:30.

Mrs. F. S. Johnson entertained the Self-Culture club on Friday of this week.

**BUXTON, IOWA.**  
Don't fail to see the Southern Cinderella company at the opera house Monday, February 28th.

Mr. W. M. Livingston, who has been ill for some time, died last Monday morning. His daughter, Mayetta, will take his body to his home in Kentucky.

The F. B. W. club met Wednesday, February 16th, with Mrs. Rosa Guy. Eight members responded to roll call. A general discussion on giving a bazaar in the near future. Program given at this meeting. Paper by Mrs. Guy, "Child's Ideals of Goodness." An excellent paper. Duet, "O What a Change," by Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Guy. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess. Next meeting with Mrs. Eliza Blakey of Miami. Mrs. Mary Baker was a visitor at this meeting. Anna B. Williams, secretary.

Rev. Bates preached at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday morning. Services were well attended.

Mrs. Woodward, who has been ill for quite a while, is some better.

Mrs. Bertha Gains and husband left last week for Hot Springs, Ark., to spend several months.

Mr. Samuel Burkett is on the sick list.

The Buxton N. M. W. A. had their election of delegates Tuesday for Des Moines convention. John Baker, J. C. Hunt and Alex Clark were elected.

The box social given by the Ladies' Industrial club at the home of Mrs. Rebecca Bailey was a success.

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**MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.**  
Mr. Dennis Humphrey spent over Sunday visiting in Des Moines. While there he was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Flossie Weldon.

The Aid society of the A. M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. I. L. Brown, February 2. After business session a social hour was enjoyed, after which the hostess served a two-course lunch, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Grace Humphrey.

Mr. C. Brown, and Harry Flippins were visitors at Toledo, Iowa, Sunday, the guests of Mr. Albert Green.

The funeral of Mr. A. Johnson was largely attended Saturday, held at the Second Baptist church. Those from out of town who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Webb of Ogdon, Iowa, Mrs. Mary Baker of Des Moines, Mrs. Lulu Simms and daughter, Vivian Nickerson of Toledo, Iowa.

Mrs. A. Robinson of Des Moines was in the city last week. While here she was the guest of her niece, Mrs. Joe Curtis.

The Aid society of the A. M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. Addie Syter on February 9th. After the Aid adjourned the hostess served a three-course luncheon, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Ella Howard.

Those who have been on the sick list were Mrs. Alice Wolder, Mrs. I. L. Brown, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, Mrs. C. P. Gilmore and Miss Jessie Walker. All are improving at this writing.

A bazaar was held at the A. M. E. church on the 14th. A large crowd attended. Much amusement was derived from the fish pond and in the "comfort contest." Mr. I. L. Brown won and Mrs. Grace Humphrey received the prize for selling the most tickets. A large sum was cleared.

Plans are being made for a musical and supper next month.

The Malay missionary is in the city for a few days, holding meetings at the A. M. E. church. All should attend these meetings.

Mrs. Grace Humphrey will give out invitations soon for a recital given by her pupils at the home of Mrs. Z. Quintard on Tuesday evening, March 7th.

The roast pig supper given at the First Baptist church was largely attended and a neat sum was cleared on the affair.

**DAVENPORT ITEMS.**  
The Missionary society of Bethel A. M. E. church is planning for a very nice entertainment Tuesday evening, February 29th. The program will be rendered by the young people.

The Third Baptist church is preparing for a rally, the church membership being divided up into different states. Each state endeavoring to surpass the others in raising money.

Miss Clara Brandt, a lady who heretofore has shown great interest in our young people, asked to meet our girls in the lecture room of Bethel A. M. E. church last Saturday afternoon. She was greeted by a goodly number, who, according to request, had brought their needlework and crocheting. A social hour was enjoyed and some plans laid for the future. Miss Brandt will teach the girls sewing, crocheting, tatting, darning and every one is welcome every Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at Bethel A. M. E. church.

Mr. Lloyd Oliver is reported very sick.

Mr. A. A. Gales of Milwaukee is in the city with a view of remaining.

Mrs. Garfield Martin is visiting in Peoria, Ill., and Hopkinsville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurnis Williams are the proud parents of a baby boy.

A new rally is on at Bethel A. M. E. church. Captains have been appointed over certain pews, who are to invite persons to sit in their pew and contribute to their captain. Sunday, March 5th, is rally day and each captain is working hard.

**ALBIA NEWS.**  
On Monday evening, February 14, 1916, at the K. P. hall the trustees of the A. M. E. church celebrated the 100th birthday of the first bishop and founder of the A. M. E. church, Bishop Richard Allen. Program manager, Mrs. Chas. Washington. Music furnished by Robinson's orchestra of Hocking. Program: Reading, Mrs. Robinson; solo, Mrs. Allie Bowman; the A. M. E. Church As It Was and Is Today, Miss Jewett Lewis; solo, Mr. Donald Thomas; Life of Richard Allen, Miss May F. Davis; duet, Miss Jewett Lewis, Mr. Washington; lecture, Bishop Allen, Rev. M. Morgan. Supper served by ladies of the church. Prizes awarded, Miss Alberta Robinson of Hocking, first prize; Miss Edith Thomas, second prize. Attendance from Hocking, Hiteman, Buxton and Ottumwa.

Messrs. Donald Thomas and John Lewis were Des Moines visitors over Sunday.

Miss Virgie Craig of St. Joseph, Mo., is visiting friends in Albia this week.

Mr. Lewis Edmond and Miss Jennie Talbert were quietly married in Ottumwa on Wednesday at the home of the bride and passed through Albia to Hocking on Friday.

Madam H. F. Poindexter, agent for Poro Hair Growth of Omaha, passed through Albia on Tuesday for Oskaloosa. While in Albia she visited with Mrs. Emma Smith, Madam Pearl and John Thomas.

Mr. Oscar Burgess of Buxton visited in the city this week.

Rev. Hearty of Lovilla preached at the A. M. E. church on Sunday morning.

Mr. Headspeath of Hocking is taking treatment for rheumatism under the chiropractic, S. D. Waits, in Albia.

Mr. Harry Smith of Des Moines is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Wilson.

Mrs. Wallace, who is making her home with her sister, Mrs. Henry Reeseby, has been very sick. At this writing she is able to be out again.

**Obituary.**  
Mrs. Adelaide Gomer was born in the Dominion of Canada on the 10th of October, 1850, and departed this life February 15 at 7:30 a. m. Her early life was spent in Cedar Rapids, where she was united in marriage to Mr. Richard Gomer, who was at one time a missionary to Africa under the board of the United Brethren church. To this union were born four children, two of whom with her husband preceded her to the great beyond. She embraced a hope in Christ about twenty-five years ago and united with the A. M. E. church, of which she was a member at her death. Mrs. Gomer was a Christian of ardent piety and considered the worship of God an inestimable privilege until stricken by disease, which disabled her. For seven months she was a patient sufferer. Death came as a relief. Peace be to her ashes.

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