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DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1916.

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Dr. J. A. Booker is in Davenport attending the annual State Medical association.

The Baptist Union at Corinthian Baptist church Monday, May 15th, at 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Watkins entertained at 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Mr. Wm. Mash of Spokane, Wash. A very delightful evening was spent.

Mrs. Emily Rowland of Chillicothe, Mo., will arrive in our city Saturday to visit her daughters, Mrs. Maude Wilkinson and Mrs. Florence Taylor.

Mr. Gus Comley returned Wednesday from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Alton and Belleville, Ill., and reports a fine time.

The Union Baptist church will observe Mothers' day next Sunday, May 14th, with special program at 3 o'clock p. m. in the hall of Doric lodge, No. 1705, Des Moines. All are invited.

Mrs. Mansfield Askew of Sioux City will spend Sunday in our city, en route to Oskaloosa, Iowa, to attend the Iowa Grand Chapter. While in our city she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Thompson.

There will be a meeting of all the colored republican clubs of Polk county Friday night, May 19, to perfect a big county club. Only delegates from the different clubs with credentials will be considered members of the organization.

We received word that Mr. and Mrs. Hurbert R. Wright, our consul to Utiia, Madagascar, have returned to their home in Marshalltown, Iowa. Both of the family are sick. The climate is not congenial to their health.

Wm. Mash of Spokane, Wash., was called to Missouri to attend the funeral of his mother. He is this week spending a few days here on business and visiting his relatives. He returned Tuesday to the far west. He is looking well and says that Des Moines is growing fast.

Mrs. Ruth B. Bright, G. W. matron of Electa grand chapter, O. E. S., for Iowa and jurisdiction, passed through our city Friday en route to her home in Davenport. While in the city she was the guest of Mrs. Maude M. Wilkinson. She had been visiting the new chapters and reports all in a flourishing condition.

The Independent Art club has completed its first organization. Membership is limited to twenty ladies. Club met with Mrs. Simons last Wednesday and adjourned to meet this Wednesday with Mrs. Ruby Lewis, E. Sixteenth street. President, Mrs. E. T. Hicks; secretary, Mrs. S. Bates, and teacher, Mrs. Ruby Wells.

The Callanan Industrial club will meet Wednesday, May 17, at the home of Mrs. Weston, Twelfth and Center. Final plans will be made for Federation. All members are requested to be present. By order of president, Mrs. Pyree.

Atty. S. Joe Brown, grand custodian of Negro Masons of Iowa, returned Thursday morning from Fort Dodge, where he held a private school of instruction Wednesday evening emphasizing the work of the first and second degree upon two candidates for Western Star lodge U. D. of that city.

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The Helping Hand society of the Second Baptist church met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Leta Henery, 22 Spruce street. The subject for discussion was "Woman's Suffrage," opened by Mrs. F. E. Range, and discussed by members. Visitor present, Mrs. George Mack. During the social session a delicious luncheon was served, consisting of potato sandwiches, lobster salad and coffee, chocolate cake with gelatine and whipped cream.

A large delegation of ladies will leave our city Monday and Tuesday evening for Oskaloosa, Iowa, to at-

tend the grand chapter. Those who are going are Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Mrs. John Wilkinson, Mrs. E. C. French, Mrs. John L. Thompson, Mrs. Etta Holland, Mrs. C. B. Woods, Mrs. I. Robinson, Mrs. John Perkins, Mrs. Chas. Cousins, Mrs. J. H. McClain, Mrs. J. H. Shepard and probably Grand Master John L. Thompson, Grand Custodian S. Joe Brown and P. G. M. and Worthy Patron J. H. Shepard.

**SUFFRAGE TEA.**  
The Des Moines Suffrage club gave a suffrage tea at the residence of Mrs. J. B. Rush on Wednesday afternoon, May 10. Suffrage songs, addresses by Miss Flora Dunlap, president of the State Suffrage association, and Miss Josephine Casey of Chicago, labor organizer; a paper by Mrs. Johnnie Johnson and instrumental by Miss Marie I. Bell composed the program. Suffrage pennants were in evidence. Each guest was presented a small pennant. Miss Dunlap presented to the club a copy of the prize suffrage picture. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

**DRAMATIC ART CLUB.**  
The Dramatic Art club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. C. A. Garth. Lesson, scenes 4 and 5, act 1 of Antony and Cleopatra. Meet next Tuesday with Mrs. Wm. Hammit. Lesson, act 2.

**MOTHERS DEPARTMENT N. A. A. C.**

The local committee of the mothers' department report the following social work since January 1st, 1916: Pensions secured for two widows, house rent for two widows, weekly groceries for two families, room rent, board and clothing for one woman, clothing for three families, one little boy sent to children's home, one child sent to juvenile home, home found for one child, general supervision of three girls, employment secured for three women, three girls released from jail, one girl sent to state hospital, one man and wife reconciled, five emergency calls responded to, two unfortunate girls cared for, two cases investigated.

Mrs. J. B. Rush,  
Supt. Mothers' Dept. N. A. A. C.  
Supervisor Local Work.  
Mrs. J. P. Hamilton,  
Chairman.  
Mrs. Harvey Brown,  
Secretary.

**CLUB WOMEN TO OBSERVE MOTHERS' DAY.**

Mrs. Helena Downey, First President  
I. F. C. W. C., Will Speak.

Mrs. Helena Downey of Ottumwa, first president of the Iowa Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, will deliver an address Sunday evening, May 14th, at St. Paul's A. M. E. church, under the auspices of the Richard Allen Aid society and Mothers' Congress, in observance of Mothers' Day. Mrs. R. N. Hyde, chaplain of the State Federation, will deliver the invocation, while Mrs. J. B. Rush, chairman of the mothers department of the N. A. A. C., will give the scripture reading. Mrs. Frank P. Johnson, first president of the Mothers' Congress, and Mrs. Gus G. Nichols, state chairman of the music committee, will sing. Mrs. S. Joe Brown, state president, will preside. Other local members of clubs will have part in the evening service, which will be in charge of club women. Every one is cordially invited.

**EDITORIAL FROM THE ANAMOSA EUREKA, ANAMOSA, IOWA, MAY 4, 1916.**

With five primary candidates in the field for attorney general there is bound to be confusion among the voters in arriving at an intelligent choice. Without attempt at speaking in disparagement of any of the other candidates we feel like saying a very kindly word for Mr. H. M. Havner of Marengo. He is ripe in experience. Those who are close to him readily put forward the very best reasons why he should be favorably considered. He is conservative, dependable and fearless. Mr. Havner would make a very acceptable attorney general. Perhaps he might not be quite as active in gaining publicity as some of the other fellows, but he would be found at his job, and that counts in the long run.

**SAMPSON FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

For a number of years we have had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Mr. Sampson, the popular candidate for attorney general, and are glad to add a word of commendation for his strong integrity and high professional standing as a lawyer. By nature, surroundings and training his sympathies are with the masses and he is a true friend of the people, and interested in the welfare of each one of them.

Conditions in Iowa at this time are such that the office of attorney general is almost as important as that of governor. The man best fitted for this high office is Mr. Sampson, who during the past five years has served as an able assistant to Attorney General Cosson. Because of the valuable training had under Mr. Cosson and on account of his intimate knowledge of the work of the office he is just the man to assume full charge of the affairs when Mr. Cosson retires. He is accounted one of the good lawyers of

the state, and is a man of high character and strong convictions; he has the courage to stand for the right as he sees it. His name, Sampson, implies strength, and he is proving the strong candidate, and will be a strong attorney general when elected.

**THE BIRTH OF A NATION CASE.**

Although one of the longest and most bitterly contested trials ever conducted in our local municipal court, Judge J. E. Meyer of the criminal division yesterday morning discharged the manager of the Berchel theater, finding him not guilty of violating any city ordinance in putting on the photo play "The Birth of a Nation." The trial lasted just one week and about fifteen of the leading white ministers, lawyers, business men and veterans of the civil war in this city were examined on each side; those produced by the prosecution testifying without exception that the exhibition was indecent, immoral, lewd and inflammatory and that it was calculated to create prejudice, hatred and antipathy for members of the Negro race and those produced by the defense on the other hand with the same unanimity testifying that the exhibition was none of these things.

In addition to this the defense attacked the validity of the ordinance under which the prosecution was brought as being unconstitutional and void.

The judge in his opinion upheld the validity of the ordinance, but said he was not satisfied that he could say beyond a reasonable doubt that the exhibition was indecent, lewd or immoral or that it was calculated to create a feeling of prejudice, hatred or antipathy against any particular race or class of individuals and therefore gave to the defendants the benefit of the doubt and found them not guilty, and while all of our friends in the community regret very much that the decision was against us we are satisfied that the fact that three of the leading white ministers, four of the leading white lawyers and other prominent white business men, such as the president of the Ragsdale Printing Co., the private secretary to the governor and the associate editors of the Register and Tribune and the National Prohibitor, after having witnessed the exhibition took the witness stand and upheld every contention that had been urged by Attorneys Woodson and Brown and the other officers of the Des Moines Branch proves conclusively that there must have been some just ground for the protest made by the national association for the Advancement of Colored People and cannot be other than helpful to our cause in this community, and while we are not accustomed to rejoice at another's misfortune, it should be a source of some satisfaction for our friends to know that instead of increasing the receipts of the owners of the exhibition, as had been predicted, they themselves admit that they have not had but two or three full houses in almost two weeks of two performances each day and that the expense of defending against this litigation has cost them more than they have made on the engagement in this city.

Too much cannot be said in commendation of the manly stand and able assistance rendered us by Corporation Counsel Hon. H. W. Byers and his capable assistant, Guy Miller, city solicitor, our attorneys, Woodson and Brown, and Hon. Casper Schenk, the latter three of whom gave their valuable services without money, though without price.

**OBITUARY—DR. WILSON DIES.**  
Our citizens were shocked last Saturday to learn of the death of our esteemed physician, Dr. C. M. Wilson, who died at the Methodist hospital Saturday morning, after only a short illness. He was a very quiet, affable man, active in all things for the betterment of his race. He was born about 42 years ago in Fayette, Holmes county, Mississippi and educated in the A. and M. college at Allcorn, Miss. He took one year at Maharry Medical college at Nashville and two years at Flint Medical school, New Orleans, La., graduating in 1905. He was married in June, 1906, and began the practice of medicine in Little Rock, Ark. He moved to Oklahoma at Hennessey. From there he came to Des Moines in 1913, where he settled in East Des Moines, and has practiced ever since. He was a member of Independent lodge of K. of P., an active member of Maple Street Baptist church and belonged to several social societies and clubs. He was a man that always stood for the right. He leaves a loving and devoted wife, a little darling girl of 9 years, a brother and sister of Keokuk, who came to attend the funeral, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. The funeral was held from the Maple Street Baptist church, under the auspices of the K. of P. lodge, and Rev. S. Bates, assisted by Revs. Griffiths, Alexander, Lee and Perry, conducted the funeral. The body was taken to Keokuk for its final resting place.

**PETTIGREW.**

Mr. Chas. Pettigrew was born in Missouri about 64 years ago and died in Des Moines on May 7, 1916. He has been married for thirty years and he joined church twenty-seven years ago. He leaves a devoted wife, one daughter, two sisters, six nieces, four nephews, mother-in-law and the church to mourn his demise. He was

a true Christian until his end came. He was a deacon of the church and died on his duty. He was a member of Doric Masonic lodge, No. 30.

**ALPHEUS DIGGS.**  
Mr. Alpheus Diggs died Monday evening, May 8th. He was born in Colfax, Iowa, eighteen years, eleven months and eight days ago. He was a hard working young man. He leaves to mourn his loss a mother, a grandmother, a loving wife and a dear little baby and one brother and a host of relatives. The funeral was conducted at the Jones & Samuels undertaker parlors by Rev. W. L. Lee.

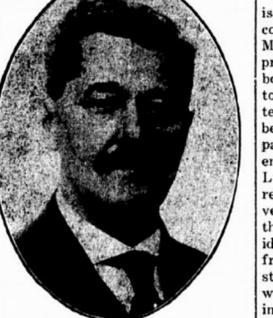


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could not come to a national settlement on the question of suffrage because they knew that if they asked for "woman suffrage," that would include the Negro woman also—that the voting white southerner did not want, so you will find that the states that are most prejudiced are Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Alabama and Florida—and all of the southern states, because they haven't decided how they could manage to grant the white woman the vote and exclude the Negro woman at the same time.

Now we in Des Moines for instance, in a tree for all state, our race is segregated in all social lines of amusement—but the Iowa state laws are not the back of it; well, what is the back of it? The prejudiced southerner, who has come here and poisoned the good feelings of the opposite race with the Negro race. We women are handicapped. We have no vote. But we are asked by the good white women to lend them a hand to secure a vote for all women. Are our men so blind that they can't see how the suffrage bill can help us, far more than any other so-called free woman on the globe.

Just suppose now in "The Birth of a Nation" would have shown here next year, about this time, and the legislature, meeting here this fall, and the women would get the vote on June 5 this year, what do you think would become of the play? I can tell you, with the 7,000 white club women of this city, together with our club women, and the voting males that are against it now, there would be no chance other than defeat, and it would not even enter the state. That is the way to do business.

The men are dependent on our women and they can't deny it. For instance, look how quick the men appealed to the federated club women of this city in the prevention of the play I've just mentioned. The women in a body had a session with the council and made good, tring appeals against the play. Finally the councilmen and mayor just hooted them off by saying, "Oh, well, we can do as we please about this play; the women have no vote, they can't hurt us anyway. But yet our men can't see that. We want the men to understand that we don't want the vote to take full charge of the government, but we want to help them. It isn't because they don't mean well, but there are things that are overlooked by men that women would be wide-awake to, if only given a chance.

A certain senator from Mississippi said on one occasion that "Why, the women don't need the vote, for this reason, that they could generally influence their husbands to vote the way they wanted them to anyway," but this statement has been proven false here in this state. How is it when the man doesn't bother himself about voting at all? Then there is not a single vote cast in that family.

Since the national suffrage bill is at stake, it has been claimed that there are twice as many men voting now than before. Why? Because they don't want the women to walk in and catch them napping. From all indications I am forced to believe that the reason our men don't want their women to vote is because they seem quite worried, thinking that we might win out ahead of them. Why is it that they never think that going out doing extra work away from home will make women more masculine, and yet casting their ballot will make them so? When the woman leaves home and works all day and returns and works half of the night to make things pleasant at home, then why can't she be pleased enough, if it her desires, to give her the ballot?

Now the only way for the men to prove their unselfishness, progressive ness and fairness is to vote on June for woman suffrage.

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