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DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 1916.

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Miss Maud McFadden, who has been sick, is reported able to be out.

Mrs. John Griffin, who lives just southeast of our city, is sick this week.

Mr. Enyre Morgan left last night to spend the summer in Chicago with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones of Chesterfield are the proud parents of a fine girl last Monday.

Miss Scisson, a teacher in Illinois, arrived in our city last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Alonzo Brooks.

Mr. Elmer McDougal of Chicago spent several days in Des Moines, the guest of Miss Adah Hyde.

Mrs. Esther Morton spent a few days in Indianola last week attending the funeral of Mr. Bolden.

Wm. Mills is very sick at 1078 W. Fourteenth street, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton. His friends are much alarmed over his condition.

Mrs. J. Alvin Jefferson, 1322 Day street, left last Saturday to spend a week or ten days with her relatives in Lakenan, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Flummer of Indianola, Iowa, attended the Old Settlers' association here Thursday. They motored up in their automobile.

Mrs. Chas. Ruff of Peoria, Ill., arrived Monday to visit her old friends. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tracy Blagburn.

Mrs. John W. Young of Dayton, O., is expected in the city Thursday evening as the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Geo. Young.

Mr. Coyle of Waterloo, Iowa, stopped over a few days in Des Moines visiting relatives. He was en route to Clarinda to attend the K. P. grand session.

Master Major Johnson left last Friday for Iowa City, where he will take treatment at the university hospital. He is reported improving.

Mr. John McClain, our city employe at the city hall, is having his annual vacation. He left in company with his wife for Moberly, Mo., Friday to visit friends and relatives.

Miss Mural Brown of Omaha, Neb., is in our city visiting, the guest of Mrs. Hicks on Buchanan street. Miss Brown is the Bystander's correspondent there.

The D. Y. W. Y. K. Art club postponed their meeting from August 4 to August 11th on account of the old settlers' picnic. They will meet at the home of Mrs. Dr. Jefferson. Members will please be present.

Rev. A. Clark and wife of Colfax, Iowa, was in Des Moines on Thursday to attend the old settlers' picnic. They called at the Bystander office and paid his subscription. We hope that more will follow his example.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams of Minneapolis, Minn., stopped over a few days with relatives, en route to Indianola, called by the death of her brother, Mr. Bolden.

Clarence Bogan, an employe at the Capital building, is off on his vacation. He left this week to visit his old home in Moberly, Mo., for ten days.

The committee of the Virginia Picnic association will meet Sunday at 4 o'clock with Mr. Roan on Crocker street. All members are requested to be present.

Major Johnson was taken to the Iowa State hospital this week for treatment. He is reported as getting along as well as can be expected.

A secular concert will be rendered at the Asbury Chapel under the management of A. M. White on Tuesday, August 22d. By the following artist. Watch this paper.

WANTED—At once, fifty colored men for coal diggers at Buxton, Iowa. T. H. Scaever.

Editor John L. Thompson, wife and family and Mrs. Mollie Watkins will go to Chicago, Ill., in their automobile August 17th, going over the River to River route through Colfax, Newton, Grinnell, Iowa City and Davenport.

Miss Tabitha Mash and her brother, W. H. Mash, will leave Thursday for a week's visit in Kimball, S. D.

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They will be accompanied by their nephews, Donovan and Melvin Leighton.

The Richard Allen Aid club will meet Thursday, August 10, at the home of Mrs. Ione Coleman, Seventeenth and Pleasant streets. All members are requested to be present.

The club breakfast given by the ladies of the Richard Allen Aid club at the residence of Mrs. Geo. Young was a success. There were fifty ladies present, and all who were there reported a delightful time and a most splendid breakfast.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hammitt have returned from their visit to Chicago, Milwaukee and Joliet, and reported a very pleasant time. While in Chicago they were the guest of Mrs. Roxana Durdan White.

The Myrshall Neil Art club met last Wednesday with Mrs. Carrie Stone. The newly elected officers are: President Mrs. Dalza Hammitt; Secretary, Mrs. Harper; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Garth; Treasurer; Mrs. Adie Dorsey; Reporter, Mrs. Raymond Taylor. A two course luncheon was served and the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Raymond Taylor, 3113 Amhurst street.

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have a number of booths at which various articles, both useful and ornamental, will be offered for sale, for which booth superintendents were appointed as follows: Mesdames R. E. Patten, E. M. Smith, J. H. Woods, T. W. Wilson, Harry Allen, Mary Mease Scott, Geo. C. Young, Wm. Tomlin, R. N. Hyde, H. W. Hughes, M. L. Gregory, I. H. Brown, Misses M. R. Bell, Rachel Elliott, Olive Smith and Hortense Woods and Mr. Geo. C. Young.

Mrs. Brown was elected general chairman and Mrs. Jessye E. McClain, general secretary.

The following were appointed official solicitors: Mesdames G. G. Nichols, G. L. Johnson, J. H. McDowell and Misses Margaret Roberts and Cora Mix. Another meeting will be held August 31st.

the Grand Court of Callanthe, which also held their conventions in Clarinda on Tuesday evening.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. O. A. Johnson, of Kansas City, member of N. S. Lodge No. 3, and public installation ceremonies were held on Thursday night.

The Grand Street Parade, headed by the famous Pythian Band of Omaha, Neb., led by Dan Deedunes, was held Thursday afternoon, and was participated in by members of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, the Uniform Rank, and members of the Grand and Subordinate Courts of Callanthe.

The election of Grand Lodge officers was held on Thursday p. m. and resulted in the selection of the following officers: L. W. Williams, Clarinda, G. C.; Mr. Trumbo, Davenport, G. K. of R. & S.; Wm. Bailey, Ottumwa, G. M. of Ex.; Noah Pemberton, Jr., G. P.; S. C. Bolden,

recently and is meeting with a large sale in Burlington among the musicians and musical critics of that town. She presented a copy to us and the people who have heard it speak highly of it in Des Moines. We commend her for her ability and effort.

Mr. W. M. Ragland is still working at the Delany hotel. He is a reliable citizen. Mr. John Claibourne is still a blacksmith and working in the same shop. He is a splendid artist in his profession. Mrs. William Ashby, Matilda Johnson, Eva Jackson, Mrs. E. Williams, Katie Boyd, Mrs. J. H. Brooks and Mr. Jno. E. Johnson are all living in the same place and doing as well as could be expected. Mrs. Josie Bland has married since we were last in this town and is still running a rooming house, also Mrs. L. Able. Mr. H. T. Moore

left last Tuesday evening for St. Paul for a two months' stay.

Miss Grace Buckner is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buckner, of New Boston, Iowa.

Miss Ethel Bland left on Thursday of last week for La Porte, Ind.

Mr. George Kellis attended the Masonic lodge on Monday of last week in Canton, Mo.

A large crowd attended the lawn social on July 27th at the home of Mrs. Jennie Freeman in Messengerville.

Mrs. Mary Bailey of Canton, Mo., attended the funeral of Mrs. M. Agnes Johnson on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Tibbs of La Grange, Mo., attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Johnson on Monday of this week.

The grand session of Sir Knights and Daughters of Tabor is being held

Des Moines held every grand office except grand secretary. John L. Thompson of Des Moines, the youngest and first native Iowan, who has just finished four years as grand master.

On Saturday, July 29th, at her home, 1021 High street, occurred the death of Mrs. Mary Agnes Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was ill nearly a week. She is survived by three children, Letha, Charles and Stanley Johnson, and also two brothers. The funeral was held July 31st at the Pilgrim's Rest Baptist church. The funeral services were in charge of Wisdom Temple and Alpha Chapter.

Resolutions of the O. E. S.: Whereas it has pleased our Divine Father to take himself our sister, Agnes Johnson, and leave vacant the point Ada of our Star, we, the members of Alpha chapter, No. 2, mourn our loss, but know that our loss is her gain. There is no flock, however protected, but one dear lamb is gone; there is no fireside, however defended, but has one vacant chair.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber, Peaceful in thy grave so low; Thou no more will join our number, Thou no more our sorrows know.

Be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be placed in the minutes and a copy be given to the family of our departed.

Inez Kelles, Anna Alden and Maria Jones, Committee.

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Who now live in Iowa and they have made Iowa Masonry such a strong and great institution in Iowa and the northwest. The first three were the organization of the Iowa Grand Lodge, also at the uniting of the two grand lodges in the present United Grand Lodge. They are with-

out doubt the best representative men of the colored race in Iowa. Beginning from left to the right is John L. Brooks of Burlington, the oldest in point of service; Joseph H. Shepard of Des Moines, chairman of the historical committee; Austran A. Bland of Keokuk, fifty years a mas-

ter Mason last April 14th; John D. Reeler, present grand treasurer of Mason City. Isaac L. Brown of Marshalltown held the largest number of years grand master. William H. Milligan of Cedar Rapids held the second place in length of service as grand master. Edward T. Banks of

## ANNUAL SESSION

### Knights of Pythias and Court of Calanthe Hold Grand Meeting

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of N. A., S. A., E. A., A. & A., Iowa Jurisdiction, convened in its 20th annual session at Clarinda, Iowa, Tuesday, July 25, 1916, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

This year's convention of the Grand Lodge was of unusual interest to Pythians and the public generally, for several reasons, viz:

The attendance of E. W. Green, of New Orleans, Supreme Chancellor, and S. A. S. Watkins, of Chicago, Ill., Supreme Attorney.

The removal of said Grand Lodge from Des Moines, where it was unanimously voted to be held, by the Grand Lodge, in convention assembled at Clarinda in 1915, to Clarinda, by the Grand Chancellor, contrary to the wishes of the members of North Star Lodge No. 3 and Independence Lodge No. 4 of Des Moines, Iowa.

The contest of eight members of the Fraternity, namely, E. Tracy Blagburn, Wm. Curley, Robt. Couch, R. D. Gallagher, Wm. Warfield, and Frank P. Johnson, of Des Moines, and Richard Good and C. B. Bandy, of Centerville, Iowa, who had been illegally suspended from all benefits of the Order, and who had appealed to the Supreme Chancellor for re-instatement and restoration to their various offices in the Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

Grand Lodge officers were present as follows: L. W. Williams, G. C.; Henry White, G. V. C.; Fred Anthony, G. K. of R. & S., ad interim; Wm. Bailey, G. M. of Ex.; S. C. Bolden, G. M. of W.; Richard Johnson, G. M. at A.; Thomas Allen, G. I. G.; Morris Taylor, G. O. G.; Noah Pemberton, Jr., G. P.; and Harrison Gould, G. H. Wilson, and Fred Anthony, members of Endowment Board; also Richard Good, G. K. of R. & S., and Wm. Warfield, G. P., contesting Grand Lodge officers.

Subordinate Lodges were represented as follows: D. G. Wilson, Ottumwa No. 1; Ed Parent and Wm. Rhodes, North Star No. 3; George Henry and W. H. White, Independence No. 4; Trumbo and Brown, Tri-City; Washington and Butler, Triune; Coyles and Rev. Bess, Waterloo; Noah Pemberton, Jr., and Lewis Arnett, Golden Eagle No. 5; H. Triplett and C. B. Bandy, Golden Rule; John Reeler, Mason City; also E. Tracy Blagburn, Wm. Curley, Robt. Couch, R. D. Gallagher, contesting representatives, and Frank P. Johnson, alternate, North Star No. 3.

All of the illegally suspended members above noted having been re-instated and restored to their various offices in the Grand and Subordinate Lodge, in accordance with decisions rendered by S. W. Green, Supreme Chancellor, and the said members having been sustained by the Supreme Chancellor in every point of law at issue, in the interest of harmony, and upon motion of E. Tracy Blagburn, G. C., North Star Lodge No. 3, the Grand Lodge voted to ratify the action of the trial tribunal held at Des Moines, June 20th, 1916, and dismissed charges of conduct unbecoming a Knight of Pythias, which had been preferred against L. W. Williams, G. C., of Clarinda, and Henry White, G. V. C., of Centerville, by E. Tracy Blagburn, Wm. Curley, Robt. Couch, R. D. Gallagher and C. B. Bandy, Grand Representatives.

A public reception was tendered the Grand Lodge members and members of

## EDITOR'S OBSERVATION.

Leaving Mt. Pleasant in the first mud that he had experienced with our car, we pulled into Burlington by dark and found just about the same people that we left here last year except at least the men were one year older, also the ladies (but they won't admit it). There is only one real permanent church, the A. M. E. church, pastored by Rev. B. F. Hubbard, a young man of marked ability, who is a hustler. He has charge of the church at Fairfield. Mr. Peter King, one of the oldest and best known citizens here, is sick and he has gone out to Colorado to spend the summer. His wife and boys are keeping house. They own a beautiful modern home. The boys are very musical and highly cultured. Mr. John L. Brooks has resigned as chef at the Elks club and is back at his old trade, that of paper hanging. He owns a nice home out on Gertrude street. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson are still living at their beautiful home on Spruce street. Mr. Johnson is a chiropractor. He has a first class office and has a large business. Mrs. Johnson is a poetess and a song writer of marked degree. She has written several poems that have appeared in the Bystander, and has compiled a new song. It has been published

is working at the Tama building. He owns a home in the suburbs of the city. Mr. John R. Johnson on West Barrett street is still running a truck garden and chicken farm. He is doing well, considering the season. It does seem to me sometimes it is necessary to deviate from the observation to express our feelings as to the carelessness of some of the subscribers in paying their subscription. It seems as though some of the subscribers try to beat us out, or rather fail to pay. They seem to have an excuse that they do not know when we are coming, when we have sent them our cards and they have received them or some member of the family, but they do not pay any attention to the card. And the others have an excuse by saying that it is not our pay day. It seems to me that if you know we are coming they would try and pay that \$1.50, as we are only there once a year, and cannot be there for every pay day. Although we have a great many honest subscribers who pay every year, we do not mean them, but praise. We are going to write those members who promised to pay, as they said they would send in a day or so, and we will wait and see if they mean to keep their promise. Or if they fail to pay our collector in the representative's absence. Our next stop was in Fort Madison, not at the penitentiary, but with the citizens of that town. Here we find about 200 colored people living. All of which are doing well. Among them is Mr. R. Harper, who owns a small truck farm and is raising chickens and hogs, and is making a great success. He has several daughters, all grown, and he is educating them. Most of them passed through high school and now are in the universities. Miss Francis is in Chicago attending the university, taking a summer normal course. She has taught several years in Illinois. Her sister, Jennie, is still at Wesleyan university in Chicago. Mrs. C. W. Eubanks is still in the hair dressing business on Front street and has a large business. She is an adept in this line of work, and has the trade of this town. Mrs. Ambrose Jackson is living in the same place. Mr. and Mrs. Payne, 1024 Fourth street, are still there. Mr. Payne's health is much improved and so is his wife. They are real race people. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy own valuable property, also Charley Turner. Mrs. M. Mack owns valuable property at 1302 Des Moines street, also Mr. Henry, 226 Spruce street. Miss Jennie Harper will chronicle the news from Fort Madison this year. Both churches are doing well, both have a pastor, whose names I cannot recall at this time. There are no secret societies in this town, but several farmers living in the county, and they are doing well.

We forgot to state that Mrs. M. Ashby, 1021 Brook street, will represent Burlington this year and as our agent we will expect news from this town hereafter.

KEOKUK, IOWA.  
Messrs. George Leonard and Elmer Dandridge of near Summitville

YOUTH DROWNED.  
Little George Cassell, 9 years old, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cassell, 889 Twenty-third street, was out fishing with his father last Saturday afternoon. The boy asked his father to let him go in swimming, as it was so hot. He consented, but told him not to go in below the dam, as the water was deep there. The boy went in below the dam and in five minutes after he left his father he was drowned. Some people who saw him go down rushed to his assistance, but too late. The body was found later. Funeral services were held from the Corinthian Baptist church. It was indeed a sad funeral, as this little boy was such a bright little fellow.

FT. MADISON NOTES.  
Mr. Ambrose Jackson is seriously ill at his home on Fifth street.

Mrs. Geo. Harper, who has been very ill for the past week, is improving.

Miss Lizzie Ewing is on the sick list.

Mrs. L. Bradshaw of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting her brother, Mr. S. Bowman.

The musical given at Bethel A. M. E. church Tuesday evening under the direction of Miss Jennie Harper was a grand success in every respect.

Mrs. Eliza Jackson, who has been visiting in Monmouth, Ill., was called home on account of the serious illness of her husband.

Rev. I. N. Daniels will hold the last quarterly meeting Wednesday.

Mrs. A. Anderson and Miss Ruth Mack attended the funeral of Miss Lillian Bailey in Belfast, Iowa, last week.

"Jack Johnson and His White Loves"

By Mabel Cairns Farrell  
New book, intensely interesting. Don't fail to read "The White in the Crow's Wing," by Mabel Cairns Farrell, who has drawn back the curtain of censure, cast aside the shackles of prejudice and