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DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1916.

Price Five Cents

Mrs. C. F. Topson is quite sick this week.

Mr. Thos. Allen of Mason City is in the city for an indefinite stay.

TO LET—Two furnished rooms, 815 28th street.

Miss Magnolia Sears was indisposed this week and could not attend school.

Mrs. Bertha Walden of Newton, Iowa, was a Capital City visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Walker have returned home, after an extensive trip through Missouri.

Mrs. Pearl Thompson left this morning for Kansas City for a few weeks' visit.

The Virginia Picnic association will meet Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Belle Drew, 255 Sheridan street.

Princess Oziel chapter will meet next Thursday night, October 26, at their hall. All members requested to be present.

The Mary Church Terrell club will meet Monday with Mrs. J. H. Perkins, 830 11th street. Mrs. Audrey Alexander will lead the lesson.

Our collector will be in Buxton, Albia, Hocking and Knoxville this week. All subscribers please lay away our subscription dues.

FOR RENT—An eight room modern house, 1009 12th street. Call Mrs. Lee Holt, Walnut 7721.

Mr. John L. Thompson motored down to his farm last week with Mr. Henry Madden and Mr. Southall and son.

The Mother's Congress will meet the first Saturday in November with Mrs. J. W. Fields on 11th street. Election of officers will be in order.

Mrs. Balthus, a missionary to the Christian convention, of Argentina, Ark., spent last week in our city. While here she stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harris.

Mrs. Mollie Watkins entertained at a luncheon at the Thompson hotel in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mash of Spokane, Wash. A very enjoyable time was reported.

Mrs. Frank P. Johnson left Tuesday night for her parental home in Chicago. Mrs. Johnson went for an operation. Her many friends wish her success.

Mr. George Taylor and Miss Josephine Litheral were quietly married Saturday evening at the home of the groom's cousin, John Taylor, 907 Seventeenth street.

Mr. J. H. Morris of Washington, D. C., arrived in our city last week to locate here in the practice of law, having just finished the law course at Howard university. We welcome him here and hope for him a great success. He is stopping at the Thompson hotel.

Mr. Homef and Lawrence Reese of New Bloomfield, Mo., arrived in our city to enter West Des Moines high school. They are cousins to Mrs. J. H. Shepard, with whom they are stopping.

Mr. John Spencer of Grinnell was in town Wednesday on business. He says that his cement business this year was the best for him since he has been contracting. He has just completed a 30,000 cubic feet job for the city.

The Marchal Neil Embroidery club met Wednesday Oct. 18th with Mrs. Clara Winn. A two course luncheon was served and they adjourned to meet with Mrs. Mary Jones Nov. 1st 1025 Crocker street.

Mesdames Audrey Alexander and Colleen Jones beautifully entertained Wednesday to about fourteen guests at a surprise birthday dinner in honor of their father, Mr. Price Alexander, being his fifty-third birthday.

Sewing Circle met with Mrs. Macky last Tuesday and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. Two new members were added and there will be election of officers at next meeting, so all old and new members are requested to be present.

Theodore Ball, who left the city Friday morning in the interest of W. L. Harding, said from reports coming in from over the state indicates that he

will be elected governor by 75,000 majority.

Mrs. Lorna Morgan left last Friday for Chicago for an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDowell entertained last Thursday evening at their home at an informal reception, complimentary to their brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McDowell, quite a number of their friends.

There will be a Halloween social given at the home of Rev. and Mrs. S. Bates, 1318 Stewart street, under the auspices of Rebecca Household of Ruth, No. 339, on October 31. Refreshments served from 5 to 11. Public invited.

The Dramatic Art club met with Mrs. J. B. Rush. Study was different classes of motions; Roberts Rules of Order. Meet next week with Mrs. Wm. Hammitt and study will be order of motions, Roberts Rules of Order.

Mr. W. L. Hutchison was the principal speaker at the Sunday afternoon forum at Corinthian Baptist church. He made a splendid address to the young people. Mr. Howard Drew, the great sprinter, was present and was introduced. He made a splendid talk. Also the forum pledged to assist Mr. Hutchison of Tuskegee. Mr. Chas. Howard, president.

The Callanan club will meet the 25th of this month at the home of Mrs. Tillie Lee, 909 Seventeenth street. The lesson will be Ruth, 2nd chapter. There will be a paper on the character of Ruth by Mrs. Thornton Adams, which will be discussed by the club. Every member was assigned a topic at the last meeting. Two new members were added, Mrs. John Roberts and Mrs. W. A. Hammers.

Mrs. C. A. Cleggett, 911 West Twelfth street, gave a 6 o'clock tea in honor of Mrs. Wm. Mash of Spokane. A very fine dinner, exquisitely prepared by an experienced cateress, such as Mrs. Cleggett is. About twenty were present. American Beauties adorned the table. All enjoyed themselves immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDowell gave an informal reception last Thursday, October 12th, at their beautiful home at 909 West Eighth street, in honor of Mr. McDowell's brother and wife of Chicago. About forty responded to the invitation to be present. Conversation and music was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served and a good time reported.

Rev. Dr. P. H. Moss of Edwards, Miss., field secretary of the Bible Sunday school for the Christian church, who was a delegate to the national convention held here last week, was one of the able men of our race. He was on the program Friday at the Coliseum. He preached Sunday morning at Union Congregational church. While in the city he stopped with Mr. and Mrs. John L. Thompson.

The St. Mary's Christian Home society, No. 1, was organized by Mrs. M. Mary Scott, 1040 Fourth Street Place, October 18, 1916. Officers: President, Mary M. Scott; secretary, Zelia White; corresponding secretary, Catherine Mease; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Winslow; trustee, M. Lilly Burrell; moderator, Mrs. Emma Todd; chaplain, Mrs. Bertha Wells. Will meet October 29th at Mrs. Winslow's, 1050 Fourth Street Place.

The Booker T. Washington memorial banquet given by the I. I. club on Tuesday evening, October 17th, at St. Paul's A. M. E. church was a decided success from every viewpoint. Fully eighty dinners were served, and as the dinner was almost wholly donated, a nice sum will be realized from the effort. The chef, Mrs. J. L. Edwards, president of the club, was assisted by the Misses Carey, Drew, Meredith, Humbert, Mr. Edwards and the members of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McDowell departed for their home in Chicago last Sunday evening, after having spent a very delightful visit in Des Moines. In fact every moment of their time was arranged for their pleasure and entertainment by the various friends and the family during their stay here, and they left very deeply impressed with the capital city of Iowa and the hospitality of the good people here.

The Triple H club held a very interesting session last Tuesday p. m. at the home of Mrs. R. E. Patten, at which time the club began the study of the "Negro," by Dr. Dubois. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Jackson on Fourteenth and Crocker streets. The afternoon will be devoted to fancy work and all members are requested to bring their unfinished work they have for bazar.

More Than Enough Is Too Much. To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, eat less and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be all right again. For sale by all dealers.

HOWARD DREW NOW IN DES MOINES

Howard Drew, the crack sprinter who has smashed records on the cinder path, has arrived in Des Moines and enrolled at Drake university.

Drew reached the city Friday evening and conferred with Ralph Glaze, football coach at Drake with whom he was acquainted at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles. Drew plans to attend school and do some work on one of the local newspapers.



The crack sprinter is just recovering from a paralysis attack which prevented him from participating in recent competitions. While in a race at San Diego he suffered a strain of a nerve in the back that caused paralysis for a time. He has now recovered, however and a rest will enable him to regain his former strength.

It is not probable that Drew will attempt to do any running or engage in any athletic work at Drake, at least for some time. He took a five mile walk with Glaze today to keep in condition. He is undoubtedly the fastest runner in the world and now holds the world's record.

JONES & SAMUELS MOVE.

Our popular undertakers, the firm of Jones & Samuels, has moved from 519 East Court avenue to 107 East Walnut street, where they are fitting up a fine parlor. They are the only colored undertakers in our city and merit the united support of all of the colored people. Mr. Jones has been in business for the past eight or ten years and a few months ago Mr. E. R. Samuels entered with Mr. Jones. Mr. Samuels is the business manager, and from the way he is making things go he is the right man in the right place. We welcome Mr. Samuels into our city into business. He came from Enterprise, Iowa.

HON. R. C. SIMMONS VISITS DES MOINES.

Through the courtesy of Chairman Maddox of the national republican speakers' bureau and the efforts of Atty. S. Joe Brown, member of the Polk county republican central committee, Hon. Roscoe C. Simmons, conceded to be the most eloquent Negro orator of the national bureau, and who is himself the regular republican nominee for state representative for the Louisville district of Kentucky, visited our city last Saturday and Sunday and spoke to a large mixed audience of men and women of both races at the Crocker roller rink Saturday evening and to about 200 colored men only at the "Palm Sunday club" on Sunday afternoon. Later Sunday afternoon he addressed the Des Moines High School Girls' club at the residence of Atty. Brown, which they use as a social center.

At the meeting Saturday evening Mr. Simmons held his audience spellbound for more than two hours, while in his inimitable and eloquent manner he portrayed the weakness and race prejudice that has been displayed by President Wilson and his party during the past three and a half years of his administration and appealed to the voters present to support Gov. Hughes and the entire republican ticket, including Lieut. Gov. Harding, candidate for governor of Iowa. Among the prominent white citizens who were present and commended the address were ex-Senator J. B. Sullivan, District Judge Thos. J. Guthrie, County Attorney Geo. A. Wilson, County Recorder C. A. Guth, Deputy Treasurer Wm. Hammill and Dr. Geo. Newman, adjutant of the state G. A. R.

Music was furnished by the Capital City cornet band. After the meeting about thirty of Mr. Simmons' personal friends, with their wives, attended an elegant banquet in his honor at the "Palace Sweet" Cafe and enjoyed another address from the guest of honor, which was more in the nature of a heart to heart talk, in which he gave them some wholesome advice along the line of acquiring property, education and character.

WILSON MUST BE SNOWED UNDER.

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 20, 1916. Before entering upon the 1916 campaign, let us carefully consider the relation which the Negroes sustain to the republican party, which gives them the greatest measure of justice and renders the greatest service to the country. Pointing to President Wilson's record in the matter of race discrimination. In his speech at Independence hall, Philadelphia, July 4, 1914, when he was a candidate for the presidency, he gave assurances that he would not discriminate against Negro citizens of the United States.

Notwithstanding these assurances of support of the principle of equality before the law and in governmental affairs, great discrimination has been practiced, not only in the departments over which the president has indirect control, but also in appointments that are made by himself.

Under republican administrations the policy was pursued of appointing a colored man to fill the vacancy created by the resignation, death or expiration of term of a man of that race. This policy was reversed by the democratic administration and the following colored persons have been succeeded by white men:

- Wm. H. Lewis, assistant attorney general, \$5,000. J. C. Napier, register of the treasury, \$4,000. Chas. W. Anderson, collector internal revenue, New York, \$4,500. Henry W. Tyler, auditor for N. department, \$4,000. C. F. Adams, assistant register of treasury, \$2,500. Joseph E. Lee, collector of internal revenue, Jacksonville, \$4,500. N. W. Alexander, register of the land office, \$2,500. J. E. Bush, receiver public monies, \$2,500. Chas. A. Cotteil, collector of internal revenue, Honolulu, \$4,500. T. V. McAllister, receiver of public monies, Jackson, Miss., \$2,500. Robert Smalls, collector of port, \$1,500. Jas. A. Cobb, special assistant attorney, Washington, \$2,000. Diplomatic and consular service: Henry W. Furnise, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary at Port au Prince, Hayti, \$10,000. Geo. H. Jackson, consul, Cognac, France, \$2,500. James W. Johnson, consul, Corinto, Nicaragua, \$3,000. Colored civil service employees: R. D. Venning, 2107 Fitzwater street, Philadelphia, Pa. W. A. Robinson, now practicing law in Chicago. W. H. Connor, practicing medicine at Ft. Wayne, Ind. John Ratley, 12th and Zoo streets, N. W. Washington, D. C. Washington city postoffice: W. L. Wilkinson, 1716 P street, New York. P. W. Shippen, 1736 Tenth street, New York. Richard Chiles, Washington, D. C. Thos. Short, Washington, D. C. Henry Wood, dropped from clerk to common labor. Government printing office: Geo. H. Proctor, 531 T street, N. W. Washington, D. C. Johnson J. Lester, Washington, D. C. Annie Silence (with Arnold), Fifteenth between B and S N. W. Sadie Henson, 473 Florida avenue, N. W. Mary L. Pettiford, Washington, D. C.

Bureau of engraving and printing: Rosebud Murray, Washington, D. C. Phillip Thomas, Washington, D. C. For the above reason the 800,000 available Negro voters in the country, excluding the disfranchised south, should vote a straight republican ticket to regain whatever has been lost for the good of the country at large.

We must acknowledge that we are in a critical period, perhaps more critical than any period since the civil war. We need a dominant sense of national unity; the exercise of our best constructive powers. We desire that the republican party as a great liberal party shall be the agency of national achievement, the organ of the effective expression of dominant Americanism. Awake to obligation, erect in self-respect, prepared for every emergency, devoted to the ideals of peace instinct with the spirit of human individual opportunity and the public interest, maintaining a well ordered constitutional system adapted to local self-government without the sacrifice of essential national authority, appreciating the necessity of stability, expert knowledge and thorough organization as the indispensable conditions of security and progress.

A country loved by its citizens with a patriotic fervor, permitting no division in their allegiance and no rivals in their affection is what we want. (Signed) L. M. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bradford, Mesdames J. B. Mitchell, Maud Woods and L. J. Shelton.

BUXTON'S GREAT FIRE.

\$20,000 Damage—All To Colored People's Property—Coopertown Almost Completely Destroyed.

On last Friday, October 6th, at about 2 o'clock a. m. fire was discovered in one of Mrs. B. F. Cooper's grocery stores, and as there was no water supply nor no fire extinguishers, the people were unable to stop the fire until it had burned more than one-half of the business houses in Coopertown. The list of property destroyed is as follows: The Buxton hotel, valued at \$10,000, owned by Reuben Gaines, Sr., with but little insurance; the Cooper drug store and stock, valued at \$5,000; Mr. Anderson's (white) grocery store building, owned by Mr. Cooper, store and stock of goods valued at \$5,000. The next to go was the Masonic hall and equipment valued at \$1,000, partly insured; the Household of Ruth, the Eastern Star lodge hall and the tabernacle all destroyed, valued at \$2,000; the Buxton cigar factory, owned by Mr. Roberts, valued at \$500; the Grandberry tailor shop was the next building, valued at about \$300. Then the flames swept on east, reaching their amusement hall, which was owned by Mrs. Cooper. The fire then began to pursue its easterly direction, burning several of the residences. It was finally stopped. The insurance was very small, as no company would risk more than about one-sixth of the value. The cause is unknown.

WILSON MUST BE SNOWED UNDER.

Let us pass the word around to every voter that Wilson must be snowed under at the polls next month. He has been a disgrace to that high office. As president he has lowered every high ideal and the dignity of our country is at a low ebb. He has done everything in his power to segregate, ostracize and destroy the hopes and aspirations of the Negro. He has turned out our employes who were under the civil service and replaced them by incompetent office seeking democrats. He is undoubtedly the worst man that has ever been elected president. He creates hatred among his own citizens and then compels the U. S. soldiers (colored) to ride through Texas in jim crow cars to go and protect the state of Texas from Mexico. If we are good enough to be asked to go to war then in the name of God treat us like other soldiers. Let every colored voter vote against Wilson.



OTTO STARZINGER, one of the regular republican candidates for the legislature from Polk county.

TWO NEW MAGAZINES.

Chicago seems to be fortunate for new magazines. The Champion Magazine is published by Mr. Binga, the banker. Its October number is indeed a very fine number, illustrated with many cuts, with some good strong editorials. It just meets my idea about a magazine. The Chicago Mid-Western, 3708 Wabash avenue, is another new magazine just out. It, too, is finely

illustrated by cuts, etc., with good reading matter, well edited. Mrs. C. C. Johnson of this city is agent for it. We wish both of these worthy race enterprises a good success.

OBSERVATION ON A TRIP FOR BARTLETT'S SCHOOL.

We left Dalton September 7th. As we reached Higbee a slow, steady rain was falling. We stopped here. We found the way to the colored school and found our old friend, Prof. Green Thompson, teaching school. He seemed to have a very bright little school. We next made arrangements for a mass meeting at the Baptist church. After securing a lodging place for the time we were to remain in Higbee we went back to the school house and addressed the pupils. That day's work was done. The next morning dawned brightly, the rain clouds had rolled away, the sun shone down with its beauty and splendor and everything looked bright and prosperous to man. We now set out to call upon prospectus students for Bartlett school at Dalton. We succeeded in interesting a few students, who promised to be at our school on the opening day. We observed several Negro homes in this town, a little above the average for towns of that size. In the evening we addressed a large and appreciative audience at the Baptist church. We made strong appeals for industrial education such as was being given at the Bartlett school.

Our next stop was Armstrong. This is a beautiful little town with a good population of colored people. The churches seemed to be alive. We went to the residence of our uncle. From here we started to find prospectus students and got the promise of several students who were anxious to get an industrial education. We observed that nearly all the colored people owned their own homes. Some were doing nicely. We found in this town two churches and two lodge halls. The churches seemed to be in a spiritual condition, being presided over by able divines. Sunday afternoon we addressed the Epworth League at the M. E. church. Sunday evening we preached to a large and appreciative audience at the Baptist church. We made a strong appeal for Bartlett school in order that its colors might float to the breeze.

Glasgow was our next stop. We made our way to the school house and found the school in session, under the leadership of Prof. Perkins. We here addressed the school, touching on industrial education and encouraging the young Negro to go to Bartlett and get a good industrial education and be able to enter any part of the commercial world.

We next set out to get prospectus students and got the promise of several. Here we met Prof. A. R. Chinn, who, after spending a number of years in school work, has retired from the business.

Slater was our next stop. At Slater we found our old friend, Prof. Lewis, teaching a good school and having good success. We found two who said they were interested in industrial education and were coming over to our school. We found Slater to be a good little town for colored people. Several colored men were employed in good positions. Many owning good homes and operating good businesses.

Our next stop was the Cow Creek settlement. In this community we found that the colored people owned nearly all the land in the district, that all the school board was composed of colored men, who managed all the school business of the district. There are three Negroes in this community who have recently bought automobiles. Here we called the people together in a mass meeting and made a strong appeal for the Bartlett Agricultural and Industrial School, the farm life school of the state now offering the greatest advantages to the Negro youth of any school of its kind in the west, and got two students.

Our next stop was Marshall. We found Marshall in a prosperous condition. The Negroes are owning some good property and are advancing rapidly.

Our next stop was Nelson. Here

we found the school in session. We also observed that in this town the children were increasing instead of diminishing, as we found in former places. We set out to canvass the town for students. We called upon and got the promise of several who were interested in industrial education and are going to Bartlett.

Our next stop was Blackwater. Here we found the Negro owning a better grade of homes than they owned nine years ago. Here we preached to a large audience and created a fine interest and enthusiasm for the school we represent.

Our next stop was Boonville. Here we found a fine modern and well equipped school building under construction, which when finished will be one of the nicest school buildings in the state. Here we interested one pupil, who is coming to our school. We then went home to prepare for the opening on September 18th.

MT. PLEASANT NOTES.

The Mothers' club met Wednesday, October 4th, at the home of the president, Mrs. Edd Reese. All the committees for the year were elected and a very interesting meeting was held.

Mr. Byron Newsom of Monmouth was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. Jane Taylor, one of our oldest citizens, passed away at her home Wednesday, October 11th. She has been sick for a number of years, but grew weaker and death was expected. Funeral services were held at the A. M. E. church Friday, October 13. Rev. W. W. Williams of Clinton conducted the services.

Mrs. Maria Thornton and Messrs. Jeff Taylor and George Taylor of Chicago were here attending the funeral of their mother.

Miss Bernice Page, who has been seriously ill, is improving slowly.

Mrs. T. S. Williams of Clinton conducted the services.

The Kensington held a social in the church Saturday night. A neat sum was cleared.

WHITEBARK, IOWA.

We kindly desire to express our thanks to the friends of Whitebark and Buxton for the assistance rendered during the hour of sickness and death of our deceased Ella Reeves. We extend our sincere thanks to those who sent such lovely flowers and to those who kindly donated their car services free. We beg to remain yours with deep regrets.

MONMOUTH, ILL.

Mrs. Louis Baker, who has been visiting with friends in St. Louis, has returned home.

Mrs. S. P. Maupin and grandson, Owen Chambers, are visiting friends and relatives in Canton, Mo. While in Missouri they attended the Missouri conference at Macon.

The Sewing Circle of the A. M. E. church met this week with Mrs. Nettie Hubbard.

Hon. T. T. Allan, Negro republican speaker of Chicago, was here this week and gave a political speech at the republican meeting. He also spoke at both churches on the Sabbath. He was accompanied by Capt. W. S. Bradon of Chicago, who has recently returned from the border.

Mrs. Fred Skinner will entertain a company of friends with a sewing at her home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Lillian Catlin was in Roseville on Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Fred Barnett has purchased a new auto.

There was a republican meeting of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Ward, the newly Calvary Baptist church Thursday evening. Hon. T. T. Allan addressed the ladies.

Miss Muriel Brown entertained at a surprise party in honor of her mother on Monday evening, October 16, at their residence, 2216 N. Twenty-seventh avenue. Covers were laid for about forty. Out of town guests were Mrs. Belle Christian, Mrs. Eva Hierroy Mrs. Smith of Cedar Rapids and Mr. W. T. Stevens of Denver, Colo. Mrs. Brown was the recipient of a large number of handsome presents. We trust she will live to see many more such birthdays.

Mrs. Minnie Brown entertained on Tuesday at luncheon for Mrs. Jessie Smith of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Blind Boone, the noted colored piano player, will play at Grove M. E. church Wednesday, April 18. Mr. Boone has been in the city for several days playing at the different white churches.

Miss Irene Phillips who has been ill for the past four weeks, is improving, but not able to be out.

Mrs. Myrtle Martin entertained for Mrs. Jessie Smith of Cedar Rapids on Monday at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore entertained Friday evening. A most delightful evening was spent. Mrs. Fred Moore arrived in the city from Kansas last Thursday to spend a few days.

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