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EDITORIALS

THANKSGIVING.

Again on next Thursday we are this year called to halt our daily pursuits and go to the churches and public places and there give thanks to Jehovah for his many blessings that his bounteous hands has given us the past year. To thank God for health, life and liberty. When we think of the great bloodshed, suffering, killing, bleeding and dying in the eastern hemisphere our hearts should bleed in sorrow for their suffering conditions and we should thank God that we are not in it. With the high cost of living, with death and destruction around us, with wars and rumors of war around us, with democratic hard times, discrimination and segregation for the Negro we ought to thank our God that we are yet alive and still hopeful. We might say that while we may not eat so many turkeys next Thursday as usual, yet the life of the innocent fowl will be saved and we can give thanks around our table for the food we have and the blessings we enjoy.

OUR COLORED ATHLETES HAVE MADE GOOD THIS YEAR.

This year the Negro boy who has played on the regular football team in the northern states has won the game or made more points for his team than any other single player. Beginning with Pollard on the Brown university team, who won from Harvard the first time in its history, by

Pollard's superb work. The Des Moines college won her games this season because of Ashby's good playing, and the German college at Dubuque won her games because Sol Butler, the famous sprinter, was on the team. Coe college at Cedar Rapids has her Collins, the great runner. North High has her Drew and her Morton. East High has her Stone. Colfax High has her Shaw. And last but not least, Howard Drey, the world champion sprinter, is at Drake university as assistant athletic teacher to Coach Gaye and by next year the Drake football team must be reckoned with in the middle west.

THE NORTHERN NEGRO'S DUTY TO SOUTHERN IMMIGRATION.

Within the past ten months there has been a great migration of colored laborers with their families from the southern states. In fact statistics show that from the state of Georgia and Alabama the exodus of colored people to northern states has averaged more than a thousand a day from these two states for the past 100 days. So great is this migration from the southland that the white people of the south have begun to pass laws preventing the colored people from leaving the south and to prevent any northern agents or any person from soliciting the colored laborers to leave the southland. The great question comes to us now, What is the duty of the northern Negro, or those of us who are up here toward those who have recently come up from the south? First, we should be glad that they have the courage and energy and common sense enough to leave this land of bondage, oppression, slavery, segregation and discrimination, etc. Second, we should extend to them the hand of welcome and help secure for them employment and aid them to make good, peaceable, law-abiding citizens.

Third, we should give to them an opportunity to make a success in this northland. We would say to the farmers, to the workshops, to the factories and truck gardening, etc. The great northwest can use at least 1,000,000. Let us not snub or turn our backs upon them, but open our doors, give them shelter and find work for them. I know some of them will be bad, but what of that? Were not some of us up here already bad. Don't think of that, but do your duty, follow the golden rule, do unto them as we would that they should do unto us, and humanity will praise you and God will bless you.

IOWA BAR ASSOCIATION.

The sixteenth annual State Bar association of colored lawyers held their annual meeting last Tuesday evening at the home of the president, John L. Thompson. All practicing attorneys of Iowa were present except one and three students of law were present, along with the wives of the lawyers. The evening was spent in reviewing the work of the past year and outlining the work for the coming year. The report showed that the Iowa legislature had introduced more bills hostile to the colored people of Iowa than in any other period for ten years and yet we succeeded in defeating every one of these nefarious measures. A very sumptuous banquet of five courses was served in the beautifully decorated dining room. The first colored man to graduate from the State university and first to be admitted to practice in Iowa was Alex Clark of Oskaloosa. He was present for his first time and addressed the association. The election of officers for the year was: President, Atty. S. Joe Brown; vice president, A. G. Cook of Oskaloosa, secretary, John L. Thompson; treasurer, J. B. Rush.

CHARITY LEAGUE PREPARE FOR THANKSGIVING.

Charity League is preparing to care for a large number of needy families on Thanksgiving. It is our custom to ask the churches to co-operate with us. The various pastors will preach a charity sermon Sunday, November 26th. Everybody is urged to attend some church Sunday, November 26th, and be prepared to contribute liberally to our cause. All names of worthy families should be handed in before November 29th. The following finance committee will be in charge: Mrs. L. J. Courtney, Mrs. S. Bates, Maple Street Baptist church; Mrs. J. P. Hamilton, Mrs. Izora Robinson, Lee Mission; Mrs. Wm. Shackelford, Mrs. Hattie Jackson, Asbury Chapel; Mrs. C. B. Woods, Mrs. J. E. Ousley, St. Paul's A. M. E. church; Mrs. J. M. Eaves, Mrs. Tate, Union Baptist church; Mrs. G. W. Stanton, Mrs. Harvey Brown, Mrs. J. B. Rush, Corinthian Baptist church; Mrs. Mollie Watkins, Mrs. W. H. McCree, Union Congregational church.

MASONIC SCHOOL HELD.

Atty. A. G. Clark, grand custodian of Iowa Negro Masons, held the district school of instruction for the two Des Moines lodges at North Star Masonic temple Monday evening, November 21st, at which time he exemplified the work of the second degree upon two candidates. Almost the entire membership of the two lodges were in attendance, including Grand Master S. Joe Brown and Past Grand Masters J. H. Shepard, E. T. Banks and John L. Thompson, all of whom expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the work in which the grand custodian was assisted by a team selected from both lodges, and at the conclusion of which a commit-

tee of brethren from the two lodges served light refreshments.

EXPLAINS HISTORY OF NEGRO MASONRY.

Waterloo. (Special to Bystander.) "Negro Masonry in the United States," was the subject of an interesting paper, prepared by Rev. E. L. Haywood, and read last week at the regular meeting of Waterloo lodge, No. 105, A. F. & A. M., in the Masonic temple.

Rev. Haywood's study of Negro Masonry was very simple, adhering to the facts of the case and steering clear of the controversial side of the difficult subject. After confessing to the difficulties of the theme and to the scarcity of literature bearing thereon he told the story of how the first Negro lodge of Masons was organized in America. He said that in 1775 a Negro named Prince Hall and fourteen associates were initiated in an army lodge stationed in or near Boston. "On March 2, 1784, this group of men obtained a warrant from the grand lodge of England empowering them to form a Masonic lodge. Owing to delays the warrant did not reach them until April 29, 1787. On May 6 of that same year the lodge was regularly organized, with Prince Hall as master, for which reason Negro Masonry in this country came to be called Prince Hall Masonry.

"This lodge initiated many members from various localities who in turn, as was then the custom, organized other lodges. These lodges afterward organized a grand lodge. From the grand lodge all subsequent Negro lodges have derived their existence and their legality.

"The regularity of Negro Masonry was not questioned for a hundred years. Today it has turned out that many white Masons are questioning the legality of Negro Masonry, but I for my part believe that the Negro lodges can show as true a lineage as any white lodges."

Rev. Haywood then raised the question, "What should be the present attitude of white lodges toward their Negro brethren?" and answered it by saying that any individual Mason had a right to his own opinion on the subject, that the grand lodges of each state had a right to deal with the question as they may see fit, and that while some grand lodges may choose to fraternize with the Negro lodges he believed the time was not ripe for it in most states.

"My own feeling is," he said, "that white men should maintain their own organizations, and black men theirs, all members keeping in recollection the fact that they severally belong to the same great fraternity. The spirit of Masonry is of ample strength to bridge over any racial cleavage, a thing it is free to do whether or not white grand lodges and Negro grand lodges recognize each other officially or not."

The speaker closed by reminding his hearers that Masonry, neither in its law or in its purposes, recognizes any social or race difference and that the one cure for any differences or divisions among Masons "is more Masonry."

SCANDIA, IOWA.

Being absent for some time, this will inform you that we are yet alive. There were excellent services at the Mt. Zion Baptist church last Sunday. Rev. S. D. Warden, pastor, invites every Christian soldier to help wage war against sin and satan.

The A. M. E. Zion church is progressing nicely. Elder G. W. White preached two soul-stirring sermons on last Sunday, which were enjoyed by all who were present. The literary program which was rendered by the students was a success. The literary body is composed of bright and intelligent, studious young men and women, who are anxious to make their marks in life.

The colored population in Scandia this year has increased approximately 100 per cent over last year. The Willing Workers club will meet Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins. The Silver Leaf Industrial club will meet next Wednesday at 1:30 at the home of Mrs. Lulu Robison. The little son of Harry Cullins is very sick at his home.

PLEA FOR SELF-RELIANCE.

Charles G. Dawes' Good Advice to Young Men in Business.

This is a hard world in business. It always has been and always will be. There are many good and generous men in it. There are many who will lend a helping hand to you in your adversity, but in the time of need you will not find them among the men who tried to get you to embark in speculation with your little surplus, and to sell you something which would help you to "easy money." Be self-reliant. Make your own investment in investments. When you cannot put your money in a good savings bank. Distrust the financial demagogues as you distrust the political demagogues. Keep your hands on your pocketbook as you travel life. First, to give always in proportion as your means to those who are poorer; second, to hold from those who would take through force or fraud what you need for yourself and yours. You will then, writes Mr. Dawes in the Saturday Evening Post, have your hand where most of the other fellows have only their eyes. In this alone you will have the advantage of these

ORPHANS' BENEFIT CONCERT.

Miss E. H. Morris Gives Fine Entertainment For Howard Orphanage. The Howard Orphanage and Industrial school, founded in Brooklyn and now located at Kings Park, N. Y. began the observance of its fiftieth anniversary with a classical concert, featuring compositions by colored authors, at Kismet temple, Brooklyn, on Thursday evening, Nov. 16. The concert was got up by Miss Etta Hamilton Morris, a white lady, who became much interested in the work the school is doing among more than 200 colored orphans.

Miss Morris heard the children sing at a public meeting in one of the churches in Brooklyn not long ago and was greatly pleased with their efforts. She afterward held a conference with Mrs. Mary E. Gordon, who is the matron and superintendent of the orphanage, which resulted in the splendid entertainment above mentioned, which was a financial success. Among the noted composers who took part in the concert program were Harry T. Burleigh and J. R. Europe. The Philomela Glee club and a string quartet under Felix Weir were also heard to good advantage.

Dr. Elbert New State College Trustee. The colored people of Wilmington, Del. are much gratified over the recent recognition accorded Dr. Samuel G. Elbert by his appointment to the trustee board of State college by Governor Miller. Although State college is composed of colored students, Dr. Elbert is the first man of the race to hold the position of trustee. He is well and favorably known throughout the state and was one of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington's warmest friends. The institution is located near Dover.

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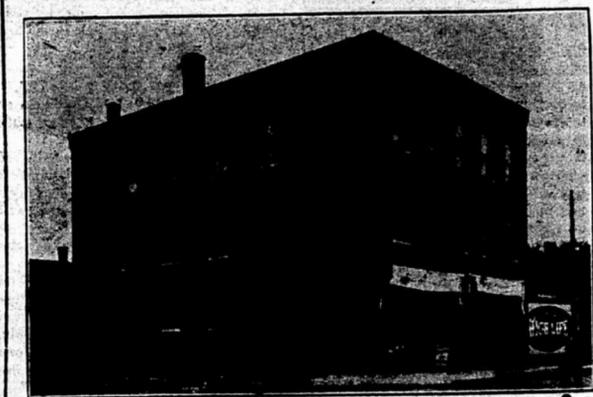
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The Thimble Circle was entertained at the home of Mrs. W. Berry on Friday, November 24.
The Philologer club was entertained at the home of Miss M. Dunaway on Thursday, November 23.
The P. W. club was entertained at the home of Miss T. Mitchell on Wednesday, November 22.
Miss N. Coleman of Cincinnati, O., is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. P. Wallace.
Mr. and Mrs. Drury, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins and L. Peters motored to the tri-cities on Sunday. All report a pleasant trip.
Mr. J. M. Watts and family of the Star Jubilee Musical Comedy Co. spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. C. Anderson, en route to London Mills, where they play Monday and Tuesday evenings. They are playing to packed houses. They have a good class show.
Rev. Garrison had a pleasant surprise for the members and friends of Allen Chapel in the way of a new carpet, which was presented to the church by one of the firms of O. T. Johnson Co.
Miss D. Hawkins entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Thursday in honor of her 19th birthday. A five-course luncheon was served.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Patton spent Sunday in Monmouth.
Mrs. M. Murphy and baby returned to their home in Monmouth, after several weeks' visit with her parents, next Tuesday with Mrs. Mattie Chocolate.
Rev. Garrison had five new members to join church Sunday.
Miss D. Hawkins spent Sunday in Monmouth, Ill.
Miss I. Schotts, who has been on the sick list, is much improved at this writing.
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Mrs. S. Bell departed for Aurora, Ill., Saturday, where she will remain after Thanksgiving with her daughter, Mrs. J. Brown.
Those on the sick list are Mrs. S. Ashby, V. Alcon, D. Hale, W. Stuart and E. Harmon.
Mrs. S. Bolder is spending a week with friends in Kewanee.
The social given for Rev. Garrison at the home of Mr. C. Anderson was a decided success socially and financially.
Rev. Scott left for Kewanee on Sunday morning, where he will preach at the Baptist church.
The Baptist church will have union Thanksgiving services Thursday, November 30th.
The A. L. club will give a fair at the A. M. E. church November 23 and 24. Persons holding the lucky number will receive a quilt.
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The Garrison club will meet at the parsonage on Friday afternoon, November 24th.
Mrs. M. Wilder spent last week in Carthage, Ill., the guest of Tucker.
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