

CITY LOCALS

We are having our first touch of zero weather this week.

Miss Susie Lee, our stenographer, is sick this week with a severe cold.

The Bystander annual holiday cut rate opens today for one month only \$1.00 is sent in for one year.

Mr. Levi Riley and Chas. Smith are drawn on the jury for this term. They are good young men.

The church rally at Union Congregational church held last Sunday resulted in a collection of \$185.50.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson and daughter, Miss Mabel, of Gravit, Iowa, were called here last week to attend the funeral of Clarence Logan.

Mr. Will Brown of Lincoln, Nebr., arrived in the city Friday to attend the funeral of his wife's mother.

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The A. M. E. Mite Missionary society will hold open doors January 1st at the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hicks entertained Mrs. W. Cobbs of Centerville, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanger and S. Rodgers on Sunday evening.

Mesdames Harry Allen and J. A. Hickman, near Twelfth and Crocker streets, made a pleasant call at the Bystander office last week.

The Bystander holiday number will appear next week. Anyone having cuts, poems or other special articles to contribute, please send them in at once.

Dr. J. H. Williams of Kansas City, Mo., while in our city was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson in Lake Park. He also made a call at the Bystander office.

The United Brothers of Friendship and the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten were reorganized last Monday and set to work under the Missouri jurisdiction by District Grand Master Williams of Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Susie Lee, 909 17th street entertained about thirty young people Sunday afternoon in honor of Miss Mable Johnson of Gravit, Iowa. A pleasant afternoon was spent in music and conversation.

The D. Y. W. Y. K Art club met at the home of the president, Mrs. Dr. Jefferson, last Friday. After the regular routine of business a dainty lunch was served. The club adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Jeffers on 13th street.

Rev. E. J. Penney of Oskaloosa was in our city last Sunday to conduct quarterly conference at Asbury M. E. church for Rev. Wheeler, the presiding elder, who could not be present. Rev. Penney is quite well known here, as having filled a month's vacancy in the Union Congregational church when he was associated with that branch of the Christian church.

Mrs. Frank P. Johnson, who has been ill for several months, and who went to Chicago to consult a special-

ist, returned last month, feeling much encouraged. She is now improving, her many friends think, and they do sincerely hope that ere soon she will regain her former good health.

The Mary Church Terrill club met with Mrs. Johnnie Shaw. The usual program and lesson was the order of the evening. Mrs. Bradshaw was a club guest. The young ladies of this club have entered a popularity contest ending December 18th. The club will meet Tuesday evening with Mrs. Hannah Porter.

Princess Zorah chapter, No. 10, Order of the Eastern Star, elected the following officers at their meeting: Worthy matron, Mrs. Effie Watkins; worthy patron, Mr. James Mitchell; assistant matron, Mrs. Nellie Gregory; conductress, Miss Gertrude Hyde; assistant conductress, Mrs. James Mitchell; secretary, Mrs. Molly Watkins; treasurer, Mrs. Anna Perkins. Installation will be Wednesday, December 20, 1916.

The young people of the Corinthian B. Y. P. U. are busy getting ready for their Christmas tree, to be at the home of the president Thursday night, December 28th. This will be the opening of their monthly social functions. Each month they will have an evening of entertainment and all papers read during the past month will be read and judged and a blue ribbon for the best paper awarded. Miss Lillian Roane gave a splendid paper last Sunday. Subject, "Grace and Gratitude." Everyone should have heard this paper. For next Sunday Mr. A. Johnson will read a paper.

Dr. J. H. Williams of Kansas City, Mo., grand master of the U. B. F. of Missouri and jurisdiction, arrived in our city last Friday from Keokuk, Iowa, in company with Dr. J. H. Phillips of Keokuk and Hon. G. H. Woodson of Buxton on business pertaining to this great order. Dr. Phillips and Atty. Woodson returned home Saturday. Dr. Williams remained over to reinstate the U. B. F. order, which had ceased to work in Iowa, but now the order has complied with the Iowa laws and is now working in Iowa as all other first class fraternal insurance companies are. All their branches have been revived and each is again at work. The same old officers were re-elected for the balance of the year.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank those who so kindly assisted us during the death and burial of our son and brother, Clarence Logan, last week. Also for the many beautiful floral offerings. Jefferson and George Logan.

NOTICE.

Eliza E. Peterson W. C. T. U. will meet Thursday, December 21, at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Thornton Adams, 2621 Chester avenue, at which time all members are urged to be present and bring their contributions and assist in preparing Christmas baskets for the unfortunate ones of our race. Mrs. Alice McDowell, President. Mrs. Hampton Graves, Asst. Sec'y.

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Shortage of Colored Laborers at Birmingham, Ala., Causes Anxiety.

The demand for the services of colored men in various sections of the country is increasing. At Birmingham, Ala., recently it was stated that there was a serious shortage of colored laborers in Birmingham and vicinity due to the fact that the colored people are leaving the south at the rate of nearly 100 per day for the north, southwest and parts of Virginia and Kentucky. Among the many reasons given for this great exodus of the colored people are lack of protection from mob violence, poor wages, disfranchisement, attempted segregation in farm employment, segregation in cities and on all public conveyances and almost nothing for their farm produce. The whole matter of treatment of colored citizens in most every southern state is ridiculous.

If a colored person wants to buy a railroad or ferryboat ticket he is served at a separate window. If he enters a juncrow car and all the seats in the coach for white people are taken and a white person comes into the juncrow coach the colored person is forced to give up his seat. If he resists he is ejected from the car or arrested and turned over to the police at the next station. These and other outrages are some of the reasons why the colored people are leaving the south at every opportunity which presents itself for their doing so.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Annual Meeting of New Jersey Organization Held at Camden.

The Afro-American Baptist state convention of New Jersey held its annual meeting at Camden in October, with a large attendance of delegates from churches throughout its jurisdiction.

The reports on membership, finance and church property were very encouraging. Special emphasis was placed on the necessity of pushing the financial campaign in the interest of the Northern Baptist university by all the churches of the denomination in the northern and New England states.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, the Rev. John C. Love of Montclair; vice presidents, the Rev. J. P. Gregory of Atlantic City, the Rev. E. G. Young of Lakewood, J. W. Walker of Moorestown, A. J. Jones of Plainfield and J. W. Green of Paterson; recording secretary, the Rev. L. C. Hurdie, Elizabeth; corresponding secretary, the Rev. R. L. Harris, Englewood; treasurer, G. W. Krygar, East Orange.

Charles S. Smith Renders Fine Service.

The secretary to the chief of police at Cleveland for many years is Charles S. Smith. He has several assistants (white). His appointment after a civil service examination was secured for him by the Hon. Harry E. Smith, ex-member of the Ohio legislature and father of Ohio's civil rights and anti-lynching laws. It was an appointment that had been promised to Editor Smith for two years by Mayor Robert E. McKisson, who died several months ago. The editor had to wait, however, until a member of the race passed the civil service examination.

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The Girl's Club met Sunday with the Vice President, Miss Meredith Humbert. The program consisted of the third and fourth chapter of the "Girl and her Mother." Mrs. Gus Nichols was present and instructed the girls in the plans for a play to be given in the near future. A lovely three course lunch was served by the hostess. Club adjourned to meet the following Sunday with Miss Gretchen Tucker.

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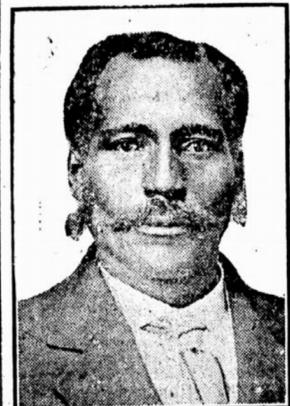
Thrilling Story of Mob Violence in South Carolina.

NASH VISITS ABBEVILLE.

Secretary of National Association For the Advancement of Colored People Returns From Scene of Brutal Murder With True Facts—Governor Says Law Must Be Upheld.

New York—Roy Nash, secretary of the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People, has personally investigated and secured the facts in respect to the lynching of Anthony Crawford, a prosperous colored citizen, at Abbeville, S. C., last October. Governor Richard I. Manning and the citizens of Abbeville have gone on record as being bitterly opposed to mob rule in the state.

Governor Manning, in a statement to the press, says: "I was out of the state when the Abbeville lynching occurred. As soon as I learned of it I called Solicitor R. A. Cooper and Sher-



THE LATE ANTHONY CRAWFORD. Murdered by a mob of white men at Abbeville, S. C., Oct. 21, 1916.

iff R. M. Burts of Abbeville to the office and called on Coroner F. W. R. Nance of Abbeville county to comply with the law and furnish me with a copy of the testimony taken at the coroner's inquest. I found that the coroner held an inquest, but took no testimony.

"I intend to do everything in my power to uphold the law and let the offenders know that such acts will not be tolerated and that those guilty of violating the law must suffer for it."

The lynching referred to occurred on Oct. 21 in one of South Carolina's most beautiful and progressive cities. Anthony Crawford, the victim, was a Negro fifty-one years old, worth over \$20,000. He got into a row with a white storekeeper named Barksdale over the price of cotton seed. It is reported that Mr. Barksdale called him a liar, and the Negro cursed him roundly in return, whereupon a clerk ran out to give Crawford a beating with an ax handle. He was saved from this by a policeman, who arrested Crawford and took him to the municipal building, but when they let him out on bail a crowd of men took after him again, intent on punishing him for daring to curse a white man.

"The day a white man hits me is the day I die," Anthony Crawford once said to a friend. When he saw the crowd coming after him he went down in the boiler room of the gin, picked up a four pound hammer and waited. The first man who came at him, McKinney Cann, received a blow in the head which fractured his skull. But some one hurled a stone, which knocked out Crawford before he reached any one else. While he was down they knifed him in the back and kicked him until they thought they had finished him, when they permitted the sheriff to arrest the unconscious Crawford on condition that he would not take his prisoner out of town until they knew whether Cann would live or die.

Cann wasn't hurt as badly as they thought, but nevertheless a mob went back to the jail at 4 o'clock that afternoon, dragged Crawford through the streets of the Negro quarters with a rope around his neck, hung his mutilated body to a pine tree at the entrance to the fair grounds and expended a couple of hundred rounds of ammunition on it.

A meeting was called in the Abbeville courthouse, at which it was decided to order the sixteen sons and daughters of Crawford and their families to abandon their \$20,000 home and get out of the state by Nov. 15. After the meeting this mob closed up all the Negro shops in Abbeville.

The Columbia State in a powerful editorial pointed out that, in view of the exodus of Negro labor from the south to northern industrial fields and the approach of the boll weevil, South Carolina's problem was to keep her colored men instead of serving notice on them that, no matter how industrious or successful they might be, their case was hopeless. It convinced the business men of Abbeville that they had lynched their own pocket-books. On Nov. 6 another meeting was held in the courthouse, at which resolutions were unanimously passed condemning the whole lynching project.

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