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New York, Sept. 18. Hon. Herbert R. Wright, Attorney at Law, Des Moines, Iowa. Do all you can to urge upon the men at the camp to remain there for the extended term. This is not only in line with patriotic duty, but is of utmost importance to the race at the present time. (S) W. E. B. Dubois James Weldon Johnson.

DES MOINES CITIZENS SHOW APPRECIATION FOR MEN AT FORT DES MOINES.

Unquestionably the most striking social event ever witnessed in the city of Des Moines was seen on last Friday evening in the spacious Auditorium on Fourth street, when the citizens of Des Moines assembled in the form of a reception to do honor to the members of the Negro reserve officers who are in training at Fort Des Moines. More than one thousand citizens of both races, including cadets and their wives, enjoyed the following program, which preceded the feast. Mrs. S. Joe Brown, superintendent of the department of Social Science of the National Association of Colored Women, who served as general chairman, called the meeting to order, and after singing of the national anthem, "America," the Rev. Dr. Reese of the Unitarian church pronounced the invocation, after which the mayor of the city, Capt. John MacVicar, was introduced as chairman of the evening. The army octette of Fort Des Moines, who have delighted many Des Moines audiences, was introduced, giving as their first number, "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray." Editor John L. Thompson, on behalf of the Negro citizens, Editor Harvey Ingham and Mr. Victor C. Fitch, secretary of the manufacturers' bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the city, and ex-Senator Lafe Young on behalf of the state made addresses of welcome. After a tenor solo by L. H. Godman of Company No. 8 the following persons responded. On behalf of regular army, Sergt. McKaine, on behalf of candidates, Major Ford; on behalf of medical reserve corps, Lieut. Lythcotte, and on behalf of cadets' wives, Mrs. Sergt. Major Williams. Mr. R. B. Patin, of Washington, D. C., representing war department commission on training camp activities, and who was a factor in this social movement, told of his work, while Dr. Geo. W. Cabanis, also of Washington, who is here in the interest of the colored soldiers, told of his activities. Among other distinguished representatives on the platform were Mrs. Jas. R. Hanna, wife of former mayor of city and chairman of the home and hospitality committee of the war recreation board, which was co-operating with Mrs. Brown's committee for this reception; Mrs. Frank C. Travers, president of City Federation of Women, and member of committee; Mrs. Jessye E. McClain, president of the City Federation of Colored Women and member of committee, and Miss Mary Ely, a social worker of New York City. After the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, Miss Marye I. Bell, one of the leading cateresses of the city, who had charge of the repast, with her splendid assistants, served the vast audience. On the following day this general committee was not only able to serve ice cream to the hospital corps at Fort Des Moines, of more than 500, but made a donation of \$3.00 to the American Bible society, who is fostering a movement to raise \$10,000 in Iowa for the distribution of khaki bound testaments for all soldiers, and \$2.00 to the Eliza E. Peterson W. C. T. U. to assist in fitting out about 100 housewives, which are to be presented to officers after the issuing of commissions.

other came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin. For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man. Thou takest up that thou layest not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. And my reward will be as this servant's. St. Luke, 19th chapter, 22-23-24. And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow. Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my com-



Mrs. Samaria Joseph S. Lowe

ing I might have required mine own with usury? And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

And so beloved it is not in my own merits I come to you, but through Christ to occupy till he comes.

Through Jesus Christ I ask every one far and near will you send 50c P. O. order for large size card, which contains an illustrated vision in which the Lord wants me to press on. The words and tune named of song given me by the Lord on February 5, 1914, from St. Luke, 21st chapter, and a photo cut of myself.

Beloved, if we will help we can only 50 cents won't every colored man, woman and child who earns a salary donate 50c for this cause.

In the scriptures I can not remember just now the book and chapter, but in speaking of a church in Rome it said this church in Rome when it was in its infancy it was the most beautiful time of all.

And so it is U. S. in war in its infancy is in its most beautiful time. For nearly four years I have been ringing the bell of "Unity and Charity," who will consider the work and help it mean to our race devotion one to another. It helps to take the burdens from homes who are unable to help themselves. Fifty cents could not be spent in a more intelligent manner than to send it to Mrs. Joseph S. Lowe, 1503 Lyon street, P. O. order registered, for the Unity and Charity bank, which through Jesus Christ when necessary money has been raised. The bank called Unity and Charity will be erected and dedicated to God by our colored workers and although the words Unity and Charity will stand, but the bank will be called "The Lord Our Righteous." This is what we want to stop; listen to this. One day in a flat where we lived I heard a voice of an infant crying day after day, night after night. I arose with the mind trouble. I thought to myself, what on earth can be the trouble with that baby, and as I heard it cry I knew no more by staying in my part of the building wondering and I just stepped over the line of "self-wondering" and in God will went over "to see," no beloved God's will isn't curiosity, but Charity. I went for Charity, the love of God was burning in my heart, so as I went up the stairs I entered in a south room, where sat a beautiful 12-year-old sister weeping and looking at her starving little infant sister. The father was dead just five months before the infant came. The mother had to go out by the day, little Gorgia was the mother to care for five children and herself. I stood by the bed and knew the baby lacked food; it was nursing a bottle which was supposed to contain condensed milk, but it was condensed milk water, so poorly fixed until it barely had the color of milk. I asked her, what is the matter dear with the baby. Sick, she sobbed, and said she, H-e-r milk isn't strong enough, but mamma

hasn't any more money because she had to pay rent last week. I went home and came back and gave her 40c to buy two cans of Eagle brand milk, but friend that night that infant flew away to God, and I have stood at my kitchen window and looked down at the mother cooking corn cakes, and see her three boys one on the out of the kitchen door to tell the other's inside whether she would return or not in order to gain a chance to take the cakes as soon as they were turned over. This is a true story, beloved, and her oldest daughter was led to destruction over poverty. Ah, men, why seek to devour the sunshine, the beauty of holiness from our race and expect to see our race intelligent. Away friends with those miseries and unite and help the fallen. Care for the union in a more higher, nobler and intelligent way. And these boys became thieves; last I read of them they wear in jail for stealing raisins.

The first man, woman or child of any town, or who belong to any club or organization whose order reaches me first they will be notified in order to get that person's photo, and their photo will be enlarged and when the building is erected it shall hang in the main room of the building.

Mrs. Joseph S. Lowe, 1503 Lyon Street.

IOWA CITY NOTES.

(Special to Bystander.) For the benefit of new women students coming to Iowa State university, Iowa City, Mrs. Greta Knighton has consented to house student women this winter. She lives at 821 South Dubuque street, two blocks south of depot. Drop a card and Iva Joiner McClain will meet any train. Address Iva Joiner McClain, 826 S. Dubuque street, Iowa City, Iowa.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

Leaving Des Moines at 11 o'clock, after visiting Rev. J. D. Jessell, who was accidentally hit by a street car, who was in Mercy hospital seriously hurt, we first stopped at Oskaloosa, an old Quaker town of about 12,000 people, the county seat of Mahaska county. Here lives about 600 colored people. At one time when the mining town of Muchakinock was here this county had the largest colored population of any county, but not fully ten other counties surpass it. The colored churches here are none doing well. They have three and none have a resident minister. In fact there ought not to be only one church and it would be hard for it to thrive as it should. The names of the churches are the A. M. E., M. E. and Baptist. No restaurant or boarding house. They need one. Mr. Frank Allen is still in the contracting business, doing well. He owns a beautiful home. J. B. Woods is still in the ice and coal business, doing nicely. Mr. A. Hardy still is in the express business. He is one of the pioneer citizens and is highly respected. Mr. A. G. Clark is still running his tonorial parlors. Mr. Moore is assisting him. Mr. R. Franklin is here. He has just gone back to the mines for winter work. W. C. Coleman is still working in the Balloff dry goods store, where he has worked continuously for the past twenty-six

years. He owns a nice home. Mrs. Hannah Williams is still keeping a rooming house. Woody Thomason, Mr. Crump, A. Stewart and some of the young men are doing nicely. Mr. Simpson Mitchell is making some improvements on his property. His daughter left for New York to teach school, where she has taught for the past three years. Mr. H. J. Hockady has sold his home to the school board for the high school building. He has bought near town on the same street, where he now has his barber shop. E. E. Jones is still working at the bank. His wife is now visiting her relatives in Missouri. Pierre Barquet, formerly of this city, but who has recently been in Ottumwa, has returned back to Oskaloosa and is employed in the Lacey hotel. We next stopped at Ottumwa, a city of about 20,000 population, with about 1,000 colored population. There are two colored churches, the A. M. E. and Baptist, both doing well. Each has good pastors. Rev. Cooper has charge of the Baptist church. He succeeded Dr. Carr, who is state superintendent of missions. Rev. Cato has charge of the A. M. E. church. He has just gone up to St. Paul to attend conference. Frank Alexander, a brother to Price of Des Moines, is still working at the same place, doing well. Ottumwa seems like a new constellation of people with all of the travelers gone and the absence of the Hamilton family and nearly all of the Weeks have left except Joseph. It seems like a deserted village. Mr. Joseph Weeks still lives at the same place. All of his boys are away except two, and they are in school yet. They are fine musicians. One plays on the saxophone. Mrs. S. M. Barnett lives at the same place. Mr. E. M. Bell has gone out of the restaurant business and left the city. A Mr. Bradshaw has just opened another restaurant this week on Main street. B. L. Dant is still working at the Wapello club. H. E. Williams is still working in the Ford Automobile Co., doing well. N. D. Foster is working at same place. He is a fine man. C. T. Gooch still works at the packing house. His son, Harold, left this week to attend college at the Wesleyan college in Fairfield. He is taking a course in liberal arts. S. A. Herald is still working at the Ottumwa Courier. He is still single, but may not be ere long. He bought one of the new books, History and Views of the Colored Officers Training Camp. W. V. Hicks still works at the Leggett hotel. J. H. Hemmington is out of the city cooking. Mr. and Mrs. Casen are living at the same place. They own a beautiful home. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith are still living in their valuable home. He is still night watchman for a factory. They are fine people. Mr. Chas. Owens has been very sick. One of his sons works at the packing house and Harry is still janitor at the postoffice. J. C. McClelland is working at the same place. Rev. G. W. Rhinehart still lives here. He is a superannuated minister of the A. M. E. connection. Wm. Thompson is still here. He is an old soldier. Zack Taylor is back in the express business again. He is the wealthiest citizen of color here, so reported to me. G. W. Wolfkill, an old and respected citizen

here, is still working in the iron factory as engineer. This is a fine man to meet. Chas. Wilson is here. Mr. Bradshaw works at the city hall. Mrs. L. Williams is a hard working lady, doing nicely.

Japanese Have No Beds.

The Japanese do not sleep on European beds, but on many thick, soft puffs piled one on top of each other upon the floor. For bed covering they use more of the same kind of puffs. It is said that the Japanese emperor has 20 such puffs. One of those which cover him is made in the shape of a kimono and has a velvet collar. Probably he creeps inside of this, if he feels cold in the night.

Enforced Labor.

"Providence has so ordered it that a state of rest and inaction, however it may flatter our indolence, should be productive of many inconveniences; that it should generate such disorders as may force us to have recourse to some labor as a thing absolutely requisite to make us pass our lives with tolerable satisfaction." — Edmund Burke.

The Candelilla Plant.

The wax of the candelilla plant is used in making candles, phonograph records, wood and leather polishes, floor wax, certain varnishes, linoleum, rubber compounds and celluloid, and it also enters into use in pharmacy and in the making of electrical insulation. The candelilla plant grows on the poorest quality of soil, and before it was found to have a commercial value for the wax contained it was considered a pest.

Indians Utilized Irrigation.

The Indian discovered for himself the science of irrigation. Many of the tribes, such as the Crows and the Apaches, early made use of the river bottoms for the cultivation of their staple crop—corn. When the condition of dryness came they would construct a rough temporary dam of log, with which they could divert the course of part of the stream into their lands. There were primitive ditches which distributed the water.

Pussy Cat Indicted.

American foresters present a very strong argument against our friend, the pussy cat, as being by far the most destructive of animals, wild or tame, of the birds, and every forester considers the birds as the greatest friends of the trees. Without the destruction wrought by the birds on the insect enemies of the trees there would be after a generation no tree left for the insects would multiply fearfully and demolish every growing tree and plant.—Grit.

Worrying Always Weakens.

Worrying is always weakness. It is always danger. In a sense, though often excusable and sometimes unavoidable, it is cowardice; and cowards, as Shakespeare tells us, "die many times before their death." We may regard worry as the price paid by humanity for advance in education and in refinement of feeling; but it is a higher price than need be paid.—Exchange.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.
Dr. A. J. Booker wishes to announce that Dr. R. A. Dobson, formerly of Sioux City, has taken over his practice. Dr. Dobson at present is temporarily located at the home of Mrs. J. W. Fields, 760 West Eleventh street. Phone Red 4615. After October 1st he will be permanently located on the corner of Twelfth and Center streets.

NOTICE CONCERNING OFFICERS AND CANDIDATE OFFICERS—PRIVATE DANCES SATURDAY EVENINGS.

The committee who has charge of the private dancing party every Saturday night at Masonic temple hall, Eleventh and Center streets, wishes to announce to the public that these dances are not public affairs, even though a small remittance of 35 cents is required at the door. When these dances were started special invitations were issued for the season and only those who received such are eligible, and those invitations were issued to only those of the training camp who are officers and candidate officers, and not to the medical corps.

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