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SONG.

The year has leas'd to June;
Twilight and the moon,
Every gift and boon
In the sphere of eye and ear,
In the reach of touch and speech,
Lilac sweetness of the wood,
The clover-scented lea,
Noisy with the bee;
Rain strings, whence the wind,
The old harpist by the sea,
Lures sweet melody.

In the air, everywhere
Breathes a vocal prayer;
Ye who fret and strive
In your self-filled hive,
Come with me, hear and see,
Life in every tree.
The Master comes along,
Thousands round him throng,
Dare the current stem
You may touch his garment's hem.
C. Bertram Johnson.

QUINCY, ILL. ITEMS.
(Last Week.)

Mrs. Marie Hughes is very sick at this writing.
The funeral of Mrs. Chas. Johnson, whose death occurred last Thursday in Milwaukee, Wis., was held at Bethel A. M. E. church Monday morning at 10 a. m., Rev. G. T. Shaw conducting. The body was in charge of H. H. of R., No. 213, of Quincy, of which Mrs. Johnson was a member, having served as M. N. G.
Messrs. John James and Albert Webb, two of Quincy's drafted men, left Saturday for Camp Dodge.
Rev. Summers, pastor of Wayman Chapel, is in Pittsfield, Ill., this week.
Mrs. Myrtle Fields has arrived in the city for an extended visit.
Miss Mary Taylor of La Grange is in the city visiting Mrs. Elizabeth Benton and other friends.
Miss Marie Majors, teacher of room 6, gave a picnic at her home for the pupils of her room last Saturday. All had an enjoyable time.
The funeral of Mrs. Mattie Clark was held Sunday afternoon at Bethel A. M. E. church, with Rev. G. T. Shaw conducting. Through the columns of this paper we extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.
While in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Mattie Clark on Sunday, Mesdames Harris and Wells were hurt in a runaway.
Mrs. J. E. Dabner of Indianapolis, after an extended visit among her friends, departed for home via Chicago.
Mrs. Emma Caldwell, D. P. M. N. G. of Illinois, and Wisconsin, H. H. of R., Eden district, No. 18, is in the city, having accompanied Mr. Frank Johnson home on his sad mission from Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. Bell Edwards of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting Mrs. M. E. Jackson and other friends.
Mesdames Edith Willis and Carrie Cook of Chicago are visiting their father, Mr. George Mills.
The first quarterly meeting of this conference year will be held at Bethel church November 11th.
Mr. Louis Spencer and Miss Carrie Liesure were united in holy wedlock Saturday night by Rev. G. W. Brown. Congratulations.
Mr. John Vinson and Miss Elizabeth Roberts were married Saturday night by Rev. S. M. Duke at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Noils.
DAVENPORT ITEMS.
(Last Week.)
Mr. Grant Hart remains very sick at the hospital.
Messrs. Oliver Richardson, Henry Pitts and Wm. Pitts left Saturday morning for Camp Dodge.
Mrs. Oss, the mother of Mrs. Piper and Mrs. White is slowly improving, but is yet dangerously ill.
Mr. S. S. Furr of Newport News,

Va., has been in the city two weeks in the interest of his school.
The Lend-A-Hand circle of Bethel A. M. E. church were able to turn over to the stewards and trustees about \$50 as the net proceeds from their Harvest Festival of four nights' duration.
Mrs. Matilda Miller entertained at dinner last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Calloway complimentary to several of her lady friends.
Mr. Henry Walker met with an accident last week at the Rock Island arsenal, where he is employed.
Mrs. Lydia Applewhite and Mrs. Sadie Washington entertained at the home of the latter, complimentary to Mrs. Matilda Miller, who left Saturday afternoon for Los Angeles, Cal., to remain indefinitely.
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CLARINDA, IOWA.
A. M. E. Doings.

The A. J. Carey Improvement Rally workers are out with the folders soliciting funds for church improvements. Mrs. Geo. Jones is captain of the club and Rev. Manley is captain of club number 2.
The Allen C. E. League was organized last Sunday. Its regular hour of meeting in future will be at 6:30 p. m.
The newly elected president, Mrs. Maggie Manley, is highly pleased with the ladies of her M. M. society, and she is planning already to do a needed local work in the church.
Presiding Elder Farabee will hold quarterly meeting Sunday, October 11th.
Miss Mabel Johnson of Gravity has a folder and is soliciting for club 2.
Snow fell a day last week. Makes a person think real winter is here.
Mr. Page of Shenandoah and Mr. Cagnet and Virgil Lewis of Shenandoah attended the dance given at K. P. hall Monday evening, given by Arthur Gibson.
Mrs. T. G. Jones and husband and daughter, Miss Mary, of Red Oak, spent a few days in our city, guests of Mrs. T. G. Jones.
Mr. Smyth of Marysville spent a few days in our city.
Mrs. Ed Chestwood Pemberton is on the sick list.
Mr. Geo. Wilkerson, who has been visiting in St. Joe and Topeka, returned back to Clarinda the first of the week.
Mr. Frank Wilkerson spent a few hours here Monday visiting friends and relatives.
The McLaughlin street force of men who have been stopping at R. T. Lane's departed for Lincoln on Tuesday.
Miss Funches of Clarinda is visiting her uncle, Willis Cason.

ROCK ISLAND ILL.

Thursday evening Miss E. Bains was hostess to the Pleasant Hour club. Cards furnished the diversion of the evening, the games being played at three tables. Miss V. Pearson, Mr. L. Henry and Miss M. Stoffer were the most successful and received favors. A repast was served at the tables.
The Eastern Stars had an oyster supper Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. A. Ivy.
Mrs. Mary Pearson was to call on Mrs. Hobbs on Wednesday afternoon.
Miss M. Terry was calling Thursday afternoon in East Moline.
Mrs. L. Black had company in Friday evening for supper.
Mr. W. Morrison entertained at dinner Friday evening in honor of Dr. Slaughter.
Friday evening the drafted men were the honored guests at a reception in Armory hall. Mr. A. Dawson presided at the program which was given. Short speeches were given by Clark's band, where the Progressive

Art club ladies had a banquet in honor of our soldier boys. Saturday afternoon about 2:30 they departed for Camp Dodge. There were many mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, friends and sweethearts at the station to see Mayor W. McConchie, J. K. Scott, J. C. Searle and Rev. Boyd. At the conclusion of the program they were escorted to the Masonic hall by them off. Before the train got in Clark's band played some pretty lively pieces so the boys wouldn't get the homesickness blues.
Saturday evening a few gents entertained their lady friends at a dancing party at Burris' printing office.
We have another hairdresser in our city. She was away and learned her trade and is ready for business. You can reach her by phone. Mrs. L. Black is her name.
Miss M. Terry has returned from Galesburg, where she attended a dance Saturday evening. She reported a swell time.
The P. H. W. club will be entertained at the home of Miss B. Edmonds on November 8th.
Mr. Clyde R. Brannon, first lieutenant of the 79th division of Camp Meade, Maryland, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. Perkins on Sunday, October 28th.

ALBIA NEWS.
(Last Week.)

Mr. McClain of Des Moines was an over Sunday visitor in Albia.
Rev. J. W. Dowden conducted Epworth League service Sunday evening.
Miss Bernice Jones conducted prayer service Tuesday evening.
Mrs. Alice Robinson is visiting in Des Moines this week with her daughter.
Mrs. Effie Brown of Des Moines is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Virge Burns, in Hocking.
Mr. Tommy Robinson of Hocking is in Cincinnati. He is also suffering from an attack of la grippe and is expected home as soon as recovered.
Mr. Oscar Roper expects to move his family from Albia to Hocking in the near future, which will be a loss to Albia, as Mr. Roper is quite active in society and church work in Albia. They hope to see her often with us.
The Red Cross ladies of Albia entertained twenty-five colored soldiers Friday, October 26th, at their hall. The speakers of the evening were as follows: W. S. Richmond, Hon. Geo. H. Woodson, E. T. Evert Music furnished by the Glee club and lunch served by the Red Cross ladies. There was a number of Buxton people over.
Out of town visitors in Albia on Sunday were as follows: Mr. Alonzo King, Joe King and Robt. Parker of Buxton, Mr. Walter Williams and Rev. Green of Washington.
Mr. William Miller, who was hurt in Buxton and brought to Albia to the hospital, is much better.
Mrs. Mabel Robinson of Hocking entertained at dinner Sunday for Mrs. Tennessee Robinson and Mr. McClain.
Miss Alberta Robinson, who attends the Albia high school, spent Sunday in Hocking with her parents, Mrs. Mabel Robinson.
The Ewing Circle club met at the home of Mrs. Hattie Bennings on Monday afternoon, October 28th. After business a two-course lunch was served by the hostess. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Delia Thomas, president; Mrs. Mabel Robinson, vice president; Mrs. Hattie Benning, secretary; Miss Ada Davis, assistant secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Hollingsworth, treasurer. Meeting every two weeks on Monday afternoons.
Many strangers in town the past week.
(This Week.)
The K. of P. Hallowe'en social at

their hall on October 31st was a success and a very nice crowd from Hite-man, Buxton and Hocking was in attendance. The decorations were in autumn leaves and corn stalks and emblems of the different flags of countries, the art of Mr. Chas. Washington. Prizes for mass characters were first prize to Miss Edith Harris, the Indian lassie, second prize to Mr. Lawrence Butler, representing Charlie Chaplin. The next prizes given were for money collected, awarded to Miss Edith Harris, who handed in \$9.50, the prize a gold bracelet; second prize to Miss Bernice Jones, amount handed in \$2.50, second prize a toilet set.
The Epworth League of the A. M. E. church was assisted on Sunday evening by the Epworth League of the Friends church (white) of this city. Thirty in number came down and assisted in conducting the services, also six from Buxton, came over and attended services, Mrs. Ball, four young ladies and one young man. Mr. Burns and Mr. Edmond of Hocking were in to services.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grayson of Hocking, No. 3, were in Albia on Saturday. Quite a few strangers in town the past week.

SIoux CITY, IOWA.

The Mt. Zion Baptist church has been having a rally. They were very successful in raising \$273.
Mr. P. Louner, who was called to the colors, entertained at a farewell reception Friday evening, October 27. During the evening many of his friends called to wish him good luck and a safe return.
The series of revival meetings which have been conducted at the A. M. E. church have been closed.
Mr. G. Smith has gone to St. Louis to visit friends.
Mrs. J. D. Anthony, who has been residing in St. Louis, is expected to return to spend the winter in the city.
Presiding Elder Farabee preached at Malone Chapel on Sunday morning, while Rev. M. B. Jones preached in the evening.

BUXTON MEN CALLED TO COLORS.

The first increment of Negroes of the new national army men from Buxton, Monroe county, Iowa, entrained for Camp Dodge at Albia on Saturday morning, October 27th. They were: James Rodgers, Clarence Boston, Elick Harvil, Wm. Clarence Price, Walter Frazier, Charles Garland, William Washington, Joseph N. Nicholas, Edgar Harris, Harry Miller, Earnest Eugene Carr, Herford Thomas, Herman Burks, Lawrence Bryant, Jr., William Washington, John McCoy, Benjamin Hubbar, Arthur Earl Brown, Nathan Glenn, Robert Lee Qualls, Samuel A. Rhodes. On Thursday evening, October 25, the Buxton Y. M. C. A., assisted by the ladies of the Self-Culture club, paid tribute to these men in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. They assembled with friends and admirers around specially prepared tables, and after an excellent repast were addressed by Attorney Jas A. Spears, Prof. A. J. Hicks and Secretary J. E. Mills. Beautiful canvases bound pocket testaments were presented to each of the honor men at the close of the program by Secretary J. E. Mills. On Friday afternoon they reported to the local board of Monroe county at Albia, and in the evening, together with their white comrades included in the first fifty-five per cent of the call from Monroe county, were entertained at Woodman hall by the business men of Albia, assisted by the adies of the canteen committee of the Albia chapter of the Red Cross. An excellent musical and speaking program was rendered. Attorneys W. T. Richmond, George H.

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Woodson and F. D. Everett spoke in inspiring and laudatory terms. The Albia Glee club thrilled all present with patriotic songs. Atty. D. W. Bates was master of ceremonies and displayed that high sense of patriotic zeal so characteristic of the true exponents of genuine democracy. The ladies served a delicious lunch and the mutual exchange of sincere greetings in the social intermingling after the program was indicative of the real spirit of democracy. That democracy would gladly sacrifice his life, his all. The friends from Buxton repaired to the court house at the close of the formal entertainment at Woodman hall, where final words of encouragement, admonition and God-speed were spoken by Secretary J. E. Mills of the Y. M. C. A. of Buxton.

CLINTON, IOWA.

The stewardess of Bethel A. M. E. church celebrated Stewardess day on Sunday, October 21st, with an interesting program rendered at the evening service.
Mrs. Aline Henderson has been confined to her home for several days on account of illness.
The Boys' Volunteer club of Bethel A. M. E. church met the trustees on Monday evening and presented them with \$5.00 with which to assist in the liquidation of their indebtedness, for which they were thankful.
The friends of Mrs. M. O. Culbertson regret to know that she was compelled to again enter Agatha hospital for treatment this week. Hopes for the best are entertained.
The officers of Bethel A. M. E. church met Monday night to arrange for the annual Thanksgiving dinner, electing the following committee: Chairman, M. O. Culbertson; assistant chairman, J. T. Culbertson; secretary and treasurer, A. A. Bush; ticket collector, Charles Thompson.
Sherman S. Furr, traveling representative of the Newport training school at Newport News, Va., was in Clinton last week Sunday evening he gave a short talk at Bethel A. M. E. church.
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Mrs. J. B. Easley and Miss Ruth Weaver of Racine, Wis., are guests at the home of the parents of the former, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Robinson, on DeWitt street.

Schiller Emerson was in Chicago recently on business.
A new choir was organized recently for Bethel church. The following officers were elected: Director, A. A. Bush; assistant director, Mrs. Aletha Stewart; secretary, Miss Bessie Stewart; treasurer, Mrs. Frances Culbertson; organist, Miss Bessie Stewart; assistant organist, Mrs. Aletha Stewart.
Master Bige Junkins, a blind genius, appeared at the Second Baptist church on Monday evening, October 29th.
J. N. Hancock of Morrison, Ill., was in Clinton last week.

ROCK ISLAND NEWS.

The presiding elder committee is giving a patriotic concert at the A. M. E. church Tuesday, November 20. Miss M. Stoffer was hostess Thursday evening to the P. H. W. club. Miss F. Pearson, Mr. Garland and Miss V. Pearson received the favors. At a late hour a dainty repast was served at the three tables.
Sunday afternoon a large number of our colored people were present at the football game to see the colored star who played with the Minneapolis marines.
Mrs. D. Bowen was surprised Tuesday evening by a few of her friends.
Mr. M. Pennington passed away at the tuberculosis hospital Saturday evening. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the home of his sister. Interment in Chippianock cemetery.
Mrs. F. Perkins' brother of Cedar Rapids is sick at her home.
The A. M. E. church took in Sunday morning as members Mrs. Channon and Mr. D. McGinnis.
Mrs. P. O. Stuchell Tells How She Cured Her Son of a Cold.
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