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EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

By John L. Thompson.

Macon, Mo., is a beautiful little town of about six or eight thousand, the county seat of Macon county. Here is located the Western Baptist college, which was formerly presided over by Prof. E. L. Scruggs, who was succeeded by Prof. L. Garnett until last year that veteran scholar and educator, Prof. I. E. Page, who at one time was principal of Lincoln Institute and recently from Oklahoma was selected as principal of this college, and since he took charge last year the school has been steadily growing. Prof. Page appeals to the Baptists throughout the middle west and northwest to support this very deserving school. The college has a beautiful campus and is well located. Prof. Pyrtle is one of the new teachers here. I cannot name the entire faculty of this worthy institution. There are two colored churches here, the Baptist and A. M. E., both doing nicely. Prof. E. W. Perkins, a veteran school teacher of this city and who was one of the pioneer teachers of this state, died a few months ago. He was a Mason of high standing, well liked by all who knew him. His remains were taken to his home in Trenton, Mo. He leaves a wife and two young children and a host of friends to mourn his death. Mrs. Annie McElroy still lives at her beautiful home on South Allen street. They have a very intelligent family. Mr. and Mrs. Ance are still living in their home. Mrs. Lucy Harris is still agent for the Bystander and is a student at the Western college. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Adams are still living at their nice home, 121 Missouri street. They have recently opened a confectionery store. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson are living in his nice home on Rutherford street. They are still running their grocery store out near the college. Mr. Neff is still in the house moving business, doing well. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, 318 So. Pinkard street, own valuable property and are doing nicely. In fact, most all of the colored people here own their own homes, some having very valuable property.

We next stopped in Kirksville, Mo. This is principally a college town, as

there are two or three white colleges located here. Only a few colored people live here. They have one teacher, Prof. C. E. Johnson, a bright young man. There are two churches, the Methodist and Baptist. They seem to be moving along fairly well. Mr. Madison still lives at 411 W. Filmore, also Mr. M. Hockaday owns valuable property. W. M. Harrison is a successful man. Mr. H. W. Colby is a wide-awake man.

We next stopped in Centerville, Iowa, and found the people about the same as last year. There is one church here the Baptist and they are doing well under the leadership of Rev. Carrington. Mrs. A. L. Crittenden is still our agent. She is quite active in this part of the state in behalf of the Bystander. Mr. Joe Brock is still here, also Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Baker. They own a nice home on West Garfield street. Mr. Geo. D. Johnson owns valuable property. Most of the men work at the different coal mines and are drawing good wages. Mr. C. J. Reed is still doing well. Mr. L. Smithers is also still here. Mr. Price just recently lost his wife. He owns a truck garden in the outskirts of town. Mrs. Mary McDonald still lives at South Nineteenth street. W. H. Thompkins is still living at his valuable home on West Franklin street. He is one of the highly respected citizens of this town. H. A. White is doing well. Mr. Carey Noah is doing nicely. He and his brother own valuable property. Mr. Richard Good is one of the pioneer and highly respected citizens here.

Next week will finish our observations for 1917. It will include a very interesting letter from Buxton and other mining camps near Des Moines.

For That Dull Feeling After Eating.
I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating.—David Freeman, Kempt, Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve the digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills but cost no more. For sale by all dealers.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.
(Last Week.)
Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Thorpe are ill. Mr and Mrs. Brown of Muscatine are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Robert Thompson.
Mrs. Ruth Steele was married to Mr. Arthur Williams recently.
Mrs. Lelia Brown of Minneapolis is visiting her father, Mr. James Warren, 922 S. Eighth street.
Mrs. S. V. Holley of Chicago is visiting friends in the city.
Cedar Court, No. 10, Order of Calanthe, gave a successful entertainment November 29th.
Mrs. Major Culbertson and Miss Williams of Davenport are guests of Mrs. Raymond Jackson, Miss Williams being Mrs. Jackson's sister.
Mrs. Maud Milton of Ottumwa is the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Warren, 912 Ninth avenue.
Mrs. W. L. Warren entertained at Sunday dinner Mrs. Maud Milton of Ottumwa, Mrs. L. Brown of Minneapolis and Miss Fern Martin.
Mrs. Major Culbertson and Miss Williams of Davenport were entertained at dinner Thursday by Mrs. C. Harrison, 819 S. Sixth street.
Mr. Charles Groff and Miss Gertrude McBride of Macomb, Ill., were married Thanksgiving day. Miss McBride was very popular with the younger set. She also conducted a hairdressing parlor.
Mrs. Gertrude Seymour was hostess to the Art and Literature club Monday afternoon. A two-course luncheon was served.
Miss Voleta London of Buxton stopped in the city en route from Iowa City.
(This Week.)
Mrs. Lelia Brown of Minneapolis returned home Monday.
Mrs. Maud Milton of Ottumwa returned home Thursday, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Warren.
Mrs. Nora Taylor, the noted evangelist, of Chicago, conducted a ten days' revival. The extreme cold weather prevented many from attending these meetings.
Master Delmas Gray was removed to his home from Mercy hospital, where an operation was performed for the removal of tonsils and adenoids. He is doing nicely.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roberts, 1124 N. Sixth street West, celebrated their twenty-fourth anniversary of their marriage December 5th. Hours from 3 to 5 and 8 to 12. A two-course luncheon was served between hours, both afternoon and evening. Miss Ruth Boyd served punch. Music in the evening by Jackson's orchestra. Mrs. Roberts received many beautiful presents.
Mrs. Tate of Chicago, Ill., was the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. A. Roberts, 1124 N. Sixth street West.
Mrs. Ada Wade and Mr. Wm. Green were married Tuesday.
Mrs. Mattie Butler was hostess to the J. S. Y. club Wednesday afternoon.
Bethel Brotherhood were entertained Sunday afternoon by the president, W. H. Lavell.
Mrs. Dolly Washington of Burlington is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Milligan.
Mrs. A. G. Jackson entertained at dinner Tuesday for Mrs. Maud Milton of Ottumwa, Mrs. S. V. Holley of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Kate Nance of Chillicothe, Mo., Mrs. Kate Williams and Mrs. Hattie Raspberry.

KIRKSVILLE, MO.
Rev. Anderson preached two excellent sermons Sunday.
Rev. Bratton of Western college, Macon, Mo., preached at the Second Baptist church at Kirksville on Sunday.
Rev. C. B. Johnson preached at Edina on Sunday.
Miss Maude Henderson will return from the hospital to her home today.
Mrs. Ruth Wess is indisposed at this writing.
Mr. and Mrs. Selden Bell are the proud parents of a nice baby boy, weighing eight pounds, and mother and baby are doing very well. The baby's name is Leroy Bell.
Mrs. Stephens, the hairdresser, is here doing hair work. She is stopping at Mrs. Harrison Corsey's.
The Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. Laura Richards. All expect to have a pleasant time.
Mrs. C. B. Johnson has a touch of bronchitis.

"Alma Mater."
The phrase "alma mater," as applied to colleges and universities, is said to have originated in the University of Bonn, Germany. A statue of the Mother of Christ—the alma mater, or beloved mother, stands over the doorway of that famous seat of learning. From it the phrase received its origin.

Jewish Armies Conscripted
On the approach of an enemy the Jewish army was recruited by a conscription made from the tribes under the direction of a mustermaster, by whom also the officers were appointed. The army was divided into thousands and hundreds under their respective captains (Numbers 31; 20:14; Numbers 2:34; II Chronicles 25:5; 20:12).

For Sleeplessness.
Drink a cupful of hot cocoa, without sugar, just before retiring, and you will not be troubled with sleeplessness.

Extraordinary Xmas Gift

A CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT WILL BE OF LASTING BENEFIT.

We will make this Holiday Combination offer for anyone sending us \$2.00: Can get the Bystander for 1 year, also a copy of the new book, entitled "History and Views of the Fort Des Moines Officers' Training Camp," which gives a brief history of our colored commissioned officers in the U. S. This offer will last about thirty days, beginning December 15. So send in to this office at once.

This is a good opportunity to get a useful and valuable book for one-half the regular price.

J. L. Thompson, Des Moines, Ia.

CENTERVILLE NEWS.
Rev. M. Carrington preached two soul-stirring sermons Sunday and both were well attended.
Mrs. L. D. Price entertained a few of her friends Thursday evening in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Young, of Portland, Oregon.
The entertainment given by the Benevolence on Saturday night proved to be quite a success.
Mrs. A. L. Crittenden was alloted to Omaha, Neb., Sunday morning on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. E. Bell. Mrs. Crittenden and daughter, Olive, left Monday morning at 6:30 for Omaha, Neb.
The Benevolence will be entertained Thursday evening by Bro. J. H. Hicks at his home on E. Jackson street.

Mrs. Stella Nash, Bro. J. Saunders and Mrs. Saunders are improved at this writing.
Rev. M. Carrington left for Mt. Pleasant on Monday morning, where the board will meet, starting Tuesday morning.

To Make Screws Hold.
When screws are driven into a plaster wall they may be made firm enough to hold considerable weight if they be withdrawn, wrapped with cotton string and dipped into plaster of paris until sufficient adheres to fill the hole in the wall and to permit some of it to be forced behind the plaster. This latter forms a plug that holds the screw firm.

CHRISTMAS TREES

At the low prices for Christmas Trees every family should have one. They are the least expensive item in Christmas shopping, and yet they are the most appreciated by the children. We have a choice lot of nursery grown trees, much more symmetrical and sturdier than the small trees cut from the forest. Call and choose the one you want and it will be delivered at your convenience. Price list mailed free to out-of-town customers.

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209-211 Walnut St. DES MOINES, IOWA
EAST DES MOINES BRANCH, 416 East Locust Street



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"THE BANK FOR ALL THE PEOPLE"
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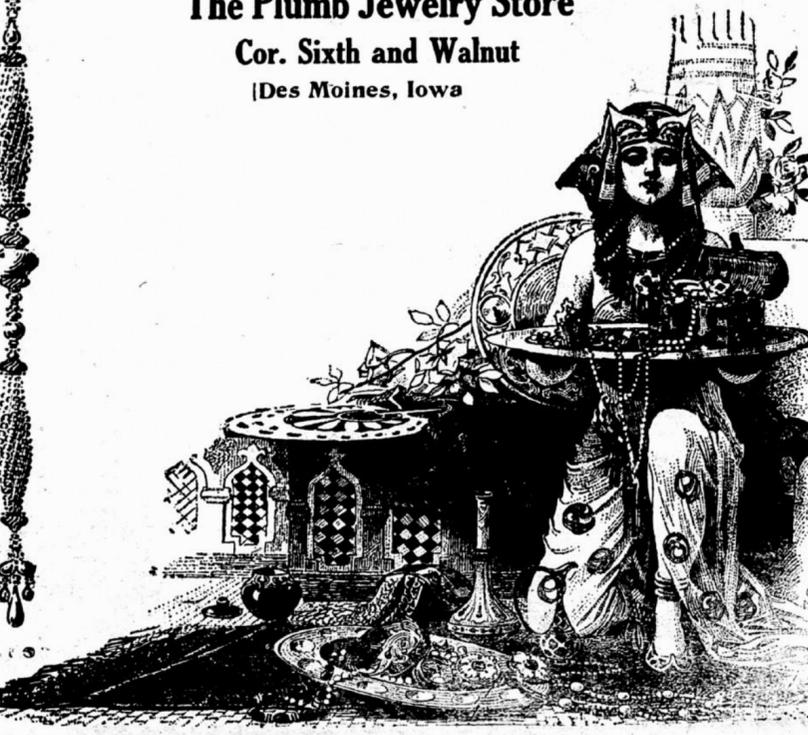
There is a fine sentiment that accompanies the gift of jewelry, watches and diamonds that makes them especially appropriate for Christmas gifts.

There is the evident wish that the gift shall be a lasting as well as a pleasing one.

At Plumb's you can always be sure of quality, no matter how inexpensive the article may be. Our prices on Hamilton and Elgin watches will prove especially interesting to you. Ladies' bracelet watches are a large feature of our stock, and you will be interested in the unusual variety and range of price.

Remember, the guarantee of the "Oldest Jewelry Store in Des Moines" is back of every diamond, watch or piece of jewelry purchased at this establishment.

The Plumb Jewelry Store
Cor. Sixth and Walnut
Des Moines, Iowa



Put the Dollar to Work.
When a manufacturer or other producer of real wealth does a profitable business and turns his profits back into the business, he gives employment to men and creates more real wealth as he progresses year by year. He does more real good for his fellowmen than he would if he gave all his profits in charity, because it is better to make people self-supporting and independent than it is to give them something for nothing no matter how worthy the motives may be.

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.

The Majestic Magnolia.
There is no suggestion of timidity or coyness about the magnolia. It never appears in the role of offering an apology for being alive. No explanations are required. Like an independent, self-respecting citizen it faces the world unafraid. In kingly majesty it stands, an inspiring masterpiece of grandeur, an unparalleled display of nature's sublime handwork.

Apes From Ceylon.
Apes mentioned in the Bible in I Kings 10:22, and II Chronicles 10:21, were brought to Palestine from Ceylon, the same country which supplied ivory and peacocks.