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By Gus Durdan, Des Moines, Iowa  
Son's Diary.

### SERIES NO. 8.

There are men in this camp from all parts of the country, and they bring with them jokes from their section of the U. S. A. Most of these tell of the hatred of the races in the south. Although some are very much exaggerated, yet they are worth recording.

One boy tells the following story of the rural district of east Mississippi: "One day I was walking down a track, and noticed an old Negro fastened to a plow. I asked him what he was doing there in the rain pulling a plow. He told me that for years he and Beck, his boss' mule, had pulled that plow over that field, but as it was raining that day, the mule had been left in the stable, and he had to pull the plow alone." He also tells that in certain parts of the south it is against the law for a black mule to kick a white mule. Another man added that in the part of Georgia from which he had come, when a Negro man passed a white mule on the street he had to say, Good morning, Mr. Mule.

A boy from Ohio tells this story of his experience in Cordwood, S. C.: "We were in the Barnum & Bailey band wagon. All of us were dressed in red suits trimmed with green, and were in a gilded wagon. Soon a number of pecks congregated around us. One of their number said: "Say, you shines will have to come down out of that gold wagon. We won't ride in them and we are not going to let you shines ride in them. And another thing, you will have to take off them good looking clothes, and take them gold horns out of your mouths. They dressed us in jeans and put us in an old wagon, telling us that we could play, but not those gold horns."

One night a Negro boy was walking past when he heard footsteps approaching. "Halt!" he commanded. "Who comes there?" "The officer of the day," a voice answered. "What in the devil are you doing out tonight?" the boy returned. (To be continued.)

### MACON, MO., NEWS.

Class number 1 of the Vine Street and Broadway Baptist Sunday school presented Mrs. Mary A. Smith of Keokuk, Iowa, a splendid Bible Sunday school presented Mrs. Mary A. Smith of Keokuk, Iowa, a splendid Bible on Sunday morning. Mrs. Smith has done splendid work along the Christian line during her stay in our city, and we are sorry indeed to see her depart from us. Her son, Overt, came Sunday to accompany her home. She leaves Friday for her home in Keokuk.

Mrs. Douglas Braxton entertained at a supper Mrs. M. A. Smith and daughter, Hernandez, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. L. Underwood and sister, Miss Lois Patrick, and Mrs. E. Berry and Mr. G. Rutherford. Sunday was Covenant meeting day at the Vine Street and Broadway Baptist church, also baptizing by the Rev. J. W. L. Underwood. The candidates were Mrs. L. Rhoades, Miss Elsie Stillwell and Master Edward Harris. A glorious meeting was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. R. N. Pyrtle, who has been ill, is able to be out again. Mrs. C. Alice Harris spent Sunday in Moberly, Mo. Rev. A. R. Fox preached two excellent sermons Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Harris were the proud receivers of a beautiful box of Easter lilies sent to them from Oakland, California, by their son, J. E. Harris, of that city. These lilies were grown in Mr. Harris' yard. Miss Ora Finney is visiting friends in Fulton, Mo.

A beautiful photo of a baby and his dog was that of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson of this city. Miss Irene Howard has returned from a visit to Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. E. Oliver and Mrs. Susan Mott have returned from a trip to St. Louis, Mo.

Lieutenant Norman Houston, who is in the officers' training camp at Fort Riley, Kansas, is expected in our city soon for a visit. Mr. James G. Gordon, who is in the training camp in Anniston, Ala., will arrive in our city soon.

Mr. Gless Hudge, who has been employed in our city for a few months, departed for his home in Dalton, Mo. Mrs. John Green is able to be out again, after a spell of illness. Miss Edna Harris is able to be out again, after a spell of illness.

Here it is war time and conservation on every hand and yet you Macon people expect the paper to run on. I haven't got the money; will pay next Saturday, and that Saturday never comes. Pay your dues and subscribe for the Bystander.

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### SIoux CITY, IOWA.

Miss Ora Saunders expects to leave Tuesday, April 9th, for Des Moines for a short stay. Mrs. Jennie Johnson is much improved at this writing. Mr. Joseph Dixon is very sick at this writing, also Mrs. J. Boyd and Mr. Howard Hill.

Others who have been ill, but are improved, are Mrs. E. Ward, Mrs. H. Hill and Miss G. Talbot. Mrs. A. Webb, who has been spending some time in Hot Springs, Ark., is expected home soon. The proceeds of the pew rally at the Malone chapel were \$80, instead of \$71, as was formerly stated.

Next Sunday, April 14th, will be quarterly meeting day at Malone chapel. Presiding Elder Ferrabee is expected to be in our midst. I wish to express my appreciation to the kind friends and neighbors for their sympathetic assistance tendered my brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hill, during their recent illness.

### CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

Among the Easter guests that were in the city were Messrs. Edwards and Cook of the S. U. I. at Iowa City. The Easter program at Bethel A. M. E. church was very good. A neat sum was realized by the efforts put forth by the children. Miss Rebecca Saunders of Marion visited friends in the city Easter. Misses London and Newcome, students in the S. U. I., were guests Easter.

The "Easter Nest" entertainment given by Cedar Court, No. 10, O. of C., was a success. Mrs. Elnora Gresham made a business trip to Des Moines last week. Mr. Harrison Gould, grand chancellor commander, K. of P., was in the city Monday. Dorothy Warren, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Warren, 912 Ninth street, is ill.

Revival services continue at Mt. Zion Baptist church. Rev. Corey of St. Joseph, Mo., is expected next week. Mr. Sam Alnutt, who is working in Jefferson, visited relatives Saturday and Sunday, returning to Jefferson on Monday.

Mrs. Kate Nance, who has been at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lulu Horne, expects to leave for her home in Chillicothe, Mo., on Wednesday.

Whooping Cough. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is excellent.



### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

Ninety branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, scattered throughout the country in all the principal cities, are to join from April 17 to 27 in a nation-wide "Moorfield Storey Drive" for 50,000 members. This membership drive has been undertaken by these branches as a testimonial to Moorfield Storey of Boston, the association's president, in recognition of his service to the colored people of the nation in the Louisville segregation case. In that case compulsory residential segregation of colored people was declared unconstitutional by unanimous decision of the supreme court of the United States, handed down last November. The colored people and their friends declare the anti-segregation victory to be the greatest legal landmark affecting the Negro since the fifteenth amendment was enacted.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded on Lincoln's birthday, 1909, and has its headquarters in New York. From its New York office an appeal for public support in its membership campaign is made in the following statement issued today: "The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People appeals to all fair-minded citizens, white and colored, to join with it in the effort to secure simple justice under the law for our colored citizens. They represent over one-tenth of our American citizenship. The National

Association for the Advancement of Colored People is making a nationwide appeal for membership, not on any narrow grounds of race or class privilege, but on the broad ground of justice, of equal protection of all citizens under the law without distinction of race or creed or class. The maintenance of these just principles is of equal interest to all classes of citizens and an essential element of national strength. We therefore feel justified in asking all classes of citizens to join our association for this common principle of justice and civil liberty. The association admits members upon payment of any amount from one dollar per year upwards.

"The association feels that the American people have a right to be proud of the one hundred thousand colored soldiers now serving in the regular army and the national army. As a result of an active campaign on the part of this association an officers' training camp for colored men was inaugurated at Des Moines, Iowa, as a consequence of which nearly seven hundred Negro officers were commissioned.

"The association, through an anti-lynching fund contributed by believers in law and order, investigates as many cases as possible of lynching and mob violence, gives publicity to the facts regarding them, and endeavors to arouse public opinion against the mob spirit. Annually, through the gift of the chairman of the board of directors of the association, the Spingarn medal is awarded for the highest or noblest achievement by a Negro American during the preceding year."

### LA BELLE, MO.

(Special to the Bystander.) Rev. Harris of Macon, Mo., filled his regular appointment Sunday. Services were largely attended all day.

Mrs. Inez Smith entertained a number of friends at a birthday party in honor of her husband. The evening was spent in games. Dainty refreshments were served. All departed at a late hour, wishing Mr. Smith many more happy birthdays. The dance given by Messrs. Alex

Smith, Dock Manley and Geo. Hazelwood was a grand success and largely attended. Music was furnished by D. W. Taylor and James Campbell of Canton, Mo.

Mr. Edward Hoder, who accompanied his invalid grandmother to Kansas City, Kans., has returned to again resume his school duties. His vacancy during his absence was filled by his wife, Mrs. A. W. Holder. Private Frank O. Eston of Camp Funston was home on a furlough recently. He received a warm welcome by all his old friends.

Mrs. Jennie Ball, who has been at the home of her brother, John Holder, helping to care for their invalid mother, has departed for Alton, Ill., to live with her daughter.

Mrs. Mackie Johnson of Knox City was visiting old friends in town Thursday.

Mrs. K. Ellis and daughter, Mrs. E. V. Holder, were called to Memphis, Mo., to be at the bedside of the former's son, who passed away the 26th of March. Mrs. Holder has returned home, but Mrs. Ellis will make an indefinite stay with her daughter. Mr. O. Irving and wife, who were summoned to the bedside of his father in Memphis, Mo., have returned home.

### ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Zoe Hollingworth and little son are visiting for the past two weeks at the home of Mrs. Allie Bowman in Muscatine, Iowa.

Mrs. Mabel Robinson was in Albia from Hocking on Friday. The Independent Sewing Circle club met at the home of Mrs. G. A. Davis on Sunday afternoon. An interesting program, and their delegate to the State Federation was elected. The president, Mrs. Delia Thomas, and Mrs. Hattie Bennings as delegate.

The sister of Mrs. Pearl Thomas spent the past week visiting in Albia before going to Buxton. Mrs. Chas. Washington made a business trip to Hocking on Sunday. Mr. LeRoy Grayson and family was in Albia on Sunday.

### GALESBURG, ILL.

Rev. Garrison delivered two sermons Sunday on behalf of the Liberty loan day. A large crowd was present morning and evening.

Rev. Garrison reports a grand time in Peoria, where he went to attend a patriotic meeting. The Garrison club will meet in the parlors of the church Friday afternoon.

Mrs. I. Green and daughter, Vivian, spent Thursday in Monmouth, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Anderson. A large number are planning to attend the dance in Keokuk on Wednesday, April 10th.

Mrs. F. Wilder and baby of Clinton returned home last week. Mr. Shepard spent Sunday in Peoria.

Mr. Bozier of Bushnell was a visitor at Allen Chapel Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. L. Early are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. L. Leonard is attending art school in Chicago. Mrs. I. Washington, Mrs. E. Allen and Mrs. V. King were taken to the hospital seriously ill.

Mr. Tilford Gash, who is in the sanitarium, is getting along nicely. Mrs. I. Irvin and Miss E. Mitchell are on the sick list.

Mrs. G. Dunlap entertained a number of friends at a whist party Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. Bell and son, Walter, and Mr. and Mrs. W. King visited their son and brother, Arthur, who is in camp at Des Moines.

A large number attended the party at the home of Miss I. Shoots given by the M. C. T. club. The evening was spent in dancing. All report a grand time.

### ROCK ISLAND NEWS.

Mrs. E. Lewis from Port Byron was home Friday visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. Simmons of Milwaukee, Wis., departed for her home Saturday evening. Mrs. M. Golden, Mrs. J. Slaughter and Miss B. Edmonds are still on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Kelly are the proud parents of a fine baby boy. Mother and baby doing nicely. Mrs. S. Terry, who has been real sick, is up and getting along fine.

Louis Windsor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Windsor, was home to spend his Easter vacation with his parents. Some of the colored soldiers who are in Moline for a while were down here Thursday and also attended the skating rink Friday evening.

Mrs. Ivy, who was sick, is all right again. Mrs. D. Travis and her daughter are on the sick list.

Mrs. F. Patterson spent two or three days with her mother. The trustees' entertainment Thursday, April 4th, was a success. The old folks' concert will be given later on.

Mrs. M. Clay has been sick, but is better at this writing. Mr. G. Taggart was over from Davenport on Sunday to see his lady friend.

Don't forget the date of the calendar tea, which is May 28th, at the Masonic hall. It is something new, so go and see what it is like.

The Progressive Art club met on Thursday afternoon, April 3, at the home of Mrs. C. Golden, Jr. The time

was spent sewing and later lunch was served.

The first spring party of the season will be held Thursday evening, April 18th, at the Baptist church by the Lend a Helping Hand Circle. Don't forget it.

### CENTERVILLE NEWS.

Mr. Wm. Carter, who has been sick for some time, passed away Tuesday morning, April 2, at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. Childs. He was 33 years old at the time of his death. Funeral services were held at the home Thursday, April 4th, preached by Rev. M. Carrington. He was laid to rest in the Oakland cemetery. Relatives from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Hale and Mr. Cook and several other out of town friends attended the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. John Childs wish to extend their many thanks to the friends during the sickness and death of their son, Wm. Carter, also their beautiful floral offerings.

A large number is reported on the sick list this week with the new la grippe. Mrs. Susie Williams of this city and Mr. John Davis of Diamond, Iowa, were married in Kirksville, Mo., Monday, April 1. They returned to this city Monday, where they will make their home on East Jackson street at the home of the bride, who had a real nice home well furnished.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Mayfield, who have been seriously sick, are reported much better. Mrs. Mildred Mayfield and Mrs. Daisy Bandy were calling on friends Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Marshall is growing worse at this writing. Sunday was a beautiful day and services were well attended, having one joiner.

Revival has now started at the Second Baptist church and Rev. O. B. Smith of Oskaloosa is expected in the city the first of next week to assist Rev. M. Carrington with the meeting.

Mrs. Ada Childs and Mrs. Lizzie Taylor went to Des Moines and other points last week. Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mayfield have moved from Jackson street to East Maple street and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark have occupied their home.

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