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KIRKSVILLE, MO. (Special to Bystander.)

LOVE.
I am Beauty's white flame;
Home is my altar-place;
I weave all worthy fame,
And light each gifted face.

VALUES.
I am glad day through
For the faith of you,
In the simple lay
I sing today.
I am glad day through
For the Love of you,—
All the weary mile
Now bloom and smile.

MOTHER AND CHILD.
The two I never see,
But that I yearn and long
To pierce the mystery,
Or hear her cradle song.
—C. Bertram Johnson.

OTTUMWA BRIEFS.

The quarantine is still on here and will not be raised this week, according to a statement by the board of health. The influenza is raging here. Several hundred cases have been reported. An exact report of deaths has not as yet been made, although there will be more than fifty up to date.

Miss Etta Seary, who has been visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson, has returned to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where she will resume her studies at Wesleyan College after the strict quarantine on account of influenza.

Quite a bit of overseas mail has been received this past week from relatives and friends over there.

Fortune has indeed favored the race people as very few light cases of influenza have been reported among them, and only one death.

Mr. Ovie Gooch has left the city for an indefinite period, for McComb, Ill., where he has secured a well paying position.

CENTERVILLE NEWS.

Sunday was a beautiful day and the church services were well attended. Had good services all day and good collections. The pastor was able to be out after a few days of illness.

Also Mr. L. Kernly is able to be out. Mrs. Ben Baker and grandson, Master Ralph Storkey, returned home from a visit in Winsor, Mo., last week. She reported her sister, Mrs. Warren Middlecuff, and family much improved after a severe attack of Spanish flu.

Mr. D. F. Brown of Mystic visited in the city with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown and his grandson, William Edward Brown.

Mrs. Tillie Mayfield and Mrs. Susie Davis got first prizes for the best seamstresses in Red Cross work. The Red Cross women are doing great work and much credit is due them.

Mrs. Clara Jones and son, Theodore, and niece, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, left for Des Moines, Iowa, for a few days visit with Mrs. C. C. Johnson and other relatives.

Rev. Woods and Mr. Preston of Mystic attended services here Sunday.

The Mission Circle met Tuesday evening in its regular business meeting. The meeting was well attended. The Circle is making a service flag in honor of our boys in service and it will be presented some time in the near future with a prepared program for the occasion.

Mrs. Emma Johnson and daughter, Dessie, were visiting in Mystic Thursday.

There will be a social given Saturday evening for the benefit of the church. Sister A. L. Crittenden, chairman.

Those reported on the sick list are Sister M. J. Thompkins, little Wm. Storkey, Jr., and Sister Edna Hicks Baker.

The C. C. Band seems to be doing nicely with their leader, Mr. Sam Lee. The collector will call on all that owe their back subscription. Please look for her and save some money. She will call after pay day. We need the money.

The quarantine has been lifted now for a week and everything is moving along nicely. Hope there will be nothing else to close up everything.

Several letters have been received from the boys overseas saying they are enjoying the best of health and say they are glad to have a few lines from home.

Miss Christine Crittenden received some very pretty souvenirs from Mr. Homey Clark, one of the boys overseas.

Sister Julia Corrington, who has had a very sore hand, is much improved and she is able to use it now.

With peace in sight, as we think, let's not stop for there is lots of service work yet for us to do, and let's all still keep our trust in God. He will bring peace in due time.

DAVENPORT ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Brown have returned from Camp Grant, where they visited Mr. Brown's brother, L. T. Smith, who leaves very soon for Camp Upton. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were favorably impressed with what they say at Camp Grant.

Mr. B. F. Hopkins has been on the sick list but is reported as recovering.

Mr. Eugene Ballard has accepted a position with the People's Light Co.

Mr. W. M. Foster has been confined to his room several days with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed have purchased the property at 413 W. 9th St. and will take possession soon.

Bethel A. M. E. church has been closed three weeks on account of the influenza, but through the activity of the pastor, Rev. S. B. Moore, and the officers the financial side of the church has been taken care of nicely.

Mr. Henry Proctor suffered a stroke of Paralysis and is in a serious condition.

Mrs. Florence White has been a victim of the toothache and has suffered terribly.

Work on the Rock Island arsenal is bringing many strangers to the city.

Mr. Levi Cunningham is home from the hospital. His conditions is not improved.

Mr. Logan Onicy is out of the city to attend the funeral of his mother, who passed away at her home last Thursday.

Mrs. C. H. Marshall received a letter from Lieut. Allen Bean, stationed at Camp Hancock, Ga., in which he says he is getting on fine and enjoying his work.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

By John L. Thompson.

Macon City, the county seat of Macon county, is a very beautifully located little town of about 8,000 population, of which about 3,000 are colored. This town has good school facilities for colored people, far above the average city, as they have a nice large six room two story brick building with a new man as principal, Prof. E. Dameron, a fine, middle age, well qualified, active teacher. He is a true race man and a credit to this community. Mr. and Mrs. I. Ansell still live at their beautiful home. Alex Bradley is still working at the Burlington depot, a splendid man, while Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Adams, who are one of the highly esteemed citizens. He is still working at the court house as janitor and his wife and married daughter run a small neighboring grocery store. Mr. John Neff is one of the leading business men here. He is a house mover and has all the work that he can do. His wife is a sister of Richard Windsor of Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs. A. McElroy still own their beautiful home in the edge of southeast part of the city. Wm. Robinson, an old soldier of the Civil war, who is highly respected in this city, has the unique distinction of living on this one corner of 4th and Rutherford 54 years, in the house that he built nearly half a century ago. Mr. W. Brown and father own a nice property. Mrs. B. B. Burton is doing well. Prof. Inman E. Page, who was principal of the Western College, resigned here this year to accept professorship in the Roger Williams College in Tennessee. Now a word about Western College. This is one of the oldest and well known educational institutions for colored people in the middle west. Prof. Enos B. Scruggs was principal for many years, then he was succeeded by Prof. G. H. Garnett, and later he was succeeded by Prof. Inman E. Page, who resigned this summer to accept a chair in the Roger Williams College. He was succeeded by Prof. P. H. Thompson, B. D., D. D. We had the pleasure of meeting Prof. Thompson, also getting a fine biography of this able and experienced educator for our readers, but through some carelessness have mislaid that paper that contained his history. However, if we find it later we will run it. This school has an industrial, literary, theological and musical department, with competent instructors. It is under the auspices of the great Baptist denomination of Missouri and the west and that should support it. There are two churches, the Baptist and A. M. E., one barber shop, no restaurant nor lunch room, one physician, Dr. Smith. Rev. D. L. Howard still lives at his beautiful home just across from the Western College. His wife and married daughter run a grocery and confectionery store, doing well. Rev. J. W. L. Underwood is pastor of the Baptist church. Rev. A. L. Bird lives here. Mrs. Nora Houston is doing well.

Our next stop was in Kirksville. This town is a city of about 8,000 people, but the colored population is fast decreasing. Many good families are moving to Iowa and other northern states because of better school facilities. Rev. C. B. Johnson is the teacher here. He is a fine young man and has recently won fame as a poet. The Cornhill Company of Boston, Mass., have just published a book of poems entitled "Songs of My People," which has already a large advance sale in Kirksville among both colored and white. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harrison are still here doing well. Mr. and Mrs. M. Hockaday are living in their valuable home. Mrs. S. T. Lynn is doing well. Mr. Henry Appleton and J. C. Proctor are young progressive men, both doing well. Each owns their property. Rev. J. M. Zachary is living here. He has charge of the church here. He is a student at Western College. Miss B. M. Henderson still lives here.

Having Missouri arrived in Centerville, the county seat of Appanoose

Rally in the form of a mass meeting of all the clubs belonging to the Patriotic League, Tuesday night at the club rooms at 8 o'clock sharp. All girls and young women affiliated with the patriotic movement are urged to be present.

The Service Club No. One of the Patriotic League met last Wednesday night at the Army Club. They sent \$3.00 worth of Hershey Bars to the hospital for the sick boys. Meet next Wednesday night at the club rooms. All are urged to bring pictures for the placards.

The Mary B. Tolbert Club will meet with Mrs. Cottoms on 22nd St. Tuesday, Nov. 12th.

We have just received the sad news of the death of Mr. Luther Bledsoe, who passed away at his home, 4735 Evans Ave., Chicago, Wednesday night. Luther was a well known Des Moines boy and his death is a shock to his many friends. Obituary will be published later.

Bethel A. M. E. church will have their quarterly meeting Sunday, Nov. 10th. All the ministers are invited to be with us. Rev. S. L. Birt will preach the sacramental sermon. The St. Paul Choir has been asked to sing. This will be one of the best and biggest days of our lives. All are invited. Rev. H. A. Perry and his members expect you. Are you coming? All right.

KIRKSVILLE, MO., PEOPLE.

Charles Jackson of Davenport, Iowa, was a Kirksville visitor last Sunday.

Services were well attended at both churches Sunday. Rev. B. C. Anderson preached two very interesting sermons. Services at the morning hour were reported to have been very spiritual and inspiring.

Mrs. Isabel Stokes left Monday morning to make her home with Mrs. Dr. Waggoner in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. James Toles of Hope, Idaho, is here on business.

Mrs. Laura Richards received the sad news of the death of Noble Johnson from influenza at an army training camp. His home was at Macon, Mo.

The writer's brother, Arthur T. Johnson of Callao, Mo., who was discharged from service last February, has been called to report for service Nov. 5. He is to be sent to New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

Mr. William Martin, now making his home here, was restored to membership in the Second Baptist church.

Miss Gale Coby of LaBelle, Mo., is making her home in Kirksville, Mo.

Miss Bernice Appleton is improving rapidly from her recent illness.

Mrs. Lulu Peyton, who was called to Joliet by the illness of her son and daughter-in-law, has returned to her home. She reports leaving them much improved.

Mrs. Henderson and Master Louis have returned to Kirksville after an extended visit in Illinois with relatives.

Before the publication of these notes, "Songs of My People," the book of poems by the writer, will be issued from the press. Have you ordered your copy? One dollar sent to Chas. Bertram Johnson, Kirksville, Mo., No. 536, will bring it to your door.

Hallowe'en was observed at Proctor's Place by the young people with games, music and the light fantastic toe.

The writer, Baby Frances and Master Ineth, with Mr. James Toles were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stokes.

county. Here live about 500 colored people. Here we saw the first electric street cars, also the first interurban cars since we entered Missouri two weeks prior. Then, too, one could think of that old poet, Robert Burns, who said, "Breathe there a man who to himself hath ne'er said, this is my own, my native land, when homeward his footsteps turned when wandering from some foreign land." "Of all that is good, Iowa affords the best." We find the people here doing well. Most of them follow the mining industry and now work is plentiful here. Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Baker still live here. Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson is one of the pioneer citizens here. He owns valuable property. Wm. Price has had more bad luck in the past few years, yet he is still hustling. He owns several pieces of land in different parts of the city. He has lost his wife and several children. H. W. Tompkins is still working here. He owns a beautiful home. Our old friend, C. J. Reed, is still struggling here. He has only two of his boys has registered for the war. Mrs. Mary McDonald is still living in her home. Mr. Richard Good is one of the highly esteemed citizens here. Mr. H. S. Simpson is a new comer here from Illinois. He is a fine race man to meet. Mr. John R. Mays and A. Oliver are both doing well. Mrs. Cora Crittenden is our very industrious agent and she is doing well. There is only one church, the Baptist. Mr. H. H. White is doing well.

ONE RESULT OF THE WAR

Little Village of Oberammergau Has Received Spiritual and Physical Blow.

Oberammergau, the little village in Bavaria that became world-famous as the home of the Passion Play, is virtually a deserted village where sorrow broods. All of its male inhabitants capable of bearing arms have entered the ranks of the Bavarian army, and many have fallen in battle.

Miss Madeleine Doty, who has visited the village, in recording her experiences relates a conversation that she had with a waitress at the little hotel.

"The town is sad," we averred. "Why shouldn't it be?" she retorted. "We have lost so much."

"How many men have gone to war?" we asked.

"Every one under 45. Five hundred and fifty out of a population of 1800."

"We paused a moment. It seemed brutal to go on now, but we wanted information.

"There were 40 killed and 48 wounded the first year. I don't know the number now."

"Will there ever be another Passion Play?"

She shrugged her shoulders. "How can I tell? Some of the players and musicians have lost an arm or a leg and others are dead. The town no longer has any money."

"We pushed back our chairs and went out into the golden sunshine. No one moved about the streets. It was like a village swept by a plague and deserted. War has been a special disaster to Oberammergau. It has dealt a blow at its spiritual as well as its physical welfare.—Atlantic Monthly.

Legend of Alsace.

There is a quaint old legend of Alsace concerning a family of giants who, once upon a time, lived in a certain castle in a certain valley of the old country. The moral of the story seems appropriate at a time when the French minister of agriculture, to mention but one of the allies, is making special effort to encourage the cultivation of land.

The giants lived, says the legend, far from the peasants of the plain, and one day the daughter of the house, who, though quite a child, was already 30 feet high, strolled toward the plain and saw a laborer peacefully plowing his field. She picked up the peasant, the horse and the plow and put them in her pinafore and returned to the castle to show what she had found to her father.

"What you think is but a toy," said the giant, "is what produces the food which enables us to live. Put back the laborer and his horse where you found them." From that time onward, adds the tale, the peasants were never molested by the giants.—Christian Science Monitor.

Fabric Air Ducts.

Fabric air ducts have been invented for use in underground construction, having the advantage that they can be easily removed if blasting is to be done and as easily replaced.

Social Etiquette.

Mrs. Fashionplate—"Poor, dear Mrs. Upperton is to be buried today. Are you going to the funeral?" Mrs. Etta Que—"I really can't you know. I have just discovered she owed me a call."—Los Angeles Times.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Do not imagine that because other cough medicines failed to give you relief that it will be the same with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Bear in mind that from a small beginning this remedy

has gained a world wide reputation and immense sale. A medicine must have exceptional merit to win esteem wherever it becomes known.

CLINTON, IOWA.

Messrs. John and Jas. Robinson have returned to their homes in Chicago after a pleasant visit with their sisters and other relatives.

Mrs. F. J. Nott was called to Chicago some days ago on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. Addie Davis, who was preceded by a very few days by her young daughter also passing away.

Mr. Geo. Abrams and wife of Indianapolis have returned to their home after a week's visit at the home of Miss Gilla Robinson in Lyons and other relatives.

Owing to the flu quarantine the Thanksgiving dinner planned at Bethel A. M. E. church is necessarily postponed.

Art, son of Rev. and Mrs. Williams, who has been indisposed for several days, is improving.

Mrs. C. V. Bush returned last week to her home in Chicago after a two weeks visit at the home of A. A. Bush and family.

Miss Gilla Robinson entertained recently at dinner in honor of Messrs. John and Jas. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Abrams. Covers were laid for eight.

Mrs. J. T. Bass visited relatives in Fayette, Iowa, recently. She reports a pleasant time.

Mr. F. P. Jackson has been appointed a special police officer on the C. & N. W. bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Curtis have discontinued their restaurant on 4th St., much to the regret of their many friends.

Messrs. John and Jas. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Abrams were guests of honor at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bush a few evenings ago.

Indications are that the flu quarantine will be lifted the last of the week. Clinton has suffered from its ravages by sickness and deaths. Everyone is looking forward to the time that conditions will become normal again. Fortunately so far none of our people have suffered attacks.

Mrs. William Henderson has received a letter from her grandson, Leroy Walters, from overseas, which is very gratifying to her, to relatives and friends. Letters from other boys are looked for daily.

Rev. Williams has been nicely looked after during the quarantine by members and friends.

Rev. E. J. Nott has been spending a few days at his home in Clinton.

In Other Days.

Until a New Jersey man tried to corner the potato crop of his neighborhood the mosquito was considered the most undesirable predatory insect produced in that section of the country.—Washington Star.

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Combination Pocket Knife and Revolver

Not merely a novelty but really a useful "gun-knife." In shape and size same as ordinary pocket knife. In service an ingenious revolver and one of the best hunting knives made. Shoots real .22 caliber cartridge or blanks. Excellent for HUNTER, FISHER or DEFENSE purposes. Always reliable and SAFE. Cannot go off by itself. Just as safe as any safety revolver. Keep your hands handy in knife handle. When closed, 5 1/2 in. long. Cartridge chamber and trigger when not in use is concealed in knife handle. Just the knife blade. This highly desirable "gun-knife" mailed prepaid for \$2.00. C. O. D. For postman \$2.50. Wonderful, double utility implement 10 days. If you don't like it, return it and we'll refund your money.



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Government regulation for the conservation of paper cuts from our list all free papers. In this is included subscribers who are three months in arrears prior to November, 1917. If you are in this class you must pay at once. All subscriptions three months in arrears will be discontinued the last day of November. Do not wait for a collector, none will come. Do not depend on your former record for payment as the Government does not go back of one year. If you are in arrears, no matter who you are, your paper will be discontinued after the last day in November. Do not wait. Act now. Send your money direct to the BYSTANDER OFFICE. Do not wait to be dunned, but send in at once. This means every subscriber to The Bystander. The Government demands this, so act at once, right NOW.

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