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## Editor's Observations

EDITOR'S OBSERVATION.  
(By John L. Thompson.)

Our observation was delayed last week on account of the Grand Lodge. On leaving the twin cities of the Badger state we journeyed down to Dubuque, Ia. Here we found about the same number of families doing well. Mr. John Wells is still working at the same place. He is constantly improving his beautiful modern home. Mr. C. C. McGregor is doing well. He owns valuable property. Dr. H. R. Rose, Sr., has moved his message office down on Main street. His son, H. R., Jr., the grand secretary of the Masonic lodge is now the head waiter at the new Julien hotel. Henry Martin is still here doing well. Edward Martin is a very sick man and has been bedfast for many months. He has the sympathy of the entire community. Mr. Isaac Jones is still here doing well. Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Kelley is doing well. We stopped one hour in Savannah, Ill. Here we found several colored families employed by the different railway companies, as the town is a railway division. They are living in box cars. Mr. J. R. Butler runs a panatorium at 501 Main street and is doing well. He is a race man. Stopping in Clinton only a short time we could not observe. Our next stop was in Cedar Rapids, the parlor city, one of our large up-to-date cities, where many colored families own homes and plenty of good work. We have at least 2,000 colored citizens here. Two good churches, the A. M. E., pastored by Rev. J. P. Sims, who is doing well. He has just closed a successful revival. The Baptist, pastored by our good Christian man, Rev. F. B. Woodard, recently from Buxton. We might say that a large per cent of his former Buxton members has also moved up here. Rev. Woodard likes his new location and is making good, as he always has done. W. H. Milligan and his very helpful wife are still on their ten-acre beautiful fruit farm, one mile from the city limits, working hard with his big crop of cherries, berries and other fruit, and poultry. Mr. Milligan enjoys the unique distinction of being a member of the Linn County Fruit Growers Association. The Order of Eastern Star was in its closing session when we arrived and we spent one day in that session. A large and interesting session. L. D. Lowry is still carrying mail. Mr. Thomas Jackson is in the barber shop, also is Mr. J. A. Baker and son, who has pool tables and a lunch room in connection with his shop. They are doing well. Marshall Perkins the veteran restaurant man, after an absence of one year has again entered the restaurant game and seems to have a good business. His brother, French, is still working at the round house. W. H. Lavelle is working at the same place. Two of their children were in the army. They also have some in the High schools. Mr. W. Rush, a bright young man who came from Keokuk about four years ago, was a victim in the big starch factory catastrophe in which that great explosion occurred this spring, where fully sixty persons lost their lives, among this number there were about six colored people to lose their lives in the ruins of this great factory and to see the shattered homes, broken windows and wrecked buildings within a radius of one-half mile is indeed a terrible sight. Mr. E. C. Thomas, one of the old citizens here, is real sick and has been for many months. G. W. Chipley is still working at this factory. He is a fine man to meet, a true race man. Harry Fields

**Summer Complaint Quickly Relieved.**  
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also works at this factory. His wife runs a rooming house. J. B. Nelson is in the tinsorial business doing well. William Robinson is doing well. He owns a nice home. A. J. J. Grey owns a nice home. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fine have bought a new modern home. Mrs. Fine used to be Miss Daisy Lee of Buxton. W. N. Gedson, B. W. Williams and H. Wilson are all doing well, owning their own homes, also M. M. Caldwell. There are a large number of colored folks moving in here. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gresham owns a nice home, doing well.

### THE NEGRO AND WAR SAVINGS.

The War Savings records for North Carolina show that the colored people pledged to buy War Savings Stamps far more in keeping with their ability than the white people. A comparative study of the counties that subscribed 100 per cent of their War Savings allotment and the counties that have the greatest percentages of Negro population shows that the Negro, is not responsible for the state having failed to raise its entire War Savings allotment.

Scores of colored men, and not a few colored women, have become limit club members by purchasing \$1,000 worth of War Savings Certificates. Anson county has a colored limit club of nine members. One of the first men in the state to purchase \$1,000 worth of War Savings Certificates for himself and each member of his family, a total of \$4,000, was Dr. C. H. Hines, of Edenton. On giving his check for this amount, he said, "I would as gladly give it as lead it if giving it would any sooner end the war."

On the other hand, it is known that the people with small means have subscribed in keeping with their ability. Some have made genuine sacrifices to meet their obligations called for in the War Savings Campaign.

An old man who had been saving for years that he might own a home and a plot of land in his own life time said, when he was called on to buy War Savings Stamps, that he had waited this long to own a home and that he would gladly wait five years longer, if lending his money to the government would help win the war.

### COLORED STATE TEACHERS ASS'N.

Raleigh, N. C., July 18.—"We believe that the time has come when in the home, in the school, in the church, that fractional differences, denominational strife, and racial friction should be lost sight of and the children and the people be taught their proper relation to one another and that all differences should be settled on the basis of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

So declared the report of the committee on race relations at the annual meeting of the Colored State Teachers Association which adjourned in Raleigh yesterday after adopting the report which embraced this sentiment as a clause. In its closing session, the convention considered very seriously the question of race relations and the best ways of promoting a more sympathetic understanding.

Dr. A. M. Moore, in his presidential address before the body suggested that perhaps there is too much discussion of late about race antipathy, hatred and prejudice.

"Little headway can be made," he added, "by continually nagging and complaining. The better way would be to seek wisely some plan to adjust frictional issues. Evidently the main accomplishment of the recent world war so far is that we have now a better opportunity to discuss peace terms than we had before. Men are entitled only to meritorious rights, or rights that come by virtue of their character, ability and patriotism.

"The duty of the hour," he continued, "demands that teachers and leaders of both races apply themselves to the humane task of establishing amiable relations between the races. This must be done for the common good of all. The nightmare of social equality is the vitriol that poisons our political and national life. You, fellow teachers, must sanely teach, fraternity and fidelity, which, is practiced will solve the issues that distress us as citizens of the great American republic."

The committee on race relations was composed of J. A. Cotton, Henderson; C. M. Eppes, Greenville; W. A. Patillo, Tarboro; Annie W. Holland, Bayboro; J. E. Holder, Kinston; E. E. Smith, Fayetteville.—Associated Negro Press.

### COUNCIL BLUFFS NEWS.

Richard Holliday, a well known young man of our city, and beloved son of Mrs. Virgie Nevins, 2501 Second avenue, died July 3, at 1:40 o'clock at the home of his mother. And leaves to mourn his loss a wife and baby, mother, father, sister and brother, and a host of friends. His funeral was held at Bethel A. M. E. Church of which he was a member.

## NAT'L. NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE

### It's Purposes and Brief History.

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The National Negro Business League was organized in 1900 at Boston, Mass., in response to a call issued by the late Dr. Booker T. Washington.

In 1915 the Business League after fifteen years, returned to Boston to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the organization. It was on that occasion that Dr. Washington delivered his last annual address to the Business League. The following November he passed away. It, therefore, seems appropriate to publish an extract from his Boston address in which he summed up the history, scope and purpose of this League.

The National Negro Business League has met in the following places: 1900 Boston, Mass.; 1901, Chicago, Ill.; 1902, Richmond, Va.; 1903, Nashville, Tenn.; 1904, Indianapolis, Ind.; 1905, New York City, N. Y.; 1906, Atlanta, Ga.; 1907, Topeka, Kan.; 1908, Baltimore, Md.; 1909, Louisville, Ky.; 1910, New York City, N. Y.; 1911, Little Rock, Ark.; 1912, Chicago, Ill.; 1913, Philadelphia, Penn.; 1914, Muskogee, Okla.; 1915, Boston, Mass.; 1916, Kansas City, Mo.; 1917, Chattanooga, Tenn.; 1918, Atlantic City, N. J.; 1919, St. Louis, Mo.

### Officers of National Negro Business League

- J. C. Napier, president, Napier Court, Nashville, Tenn.
- Carles Banks, first vice president, Mound Bayou, Miss.
- C. H. Brooks, second vice president, 1415 Lombard street, Philadelphia, Penn.
- John M. Wright, third vice president, 923 Western avenue, Topeka, Kan.
- Fred R. Moore, fourth vice president, 247 West Forty-sixth street, New York City.
- Robert R. Church, fifth vice president, 391 Beale avenue, Memphis, Tenn.
- Emmett J. Scott, secretary Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.
- Albon L. Holey, assistant secretary, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.
- Charles H. Anderson, treasurer, 132 Broad street, Jacksonville, Fla.
- F. H. Gilbert, registrar, 15 Douglass street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- R. E. Clay, assistant registrar, 404 State street, Bristol, Tenn.
- William H. Davis, official stenographer, R. F. D. No. 5, Rosecroft, Md.
- Ernest T. Atwell, transportation agent, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

### What is the National Negro Business League?

When where and by whom was it organized?  
In 1899 at Boston, Mass., by Dr. Booker T. Washington.  
What is its purpose?  
To centralize the commercial and financial strength of the Negro.  
What National Organization does it affiliate with?

The Rt. Rev. J. H. Ferrabee, D. D., presiding elder of Des Moines district, will hold his fourth quarterly conference at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, and will preach Sunday morning, July 20, 1919 at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Broadnax, D. D., pastor of Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church, South Omaha, will preach the memorial sermon at 3 p. m. Rev. W. C. Williams, D. D., pastor of St. John's A. M. E. Church, North Omaha, and his congregation will all be present; also his choir.

Our district conference will convene Tuesday, July 22, at 9 o'clock a. m. Rt. Rev. E. Thomas of Muscatine, Ia., will preach the annual sermon at 11 a. m., July 23 at 2 p. m. o'clock. The trolley cars party to leave Avenue A, Sixteenth street in front of the Bethel A. M. E. Church at 2 p. m. in the afternoon for Elmwood park. Omaha, Neb., will leave park for Council Bluffs at 7 sharp p. m. We are asking the pastor of Omaha and their churches for their co-operation with us in our convention. On Thursday night the reception the mayor will welcome the convention at 6 p. m.

At the parsonage of the Bethel A. M. E. Church Monday evening the Rev. M. R. Rhonnee joined in marriage Mr. Henry Pierce and Miss Maries Welch. The bride is a sister of the Rev. Mrs. M. R. Rhonnee. All friends wish the young couple success. Mr. Pierce is one of our soldiers.

Little Charles Rhonnee is visiting in Omaha today his little friend Adolph Hupp.  
We want everyone in our city to please subscribe for the Bystander.

- The National Undertakers Association.
- The National Negro Bankers Association.
- The National Negro Press Association.
- The National Negro Bar Association.
- The National Negro Insurance Association.
- The National Negro Retail Merchants Association.
- The National Negro Farmers Association.
- Atlantic City, N. J., entertained it last year.
- St. Louis Negro Business League.
- Local League Officers.
- Aaron E. Malone, chairman.
- E. D. Hamilton, first vice president.
- J. A. K. Ficklin, second vice president.
- H. A. Smith, secretary.
- William H. Banks, assistant secretary.
- Ernest Patillo, treasurer.

### Program Business League

- Program Aug. 13, 1919.
- 1. League called to order by Aaron E. Malone, president of the Negro Business League of St. Louis, Mo.
- 2. Words of welcome on behalf of the convention committee of the Negro Business League of St. Louis by Maj. William H. Butler.
- 3. On behalf of the Negro Business League of St. Louis by Dr. J. T. Caston, St. Louis, Mo.
- 4. On behalf of the citizens of St. Louis, Prof. Frank L. Williams, chairman of civics committee, Negro Business League, St. Louis.
- 5. On behalf of the Business and Professional Men and Women of St. Louis and vicinity, Attorney Homer G. Phillips of the Business League of St. Louis.
- 6. On behalf of Secret Organizations by Aaron W. Lloyd, grand chancellor knights of Pythias of Missouri.
- 7. On behalf of the City of St. Louis, Hon. Henry W. Kiel, mayor of St. Louis.
- 8. On behalf of the State of Missouri by Hon. Frederick D. Gardner, governor of Missouri.
- 9. On behalf of the Laundry Business by Mr. R. Herbert Stanton.
- 10. Mrs. Annie E. Malone, Poro college.
- 11. Managing a Drug Store, Mr. Ernest L. Harris.
- 12. How the Negro May Build business on small capital, by H. A. Smith, secretary Local Negro Business League.
- 13. Real Estate Business by Pearl Abernathy, St. Louis.
- 14. The Woman in Business, by Mrs. T. J. Nevins, St. Louis.
- 15. Chirophy as a Life Work, by Dr. T. B. Reddick, St. Louis.
- 16. W. C. Gordon, Undertaker.
- 17. Jos. L. Velar, Dry Goods Merchant.

### WOMEN'S CLUB DRIVE.

The campaign committee of the Women's Club Drive met in the parlor of the Army Club Monday afternoon. The State President, Mrs. White, Indiana, and chairman of committee, Mrs. Helen Downey of Ottumwa was present with the Des Moines members of commerce.

The meeting was very enthusiastic and the committee was optimistic as to the outcome of the drive.

A special committee composed of State President Mrs. White, Mrs. Helen Downey and Mrs. S. Joe Brown, were sent to Iowa City to inspect the property selected, after which the amount of the drive is on for will be announced.

Mr. Eddy, chairman of public welfare of Des Moines was present, gave assistance to help Des Moines women raise their quota.

### MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Anyone having news for the Bystander call 4341.  
Mrs. Sam Pickett and little daughter returned to their home in Monroe City, Mo., being called here by the death of Mrs. Joe Pickett.  
Mrs. Bernice Boston of Boone, Ia., was called here by the death of Mrs. Joe Pickett.  
Mrs. Martha Ball, one of the oldest citizens of Mt. Pleasant, passed away, July 9.  
She was a faithful member of the A. M. E. Church. She has been failing for some time. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. F. Hubbard and interment at Fort Home.  
Messrs. Reeser and Elias Jackson of Des Moines were Sunday visitors here.  
Mr. and Mrs. Pugh of Cedar Rapids and Mrs. Colston of Keokuk are visiting their mother, Mrs. James Wicks.  
Mrs. Anna Anderson has returned from a pleasant visit in Keosauqua.  
Mr. and Mrs. Volley Thompson and family spent the Fourth in Fairfield.  
Mrs. Bert Wells and daughter, Jeanette spent the Fourth in Fairfield.  
Miss Eva Palmer and Mrs. Everett Reed were Fairfield visitors the Fourth.  
Messrs. William Hubbard, Roy Pickett and Ulyses Green were Fairfield visitors the Fourth.  
Misses Dorothy Anderson and Beatrice Pickett were Ottumwa visitors the Fourth.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bramble were Burlington visitors the Fourth.  
Miss Beatrice Helm and brother, James are Keokuk visitors.  
Miss Opal South of Keokuk is visiting at the John Shepherd home.  
Mrs. Helen Woods of Burlington was a visitor here Tuesday.

A number of people enjoyed a picnic on the river the Fourth.  
Mr. Volley Thompson left Sunday for Martintown, Ill.  
Mrs. Lilly Taylor and little son, Willard spent Sunday in Burlington.  
Messrs. Emanuel Graham and Theodore Wavis of Burlington were Sunday visitors here.  
Mrs. James Watts and Mrs. L. R. Slaughter spent the Fourth in Centerville.  
Miss Opal Newman was a Fairfield visitor July 4.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Black and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Black of Fort Madison motored over Saturday evening and spent a few hours.

### FORGING AHEAD.

In the midst of the general social unrest, it is gratifying to note that many good things have been said in recent months in behalf of justice. The subjects touched have been many and varied, but for the most part come under the heads of Patriotism, Valor of Soldiers, Industrial Opportunity, Lyeing and Disfranchisement. Newspapers and public speakers, north and south, have had very favorable things to say.  
It is now the unqualified duty of the race, in every part of the land, to work for the crystallization of these fine sentiments into concrete reality; in other words, proceed on the ground that they all meant what they said from their heart, and not from their heads up. Put it up to them to deliver in concrete form; let the fine words be turned into living deeds, while the time is opportune, and before they forget. Now is the time to forge ahead. The American White people are very proud of their word—if they are properly reminded, or do not forget.—Associated Negro Press.

### OSKALOOSA NEWS.

Rev. W. L. Lee of Kansas City was in the city Thursday of last week. He held quarterly conference in the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church Wednesday night.  
Mrs. Eliza Green, who has been a sufferer of la gripe all spring and summer is much improved at this time.  
Mrs. Henry Bell and children, after a two week's stay in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Rosie Mitchell, left Monday for her home in Bloomington, Ill.  
Mrs. D. W. Brown has returned home from Keokuk where she spent two weeks in the home of her daughter.  
Services in Horten's A. M. E. Church were poorly attended Sunday. Probably the extreme hot weather has something to do with it.  
Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Hawkeye drove over Sunday and were guests of the Horten A. M. E. Sunday School. Come again.  
Everett Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen, is home from the hospital. Everett is nursing a very sore foot, having shot off two toes while hunting sometime ago.  
Henry Green arrived in town Monday, to attend to some business affairs and visit among friends and relatives. Henry has a nice job with the Ward Dry Goods store in Washington.

Richard Jones of North H street and W. E. Arne has a beautiful garden and a fine patch of sweet corn.  
Henry Bennett has accepted a position with Mrs. J. F. Lacey as house and yard man.  
The last regular meeting of Esther Chapter No. 6, O. E. S., was well attended. Rev. O. B. Smith was obligated with the order. Next regular meeting second Tuesday, October 14.  
Rev. D. W. Brown is working hard getting ready to attend the district conference. He represents the church.  
The Horten A. M. E. sends no delegate this year, only the report.

## Zion A. M. E. Annual Conference

For the first time in its history Iowa is the seat of an annual conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, the fortieth annual session of the Missouri conference of that connection being in session all this week in the new edifice of the St. Paul A. M. E. Church in this city.

The conference is being entertained by the pastor and congregation of the Kyles A. M. E. Church and was to have been held in their new edifice now being erected at South East Eighteenth and Scott streets, but on account of the failure of the contractors to get it completed in time the pastor and trustees of St. Paul's very kindly tendered their new edifice where the sessions opened Wednesday afternoon and will continue until next Monday evening.

The Rt. Rev. L. W. Kyles of St. Louis is presiding bishop and is being assisted by Bishops Josiah Caldwell of Philadelphia, and George C. Clement of Louisville.

On Wednesday evening welcome addresses were delivered by the pastors of the various denominations, by Miss Mildred Tillman on behalf of the hostess church and by Dr. W. H. Lowry on behalf of the Negro citizens to which a very eloquent response was made by the Rev. Dr. B. G. Shaw, pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church of St. Louis and on Thursday morning the official address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Tom Fairweather in his usual unique and good natured manner which was, thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors, which was followed by a lecture on "Methodism" by Bishop Clement.

On Thursday evening Prof. J. W. Martin, secretary of education was present and delivered a splendid address on education and this morning Bishop Kyles delivered his Episcopal address, which was a masterpiece of rhetoric and eloquence and abounded in valuable information and wholesome advice to the ministers present representing the entire states of Missouri and Iowa.

This evening will be the anniversary of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the principal address will be by the Rev. Dr. W. E. Shaw of Kansas City, formerly a missionary to the West Coast of Africa.

Tomorrow's session will be given over principally to reports from the Christian Endeavor and Sunday Schools and Sunday to devotional services all day and evening to which the public are cordially invited.

On Monday Bishop Kyles will make his appointments and the session will close.

### BURLINGTON, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.)  
Mr. Adolphus Jones of this city, who is being employed as sub-clerk in the Chicago post office, took examination Monday for mail carrier in that city.

### ALBIA NEWS.

The stewards of the A. M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. G. A. Saur on Monday afternoon.  
Mrs. Mable Robinson of Hocking was in Albia Tuesday and Friday on business.  
The A. M. E. Sunday School gave a moonlight picnic at the home of Mrs. Charles Washington on Tuesday afternoon, July 14.  
The Second Baptist Church held their rally last Sunday. They had a very good success. The members seem to be very much encouraged with the work of their new pastor, Rev. H. J. Handy. They also carried out their baptizing Sunday afternoon. Rev. Handy preached a soul stirring sermon Sunday night and three members were added to the church.  
The funeral services of Mrs. Patsy Baugh was held Sunday afternoon, held at the A. M. E. Church, conducted by Rev. B. F. Hubbard, pastor.  
Rev. and Mrs. Handy was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Watts Sunday for dinner.  
Mrs. W. M. Burnaugh has been on the sick list for the past week.  
The Mothers Council will meet with Mrs. Harry Burnaugh this week.

### Some Strategy.

Marie Willis (at the beach)—"Kit is quite a clever social general." Jane Gills—"Yes. She went through last season's campaign without the loss of a man."—Life.

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