THE CHURCHES.

Union Chapel.

Preaching service at 12 o'clock next Sunday morning by the pastor, G. T. Ronk. Sunday school at 11 o'clock. A cordial welcome is extended to all in the neighborhood to attend.

Christian Church.

Services next Sunday as usual—Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., and preaching at 11, and 7:30.

We wish to make a correction in the dates of the district C. E. convention at Pleasanton. The correct dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 23, 24, 25.

Tuskeego Baptist Church.

Gospel meetings at Tuskeego Baptist church Saturday evening, May 17th. May 18th—Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 in the evening. Good music. New song books. Come to the meetings.

Evangelist Armstrong and Wife.

Brethren Church.

Sunday services will be as usual—Sunday school at 9:45. C. E. at 7:30, followed by preaching service at 8:30. There was a splendid attendance at all the services Sunday. We invite any who are not attending elsewhere to worship with us. There are interesting classes for all ages in the Sunday school.

Prayer meeting and Bible study at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening.

Presbyterian Church.

The sermon subject next Sunday morning will be "The Sea of Life." You will enjoy hearing this sermon. In the evening an evangelistic sermon and a service of song. You should not miss either service.

Last Sunday the primary class, taught by Miss Florence Gates, was the banner class, with a remarkable fine showing. The other classes will have to hustle to beat the tiny tots, but they are all working.

Methodist Church.

Hours of services—On Sunday at 9:45, Sunday school, and at 11 morning worship. Epworth League at 7 and evening service at 8. On Wednesday evening, prayer meeting at 7:30 and choir practice at 8.

All departments of the Sunday school were very well attended last Sunday, as the other services of the church. Quite a number of dozens of eggs were brought in for the hospital. The commendation of the boys for the evening service was very well deserved.

The new Sunday school class will hold another social in the church on Thursday evening of this week. All the members and those interested in the class are especially invited. Some business to transact and a good time is assured.

Mrs. Hansell leads prayer meeting this week.

The School Teacher.

A school teacher is a person who teaches things to people when they are young. The teacher comes to school at 8:30 o'clock and when she has gotten enough children for a mess in her room she teaches them reading, writing, geography, grammar, arithmetic, music, drawing, cooking, board sawing, plain and fancy crocheting, deep breathing, bird calls, scientific eating, patriotism, plain and fancy bathing, forestry, civics, and other sciences too numerous to mention. When school is out, she stays behind with five or six of her worst scholars and tries to save the state the job of reforming them later on. After that she hurries home to make herself a new dress and snatch a hasty supper before going back to attend a lecture by an imported specialist on the history of tribal law in Patiagonia, which may be useful in her school work some day. A great many lecturers roam the country, preying on school teachers, and some of them are very cruel, taking them so long that the poor teachers have to sit up until morning when they get home to get their daily test papers corrected.

School teachers' salaries range from $30 a month up—but not far enough up to make them dizzy, says an authority. On her salary, the teacher must dress nicely, buy herself things for her work which the district is too poor or too stingy to provide her with, to go to twenty-nine lectures and concerts a year, buy helpful book on pedagogy, pay her way to district, county and state institutes, and enjoys herself during a three months vacation which her salary takes each year. In addition the teacher is supposed to hoard up vast sums of money, so that when she becomes too nervous and cross to teach, at the age of 50 or thereabouts, she can retire and live happily ever afterwards on her income.

Boys All to be Home by August.

Washington, May 7.—Secretary Baker announced today that by August the last man of the American expeditionary forces will have been withdrawn from France. He said that this was estimated on the basis of the movement of 300,000 men a month to the United States.

Already, Mr. Baker said, the Amerisan forces in France have been divorced from the army of occupation. Plans have been completed to supply the force in Germany through the ports of Antwerp and Rotterdam, removing the necessity of maintaining the 700-mile line of communication from Brest. The French ports will be maintained, however, for the withdrawal of the American expenditionary forces.

More than half of the expeditionary force has now left France, Mr. Baker said, and as the withdrawal progresses the facilities which were used for those forces are being turned back to their private owners or the municipalities to which they belong.

Must Have Dealers' License.

After May 23rd it is necessary that all dealers engaged in the business of buying, selling, dealing in or trading in eggs, except those retailers who buy direct for dealers having an Iowa license and who do not sell in lots greater than one case, ootain an egg dealer's license.

The license fee is $1.00 for the period ending March 1st, each year.

A separate license must be obtained for each place of business where eggs are bought.

Buying, selling, dealing in or trading in eggs in violation of the egg law, by any person, firm or corporation is an offense and renders the offender subject to a fine of not less than $10 nor more than $50.

Farmers and other producers of eggs are not required to secure a license for the purpose of selling or trading in eggs produced by them.

MODEL DOG LAW COMPILED BY U. S.

Agricultural Department Gathers Best from all the States, Would Tag Every Dog.

The United States Department of Agriculture has collected all of the clauses in all the state laws that have proved their merit under the test of time and has formulated them into a model dog law, which it recommends to the consideration of all true friends of the dog—friends who believe in perpetuating the good that is in dogs and in eradicating the evil.

This model law embodies the idea that the tax assessor should list the dogs; that unspayed females should be subject to a high tax; tnat all dogs should be required to wear collars and tags bearing the names of their owners; that all dogs unless under leash or reasonable control of their owners, should be confined from sunset to sunrise; that sheep-killing dogs may be killed by any one, without liability to owner; that any dog running at large upon the enclosed lands of a person other than the owner of the dog may be killed, at the time of finding him, by the owner of the land, his agent, tenant, or employee; that dog owners shall be liable to the county for all money paid out for damages done by their dogs; that sheep owners may set out poison on their farms after public notice of such intention.

Such a law aims as much at the protection of the dog that is entitled to a good name, and has an owner who knows and lives up to his responsibilities, as it is for the protection of the community itself. It espouses the cause of the good dog against the homeless, ill-kept wretches that are as much misery to themselves as they are evil to the community.

The law has regard for every right of every owner of a dog who respects his neighbors' rights and seeks only to curb the carelessness of that owner who has a dog—whether pedigreed or mongrel—that is allowed out of bounds. And, in passing, it must not be forgotten that the only thing worse than a mongrel out of bounds is a pedigreed animal running amuck; for blooded dogs are more intense in their make-up than the mongrel, and therefore more destructfve when they "go off the reservation."

OUR HOG-TIED LEGISLATORS.

After two sessions in the Iowa legislature we are convinced that the game of logrolling is the source of more bad legislation than all other sources combined. The member who desires to secure the passage of certain measures is inclined to support bills that do not harmonize with his conscience nor with the wishes of his constituents. We have heard men ridicule a member of the legislature because he did not secure the passage of a bill bearing his name, but in our opinion it would be a splendid thing for the state if more men would go to the legislature under the pledge not to introduce a single bill. They would then be free to fight a lot of bills, especially appropriation bills, that should not be passed. It would tend to make voting more independent, and there is no greater need in the Iowa legislature. Another thing that hampered the work of the senate was the ambition of at least six members of that body to be elected to state office. We saw repeated ducking to avoid roll call and other attempts to smear over their legislative recorus that would be laughable if it wasn't really a serious business. When a man begins to aspire to fill a state office his usefulness to the state as a legislator is badly damaged. There are a few exceptions, but this rule holds good nine times out of ten.—Senator Ed Smith, Winterset.

Skidding.

Skidding is a blood-curdling performance on the part of a five-passenger touring car while in an intoxicated condition. A new, shiny automobile in the hands of a blackslidden Keeley graduate is harder to keep in the road than a two-year colt nursing an attack of gastritis, and can skid faster and farther than a fat party shooting the chutes in a one-piece bathing suit.

Skidding is caused by a total lack of front teeth in the rear tires. All new tires come equipped with sharp prying teeth which sink into every rut, rock and thank-you-ma'am in the road, preventing side sway and producing a great variety of dull red contusions on the occupants. After having been run for a few thousand miles, however these teeth disappear entirely, leaving a smooth, rounded surface which will not catch anything but tacks and shingle nails. This enables the car to skid with passionate energy toward a twelve-foot embankment, without any more sense of direction than a stout girl on a new pair of roller skates.

For the benefit of new automobile owners, who have never encountered a genuine, hand-buffed skid we would say that it can be recognized without difficulty by a depressed sensation in the stomach, similar to the sensation enjoyed by an ocean tourist on the second day out. In order to skim the cream of this sensation, the automobile should be driven around a sharp corner at forty miles an hour immediately after a sleet storm. An expert driver can skid for a block and a half in this fashion by using only two legs of the automobile, with the other two pointing aimlessly toward the North star and not connecting with anything except the atmosphere.

Skidding has come to be considered a dangerous pastime, having resulted in numerous unexpected fatalities and sending hundreds of intrepid skidders home for the purpose of having a few bones restored to their original location. The best method of preventing skidding is to allow the machine to crawl along on its hands and knees, but most people prefer to wrap ropes, discarded underwear and steel chains around the hind tires. Chains are the best preventative, and when attached so that they can slap the fender in the face at every revolution it adds a spicy musical accompaniment to the conversation.

If you are skidding on your New Year's resolution, slow up at the corners and examine your brake linings.—Howard Rann.

Teach your child to hold his tongue; he'll learn fast enough to speak.

There have been as great souls unknown to fame as any of the most famous.

If some people were to think twice before speaking they would never say anything.

A lot of things come from a bad temper.

LAST RECRUITS OF SLAVERY

Remnants of Cargo Brought to America in 1859 Make Up Interesting Colony Near Mobile.

Perhaps the most interesting colony of negroes in America today is to be found in Alabama, about three miles from the heart of Mobile. Here in a little town called Plateau lives a group of nine weather-beaten, grizzled old men and women, the remnant of the last cargo of slaves brought to American soil from the coast of Africa, says the Southern Workman. The youngest is entering on his sixty-sixth year; the oldest is not less than one hundred and ten; while just a few years ago one of their number died who had seen more than one hundred and forty years.

They were brought to America in the summer of 1859. In 1865 their emancipation came. For the next few years they were buffeted about by changing fortunes without any settled home.

One among them, wiser than the rest, saw the dangers of their unsettled condition. Not owning their homes they could be turned out at any time, and, hiring themselves to strange masters in search of laborers, they might some day be carried off again into slavery, perhaps to Cuba or Porto Rico, for they learned that slavery still existed there. With such incentive behind them they selected a tract of land just outside Mobile, on Three Mile creek, and began the purchase of homes.

As one goes over and about Plateau, he is struck with the appropriateness of the setting in which this African colony is to be found. About one-half the town is owned by negroes, and of the property occupied by them at least 75 per cent is owned by their own people. The largest single holding of land among them is between 50 and 60 acres. Another negro landlord owns and rents about 20 houses. There are nine stores, of which seven are owned and operated by colored men. The largest of them all is one of these seven and represents a volume of business amounting to more than $11,000 annually.

SOFT COLLAR NOW IN STYLE

Starch Is a Food and Its Use in Clothing Has Been Put Under Ban in Great Britain.

Starch has gone out of fashion in England except in the backbones of the people. A man who enters a drawing room in a hard-boiled shirt and high collar is apt to find himself out of tune with the surroundings, which are more than likely to be khaki or norfolk jackets and soft collars.

Starch is a food, and the question of what an Englishman eats comes before what he wears. The food controller is inexorable. "It is thought," he says in answer to the Launderers' association, "that potential food should be employed nowadays for internal rather than external use."

Housewives are urged to do without starch in table linen, blouses and—other things. Starch in clothing, in the eyes of the government, is an anachronism. Consequently licenses for the manufacture of the product have been cut down until there are only a few such factories, each with a limited output.

Rauch No. 2.

Jennie Chaney came home Monday after a visit at Van Wert.

Uncle Tom Williams and wife took dinner at Chaney's Friday.

Mr. Williams, of Gravity, and Fred Woodard, of Decatur, were callers at Chaney's Friday.

Mrs. John Blodget and Mrs. Alf Miller were Decatur visitors Saturday.

The roads are fine and the people took advantage of them and went to town Saturday.

Rosa and Eliza Reed spent Sunday with home folks.

Roushes, Thompsons, Stella and Marie Norman, Mrs, Edith Carroll, Robert Reeds and Dell Euritts were Decatur visitors Saturday.

Arthur Orfield and family spent Sunday at Harrison Orfield's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Orfield were seen in this vicinity Sunday.

Eliza Reed visited with Jennie Chaney Sunday.

Lindsey Roush, Mr. and Mrs. Roush and Rosa Reed attended church at Palestine.

Joe Deemer and family visited at Robert Reed's Sunday evening.

Ray, Fred and Arthur Young were in this vicinity Sunday looking after their cattle.

Lelah Dobson visited over Sunday at Charley Orfield's.

Mabel Orfield came Saturday evening for an over Sunday visit with Ruth Dobson.

Jessie Reed went to Joe Deemer's Saturday evening, returning home Sunday evening.

Dannie Williams and family spent Sunday at Ike Robbins'.

Vera and Ernest Sellers visited at Grandpa Sellers' Sunday.

Pleasanton.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Clampitt spent Sunday at the J. H. Parsons home.

S. C. Davis and daughter Geraldine returned home Wednesday from Waterloo.

W. F. Horn was a business visitor in Des Moines a few days list week.

Misses Edna Huston, Gladys Young and Helen Putnam spent Sunday with Delana and Geraldine Davis.

F. A. Townsend, of Leon, was a caller here Friday.

Rev. Mann, of Winterset, filled his regular appointment both Sunday morning and evening at the C. U. church. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Overton.

Mrs. W. R. Clampitt left Saturday for St. Joseph, Mo., where she went to visit relatives a few days.

Mrs. T. E. McMillan returned home Wednesday from a week's visit with relatives in Omaha.

F. T. Killilay had business in Leon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chew and children spent Sunday with relatives near Woodland.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Day spent Sunday with her father, J. M. Willis of this place.

E. J. Teale and family moved Saturday from the old hotel building to a farm near Saline.

Charles Cornett returned home Sunday from St. Louis where he had gone to attend an auto truck demonstration.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Miller spent Sunday at the J. Swift home.

Miss Wilma Landphair visited over Sunday with her little friend Ferna Drury east of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stover spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. S. Huston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bowsher, of Leon, called Sunday at the Charles Cornett home.

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Maple Grove.

Church and Sunday school were just fine at the Maple Grove church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Foster called on Mr. and Mrs. Tim Beck last Thursday night.

Mrs. Tom Parson and family visited home folks Thursday.

Truman Green, son Frank and George Fesler called on Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Fesler Wednesday night.

The fields are drying now and the farmers can plow and get ready for farming.

Miss Pearl and Dwight Fesler called on Mrs. Parson Wednesday.

Charley Fesler was a caller at Grand River Wednesday.

Miss Mary Parson visited her sister Mrs. Parson from Monday until Thursday morning.

Mrs. Tom Parson, son Rex, daughter Lorraine, and Anna Fesler returned home Monday from Cambria. They had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller.

Charley Edwards was a caller at Grand River one day last week.

Miss Tressa Edwards has been visiting at Grand River a few days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Fesler were Grand River callers Saturday afternoon.

Frank Green was a caller at the Fesler home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller and daughter Frances, of Cambria, came Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Fesler.

Mrs. Tom Parson and family were callers at the Fesler home Sunday.

Miss Anna Fesler has been staying with her sister a few days.

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Hazel College.

Mrs. Wesley Steen was calling on Mrs. N. G. Spencer Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Elmer Lee and children, of Huemston, were visiting Mrs. Lee's sister Mrs. Cain Hall and family last week.

Joe Warrick was visiting his sister Mrs. Cain Hall Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wilkie and children were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fry Sunday.

Irene Gill was visiting Velma Spencer Saturday night and Sunday.

A number from this neighborhood attended the pie supper at Spring Valley Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Horry Redman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Will Hedrick were visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Spencer and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ramsey and boys were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Caster and family Saturday evening.

Cliff Smith, of Oklahoma, is visiting his friends and relatives at Hazel College.

Carroll Spencer, Cliff Smith and Charley Fry were calling on Willie Steen Monday evening.

Mrs. Wesley Steen was calling on Mrs. Aaron Fry Monday afternoon.

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Fairview.

Buthford Hollinger and family, Riley Hatfield and wife spent Sunday at the Harry Hollinger home.

Don Moore and family spent Sunday at the P. A. Bright home.

John Haddle and wife called at the Ernest Keaton home Sunday.

Sam Stuteville and family spent Sunday at Willis Dillon's.

Quite a number attended Sunday school at Morgan Sunday.

Russell Warnock and wife spent Sunday at Alf Warnock's.

Henry Petty and wife spent Sunday at his parent's Dide Petty.

Lee Spencer and family spent Sunday at the Orville Moore home.

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