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CHILLICOTHE, MO.

Mr. Jas. H. Crews of Kansas City was in this city last Sunday visiting his relatives here. Mr. Clarence Lee of Omaha, Neb., who was called to this city on account of the death of his mother, is spending a few days with relatives and friends. Mr. Kereford of Atchison, Kas., was the guest of Miss Oletha Brown, Sunday. The light of his countenance sanctioned his confession of his very pleasant visit with the relatives and friends of the hostess. Mr. William Ballew, one of our respected elder citizens, has been very ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leona Montgomery for several days. We are glad to learn of his recovery. The Bachelor Girls were joyfully entertained by Miss Iva Brown Saturday afternoon. After the social hours and the transaction of urgent business, a delicious luncheon was served to the delight of all present. The Garrison Alumni Association, which is about thirty strong, met at Garrison School Monday night and elected Mr. Herbert Beach president, Miss Sadie Saunders treasurer, and Miss Juanita Hutchinson secretary. Great preparations were begun for the annual banquet to be held in May. Mr. Campbell, a young man and stranger to us, arrived at this city last week in quest of employment. Among the acquaintances he formed was that of Miss Oakley Berry, an industrious young lady. A case of love at first sight was in evidence and his proposal, which was the outgrowth of snap judgment, soon culminated in his happy marriage by Rev. Oakes, Saturday afternoon. We had them a pleasant journey. A restaurant that will be prepared to serve lunches and meals at all hours, has been the desire of our citizens and visitors for years. Our desire was realized last Sunday, when we attended the grand opening of the "Ideal Restaurant" under the management of Mr. Thos Banks and Mr. James Burton, in a suitable building located in a convenient place. With such business men as proprietors we prophesy the growth and development of this longed-for enterprise. Mrs. Melinda Lewis still lives and resides alone at her quaint home in this city. She is known throughout the country and by many citizens of this and surrounding states because of her peculiar manner of dress and conversation. Her hats and shoes are wrapped with white cloth, while her dresses and cloaks of the same color suggest the name she has been given, "the angel." To speak in a familiar term we say Aunt Melinda's conversations abound in home spun wit and in prophetic words and messages Jesus told her. That no cyclone should visit this city so long as she is one of its citizens has held good. As to her age she declares positively that a century with a few years is behind her. She saw the present settlement when it was a primeval forest. Discarding a few complaints Aunt Melinda enjoys very good health, and besides her household chores, does laundry work.

ROSEDALE, KANSAS.

Mrs. Benj. Stewart is ill at her home. Mrs. Frank Moore, 3911 Lloyd avenue has returned from Lexington, Mo., where she visited her husband's relatives. The condition of Mr. Paradise, 41st and Lloyd who has been seriously ill is improved. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moseley, 4025 Adas street, received a telegram Monday announcing the death of Mr. Moseley's father in St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Owen Slusher died Tuesday at Medlock. He was a brother of Mrs. Anna Cratic Barnum of this city and Mrs. Eliza Seymour of Kansas City, Kan., a brother. Will Slusher and other relatives.

MASONIC.

With over one thousand names upon the craft rosters of this city why may we not erect a fine temple which would not only properly accommodate our meetings, but supply larger conveniences for the entertainment of the public. This must be done at some time. Why not do it soon? Masonry has always taken pride in big enterprises and in doing big things. The public looks to us as to no one else for these things and we owe it to our obligations as well as to our traditions to fulfill the demand. If Grand Master Crews, like our first grand master, can succeed in inspiring such an undertaking it will surely stand as a great monument to the zeal which he so generously possesses and will yield a result not only placing his name high upon the scroll of leaders, but carrying a blessing throughout years to come. With a structure of sufficient size controlled by us, it would be an easy matter to have the Grand Lodge permanently located in Kansas City. This would be Masonic headquarters. The traveling Grand Lodge is fast going out of style everywhere as the brethren grow more and more weary of the process. Soon there will be a cry for a permanent seat and we should be ready to supply it.

FARMINGTON, MO.

Mesdames Jane and Kate Hunt returned from Cape Girardeau Monday evening from attending the funeral of the late Mr. Chas. Hunt. Mr. William Hunt returned to Champaign, Ill., Tuesday, after spending a few days with his mother. Mr. Howard Overton returned to St. Louis Wednesday after a few days' visit with his father. The Clover Bee Club was entertained Thursday evening by Mrs. Leora Simpson. The Married Ladies Embroidery Club was entertained by Mrs. Celia Cunningham Thursday.

INDEPENDENCE, MO.

The Young School Annual Bazaar will be given Friday evening, May 8th. The Senior Class will have charge of the program after which the entire building will be opened to the public. There will be an exhibition of class work and manual training in all the rooms. The teachers and pupils have worked faithfully and are now about to close quite a successful year's work. Prof. Harrison is one of the best and most energetic principals in the state and has his school in fine order. Miss Hattie Hughes who has been teaching in Beggs, Okla., is home for a vacation. Mrs. Mary Raglin is ill at her home on South Chrysler avenue. Miss Mayme Raglin who has been teaching music in Okmulgee, Okla., was called home on account of the illness of her mother. Miss Edna Rhodes of Blue Springs and Miss Lottie Robinson of Liberty are spending this week in Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jackson announce the birth of a son who they have given the name of Luther Calvin, Jr.

WAVERLY, MISSOURI.

Mrs. Katherine Bradley, who has been ill for the past week, is improving slowly. Mrs. Nannie Keith, who has been on the sick list is able to be out again. Mrs. Josephine Butler and grandson returned to their home in Kansas City after a two weeks' visit here with relatives. Mr. Henry Porter and Eddie Lewis of Kansas City were down Saturday. Mrs. Eva Roberts and Mrs. Ed. Lewis of Kansas City spent Monday with friends. Mrs. Wm. Anderson returned home Sunday from Columbia where she has been helping her daughter, Mayetta, in her spring millinery. Rev. Christopher held religious services Sunday at the A. M. E. Church. Rev. W. M. Thirkles held services Sunday and also held his baptizing which were largely attended by a host of friends from Lexington. A pleasant day was spent. Total collection was \$14.10. Mrs. Lloyd Wilkerson and Miss Lenora Wilkerson were Marshall visitors Friday. Miss Lucille Nurse spent Saturday and Sunday in Marshall with her mother. Mr. Alta Baker has rented a farm six miles west of town and moved his family and Mrs. Nancy Gordon has rented his home place. Don't forget the Queen Elizabeth Court will give an entertainment at the Masonic Hall, May 9th, 1914. The Douglass School will have their closing exercises Thursday night. Mrs. Virginia S. Perkins of Odessa, Mo., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lucy Patterson. Go to W. M. Anderson on Sundays for good ice cream and all kinds of cold drinks.

SPIRITS IN PRISON

By Wm. Stitts, the International Bible Student.

The question oftentimes arises in the minds of Bible students, "Who are the spirits in prison and why are they there?" The answer heretofore given was unsatisfactory to all students of the Bible. It has been stated that those spirits are human beings who died before the flood and when Christ was dead three days, he was in Hell preaching to them. Let us take God's word. He is his own interpreter. He will lift the Scripture for our Guide. If Christ is dead He could not do any declining to them for the dead know not anything. They have no memory. Eccl. 9:5-10. For it is gone; his breath goeth from him; in that very day his thoughts perish. Pa. 146:4. The soul is dead and is in hell, hades, the invisible grave. They are not enjoying happiness nor suffering with



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They are waiting for a Resurrection both good and evil. St. John 5:25-28. With an intellectual and an enlightened eye of understanding we can see that those spirits could not be the spirits of human beings for this subject does not apply to man. God made man a living soul. Gen. 2:7. God made the angels, spirits. P. 104:4; Heb. 1:7. This subject applies to angels, sinners; they also are called the sons of God. Job 38:7. By searching the scripture we learn that those spirits which Christ preached to were the angelic sinners. There are angelic sinners and human sinners. When man sinned he was condemned and sentenced to death. Gen. 3:3. For we know that the wages of sin is death. Rom. 6:23. But when the angels sinned they were condemned and sentenced to chains of darkness. Jude 1:6. This was the prison mentioned in Pet. 3:18-19. Now I will attempt to interest you. The question arises, "Why were they there and why did God sentence them to prison? What crime did they commit?" We answer by Divine authority. They committed fornication. Jude 1:6-7. The angels who kept not their first estate but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. The Millennial in which Christ will reign a thousand years. These Angelic sinners will be there for their trial, for we know that the Saints shall judge angels. 1 Cor. 6:3; Rev. 20:6; Acts 17:31. Man was under the administration of the angels from the time he sinned in the Garden of Eden to the flood. Gen. 3:24. Peter furnishes us a statement that these spirits became disobedient in the days of Noah. 1 Pet. 3:20. We still find where they are called the Sons of God. The Sons of God saw the daughters of men and they were fair and they took unto them wives, all of which they chose. Gen. 6:2. God was not pleased with their inter-marriage so he sent a flood and destroyed them off the face of the earth. The children of these Sons of God and the daughters of men were great men of renown. They were part angelic and part human beings. They were born in a justful condition. God did not sentence them to death but to prison. The next question arises, "Where are the prisons?" Peter tells us that their prison is Hell. Note this word Hell is from the Greek word (Tartarus). It does not mean the grave, neither—the second death symbolized by the lake of fire. II Pet. 3:4, but its reference is to darkness. The atmosphere of the air and an act of restriction being cut off from light not being permitted to work their deceptions in daylight, but is cut off by darkness which are the restrictions symbolized by chains. Jude 1:6. So Christ went and preached to them when he went to and fro through the earth while He was alive and not when He was dead, for when our Lord was on earth at his first advent, these spirits frequented the earth; also whenever he came in contact with them, they cried to him and his conversation was a sermon to them. Luke 8:30-36. They are condemned but not to death. They are restrained but not destroyed. They are not permitted to roam the earth in daylight as they did before the flood. They do not any more possess human bodies.



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