

DECATUR

(By Special Staff Correspondents)

Decatur is still the banner town. Just now she is a little quiet, but the new hotel is being erected and will be one of the finest down-state hotels. The streets are clean, and the illuminations at night are grand. When one goes away from Decatur for a short stay and returns, the city appears still more beautiful, especially when you have not been out of Sangamon county—no reflection, but a hint for Springfield to clean up.

There has been much sickness and several deaths.

Mrs. Sam Robinson of Clinton St. is much improved.

Robert Kemp was elected by 10 votes majority as one of the republican members of the board of supervisors—quite an honor for Decatur's colored population.

Mrs. M. Cummings is visiting in Springfield, her former home.

A "Brotherhood" has been organized at the A. M. E. Church. Miss Mary Green of Mt. Pulaski is visiting Mrs. Priscilla Belle.

Judge Whitefield has the democratic nomination for Circuit Judge.

It is said Judge McCoy is making a good County Judge.

The Negroes have a good citizens' league.

The K. of P. Lodge and the two Courts will hold their annual sermon jointly with Champaign and there will be a grand time. All K. of P's who do not go to Champaign are invited to go to Springfield May 2nd.

"Scue" Clark and E. R. Brown are holding "them" down o. k. Mack Jones is still on the job and Singleton's place still looks better and better.

The grocery store run by Mr. Nickens is a creditable enterprise and should have liberal support.

Messrs. Geo. and Jas. Carter have opened a pool hall and cigar store on Park street and have quite a nice and spacious place and is headquarters for travelers and transients. They are obliging and accommodating and invite you to come and see them when you come to Decatur.

Mrs. Bettie Wright, mother of Mrs. M. H. Medlock, is visiting her daughter and niece in Bloomington.

Mr. Henry White, an aged resident of the county, died and was buried this week.

Mrs. Williams, sister of Miss Lou McReynolds, who was brought here sick from Kentucky about two weeks ago, died Monday and was interred here this week.

Mrs. Clanton was here this week from the south, enroute to Chicago.

Mrs. Daisy Barnes, 138½ N. Franklin St., is on the sick list.

JACKSONVILLE

(By Nellie Early)

Mr. John McCree was called to Peoria, Ill. April 5, to be witness on a trial.

Miss Louis Skinner who has been ill at her home in Monmouth, Ill. returned here.

Among the sick are; Ethel Strong, Mrs. Merriweather, Bell Washington, Mrs. DeWitt, Mrs. M. Morrison and Mrs. S. Dealy.

The C. W. B. M. met April 1, with Mrs. W. H. Robinson 438 S. Clay Ave., with a pleasant meeting. Among the numbers on the program were—Reading, "A child in the midst," Miss Nellie Early; Bible reading: Mrs. A. Dabney; also prayer, Mrs. E. Florence, also Song Service. Reading "A black Cloud of witnesses," Miss Genevieve Hatchman. Recitation, Mrs. H. Davis, "Look to the Hills." Reading, What is fighting in the sight of God? Mrs. H. Davis. Excellent refreshments were served.

Anderson Banks, the wide-awake-paper hanger is doing a great business at his place on S. Main St.

Rev. G. T. Shaw has returned from Alton, Ill.

Mrs. Barnett Scott of Louisiana, Mo., visited friends here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Dailey of Springfield, Ill. spent Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of 721 E. College St.

Mrs. Chas. Reed spent Easter Sunday in Louisiana, Mo.

Mrs. Laura Lafayette spent Easter Sunday in Chicago, Ill. accompanied by little Helen Tinsley, who visited her mother.

Miss Anna Lynch, of Springfield, Ill. spent a few days here recently.

The Friday Art Club met April 2 with Mrs. Mary Banks on North Diamond street.

The Young People's Socialist Club met recently with Mrs. Ray Hill.

Mrs. Nora Gaines of Petersburg, Ill., was here Easter Sunday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Mamie Edwards of Carrollton, Ill., was a recent visitor to her mother, Mrs. L. Coffman, who has been ill.

Miss Josie Waddie was a recent visitor to her sister, Mrs. Claud Banks, of Peoria, Ill.

A grand carnival was given March 30 and 31, under the auspices of Mrs. J. McCree, at the 2nd Baptist Church for the 4th Ward Club. Among the many attractions were the museum, fat woman, bearded man, little midget, picture gallery, fish pond, merry-go-round, which was in charge of Miss M. DeWitt.

Mrs. C. H. Freeman had charge of the tickets at the door March 30 and Mr. Freeman had charge the 31st. The museum was in charge of Prof. W. M. Morton with his able assistants, C. E. Mason and H. E. Nasby.

PERSONALS

Hon. B. M. Chipperfield of Canton, Congressman at large from the State, was in the city this week.

Last Wednesday night at the 1st Presbyterian church, memorial services in honor of the 50th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln, were fittingly observed. Bishops McDowell and Fallows were among the speakers. The speech of Bishop McDowell was a masterly plea for justice and in defense of the Colored man. Bishop McDowell is of the M. E. Church.

The Colored people are asking the legislature for \$25,000 more to help them in the celebration and exhibition of the 50th anniversary of actual freedom. This is a small sum and every member of the house and senate should go on record as favoring the bill. The

Celebration is to come off this summer and to make a creditable showing, they must have means. The bill should pass and those favoring it and voting for it will not regret having so done.

Abner Naylor attended the funeral of Mrs. Williams of Decatur, sister of Miss Lou McReynolds, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Alexander of Danville, Ill., arrived in the city about two weeks ago and were the guest of relatives. Mr. Alexander is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alexander of S. 11th St.

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Mrs. M. J. Waldron attended the Annual Conference at Louisiana, Mo., last week.

Rev. W. F. Walker was returned to Grace M. E. church for another year, making five consecutive years of service when this conference year shall have ended.

E. J. McCoo was called to Chicago last week as a witness in a street car case.

Miss Ethel White has returned home from Beloit, Ala., where she taught music.

Mrs. McBoise, 909 E. Cass St., who has been ill is much improved.

The repeated recital, under the direction of Mrs. L. C. McCoo and class, given at St John church, recently, was a success and largely attended.

O. G. Birdsong has returned from a week's visit to Southern Illinois, his former home, where he went to see relatives.

Mrs. L. C. Hubbard was granted a divorce from her husband last week on the grounds of "cruelty."

C. C. Goins, who is working for the Clover Leaf Insurance Co., at Columbus, Ohio, was in the city this week.

Mrs. Lilia Coleman of Los Angeles; Cal., cousin of Mrs. Nancy Coleman is dead.

Chicago Defender, N. Y. Age, Boston Guardian on sale at Gem Drug Store, 10th and Washington.

Meet me at Pekin Theatre, Apr. 22nd.

H. Rhoden, undertaker, continues to improve his business.

K. of P. annual sermon May 2d at Union church.

Adjustment Notice.

Estate of Esther Blackwell, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the last will and testament of said Deceased, hereby give notice that she will appear before the Probate Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, at the June Term thereof which will be held at the Court House of said County, beginning on the 7th day of June, 1915, at which time all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said Estate are also requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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