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C. L. Warr of Hamburg, Ia., was in the city yesterday visiting friends.

Mrs. L. S. Amy, 537 Fifth avenue, is suffering from a stroke of apoplexy, and her recovery is despaired of.

J. V. Babcock, a prominent grain dealer on his Grove, Ia., was in the city yesterday on his way home from a trip out west.

J. C. Bixby, heating and sanitary engineer, plans and specifications for heating, plumbing and lighting, 202 Main, Council Bluffs.

Miss Clara Swanson, who has been visiting her brother, Police Officer Swanson, and family, left for her home in Omaha last evening.

They had not met for years. "You have changed," she murmured. "Yes," said Alphonse, "I have changed all my work to the Eagle laundry, 72 Broadway."

The matter of releasing the signers on School Treasurer Davis' bond will come up before the release committee of the Board of Education next Monday night.

The marriage of Mr. C. Jensen and Miss Emma Hansen, daughter of Jacob Hansen, member of the Board of County Supervisors, takes place Tuesday at the residence of the bride's parents in Hazel Dell township.

J. M. Thomas, an old-time printer of this city, has entered the Childs-Drexel home for union printers at Colorado Springs, Colo., where he has been suffering from rheumatism, and has been suffering for several years past, incapacitated him from "holding cases" any longer.

Miss Beatrice Tingley left for New York last evening, where she will attend the Bellevue Hospital Training School for Nurses. A number of the members of the Woman's Sanitary Relief Commission, of which Miss Tingley had been secretary and treasurer since its organization, were at the depot to see her off.

The congregation of the Broadway Methodist church, who selected the following officers: Superintendent of Sunday school, Jacob Sims; assistant superintendent, Mrs. J. H. Arthur; secretaries, Mrs. Leonard and Miss Karen Woods; librarians, Lewis Whitehead and Leo Baldwin; treasurer, J. H. Arthur; chorists, Prof. Clifford, Minnie Hansen and May Caldwell; organists, Jennie Fife and Laura McDonald.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the public library is called for this afternoon. The special committee to which was referred the matter of devising some plan by which the running expenses of the institution can be decreased is expected to make a report. What the committee will recommend is not known, but it is understood that it will suggest that a reduction in the number of employees be made. Rev. Father Smyth of St. Francis Xavier's church will succeed Rev. L. P. McDonald, former pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, on the board.

Mrs. Nettie F. Ward, wife of Frederick W. Ward, died yesterday morning at her residence, 1802 Avenue D, of heart disease, aged 45 years. Mrs. Ward was a sister of Barallard France, who died at St. Bernard's hospital Saturday and whose funeral was held here last evening. She was the widow of the residence of his sister, Mrs. Charles Bailey, 507 South Sixth street. Owing to the death of Mrs. Ward the date has been changed and both the funeral and the interment will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late residence of the former on Avenue F. The service will be conducted by Rev. E. Venting of the Baptist church and interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

N. Y. Plumbing company, Tel. 155.

Grape Growers to Meet.

The annual meeting of the Council Bluffs Grape Growers' Shipping association will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in Fielders' hall at the county courthouse. Every member of the association is urged to attend. The election of officers will take place and the report of the officers will be submitted.

Electricity Cures.

Most of the fearful ailments of life can be traced to a derangement of the nervous system, generally originating in diseases of the genitive organs. Every sufferer wants a cure that will effect a cure in the easiest, quickest and least public manner; therefore, I do not enter upon a lengthy discussion and long-winded treatise as to the cause of your trouble, resorted to by quacks, who only do so to confound and frighten you.

You are probably well aware of the cause of your present weakness and the ordinary courses of treatment will not cure you—probably you are aware of this fact, to your sorrow. I will speedily and safely and surely cure you and I will guarantee it, if you will apply this important element of life through the agency of Dr. B. E. N. NETT'S ELECTRIC BELT.

Electricity is the Nerve and Vital Force of every man and woman, and without it you could not live a moment. When there is a lack of this Electricity or Nerve Force in the system, you can never be well and strong again until it is again supplied. Nature will not supply it, for Nature has been imposed upon and refuses to act. I will forfeit \$1,000 if my Electric Belt does not generate a genuine current of Electricity that you can immediately feel—is four times stronger than any other belt on earth. Prices of Belts only \$8 and \$10. Has soft, silken, chamois-covered sponge electrodes that cannot burn and blister as do the bare metal electrodes used on all other makes of belts. I guarantee my Belt to cure Seminal Impotency, Lost Manhood, Spermatorrhea, Varicocele and General Debility; restore Shrunken and Undeveloped Parts, cure Rheumatism in any form, Kidney, Liver and Bladder Troubles, Constipation, Dyspepsia, all Female Complaints, etc.

Call upon or write me today—sacredly confidential—do not delay, delays are dangerous—get system back to work and restore. Consultation and advice without cost. My ELECTRICAL SUSPENSORY for the cure of the various weaknesses of men, is given FREE to every male purchaser of one of my Belts. Sold only by

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PLANS FOR THE RECEPTION ARE OUTLINED

Afternoon and Evening to Be Given Over to Making the Stay of the Distinguished Guest One Round of Pleasure.

Mrs. Van Vechten of Cedar Rapids, president of the Iowa Federation of Women's clubs, will pay Council Bluffs a visit the latter part of this week. The members of the local clubs are preparing to entertain their distinguished guest.

Principal among the entertainments so far planned is a reception to be tendered Mrs. Van Vechten Friday afternoon and evening at the Bloomer school building by the members of the Ideal club. This reception will afford an opportunity to the people of this city, and especially the members of the various women's organizations, to meet the distinguished woman who will be the guest of honor and also to assist in the furnishing of pictures and art pieces for the corridors of the Bloomer school building.

The reception will be held on the third floor, which has been largely reconstructed and is well adapted to accommodate a large crowd. The building will be elaborately decorated throughout with works of art, palms and potted flowers. The following program has been decided upon for the event:

From 2:30 o'clock to 4 o'clock the pupils of the various schools of the city will be received and not only will be afforded an opportunity to meet Mrs. Van Vechten, but to listen to an address from her. A class of grade school pupils under the charge of Miss Lucille Porterfield, the supervisor of music, will render a number of songs. From 4 to 5:30 o'clock a general reception will be given club members and all others wishing to meet the president of the state federation.

The evening's program will consist of a general reception from 7:30 to 10:30 o'clock, when a number of vocal and instrumental numbers and short addresses will be given. The program will be as follows: Instrumental music, Miss Maud Carlin; address, Hon. Jacob Sims, member Board of Education, on "What Art Has Done for Schools of Other Cities." Master Henry Jennings, on "The Art of the Artist." The program will be based on two weeks' study; instrumental solo, Miss Faye Travis; song, Miss Cyrella Braden of Lake Charles, La.; address by Mrs. Van Vechten on "Art in the School Room and School Room Decorations." Miss Jessie Wallace; piano selection, Miss Mona Reed.

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