

colleges of the south. In all the business and educational movements of the town Mrs. Francis is ~~an important factor~~ and is doing much to solve the negro problem.

—Katherine Tesser was born near Prague, Austria, on the 11th of March, 1840. In 1865 she was married in Prague to Joseph Tesser. Some years later they moved to this country, settling in Marshalltown in 1874, from which place a year later they moved to Grinnell. There were seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Tesser, five of whom still live, Joseph, Annie, James, Mary and Will. After a lingering illness Mrs. Tesser died Tuesday afternoon of dropsy. The funeral services were conducted at the house Thursday afternoon by the Rev. G. E. Morphy. Mrs. Tesser was brought up in the Catholic church and has continued in that faith ever since, though some members of her family have connected themselves with the Baptist church. She has been a good neighbor and a kind mother, and has lived a peaceful christian life.