





# LA RAMOSA.



HE vermin of the North—mosquitoes, worse a thousand times than any of tropical lands—and the other night insects, torture me in this square and stuffy room. Would to heaven I had never crossed under the line of Cancer! After many months of patience and resolve to endure and trust in God, I see no reason why one should continue to exist in this frightful region. Once, when scarce more than a child I was forced to lose a tooth with strong roots. The dentist caused me to inhale gas. I remember a sensation of motion and noise and half-deadened suffering and a sudden final stupendous pain and cessation. I think of all that as similar to this life of mine in a great city of the North; the pain, the jarring, the terrible noise of the town all day, through which I have not time to remember the sudden sharp pang of recollection at night when I lay my head on the pillow and fall into exhausted slumber and oblivion. My daily toil is like the whirling of a wheel; I translate and revise translations in a large publishing house. My own language, my mother tongue, the Castilian, has lately come in fashion. Besides which they say I speak and write French with amazing perfection. I am quick and accurate and never seem to be thinking of my beauty or personal adornments. For that reason they pay me a reasonable salary. I need never be hungry or thirsty; never go poorly dressed or lack for comforts. In a semi-fashionable neighborhood I occupy this square and stifling room in a most respectable boarding-house. When July comes I may have a fortnight's vacation to go to the seaside or mountains and breathe fresh air. And there the people will say of me: "Oh, that is Miss Roldan of Blank's. She is very tiresome and clever. She never smiles; don't talk to her!" and so I shall be among them, yet not of them; no one will take a fancy to me—unless some eccentric or curious old maid, who wants some one to talk to. Ah! And under my quiet, plain, severe gown, there beats a heart more burning and passionate than any among them. For, after all, I am not twenty-three! But we of Latin blood look old so soon, alas!

My mother, the child of English parents, was born under the equator; my father was a true son of the tropics. And I, too, am tropical. My mother died when I was a girl. My father, fierce, hot-blooded, unwilling to temporize, fell in a revolution against the oppressor of his country. That was four years ago. The oppressor still exercises the power. When he shall have gone from the land, I will return and claim my father's estates, too long and cruelly taken from him. My cousins will welcome me back then—but shall I forgive them for training traitors and deserting my father's cause?

In the meantime what am I? A suffering form, a grain of dust blown at the wind's pleasure in this cruel world of the North; this world that has a flat, pale sky by day, and small, cold stars by night, and in the streets of whose great cities devils walk or ride by day and night. Devils in human shapes.

Sometimes I think I would like to stand face to face with him once more. I would like to scorn him—to spit upon him—to spit in him from my path. I never remember him, except in that brief flash of anguish that tears away my last vestige of consciousness when I lay my head on the pillow at night. But that right dared he invade my life? Blonde, volatile,



OVER HIS FACE. Use of affectations to appear to be like the executioner on his cell each night. "said to me, give you are—Have you—in your—evered him of my horse—and torn all all its blossoms no more!—mimos!—me thus say on the book for come to a novel, Harriet, Enriqueta,

and which I translated Enriqueta. In his story the lover of Harriet treated her most cruelly, but she forgave him and so—died. He saw my scornful smile at her weakness.

"You think," he said, "it is not true to life? You think that Enriqueta should not forgive him?"

"I only know what I would or would not do in such a case," I answered carelessly.

"And you—what would you do?" he cried with appearance of intense interest.

"I think I should kill him," I said, calmly and smiling. "I think I would stab him through the heart or shoot him, first calling him to defend himself."

"But then you would be put in prison," he laughed.

"And what of that?"

He burst out laughing still harder. But, finally, he grew grave and went away. If he had known! I, to talk of killing. I, who used to brush the green grub gently from my roses in the great garden of my tropical home. I, who shrink at even a look of pain. I, who weep with every heart in sorrow, who would fain gather every tearful child to my bosom and hush away its grief!

Stupid, trifling accused the stupid, far-sighted Anglo-Saxon race, these dull beings who discern well things and motives too distant to concern them seriously, yet must have strong lenses to read the open books of souls like mine, throbbing so close to them!

After that day he seemed to study me, to note me closely. Then came the night of all nights of my life for me—never to be forgotten, never to be forgiven! When he threw himself into my arms and into my soul—crying out passionately, "I love you—I love you!"

From that night on he never came to me again. And I made no complaint. Amazed, stupefied, tortured, I suffered in proud silence. It did not enter my head for long weeks that his only thought had been to gain a new experience—a new passion to be made use of in another novel—another vivisection of a soul! We met—casually—in the street. He seemed to await something; foot that he was, he awaited my attempt to murder him—to avenge the injury to my heart. Fool that I was, not to know it! I only walked my way half dead—but cold and proud and apparently utterly forgetful of the clasp of his arms, the pressure of his lips!

Doubtless he had forgotten the mimosa, in which there is no deadliness—only a power to shrink and suffer.

Maria Santissima! How lonely one can be in such a great city! How tired one may grow of living! How purposeless may seem the struggle. I, who only desire to love and be loved—I, whose dearest wish for life would be to devote myself to a fond and faithful husband—to suffer in this way! To reach out feverish hands for the pure and dew moist rose of love and only grasp the stinging nettle of deceit!

It seems as if years had passed since I wrote what comes before this. It may be an hour or two. A tap came at my door. I opened it and stood face to face with him. He came in without invitation, smiling, blond and with pretense of superiority.

"Ah, busy?" he laughed lightly.

"But is it not warm here? Why do you not throw wide the windows?" He flung one higher and sat down on the sill, sat carelessly out in such a way as one might sit and easily lose his balance.

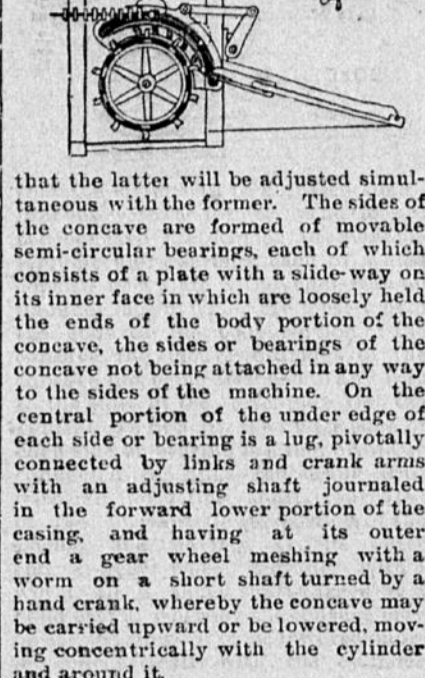
"Have care!" I said, sharply. But he only laughed.

## WORLD OF SCIENCE.

### INVENTIONS AND DISCOVERIES IN MANY FIELDS.

An Improvement of Interest to Grain Growers—Improvement Upon Post-Inventions in the Trolley Car Line—General Notes of Science.

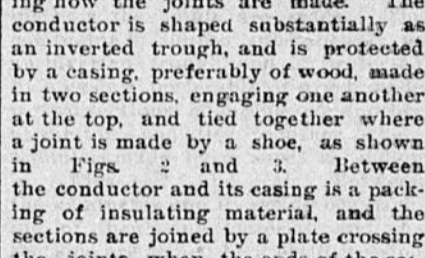
An Improved Thrashing Machine Feed. The regulation of the draught in hand or self-feeding thrashing machines is readily effected by means of the improved shown in the accompanying illustration, which provides for the convenient adjustment of the concave to or from the cylinder to suit any kind of grain, the concave and feed board being also so connected



that the latter will be adjusted simultaneously with the former. The sides of the concave are formed of movable semi-circular bearings, each of which consists of a plate with a slide-way on its inner face in which are loosely held the ends of the body portion of the concave, the sides or bearings of the concave not being attached in any way to the sides of the machine. On the central portion of the under edge of each side or bearing is a lug, pivotally connected by links and crank arms with an adjusting shaft journaled in the forward lower portion of the casing and having at its outer end a gear wheel meshing with a worm on a short shaft turned by a hand crank, whereby the concave may be carried upward or belowered, moving concentrically with the cylinder and around it.

The feed board section, as shown in the sectional view, has hinged connection with the upper edge of the concave, and when the latter is carried to its upper position the feed board is very nearly horizontal, when the feed will be quite slow, but as the concave is lowered the feed board becomes correspondingly more inclined, providing for a substantially rapid feed. For the adjustment of the concave vertically, and to and from the feed end of the machine, two shafts, one forward of the other, are passed through segmental slots in the under sides of the concave bearings, each shaft having near each end an eccentric, whereby, on turning one of the shafts, the concave will be raised or moved forward, or lowered or withdrawn from the cylinder of the machine. The rotation of each shaft is effected by a worm on the lower end of a vertical rod, engaging a gear wheel on the outer end of the shaft, the rod being turned by a crank within easy reach of the operator. The attachment is readily adjustable to and may be applied to any thrashing machine.—Scientific American.

An Improved Trolley Conductor. With the trolley conductor shown in the illustration, the trolley wheel may be easily and conveniently brought into contact with the conductor when the shifting of the trolley is necessary. Figs. 1 and 2 represent sections transversely through the conductor, and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section showing how the joints are made. The conductor is shaped substantially as an inverted T, and is protected by a casing, preferably of wood, made in two sections, engaging one another at the top, and tied together where a joint is made by a shoe, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Between the conductor and its casing is a packing of insulating material, and the sections are joined by a plate crossing the joints when the ends of the sec-



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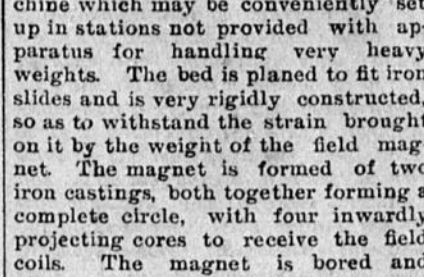
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others in the near vicinity. The exhaust air is conducted to a large refrigerator, where it is of constant practical service; and the proprietor states that, by increasing the air pressure and by using the same pressure in the engine as that maintained in the street main, he has, with the exhaust air, manufactured large quantities of ice.

New Multipolar Generator. We give an engraving of a recently perfected Multipolar Generator which an enterprising company has just put on the market. The frame of the machine is composed of several parts, making it convenient to handle. The total weight is quite uniformly divided between the several parts, as shown in the engraving, making a machine which may be conveniently set up in stations not provided with apparatus for handling very heavy weights. The bed is planned to fit iron slides and is very rigidly constructed, so as to withstand the strain brought on it by the weight of the field magnet. The magnet is formed of two iron castings, both together forming a complete circle, with four inwardly projecting cores to receive the field coils. The magnet is bored and fitted with a pole bushing surrounding the armature, which gives the greatest possible effective polar arc, and prevents the disagreeable humming sometimes observed with toothed armatures under heavy loads and suppresses the tendency to spark by reason of stray lines of force. The armature is of the toothed hollow drum type. By a system of end connections, crossing of the conductors at the leads of the armature is avoided, thus reducing the danger of short circuiting and burning out and permitting of conveniently getting at every wire. The commutator is massive, and well-known Bakelite patent woven wire and graphite brushes are used. The bearings, which are very large, are self-lubricating and self-oiling. The two terminals are located at opposite sides of the machine, to avoid the danger of a short circuit. The field cores are compound wound and the magnetic circuit of the machine is carefully designed with reference to the reluctance of cast iron, wrought



iron and air, so as to get the very best attainable effect from the materials used.

Lubricating Oils. Of some of the various lubricating oils now resorted to, a writer in London Industries remarks that the materials entering into the composition of some of the ordinary soaps not only give good results, but constitute a compound for cylinder use greatly preferable to many of the "cylinder oils" that are often employed, of which the chief qualifications are their black color and tarry consistency, it being erroneously supposed that because a good cylinder oil is of high viscosity and is often dark colored the converse must necessarily be true, and that oils possessing these properties will be excellent cylinder oils. Where the use of mineral oil replaces that of tallow there is an absence of the corrosion of the cylinder consequent on the saponification of the fat by high pressure steam, with the production of free fatty acids, which are often present in such quantities as to form masses of iron soap weighing many pounds. Cases have occurred where the use of mineral oil having been substituted for that of tallow, and this iron soap having been consequently dissolved out and for the first time brought to light, the new lubricant has been mistakenly condemned.

An Interesting Event. Quite an interest has been created in Lewiston, Maine, by a recent local manufacturing product, namely, the first silk fabric ever woven upon a power loom in that place, and probably east of Boston, the article being an attractive reproduction of the new Lewiston Mill company's building. Two colors, blue and black, were decided upon to commence with in this line, the size being about 12 by 8 inches, and the building is deftly woven into the center, with a border of one inch and silk fringe about the edge. So fine is the reproduction of the photograph of the building in this fabric that the stone of the arches, the open doors, the stone image over the front window and the clock in the tower are all distinctly visible in their minutest detail. This is the beginning of an industry intended to be developed into much larger sized objects.

Willing to Learn. Little Johnny—I think Tommy Dodd wouldn't have so many accidents on his bicycle if he'd go slow instead—Mother—Say "go slowly." Little Johnny—Yes'm—if he'd go slowly instead of fastly.

A Little Skeptic. Little Boy—Did you ever see a comet? Little Girl—No. "Neither did I. I don't believe there is comets." "You ought to be ashamed to talk that way. You'll be sayin' you don't believe in ghosts next."

Two Points of View. Wife—How people gaze at my new dress! I presume they wonder if I've been shopping in Paris. Husband—More likely they wonder if I've been robbing a bank.

A Practical Dramatist. Friend—Why do you kill off so many people in every act? Dramatist—The company is small, and that is the only way I can work in all the characters.

## FASHIONABLE CONVERSATION.

Thrilling Example of the Small Talk That Flourishes at Receptions. Mr. Smalltalk, having been introduced to Miss Dittotoo, says: "Very nice assemblage."

"Very; and quite literary, too."

"Ah, very! I do not on it."

"You like Shakespeare, I care say?"

"Ah, very much! Do you?"

"Very fond of him; I like Burns, too."

"So do I; very much indeed."

"Do you like Goldsmith?"

"Very, very much. Do you like Byron?"

"Think he's grand. Do you like Pope?"

"Oh, yes; very much. Do you like Shelley?"

"Oh, yes; he's good. Tell you a good writer."

"Who?"

"Milton."

"Yes; he's very good indeed."

Since then Mr. Smalltalk, in speaking of the young lady, says that "she is wonderfully well read, and she, in speaking of him, says: "Oh, he read almost everything, I think."—Dearest's Magazine.

One Day With the Children. Big girl opened her dark eyes and raised her head, for her usual morning look at the weather and then with a cry of delight cried:—

Highest of all in leavening strength.—Latest U. S. Gov. Food Report.

# Royal Baking Powder

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Economy requires that in every receipt calling for baking powder the Royal shall be used. It will go further and make the food lighter, sweeter of finer flavor, more digestible and wholesome.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 106 WALL ST., NEW YORK.

### WANT AN OCEAN TRIP?

You May Go to Europe if You Are Not Afraid to Work. Most people connect with the thought of going to Europe an idea of considerable expense, but there are many people who go free, and firms that advertise for people who are willing to go free. This is such an advertisement:

WANTED—Men on cattle steamers to England work for passage. Apply employment office, 47-51 Broadway.

Not the quickest nor the latest nor the most comfortable way to get to Liverpool, but a way that answers the purpose of many people, and when they are there—in Liverpool or Glasgow—they are just as much there as if they had gone first cabin and paid so many dollars a day for seasickness, says the New York Advertiser.

A reporter had hardly entered the door of the employment agency on Greenwich street when two men came in together carrying a cheap, rope-strepped trunk.

"What all?" asked the man at the desk, addressing one of the newcomers.

"That's all."

"Be here at half-past nine to-morrow morning. Leave the trunk there."

The prospective passenger had been there before and had made his arrangements. A minute later two fairly dressed young men came in. The genius at the desk "sized them up" with a glance. It was just such a look as the pawnbroker gives an unfamiliar face. The verdict was unfavorable. The men didn't look enough like work and appeared rather too prosperous. The fellow at the desk answered a few questions with "yes" and "no" and then asked abruptly:

"Where are you going?"

"Well," said one of them, "we didn't much care. We thought we'd go to Paris."

"We don't run any boats to Paris," was the serious, quick-spoken rejoinder, with an accent and expression that plainly meant:

"That's all there is to be said."

"But—"

"We don't run any boats to Paris. Do you belong on the other side?"

"No; we belong here."

### FROM MANY SOURCES.

The only fish that never sleep are salmon, pike and goldfish.

A party of explorers have recently discovered an immense forest of india rubber trees in the valley of the Orinoco.

At a recent auction sale of odds and ends in Paris a woman bought an old mattress in which she found 14,000 francs in gold.

The government of Japan gets a large proportion of its rice from the railroad and telegraph companies it owns and operates.

A new use will be put to the waters of the Dead sea. It has been found that they will kill microbes and they will be used in French hospitals.

It costs so much to support the 200,000 priests in Tibet, which has only 2,000,000 inhabitants, that a man can not ordinarily afford the luxury of a wife all to himself and so polyandry is general.

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to every nervous, delicate woman, suffering from "female complaint," irregularity, weakness, in every exhausted condition of the female system. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is an invigorating restorative, fitted to the needs of nursing mothers and women approaching confinement.

South Bend, Pacific Co. Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:—I have your description of my case and have compared it with the symptoms of your medicine. I feel that I can give you my name and address, and I am sure that you will be able to help me.

MRS. BAKER. We think it saved my life. I was troubled with a severe headache, and it is now gone.

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LOCAL NEWS.

The crop bulletin says that damage of corn is inestimable, owing to the drought.

Remember that THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER is the only colored news paper in Polk county.

Extra copies of THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER can be obtained from our agents at 5 cents per copy.

Work on the structure of the Baptist church at the corner of Eighth and commenced this week.

Debtors continue to offend Uncle and they are being bound over to the action of the grand jury.

Sheriff McGarraugh took Weems and Hammill to Ft. Madison Wednesday. They are to be hung August 21, 1893.

Any woman or man in the city seeking employment can advertise in THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER free of charge.

The entertainment at the East Side Baptist church last Friday evening was largely attended. The program was of a high class and well rendered.

Alice Shepard Mitchell died at 8 a. m. Thursday morning. It is supposed that an overdose of morphine, taken with suicidal intent caused her death.

Rev. W. J. Laws, of the A. M. E. church, will preach on "The Strikes and the Position of the Negro Relative to Strikes." The subject will be well handled and he is deserving of a large attendance.

Mrs. Jennie Bitings died under peculiar circumstances last Friday, and the coroner was called to investigate the case. The jury returned a verdict of death caused by cholera morbus. She was an aged lady who had struggled long and faithfully all her life.

The ladies of Mt. Olive Court will give a pink entertainment at Masonic and Odd Fellow's hall, corner of West Sixth and Walnut streets, Friday evening, August 10. The court is a most worthy organization and is deserving of your liberal patronage. A large attendance is desired. Turn out en masse and show your appreciation of these affable and amiable ladies.

The Old Settler picnic was largely attended Thursday afternoon. The annual gathering loses none of its fascinations and is always looked forward to with the greatest anticipation. The woods and environments were such to make all present happy and contented. The program was well carried out and several good addresses being delivered and a historical account of the given. A ball game, foot racing and general athletic sports constituted the afternoon's entertainment. The society is a most worthy organization.

AL AND SOCIAL. Mrs. D. Morton has been visiting in the city. Miss Mays, sister of Mrs. Anna Jones, is visiting in the city. We acknowledge a very pleasant call from Gentry Maury of Chicago, last week. Mrs. S. Prater, sister of Mrs. Weeks, was in the city Tuesday, en route for Ottumwa. Mrs. D. Morton has been visiting in the city. Miss Mays, sister of Mrs. Anna Jones, is visiting in the city. We acknowledge a very pleasant call from Gentry Maury of Chicago, last week. Mrs. S. Prater, sister of Mrs. Weeks, was in the city Tuesday, en route for Ottumwa.

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He has been totally blind for some time and now he is taking treatment that is apparently doing him good. He occasionally gets a glimpse of light. He has many friends and neighbors who earnestly hope for his complete recovery.

Miss May Ruff departed for Galesburg, Ill., Monday afternoon to attend the wedding of her cousin, Miss Cora A. Love. During Miss Ruff's absence James M. Ruff will act as chef; Thad Ruff, dish washer and dining room girl, and Charles Ruff will do the gormandizing and receive company.

Monday last the pleasant home of Ma. and Mrs. Frank Blagburn was made happy by the arrival of a baby boy. Mr. Blagburn was unusually affable to customers at the Savery House Pharmacy that evening. Many did not know that Frank was very proud over the addition to his family.

Phoenix, Arizona, Herald: Mr. Oscar Crockett, wife and family arrived this morning from Des Moines, Iowa, and will make Phoenix their future home. Mr. Crockett was one of the large army of eastern inquirers for information regarding our city, and Mr. Frank Shirley corresponded with him for some time with the result that he has cast his fortune with us.

Jason Green, Esq., of Newton, will be in Des Moines flag day and assist in the removing of the old and sacred battle flags. He has a good record as a soldier and is a good and honorable citizen.

Johnson & Hopkins, 413 Seventh street, are selling the best groceries in the city. Prices always with the times.

DECIDE TO PICNIC. A meeting was held at St. Paul's A. M. E. church Monday evening by the members and friends of the church for an expression in regard to a picnic or excursion between the church and Sunday school jointly. It was finally decided to have an excursion on the C. & G. W. railroad to the Chautauqua grounds, Waterloo, Ia. These grounds are especially adapted for picnic purposes, numerous seats, excellent water, pavilions and every facility for the comfort of a days outing. Steamers, pleasure boats, etc., are numberless on the lake. The church and Sunday school can be congratulated upon its selection.

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CHARITY CONCERT. The choir of the A. M. E. Church gave an excellent program last Thursday evening to a fair sized audience. The cause in which their voluntarily enlisted was enough to fill the house. It was for the assistance of a woman who was a member of the church, one who, while in health, had rendered deeds of charity to many and had did her plain Christian duty. Now, unfortunately, she is sick and has been for a long time. The concert was well selected and rendered in an exceptionally fine manner. Several visitors in the city kindly assisted in the production of the evening's program. Mrs. Hamilton Thomas, of Ottumwa, sang a solo and received a hearty encore, to which she responded. The program was as follows:

Piano Duet..... Mabel and Alice Berry  
Tenor song—"Tell Her I Love Her So," Holt  
Recitation..... Dr. Johnson  
Solo contralto—"Alone at Last"..... Mrs. Coalsen  
Recitation—Selected..... Miss Jordan  
Excelsior quartette..... Selected  
Solo contralto..... Miss Goodlow  
Solo soprano..... Ernani Involuntari, Miss  
"Go, Battered Coward"..... Holt and Moseley  
Solo soprano..... C. C. Lewis  
Duet quartette—"Annie Laurie".....  
Sopranos, Miss Ruff and Mrs. Biny;  
Contraltos, Miss Berry and Mrs. Coalsen  
Solo—Selected..... Mrs. Hamilton Thomas  
(Encore responded to.)

KEOKUK ITEMS. Social and Other News of Interest From Lee County.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. About twenty persons took advantage of the rates to Burlington to assist in celebrating Emancipation Day.

Rumor says that Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bland will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary the latter part of this month.

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A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

THE GRAND LODGE OF COLORED ODD FELLOWS LARGELY ATTENDED.

Names of the Newly Elected Officers--The Growth of the Order--Some Valuable Statistics.

On last Wednesday adjourned one of the most successful fraternal meetings ever held in Iowa. The thirteenth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows convened at Ft. Madison July 21. Large numbers of colored Odd Fellows were in attendance. The session opened with a meeting of the delegates, the greater portion of the day being devoted to the transaction of routine business. Muchakinoak, accompanied by her colored band sent a large excursion, Keokuk, Park Bluff, Quincy, La Grange and other points swelling the number present to about 1,200. Bright and early Wednesday morning the grand lodge was in session, and disposed of the reports and the election of officers. The lodge district is composed of the states of Iowa and Nebraska and contains 533 members, nearly all of whom are financial members. The order has invested during the past year \$3,611 and has expended in the fiscal year beginning July 26, 1893, and ending July 25, 1893, for sick benefits, \$996.42. The fund on hand at present aggregates \$1,648.30.

On the afternoon of July 23 occurred the grand street parade, the music being furnished by the colored bands of Muchakinoak, La Grange and Prof. Adler's band of Keokuk, all thoroughly competent and experienced. After the parade the people repaired to the Old Settler's Park, where they were welcomed in a well worded and pleasing address by Hon. J. D. Hamilton and the deputy grand master of Missouri.

Following these festivities occurred the public installation of the following officers for the ensuing year: District Grand Master--W. A. S. Mills, Keokuk. Deputy Grand Master--Robert Baikes Des Moines. District Grand Secretary--S. L. Tigg, Burlington. District Grand Treasurer--T. H. Dewis, Muchakinoak. District Grand Chaplain--T. Watson, Evans. District Grand Guardian--Samuel Bowman, Ft. Madison. District Grand Marshal--H. S. Clay, Des Moines.

These officers are all men of integrity and honest purpose; men who have been instrumental in the perfection of the grand and noble order which they represent. The order of Odd Fellows is said to be the greatest beneficent order in existence.

A grand ball and banquet was given on the evening of adjournment, the busy cares of the two previous days were cast aside and all engaged in an evening of pleasure and social entertainment.

The meeting brought to Ft. Madison the largest assemblage of colored people in the city's history. The city of Ft. Madison extended the hand of friendship to all present and everyone did credit to himself and the excellent order to which he belonged.

The ground of the previous year was well covered and the members of the order are hopeful of a much greater advancement during the ensuing year. The grand lodge will meet in Chariton next year.

BURLINGTON BUDGET. A Letter Full of News Items and Interesting Facts.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. Mr. L. Reed, the Burlington delegate to the grand lodge, which convened at Fort Madison last week, brings back quite a favorable report to the lodge here. Mr. Reed tells us, among many other things, that he had "the only time."

Mr. Bert Johnson, who has been slightly ill for the past few days, is rapidly regaining his health.

We are surprised to state that Mrs. H. Prator, who formerly resided at Burlington, but now resides at Keokuk, was a Burlington visitor last week.

Rev. A. A. Hampton, the pastor of the Olive Baptist church left Wednesday for Muchakinoak, Oskaloosa and Evans. Rev. Hampton is quite a pulpit orator and is well equipped for his vocation.

Mr. Walter Brown, who has been an employe on the railroad for several years, but whose run has been south, is again favored with a western route where he is enabled to pass through Burlington, his old home. Mr. Brown is "the same old Walter."

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunaway have moved to their former dwelling on West Hill, and may now be found on the corner of Fourth and Division streets.

Mr. G. Brown, A. Manual and Clifford Jones are the names of colored plasterers who made such liberal donations to the new Olive Baptist church. Each of these gentlemen put in a days work plastering, and by the time they were through the whole church was plastered and not a cent was charged. Nothing short of success can follow such liberality as these good men put forth.

Mr. Alexander and Mr. Oliver were participants in a very pleasant fishing party last week. Owing to the low stage of water, fish are reported to be very plentiful in the Illinois bottom lands.

Mrs. B. Fields and Mrs. Ella Smith were the guests of Mrs. A. White last week. These ladies returned to Ottumwa with the expectation of revisiting this city on August 1st.

Mrs. Eva Jackson, of North Fourth street, has been ill for the past few days, but we are glad to say that her writing she is rapidly improving.

Mrs. Lydia Weldon fell at her door step last Wednesday at a dead faint. Mrs. Weldon tells us that she escaped the fine usually inflicted upon our people for fainting, and we heartily congratulate her for being so fortunate.

Mrs. Owens, of Galesburg, is the wife of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Sadie Briggs, who has been running relatives in Cedar Rapids for weeks past, will return to Burlington some time in August.

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