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Let every Republican register and prepare to vote in November.

Connecticut is in line. The Republican gains in that state are unparalleled.

The Republicans of South Carolina will not put a state ticket in the field this year. They will confine their work to the congressional districts.

The gathering of the Army of the Tennessee at Council Bluffs was a notable one. Among the guests were Gen. G. M. Dodge, Gen. O. O. Howard, Gen. Wagner Swayne and Tecumseh W. Sherman, son of the late Gen. W. T. Sherman. Fred D. Grant was also there. He is called "colonel" for some reason or no reason.

Blackmailing sheets edited and owned by colored men have done more harm to the Negroes of Iowa than any other one cause. Their chief occupation has been to "round up" the state at each recurring election and blackmail candidates for office. They may have been successful for the past three years, but the day for such business will soon have gone by and their occupation be gone. The most prominent sign these blackmailing organs presented was that of "Principles for Sale."

NOT READY TO CHANGE. The time for the Negro to change his belief is when a party does better and offers more inducements. There are in fact but two parties, the Republican and the Democratic. The only sensible way to judge of the merits of the two parties is by a comparison of their history, past and present. The history may be old, but the facts will remain to the credit or discredit of the party. We say without fear of successful contradiction that every measure proposed and adopted by the Republican party for the advancement of the Negro has been opposed by the Democratic party. While we regret that the Republican party has not done its plain and entire duty in the protection of all of the citizens of the United States, we can truthfully say that the Democratic party has unanimously opposed all that has been done for the Negro. Pride in the African race should make every Negro in the country study the utterances and actions of the southern press, the governors of the several states and the states which have large Democratic majorities. There are a few (Democratic) Negro dough-faced editors who believe in protecting their subscribers, but who have not one word to say in condemnation of the crimes perpetrated on southern soil and in Democratic states against Negroes.

FAILED TO "REAP A REWARD." The following was published by the Des Moines Avalanche, the editor of which is Albert Lincoln Bell. It is a gem. "Reports reach us almost daily that THE BYSTANDER'S editors and solicitors are requiring persons from whom they solicit to stop taking the Avalanche and take their campaign sheet. The Avalanche has visited the people regularly for more than three years. It is well known that it is a race paper; it caters to no political party; it is not like the misnamed campaign sheet whose last issue, according to contract, will be issued Nov. 10, 1894."

The above piece is extracted from volume 5, No. 4, of that paper. It contains a strange admission. It has ostensibly been a Republican paper, and after so long a service it says that THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER has been put into the field to do the work it could not accomplish by its imbecile methods. If these remarks came through a respectable newspaper we would feel complimented. The reputation of that paper under its former management does away with the necessity of a denial. From the appearance of the last issue of that paper a post mortem examination will be held on that paper before November 10, 1894.

From the same issue we give our readers an opportunity to guess what the politics of the Avalanche may be. Albert Lincoln Bell, the managing editor and candidate for township clerk on the Republican ticket, uses very strange words for a man in his position.

"Is it not about time that the Negro was taking the advice of Judge Tourgee by being in all parties and in all societies? They can get in all churches and public meetings and be as prominent as they can, and thereby enhance their value to the upbuilding of church,

society and parties, and reap a reward equal to other races."

The paper is evidently on the fence or on the ragged edge of despair, and is "in all parties" at the same time. If that paper desires to advise its readers it should state its own position and not misquote Judge Tourgee to back up its opinions (?) What Judge Tourgee said was this:

"If I was a colored man in the north I would go to a fashionable white Christian church at least once a month, and to every other place where a good citizen should go, and put myself in evidence as a good citizen. I must criticize my Negro friends for submitting too much. No race ever received its rights unless it stood up for them and made it a part of its religion to do so."

The above are the words of Judge Tourgee, and every person within the sound of his voice is well aware that he did not advise the "Negro" to be in "all parties." In the first place it is an impossibility for one man to be in all parties. Of course we are compelled to make an exception of Albert Lincoln Bell, who is ubiquitous. The main trouble with that paper in the past has been a desire "to reap a reward" THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER is run on legitimate business principles, and does not "round up" the state in an attempt to extort money from candidates for office. It does not do light business, and is not ashamed of it. It expects to "reap a reward" by treating everybody fairly, chronicling the good deeds of the people of Iowa and the United States, lifting its voice in defense of the poor and friendless, denouncing the Negro against all unjust encroachments of his rights and fighting for the principles which it believes to be for the best interests of the country and its entire population. It is in favor of justice for all men, and will defend the rights of any American citizen, whether he be white or black. This paper has the courage to speak for what it believes to be right. It is presumed that the Avalanche failed "to reap a reward" to an alarming extent during its last tour, consequently its above advice is promulgated.

THE "MITEY" MAHASKA EDITOR. We have no special desire to quarrel with the editor of the moribund Negro Democratic organ or to stop his salary. He made an empty assertion and insinuated that church members and churches were articles of merchandise, chattels, which were upon the market and could be purchased in the same manner that one buys cattle, hogs, sheep, corn, wheat or any other product. He asked the "mitey" editor to tell upon what ground he accused the "Republican party of buying churches, body and soul?"

He evaded answering that question by making a personal attack upon us. He seems to question the right of another to doubt or make inquiry as to the truthfulness or falsity of his assertions. He suddenly found out that he had "other matters of more importance to him," and left the field without substantiating his charge in any manner, shape or form. Last week the moribund sheet which "moved into larger, more commodious quarters" again walked forth to the slaughter and attacked us in a personal manner for reproducing an article from a reputable paper in criticism of that sheet and its methods. He called the article a "proverb," which we readily accept. He uses a column of space on the "midjet Negro sheet," the clipping and the "wile, untutored individual who furnishes the editorial matter of that sheet and would end here. But it proceeds further and in-inuates at least that Miss Ida B. Wells is a "young Afro-American adventuress." There is no occasion for the use of such terms, and they are only adopted by newspapers in the south which have openly defied all law and aggravated and advised mobs to hang, burn and avenge some alleged crime committed by a Negro. After the mob had finished his bloody work these same papers have given full-some illustrations of how the Negro appeared to a special reporter, the Negro or Negroes as their lifeless forms hung from a tree or lamp post and the "brave" southern Democrats as they shot holes through the dead bodies. The Oskaloosa sheet should be able to illustrate some of these lynchings and show thereby that Miss Wells' "efforts are fruitless." Those who read the ravings of the above-mentioned editor must feel more of pity for him than contempt. There is not a paper in the entire north that has not treated Miss Wells with respect and serious consideration, with the only exception of the Oskaloosa sheet. The Negroes of America need more men and women like Miss Wells. She opposed southern methods of "rating" Negroes in the south, and she lost her entire newspaper office and outfit. The editor of the moribund sheet embraced the Democratic party, composed in part of the very men who had destroyed Miss Wells' office and outfit. What change! A brave woman has her property destroyed and is made an exile for telling the truth and doing her duty. A Negro Democratic editor is rewarded for his treacherous subservency to the Democratic party and the total disregard for the truth and the interests of the Negro by a newspaper outfit. This is the difference between the two. He finds fault with Miss Wells, but he has offered no relief for the existing conditions in the south except that of joining the Democratic party. The Oskaloosa man should pray three times a day for a restoration of conscience. If ever there was a man on earth who needed a conscience it is this very man. The "mitey" editor of the moribund sheet also poses as a martyr. He says "we enjoy the God-given right to live. Most people are guessing whether the Lord knows anything about him. The fellow in the "torrid region" is probably more familiar with him and his methods.

THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER is a Republican paper and has no apology to make for its position.

When you come to town, old boy, you will find THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER office in the same place—third floor, Register block. "The wile, untutored editor" will be pleased to meet you and show you all due hospitality.

HURT THE RACE.

From the (Ga.) People's Advocate. The line of march made by the colored man within the last thirty years is dotted with many signs of progress. He has come from nothing to something, and only by himself, but all men should feel proud of the fact. But while it is true that the colored man has gone forward, there is yet much room for improvement. A decent man or woman can scarcely walk down one of our streets without seeing the very method and womanhood of the race besmearing themselves in the mud and rivalry of sin and vice.

Noble manhood and pure womanhood can never come from a boyhood and girlhood spent in debauchery and lasciviousness.

To many of our boys and girls walk the streets, indulge in idleness, visit places of ill fame and associate with people of degraded character. Such a state of affairs is alarming to the hopes of our people. If we are to be the equals of other races we must keep our children under pure and wholesome influences, must keep them out of bad company, teach them to stay at home and to love the noble and the true.

No parent does his duty who allows his children to go at will, where and whenever they wish.

We believe that many of the indignities heaped upon our people are the immediate results of their filthy appearance, boisterous habits and ungentlemanly deportment.

No person can reasonably expect decent treatment unless he himself is decent. No rough need look for courtesy from gentlemen. We need more refinement among our race and less distinction will be made by our white brother.

LA GRANGE (MO.) NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. There was quite a delegation that went from Canton and this place to help celebrate the emancipation proclamation. A very large crowd joined the procession, representing different trades and occupations acquired by Negro. Dinners were served at the fair grounds at a reasonable price. The La Grange baseball club crossed bats with Palmyra's club; score, 16 to 24 in favor of Palmyra. Though the Palmyra club won, yet they were given a game they will never forget. At night a lecture was delivered by Prof. E. L. Scruggs. Subject: "Has the Negro Made Any Progress in Thirty-Two Years; or, Since the Chains of Slavery Have Been Taken From Him?"

His talk was very instructive, as it always is. He did not only show what progress the Negro has made, but what he still can and is doing.

The public schools are moving along at a rapid pace. Prof. Rivers will graduate a class of four or five, mostly young ladies.

Rev. Rivers was in the city Wednesday and preached at the Second Baptist church.

William Allen was elected clerk of the Second Baptist church.

Miss Sniele Ball, of Quincy, Ill., visiting friends in the city. C. H. H.

MULTUM IN PARVO. There are 140,000 Negro voters in the state of Virginia.

F. L. Barnett is a candidate for the legislature in Nebraska.

The public schools of St. Louis, Mo., have an enrollment of 2,750 Negro pupils.

Kentucky raises 300,000,000 pounds of tobacco annually—half the crop of the United States.

It is estimated that 30,000 people attended the closing day of the Lexington, Ky., colored fair.

Nearly everybody smokes in Japan. The girls begin when they are 10 years of age and the boys a year earlier.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Baptist African Mission Association convenes at Xenia, O., October 25th to 28th.

The Colored Catholic Congress will hold its fifth annual session in Baltimore, Md., commencing Monday, October 8th.

When fall the biggest ocean liner in the world is said to be able to carry \$150,000 worth of passengers on a single journey.

A. J. Worthington, a Negro of Natchez, Miss., has invented a car-coupling device which promises to revolutionize road rolling stock.

There are 11,000 Negroes attending school at Washington. It is conceded that the proportion of the Negro youth attending school is higher than that among the whites elsewhere.

Mrs. Lizzie Olden, who was elected delegate to the Republican county convention in Denver, Col., the 8th ult., was the first colored woman ever sent to a party convention.

We want twenty men to form a Lexington colored grocery company. Let us hear from others on this subject. We must not be behind every other town in the state. We believe that we have some as good business men in Lexington as elsewhere. Now come; let us wake up; it is time we colored people were doing something. Get up and be men.—Lexington Times.

The Normal and Industrial Institute for the colored people at Tuskegee, Ala., has just closed its thirteenth year. The institute began with just nothing, except an appropriation of \$2,000 from the state for tuition. It began in a little church and, sunny, with one teacher and 3-0 scholars. It now holds property to the amount of \$200,000 free. It has 291 pupils and forty-eight teachers in the various departments.

A Negro was lynched at Valdosta, Ga., last Thursday, and another was lynched at Little Rock, Ark., Saturday night. Still Gov. Northen, of Georgia, and Gov. Fishbeck, of Arkansas, challenge the English Anti-Lynching league to find more law-abiding people than those over whom they rule. Had Northen and Fishbeck lived before the days of the printing press and the telegraph they would have been regarded as great and good and most truthful men. But the English Anti-Lynching league would never have heard of them.—Inter Ocean.

POLK COUNTY NEGROES

They Are Buying City Property and Farms and Acquiring Wealth.

They Are Large Consumers and Help to Drive Away Hard Times by Keeping the Current Coin of the Realm in Circulation.

THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER desires to call special attention this week to the rapid increase in the colored population in this county and its material prosperity and growth in every desirable way. The casual observer will have but a limited knowledge of these facts if his attention is not called to them.

The growth of the colored population has been steady, and those who came seeking work readily found it. To-day there are nearly 900 voters in the county, which would represent in the neighborhood of 4,500 people. These figures do not include about 200 miners who have recently come from other parts of the state. They have all been remarkably prosperous, and some of the finest farms in the county are owned and operated by colored men. Some of the handsomest and most valuable property in the city of Des Moines is owned by colored men, many of them renting to their white fellow citizens without prejudice. The total valuation of the property of colored American citizens in this county would astonish those who have not looked into the matter.

The colored farmer comes to Des Moines to do the bulk of his trading. He has the money to spend for groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes and various other articles. The proper holder of color, like the farmer, must and will live, and he also spends money for the luxuries sometimes, and the necessities of life all the time. The colored miners of the county make good wages and always live comfortably. They will spend their money with the merchants of Des Moines if the merchants will let them know what their prices and the special inducements, which they frequently offer, are.

In the city of Des Moines there is as thrifty, industrious and intelligent a class of colored men and women as one will find anywhere in the country among any class of people. They are composed of professional men, mechanics, business men and laborers in various fields open to them in this city. They all must and will live, and are not afraid to earn the money with which to purchase the staple articles in which the city merchant deals. Colored people all over the country are noted for living well and dressing well.

The question for the merchants of Des Moines is: "Is it necessary to make an effort to gain at least a portion of the trade of 4,500 colored people?" These people are believing more and more in the doctrines of PROTECTION and RECIPROcity. They look in the paper of their choice to see what Des Moines merchants have to offer, and are surprised to find those with whom they have been dealing for years without an advertisement in a paper owned and operated by colored men.

THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER has frequently called upon merchants for advertisements and given "hard times prices." THE BYSTANDER is the only state paper in Iowa. It has the largest circulation of any paper of its class in the city. It goes into the homes of 600 colored families in Polk county. The professional men, business men, mechanics, miners and laborers read THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER. We offered space in this paper to our merchants because we felt able to give them value received, if not a handsome return on a comparatively small investment.

We have called attention to these facts because they have been overlooked in the rapid and steady growth of the city and state. The Negroes of Iowa and Polk county are by the force of circumstances consumers, and it is a well-known fact that the larger the number of consumers the greater has been the prosperity of the city and state.

BURLINGTON BUDGET.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. A very interesting program was rendered on last Monday evening at the A. M. E. church in honor of Rev. Mr. Clark, who is winding up his pastoral career here in Burlington. It was conducted by several of the enterprising young ladies of this city, and the following is a synopsis of the program: A recitation by Miss Grace Morris; song by Mrs. Eva Brooks; select reading by Miss Minnie Brown; recitation by Mr. J. T. Greer; a song chorus of four young ladies, and a few brief closing remarks by E. B. Johnson. We will not stop at this juncture to individually commend the faithful participants, suffice to say that they all did exceedingly well.

Mr. J. T. Greer, who is an expert marb e polisher has secured a position at that trade here in Burlington and will be in our midst hereafter to assist us intellectually with his ability. He is a young man much desirous of seeing the young Afro-Americans succeed and has been very useful during the few days he has been with us in improving our society.

Rev. W. G. Brown preached an able sermon at the A. M. E. church last Sunday morning. He is filling the vacancy made by Rev. Mr. Clark, who

is now attending the A. M. E. Conference held at Chicago.

Mr. L. Reed and family are to move on South Hill during the coming week, we learn, and it is with pride that we note the fact, as Mr. and Mrs. Reed are both known as faithful Christian workers and pleasant neighbors here. We are unable to get the correct figures at this writing, and will therefore defer them till another time.

Rev. J. W. Smith filled the pulpit at the Olive Baptist church last Sunday.

Messrs. Peter Johnson and G. W. Brown were the lone participants in a somewhat eventful fishing excursion last Tuesday. They supplied themselves with a couple of fishing poles, a can of worms and an inexhaustible supply of food. The gentlemen were conveyed across the river on the ferry, after which they walked a mile or more to a very good fishing ground known as Prairie slough. Here the two fishermen halted and immediate arrangements were made to start right to fishing. Mr. Brown was the first to cast his hook, and almost immediately there was a vigorous pulling at his line. He grew excited and called to his companion for assistance, telling him he believed he had caught a whale and was afraid to pull him out. They both took firm hold of the pole and closing their eyes so as to shut out the frightful sight of the supposed whale, they hauled the poor captive to the surface. Although it proved to be a large toad, it frightened Brown so that it was some time before Johnson could convince him it was not a whale. Nevertheless they brought home quite a number of nice fish.

GALESBURG, ILL., GLEANINGS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. Tuesday evening at the residence of J. H. Washington, Miss Hattie Washington and Mrs. R. H. Blackstone entertained a company of about forty guests. Amusements consisted of conversation. The company was favored with guitar selections by Mr. Charles Whitfield and vocal solos by Miss Ruff, of Des Moines, and Mrs. Stella Morrison. Guests from out of the city: Mrs. Margaret Hunter, of Chicago; Mrs. Mary Denny, of Chicago; Mr. G. W. Gahan, of Springfield; the Misses Payne, Pruitt and Bessie Finley, of Knoxville, and Miss Ruth, of Des Moines.

Rev. Timothy Reeves left the city Tuesday morning for Chicago to attend conference. The household of Ruth will give an entertainment at Odd Fellows' hall Wednesday evening, which promises to be the best of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Love entertained at dinner Monday. Mrs. G. Williams, of Monmouth, Mrs. Nelson, city; Messrs. W. W. Talley and Will Fleming, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Love with their daughter, Mrs. Jeffers, are well known as entertainers.

Mrs. R. H. Blackstone leaves Saturday morning for an extended visit in Chicago.

Mrs. M. E. Baker, of Council Bluffs, is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. M. F. Washington has been appointed Deputy Grand Matron of the order of Eastern Star, District No. 2.

Mrs. W. H. Morrison, Miss Pruitt and Mrs. John Brown leave Thursday evening for Augusta to attend camp meeting.

Mrs. Margaret Hunter, of Chicago, is in the city, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Washington.

Friday, September 21, the citizens of Galesburg, Knoxville, Monmouth, and other places assembled in the city of Galesburg for the purpose of celebrating emancipation day. The attendance was very large. The committee in charge was composed of Messrs. Will Lewis, John Johnson, Joshua Davis, J. H. Washington, Abraham Murray, George S. Taylor, John Finney, James Stewart and Geo. Brooks. The following was the program: Prayer.....Rev. Timothy Reeves. Music.....Great Western Band. Reading of the Proclamation.....Miss Stella Owens. Music.....Rev. James R. Clemens. Speaking.....W. W. Talley. Rev. James R. Clemens, of Monmouth, was in favor of the Negro here by many of our citizens, was the orator of the occasion. The Galesburg Republican-Register thus speaks of him: "The speaker showed in burning words the terrible effects of slavery and pictured the conditions of the Negro in the south, and brought tears to many eyes by his eloquence."

OSKALOOSA NOTES. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. Mrs. W. H. Mason and daughter, Stella, departed Tuesday for Albia, where they will probably reside this winter. We regret the truth of this statement, and all will be glad to hear of their return.

Mrs. C. G. Lee has taken his brother Henry, who has been ill at his mother's home in the country for the past year, to his home on North Market street, where medical aid will be more convenient. May he improve rapidly.

Fred Green, of Newton, is expected in this city this week.

Rev. Clark, of Burlington, will take R. v. Taylor's charge in Oskaloosa. Rev. Taylor goes to Ottumwa. May success be with them both.

Many of our people attended the races at Hedrick. All report an enjoyable time.

G. Orge Carter, of Newton, after a few days' visit among Oskaloosa people returned home Friday.

Anna Warren attended the A. M. E. conference at Chicago, but was called suddenly home on account of the illness of her daughter, Frankie. Frankie was taken down with inflammatory rheumatism, and her case is a serious one.

Mrs. Charles Adams, for the past month has been seriously ill with heart trouble. Her case is almost a hopeless one.

A. D. Corbin put in his appearance Tuesday. I guess no one was more surprised than he by finding himself again in Oskaloosa.

Rev. P. P. Taylor being absent last Sunday, Rev. Thompson filled the pulpit in the morning and Rev. Kenworthy at night. Both delivered remarkable sermons and many practical points put to light.

The Solicitor is now comfortably located in their new rooms on West High avenue. Everything is neat, handy, and complete.

A few of the young people made a farewell call on Mrs. and Miss Mason Monday evening. The evening was very enjoyably spent.

Mr. Ed. Wilson, the financial agent of the new Olive Baptist church, is winding up his career here by giving a satisfactory report of all finances and expenses of the church during the time he has so faithfully worked here. We are unable to get the correct figures at this writing, and will therefore defer them till another time.

The Evans people have been frequent visitors the past week on both business and pleasure trips.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by about a dozen couple at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lafatete last week at a surprise party in behalf of Mrs. Thompson, of Leon, Mrs. Lafatete's sister.

Yo scribe made a flying trip to Newton last week. The visit was one of pleasure, as the Newton people are noted for their generous and hospitable manners.

NEWTON NOTES. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. Mrs. J. F. Blagburn, of Des Moines, and her little son, Merimon, made many friends during their short stay in our city with Mrs. G. M. Tillman. She was entertained on Tuesday evening at Mrs. Alex. Fines at a bountiful supper, and on Wednesday Mrs. Anderson Hays prepared a delightful dinner and supper for her. On Friday Mrs. Clem Miller prepared a nice dinner and Mrs. John Hale a tempting tea showed their appreciation of their lovely guest. A rainstorm prevented a trip to the Greene residence, where she was expected to tea, and the visit closed with an elegant lunch that was served by Mrs. George A. Brown. We hope to see Mrs. Blagburn again in Newton.

Mrs. Coats, of Sioux City, is visiting her mother.

Mrs. Moore was called away by dispatch from her husband that he was hurt. We do not know whether his injury is serious.

Mr. Carter has returned from Oskaloosa. He has an interest there.

Mrs. GEORGIA BROWN. Mrs. Jason Green is enrolled on the sick list.

George Carter, after spending several days in Oskaloosa, returned home last Friday.

John W. Lewis, of Oskaloosa, was a guest at the palatial Green residence Friday, Sept. 28.

It is expected that the young people will soon be planning their winter amusements and entertainments for the winter of the fall and winter.

Jason Green attended the McKinley meeting at Des Moines this week.

OTUMWA NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. The services at the Second Baptist church were largely attended. Rev. Watts preached an able sermon in the evening. His discourse was highly appreciated by all present.

We wish to correct a mistake which appeared in our no. 18 last week. The reception spoken of was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Horns. The package which Mrs. E. B. Jones received was given by the ladies of the Golden Leaf club, presented by Mrs. H. Owens.

Rev. E. T. Meadows occupied the pulpit at the A. M. E. church last Sunday evening. He entertained his hearers well. The discourse as delivered was very complimentary to the speaker.

Mrs. C. L. Young and her two children returned home from Hannibal, Mo., last week after a two weeks' visit with her father, who has been very ill, but is now much improved.

Mrs. Clarissa Weatherston, of St. Louis, Mo., is now in the city. She will probably remain for some time with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Gooden, who is dangerously ill.

Miss Ada Hampton, of Moberly, Mo., is visiting her uncle, Mr. Walter Davis, this week.

Mr. Essex Horn, of Keokuk, Iowa, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Horn. He returned home Monday.

The Silver Aid society of the Second Baptist church met last Friday evening and elected officers for the coming quarter. They are as follows: Mrs. A. Williams, president; Miss Kate Jones, vice president; Mrs. Jennie Harris, treasurer. They meet every Friday evening.

Messrs. Jeff and Clarence Thomas returned home Wednesday evening from Kirksville, Mo., where they attended the funeral of their brother.

The Sons and Daughters of Israel will give a novel entertainment next Thursday evening at the A. M. E. church. They will have with them E. B. Chatman, the noted musician of Muchakineok. A grand time is expected.

There will be a reunion meeting at the Second Baptist church next Sunday. This is rather an unusual occurrence, but the pastor thinks it is necessary to have such a meeting that all may become better acquainted with each other. Dinner will be served free to all who may attend. Everybody is invited to come.

The services at the Christian Tabernacle Sunday were very good both morning and evening. The Christian Endeavor was also well attended. The meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. A. Scott. The pastor preached in the evening.

Rev. F. Lomack's concert company, which was recently organized, gave their first rendition at the First Christian Church, West Second street, last Tuesday evening to an appreciative audience. The company consists of Bilad Belle Chatman, Mesdames Anderson Scott, Annie Lomack, J. E. Woods, Carrie Smith, Messrs. A. H. Lindsay and J. E. Woods. Rev. Lomack will continue to travel with this company, giving these concerts for the benefit of the Christian Tabernacle.

The Alpha Phi Literary Society of the Second Baptist Church, after a three months' vacation, resumed its work again last Tuesday evening. Owing to the many attractions in the city that evening the attendance was small. However the time was well used. The president, Joseph Hopkins, called the meeting to order and stated its object. The secretary being absent and there being no minutes of the last meeting, the regular order of business was suspended and the time given to speech making. A number of persons addressed the meeting, among them being Rev. Watts, Rev. Wilson, Rev. J. Johnson, L. J. Shelton, L. B. Fuller, Mrs.

Watts, Mrs. Williams and Miss Watts. Each in turn spoke in glowing terms of their desire to see this society prosper. The president then arose and made a few brief remarks, in which he encouraged the members to be faithful to the work. He said that he would have a paper next week pertaining to literary work. It then adjourned the meeting.

THANKS. Many friends from all over the state are sending in their subscriptions for THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER, and accompanying nearly every one is a very nice letter giving us words of encouragement in our attempt to meet the growing demand of the colored people of Iowa for a newspaper that has convictions and is not afraid to do its duty. From Mahaska county we have received 100 subscribers within the past two weeks. Our agents in several towns in Iowa, Missouri and Illinois are doing yeoman service and surprised our most sanguine expectations. Each and every one has our most sincere thanks, and we will make every effort in our power to give every clean and newsy paper and work for the unity of the colored people of the entire country. We are for the advancement of all the people who live under the stars and stripes. Again we return thanks to agents and friends everywhere.

REV. G. H. McDANIELS. Rev. G. H. McDaniels, editor of the National Baptist Standard, of Hannibal, Mo., has been in the city for several days. His purpose here is to establish a branch office of the Standard under the management of Rev. J. T. Caston, pastor of the East Side Baptist church.

Rev. McDaniel occupied the Baptist pulpit both morning and evening Sunday. A very logical as well as eloquent and practical sermon was preached by him Sunday evening, his text being taken from the tenth chapter of II. Samuel and twelfth verse: "Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God, and the Lord do that which seemeth him good." The theme is a most worthy one. He pointed out in a graphic and pleasing way the great necessity and demand for those who would play the part of men in the broadest and best sense of the term. Not as one being a man simply because he had reached his majority, but rather because of his doing those things which are fitting of men only. Stress was laid upon the fact that there was a "manly" quality among his race of people, and that we would succeed we must do so with "bearing" one another's burdens.

glowing tribute was paid to Lincoln Loney. Gray and John Brown, stating also that the emergency for such men and the men appeared. If a cause is a worthy one never give up the undertaking. Right will prevail. Though the outlook may seem dark, be not discouraged, but rather optimistic; labor for his own rescue and progress.

The world needs ministers, physicians, professors, mechanics, and, in brief, men in all walks of life who have courage and conviction. A man without an opinion is not to be trusted. No man can rise above his women. We would have the best of women, homes and pleasant surroundings must be afforded them. They must realize that some one loves and will care for them; that they have a worthy aim in life to fulfill; art, music and the things most essential to the cultivation of the good and true womanhood should be given them.

Such sermons are especially applicable to the colored race, and should be preached every day.

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Frank Butts, of Dakota City, blew out his life by the bullet route. Domestic infidelity was the cause.

Bellew, murderer of Tiffany, at Fort Dodge, withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered one of guilty.

In the habeas corpus case of Thomas D. Burke, held to the grand jury at Marengo on the charge of kidnaping Ray Elliott, Judge Ney denied the petition.

Mrs. James Bennett fell into a cistern at her home in Bonaparte and was drowned. Her body was not recovered till some time after the accident happened.

The auditor of state has issued a call for a quarterly statement of the condition of all the state and savings banks in Iowa at the close of business September 26.

M. H. King of Des Moines shipped his apparatus to Guthrie Center for the purpose of beginning the excavation a short distance from that city immediately of an enormous reservoir for the Rock Island railroad company.

Articles of incorporation of the Clinton Church and School Furniture Company have been filed at Clinton. The capital stock is \$15,000.

Near Dundee a 7-year-old girl saved a passenger train on the Chicago Great Western railway. She was seen by the engineer waving her little red apron as a signal flag.

William J. H. Sandy, the boy who was shot in the melon patch of T. P. Edgerton at Indianapolis, has died and was buried at Indianapolis, the old home of the Sandys.

The case of D. C. Carpenter vs. C. C. Knapp et al., of interest as connected with the defunct banking house of J. T. Knapp & Co. of Cedar Rapids, has been decided against the plaintiff.

The expert employed by the Woodbury county board of supervisors to investigate the printing bills, has filed a number of new affidavits in special cases, showing overcharges of the Sioux City Tribune in bills rendered to the county.

The Citizens' Association has also filed an amended petition in one of the suits to oust members of the board for alleged bribery and corrupt practices.

The Brooklyn Eagle announces that there will be an independent democratic ticket in New York state headed by Charles S. Fairchild.

Chicago gamblers are being investigated. The grand jury has returned indictments against twenty owners of property used for gambling houses.

It is reported that the Chinese have sustained another disastrous defeat at the hands of the Japs in Manchuria.

Johnson, the bicyclist, took two seconds off the world's paced flying start record at Waltham, Mass., making the mile in 1:50 3-5.

Bank Closed by an Examiner. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 3.—Government bank examiner Josiah Van Vranken took possession of the First National bank at Fayetteville yesterday, and closed its doors pending an examination.

Robbers entered the State bank at Mediapolis and blew open the vault and safe. They underestimated the power of the explosive used and everything in the interior of the bank was wrecked.

Elmer Stevens, of Crystal Lake, Minn., worked on the farm of a Mr. Peck near Mason City until recently, when he and Miss Zela Peck, a maiden of 14 years, eloped from the home of her father and went into Minnesota, stopping at Winnabago City long enough to get married, then to Mankato on the night train and back to Crystal Lake later in the night.

Charles Phillipott, who, with his cousin, Melville, were charged with committing rape upon the person of Miss Winslow, near Lenox, a few weeks ago, stepped into the mayor's office at Bedford a few days ago and gave himself up.

A man named Reynolds, who lived near Bayles Ford, Delaware county, in taking a gun from a wagon shot himself in the right lung, the ball, finding a 38-bore, long and remaining therein. Doctors are curing for him, with a fair chance for recovery.

Jerry Donohue, one of the early settlers of Iowa, died at his home near Cedar Rapids of congestion of the brain, at the age of 60 years. He had lived in Iowa forty years.

At Sac City William Toole, an industrious and seemingly unoffensive man, killed his wife with an axe and then cut his throat in the presence of their two children, aged 2 and 5 years. He was still alive when neighbors arrived and stated it was done because of trouble with her parents. It is thought Toole had something to do with the crime.

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Mr. and Mrs. Reilly Bell and family are now living at 700 Ninth street. Mr. and Mrs. Nace Morton and family are now living at 779 Tenth street.

Mrs. Maggie Welton, of Newton, is visiting the Misses Clemens, of this city.

W. A. Birney was a little under the weather several days of the present week.

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Louis Miller left for Minneapolis the latter part of last week to remain indefinitely.

Mrs. James Williams, of Mediapolis, Iowa, is visiting friends and relatives in the city.

Two good, steady and industrious barbers can find employment by applying at this office.

J. D. Carter left for Muehachinock Monday after a few days' visit with family and friends.

Great opportunity to get furniture cheap before Chase and West move into their new building.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Williams, of Dana, Iowa, are visiting friends and relatives in the city.

The Ladies' Afternoon Social Club met on Wednesday afternoon, October 3, with Mrs. Hooker.

The H. B. S. Reading circle was delightfully entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. C. S. Stewart.

Mrs. J. F. Flagburn and son returned home from Newton Saturday, where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tillman.

On account of the rain of Monday evening the invited guests to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carter were unable to be present.

Dr. Chase, late medical missionary to Africa, was in the city Wednesday, leaving in the evening for Boone, where he will deliver a lecture.

Miss Bertie Hicklin, of St. Joe, has returned to Des Moines, and will make this place her home and resume her studies in the high school.

The surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joiner, living three miles north of the city, was fairly well attended. The evening was delightfully spent.

Rev. J. H. Wednesday for Ottumwa. While away he will attend the Baptist convention. He will occupy his pulpit Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. Henderson, of Ellwood, Kansas, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. M. Hughes. This is Mrs. Henderson's first visit to Iowa and she likes Iowa's beautiful climate.

C. A. Greenway, of Ames, formerly of the firm of Hicks & Greenway, visited in the city several days this week. The former firm will be known from now on as Hicks & Lewis.

The A. M. E. Literary society will meet Tuesday evening next for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and beginning its work. A large attendance is desired.

The lecture of Rev. McDaniel on "The Race Problem" at the East Side Baptist church was quite largely attended. His views are logical and his argument convincing and forcible.

The Coal Palace, 317 Sixth avenue, handles the very best grades of fuel, and with prompt service and courteous treatment gives the best satisfaction in filling orders. Give them a call. (15-3w)

Mrs. James A. Bell and Miss Lettie Miller, of Newton, and Mrs. W. J. Laws and Miss Jackson, of this city, were royally entertained at dinner last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, of 1115 Park street.

Mr. Scott, of St. Joe, was one of the excursionists from that city last Sunday. He is a school teacher in that thriving city. He is well pleased with our city. There were others from St. Joe, the names of whom we were unable to learn.

The "Lead a Hand" circle will give a grand affair and oyster supper at the A. M. E. church on Second and Center streets October 25. All are cordially invited to attend. Admission 10 cents. President, Agnes Roy; secretary, Julia Blagburn.

Mr. N. D. Valentine, a prosperous farmer of Stuart, Guthrie county, Iowa, drove down from there a few days ago, to visit friends and relatives in this city. Himself and family were entertained while here by Mr. and Mrs. Bell and other relatives who reside in the city.

The Young Men's Republican club met on Monday evening and elected the following officers: President, T. E. Barton; first vice president, C. B. Woods; second vice president, P. Swan; secretary, John D. Reeler; assistant secretary, John Hardy; treasurer, J. Logan. Executive committee—R. N. Hyde, chairman; B. J. Holmes, James Todd, E. T. Banks, James M. Ruff, P. H. Holmes, W. H. Hubbard. Committee on program—H. H. Lewis, chairman; William Coatsworth, Henry Craven. Committee on membership—W. A. Searcy, John Allen, Rev. Thomas Johnson. Every colored voter

is earnestly requested to meet at the court house Wednesday evening, October 10.

WELL BE RIVED. The Unitarian church gave a very excellent reception to the members of St. Paul's A. M. E. choir Wednesday evening. The choir rendered the music for the occasion, which was of a very select class and was much appreciated by those present. The refreshments of the evening were dainty and plentiful. The Unitarian church is one of the leading churches of the city, and the church and choir both feel equally pleased with the reception.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. We take great pleasure in presenting to our readers the advertisements of some of the leading merchants in the city of Des Moines.

The Continental Clothing House is managed by an old-time resident of Des Moines, Mr. Ben Hanger. He has been employed in the same line of business for many years, and has steadily risen in his chosen line until he now manages the business in this city for the Continental Clothing House, one of the largest and most reliable in the country.

In the merchant tailoring line we present the names of T. F. G. Morgan and J. O. Freberg. They enjoy a large patronage, because they handle reliable goods and make perfect fitting garments.

The Golden Rule Clothing House occupies a large room, does a large business and handles the very best of goods, which it sells at prices to suit the times.

McVicar deals in wall paper, glass and signs. He employs a large number of men and carries a large stock of everything in his line. He can suit the tastes of all in the selection of wall paper.

Brackett & Malsby and Harding Supply Company have well-selected stocks of staple and fancy groceries.

Walter Scott has a neat drug store and has the finest of everything in his line. He ranks among the first pharmacists in the city. Courteous and gentlemanly treatment is awarded to all customers.

"The Hub Shoe Store" is an excellent place to visit about this time of the year. They show bargains that will make it cheaper to buy new shoes than to have old ones repaired.

Blair, the florist, has few equals as a designer in floral work. He has the most inviting selection of flowers to be year round.

If you have money that you want to put in a safe place remember the American Savings Bank.

Among other ads. may be found the following: George S. Redhead. Ramsey Bros. Supply Co. Shank Bros. Dr. Edward F. Johnson. Charles Ebersole. The Coal Palace.

KIND WORDS FROM AN EX-CONSUL. ANTANARIVO, Madagascar, August 20, 1894.—CHARLES S. RUFF, ESQ.—DEAR FRIEND: Allow me to thank you for the initial number of your splendidly gotten up paper, "THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER." I since joyfully congratulate you upon the venture, and hope that our people in the capital of the great state of Iowa will royally support you in the same. I shall subscribe for your journal as soon as I arrive home, which will be some time in October or the early part of November, 1894. Send your paper to me at No. 115 West 27th street, New York City. Hastily, JOHN L. WALLER.

AFTER all, Dowe's cuirass won't work, and official report is against it. The bullets go through it and would go through the tailor if he were behind it, and probably penetrate the inventor to some distance besides; in short, it is a failure, and Herr Dowe may now go on with his palaces and smallclothes of no further interest to boards of military administration or manufacturers of small arms.

The young duc d'Orleans, who is a remarkable fool for his age, is threatening to rush to France to fight for "his throne." He says that exile killed his illustrious father, who really succumbed to accumulated years, natural illis and lack of honest employment. The young man, by going to France on a monarchial mission, will at least achieve death without the accompanying vexation of old age.

The Dowe cuirass, as the invention of a tailor, excited surprise, for the tailor is a man of peace, or part of one, according to the old fantasy, and there is no reason in the nature of things why he should take on the functions of the armorer. But it turns out that the invention is really that of Captain Martin, an expert marksman, skilled in the knowledge of impact and resistance, and all the other lore necessary in such a line of experiment.

It is a suggestion worthy of consideration by the navy department that there should be an occasional variation from the system adopted for the naming of our new ships and that some vessel yet to be built should be called the Kearsarge. There is no vessel of our navy which had a grander history, and though it is to be hoped that none of our warships in the future will have to fight as she did, yet the perpetuation of the honored name would help to keep the historic old fighter in constant remembrance.

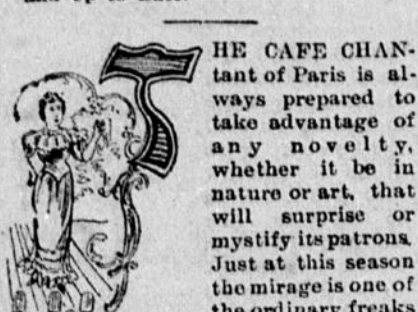
The army officer, who has been invited to go to Japan to enjoy the spectacle of war is to be congratulated. There should be no delay about the congratulations. He may merge into the spectacle in such a manner as to impair his powers of appreciation.

The discovery at the sight of ancient Babylon of evidences indicating that the human race is ten centuries older than was supposed, will be generally distributed in the face of the case with which green goods men still make a comfortable living.

A PARIS SENSATION.

THE MIRAGE SONG IN SHORT SKIRTS.

By a Clever Arrangement of Mirrors the Pretty Dancer May Be Seen in Two Positions Simultaneously—French and Up to Date.



THE CAFE CHANTANT of Paris is always prepared to take advantage of any novelty, whether it be in nature or art, that will surprise or mystify its patrons. Just at this season the mirage is one of the ordinary freaks of nature, and it is difficult for anyone who has not visited the far eastern countries to realize the absolute fidelity to nature these singular apparitions keep.

That the genius of a variety singer should rise to the height of dragging down the heavens to aid her in her short skirt display or force the sun into partnership with her in her act would probably never have occurred to any artist outside the French capital. But in a city where one woman advertises her thinness as a drawing card and another acquires glory because of her awkwardness, any eccentricity is regarded as fine de siècle and sure to bring profit to its originator. The versatile performers of Paris are more prolific in the tricks of their profession than any others the world over.

The latest sensation in Paris this summer is known as the "mirage song." It was introduced by Antonette de Aubielle a charming young lady, who was favored, like Loie Fuller, with an inventive brother, who in this instance had made a study of a higher art than song and dance, and was thus able to help his sister by calling upon the natural resources of the universe.

The method employed to produce the illusion is a very simple one, and consists in concentrating upon the singer a powerful light which throws a reflection of her figure upon a sheet of glass suspended above her, its edges adroitly concealed. The reflection is, of course, inverted above



her head and appears to be floating in the air. Every gesture that she makes is reflected by the figure above her. As she appears in the glare to be standing on her head the interest of the spectators is excited by the contemplation of her skirts and her manipulation of them without making an indecorous display.

Artificial silk. The process of producing "artificial silk" invented by Dr. Lehner, was shown to a party of scientists, etc., at Bradford recently. Waste cotton, wool, jute or other suitable material is reduced to an emulsion by means of a mixture of nitric and sulphuric acids, when it is formed into threads by forcing it through glass tubes of small bore, and is passed over a series of rollers and wound in the ordinary way on bobbins. Before the artificial silk is used in manufactures, or is sold, it is delustrated to destroy the explosive properties, and is also rendered unflammable, which will render it suitable for many purposes, especially as it is said to resemble real silk very closely.

Italian Wages. The British vice-consul at Ancona, in a recent report on the trade of that district, gives an additional instance of the low wages paid in Italian industrial establishments. At the metallurgical works of Messrs. D. Cattro & Co., a firm giving constant employment to over 200 hands, although wages have increased by about 10 per cent in the last three years, the average rates paid per day of ten and a half hours are—to boiler-makers, 3s. 2d.; iron founders, 2s.; riveters, 2s. 11d.; turners, 3s. 2d. The works are properly equipped, and accommodation will be provided for building steamships of any size or tonnage. Coal, coke, pig iron, and all materials for boiler making are imported from Great Britain.

The Standard Wheel company of Terre Haute has begun work on a truck on which the Columbian Liberty bell, the duplicate of Independence bell, made of metal composed of moneys and art treasures contributed by the educational institutions of the country, will make a tour of this country and nearly all foreign lands. The workmen at the wheel works will donate their labor. The bell will go from Chicago to the G. A. R. encampment at Pittsburg and from there to Mexico, where President Diaz is arranging for a grand reception. Afterward it will be exhibited in the principal cities of this country, whence it will go to Europe.

Great Railroads. The Atchafalaya, Topinka & Santa Fe Railroad company has 7,125 miles of line in operation; the Southern Pacific, 3,500 miles; the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 6,083 miles; the Louisville & Nashville, 4,700 miles; the Northern Pacific, 4,400 miles; the Chicago & Northwestern, 4,300 miles; the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, 3,200 miles; the Illinois Central, 2,900 miles; the Pennsylvania, 2,500 miles; the New York Central & Hudson River, 2,100 miles; and the Baltimore & Ohio, 1,900 miles.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

For Secretary of State, W. M. McFARLAND. For Auditor of State, S. G. MCCARTHY. For Treasurer of State, JOHN HERRIOTT. For Judges of Supreme Court, C. T. GRAYBORN, H. E. DEEMER. For Attorney General, MILTON REMLEY. For Railroad Commissioner, C. L. DAY IDSON. For Clerk Supreme Court, C. T. JONES. For Reporter Supreme Court, B. I. SALLINGER.

CONGRESSIONAL TICKET. J. A. T. HULL, of Polk.

COUNTY TICKET. For Judges, W. F. CONRAD, W. A. SPIRIBER, C. P. HOLMES, T. F. STEVENSON. County Attorney, A. M. A. HOWE. County Auditor, JOHN S. MCQUISTON. Clerk of the District Court, J. G. JORDAN. County Recorder, ANNA B. HERRICK. County Surveyor, GEORGE F. LAMBERT.

TOWNSHIP TICKET. Des Moines. Justices of the Peace, EUGENE L. BLAKE, L. J. SILVANA. Constables, CHARLES S. STEWART, FRANK T. MORRIS. Township Clerk, A. L. HELLER. Township Trustee, E. J. COOPER.

Lee. Justices of the Peace, J. J. MOORE, J. H. MURPHY. Constables, J. E. BRUNER, M. J. COHEN.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM. The republican party comes again before the people of Iowa with every promise performed and every prophecy fulfilled.

The history of the past year has again demonstrated the wisdom and competency of the democratic party to administer the affairs of the nation, and has again vindicated the eternal truth of republican principles.

From the universal disaster that has accompanied democratic supremacy we turn with confident hope to the sacred duty of restoring peace to a distracted and disordered country.

We again declare for a system of protective duties so adjusted that every American resource can be developed by American labor, receiving American wages, and we insist upon a tariff that will accomplish these ends.

We have but to mention the disastrous results which have followed the mere measure of free trade as conclusive evidence of the wisdom of the republican policy in the past upon this subject.

We were to the declaration of the national republican party in 1892 upon its monetary policy. We reaffirm our belief that "the interests of the country, the farmers and working men, demand that every dollar, paper or coin, issued by the government, shall be as good as any dollar of gold."

We favor the largest possible use of silver as money, that is consistent with the permanent maintenance of equal values of all dollars in circulation.

We do not want monometallism, either of gold or silver, and we pledge ourselves to continue to work for bimetallic money to be brought about by all fair means within the power of the government.

The welfare of the laborer and the maintenance of the dignity of labor have been the constant care of the republican party from its birth. Its whole history is an effort to secure to the wage worker the just fruits of his toil, and it now renews its pledge to defend the working man not only against the assaults of foreign competition but against the attacks of domestic avarice.

Resolved, That the honest and industrious immigrant who comes to our land with intent to become a good faith American citizen, is always welcome. None other should be permitted to come. We favor the enforcement of the immigration laws so as to exclude criminal, pauper and all other undesirable classes whose presence tends to retard the American labor and injure its order.

The republican party, ever mindful of the patriotic services and sacrifices of the veteran soldiers of the republic, reaffirms its position in favor of liberality to the nation's defenders. We favor the granting of pensions to all honorably discharged union soldiers and sailors whose disabilities or necessities justify entitle them thereto.

THE A. M. E. APPOINTMENTS. The appointments as far as can be learned are as follows: Rev. Laws, our former pastor, goes to St. Peter's church, Minneapolis; Rev. Peterson, formerly presiding elder, has been transferred to the Chicago district as presiding elder; Rev. S. A. Hardison is to be presiding elder of the Iowa district. St. Paul's A. M. E. Church will have Rev. Clark as its pastor. The next conference will meet at Keokuk. Rev. Higgins will retain his charge at Duluth, Minn. It.

The complete list of Methodist appointments is as follows: Chicago District—F. J. Peterson, presiding elder; Quinn Chapel, J. M. Townsend; Bethel Church, D. A. Graham; St. Stephen's church, G. W. Gable; Zion Chapel, R. Knight; Evanston, G. C. Booth; St. John's Mission, J. C. Anderson; Rockford, Richmond; Taylor, W. A. Bruce; John's Church, Bundy; Elgin, John J. Thomas; Aurora, J. W. H. Jackson; Princeton, J. W. Festerman; Galesburg, Timothy Keenan; Lake Forest, G. H. Dawson; Monmouth, Andrew Ford; McCombs, J. N. Daniel; Knoxville, L. A. Joplin; North Side Mission, S. McDowell; South Side mission, James Slater. St. Paul District—J. W. Malone, presiding elder; St. Paul, A. A. Burleigh; St. Peter's Church, W. J. Jones; St. James' Church, W. S. Brooks; West Paul and Hastings, G. R. Bruce; Milwaukee, J. R. M. Long; Racine, Lewis Dixon; Beloit and Burlington, G. H. Wright; Rockford, G. H. Wade; Muscatine, Alfred Boyd; Davenport, G. M. Tillman; Clinton, L. J. Phillips; Duquesne, G. A. W. Brown; Iowa City, S. Jean; Clinton, J. H. Clifton; W. H. Higgins; Madison Mission, D. W. Brown. R. H. Williamson transferred to the Chicago district and stationed at Upper Alton. M. W. Thornton transferred to Illinois conference and stationed at Carui. S. B. Nichols transferred to Illinois conference and stationed at Hartsville. Iowa District—S. A. Hardison, presiding elder; Des Moines, T. A. Clark; Keokuk, Joseph Stevenson; Burlington, W. H. Alexander; Mount Pleasant, J. W. Lewis; Washington, E. Port; Muehachinock, J. A. M. Jones; Oskaloosa, S. B. Jones; Ottumwa, P. P. Taylor; Keosauqua, C. Hunt; Mystic and Centerville, N. N. Pharris; Albia, J. P. James; Newton and Evans, M. J. Jordan; Canton and Osceola, W. G. Grant; Clinton and Bedford, William Williams; Stone City, P. F. Matthews; Yankton and Sioux Falls, C. M. Argyre; Boone and Marshalltown, W. G. Rhineman. The conference was well attended and the proceedings were of a most harmonious and satisfactory nature.

DES MOINES PASSENGER TRAINS.

ARRIVE. C. R. I. & P. GOING EAST. DEPART. 9:25 p. m. Chicago Limited..... 9:25 a. m. 11:30 a. m. Night Express..... 11:30 a. m. 12:25 p. m. Day Express..... 12:25 p. m. 1:30 p. m. Past Mail..... 1:30 p. m. 3:40 a. m. Denver Limited..... 3:45 a. m. 11:30 a. m. Night Express..... 11:30 a. m. 6:30 a. m. Stuart Accommodation..... 6:45 a. m. KROOK & DES MOINES. 11:30 a. m. Night Express..... 10:25 p. m. 6:30 a. m. Morning Express..... 7:30 a. m. DES MOINES & PORT DOCK. 7:00 p. m. Rutten Mail and Express..... 12:30 p. m. 11:30 a. m. Grand Junction..... 5:40 p. m. 10:10 p. m. Grand Junction..... 5:40 p. m. WINTERBET BRANCH. 11:30 a. m. Mail..... 5:05 p. m. 7:00 p. m. Freight..... 7:30 a. m. CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY. 2:45 p. m. Albia Passenger..... 5:45 p. m. 1:30 p. m. Albia Accommodation..... 5:45 p. m. CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN. 7:55 p. m. Stone City, N. & W..... 9:30 a. m. 12:15 p. m. Chicago Express..... 4:25 p. m. 12:40 p. m. Chicago Express..... 4:40 a. m. 1:30 a. m. Night Express..... 9:00 p. m. 11:50 p. m. Dakota Limited..... 2:10 a. m. CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN. 1:45 a. m. Limited South..... 7:25 a. m. 10:20 p. m. Night Express South..... 10:20 p. m. 7:45 p. m. Limited North..... 8:00 p. m. 6:10 a. m. Chicago Limited..... 8:45 a. m. WABASH RAILWAY. 9:10 a. m. St. Louis Passenger..... 9:10 a. m. (Passenger Trains leave "Q" Station.) 7:00 p. m. Mail and Express..... 4:30 p. m. 11:30 a. m. Mail and Express..... 8:30 a. m. CHICAGO & IOWA LINE. 11:05 a. m. Mail and Express..... 5:55 p. m. 6:05 p. m. Mail and Express..... 9:15 a. m. 7:00 a. m. Mail and Express..... 7:00 p. m. 11:05 a. m. Boone Accommodation..... 3:55 p. m. *Indicates Daily.

"NEAR STREET CAR WAITING ROOM." GUNTHER'S CANDIES AT WALTER SCOTT'S DRUG STORE. 208 SIXTH AVE. DES MOINES. J. O. FREBERG, TAILOR. Rooms 1, 2 and 3, Over 609 Walnut St. DES MOINES, IOWA. ICE CREAM. HARDING SUPPLY CO., A. W. HARDING, Manager. Sweet Cream, Sweet Milk, Buttermilk, Staple Groceries, Fruit. Ice cream orders for parties and families a specialty. Telephone 647. 702 W. 9th St., Des Moines, Ia.

T. F. C. MORGAN, MERCHANT TAILOR. LATEST STYLES OF SAMPLES ON HAND. Cleaning and Repairing Neatly Done. 226 W. Third Street, Des Moines, Iowa. EDWARD F. JOHNSON, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Des Moines, Iowa. Hours: 9 to 11 a. m.; 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.; 7:30 to 8:30 p. m.; Sundays, 10 to 11 a. m. Office, Corner Sixth and Locust Sts. Residence, 782 Ninth St. Phone 450. Bennett Bros., 413 4th St. for coal.

All About Burlington. \$2.00 ROUND TRIP. The C. R. & Q. will run a special excursion (weather permitting) to Burlington, Iowa, Sunday, October 14, leaving Des Moines 6 a. m., arriving at Burlington at 11 a. m. Returning, leave Burlington at 10 p. m. This will give ample time to take in an excursion on the Mississippi river or a trip on their elegant street car system to the parks and zoological garden. Burlington is known as the Orchard City, it being the greatest fruit city in the state. No one should miss this opportunity. All who desire to go should notify the agent, C. E. Mesmer, at C. B. & Q. depot.

At 813 Walnut street may be found the very best of fresh and salted meats, sausage, poultry and game. Charles Ebersole is the proprietor and his recommendation to the public is the length of time he has been in business and his well merited success.

All persons not receiving this paper regularly will please report to this office at once, so we can trace the error to where it belongs. Papers are carefully prepared for the mail at this office.

Are you going to housekeeping? Now is the time to get your furniture cheap. Chase & West must close out old stock before moving.

LITTLE Miss Peary will probably want to go to the north pole to spend her summers.

A HORSE and buggy were stolen from in front of Kansas City's central police station, but there were no policemen in the buggy at the time.

The idea of a Chicago man's setting forth to find the north pole seems to have aroused hostile Eastern critics to the notion that Chicago means to annex it.

SINCE the British vessels will not assist in patrolling Behring sea, perhaps they will hold Uncle Sam's coat while he gives the Canadian poachers ascendant thrashing of approved pattern.

THERE is less interest in the question, "Who killed Cook Robin?" now that the world is absorbed in the more abstruse problem, "Who is to blame for the Vigilant's losing her center-board?"

THE Breckinridge case is probably about to be laid out of public notice. In view of this fact it is the duty of optimists and healthily minded people to try to bear with the New York millionaires.

PADEBROSKI has caused his press agents to rumor that he won't come to America this season, but nobody seems to be weeping. The noble Pole will find that fact followers are just as fickle as they are foolish.

It is this record-breaking era, when the breakers are recording so much honor, it is strange that so little head has been paid to the record-breaking talk about fighting in which Mr. Peter Jackson has so distinguished himself.

THERE are more ways of achieving fame than by dragging it out of the sea by the foretop. Lieutenant Peary's Arctic expedition, which has just returned, didn't find the north pole but it brought back a little daughter presented to him by Mrs. Peary at a point further north than anybody was ever known to be born before.

Talk About Prices. SEE THE CONTINENTAL. Talk About Assortment and Variety. SEE THE CONTINENTAL. Talk About These Things! Everybody Does. IT'S POPULAR. You'll hear it in the dry goods stores, grocery stores, among the clerks and in the office among the professions.

Continental Clothing House. Largest in Iowa. Is THE Great Clothing Market Headquarters of Iowa people. Remember we occupy our own building and have space to rent to others in different kinds of business. We are not on expenses, but are receiving proceeds, and this is one reason, just one, why the CONTINENTAL can and does sell the

BEST FOR THE LEAST! MEN HATS. \$7 \$10 SUITS WORTH \$10 and \$15 anywhere else in the city. We have the "Little Governor" and the "Little Captain" Suits made with double knees and double seats, sewed with the strongest thread and warranted not to rip—if they do we will give you another suit. Prices are \$1.75 to \$5.

THE HUB. THE NEW SHOE STORE. BARGAINS FOR MEN. To-morrow--Saturday--You can buy \$2.00 Shoes All kinds for \$1.40. BARGAINS SATURDAY FOR WOMEN. 300 Pairs of Ladies', \$2.00. \$2.50 Shoes at \$1.48. Come To-morrow Sure. Mention this Paper.

THE HUB Bargain - Shoe - Store, 607 Walnut St., Des Moines, Iowa. The Golden Rule Clothing House. OUR BUYER Has just returned from the eastern markets, where he has closed out thousands of dollars' worth of new desirable winter suits and overcoats for spot cash at prices which enable us to offer these goods far below anything ever heard of in the history of the clothing trade in Des Moines.

FOR INSTANCE: Lot 2762 is a Heavy Black Freize Double-Breasted Ulster, with a small check lining. Every one who has seen this line so far tells us it is equal to any \$15.00 ulster they have ever seen before. Our price on this choice coat will be \$10.00. Lot 2776 is a Heavy Plaid Double Breasted Ulster—a good wearer and very well made—which we offer at \$6.00. Lot 2782 is a Heavy Single Breasted Ulster.—The usual \$5.00 or \$6.00 kind. Our price this season is \$3.50. MEN'S SUITS, BOY'S SUITS, All at the same extreme low prices the "Golden Rule" is quoting on everything this season.

OUR \$10.00 SUITS for men include sacks and outsway frocks in all the latest fabrics, including chevots, cassimers, clay worsteds and fancy worsteds. BOY'S LONG PANTS SUITS—We have just selected about 150 boys' long pants suits, sizes 13 to 18 years, from our \$7.50, \$9.00, \$10.00, and a few \$12.00 ones. These are lots where we have only from one to four suits of a kind left and we offer them to close at only \$5.00 PER SUIT. The "Golden Rule" is the place for Underwear, Winter Caps, Gloves, Mitts.

D. M. JOHNSON & SON, 617 WALNUT STREET. SHOULD YOU NEED FLOWERS. At any time of the year, for any occasion where Flowers are used, you can get them, home grown and fresh out every day, from BLAIR THE FLORIST. 306 Sixth Ave., Des Moines. P. O. Address, Box 283. Telephone 460. Funeral Party and Wedding Decorations gotten up in latest styles, and at moderate prices. Boxes of fine flowers for presentation and personal wear.

GO TO MAC VICAR, 510 and 512 Locust St., when in want of Wall Paper, Paint, Glass or Signs. HE SELLS AT LOWEST PRICES. Brackett & Malsby, RETAIL STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES. N. E. Corner Tenth and Center Street. SHUNK BROS., GENERAL DIRECTORS. 301 SIXTH and 512 MULBERRY STS., Des Moines, Iowa. Telephone Nos. 686 and 689. Extra copies of THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER can be obtained from our agents at 5 cents per copy.

AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK, DES MOINES, IOWA. Cor East Fifth and Locust Sts. CAPITAL.....\$75,000. E. S. Harter, President. F. E. Elliott, Vice-Presidents. N. W. Smith, Win. L. Shepard, Cashier. A. B. Elliott, Assistant Cashier. DIRECTORS: J. N. Hoberger, H. H. Swope, J. W. Randolph, G. D. Elyson, F. E. Elliott, E. S. Harter, N. W. Smith, J. S. Brown, F. E. Elliott. Bankers' National Bank of Chicago, Ninth National Bank, New York.

I. X. L. LAUNDRY, 515 EAST SIXTH ST., Telephone 424. DES MOINES. For fine work and facilities, not excelled. Agencies desired. D. L. HAYWARD, W. F. HOLCOMB. HEREFORD BULLS! Will exchange for Corn or Good Notes. GEO. S. REDHEAD, 319 Fourth St., Des Moines, Ia. Ramsey Barber Supply Co., General Barbers' Supplies. Grinding and Conceiving Under Our Own Supervision. Satisfaction assured. 215 Fifth St., Des Moines, Ia.

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