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The Kansas legislature is discussing a civil rights bill. The Democrats objected to Frederick Douglass lying in state in the national capitol.

The Texas legislature has seated several Afro-American contestants. The last one is Mr. Haller.

Newberne, N. C., has a colored banker named Isaac H. Smith. He makes loans of \$10,000 without embarrassment.

There are about twelve avowed candidates for sheriff of Polk county. There are a few back townships to hear from.

Alderman McElderry: "I wrote the interpolation in the resolution with my little pen." Exit George Washington story of the "little hatchet."

The Missouri legislature has appropriated \$40,000 for the rebuilding of Lincoln Institute, which recently burned. It is patronized by the Negroes of that state.

Richard III. said to Richmond: "Down, down to hell, and say I sent thee!" It is all changed now, and Richmond says to his creditors: "Get off the earth."

The Afro-Americans of Ottumwa refused to listen to a speech by the Negro editor of the "Saloon and Brewery Directory." It is too bad that they are not respected at home nor abroad.

By nearly a unanimous vote of the council Mayor Isaac L. Hillis was vindicated from the charges preferred against him. There was nothing in the case at the beginning.

Ex-Senator Harlan, of Mt. Pleasant, is a candidate for governor. General Drake was announced some time ago. Iowa has plenty of good material for the governorship.

Interliner McElderry is in danger of being scalped. A petition is being circulated in the Third ward, asking him to resign from the council. Can't it be done without so much delay and trouble?

The Michigan senate, without a dissenting vote, resolved "that the people are to be congratulated that the tariff-tinkering, business-paralyzing, wage-reducing, pension-repudiating administration is fast coming to a close." Short, but peppery!

Over forty years ago Frederick Douglass was ordained to preach, but he never entered into the work, for the good and sufficient reason that the churches were hostile to liberty. He preferred to free men's bodies instead of their souls.

"Thus sayeth the Lord, keep ye judgment and do justice; for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil."

A Des Moines minister says it is as much the duty of a good citizen to attend the caucus in his ward or precinct as it is for him to attend prayer meeting. The leading churches and ministers are discussing the questions of good government and morality of the people instead of "where shall we spend eternity."

Anderson Whitaker, a very aged colored man of Scott county, Va., served his master as a slave until 1888, when the master died. An old horse worth about \$30 was willed to him as pay for his services. Suit is now pending in the Supreme Court of Virginia to recover reasonable pay for the services of Whitaker from 1863 to 1893.

The Richmond Planet issued a supplement last week showing its office. It occupies a large building in the business portion of the city. It has a business office, composing and press rooms, stereotyping department, stock room and editorial sanctum. It was established in 1883 with a plant costing about \$100. It now has a plant requiring about sixteen employees to operate. It is a good and fearless paper and its watch word is "Lynch Law Must Go."

Common sense and law seem to be widely at variance in the Richmond case. Who is responsible for the loss of the savings of the men and women who deposited money in the Union Building and Loan association? Richmond seemed to be physically able to receive money from shareholders, and we understand is open to reception of money on shares to-day. Common sense should be substituted for law and precedent.

The attempt to suppress Col. Robert G. Ingersoll's lecture on "The Bible," in the city of Hoboken, N. J., was an attempt to suppress the right of free speech. Ministers should understand that while they are protected in believing the Bible a work of "inspiration," others are protected in believing it is not. This is one of the fundamental principles of our government. If they really want to stop men like Ingersoll they should get out into the broad road of progress and show by things actually accomplished that they have the best of the argument. When it comes to the question of slavery in the United States his acts are antipodal to the church and the ministers. But for the action of the churches on the slavery question under the cloak of religion, no doubt freedom would have been declared without the loss of so many lives. The question of slavery is one of the main arguments in Ingersoll's lecture, and he has a record on this point that would improve many ministers' chances Heavenward.

It is gratifying to note the fact that the Afro-American citizens of Ottumwa met and discussed the question of what part they should take in the city election, both before and after. We must organize to accomplish good and get employment which other men are sometimes asked to accept. As long as the people of Ottumwa counsel among themselves they may look for reasonable success in a reasonable length of time, but if they accept the counsel of Negroes who are traitors to the race, and who have been known to sell themselves for a few dollars, and who have no regard whatever for the confidence and respect of the old Afro-American residents of Iowa only so far as to ride over their back into prominence—such advice will be detrimental to the people of Ottumwa and Iowa. Let us organize in every city, town and hamlet for protection from wanton Negroes and the promotion of those who have lived here and gained the esteem and confidence of Iowa people.

The school election Monday brings to mind the fact that several years ago an Afro-American was on the ticket and defeated. We were a stranger in the city at that time, having been here only long enough to vote. While on

the way to the voting place we did not see half a dozen Afro-Americans about the polls or on the streets. No interest was shown by those present, and certainly not by those who were absent. Here was an opportunity to do good and effective work in placing a representative on the school board. The candidate was worthy and well qualified, having graduated from the schools of this city. There are some people who only become interested when they are seeking a place. If the Afro-Americans had been united, and shown the proper interest, we have no doubt the result would have been different. Every Afro-American voter should have been at the polls on that day for the purpose of doing all he could honorably do. Such matters have a future. There are too many occasions on which the Afro-American expects others to show more interest in his welfare and promotion than he himself shows.

A CARD OF THANKS.

DES MOINES, IOWA, March 7, 1895.—I feel it a duty as well as a pleasure to take this means of returning my heartfelt thanks to the American Order of Home Protection, through the kindness of its president, J. W. Kinsley, of Helena, Montana, for so kindly forwarding to me a check for \$100, being an advancement on the beneficiary certificate of membership held by my late husband in the order. I also wish to express my gratitude to the members of Washington Council No. 1, American Order of Home Protection, for the careful attention and many favors shown me in my sad bereavement; for the earnest effort to properly present my claims before the national senate, and for promptly paying to me the money sent by the home office of the order. I shall ever cherish the warmest feeling for the order which has, through its members, so cheerfully responded to the needs of its members and their widows and orphans.

MRS. RILEY BELL.

Literary Concert, Tuesday evening, March 12, 1895: Opening address, T. E. Barton; comic songs, Mr. J. H. Rogers; declamation, Mr. E. G. McAfee; instrumental solo, Mr. Henry Warwick; Duet, Misses Bertie Hickie and Maude Walker; ten minutes' address, Wm. Foster; declamation, Mrs. Susie Lewis; solo, Miss Victoria Goodloe; declamation, Miss Nettie Wood; duet, Misses Maude McCraven and Sarah Porter; solo, Miss Eva Robinson; solo, Mrs. J. T. Blackburn; journal critic, by the journalist. All are invited to be present. Admission, 10 cents.

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The Wabash is the line for cheap rates, quick time and comfort for passengers during the winter season. For further information call on your ticket agent, or address Horace Seely, commercial agent Wabash Ry., 220 4th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

OUR FRIENDS WRITE LETTERS

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. J. E. Mosely left Wednesday morning for Mt. Pleasant. He expects to go to Burlington and from there to St. Joseph, Mo., before he returns home. Last Sunday was covenant and communion service at the Second Baptist church. The meeting was very good all day.

On Sunday the A. M. E. Sunday school elected Miss Florence Page as delegate to the Sunday school convention which meets at Mt. Pleasant in May. Miss Hattie Aliyan is on the sick list this week. Died, at the home of her parents, on last Friday morning about 5 o'clock, Miss Virgil Hill, at 518 Center street, after several weeks' sickness. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Saturday, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Watts.

Miss Norcissa Phillips, editor of the Optic of Moberly, Mo., visited in the city several days, the guest of Miss Ada Houston. She returned home Monday evening. J. E. Woods, who has been sick for some time, is convalescing. Rev. Lomax returned home from Quincy, Ill., Monday, where he has been on a visit. He will return again this week. Rev. N. X. Pharris, of Mystic, will be in the city Wednesday evening. He left Thursday morning for Centerville.

On last Friday evening the Court House was held at the Court House to devise a plan whereby they might receive recognition by the city authorities, in the event of their election on last Monday. Quite a number of voters were made, and many favors shown me in my sad bereavement; for the earnest effort to properly present my claims before the national senate, and for promptly paying to me the money sent by the home office of the order. I shall ever cherish the warmest feeling for the order which has, through its members, so cheerfully responded to the needs of its members and their widows and orphans.

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all better at this writing. Mr. King's boy is able to be out, also Gracie Johnson.

Mr. King has returned from Chicago. Miss Ada Leslie departed for her home on Monday, but with prospects of returning soon.

Little Pearl Johnson, son of Mrs. John Johnson, has been quite sick with pneumonia for the past week.

Rufus Brooks, who departed for the west, Nebraska, says he feels all right in that climate, and will not be back for some time.

Subscribe for THE BYSTANDER, for it is the only paper in Iowa interested in the colored race.

KEOKUK.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. There were no items in last week's paper owing to the serious illness of the correspondents.

Reliance Lodge and Des Moines River Lodge of Old Fellows and the Household of Ruth had their second annual sermon preached Sunday by the Rev. Mr. Nichols, of the Seventh Street Baptist church.

Mrs. Kellis and Miss Lucy Bland made a flying trip to Canton last week. The Odd Fellows gave a ball on the 21st ult., which was a success in every way.

There were between 400 and 500 people in attendance and many beautiful costumes were noticed during the evening, among the most prominent of which were those of Misses Minnie Scott and Jessie Johnson.

The Woman's club will meet with Mrs. A. A. Bland, Friday, the 8th, and on Thursday evening prior to the meeting will surprise Mrs. Dove, this being her birthday.

Mrs. Hattie Young has received her husband's life insurance. Keokuk had quite a sensation last Friday night, in which Geo. Brainard, the barber, and Thomas Owens were the principal actors. Mr. Owens, on returning home from class, met Mr. Brainard and his (Owens) daughter at the gate, when he forbade Brainard going with his daughter, and he was attacked by Brainard and severely bruised. Brainard was arrested.

Mrs. W. Green and Miss M. Mitchell have accepted positions at the Tri-State can factory.

Mr. Ed Martin has purchased a new home on Morgan, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth, and has moved into it.

Miss S. Holt is now in the city, the guest of her brother, Mr. C. Holt, of the Seventh Street Baptist church, has resigned, and will preach his farewell sermon next month. Mrs. Nichols will leave next week to visit relatives and friends in Mississippi.

Rev. H. S. Hartley, ex-rector of St. Mary, the Virgin, is among the list of graduates from the College of Physicians and Surgeons. We are glad to say that he graduated with many honors.

Mrs. Douglass and Mrs. Mose, of Columbia, who were called to the city by the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. L. Clemens, have returned to their homes. Mrs. Clemens is much better. D. W. Anderson, while answering a fire alarm on horseback, was thrown violently to the ground at Tenth and Blondeen and was seriously bruised about the head and shoulders.

MT. PLEASANT ITEMS.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. J. W. Black spent Sunday in Fairfield with his best girl.

W. Washington returned to Des Moines to accept the position he formerly held as head porter at one of the hotels.

Earl Moseley and Mr. Woods, of Washington, went to Ottumwa to attend a "cake walk" given by the colored band of that place.

On account of the stormy weather Sunday evening the attendance at church was very small. Mr. Greenup, of Fairfield, was a Sunday visitor.

Little Carrie McCracken is on the sick list.

The Odd Fellows held memorial services at their hall on Sunday afternoon. The sermon was quite impressive. They gave an entertainment on Thursday evening. The "Athenian Guitars Club" furnished the music.

Geo. Mason has been a sufferer from neuralgia.

J. E. Mosely, now of Ottumwa, was here shaking hands with relatives and friends Wednesday evening. He is proud to say that she has a claim to this noble and intelligent young man and is glad to know that although his work calls him to other fields he shows his appreciation for the scenes of his childhood by making his appearance every once in a while. We welcome you gladly, Edward, and would that you could stay with us again.

The A. M. E. Sunday school teachers met at the home of Mrs. Dora Smith, who is assistant district superintendent. Our Sunday school is flourishing, and it is hoped that more interest will be shown by the older members of the church.

Geo. Taylor expects to leave our city soon.

OSKALOOSA NOTES.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. W. C. Coleman returned home Monday from a few days' visit in Des Moines.

Mrs. Eliza Warren and Uncle Ben Voto are reported on the sick list.

Mrs. S. B. Jones spent a few days last week visiting in the country with Mrs. Martin Jackson.

The Odd Fellows had their annual sermon preached Sunday, March 3rd, at the A. M. E. church, by Rev. Walker. A large number were present.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. James have moved their family to the country in South Oskaloosa, where they will reside in the future.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle will meet this week at the home of Mrs. John Williams.

Mrs. Julia Buckner and Miss Lizzie Tate spent Sunday in Maucknock.

Mrs. Manuel is on the sick list.

SIOUX CITY NEWS.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. Little Lenie Carter is improving.

Mrs. G. W. Baptist returned from Bayou, Va., Wednesday evening, where she has been spending the winter visiting relatives.

The entertainment given by the ladies of the church last Thursday evening was quite a success.

Rev. Matthews and some of the members are out soliciting money to pay off the mortgage on the church, after which they will have a grand rally.

The memorial services held at the A. M. E. church last Sunday afternoon at

TRY TO LOOT A BANK.

DARING ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY IN IOWA.

Orlando Wilkins and a Companion Hold Up the Cashier of the Adel, Iowa Bank—Wilkins Killed and His Companion in Jail.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 8.—The town of Adel, twenty-five miles west of this city, was the scene of a bank robbery yesterday morning, the boldness of which is unparalleled in the criminal annals of the state.

As a result of the robbery one of the robbers, who but recently was released from serving a two-years' sentence in the Minnesota penitentiary at Stillwater, Minn., was dead in the court house at Adel, his associate, uninjured, is a prisoner in the county jail, while the cashier of the Adel State Bank is laid up with a serious wound in his shoulder and four other citizens and the school boys are laid up at their homes, more or less injured. The dead:

WILKINS, ORLANDO, one of the robbers, shot three times and killed instantly leveling it at the head of Mr. Leach.

The wounded: Bally, C. D., merchant shot in the neck while in the bank.

Burr, E. L., postmaster, shot while at his door, not seriously.

Byers, J. M., a merchant, shot on the street, not seriously.

Decker, Cecil, schoolboy, hit by shot, unconscious for an hour, will recover.

Leach, S. W., cashier of the bank, shot in the left shoulder.

Simpson, J. L., shot in the street, not badly hurt.

At 8:45 o'clock in the morning, when the bank opened for business, as usual, two strangers entered and approaching Cashier S. W. Leach said they desired to make a deposit. As he approached the paying teller's desk one of the men, the ex-convict Wilkins, raised a repeating rifle, which up to this time he had carried concealed beneath his overcoat, and leveling it at the head of Mr. Leach told him they had come in to get money instead of depositing it and his life depended upon his immediate compliance with his demand. Meanwhile Crawford had approached the cashier, holding open the mouth of a canvas sack. Picking up a tray full of silver, Mr. Leach dumped it into the sack. Wilkins commanded him to go into the vault and bring out more money. Leach had turned toward the vault when the door opened and a man stepped in when C. D. Bally, a prominent merchant of the town, stepped in at the front door and was a startled witness to the unexpected scene.

Immediately upon Mr. Bally's appearance Wilkins leveled and turned his rifle upon him and, before the latter could escape or make any remonstrance whatever, fired. The shot took effect in the lower part of the right leg, tearing its way through the bone, cutting a deep wound beneath the chin.

At this Wilkins turned and fired at the impending danger, dodged, and instead of leveling the charge in the cashier's head, as he had intended, it severely wounded in the left shoulder.

The sound of the shooting attracted the attention of a number of people passing, among them Cole F. Noel, justice of the peace, who with his assistants, the nature of the trouble, opened the door and stepped inside the bank. Again Wilkins turned and fired, but this time missed.

An interesting juncture, Sheriff Payne of Dallas county, who was passing, suspected the cause of the excitement and drawing his revolver began shooting through the glass door. The two robbers at once left the bank, shouting as they went, and made for their buggy. Arriving at the buggy Crawford tossed the horses, having previously untied the canvas sack containing the money into the buggy. The men then urged the horses into a gallop and drove southward, leaving a cloud of dust, evidently heading for some heavy timber five miles away. When fifteen minutes after their departure Sheriff Payne and a posse of twenty men, all well armed, started in pursuit. Reaching an abrupt turn in the road the robbers, attempting to take a turn struck a log, broke both forward wheels of the buggy and were thrown headlong to the ground. Wilkins, with his rifle firmly grasped, sprang to his feet, and in a very few moments the structure was enveloped in flames. Wilkins remained inside until the heat became intolerable, and only at the last moment forsook his refuge and started on a run for an adjacent grove. Immediately he emerged from the barn a dozen rifles cracked, and leaping high into the air he fell dead not over twenty feet away.

Crawford was immediately hurried back to Adel, where he was placed in jail, and a heavy guard of citizens watched the place all night, the threat of lynching being freely made. The body of the dead robber, brought into the town and taken to the jail, where he was placed in a heavy iron cage, was there hundreds viewed it. The amount of money taken was only \$273, even a part of which was recovered from the sack in the wrecked buggy four miles from town. Had it not been for the timely appearance of Mr. Bally, Sheriff Payne, and others, and the cool nerve of Cashier Leach, the robbers would have secured \$11,000 in gold and \$20,000 in currency from the open vault.

Late in the afternoon Crawford made a full confession, claiming he was forced by threats of death to accompany Wilkins. The dead robber has a mother, sister, and two brothers

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DES MOINES, IOWA.

ONE swallow may not be able to make a summer, but one groundhog has been able to include a pretty complete winter in his output.

THE value of continuous advertising lies in the fact that people get to be live in the merits of an article whose name is familiar, even if they forget what its merits really are.

THE soda water and effervescent water manufacturers of the country have formed a trust. Fortunately for the "brownies" and their mates, ice cream will probably not be raised in price next summer, the ice supply being more than ample.

A EUROPEAN army surgeon located in Java is reported to have dug up an old fossil which supplies the link long missing between the monkey and the man. It is claimed that this genus has about two-thirds the brain mass of a man, to have had teeth almost human and to have walked on two legs.

THE warship Victoria, the Commodore Oregon and the Elbe were all compartment ships, and all went to the bottom when rammed in a collision. The builders now say that the compartments must be built with solid walls reaching to the deck, dispensing with the convenience of communicating doors.

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SELECTED HAWKEYE MENTION

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Amateur Robbers at Work in Dallas County. ADEL, March 7.—Yesterday morning at 9:10 two men stepped into the Adel bank and told Cashier S. M. Leach that they wanted to make a deposit.

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SEEKING OLD WHISKY.

Sioux City Adventurers Digging for a Buried Treasure.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

POSTAL CLERKS.

Postmaster General Orders Photos Taken. DES MOINES, March 6.—A recent order from Postmaster Bissell, ordering all postal clerks to have their photographs in their railway pass books, went into effect on the 4th.

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EASTERN WAR.

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OREGON'S ODDITIES.

One Is a Locomotive Equipped With Life Preservers.

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