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The campaign in Ohio was opened by Hon. John Sherman.

Mrs. F. B. Williams is a special writer for the Chicago Times-Herald.

Pennsylvania Republicans have a Negro on the state central committee.

Senator Allison is receiving greater prominence every day as a presidential candidate.

The state committee is preparing for the campaign. The republican party will win a grand victory in Iowa this fall.

The present state fair is the largest one held for years. Secretary Fowler has worked hard and faithfully for this result.

T. Booker Washington, of Tuskegee, Ala., will deliver an address at the Atlanta exposition. He is one of the most level-headed men in the country.

A meeting of the prominent Republicans was held Tuesday. Gen. Drake, Senator Gear, Congressman Dooliver and others conferred with the Republican state central committee.

The campaign to be inaugurated will be vigorous.

Secretary of State McFarland is the first state officer to employ Negro clerks. He employed them because they had the ability to do the work he had for them.

What other state officer will be willing to judge of the people according to their merits?

South Carolina has fixed its constitution so that the Negroes of that state will be disfranchised. The question now is whether South Carolina is

larger than the United States. We know that a lynching party has no fear of the general government.

The democratic headquarters will be in full operation next week, at which time Mr. J. A. Ross, from God knows where, will probably arrive in the city in order to inform the Afro-Americans of Iowa how to vote.

Ex-Senator Bruce, J. R. Lynch, P. B. S. Pinchback and others who were prominent as Negro politicians, seem to have gone into oblivion. They have nothing to say nowadays because they have no selfish motive to satisfy.

Such men have been promoted beyond their just capacity and the more silent they are the better it will be for all concerned. We need patriots and men who will defend any just cause.

The majority of the people in this country live on less than \$300 a year. This sum furnishes food, clothing and fuel during the long winter and sends the children to school.

Many of these men are educated and of merit. When any aggregation of men and women attempt to pay any one \$700 to \$900 per annum and furnish house rent and fuel—and be told at least once a week that the recipient of this sum is on the verge of starvation—it is a wonderful undertaking and is not warranted by the financial condition of the Negroes of this country, and is not a moral necessity.

The sum, \$700 to \$900 and house rent and fuel, will be considered a magnificent remuneration for the best brain and heart this country can produce. Live within your income and pay salaries according to the revenue.

Then every one will be more happy, more prosperous and better off morally, socially and mentally.

Hon. Robert G. Ingersoll delivered his famous lecture on "Abraham Lincoln" last Sunday at 2 p. m.

There were nearly 5,000 people present, about fifteen of whom were Negroes. Mr. Ingersoll never delivered a lecture without saying something in opposition to oppression of all kinds.

He favors giving all men an equal opportunity in the race of life. The speech was grand and was of especial importance and interest to the Negro race.

When it is remembered that Lincoln was opposed to slavery and did all in his power for its wiping out, and that Ingersoll took Negro lecturers to his own home and made them welcome while ministers of the gospel refused to have anything to do with them—it is surprising that there were so few Negroes present.

At the minstrel show every corner of the opera house had a dark face in it—about 300 at 50 cents a head—and at the Ingersoll lecture there were about fifteen. Is a minstrel show more elevating and refining?

When THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER was established there was but one Negro clerk employed in the entire city. To-day it can point with pride to three clerks in the office of the secretary of state—Miss Zella Davis, Mr. Harry Hughes and Miss Clara Smith.

There are places for more of the young people if they will study and prepare themselves for such work. The young ladies are doing well and have received promotion on their merits.

The young men must bear in mind that their daily actions are being watched and that they should carry themselves in such a manner as to merit the recommendation of those who are willing to assist them in any laudable undertaking.

THE BYSTANDER was started for the purpose of doing good for the Negroes of Des Moines and Iowa. It has accomplished this much by hard work. It only wants the support of the good citizens of the state in order to open new places for the boys and girls who are graduating yearly from schools and colleges.

Character and education are the principal requirements in all cases. There are surprises yet in store for the people of Iowa and positions which have never been occupied by Negroes will be shown by the public.

PLAIN TALK. The idea of establishing a new church in this community is being freely discussed. There is not a Negro church in Iowa free from debt, and there never will be one so long as the present system is followed.

There is too much red tape and hot enough common sense in the way these places are run. A minister is sent here and the church is compelled to accept his services, no matter how ignorant he may be or how dishonest and immoral.

The bishop has ordered it so and that settles it. Suppose the church should refuse to accept the services of a minister for good reasons, then the bishop would issue an order from his palace to have the church closed for one year and the men and women who built the church and paid their money into it would have no redress whatever.

Again, if a minister is sent to a place and is satisfied and the congregation is pleased with him, yet he can be removed on the whimsical notions or recommendation of the presiding elder. The bishop hires the ministers out for one year at a time. If a minister reports 150 members he is expected to place in the bishop's hands \$150, and to make up that amount he is sometimes compelled to take money out of his

salary. The presiding elder receives about \$90 a year from each charge in his district. There is more fuss made about the bishop's and presiding elder's money than about all the church debts.

The presiding elder is a useless and expensive appendage. We have no doubt that if a poor washerwoman who had earned and paid her "dollar money" should call at the bishop's palace she would be sent to the back door. Money is sent to the heathen by the conference. This is simply nonsense.

Look at our own country and look at the condition of the people in the south. More attention is paid to raising money to pay big salaries than to relieving the suffering of the men and women in our own land. Very seldom is a minister's voice raised in defense of the Negroes of the south.

Missionary work receives more attention. He that provideth not for his own household is worse than an infidel. These are only a few of the burdens under which Negro churches attempt to lift a mountain of debt. There are nine trustees on each church board, who are simply figure heads, and have no voice in the government of the church when the minister thinks otherwise.

If the people of Des Moines will unite and establish a church and own and control it themselves, they will succeed. The idea that a church must be controlled by some one who lives in the east, and lives in a palace, and owns a bank, and has several hundred thousand dollars accumulated by filching the hard earned money of men and women who do not own their own homes, is preposterous.

It would be far better and more reasonable to do without a church than to be without a home. The home altar is the best, the purest and the most sacred that the world has ever or will ever know.

The home rules the destinies of the world. When 150 members are reported to the bishop and the minister does not return \$150, a committee may be appointed to investigate that charge.

But where such charge is away below par in a moral and religious way, no such committee is liable to be appointed.

Buy a lot in some good location and build a church, and let the men and women who live here control it.

The church should adopt and honor the name of some denomination that does not believe in slavery and the prostitution of Negro women to the sensuality of masters; that does not believe in keeping quiet on questions of morality, truth and justice; that does not have an insatiable greed for pomp and money. Adopt a name that stood for freedom and justice in the past and stands for the same in the present. Adopt a name that stands for truth, justice and love alone.

A great man, or a great minister, or a great people, or a great church were never produced inside of an iron bound creed. Great men are cut off to fit the iron bedstead and become dwarfed. As a people we imitate too much of the bad and impractical in our religion. We support too many rascals who are ignorant and too lazy to work.

AS SEEN BY OTHERS. ED. BYSTANDER: M. W. Thornton, the boy preacher who married a woman old enough for his grandmother and whom the newspapers of this state say attempted to obtain possession of her property by violence and intimidation, has left this conference and is now located at Valley Ridge, Ill. C. W. Newton, who has a record that few men would be proud of, is at Jacksonville, Ill. "Rev. M. Thurman, who is reported to have been arrested for an assault upon a woman and placed upon \$300 bonds, was exonerated (?) by the conference, but we have failed to see any notice of the courts of Illinois exonerating him. Another "child" of God went to Texas, and Texas is very close to a very warm place, it is said.

A husband intercepted a very affectionate letter written by his "divine" to his (the husband's) wife. The letter also contained a draft for her to go on an extended visit. Great God, what are we coming to? Are such men to be allowed to visit homes where women and children are? Are they to make them more acceptable in heaven? Are they the men who give character to the Negro race? Is this the best that can be done in the way of seeking elevation and eternal life?

A white man (?) and preacher was sent to Fort Madison for two years for seduction. A young girl was the victim. A home was made unhappy and was disgraced by him. He served his time in the penitentiary and came out and went to preaching again. The newspapers had courage enough to expose him and the people had sense enough to know that they did not want such a man to lead them to heaven or any where else. The girls' character was blasted for life.

Why should this man be shown any more charity than the young girl whom he had robbed of a good name? As long as preachers are tramps and live in a place but a short time all kinds of rascality may be looked for. It works that way with white churches. Statistics show that the majority of "religious" criminals come from the system which allows the most trapping.

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OUR FRIENDS WRITE LETTERS

OTTUMWA NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mrs. Mason and daughter, Stella, went to Evans last Saturday, where they visited friends, and from there they went to Des Moines to attend the state fair.

Frank Richardson, of Tacoma, Washington, returned to this city Wednesday evening and will remain here with his mother for some time.

Mrs. M. O. Williams attended the Muchakinock fair this week.

Miss Queen Horn is reported on the sick list this week.

Young people's meeting will be held at the A. M. E. church next Sunday at 7 o'clock p. m. Everybody invited.

At a business meeting of the A. M. E. Church last Wednesday a committee was appointed to devise plans for raising money to pay off the church debt.

Mrs. Z. Taylor is president, J. W. Lee vice-president and Joseph Weeks treasurer. They will begin work at once and should be supported by the entire church.

Rev. W. H. Clark occupied the pulpit at the Second Baptist church Sunday.

Rev. F. Watts, of Marshalltown, was in the city the first of the week. He left Wednesday for Mt. Pleasant to attend the Baptist association.

There are quite a number of Afro-American ministers in the city this week attending the A. M. E. conference.

Miss Sarah Bradford returned home Saturday, after an extended visit with relatives in Springfield, Ill.

"The Wm. Clark case, better known as the kidnaping case, was disposed of this week and he was acquitted. Yes, it was a state case and the state attended to it in grand shape. After the testimony was all in we are told the county attorney got up and made a twelve-minute speech and his assistant got sick and went home and ended the prosecution, and that is the way it was done. No wonder he was released.

When the jury was called in the jury box and at the bar. Had this been done I believe the result would have been different. When and where are we going to use our men of talent who have given time and money to the study and practice of law? But we should not leave everything in the hands of our opposers when we could do better. Who ever heard of a white man prosecuting a white man for a Negro only when he had it to do? But we will do as we feel and say, "Oh, well, the state will tend to it," and so it did.

BURLINGTON BUDGET. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mrs. Ada Lewis left for Galesburg Saturday, called there by the serious illness of her father.

Mrs. Rosalie Kinney is able to be out again.

Rev. W. R. Alexander has been appointed pastor at Osceola-Bedford, and will leave on the 14th inst. to take his charge. Rev. Alexander is one of the many eloquent speakers of the A. M. E. conference, and it is with regret we see him depart.

Do not forget the dedication of Household of Ruth No. 803 and the installation of officers on Monday evening, Sept. 23.

Mrs. Emma Early and son will depart next week to visit friends and relatives in Missouri.

Miss Eunice Wilson will leave for Mt. Pleasant, Ia., Sept. 13th to attend the association.

Miss Frances L. Morris will depart on the 16th for Bethel, Mo., where she has been appointed teacher for the ensuing year.

The following ladies received the Queen of the South and Amaranth degrees yesterday afternoon: Mrs. H. Cooper, Mrs. J. Folks, Mrs. L. Weldon, Miss E. Wilson, Mrs. S. Palmer, Mrs. S. Bird and Miss Stella Wilson. The degrees were given by Rev. Higgins, assisted by Messrs. J. Brooks and J. Wilson.

To the Readers of the BYSTANDER: I am sorry to announce my retirement as agent and special correspondent, but I think the reader will be well pleased with my successor as myself, Miss Stella Wilson will be the correspondent hereafter. She is fully capable of attending to the business. I remain your ex-correspondent and agent.

DAVENPORT ITEMS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

The past week has been a quiet one in social circles.

The Silver Autumn Leaf club will reorganize with a reception, to be given the 19th by Mrs. G. M. Tillman. As it was the opening reception a pleasant time is anticipated.

Rev. M. J. Gordon and wife arrived in the city last week on the 4th inst. visiting here a few days, the guests of Mrs. J. H. Richardson. During Mrs. Gordon's visit in the city she met with a painful accident by a street car being thrown off the track by a rock and running into a telephone pole. At this writing she is some better.

Miss C. Collins, of St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of Mrs. S. V. Beaman. Rev. C. Wright, of Beloit, is visiting at the parsonage and old friends of this city.

Mrs. M. Bean has been confined to her room several weeks with rheumatism. Miss N. Wells, of West Liberty, is the guest of Mrs. G. W. Chesterfield. Mrs. J. Pash, who has been visiting relatives in the city for several days, returned to her home in West Liberty Monday, accompanied by her niece, Mrs. A. Vavron.

Rev. Tillman and wife were tendered a pound surprise party last Friday evening.

Mrs. Willie Busey will leave Friday morning for a three weeks' visit at Muchakinock.

Dame Runner says a well known porter on the Rock Island is soon to wed a popular young lady in Fort Madison.

Mrs. S. Huston and daughter spent Sabbath at Buffalo.

Madams Davis and Searsey, of Cedar Rapids, were among the excursionists on Labor day in this city.

CEAR RAPIDS NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

There was a surprise party tendered Mrs. Logan and Miss Stella Lyons, of Galesburg, Tuesday eve at the residence of Ben Hawkins. It was gotten up by Mrs. Henry Martin and Arminia Saund-

ers. Music was furnished by Messrs. Francis and Brown.

Rev. W. W. Wain went up to Iowa City Wednesday to look after the church there.

The A. M. E. church people are going to put a furnace in their church.

Mrs. Sadie Ross entertained at tea Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Logan, Miss Lyons and Mrs. Hawkins.

Miss Allie Hanan spent a few days at the fair in Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis very elegantly entertained at 4 o'clock dinner Wednesday. J. A. Logan, W. H. Milligan, Ben Hawkins, Marshall Perkins, G. H. Wade and Misses Stella Lyons and Etta Davis. The dinner was given in honor of Mrs. Logan and Miss Lyons, of Galesburg. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are capable of giving grand dinners, and of course the guests were highly entertained.

The Ladies' Industrial met at the residence of Mrs. S. V. Hollis, of West Sixth street, with the majority of members present. The quilt was worked on, after which the circle proceeded to business, which was then served and they adjourned to meet with Mrs. Wm. Davis, of G. Avenue west, the 20th inst.

Miss Lucy Boyers left Friday morning for a visit home in Muchakinock for two weeks.

MUCHAKINOCK ITEMS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Messlames Sallis Chapman and Georgia Hawkins departed for Pittsburg, Pa., where they will join their husbands and reside permanently.

Patrick Strang expects to move shortly to Lehigh, a small coal mining town about 40 miles from Fort Dodge, where he holds a prominent position as assistant superintendent. We wish him success.

Miss Minnie Brown, Mrs. Robert Jones and Mrs. Robert Cannady are among those who attended the state fair.

Wm. Nolan, of Kansas City, has returned to our city and the base ball nines are making strenuous efforts to secure him as pitcher. He has quite a reputation in that line.

Mrs. Wm. Scott has lately had completed a cave that will be of much service to her, both winter and summer.

Mrs. Adam Dixon is convalescent. The second and much talked of game of ball between Muchakinock's "Big Ten" and Evans' "Champions" was played Sunday, September 10, for a stake of \$50, and the "Big Ten" defeated them by a score of 14 to 13.

The fair September 9-10 was a success, judging from the attendance. The Muchakinock Cornet Band entertained the occasion with a superb collection of music. Quite a number of people from Oskaloosa were present.

Wilson Jones received a telegram saying that his father was dead. He was a resident of Stanton, Va.

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OSKALOOSA NOTES. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Quite a number of Oskaloosians attended the fair at Muchakinock this week.

Miss Maudie Priestley, of Chicago, is visiting in the city, the guest of Mrs. L. D. Sheppard.

J. H. Buckner, of Des Moines, manager of the Iowa State Bystander, was in the city last week in the interest of the paper. Mr. Shepard is a pleasant gentleman and has made many friends in our little village.

Miss Mason, of Hedrick, was an over Sunday visitor.

An enjoyable surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson Friday evening by their many friends. An elaborate repast was served and the evening pleasantly spent.

Miss Laura Schofield left Monday for a week's visit in Albia.

Mrs. Wright and daughter, of Marshalltown, were Sunday visitors.

A WOMAN'S POSTSCRIPT.

Caused a Sensation in a Mexican Community When Freely Translated.

A telegram was received from Ensenada, Mexico, recently announcing that Manuel Riveroll, who has been in jail some months charged with the theft of a \$13,000 gold bar from his office on the night of March 20, would be liberated. Orders have been received to that effect from the City of Mexico, where all the evidence secured by the Ensenada court was sent for review.

Nothing has been learned of the expected release of Pratt and Garrett, who are imprisoned with Riveroll, though in their case also the officials have failed to find anything to show guilt. An amusing instance of the misdirected zeal of the Ensenada authorities came to light. Some weeks ago a letter was received at the fall from Mrs. Pratt, directed to her husband. The official court interpreter was sent for and he proceeded to decipher the letter. He got through it very well with occasional wild guesses, until he came to the end, and there, in a postscript, he saw the words: "Baby is quite well." This nonplussed him, and he remembered that "well" meant a hole in the ground for providing water.

In a second the whole thing flashed through his mind, and he trembled with excitement as he ran to the judge and told him he had captured a letter which gave the whole thing away. "The gold brick is in the well at Pratt's house," he told the judge. That official, overjoyed with the news, gave orders that Pratt, Garrett and Riveroll should be placed in solitary confinement, and that visitors should not be allowed to see them under any circumstances. Then a force of soldiers were sent to Pratt's house with orders to pump the well dry and get the brick. The greatest haste was employed and within a few hours the well was pumped dry, and the search began for the bar. Nothing was found, and then the lieutenant in charge of the squad procured shovels and made the soldiers dig at the bottom of the well for three or four hours. But still nothing came to light, and after inspecting walls and ransacking the house the facts were reported to headquarters. "The officials did not know what to make of it. They called for the letter again and sent for another interpreter. This man happened to understand English, and he soon explained the situation. He told them that it meant the baby was in good health. The judge discharged the old interpreter on the spot and engaged the new one. He released the prisoners from solitary confinement, and did his utmost to prevent the facts from becoming known.

This is a Warning to Girls. A wedding at Columbus, Ind., was abruptly postponed because the bride-to-be was too long in dressing. The room-elect became impatient, tore the marriage license to pieces and declared the game off.

A New and Rapid Hog-Killer. Armour & Co., of Chicago, are putting in a hog-killing machine, which will take the lives of 6,000 hogs daily, nearly double the capacity of the present machine.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. Queen Victoria is always out of sorts during warm weather, feeling the heat keenly.

Unlike most public speakers, Vice President Stevenson always reads his speeches.

Miss E. Thornton-Clarke, the sculptor, has a fondness for pets of all sorts. Her favorite is a big mouse.

London Graphic says an English bishop rides a bicycle, but forbears to mention the name of the cleric.

Lord Middleton is an enthusiastic admirer of blooded stock, and owns several of the finest cows in the world.

Captain Middleton, chief organizer of the English Conservative party, has distributed twelve tons of literature to English voters, among which was nothing but the tariff.

Seaside outfit for pet dogs are being made by the hundreds in Paris just now. The canine darlings must have a coat for every kind of weather, and Countess Mercl's pug wears doekin leggins on wet days, lest he catch cold.

The Czar of Russia inherits his father's weakness for brass bands.

Of the twenty-seven royal families of Europe two-thirds are of German origin.

Milton was quiet and reserved in conversation, but thoroughly refined and well bred.

The agricultural department places the annual loss caused by weeds at \$10,000,000.

Mrs. Siddons was large, with very striking features, and an air of great personal dignity.

The dignified Charles Francis Adams bowling along on a bicycle is one of the sights of Boston.

According to Dr. Kukulka, there are 119 universities in the world, with 157,513 students. Berlin, with 7,771 students, is the largest, and Urbino, with seventy-four, is the smallest.

Miss Albia Hanenur, a daughter of Djenet Pasha, is at work as an authoress, and is publishing in Paris a series of articles exposing popular errors regarding Turkish life.

The children of Mexican Indian princes were carefully educated by the Spaniards, and several viceroys of Mexico were descended from the Montezumas and bore their name.

Goldsmith's fame was grafted upon a boyhood of wholly unrecognized capabilities. "Never was so dull a boy" was the report of the relative who first undertook to teach him his letters.

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DEAD BLOW

John E. Russell is to be credited with a new simile. He says he is feeling as gay as a girl in a shirt waist. Happy thought!

In St. Louis a woman is advertising for a pair of lost bloomers. We have seen a number of bloomers loose in this vicinity.

Spain ought to send calumet and quinine to Cuba as ammunition to her soldiers. Doctors are needed more than generals.

Two men with a banjo and a mandolin have accumulated \$450 while crossing the continent on their wheels. It is evident that people have paid well to get them to move on.

Six boys who played ghost in the cemetery at Carlton, Minn., were caught in the act and fined \$10 each. Had they not defaced the tombstones and tampered with the graves the "ghosts" would undoubtedly have been overlooked.

Three secret service men are now guarding Gray Gables from tramps and peddlers. They are each on duty eight hours out of the twenty-four. They don't keep dogs, but can wing tramps easily at sixty rods.

So far as the most searching inquiries go, it appears that only two women wear bloomers on bicycles in Washington. The men who are apt to know about such things report but two women who have so far braved the eyes of the public with the bloomer costume. As a matter of fact, if women are going to discard skirts, why not adopt knickerbockers? They are more natty, and look as if the women using them were not half afraid.

Emily Soldene, who will be remembered as an exponent of English blonde burlesque and of comic opera years ago, has been heard from again in an interview. She has no use for the new woman, but wants "the old-fashioned woman, who is sweet and gentle." The bloomer she regards as the most hideous garment of the day, and how a pretty woman can destroy her charms by wearing bloomers she cannot see. Emily, it will be recalled, did not wear much of anything, except the patience of her audience.

Statistics of circulation show decrease both for the month of June and the year ending therewith. The net decrease in June amounted to \$2,047,538, while for the year the decrease amounted to nearly \$50,000,000. The total circulation on July 1st this year amounted to \$1,664,051,232 on July 1st, 1894. The gold coin in circulation amounted to \$480,275,057, which represented a decrease of nearly \$17,500,000 as compared with the corresponding period last year. The gold coin in the treasury, on the other hand, showed an increase of a little over \$12,500,000 as compared with a year ago, the amount in the treasury on July 1st being \$99,147,914. The money of all kinds in the treasury showed an increase for the month of June amounting to \$10,552,112. Treasury experts estimate that the population increased from 68,237,000 on July 1st last year to 69,478,000 at the beginning of the current month. On the basis of the latter estimate they figure out a per capita circulation amounting to \$23.96 on July 1st. This represents a decrease of 6 cents for the month and \$1.37 as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

The lessons of history teach us that the Chinese can only be brought to terms by a show of force. Their word is lightly given and lightly broken. They promised to investigate the murders at Ku Cheng, but now the American and English consuls sent with the commission to see to it that the inquiry was searching have been excluded. Left to the Chinese prefect and his associates, the investigation will be as farcical as its predecessors. A pretense of punishing the criminals will be made and the agents of the empire at Washington and the European capitals will be commissioned to deceive the offending countrymen of the victims. The course of Sir Halliday Macartney, counselor of the Chinese legation at London, is proof enough that only outer demonstration is reliable in dealing with Chinese envoys or their Caucasian associates. The incautiousness of the missionaries in invading China is not a plea in abatement. They are American citizens, under the protection of the flag whenever and wherever found. American gunboats are now cruising in Chinese waters. The appearance of one of them, cleared for action, in a Chinese port would do more to compel proper punishment of the murderers and relief for the frightened Americans at Canton and other towns than any other month of juggling with diplomatic forms.

Mr. English, the author of "Dead Well," has recently been so much encouraged by the renewed popularity of his old song that he is writing another, entitled "Old Glory."

If the Chinese vegetarians persist in their present reckless course, Hon. John W. Foster may possibly get in another \$200,000 fee.

They are born free - New York City. Well, what has that to do with them? They go right off and get married soon as they are old enough.

In Paris it takes "twelve minutes on average for a steam fire engine to run under way to a fire." In any city of the United States such a fire company could be put upon the "retired list."

Chicago last year paid \$5,334,233 for teachers' salaries in the public schools, \$1,974,468 for new buildings and \$1,110,000 for other expenses.

Over \$2,000 of the saloons of Chicago are closed up, as promised. There are not much of a drought. There are 5,000 still open.

FIVE BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Fatal Explosion of Dynamite Near Duquesne.

Duquesne, September 9.—Five persons were killed and three were seriously injured by an explosion of dynamite at Specht's Ferry, ten miles above here on the Mississippi, where the government is engaged in the construction of wing dams. The killed are: Hans Bjornsted, of La Crosse, Wis., who had been on duty at the dam; Matt Latashaw, aged 35, of Victory, Wis., dismembered; Charity Latashaw, wife of Edward, aged 30, part of head blown off; Matt Latashaw, aged 6, blown to pieces; Ray Latashaw, aged 12, skull and leg broken. The injured are: Edward Bench, Lansing, Iowa, left eye knocked out; will recover; Matthias Faber, of Wabash, Minn., aged 35; will die; Mabel Latashaw, aged 15, shocked; extent of injuries not developed; will probably recover. Edward Latashaw, one of the victims, furnished the rapping for the work from a quarry near by, and boarded the men at a temporary one-story frame shanty 300 yards south of the railroad depot and the old hotel. Twenty men slept in barns and tents on the hillside west, and the dynamite used in their operations, five boxes of twenty-five pounds each, was stored at the north end of the shanty. The men were leaving the shanty after breakfast, when Foreman C. H. Owen, who was in the rear, noticed Ray Latashaw, aged 12, shooting at a post with a 22-caliber rifle. The post was on a line with the north end of the shanty, and Owen admonished the boy to be careful lest he miss his aim and fire into the dynamite. Owen reached the depot, when a terrible explosion took place. It is supposed that the boy accidentally displaced his rifle in the direction of the dynamite, and that the impact of the bullet caused the explosion.

THE ROWE CASE.

What Has the Attitude of Iowa Papers to Do With It?

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 12.—The Noticies says the lawyer defending the Rowe brothers will be punished for contempt, he having used improper language in criticizing the action of the judge of the case. The attitude of certain Iowa papers in denouncing all the Mexican authorities because they did not immediately surrender Rowe is complicating the situation, but Minister Mariscal will act impartially. Minister Mariscal is known to be especially friendly to Americans, has an American wife, and is frequently criticized by the opposition press for his impartial conduct in all cases pertaining to Americans. The resident Americans denounce vehemently the insulting charge of the Iowa editors, who know nothing of the affair here, and can only see one side of this now famous case.

SAFE CRACKED.

Postoffice at Moulton Entered, But Little Was Secured.

MOULTON, September 11.—The post-office safe at this place was blown open about 2 a. m. The outside door was blown off and made a complete wreck, but the burglars seemed to have been frightened away, and the inside was left whole. The crackmen left their tools, which had been borrowed from A. J. Cowell's blacksmith shop. They entered the office by way of the back window. They also opened the safe of Tom Morrison, but without injury. They secured only about \$5 at the postoffice and nothing of value at Morrison's. No clue so far has been obtained.

MYSTERIOUS WILL CASE.

Appearance of a Second Will at a Late Day.

KEOKUK, September 11.—Sixteen months ago the will of Susan Taylor was probated without contest. By its provisions all property, including valuable real estate, went to the husband, John W. Taylor, absolutely. The will was executed ten years ago. Another will, bearing a date of three days later than the first, by which Julia McConkey, her daughter, is made beneficiary, has just been probated.

DUNGAN'S GRIEF.

Only Son of the Lieutenant Governor Dropped Dead in Chicago.

CHICAGO, September 11.—Fayette P. Dungan, the only son of Lieutenant Governor Dungan of Iowa, who has for several years past held a responsible position on the Chicago Journal, dropped dead. The supposed cause of his death is heart disease. The remains will be taken to the family home at Chariton.

NEVADA'S ARRESTING WELL.

NEVADA, September 10.—After two years' ceaseless efforts, amid many difficulties, Nevada has at last struck an abundant supply of pure water at a depth of 980 feet.

WEDDED A NEGRO.

A White School Teacher Makes a Revolving Marriage at Sioux City.

SIoux CITY, September 9.—A sensation has been created here by the marriage of Miss Amelia Snyder, the daughter of a wealthy and highly respected farmer twelve miles north of Sioux City, and William Miller, a negro blacksmith of Sioux City. Miss Snyder taught school last fall at North Riverside, a suburb of Sioux City, when she met Miller, who was running a shop at the same place.

TO RECOVER IOWA LANDS.

WASHINGTON, September 9.—Acting Secretary of the Interior Reynolds has sent a communication to the attorney general recommending that suit be brought against the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad company of Iowa for the recovery of title to certain lands which, it is the belief, should still remain in the United States. The property involved consists of 25,490 1/2 acres of land, found upon examination of the grants claimed by the company of May 15, 1850 and June 2, 1854, to have been erroneously certified or patented.

Wife of an Iowa Falls Laboring Man Takes Her Own Life.

IOWA FALLS, Sept. 10.—Mrs. James Coppers, wife of a laboring man, died from poisoning. When found by her husband she was past all help. A box of matches with the tops chewed off were found under the pillow of her bed. She was 35 years old and leaves two little children. Family troubles were the cause of her despondency.

DIED ON THE TRAIN.

Died While En Route to the State Fair.

Van Wert, September 12.—Samuel Harbort, about 70 years of age, died suddenly on a Huxton and Shenandoah train between Huxton and Leroy. Deceased was an extensive livestock dealer of Plano, Appanoose county, and was on his way to attend the state fair. The remains were forwarded to relatives at Plano.

Man Breaker Caught.

CLINTON, September 12.—Word is received that William Stewart, one of the men who recently broke jail and the one who is thought to have planned the delivery, has been arrested in the province of Ontario. The sheriff has gone there to bring him back.

The committee which has been investigating the affairs of Street Commissioner Peck, of Clinton, made a report to the council completely exonerating that official from all the charges of malfeasance in office charged by the suit brought by one Looney.

Miss Cherry a Victim of Spite.

Cedar Rapids, September 9.—Ella Cherry, one of the famous Cherry sisters, was before Justice Whitman on a charge of threatening to kill J. A. Rose, a neighbor. Upon the introduction of testimony it appeared that Miss Cherry never intended to shoot Rose; that he had made the charge through spite, and the case against her was dismissed.

Railroad Crossing Accident.

CRESTON, September 13.—An accident at a railroad crossing near Murray resulted in the death of Levi Tabler. It seems that his team backed on the crossing. He put the brake on the wagon on seeing the approaching engine, and then tried to back the team without releasing the brake. He was caught and thrown a considerable distance, alighting on the track, and the engine ran over his arm.

Reward for Murderers.

SIoux CITY, September 13.—A petition to Governor Jackson is being circulated asking him to offer a reward for the murderer of murderers of Ora Minter and Max Noack. Mayor Fletcher has also written a letter to the governor of the same tenor.

Eighth Iowa Reunions.

OSCEOLA, September 12.—The Eighth Iowa Cavalry association will hold its tenth annual reunion here Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 and 2.

CONDENSED ITEMS.

There was a light frost in Greene county on the 11th.

"Americus" is drawing immense crowds at Des Moines this week, and the state fair is said to be the best in years.

A few nights since the residence of John Burd, of Lorimer, was badly damaged by lightning. A bolt tore away the kitchen and wrecked the bed on which Mr. and Mrs. Burd were sleeping. Their escape is miraculous. Conductor Diamond, of the Chicago Great Western, was killed at Oelwein. His train was about to stop at the water tank when he jumped from a car loaded with lumber to a box car. He slipped and fell under the wheels, which cut his head and right arm off from his body. His home is at Dubuque.

Dr. Staples, for years a leading physician and surgeon of Dubuque and Iowa, died after an illness lasting two weeks. He served actively in his profession, and was chief medical director on the staff of Gen. A. J. Smith. For several years he held the position of surgeon for the Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Illinois Central, and the Chicago, Burlington & Northern railroads in Dubuque. His merriment was one of those selected to be put on the Iowa soldiers' monument.

Messrs. J. P. Sherman and E. B. Walker, who have been at work for some time examining the names on the statements of consent under which the Waterloo saloons are operating, have finished their labors and reported to the lawyers for the defendants, who instructed them to do the work. While the figures have not been made public, it may be stated that the result of their labors shows that the statements of consent contain a majority of the names of those who voted in the city at the election prior to the time the statements were signed. The committee compared the signatures to the statements very carefully with the poll books and say their work is absolutely accurate.

TAMMANY'S SMOTHERED BILLS.

Two Thousand Indictments Against Its Friends Found in an Attic.

NEW YORK, September 9.—Nearly 2,000 forgotten indictments dating from 1863 to 1883, for every crime on the calendar, from petty larceny to homicide, have been discovered by accident in an old box in a loft in the district attorney's office. Many are outlawed. Some of the defendants are dead. A force of twenty clerks have been put to work to discover if any of the indictments are yet valid.

POLICE BILL APPROVED.

Supreme Court Decision in Effect Ousts the Old Commissioners.

LINCOLN, Neb., September 11.—According to a report circulated, the Omaha fire and police bill has been approved by the supreme court, and the formal opinion will soon be rendered. The effect of the decision, which is yet supposed to be a profound secret, will be to oust the old Omaha commissioners and give those appointed by Attorney General Churchill and Land Commissioner Russell full control in Omaha police affairs.

SLAUGHTER OF NEGROES.

Attacked by a Band of Masked White Men.

WESTVILLE, Fla., Sept. 12.—Two negroes were shot to death and several wounded by masked men in the northern portion of Holmes county. The tragedy occurred near a large saw mill which is owned by Graves & Beatty. The firm employs many negroes and operates a short railroad from the mill to Choctawhatchee river. A freight car had been fitted with bunks, and in this about thirty negroes slept. The car in which the negroes were sleeping was surrounded by masked men, who opened fire with Winchester. The negroes were awakened to find bullets whistling all about them. The shots and the screams of the negroes brought Graves and Beatty with a number of white employes, and then the masked men fled. Examination showed that Henry Johnson and Sam Evans, negroes, had been killed and a dozen wounded, some fatally. The freight car had been literally riddled by the shot. The attack has so terrorized the negroes that they refuse to work longer for Graves & Beatty. It is thought the attack was instigated by white men who had been discharged by the owners of the plant.

CROP REPORT.

Slight Decline in the Condition of Corn.

WASHINGTON, September 12.—The September report of the statistician of the department of agriculture shows a decline in the condition of corn to 96.4 from 102.5 in the month of August. The corn crop suffered drought during August in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and in a portion of Nebraska. Reports from Indiana, Iowa and Ohio indicate that though there have been rains during the latter part of the month they have been generally too late to be of any great benefit. The averages in the principal states are: Kentucky, 100; Ohio, 83; Michigan, 85; Indiana, 86; Illinois, 95; Iowa, 96; Missouri, 111; Kansas, 84. The general condition of wheat, considering both winter and spring varieties, where harvested, was 75.4 against 83.7 last year and 74 in 1893. The reported conditions for the principal wheat states are as follows: Ohio, 64; Michigan, 70; Indiana, 53; Illinois, 59; Wisconsin, 85; Minnesota, 107; Iowa, 107; Missouri, 75; Kansas, 46; Nebraska, 74; North Dakota, 168; South Dakota, 74; California, 75; Oregon, 93; Washington, 79. The condition of oats when harvested was 80.1 last year, 87.7 barley, 87.6; buckwheat, 87.3; potatoes, 90.8.

IS CORBETT SICK?

Reports That He Will Not Be in Condition to Meet His Opponents.

PHILADELPHIA, September 12.—The friends of pugilist James J. Corbett in this city are alarmed over a story circulated that the champion boxer is not in good health, and that there is danger of his not being in good condition when he faces Fitzsimmons next month. A very well known athlete and boxer, who saw Corbett stripped a few days ago, states that he does not look anything like a well man. This man says that Corbett has fallen away a great deal about the shoulders and the upper part of the body. The indications pointed to the champion's having been a sufferer for some time, and that he might become a victim of consumption. Still it is said Corbett is doing a little work at Ashbur Park; and will be ready to meet Fitz on the day set for the fight.

ZIP WYANT PLANTED.

The Notorious Outlaw's Career is Ended.

SOUTH END, O. T., Sept. 11.—Zip Wyant, who is believed to have stolen more cattle and horses, been in more train and bank robberies, committed more murders, cost the government more money and the lives of more officers and citizens than any other outlaw who ever lived in time of peace, was buried at public expense in End cemetery. There were only three persons present, the man who lowered the coffin, the drayman who conveyed the body and the man who dug the grave. During his entire illness Wyant refused to see a minister, hence no services were held at the grave.

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

NEW YORK, September 11.—The World's Havana special says: "There is a report about town that a great battle has been fought in Puerto Principe and that the Spanish have been defeated and the capital captured by the insurgents, who entered the capital 14,000 strong."

HAVANA, Cuba, September 12.—The insurgents have burned the village of San Juan de Amaro, in the province of Santa Clara, twenty-four miles from Sagua La Grande, a handsome summer resort, celebrated for its mineral waters, and have destroyed the railway.

Johnny Crum was beaten by E. J. Webers in the second trial race at New York.

Six men were cremated near Norris-town, Pa., recently. While sleeping in a barn at Barnes Station, the structure was burned and all were lost.

Word is received from Moscow and St. Petersburg stating that 900 persons known or supposed to be nihilists, have been arrested by the police of those cities, and large quantities of bombs, fire arms and dynamite have been seized in their lodgings and habits.

New York dispatch: Reports have been received at Cuban headquarters in this city of the massacre of a body of insurgents at the town of Baure, in the province of Santiago De Cuba, on August 31, by a detachment of Spanish soldiers. Not only women but children were not exempt from the fury of the Spanish troops, and several women were killed outright. The news was conveyed to the junta in this city by means of a letter received by Enrique Trujillo, editor of El Parvulario, a Cuban journal in the city.

VALKYRIE WINS.

Comes in Forty-Six Seconds Ahead of Defender.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—An accident happened to Defender fifteen seconds before the starting signal was fired. Valkyrie's main beam caught the top mast of Defender and the top mast cracked. Defender hoisted a protest signal, as the accident was the fault of Valkyrie, but continued the race. She was badly handicapped and was beaten by forty-six seconds. No doubt the race will be awarded to Defender. The race began at 11:00:11 and ended at 2:45:22.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The regatta committee sustained Defender's protest and gave Defender the second race which Valkyrie technically won. The protest was allowed on the ground of Valkyrie fouling Defender at the start.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Lord Dunraven owner of Valkyrie, had written to the regatta committee, declining to run unless the pleasure boats were kept clear of the course. When the third race of the series came on Defender crossed the line slightly ahead of Valkyrie, who immediately hoisted a signal that she gave up the race, and Defender went over the course alone, thus winning the race and cup. Mr. Iselin offered to recall the second race, but received no reply from Dunraven. The reason for flaking in the last race was that the course was crowded by pleasure boats.

HARDIE AND METHODISTS.

Defends Chicago Anarchists and is Squelched.

CHICAGO, September 11.—Kier Hardie, the English labor leader, addressed a meeting of Methodist ministers. During the course of his talk on socialism he denounced the execution of the Chicago anarchists and eulogized them as pioneers of the new faith. The storm of dissent and disapproval from the preachers which greeted this utterance was so vehement that Hardie was compelled to sit down. The preachers then proceeded with such scathing denunciation that Hardie left, much offended.

THE HOUGHTON HORROR.

Thirty Victims of the Mine Fire Found Dead.

Houghton, Mich., September 13.—The fire in the Osceola mine has been quenched and an exploring party went into the mine to locate the bodies of the imprisoned miners. They succeeded in finding all of the thirty victims who were unable to escape.

Smokeless Powder.

NEWPORT, R. I., September 12.—The torpedo boat Cushing, Lieutenant Roy C. Smith, has left for Fisher's Island with 500 pounds of ammunition for the six-pounder rapid firing guns loaded with smokeless powder. This will be delivered to Admiral Bucee for distribution among the vessels of the North Atlantic squadron. The smokeless powder is the first issued to American war vessels.

Crum Dismissed.

NEW YORK, September 10.—John V. Crum, the sprinter, may not be able to represent the New York Athletic Club at the international games. While running in the special 100-yard race at the New Jersey games on Labor day, he wrenched his leg just as he reached the tape, and it still troubles him.

BRIEF ITEMS.

Over two hundred thousand visitors are gathered at Louisville, Md. Attendance at the national encampment of the G. A. R.

The first series of yacht races between Defender and Valkyrie III was won by the American boat. The race began at 12:20:56. Defender crossed the line at 4:58:55 and Valkyrie at 5:08:44.

At Louisville Robert J. Joe Patchen and John R. Gentry paced four heats. The former won the first, third and fourth heats and Patchen second. The established, which was paced in 2:04 1/2, established a new record, being the fastest fourth heat ever paced or trotted by any horse.

At Sullivan, Ind., recently James Ward murdered his father-in-law, Aaron Hunter, and his brother-in-law, John Hunter, cutting off their heads with an axe and kicking them around like footballs. The murderer was pursued and just as he was about to be captured, took his own life. Family differences are supposed to be the cause.

A Houghton, Mich., dispatch says: Fire was discovered by timbermen in the thirty-eighth level of the Osceola copper mine. The timbermen at once rushed to the shaft and when brought to the surface in the big bucket gave the alarm. Thirty miners were unable to escape. Nearly all of them are married and their wives and children are gathered about the shafts in despair. Smoke is pouring from every shaft and there is no hope.

A Difference in Figures. "I hear that Mr. Birmingham has tendered you a situation?" "Oh, no; he merely offered me a job."

"What's the difference?" "A tendered situation would have attached to it a salary of at least \$1,000 a year, while the job I was offered commands but \$12 a week wages."

His Collection. "Who are all these?" asked the visitor. "Oh, that album?" said the languid young man: "that is a collection of photographs of the only girls I ever loved."

Too Much Knowledge. "Some men," said Farmer Cortnessel, "is too well posted. Larnin' is a fine thing, but it is a misfit, sometimes."

"What's the matter?" inquired his wife. "The new hired man he so much ter say 'bout the silver question that he sits a room 'n' lets the hay get rained on."

A Legend in Prayer. "Faps—Did you ask God to give you your daily bread this mornin'?" "Bobby—No, papa; I looked in the pantry last night and saw that there was enough to last for three days."

DURRANT'S GAUZY DEFENSE.

Trying to Fasten the Guilt on Another.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—A sensational story is published about the defense which will be offered in the trial of Theodore Durrant for the murder of Blanche Lamont. The statement is credited to a person connected with the defense: "The alibi will be strong, but the defense has witnesses to show that Durrant not only did not commit murder, but it will produce evidence to indicate who did. There was more than one implicated in the murder. Witnesses will testify that they saw the girl enter the church on the fatal afternoon with a certain man and at that time a second man was in the church. There the defense will rest its inquiry. It will not attempt to prove that these parties did commit murder. The statements as to this are so direct that they will leave no ground for the prosecution to stand on, so far as Durrant is concerned."

REBELLION GROWS FORMIDABLE.

Insurgents in Kan-Sub, China, Capture Eleven Cities.

BERLIN, September 9.—A special cablegram from Shanghai says that the rebellion in the province of Kan-Sub is becoming formidable. The insurgents have organized an army, and with it have captured eleven cities. It is reported that the government at Peking meditates calling upon Russia for aid in suppressing the rebellion.

WASHINGTON, September 9.—Minister Denby has selected United States Consul Sheridan P. Read, of Tien-Tsin, as one of the members of the commission to investigate the destruction of missionary property during the rioting at Cheng-Tu last June. The other members representing the United States will be Commander Francis M. Barber, United States naval attaché at Tokio, and an American missionary not yet named, to be selected by Minister Denby.

SERIOUS ARMENIAN SITUATION.

Plot to Murder All Christians—Villages Sacked.

LONDON, September 11.—A dispatch to the News from Kars, Armenia, says that the entire district of Kemaks is surrounded by Turkish troops, and is being completely sacked, and the population aggregating 5,000 people, fully treated. The excitement and alarm are universal. Authentic information from Moush is to the effect that an anti-Christian society of Turkish officials has been formed with the avowed intention to slaughter the Christians in the event of the acceptance of the reforms by the powers. It is declared that Consul Hampson is to be the first victim.

G. A. R. AT LOUISVILLE.

Two Bad Accidents Mar the Encampment.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., September 12.—Fifty thousand old soldiers participated in the G. A. R. parade and it was several hours in passing the reviewing stand. During the day a caisson belonging to Battery A, Kentucky National Guard, exploded, killing four members of the battery. Later, while 100,000 people were watching the fire works along the river front, a portion of the grand stand on which were seated at least 10,000 people, gave way and a hundred persons were injured. No fatalities have been reported. Col. Ivan A. Walker, of Indianapolis, was elected commander-in-chief of the order. The encampment next year will be held at St. Paul.

DEVASTATING KANSAS STORM.

An Entire Town Ruined and Several Towns Damaged.

OTTAWA, Kan., September 10.—Gridley, a town of 400 people on the Santa Fe road, fifty miles southwest of here, suffered the total destruction of many of its best buildings by storm. While hardly a structure in the place escaped injury, it is believed no one was seriously hurt. The pecuniary loss is heavy. A storm of wind and rain burst on the town from the northwest. The rain completed the destruction that had not been accomplished by the wind and in a few minutes every stock of goods in the town had been ruined. Several other towns were badly damaged.

HOSTILITIES RENEWED.

The Noted Hatfield-McCoy Feud Opened Up by the East Side.

LEXINGTON, Ky., September 11.—John Wright, son of the noted mountain detective, John Wright, was attacked at Pikeville by Frank Phillips and Barney Artrip, the former a member of the notorious Hatfield-McCoy feud. Wright succeeded in killing Artrip and wounding Phillips, whose friends, it is feared, will take up the feud with the Wrights. Later, becoming involved in a quarrel over the Wright-Artrip killing, Wm. Beving was shot and instantly killed by Jefferson Beving, his nephew.

He Pardoned the Deception.

"Then you deceived me?" "Yes, Alfred."

"And you married me knowing that you were rich?" "Yes, Alfred."

She now concealed nothing, nothing of the terrible fiction whereby she had lied him to her poor."

"Can you forgive me, Alfred?" "With pleading, contrite eyes she watched in his face the evidence of the struggle that waged in his bosom."

"Yes, he answered, at last. 'We will live it down.'"

And they did. He even quit his job, and devoted himself exclusively to living it down.

It Didn't Do.

A Montgomery insurance clerk sent his card to his florist yesterday with a young lady's address on one side and the following note on the other:

"Anything will do for this girl."

When the clerk called that evening the servant met him with his bouquet, handed it to him and slammed the door in his face. The flor



LOCAL NEWS.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1895.

Advertisers Can Reach

The Colored People of Des Moines and Iowa Only Through the Iowa State Bystander.

Miss Allie Hanson, of Cedar Rapids, visited our city this week.

Will Shinehouse, of Newton, was a state fair visitor this week.

Ladief tan oxfords, worth \$1.00, now 58c. The Hub, 607 Walnut street.

Mr. Ray, of Lucas, father of Miss Warhal, visited our city this week.

Men's \$2.00 tan and black shoes cut to \$1.48. The Hub, 607 Walnut street.

Miss Williams, of Booneboro, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Berton this week.

Misses Genevieve and Eldora Green, of Newton, visited the state fair this week.

Mr. Alex. Birney left for Louisville, Ky., Sunday night to be gone about two weeks.

The Reux brothers opened their fall engagement at the Wonderland museum this week.

Mr. Jones, of Oskaloosa, returned home Friday, after spending several days in the city.

Little Ethel Brooks entertained last Saturday in honor of the little Weeks sisters of Ottumwa.

Little Luu and Bessie Jackson entertained the little Weeks sisters, of Ottumwa, one evening.

Mr. Jones, brother of Mrs. Lanford and Mr. Pugh, both of Bethany, visited in the city this week.

Ladies \$4.00 and \$3.00 congress shoes—fine quality—a bargain. \$1.48. The Hub, 607 Walnut street.

Mrs. John Brown left for Stanton, Va., Tuesday for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Berns M. E. chapel held a social Tuesday evening. A good time was had and a program rendered.

Miss Minnie Brown, Mrs. Chapman and Miss Porter, all of Mchukinok, were state fair visitors this week.

Mrs. Johnson and her son, John Boone, arrived in the city from Fayette, Mo. John will attend school while here.

Chas. Perkins, Harry Marsh and Ralph Hawks, all of Atlantic, paid the associate editor of THE BYSTANDER a visit this week.

J. H. Shepard, business manager of THE BYSTANDER, returned Saturday morning from a business trip in the eastern part of the state.

We are reliably informed that the Christy Coal company is doing a first-class business and is prepared to employ all negro coal miners who will make application for work.

Little Captola and Fay Weeks returned to their home in Ottumwa Sunday after having spent a pleasant time visiting with their cousin, Jeannette Wood.

The Misses Beatrice Greider, of St. Joe, and Zelma Stanton, Messrs. Tracey Blagburn and Arthur Jones were entertained last Sunday by Jeannette Wood.

Mrs. Clara Conley, of Webster City, was the guest of relatives and friends this week. She reports her city in a prosperous condition and that her family is well and hearty.

W. D. Morton will be tried in the criminal division of the district court next week, under an indictment by the grand jury. His father, who is a man about 80 years old, lost the entire proceeds of his home, about \$800.

Master Willie Brown entertained some of his little friends last Thursday from 3:30 p. m. until 6 in honor of little Captola and Fay Weeks, of Ottumwa. Mrs. Brown was assisted in serving the little ones by the Misses Rosa Terry and Jeannette Wood.

Men stop on the street and gaze in open-eyed wonder when the Negro hack drivers pass and on the corners a white hackmen congregate and discuss the innovation. There will be greater changes in the near future. Mash's hack line is doing a good business.

The attention of the readers is called to the advertisement of Mr. Frank Johnson, owner and proprietor of the Crystal Palace Restaurant, under Wonderland. Mr. Johnson is a professional in his line and will spare no pains to give the public a first-class restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. George Morton entertained a number of their friends Wednesday evening. The home was beautifully decorated, while Japanese lanterns lighted the lawn. The evening was most agreeably spent in games, music, terpsichorean fetes and social conversation. The refreshments were dainty and were served in the unique and pleasing style of the hostess. The music was furnished by Courtney's orchestra. All report an excellent time.

Miss Maple Morton was the recipient of a jolly surprise Monday evening, it being the anniversary of her birth. Miss Agnes Roy, assisted by a number of young ladies and gentlemen, devoted some time in making the affair a success, and when the appointed time arrived everyone was in readiness and an immense party was held at the home of Miss Morton. The surprise was complete.

The home was cheerful, as is always the case, and the surprises were welcomed and most excellently entertained throughout the evening. Music, literary selections and games constituted the amusement. Refreshments were served and after wishing Miss Morton many more such happy anniversaries, and thanking Mr. and Mrs. Morton for their hospitality, all bid adieu and repaired for home.

INSURANCE. F. Brown will open an insurance office October 1 in Hawkeye block, room 9, Fourth street. I will act as agent for the Equitable Life, the People's Accident and the State Fire Insurance companies. Also have \$500 to loan on watches, etc., at one-third value. Call and see me.

HARVEST EXCURSIONS OVER THE GREAT ROCK ISLAND ROUTE. One Fare For Round Trip Plus \$2.00. Three dates to go and five dates to return. Selling dates August 29, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24, 1895. Returning dates Sept. 13, Sept. 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11, 1895. Go and see the good crops in the states of Kansas, Nebraska and Texas and in Oklahoma and the beautiful Indian Territory and secure a piece of land along the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R'y. Address as below for a copy of the Western Trail, that will give full facts reference to the excursions and describe fully the country mentioned. J. W. SEBASTIAN, G. P. A. Chicago.

BRUCE GRIT IN COLORED AMERICAN: We might as well be honest with each other and stop jolly and flattering ourselves. We might as well admit that we won't stick, that we are disorganized, that we are jealous minded and envious of the success of individuals among us that we'd rather a thousand times help a white man whom we don't know than encourage a black man whom we do know and don't like because he keeps us guessing how he managed to get ahead of us, though his chances were no better than our own. Now ain't it so?

The bold words of Representative Howard, of Alabama, to the effect that whites are responsible for the Negro outrages for which so many blacks are lynched, for the reason that they have long been committing similar outrages, seems not to have yet been noticed by the Southern press. Perhaps, knowing that there is a basis of truth in Mr. Howard's charge, little or no attention will be given to it. It is probable, however, that Mr. Howard will be made to suffer for this remark. He is a Populist who could not be counted on—Indianapolis Journal.

Topeka State Ledger: What credence can be placed in what a man says if his record is shady? Many people would say that they would not believe him on oath, and so would we.

Waco (Texas) Searchlight: Yes, the best classes of our race are affected directly in their relations with the whites by the lawless acts of the bad element among us. The white man knows the difference. Prejudice and the southern hateful habit of his own mean and contemptible nature stands in the way of his better nature, because he is not to have yet been noticed by the white man in the very face of his contempt for "our trade." The white man in the south does not class us all alike. We do it ourselves and then they witness it. When a "black sheep" in the family seems to merit it, respect they are compelled to notice it. Let us stop this habit of classing family ties with prostitutes. Sister loses its identity and mother its charm when this mean, low-down occupation is an eye-sore. A white gentleman or lady had rather die than perpetrate a crime of this nature. We as a race find ready-made excuses too easily for all the ills that flesh is heir to.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington, who was elected president of the organization of colored Women at Boston, Mass., was born in Mississippi in 1861. She graduated from Fisk university, Nashville, Tenn., and two years ago married Prof. Booker T. Washington, the popular and worthy president of the Tuskegee Normal institute. She has accomplished much good among the girls of the south, and her annual conference among them, where she delivers practical talks on manners of living and education, has been a godsend to the females of her race.

The Negroes at Charleston, S. C., are highly incensed over the light punishment given a white man who was convicted of attempting to assault a 16-year-old Negro girl. He was let off with a sentence of twenty days in the county jail. The Negroes declare that many of their race have been lynched for less than this crime, and the declaration is true.

Leavenworth Herald: The race needs more MEX and less fool preachers. Conscienceless and unscrupulous preachers are continually fleeing the people and taking the bread out of the mouths of their little children. The rascally whelps should be kicked out of the pulpit.

Iowa Methodists Meet. Ottumwa, Iowa, Sept. 13.—The Iowa Methodist conference convened in its fifty-second annual session yesterday and spent the day in appointment of committees and officers and other routine work. Bishop Foster presided.

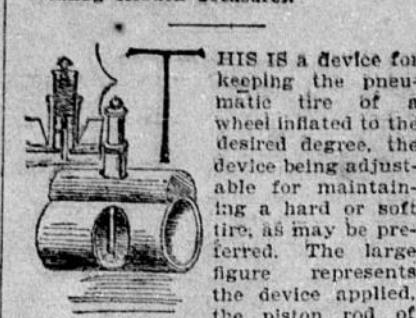
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A Boat Propelled by the Waves. A strange craft devised by a San Francisco man is now floating in San Francisco bay and is causing the old salts no end of amazement. The remarkable feature of the thing is that it is designed to do double duty, both that of buoying it up and that of propelling it. Other means of progress it has none. There is no electricity, steam, naphtha, gas, or compressed air to furnish motive power. The water is pumped up into a reservoir and then forced, under heavy pressure, into the filter formed by the trunk of the tree. In a few minutes the water is seen oozing out of the lower portion of the trunk, and is engaged in the propelling of the boat. The water is so pure that it is drinkable, and may be used for all domestic purposes. This is a discovery of the utmost importance, as heretofore chemicals have been the only means of purifying the sea-water, and this is a discovery brought about by accident, on account of developing new elements by the mixture of the purifiers with the salt water.

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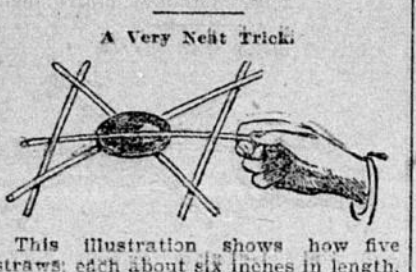
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The Bacteriology of Clothes. Doctor Seltz, of Munich, in the British Medical Journal, says that on examining a worsted stocking, he found 950 thriving colonies of bacilli, while on a cotton sock there were 712. Both these articles were first worn, but no information is vouchsafed as to the personal habits of the wearer. Thirty-three colonies were found on a glove, 20 on a piece of woolen stuff, and 9 on a piece of cloth. None of these articles had been worn. On a piece of cloth from a garment which had been worn a week there were 23 colonies. Of the micro-organisms found on articles of clothing, relatively few were capable of causing disease; the pathogenic species were almost without exception staphylococcus pyogenes albus nineteen days after they had been worn. The anthrax bacillus found in clothes was still virulent after a year. The microbe of erysipelas on the other hand, could not be found after eight hours, nor the cholera vibrio after three days. Doctor Seltz studied with special care the question whether in tuberculous subjects who sweat profusely the bacillus was conveyed by the perspiration to a spring worn for some time near the skin of the chest. The inoculation of two guinea-pigs, however, gave negative results.

Water-Tight Compartments. The frequency of collisions at sea and their fatal results have led to many investigations and experiments, not the least of which is the construction of the line of water-tight compartments. It is one thing to build a vessel with air-chambers that will float it, and quite another to have safety appliances always in order and ready for emergencies. It has been said that certain of our large passenger steamships have, on occasions, turned the water-tight compartments into places for stowage passengers. Their greed ran away with their common humanity and regard for the lives of those on board. It certainly is a waste of time and energy to prepare the means of safety at a great expense when proper care is not taken to keep them within available reach.



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