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ONLY AFRO-AMERICAN REPUBLICAN PAPER IN IOWA

Governor Bradley of Kentucky has nominated John W. Postel, an Afro-American, to be steward of the Western Insane asylum at Hopkinsville, Ky.

Col. Perry H. Carson has been chosen as a delegate to the republican national convention, to represent the Negro voters of the District of Columbia.

A colored man in Vicksburg, Miss., owns and operates the largest drug store in the city, and the strange thing about it is he is patronized by colored customers.

We are not in favor of a third term in municipal government, when there are other worthy men of the party who have never held office and are aspirants for the same.

John V. Crum is not only a sprinter, but a lawyer of no mean ability. He was recently elected city attorney of Bedford. May his record be as good in this position as it is in others.

The Colored Republican club of Chicago contemplates a memorial of the assassination of President Lincoln on April 15. Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts and Charles W. Anderson of New York will be present.

Captain Hull is always doing something for Des Moines and Iowa. His latest achievement for Des Moines was to make it a military station. An appropriation of \$50,000 was made for preliminary expenses. His name is a watchword to those who believe in honesty and progress.

Why don't THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER get its share of the city and county printing? We have facilities for doing all kinds of newspaper and commercial printing, and ask that those in a position to help us do so. We need your help, and guarantee satisfaction—316 west Fifth street.

The Cuban question still grows in interest, and the indications are that the United States will have to give Spain the now famous "right hand upper hook." The Cubans are right and will conquer, and after their independence will go down on history's pages as one of the greatest races of the twentieth century.

This paper is daily receiving comments for its fair and impartial dealings. It has treated the candidacy of all with fairness and discretion. We have no ax to grind but we demand good government, our proportion of representation, and that each worthy member of our race be treated as a lady or gentleman.

It is a notable peculiarity of America that when anything is really needed in the mechanical arts, or literature, science or history, there is always some one equal to the emergency, and by the aid of his inventive genius or intellectual attainments supplies the need of the people. For a

long time we have been in need of a complete directory devoted to Afro-Americans—a book that can be found in every Afro-American household. Two young gentlemen, Messrs. C. A. Dishman and J. A. Lucas, are diligently working on this book, and when completed cannot be excelled for beauty, excellence and general information. Lend your assistance to the gentlemen, that they may fill this long felt want. Do not allow Des Moines to be behind other cities of its size.

What Des Moines needs is a twentieth century mayor. The day and time for other than this kind of a mayor have gone. The people demand a man for the office of mayor who has the courage of his convictions; one who knows the needs of the city, its taxpayers and its general welfare.

Iowa's 16,000 Afro-Americans want a member of the race—a conservative, representative man—to represent their interests at the national republican convention, to be held at St. Louis June 16. This man should be the unanimous choice of the colored people. We ask only what is fair and just, and to that much we are entitled.

B. O. Hanger is making a gallant effort for city auditor. His name is connected with the city's history. He has been a contributor to its colleges, schools, churches and public welfare; he is an ex-soldier and fought four years for the preservation of the Union. He wants to be city auditor and asks his friends to support his candidacy.

We have prepared and are sending out to our subscribers a statement of their indebtedness to this paper, and we trust that those receiving the same will be prompt to respond. We need our money to defray current expenses, and as we have been business-like and patient with you we ask you kindly to call at our office, 316 West Fifth street, and settle for your subscription.

Monday evening the republican caucusses were held in the city precincts for the purpose of selecting thirty-eight delegates to the state convention, to be held in this city March 11, at which meeting delegates to attend the national republican convention at St. Louis will be selected. Two Afro-Americans were selected, as follows: E. T. Banks, second precinct of Third ward; Robert Raikes, fourth precinct of Sixth ward.

The Afro-Americans of Des Moines demand that they receive their proportion of the city work. It is a well known fact that there are no Afro-Americans employed as street cleaners and on the board of public works improvements. This fact should not be overlooked. The Negroes hold the balance of power in Polk county and in Iowa and if any candidate is unfavorable to the race, scratch him—do not vote for him. Vote only for the men you know to be your friends.

A statue of Frederick Douglass will be erected in Douglass Park, Rochester, N. Y. It is proposed to raise \$7,000 for that purpose. Citizens of Rochester, irrespective of color, have made liberal contributions, but everybody who is anxious to have the memory of this great man perpetuated is requested to send contributions in any amount to Hon. John W. Thompson, Rochester. The unveiling will take place August 3d at the entrance to the park—the property of the city—which has been given his name.

D. L. Mutchler, proprietor of the Des Moines Dye Works, and one of Iowa's best citizens, is a candidate for alderman in the Fourth ward, subject to the decision of the republican primaries. He has long been a resident of this city, having removed here in the 70's. He is successful as a business man, is well conversant in municipal affairs and is making a clean, business-like canvass. Mr.

Mutchler has all the qualifications necessary to fill the office, and if elected will be a credit to his constituents. He fully realizes the duty of the hour and comes out for the office of alderman at the earnest solicitation of his many friends. Those believing in good government will give his candidacy their consideration.

There is a certain element of hoodlums who are attempting to disgrace the race with which they are identified by preparing to get a "pull," as they call it. There was a certain colored delegate to the county convention who sold his vote for \$15, and this same man is now trying to perfect his plans that he may be a delegate to the state convention. Beware of such men. They are not representative colored men. We have good, honest men, and they are the men to be chosen as delegates and representative men.

LYNCH LAW.

John Mitchell, Jr., the Able Editor of the Richmond Planet, Addresses a Large and Enthusiastic Assembly at Springfield, Mass.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

He said in part:—"I think it was Sir Walter Scott who said:

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself had said,
This is my own, my native land?"

"I come to Springfield as an American citizen. I love my country and deplore the evils that make for its destruction. Lynching is anarchy, and no country can exist where anarchy is. It is high time that anarchy was crushed out, and if we are to do this, we should be up and doing. I have at my mother's knee heard the stories of Sumner, of Phillips and Garrison. Grand men, glorious men, who did great service for our people.

"I have wondered what right the government has to exact defense of its citizens if the government in turn does not defend its citizens. Citizenship is a form of contract, and if I know anything about law, a contract violated by one party is not binding upon the other. We are in fact a people without a country, for we have no protection in the South. The soil of Virginia has been drenched in blood and mostly with the blood of dark-skinned people.

"Is it any wonder that we resist arrests? Is it any wonder that we are ever on the defensive? I am arrested by an officer of the law. He takes from me every weapon of defense. I am manacled, helpless. I am innocent, for the law holds a man innocent until he is proven guilty. An angry mob takes me out and hangs me. I am powerless to resist or defend myself. Shall we submit to murder in the name of law?

"They argue that lynching is a necessity. If it is, then anarchy is a necessity. They say that they only lynch for the unmentionable crime. Why, they lynch for everything from an attempt to burn a barn up to insulting a white lady. The southerners are not progressive. Their idea of greatness is to boast of what their grandfathers did in the revolution. They hug their prejudices as closely as a mother hugs her child.

"The government failing to protect us, we must protect ourselves. The government is supposed to be the servant of the people, and if the servant fails to do what is demanded, then who will? "Take the case of Smith, who was roasted in Texas. What was his crime? Was there any crime equal to the atrocities perpetrated on him? The horrors of the French revolution were trifling to those of that scene; these men ran red-hot irons into their victim, and then roasted him alive! The men in the mob who murdered the wretch were themselves equal to committing the crime that Smith committed. These lynchings do not prevent crime—they make crime.

"Tell me, is there a man with a

spark of manhood who will quietly let a mob steal into his house at night and carry out his wife and hang her with her babe in her arms from a tree? It is at times like that, when the government won't defend us, that we must defend ourselves. Only cowards take part in a lynching. Honorable men would hand the man a weapon and say 'Shoot yourself. If you run I will shoot you. If you stand I will try to shoot you, but you can try to shoot me!' That was the spirit of chivalry of Virginia years ago. I advocate self-defense, not retaliation.

"The time to act is when these murderers are at our homes. When you have got the men at your door, ready to take you out and hang you, shoot! You can then go shouting to glory. Suppose a colored mob should go to a white man's house and try to lynch him. How many graves would there be in that colored settlement? The colored man was better protected when a slave, for he was some white man's property then. You can get better protection for a mule in the south than you can for a colored man. A white man can hit a colored man on the head with a club and nothing is done about it, while he would go to jail for hitting a dog."

Mr. Mitchell described the scene in the prison where a 15-year old colored boy was confined, awaiting execution. He became interested in the boy's case and four times got him reprieved. The first reprieve reached him at 11:45 p. m., and the execution was fixed at sunrise the next morning. He drove to Chesterfield jail, and as he lost his way and drove seven miles out of the right direction, he arrived just as the guard was about to take the boy to the gallows. The last time the boy was reprieved, his sentence was commuted to imprisonment. The people were determined that the boy should hang, and fearing a mob the sheriff hid him in a load of hay at night and took him to Richmond before the action of Governor Lee became known.

He then told the story of Isaac Jenkins, who, he said, was a remarkable man, having been hung, shot and beaten, then tried for his life. He then explained the Lunenburg case, where three colored women were tried for a murder committed by a white man and the jury had convicted them, not on the evidence, but from fear of the mob. When he left Richmond there were rumors of a mob that was organizing to lynch the women. "When they are lynched," said the speaker, "there will be one of the bloodiest times ever witnessed in the south. There are men of our race who are brave—who will not let those innocent women be butchered if they can prevent it. Lynching of colored men will stop when the colored man gets to the point where he is not afraid to die."

A Big Fee.
Indian Extractor: Hon. J. Milton Turner, the most successful Negro attorney in this country, has been allowed by the auditor of the treasury \$64,000 fees for his work in behalf of the freedmen who are now in the Indian territory. About 4,000 colored people will receive \$295.35 for every man, woman and child. In this case the father who has a big family will wear a smile for once. This judgment gives them the pro rata right to some 6,000,000 acres of land unduly given the Cherokee nation, which in time may amount to 320 acres for each man, woman and child of Africa.

A Tribute to the Immortal Fred Douglass.
At the memorial services of the immortal Douglass, held under the auspices of the Phillis Wheatley Lyceum, Denver, Col., Friday evening of last week, Mr. D. B. Faw paid the following tribute to that great emancipator:

"We have met to pay tribute to the greatest genius of our race. He was not born of lofty parent-

age, he was not rocked in the soothing cradle of luxury, nor was he exalted by the promise of a brilliant boy, though alike the entire race of which he was a member, was looked upon to be suitable only for drudgery, a medium of speculation and the cruel lash applied by the hand of a posing aristocracy and highest type of civilization. But that civilization was only a mockery which was undergoing a change that was to give to this government its first and only true declaration of independence and emancipation of civilization. It was a time when reason ran riot, justice had been chloroformed by the friends of ignorance and prejudice and human christianity had gone out on a long vacation. Humanity had been dragged from the vocabulary of the pulpit, the faculty of the pen had become feeble indeed. Yet, surrounded by all these environments, sprang that peer of American intellect, that gifted orator, that prince of men—I refer to Frederick Douglass."

T. L. SMITH THE MAN

An Interview with a Loyal Republican Who Will Represent Our Common Interest at the National Republican Convention.

A Review of the Situation.

Will the Afro-Americans of Iowa be represented in the republican national convention at St. Louis next June? I think they will. Iowa has a candidate for the presidency in the person of Senator Wm. B. Allison, and he is going to get the nomination. Do you know Mr. McKinley? Yes. I know McKinley and Reed also. Iowa will have to work hard to secure Allison's nomination, and you can rest assure that no stone will be left unturned. Are you well acquainted with the leading Negroes in the United States? Yes, with most of them. There will be delegations from the south headed by colored men; and for Iowa not to have a colored man on its delegation to confer with the colored men in the interest of their choice son would be wholly out of the question. Are you a candidate for delegate-at-large? I am. I was defeated four years ago by a man whom, it is said, had not voted in the state, and upon his return from the national convention began the publishing of a democratic paper, and is continuing to do the same. How about the Negro Solicitor's article in regard to your residence? I saw the article of last week. It made me laugh. I have lived in Iowa nearly nineteen years, during which time I have been general financial agent for the Foreign Mission of the general association of the western states and territories. Yes, I am at this time trying to complete one of the finest church buildings owned by Negroes in the northwest at Columbia, Mo.—a church undertaken by Rev. A. Johnson, who died at his home in this city last fall. Is it unusual for a minister to live in one state and pastor a church in another? No, it is not. My resident address is 1305 Morgan street, Keokuk, Iowa, where I have lived and paid taxes for the past twelve years.

I expect to be at the convention and all I can do to secure proper representation to the national convention: I have always been an admirer of Senator Allison, and can work hard for his success. No one can appreciate more than I the general endorsement that I have received from the Afro-Americans throughout the state.

A Resolution.
KEOKUK, IOWA, Feb. 22.—To the republican voters of Keokuk: Be it resolved that whereas an editorial appeared in the Negro Solicitor under the colors misrepresenting the home of Rev. T. L. Smith, who is a citizen of Keokuk and has been for eighteen years, and has the full confidence of the entire people.

And, Whereas, the Rev. T. L. Smith of Keokuk has served his people as a leader and a true republican in all times and at all places, by sacrificing time and money to promote the interest of the grand old party, be it resolved that we, the republi-

cans of the Young Men's Allison club of Keokuk, do most heartily endorse and earnestly ask the endorsement of the republicans of the state of Iowa to elect Rev. T. L. Smith of this city as a delegate to the national convention meeting in St. Louis, Mo.

By order of Young Men's Allison club.
WILLIAM MOTT, President,
EMERY JOHNSON, Secretary.

NEWTON NOTES.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander.
Rev. W. A. Searey has returned from Evans, where he has been holding a very useful series of meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Williams and Miss Florence Miller have recovered from their recent attack of la grippe.

Fred Green was again chosen clerk at the city election Monday, March 2.

Miss Josie Whitsett has been very ill for several days, but is slowly improving.

Fred Green's pleasant smile is caused by the restoration of his watch, which he had stolen from him in Des Moines last May.

Mrs. O. Cunningham and Miss Minnie Pillow returned from the capital city Friday evening last.

Miss Leach of Albion is in the city visiting the Misses Green.

On Monday evening, March 2, the angel of death entered the home of Mrs. William Moore and took from it her eldest daughter, Jessie. For four months she had been a sufferer from that dreadful disease consumption, but she bore her suffering patiently, ever trusting in the Lord—whom she has trusted and served since she was 12 years of age. She was a true Christian, a member of the church and Christian Endeavor society. She was born in Newton and she spent the greater part of her life here. She graduated from Newton high school June 11, 1891. She was conscious up to the time of her death and did all her friends good by. By her death Newton loses one of her most highly respected young ladies.

CHARITON NOTES.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander.

Sunday, March 1, the Odd Fellows had their sermon preached by Rev. P. S. Ervin. Mr. Richmond made a very able speech, as also did Rev. Rhinehart in behalf of the Odd Fellows. Miss Effie Martin's recitation was the first on the program, and we are sorry to learn that she made a failure. Miss G. Richmond recited next. Miss Richmond is a good speaker and her speech was very nice. The last on the program was a recitation by Gertrude Ervin. Miss Ervin is an elocutionist, and her selection was ably rendered and was greeted with laughter and cheers. The title was "Noah, the Flood and the Ark." Mr. Charles Bryant of Osceola attended the services. The Household of Ruth turned out with the Odd Fellows Sunday.

P. S. Ervin returned from Oklahoma several weeks ago and says he is quite taken by the country. From Creston to St. Joe they had a hard time. He wishes to mention the kindness shown by Conductor J. E. Dorell from Arkansas City, and also Mr. Carter of Waterloo.

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander.

On Thursday, Feb. 27, Mrs. Wyatt Dean received the sad news that her brother, Wilson Jones, of Muckakee, was not expected to live. She left that evening to see him.

There arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Page, on Tuesday evening, a new lodger—a young lady, who has come to stay.

Mr. Essex Horn returned to his home in Kirkville Saturday after a two weeks illness at the home of his parents. He is much improved.

Rev. Isaac Johnson occupied the pulpit at the Second Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Bradley was reported on the sick list the first of the week.

The I. B. W. O. C. was pleasantly entertained by Mrs. M. J. Scott last week. The attendance was large and a general good time was had. The society meets with Mrs. Wells Fuller this week.

The "mam" social given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. King last Friday evening was a very agreeable affair. There was quite a number in attendance. After all had played muf for one hour cake and cream was served. At a late hour the participants departed for their homes fully satisfied they had had a good time.

Mr. Z. Taylor is moving to the South Side this week.

The Juvenile band which is being organized here gave their first entertainment last Thursday evening at Findley Hall. It was fairly attended and a very good programme was rendered. The project is another enterprise with the boys and should be encouraged.

The entertainment given last week by Mr. Hamilton and his tribe was a complimentary one. The attendance was large. A very good program was rendered. The entertainment given at the Christian Tabernacle Tuesday evening was a very social affair. The attendance was small, owing to the inclement weather.

Cards of Thanks.

We desire to thank those who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our child. MR. AND MRS. CALLOWAY.

KNOXVILLE NOTES.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander.

Mrs. Fannie Tondin has come back to Knoxville to live.

Mrs. W. P. Bird is able to be up. We are glad to see her so.

Mr. Sim Jeffers has gone to Chariton to work.

Andy Jeffers, an enterprising farmer, was in Knoxville Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. Lawler and son.

Lee Stapleton of Oskaloosa, and T. Davis of Springfield, Ill., are visiting friends in our city.

W. P. Bird is unloading hay for his health, which has been very poor.

Mrs. J. E. Bearton of Hannibal, Mo., is going to start for Helena, Ark., the middle of the month to visit her sister, Mrs. M. L. Morris. She will be accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Eliza Harts, and also the mother of W. P. Bird.

Miss E. Watson helped to bake cakes for the wedding of Miss Maud Wright, which occurred Tuesday, March 3, at 6 p. m.

One of our able lawyers, Ed R. Hays, passed away last week. He will be missed by friends.

Miss Geneva Jeffers has returned from an extended visit.

YOUNGSTOWN NOTES.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander.

Having seen a copy of your most valuable paper at a friend of mine, I take pleasure in sending you a few items.

The literary society met as usual Thursday evening and a pleasant time was had by all in attendance.

Work is very poor—about one day each week.

Mr. B. Price was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Brown recently.

Mrs. Thoraas Sanford, who has been very sick, is much better at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have moved to Boggs Town.

Rev. Williams was not out Sunday, but a good Sunday school was reported.

UNVARNISHED FACTS.

The following letter was received by a citizen of Des Moines, and we publish the same by special request. It explains itself:
CINCINNATI, O., February 23.—Dear Sir and Brother: Your letter making inquiries touching Rev. M. C. E. Mason and his entertainment at the Kirkwood house, is before me. In answer would say, that in company with Dr. Mason, who was my guest, and was to speak before the Social Union of the Methodist church of Des Moines, I went to the Kirkwood house to see him. I do not know whether the proprietor or one of his clerks were behind the desk, but I know that they refused to entertain him, and I therewith took him to the Savery, where he was entertained in first class style. I felt very much outraged over the matter at the time, and felt like making a "Y" about it, but thought it would do no good. I did not take him to my own home for the reason that my boy had scarlet fever, and we were not permitted to entertain any one outside of the family. These are the plain unvarnished facts in the case. Yours sincerely,
W. H. W. REES, D. D.

Read our new advertisements—and then Patronize the firms who advertise with us.

COLORADO'S GOLD FEVER.

Three Mining Exchanges—Fortunes Made and Lost in a Day.

Colorado is astir over a great speculative wave, the result of the discovery of gold in Cripple Creek. Colorado Springs already boasts of three mining exchanges, and excitement is at hand over the New York Herald. All three exchanges are so busy with actual orders that one cannot cross the threshold without fighting for position. Several thousand persons engage in nothing else from morning to night. A hundred or two hundred thousand shares are not uncommon for one broker to hurl at another, while for the day the aggregate of business frequently soars to 2,000,000 shares.

The miner who relied on signs for the presence of ore around Cripple Creek invariably "got left," while the farmer and cowboy, with only a stock of confidence and blind luck, stumbled on the bonanzas that have become famous throughout the world. W. S. Stratton, a carpenter, three years ago working for \$2 a day, is now the central figure of the west with his independence, that pays him at the rate of \$150,000 a month, without referring to the adjoining properties that are neglected until the time when the owner finds some way of spending the wealth that has been lavished upon him.

Then there are James Doyle and James F. Burns of the Portland, who are reaping the fruits of industry in possession of a mine that has been appraised at \$6,000,000. Two years ago both men were operating drills and shovels for \$3 a day. These are the notable men in the district who inspire others with hope of rivaling their fortunes from the same source. Such careers cast a halo of romance around the occupation of an ordinary miner and the incentive is so great that the denizens of the Colorado city are just beginning to realize the possibilities of the new field for speculation.

Sympathetic Old Lady (to dirty-looking tramp)—Are you a married man, sir? Dirty-looking Tramp—No, mum. Would you like me to marry you?
"Is Letty really as strong-minded as you said?" "Indeed, she is. Why she can tie the latest sort of necktie without getting her brother to help her."
Mrs. Hashmore—I am sorry to say the tea is all exhausted. Cranky Boarder—I am not surprised. It has been awfully weak for some time.
A Friend—If you love her, old fellow, why don't you marry her? Bachelor Doctor—Marry her? Why, she is one of my best patients!

Read the special bargains offered by our advertisements.

BY BYSTANDER PUBLISHING CO. DES MOINES, IOWA

It is asserted that there were plenty of exits from that Troy factory, but perhaps they were too far from the ground.

Andrew Carnegie was blackballed by the chamber of commerce of Cleveland which city, in addition, is about to enjoy 3-cent car fares.

We must give Detroit the credit of practicing whatever it preaches, at any rate, and that is more that can be said of most other cities.

When the Roentgen ray gets to work in detecting bad eggs, farmers will perhaps not leave the product in the nests so long before bringing it to market.

There is really no occasion to marvel at that storm of grey snow on Shrove Tuesday. Why shouldn't we have a shower of ashes for Ash Wednesday?

The Board of Education of Traverse City, Mich., has forbidden its school-children to dance. Naturally, these worthy young women are making a "kick."

A gold star was stolen at a meeting of the Chicago city council the other night and suspicion naturally points to so many men that the chances of recovery are small.

Some of the medical journals are strenuously contending that what we now call malaria should be called malague because it is produced by bad water and not by atmospheric conditions. We presume that quinine will continue the favored specific whatever the doctors may decide about the name.

"Thrift," said the youth with the downy lip, who thought himself an aphorist, "is contagious by example."

"Even so," said the corn-fed philosopher. "Turn loose two or three right thrifty persons in a community, and pretty soon the others have to be thrifty to keep from starving."—Indianapolis Journal.

The great Siberian railway is making good progress. Last year 863 miles of track were laid, bringing the terminus to Krasnoyarsk, a distance of 3,071 miles east from St. Petersburg, and thus completing a continuous mail route from the capital to the bank of the Yenisei river. Of the 4,572 miles from Chelyabinsk, the starting point near the Europe-Asia border, to Vladivostok on the Pacific, 1,658 miles of track have been laid, besides the branch of 150 miles from Chelyabinsk to Ekaterinburg, which is also completed.

The following dispatch comes from Pender, Neb.: "Three Indians on the Winnebago reservation secured a jug of whisky and, after imbibing, stripped for an old-fashioned war dance. When they had exhausted themselves they sank into a drunken stupor and were dead this morning." This is not positive that the war dance is not suited to the modern Indian. It might have done very well for its ancestors and the romantic braves that frisk about the pages of Cooper's novels, but the up-to-date red man is not built on the same plan and should attempt nothing more complicated than a polka or a two-step.

The aggregate of the public debt of the United States on Jan. 31 was, according to the treasury statement, \$1,687,180,788. This total includes certificates and treasury notes offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury, amounting to \$662,542,773. The aggregate of interest-bearing and non-interest-bearing debt amounted to \$1,124,638,015, which represents a net decrease for the month amounting to \$687,446,590. The certificates and treasury notes show a decrease of \$5,459,999, and by classing these as debt a net decrease is shown. The gold holdings of the treasury amounted on Jan. 31 to \$99,693,356.57 and the silver holdings to \$505,421,818.63. The gold reserve had fallen on that date to \$49,845,507 and the net cash balance amounted to \$121,746,271.27, leaving an aggregate cash balance in the treasury at the end of the month amounting to \$171,591,773.27. This represents a decrease of \$6,435,423.65 for the month. The government receipts for the month of January amounted to \$29,237,579.21, which represents an increase of \$2,090,000 as compared with the preceding month, and over \$1,400,000 as compared with the corresponding month of last year. The internal revenue receipts, which exceeded those from customs in December last, fell below them in January by more than \$5,300,000, but the disproportion between them is less than it was in January of last year. The expenditures for the month amounted to \$32,529,340.65, which represents an increase of over \$6,700,000 as compared with December last, but a decrease of nearly \$2,000,000 as compared with January, 1895.

Engineer Johnson, formerly in the employ of the Iron Mountain Railway company, has been given a verdict for \$3,500 damages for breach of contract in blacklisting. The suit was brought by the discharged engineer. It was based upon an agreement between the railroad company and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

A Minneapolis gentleman has been commissioned to complete a history of the World's Fair. Why not make it a history of the pyramids? If you're going in for ancient history, go in deep.

Miss Lucretia Hagan, aged 25, of Sioux City, sued Edward Golden, aged 3, for \$25,000 for breach of promise, and because the jury awarded her only \$1, she is working for another trial. Lucretia is beautiful and Edward is rich, and the rest is the same old story.

The West Virginia marshal who approached at a funeral on a cold winter's day, with a rifle slung over his shoulder, and a dog at his heels, has been asked the good word with them.

FORFEITURE OF LAND GRANTS.

Government Brings Suit Against the "Q" Road and Iowa Farmers.

DES MOINES, March 5.—United States Attorney General Harmon and District Attorney Charles D. Fuller have begun three suits in the federal court against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, the Burlington & Missouri River railroad company and nearly 1,000 residents and land owners of Mills, Montgomery and Adams counties, in the southwestern part of the state, together with a large number of financial institutions and persons interested in the land in those counties.

The suits are brought by the government to cancel grants of land to the Burlington route in 1856 and 1864. The grants attacked comprise possibly 35,000 acres, and the settlers and owners thereof are made parties to the suits, although having purchased the land from the railroad company. The grounds upon which the action is brought relate to the law of adjustment of land grant claims of 1857, and it is alleged by the attorney general that the lands in question were patented by settlers or otherwise disposed of by the government prior to their transfer to the railroad company, a transfer made, it is claimed, in violation of the land grant law of 1856 as amended in 1864, by the ministerial agents of the government, thus abridging the rights of both the government and original owners in favor of the railroad company.

Polk Wells.

Legislature Will Probably Grant Him a Pardon.

DES MOINES, March 5.—The committee on pardons in both branches have unanimously recommended a pardon for Polk Wells, one of the most notorious criminals in Iowa history and a member of the James gang.

Attorney Stewart, of Fort Madison, has been here since the legislature first opened, working for Wells. No criminal in the state ever received as much newspaper comment as he has. He was sentenced to the penitentiary in 1880 for eight years for robbery of a bank in Mills county. He was captured at Randolph, Wisconsin, and shot two men while resisting arrest. In 1881, with two other prisoners, he administered chloroform to a guard, who died from its effect. He was tried and sentenced for life and has been in the penitentiary sixteen years. His two accomplices have since been pardoned. Wells claims one of them claimed to be acquainted with the use of chloroform and that this was what induced him to aid in administering it. The past two years he has professed religion, and this has had much to do with his petition for pardon. He has been an exemplary prisoner and his health is said to be broken down.

Notes Broke the Bank.

Of the \$167,000 Fields Notes Due \$50,000 Are Collectable.

INDEPENDENCE, March 4.—Akins, a bookkeeper of the Fields bank, and Geo. Van Saun, an expert examiner, were on the witness stand in the Fields case. Akins proved a hard witness to give up, on account of his relationship with the Fields. Both were examined on the condition of the bank from March, 1893, until the time of the visit of the bank examiner in May, the time the bank closed its doors. From the testimony given, without doubt, had the notes discounted at the bank by Fields Bros. been good the assets would overlap the liabilities, but of the \$167,000 of notes taken by the Fields stock farm and discounted at Fields' bank, \$117,000 are not collectable.

Swell Club in Trouble.

Threatened With Indictments for the Illegal Sale of Liquor.

LEMARS, March 2.—Much excitement has been caused at Lemars by the report that the Plymouth county grand jury has just returned indictments against members of the Prairie club, a social organization of which most of the best business men are members, charging them with illegal sales of intoxicants. The club has been voluntarily closed, pending the result of the investigation, and many members have been called on to testify concerning the manner in which the club's sales are made. The club officers claim liquor is sold only to members, and will fight if indictments are returned.

Alleged Swindler Jailed.

A. M. Bruce Comes to Grief in Ottumwa.

OTTUMWA, March 4.—A. M. Bruce, alias J. C. Love, who resides at Seymour, is charged in the United States commissioner's court with using the mails for the furtherance of a scheme to defraud, waived examination and was jailed at Des Moines in default of bond, which was fixed at \$700.

Buy Dakota Wolf Scalps.

SIoux CITY, March 2.—By killing wolves in South Dakota, where a bounty of \$1.50 is paid for each scalp, and presenting them in this county, where the bounty is \$5, an organized gang of swindlers has recently defrauded the county of large sums of money. Some time ago the authorities became suspicious at the number of scalps presented and succeeded in unearthing the cheat. Jack Whitman, the alleged leader of the gang, has already been arrested and will be held for perjury and conspiracy to defraud the county.

Whirled to Death.

SIoux CITY, February 29.—Amos Wymans, a workman in the Cudahy packing house, was killed by getting his clothes caught in a rapidly revolving shaft of the elevator. His vest caught and then his suspenders, and he was drawn to the shaft, which was about two feet from a brick wall. His feet were cut off almost instantly, and in a few minutes he was beaten to death. When the shaft was stopped, the lifeless body fell to the floor thirty feet below.

MUSCATINE CONSPIRACY.

Arrest of a Negro at Iowa City For Subornation of Perjury.

IOWA CITY, March 4.—Marshall Mara arrested Boston Clay, a negro wanted at Muscatine, on charges of perjury and subornation of perjury in connection with the Mahin, Kessinger and Rosenberger dynamite case. Clay is a brother-in-law of Negro Robinson, who was brought to Muscatine recently with being implicated with his brother, Tom Clay, and the convict in giving testimony on the strength of which innocent men were arrested for the house wrecking.

Iowa Firm Sues For \$129,000.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, March 3.—Deere, Wells & Co. have filed suit against the Milwaukee Railroad Company for \$129,000 damages, for the destruction of their storehouses and elevators in Council Bluffs by fire recently. The petition recites that the railroad company started the fire which destroyed all the property. The flames started in burning weeds along the company's right of way.

Student Commits Suicide.

CEDAR RAPIDS, March 5.—Jokithi Uchida Jahaness, a student of the Cornell college, Mt. Vernon, a ward of the Methodist church in the state and well known as a teacher, committed suicide by cutting his throat. He was well known throughout the state as a lecturer on the affairs of Japan.

David Brant Elected.

CEDAR RAPIDS, March 4.—A special election was held in this county for the purpose of electing a representative to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Freeman McClelland. There were four candidates in the field. Brant was elected by about 600 plurality.

Trainman's Fatal Accident.

CEDAR RAPIDS, March 3.—Ed O'Brien, a conductor on the R. C. & N., fell from a car at Follett's, striking on his head. Concussion of the brain resulted and he will probably die. He was taken to his home at Bennett.

Dr. Reid Will Be Freed.

DAVENPORT, March 4.—The trial of Dr. Reid case for alleged abortion on Mrs. J. L. Carney, of Iowa City, is now in progress. The defense is making a good fight and the indications are the state will not convict.

Dawson Arraigned.

DES MOINES, March 4.—S. R. Dawson, the murderer of Walter Scott, was arraigned in police court to answer to the charge of murder. He pleaded not guilty. The date of his hearing has not yet been fixed.

Van Tassel Is Guilty.

NEW HAMPTON, March 5.—The jury in the Van Tassel case brought in a verdict of guilty and fixed the punishment at hard labor in the penitentiary for life.

Mrs. Hubner Gets \$5,000.

LEMARS, March 5.—The jury in the Hubner-Relkoff \$30,000 breach of promise damage case brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$5,000.

BREVITIES.

Snow fell all over central and southern Iowa on the 2d.

Tom McNamara dropped dead at Clinton while talking to a friend.

John V. Crum, Iowa's famous sprinter, has been elected city attorney of Bedford.

The bridge over the Mississippi at Davenport has been repaired so that traffic on the Rock Island has been resumed.

At Avoca recently Judge Macy called "Tip" Cuppy before the bar and imposed the full legal limit of the fine, and ordered that defendant pay a fine of \$500 and the costs of the prosecution, amounting in all to perhaps \$700 or more.

While L. G. Smith, the C. & N. W. Railway company's agent at Laurens, was crossing the track near Marathon, his team was struck by a fast freight train. Mr. Smith was thrown from the buggy and received serious internal injuries. A young lady, with whom he was riding, was injured about the head. One horse was struck and instantly killed, the other slightly injured and the buggy smashed. The injuries to Mr. Smith and the lady are considered fatal by attending physicians.

LeMars dispatch: The most remarkable breach of promise suit ever tried in Iowa, an action for \$30,000 damages, brought by Mrs. Amanda Hubner against the estate of William Relkoff, her alleged fiance, now deceased, is in progress before Judge Gaynor. Relkoff settled at LeMars two years ago, employing Mrs. Hubner as housekeeper. A year later he died, leaving an estate of nearly \$150,000. He willed \$30,000 to Grinnell College, the balance to relatives and friends. Thereupon Mrs. Hubner sued to break the will, alleging that Relkoff once promised to marry her, but that some time before his death he refused to make good his promise.

Advices from Des Moines indicate that seats for the coming engagement of Paderewski, the eminent pianist, are going very fast. Already over fifteen hundred seats have been taken, and as the house will seat only about three thousand persons, those who are expecting to hear him would do well to act promptly. Orders are being received daily from the smaller towns of central Iowa, and they will all be represented by the music lovers of the vicinity. Tickets of Stream & McCammon, Des Moines.

A Des Moines dispatch says: About 400 persons stood around the government building all night waiting for the doors to open, in order that they might be among the first to file upon the forfeited land grant in O'Brien and Dickinson counties. At 6 a. m. the south door in the building was opened and a line was formed leading to the land office. The line began moving at 9 o'clock and when the last of the number had passed through the office it was estimated that about 1,000 applications had been made for the 27,000 acres of land in question. Four women were among the claimants.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

Meeting to That End Held in London Passes Resolutions.

LONDON, March 5.—At a demonstration at Queen's Hall in favor of permanent arbitration between the United States and Great Britain, much enthusiasm was occasioned when the girls who were to sing in the choir trooped upon the stage in batches, which were arrayed alternately in sashes formed of the Union Jack and of the Stars and Stripes, until a complete blending of the flags of the two countries was effected, intended to be symbolic of international harmony, which the promoters of the meeting are seeking to establish. After the opening of the meeting, letters were read of sympathy with its purpose from Mr. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury; Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Henry Norman, who went to Washington on behalf of the Chronicle at the time the Venezuelan question was at its acute phase, and who wrote strongly from there in behalf of international arbitration, and many others. Mr. Shaw-Lefevre moved a resolution instructing the chairman to sign a memorial on behalf of the meeting to President Cleveland, the Marquis of Salisbury and Mr. Balfour, urging that the time was opportune to conclude a treaty of arbitration. He urged the arbitration of the Venezuelan question without any reservation whatever. The Bishop of Rochester seconded this motion and it was carried by acclamation. The Right Hon. A. J. Mundell advocated the formation of a great Anglo-American association to promote the movement and to perpetuate the principle by means of a permanent standing committee on both sides of the Atlantic. This motion was carried unanimously and the meeting terminated with the singing of the national anthem.

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ROME, March 5.—Advices from Abyssinia indicate that the loss sustained by the Italian forces was greater than first reported. At least 5,000 were killed and the troops retreated fifty miles. It is feared later reports will show a worse condition. Rioting and public indignation against the ministry is in evidence all over Italy, and it is feared more trouble will ensue when the 80,000 reserves of 1873, which have been ordered out, muster in large bodies. The ministry is said to be resigning rather than face the crisis.

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INSULTS FROM SPAIN.

A Mob of Infuriated Spaniards Attack the United States Consulate.

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WASHINGTON, March 3.—A cablegram received from United States Minister Taylor at Madrid says the Spanish minister of state expressed deep regret at the Barcelona affair and offered a complete reparation. The dispatch added that measures were taken for the protection of the United States legation. This act will doubtless tend to greatly relieve the situation and prevent a serious outcome of the mob's attack on our consulate at Barcelona.

MADRID, March 3.—It is significant that the minister of marine has issued orders for the training squadrons to be prepared to sail. It is regarded as probable that this squadron will proceed shortly to Cuba. It has also been ordered that all other warships available be forthwith armed and equipped and put in condition for active service. In addition to this, about fifty merchant steamers, available for the government service, will be provided with naval armaments. For the military branch of the service a fresh expedition of 20,000 infantry and 5,000 cavalry will be equipped and put on war footing and will be kept in readiness to leave on the shortest notice. In view of the excited state of the public mind, the United States legation in this city has been placed under the special surveillance of the police.

BACTERIA FOUND IN GRAIN.

One of the German Subterfuges for Keeping Out Our Grain.

Washington dispatch: And now bacteria has been found in grain and in large numbers, too, according to a report to the state department from United States Consul Stephan at Annaberg. German Agrarians are always on the lookout for any plausible pretext to keep out foreign competition, and have hailed with delight the news that Professor Heinrich in Rostock had found a number of bacteria in Russian and Romanian grain, which were more deadly, as they could not be rendered harmless even by the heat of the oven. They hoped the importation of this grain will be prohibited in the same manner as American cattle and meat were excluded non longo on account of alleged Texas fever. The matter was brought to the attention of the Reichstag by an Agrarian member, when it presently appeared that the German government had already been making inquiry. The director of public health reported that sixteen German and seventeen foreign samples of grain had been examined for bacteria. The purest was the American. Then came the Moravian, Bohemian and Hungarian barley; the most impure was Turkish rye. In one gramme of German wheat 14,000 to 25,000 bacteria were found; in Russian, 250,000 to 300,000; in La Platte wheat only 5,000. The sample which showed 85,000 bacteria in Rostock showed fourteen days later in Berlin 150,000, so rapidly does the germ disappear. As regards the character of these bacteria, such as would endanger health were not found in a single sample, so the grain is absolutely harmless. But even the worst bacteria are destroyed by the heat of the oven.

Favors Mrs. Stanford.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—In the case of the United States against the estate of the late Leland Stanford for \$15,000,000, testing the individual liabilities of the stockholders of the Union Pacific railroad for a debt due the United States in bonds issued in aid of that road, the supreme court decides in favor of the estate.

Harrison Marries April 6.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Ex-President Harrison announces that his marriage with Mrs. Dimmick will take place April 6 in St. Thomas' church, this city.

Eminent Physician's Clerk—Shall I make out Mr. Young's bill and send it to him? Eminent Physician (a man with a soft heart): Well, no; not yet. He seems to be in a seventh heaven over the arrival of that baby, and I hate to intrude on his innocent joy.

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Perhaps, but rheumatism need not add to the calamities to which we are more or less subject.

Enforced Gallantry.

Hobbs-Wiggins says he pays his wife just as much attention as when they were first married.

Nobles—He has to. Her money was left so she can only draw the interest.

Best of All.

To cleanse the system in a gentle and truly beneficial manner, when the springtime comes, use the true and perfect remedy, Syrup of Figs.

A pessimist is an optimist whose dreams didn't come true.

Authority That Never Fails.

Webster's Dictionary has been the constant authority in The Herald office for more than thirty years.

Where there is a will there is usually a lawyer.

Iowa farms for sale on crop payments, 10 per cent cash, balance 1/2 crop yearly, until paid for.

A dead level is a hard climb to a good many people.

"Brown's Bronchial Troches" are a simple and convenient remedy for Bronchial Affections and Coughs.

The second book ever printed in the English language was entitled "The Game of Chess."

Pain's Cure for Consumption has been a family medicine with us since 1865.

The public debt of Omaha is \$3,011,100, and the assessed valuation of the city property is \$19,926,780.

FITZ—All fitz stopped free by Dr. King's Great Peppermint Cure.

The Prince of Wales has his life insured for \$3,350,000.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth, to ease and soothe that oil and well-tried remedy, Haswell's Teething Syrup for Children Teething.

Take people as you find them, but don't find any more of them than is necessary.

"A Cup of Parks' Tea at night moves the bowels in the morning."

Love your enemies, but keep away from them until they begin to love you.

Coe's Cough Mixture is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else.

Women are considered strong minded when they cease to care for the men.

Experience leads many mothers to say "Get Parker's Kidney Pills," because it is especially good for colds, pain and all every weakness.

The woman who married for love usually sees that her daughter doesn't.

Those distressing Corns! But as they are, hindrances will remove them and you can walk and run and jump as you like.

There were forty more divorces than there were weddings in Fresno, Cal., last year.

A man gives reasons; a woman excuses.

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LOCAL NEWS.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1896.

Advertisers Can Reach

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

Miss Ada Lewis has been very sick this week.

Hear Rev. Dr. Gaines at East Side Baptist church next week.

John B. Lucas of Grinnell is the guest of Ed Good this week.

Mrs. L. Milligan returned from Lincoln, Neb., Wednesday, after a pleasant visit of several weeks.

Rev. G. W. D. Gaines, the evangelist, will preach at East side Baptist church next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Robert Brown of Chicago is the guest of her husband and of Mr. and Mrs. Milligan of 510 West Third street.

Miss Ella McNeal of Mt. Pleasant, who has been visiting our city for the past two months, returned home Wednesday.

There will be a meeting of the colored voters at Webster hall, Tenth and Center streets, Monday evening. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. John McClain entertained a number of their friends Wednesday evening. A jolly time was had by all present.

The Pathfinders will hold a very important meeting on Monday evening next. Business of importance. Eight o'clock is the hour.

Mrs. Middleton and son Charles Harrison, of Webster City paid the genial husband and father a visit this week. Mr. Middleton is an employe at the capitol.

Miss Maple Morton is canvassing for a map and pamphlet of the five great Negro leaders. She will also solicit subscriptions for THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER.

The Basket Party at the East Side Baptist Church was well attended and an excellent program was rendered. After which the baskets were sold. An enjoyable time was had by those who attended.

The entertainment to be given by the Pathfinders in April promises to eclipse any of its previous efforts. There are many who will be present from outside of the city. Ottumwa, Keokuk, Boone, Albia, Oskaloosa and several other cities will be represented.

Robert Petterews died Thursday night at the home of his parents, East Fourteenth and Lyon streets, after an illness of nine weeks. He was an honest, industrious young man and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. The family have the sympathy of all in the hour of bereavement. Funeral Sunday at 3:30 o'clock p. m. at East Side Baptist church.

We have prepared and are sending out to our subscribers a statement of their indebtedness to this paper, and we trust that those receiving the same will be prompt to respond. We need our money to defray current expenses, and as we have been business-like and patient with you we ask you kindly to call at our office, 316 West Fifth street, and settle for your subscription.

Rev. Timothy Reeves preached a very interesting and instructive sermon on "The Effects of Christianity and Civil Liberty Upon the Negro in America; His Present Condition Compared With That of Thirty Years Ago." The sermon was replete with common sense and scholarly eloquence and fully demonstrated the fact that the Negro is steadily making advancement. The song service was exceptionally good and was equally well appreciated.

St. Paul A. M. E. church, Second and Center streets, T. Reeves, pastor. Meetings going on. Sunday school at 3 p. m., T. E. Barton, superintendent. Subject of sermon at 10:30 a. m., "The Godly, who They are, and their Happiness," subject for evening at 7:30 "Self Love, which is Natural to Man is Ever Pleading with Him to Do for Himself the Best Thing to Give His Heart to God. All welcome. The funeral of the late Belle Jones will occur at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Died—March 6, 1896, Miss Belle Jones, at the home of her mother on Center street, after an illness of eight weeks with intermittent fever, followed by quick consumption. She was born in Macon county, in 1870; she came to this city while yet in her teens; she was a dutiful daughter, a loving sister and was a member of St. Paul's church for eight years. She was an energetic and honest young lady and enjoyed a large circle of friends. The family have the sympathy of all in their hour of bereavement. The funeral will occur at 2 o'clock Sunday from St. Paul's A. M. E. church.

The H. B. S. B. C. met March 5 with Mrs. G. I. Holt, Mrs. E. H. Lewis presiding. Next Thursday is history day. General history, Mrs. Palmer; United States, Mrs. Hensfield; Mrs. Davis visited the circle. An excellent lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Louis Washington. Mrs. Lewis will entertain the circle March 12.

The Ladies' Afternoon Social club met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Fred Jackson. There was a good number present. A very elaborate lunch was spread. Each lady was surprised to find a card beside her plate with her name neatly inscribed thereon, and on the other side a question to be discussed during the lunch. The club adjourned to meet March 14 with Miss Della Abbey, 85 East Fourth street.

First African Christian church, School and B streets, Rev. F. Lomack, pastor.—Several meetings have been interesting and successful this week. Logical and able discourses have been delivered each night by Rev. Lomack. Three addresses to the church, Sunday services: Preaching at 11 a. m., subject, "What is Faith?" Sunday school at 3:30 p. m., preaching at 7 p. m., subject, "Go Forward." All are cordially invited to these services. Special attention to

BRIEFLETS.

Miss Edith Birney was indisposed this week.

Mr. Adams of St. Paul visited in the city over Sunday.

Samuel Washington and Thomas Davis left for St. Louis Friday evening.

Mrs. James Martin has been indisposed this week.

Mrs. W. H. Scott has been a la grippe sufferer for the past ten days.

The memorial services held at Drake Mission in honor of the late Dudley Miller were well attended and a brief history of his life and deeds given.

Miss Mabel Bass is visiting in Oskaloosa for a few days.

Mr. J. A. Vaughn was very ill several days this week.

Mr. Willis Webb left Tuesday evening for St. Paul, where he will make his headquarters.

Mrs. Cheek left Tuesday for St. Paul, from whence she will go to California on an extended visit.

Miss Clara Smith is out again and is much improved.

We are glad to note the fact that Miss Agnes Roy is now able to sit around the house.

Miss Zoe Richardson, who is attending the commercial college, reports progress and she is receiving the kind and generous treatment to which she merits.

Miss Irene Bass is quite sick at her home and is under the doctor's care.

Edward Moseley is now employed at Littleton's main headquarters and will do the city soliciting.

Miss Maude Smith of Bondurant is expected in this city this week.

Memorial Services.

The memorial services of the late Dudley Miller of Des Moines, who departed this life while visiting his sister at Troy, Kas., were held at Drake Mission Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Thomas Johnson of the Mission, which were very impressive, and some very feeling remarks were made by several friends present.

The following resolutions were adopted: Whereas, As it has pleased Almighty God to take away our beloved brother and member of St. Paul's A. M. E. church,

Resolved, That we truly feel that our loss is infinite gain.

Resolved, That we most humbly bow in submission to Him who doeth all things.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his sister, and also to THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER, and that they be recorded on the books of the church.

Musical Notes.

Sir Chickentox is stalking about in the land, and has laid his hand upon one of our prominent musicians, in the person of Miss Edith Birney. At the present writing, however, she has recovered sufficiently to entertain callers.

A double quartet, composed of Messrs. Holt, Moseley, North, Johnson, Waldon, Warricks, Foster and Williamson, furnished the music for the Harris-Emery company's opening Thursday evening. These young men are close students of the art, and no doubt pleased all who heard them.

Sunday evening, March 1, occurred the regular song service at the A. M. E. church. The house was comfortably filled, there being present, besides the usual congregation, a large number of legislators.

The musical program was, with a few exceptions, the best rendered for some time. Aside from a number of anthems by the choir, Mrs. Maude Morton sang "Come Unto Me," and Mrs. J. T. Blagburn sang "I will Extol Thee," from Eli. At the close of the sermon Mrs. W. H. Birney and Mrs. W. M. Coalsen rendered very acceptably "Holy Mother, Guide His Footsteps," from Maritana. Their voices blended beautifully, showing the careful training of both, and their adaptation to each other.

Mrs. W. M. Coalsen and Miss Ruff acted as accompanists. The public always looks forward with delight to these services.

Thad Ruff, the junior editor of THE BYSTANDER, has taken to music, and is making rapid strides toward the operatic stage and was equally well appreciated.

THE IOWA TRAVELER.

Bird's Eye View of Ottumwa.

We left Des Moines on the afternoon of February 21 via the Wabash and traveled over some of the most beautiful farming country in Iowa—a state noted for its agricultural resources. Of course it is barren at this season of the year, but the soil looks rich and there seems to be plenty of moisture. We reached the city of Ottumwa, our first stop, about 9:30 p. m. There we met Mr. Spotts, Walter Davis and Frank Bates, representing different hotels. Editors, like ministers, are always looking for their friends while traveling, and it is gratifying to note that they were not a few. Ottumwa rivals Athens in the number of belles and out-riders in the number of hills. In an ordinary season the city is busy, but at this writing it is like many smaller and larger cities. Employment is scarce. For instance, at the packing house work is not steady—three days being about the highest in one week. Messrs. Owens and Hopkins are employed constantly—one being night watchman and the other book-keeper. We speak of the Afro-Americans. Mr. Wood, an old time Des Moines boy, is not so fortunate, but he is ready and willing to work when opportunity offers. The Ballingall would not seem like the same hotel when not represented by Messrs. Johnson and Davis, two steady and thorough hotel men.

The street cars lines are run to the four points of the compass only. And the visitor who makes acquaintances north or east or west may depend upon it that he (or she) will walk a considerable distance after leaving the street car. The happy homes and their open hospitality fully repay the visitor and leave no cause for regret. There are about forty persons who own their homes free of encumbrance and equally as many more who are buying homes. Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Pleasanton-Balley are the only ladies carrying on business, the former owns a first-class salarant and the latter has a French

ben with a growing business. There are ten salarant parlors owned by Afro-Americans. There is only one connected with city

is owing to the fact that there is no organization among the Afro-Americans. Some time ago they elected one to the city council, and it took two whole days to count him out. The Afro-Americans of Ottumwa should learn that in "unity there is strength." Mr. Prater is compelled to circulate a petition in his candidacy for a position on the police force. He is pushing his claims with vigor.

S. E. Jones is shipping clerk for a wholesale dry goods house. Tom R. King is following the trade of a blacksmith with great success and Isaac Bannister is a skilled carpenter.

Lou Shelton is a young and prosperous man, has a nice barber shop, a good piece of property and is doing well. He is an excellent musician and may render a concert solo for the Pathfinders (of Des Moines) in April.

The young ladies lead in the high school. There are three girls and one boy—about the usual proportion. The girls are Misses Carrie Owens, Blanche Bell and Hattie Williams. Paul Dobson is the only boy.

There were four secret societies, but they have all "gone-a-glimmering." Suppose they had all occupied one hall and paid the \$80 or thereabouts on the purchase of a piece of property?

The ladies have organizations which they keep on foot, and in a prosperous condition. The A. M. E. and the Baptist churches are the only ones in the city. The Christian church is not est.

There is some excellent musical talent in the city, which is being cultivated. The young ladies lead in this, and there are many of them who adorn society.

The writer was made the victim of a plot, in which the A. M. E. Sunday school superintendent, Miss May Owens, was accessory, and Mr. W. S. Page the principal. We were asked to address the school. We nearly fainted, got pale, and falteringly said yes. We have no fear of ever being asked to do so again.

Announcement Cards.

I am candidate for alderman of the Fourth ward, subject to the decision of the republican city convention. D. L. MURPHY.

I am a candidate for the nomination as city treasurer of Des Moines, subject to the decision of the republican city convention. A. B. ELLIOTT.

I am a candidate for the office of mayor of the city of Des Moines, subject to the decision of the republican city convention. JOHN MACVICAR.

I am a candidate for alderman of the Fourth ward, subject to the decision of the republican city convention. T. F. G. MORGAN.

I am a candidate for the office of mayor of the city of Des Moines, subject to the decision of the republican city convention. F. C. MACARTNEY.

F. A. French is a candidate for assessor in the Second District to succeed B. M. Rosenberg, subject to the decision of the republican convention. F. A. FRENCH.

I am a candidate for re-election to the office of city engineer, subject to the decision of the republican city convention. FRANK PELTON.

I am a candidate for re-election to the office of city auditor, subject to the decision of the republican city convention. THOMAS WATERS.

I am a candidate for the office of city auditor, subject to the decision of the republican city convention. B. O. HANSEN.

I am a candidate for alderman in the third ward, subject to the decision of republican city convention. JAMES N. MILLER.

C. A. Ryden is a candidate for the office of city treasurer, subject to the decision of the republican convention. C. A. RYDEN.

Wabash Excursion.

On March 10, April 7 and 21 and May 5, one fare for the round trip, say \$2, to points in Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Alabama and other southern and western points. Address Horace Seely, Commercial Agent, Des Moines, Iowa.

Set Aright.

Rev. N. N. Pharris, recently of Boone, wishes to inform the public that the charges made against him at Boone are false and unfounded. The presiding elder asked the church if it had any charges against Rev. Pharris, and it replied No. Thereupon Rev. Pharris resigned, and there were no charges preferred against him to cause his dismissal, as was stated in last week's Boone items. REV. PHARRIS.

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46-inch Black Fancies.....50c We challenge you to produce equal under 75c—ask to see this particular value.

56-inch Coating Serge.....50c Black and a rich navy another 50c value at 90c—just the thing for your extra suit.

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50 pieces pretty new Dress Goods, colors and black.....39c, 49c, 69c, 89c
50 pieces Collaratics in Lace in Chiffon, in Jet.....\$1.49 up to \$3.98
50 dozen Ladies' Richelieu Ribbed Hose, colors or black.....25c, worth 35c
75 dozen Boys or Gents' Stockings, fast black at.....10c, 16c and 19c
75 pieces Standard Prints and Ginghams.....\$1.50
25 pieces pretty Lace, white, cream or black, worth up to \$1.25, for.....49c
40 pieces 4-1 Unbleached Muslin.....5c, worth 7c
6 dozen 26-inch Gloria Silk Umbrellas.....98c, worth \$1.50
10 dozen pairs Dress Kid Gloves, 4 button.....69c, worth \$1.00
60 dozen Ladies' Summer Corsets.....39c, worth 75c
50 pairs Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long.....\$1.49 a pair, worth \$2.50
40 dozen Ladies' Wrappers, Print and Saten.....75c, \$1.00, \$1.19, \$1.49
25 Ladies' Fur Capes, fine quality.....Half Price
25 Ladies' Cloth Jackets, fine quality.....Half Price
25 Children's Reeler Jackets, ages 4 to 12.....\$3.49, worth \$5.00
Muslin Underwear, odds and ends from the big sale—lovely
gowns, worth up to \$2.50, for.....\$1.19
Muslin or Cambré Drawers, worth up to \$1.10, for.....59c
75 pieces pretty Laces, white, cream or black, worth up to \$1.25, for.....49c
40 pieces 4-1 Unbleached Muslin.....5c, worth 7c
30 pieces 4-1 Bleached Muslin.....8c, worth 10c
25 pieces new Dimities.....12 1/2c
40 pairs Irish Point Pillow Shams.....\$1.49, worth \$2.50

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Post yourself for a California trip before deciding, and write me for explicit information. Address, JOHN SEBASTIAN, G. P. A., Chicago.

Original Notice.

In the district court, of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk county, April term, A. D., 1896.

W. H. Griffith, plaintiff, vs. Edward R. Mason, et al. defendants.

To Frank E. McCrary, and Harry L. McCrary, executors of the estate of George W. McCrary, deceased, or their successors in trust, and to James C. Holden, trustee of the estate of Albert Weber, or his successor in trust:

You are hereby notified that the petition of plaintiff in the above entitled cause is now on file in the office of the clerk of the district court, in and for Polk county, Iowa, claiming of Edward R. Mason the sum of three thousand four hundred forty-one and 6/100 dollars with interest, amount due on his certain promissory note to plaintiff, dated May 19, 1892, for \$3,000, and the further sum of \$1,123.22 paid by plaintiff for taxes on the hereinafter described property for defendant, and for legal attorney's fees; and asking for the foreclosure of the mortgage securing said note on the north ten (10) acres of the west one-half of the east one-half of the northwest quarter (W. 1/2 of E. 1/2 of N. W. 1/4) of section seven (7), township seventy-eight (78), north of range twenty-four (24) except a strip 220 feet wide off the east side thereof, and asking that plaintiff's lien be decreed to be superior to your liens, if any, and that your equity of redemption be cut off and barred.

Personal judgment is asked against Edward R. Mason alone. For further particulars see petition.

And that unless you appear before noon of the second day of the April term A. D., 1896, of the said court, which will commence at Des Moines, on the 6th day of April A. D., 1896, default will be entered against you and decree rendered thereon.

LAWRENCE M. BREYS, Attorney for the plaintiff.

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