

STORY OF A POTATO.

Mlle. Aglae, a milliner by trade, was sitting one fine Sunday morning by the open window peeling potatoes.

The two men eyed each other for a moment with angry and astonished looks, ready to abuse each other, when both simultaneously uttered an exclamation of surprise.

Anatole Baudruche and Edgar Brichon were two old college chums. They had not met since the day when they took their bachelor of arts degree together twelve years before.

"Say, your hat looks very pretty," he said. "Do not speak of it. It has just served for a target for a potato that fell from the fifth story."

"And how you are going upstairs to restore the potato to its owner? That's very nice of you."

"Not by any means! I'm going to charge the clumsy devil with his crime—try to make him pay for a new hat."

"Well, so far as that is concerned, you might as well tackle a corpse."

"And why, if you please?"

"Because old Bidoche is an old hedgehog who will kick you downstairs, even if he opens the door for you at all."

"Old Bidoche?"

"Yes, the man you are after, for if he can be no other than he. All the tenants in this building are always having trouble with him. One might think that he made a point of being as disagreeable to everyone as he possibly can."

"Then do you live in this house?"

"No, but an aunt of mine does, and scarcely a day passes without her having a scrap with old Bidoche. If you will allow me I will go up with you; two heads are better than one in a matter like this."

"This is the room," said Edgar. "He's practicing on his bassoon."

"With these words he pulled the bell and the bassoon suddenly ceased. Then the shuffling of feet was heard along the floor, the door opened and there, framed in the doorway, stood a little old man, with benevolent smiling face and a large-sized bassoon resting across one arm."

"What do the gentlemen desire?" asked the little old man.

"M. Bidoche," replied Edgar. "Yes, the wretched Bidoche," added Anatole, shaking his ruined hat in one hand and with the other placing the potato on the top of the musician's nose.

door of her little room her face suddenly resumed its calm and peaceful expression.

Still she was afraid to move for some time, fearing, with logical mind, that when the policeman found that the tenants next door were innocent that he would come in and accuse her.

After waiting a little longer, and hearing no noise of steps, but only the bassoon, she became completely reassured.

In order to make assurance doubly sure, she opened her cupboard, and, taking out the milk jar, opened the door quietly and peeped down the stairs to get four sours' worth of milk from the dairy at the corner.

It was the potato that had slipped from Anatole's hand and had landed with remarkable precision right in the mouth of the milk jar.

"Oh, mamma," cried Aglae in despair, "what has happened? Who has done this?"

Anatole, as a matter of fact, when he saw the potato flying downward, remembered the police ordinance against throwing things out of the window after 10 a. m., and decided to leave Molequin as soon as it was on one polite and possible.

"You are a rude man, sir."

"And you are ill bred."

"I advise you to say as little as possible, mademoiselle. When a girl cannot peel a potato without letting it drop she should take her meals at a restaurant."

"I shall take no instructions from you, monsieur."

"None the less, mademoiselle, I repeat you should take your meals at a restaurant. I know a very nice one on the Place Pigalle. I do, indeed, mademoiselle."

"Well, go there yourself, monsieur."

"Oh! So you think that I would go to a restaurant with my hat smashed in this fashion?"

"Oh bien, monsieur, if your hat is injured you have only to go to a hatter's and get it blocked."

"I shall take no instructions from you, mademoiselle."

"None the less, monsieur, I repeat you should go to a hatter. There is my brother, who is in the hatter business at Rue des Martyrs."

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The Indian appropriation bill was taken up. The debate was protracted, but the bill was finally passed.

The house, on motion of Mr. Talbert, unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the secretary of state for all information relative to the arrest and imprisonment in Cuba of Rev. Diaz.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Sundry civil bill came up and was debated at length. The bond investigation resolution came up and was slightly modified to meet the criticisms of Hill.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—An effort by Sherman to secure action on the bill relating to fruit brandy and alcohol used in arts came very near causing a tariff debate, but the effort was defeated.

The Pickler private pension bill came up and was debated at length. At 2 p. m. the house proceeded to the delivery of eulogies on the late Representative Crane, of Texas.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The naval appropriation bill was before the senate throughout the day. Chandler offered an amendment making it unlawful for retired naval officers to enter the service of contractors furnishing armor plates, etc., to the government.

The first two hours was devoted to District of Columbia business. A rule was then adopted providing for concluding consideration of the pension bill to-day and for a vote to-morrow.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—After some routine business the senate resumed consideration of the naval appropriation bill. Chandler amendment was agreed to. That portion of the bill providing for new battleships and torpedo boats caused much discussion.

The house passed the Pickler general pension bill. The republicans and populists voted solidly in favor of the measure, and the democrats, with six exceptions, solidly against it.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Teller and Sherman made two notable speeches on the financial question to-day. Teller said no real effort had been made to enact tariff legislation this session.

Booth-Tucker and Brodie. New York, April 30.—Commander Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army, while out on a slumming expedition, was arrested and taken to the Elizabeth street police station.

SAVAGE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR. CAPE TOWN, April 28.—Telegraphic communication with Bulawayo is still open. Advises state that another conflict occurred as a result of an effort on the part of the troops to prevent the Matabele from surrounding the town.

Thieves Routed by a Corpse. A strange experience befell some thieves who had broken into the parish church at Suelli a few nights ago.

Heartless Wretch. "Will the coming woman raise whiskers?" inquired Tommy Wrott. "She will raise them as soon, sir," replied the majestic Mrs. Strongmind.

Breakfast Cocoa. The excavations made on the site of Nineveh prove that the city was burned and then deserted by its inhabitants, who were probably deported after the last great siege.

It is claimed that if a high fence were built, dividing the men and the women, the men would climb over in five minutes. The women wouldn't do it; they can't climb.

William M. Chase's advice to women is to have their hair cut short. This article is not an encouragement to women, unless she is peculiarly independent for at least a term of years to women, however talented, is likely to prosper.

MISCELLANY.

Harvard is the oldest college in the United States; established in 1638. War declared with Great Britain, June 19, 1812; peace, Feb. 18, 1815.

Postage stamps first came into use in England in the year 1840; in the United States, in 1847.

The highest range of mountains in the Himalayas, the mean elevation being from 16,000 to 18,000 feet.

There is only one sudden death among women to eight among men.

An ostrich will never go straight to its nest, but always approaches it with many windings and detours, in order, if possible, to conceal the locality from observation.

Astronomers calculate that the surface of the earth contains 31,625,625 square miles, of which 23,814,121 are water and 7,811,504 are land.

The foundation of a church at San Como, Guatemala, has been shifted seven inches by the growth of two large, white gum trees.

The Esquimaux give the doctor his fee as soon as he comes. If the patient recovers he keeps it; otherwise he returns it to the family.

The Coliseum of Rome was built to accommodate one hundred thousand spectators. It covers five and one-half acres of land, and was 120 feet high.

Florida is noted for its rivers and lakes. The St. John's river is nearly four hundred miles long.

National flowers have been adopted in various countries as follows: Greece, violet; Canada, sugar maple; Egypt, lotus; England, rose; France, fleur de lis; Germany, corn flower; Ireland, shamrock; Italy, lily; Prussia, linden; Saxony, magnonette; Scotland, thistle; Spain, pomegranate; Wales, leek.

It costs more to send a ton of goods from London to the west of Ireland than to Japan. A ton of woolen goods can be forwarded from London to New York for \$4; to Chicago, one thousand miles inland, for \$7, and to Japan for \$10.

Now, Hopkins, tell the class whether when a hand organ is mentioned, you think first of the instrument or of the music.

Presumptuous. "You don't catch me asking Mrs. Bigsby to our club any more?"

No Trouble. Dinah—Yo' ain't got a pair of ole shoes yo' kin gib me, has yo'?

Twenty-five per cent of the population of England have their lives insured.

Loss of opportunity is life's greatest loss. Think of suffering with NEURALGIA 5 10 15 Years Years Years

ALABASTINE. IT WON'T RUB OFF. Wall Paper is Unsatisfactory. ALABASTINE is the only permanent and artistic wall-covering.

CITY STATISTICS.

Chicago has the largest Bohemian colony, 25,105. Boston is said to have the crookedest streets.

Philadelphia has the largest English colony, 38,926. Galveston, New York and Key West are island cities.

New York has the largest colony of Germans, 210,723. The most northern city in our territory is Sitka, Alaska.

Charleston, S. C., is worth \$23,500,000, and owes \$3,850,000. St. Louis is the fourth manufacturing city in this country.

New York has the largest number of Austrians, 97,193. The leading city in the manufacture of iron is Pittsburg.

Cincinnati is worth \$18,751,450, and has a debt of \$26,240,197. The estimated population of Philadelphia in 1835 was 1,260,000.

A Spring Trip South. On May 5, tickets will be sold from principal cities, towns and villages of the South to all points on the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

Strictly in Fashion. Marie—When are you going to be married—at high noon?

Home-seekers' Excursions. On May 5, tickets will be sold from all points in the West and Northwest over the "Big Four Route" and Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. to Virginia and North Carolina.

When Nature Needs assistance it may be best to remember it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed.

HAL'S CATARRH CURE is a liquid and is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system.

Mr. Cynical—Women are a delusion and a snare. Miss Gush—It's curious how people will hug a delusion, though.

It costs more to send a ton of goods from London to the west of Ireland than to Japan. A ton of woolen goods can be forwarded from London to New York for \$4; to Chicago, one thousand miles inland, for \$7, and to Japan for \$10.

Now, Hopkins, tell the class whether when a hand organ is mentioned, you think first of the instrument or of the music.

Presumptuous. "You don't catch me asking Mrs. Bigsby to our club any more?"

No Trouble. Dinah—Yo' ain't got a pair of ole shoes yo' kin gib me, has yo'?

Twenty-five per cent of the population of England have their lives insured.

Loss of opportunity is life's greatest loss. Think of suffering with NEURALGIA 5 10 15 Years Years Years

A Good Reason.

"I don't see why you sent me to bed for being just impatient," sobbed Wilbur. "It is very easily explained," said his father.

Past and Present. "And who is that you have just danced with, my son?"

Better Than Refined Gold. Is bodily comfort. This unappreciated boon is denied to many unfortunate for whose ailments Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a promptly helpful remedy.

Edison predicts that in ten years horseless carriages will be the rule.

The Medal Medicine Is the Model Medicine. The only medal awarded to Sarsaparilla at the World's Fair, 1893, at Chicago, was awarded to Ayer's Sarsaparilla.



The coming Artist who knows enough to paint a popular subject. Battle Ax PLUG You get 5 1/2 oz. of "Battle Ax" for 10 cents.



RACYCLE PRESIDENTIAL PUZZLE Work the Pedals of Your Brain. In This Puzzle You See the Crank, Hub and Sprocket of the Strictly High Grade RACYCLE \$100.00

TO SOLVE THE PUZZLE. Mark an "R" or "D" on the forehead of each which he belongs.

ALABASTINE. IT WON'T RUB OFF. Wall Paper is Unsatisfactory. ALABASTINE is the only permanent and artistic wall-covering.

BLOOD POISON Primary, Secondary or Tertiary Syphilis. Poison permanently cured in 15 to 20 days. You can be treated at home for the same price under same guarantee.

CITY NEWS

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1896.

N. B. Jackson is improving slowly. Goldie Murray is a victim of the measles. Edward Mossey is out on a business trip.

Miss North, sister of Thomas, is in the city visiting.

Noting that Big Sleeves at East Side Baptist church Tuesday evening.

Robert G. Ingersoll will be here May 6. Go and hear him.

Mrs. Howard McCraven is sick at her home on Eleventh street.

Mrs. Eliza Bell is visiting her parents and relatives at Corning.

On to the Big Sleeve entertainment at East Side Baptist church Tuesday evening.

\$2.50 to the Biggest Sleeves at the Side Baptist church Tuesday, May 5.

The grand court will meet at Cedar Rapids, instead of Muehachinock, June 9.

Big Sleeve entertainment at East Side Baptist church Tuesday, May 5. Admissions 15 cents.

Miss Edie Jackson, who has been at the hospital, is improving and will soon be out.

Chester Johnson and William Garland leave Monday to join Fernagh Bros. minstrel.

Base ball has opened up in good shape and the Des Moines boys are playing good ball.

Wm. Morgan has returned to his old home in Baltimore, Md., where he will probably make his future home.

It is not the intention of this paper to have papers delivered by its agents where the person is a regular subscriber.

Mrs. Coleson gave a dinner to a few friends Wednesday. Those present were Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Pondexter, Mrs. Birney and Miss Birney.

A party was given in honor of Miss North of Ottumwa Tuesday eve. Quite a number were present and a delightful time had.

The Ladies' Afternoon Social club will meet next Thursday at the home of Mrs. Fred Jackson, 1122 Eighth street. All members requested to be present.

Mrs. Anna Jones of Albia, is very sick at her home. Her mother, Mrs. Wilburn of this city, is attending her bedside. It is hoped by her many friends in this city that she will fully recover soon.

Miles Bell contemplates removing to Arizona this summer or fall. He has been a resident of this city for many years, has been in business and held positions of trust. The removal of himself and family will be regretted by a large number of neighbors and friends.

Rev. Moody, the evangelist, will be here in June. The kind of religion he has allows colored citizens to be ejected from his services without a word of opposition from him. It is persistently alleged that he is an "evangelist for revenue only."

Rev. Dr. Williams is doing some good work for the East Side Baptist church. He will soon reside his congregation to better and more convenient location. He will pay cash for the lot and as much as possible will be paid on the edifice.

St. Paul's A. M. E. church, corner Second and Center streets, T. Reeves, pastor. Sunday school at 9 p. m. T. E. Barron, superintendent, preaching at 10:30 a. m.; subject, "The Unity of Brethren Dwelling Together in Unity." 7:30 p. m. service. The pastor will give a brief reproduction of the famous 123d psalm. All are invited.

John L. and Ed Thompson are attending Drake University. Ed will become a physician and John L. will probably adorn the legal profession. They are industrious and studious young men and can not well fall with such elements in their make up.

The H. B. S. R. C. met at the home of Mrs. Wilburn. The circle was visited by Mrs. Anna Edworthy, president of the Willard Union and Mrs. S. Gordon, secretary of the same. An excellent time was had. Following is the program for May 7. Word lesson, Mrs. Lewis; instrumental solo Mrs. Lewis; paper, Mrs. Wilburn; vocal solo, Mrs. Bell; magazine, Mrs. Warwick; meet with Mrs. I. E. Williamson, room 18, over 623 West Walnut street.

An entertainment was given for the benefit of a worthy young lady at the Christian church Wednesday evening. She is motherless and has been very sick at the hospital. The object deserved more attention and better patronage than it received. One cause of failure was the lack of proper publicity.

Rev. J. H. Bell, of Tennessee, will hold a series of meetings at First African Church of Christ, of this city. He is an able divine and is thoroughly qualified in the plea of the Christian church and according to his telegram received by Rev. F. Lomack April 30, he is expected here in time to fill the pulpit on Sunday or at least Sunday night. All should hear him.

First African Church of Christ School, between Fourth and Fifth street. Lord's day services, Rev. F. Lomack, pastor; 10:45 p. m., preaching, subject, "Love Your Enemies, Pray for Them, and Seek Their Good." Sabbath school 3 p. m.; 7:45 sacred solo by Mrs. J. T. Blackburn, piano accompaniment; 8 opening hymn, Mrs. J. T. Blackburn, chorister; 8:10 sermon, subject, "Opportunity to Perform; Present Duty Should Not Be Neglected. Least It Be Forever Lost."

At the regular convocation of King Solomon Commandery last Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Sir Fred Jackson, E. C.; Sir P. H. Holmes, grand treasurer; Sir E. T. Banks, prelate; Sir J. H. Sheppard, treasurer; Sir G. H. Cleghett, warden; Sir H. M. Lewis, senior warden; Sir J. E. Todd, junior warden; Sir Robt. Webster, warden; Sir C. Stewart, stander bearer; Sir Jas Wood, sword bearer; Sir W. Williams, sentinel.

Elsewhere we publish an excellent sermon for the benefit of those who are always talking and quarreling about the non-essentials in religion. Creeds and dogmas are among the non-essentials. A picture of a beautiful and happy home is

worth more than all the minute details of an imaginary hell and its screaming occupants. The ministers who are drawing large crowds and public attention are the men who talk about things within human knowledge. At one time infidels were burned at the stake; today they are allowed to occupy pulpits and present their views. Such things occur only where ignorance has been supplanted by reason and common sense.

The new city administration starts out well and meets the approval of all practical people. The women of the town have been notified by the chief of police and assistants to vacate the business blocks and residence parts of the city, and cease street walking. There are about 500 of them in the city. The town is honeycombed with them. Good and highly respectable families have been placed in embarrassing positions by moving into places where these people have vacated and been subjected to midnight calls and drunken marauders. These frail females were in one part of the city before it came under the tutelage of men who can only run a church into debt, yet they think they can manage a city. Where these women shall go, or what part of the city they shall infest, is not suggested, but it is settled that they will not be permitted to inhabit the residence and business part of the city from one end to the other.

To the People.

DES MOINES, IOWA, April 13th, 1896.—We the young Afro-Americans of Des Moines feel that we have been neglected and overlooked in the selection for places. We desire a representation for our ranks, and urgently request Edward S. Willett of Des Moines township to become a candidate for constable on the republican ticket. He is a representative young republican of character and ability:

- Dr. E. F. Johnson, A. L. Bell, W. H. Hammett, W. R. Frazier, J. E. Moseley, Wm. Fletcher, Ed Lee, Herbert Jacobs, Wm. Smith, S. D. Miller, J. A. Roles, James Waldron, Frank Johnson, Lee Robert, G. H. Staples, Geo. Crapton, W. H. Howard, J. A. Hardy, C. B. Woods, W. R. Foster, Geo. Hodges, W. H. Post, J. H. Pindexter, Frank A. Johnson, Samuel Burroughs, I. E. Williamson, George Harris, W. A. Birney, Chester Johnson, Robt. Webster, G. D. Johnson, George Graves, John Turner, James H. Woods, Perry Richardson, S. C. Hunt, Spencer Gray, Jas. H. Rogers, Robt. Johnson, G. W. Woods, J. S. Browne, Charles Steele, John Majors, Julius B. Dungee, Wm. McGrader, Henry Courtney, John King, J. E. Carpenter, Lewis Austin, Joseph Washington, Rev. C. M. Williams, Wm. Mash, W. H. Hubbard, J. W. Capart, John Brown, W. H. Scott, J. S. Wilkerson, John McClain, George Stokes, George Henderson, Joe Wyatt, John Storters, Charles Cousins, Nace Morton, Louia Washington, W. B. Jackson, Daniel McGuinn.

In compliance with the request of a large number of the prominent citizens of Des Moines, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for constable on the republican ticket.

Ed. S. WILLETT.

Its Officers.

Following are the officers of the new Manhattan club, a social and literary club newly formed in the city: President, W. R. Frazier; vice president, F. Johnson; secretary, G. Hodges; directors, G. D. Johnson, J. King and J. E. Carpenter.

This paper will not be responsible for the opinions of contributors. It simply desires that a free expression be given on public questions, whether they differ or coincide with the views of the editor or not.

CLARINDA NEWS.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. Mrs. Mary Webb has traded her horse for a larger one and you should see her drive him.

Mrs. Molly Lommer is on the sick list. George Lewis set out some fruit trees this week on place.

A number of young gentlemen and ladies were out buggy riding last week.

Miss Mary Jones is visiting in Missouri and is expected home this week.

The A. M. E. church will have an entertainment on the 7th of May. It is a birthday party and every one coming should bring as many pennies as he or she is years old.

Work will commence on the asylum Monday. It will give a good many idle men employment.

Fred Haywood of Des Moines is here at work on the asylum. He and two other strangers are starting with Mrs. Judy Brown.

Mrs. Logan Hiteman, the dressmaker, has been quite busy ere of late.

OSKALOOSA NOTES.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. Messrs. Moses Hall and John Lewis went to Newton Monday.

Elder Wilson of Omaha was here Sunday to assist Rev. Walte in quarterly meeting at the M. E. church. Elder Wilson went to Muska today. He will be in Des Moines the first Sunday in May.

The entertainment which was given by the Christian league on Monday evening was quite a success. The program was carried out nicely and the choir rendered good music. Their encouraging words of the speakers will be of much benefit to the society. After the program was carried out refreshments were served.

C. C. Johnson and Miss Annie Daly returned from Albion Sunday.

Mrs. Nelson Carr and Mrs. C. H. Meese of Muehachinock, were guests at the T. A. home Thursday.

NEWTON NOTES.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. Rev. Walden and family arrived in the city the 12th ult., and are comfortably ensconced at the parsonage.

A number of the young people attended the band concert in Colfax last Friday evening.

Jason Green has purchased a new wheel and from present indications will participate in all the races this season.

John Lewis, the popular young drug-gist of Oskaloosa was a guest at Jason Green's home Monday.

Kitt Lewis of Oswalt was seen on our streets this week.

Messrs. William Perano and Mose Hall

OUR MAY SALE.

We are compelled in this instance to refer the readers of the Bystander to the morning papers of Friday, May 1st for our bargain advertisement. There you will find five columns of printed matter telling you a great fact that probably you did not know. We have even many goods one-half, and some even more. We make special mention of Black Goods—\$2 and \$3, for \$1.25—and others \$1.25 and \$1.50 goods at—and still others worth 75c and 85c for 48c.

In Fancy Dress Stuff and Novelties.

We offer silk and wool and all wool imported novelties worth 75c up to \$1.50, for 58c. A lot, 50 pieces, worth 40c to 60c, for 29c.

Silks

The greatest values ever shown. Black broadcaes at 86c—worth \$1.25 to \$1.38. Black broadcaed taffetas, 58c, worth 75c.

Fancy styles in printed wraps at 89c. Goods sold during the season at \$1.08.

We have ready made suits for ladies, all wool, at \$3.45—and finer grades of tailor made goods from \$12.48 up to \$22.50.

SEPARATE A large line from SKIRTS, \$1.98 to \$7.50; worth to special numbers at \$2.98 and \$5.00 each.

Special prices made on muslin underwear in this May sale, where prices are cut to clean up several lots.

A large range of corsets from 39c to \$5 each, with something special in 4 styles at 69c, which were \$1.00 heretofore.

We make special mention of a lot of trimmed hats at \$3.95; nothing in the lot less than \$6.00, and some sold at \$9.00, 10.00 and \$12.00.

We hope that every reader who is interested in dry goods will call and see what we are doing in this grand May Sale.

Harris Emery

of Oskaloosa attended the Odd Fellows anniversary Monday.

Fred Green spent several days in Oskaloosa and Muehachinock last week taking orders for Post of Des Moines.

Several young ladies are wondering what has become of Mr. Paul Walden.

Messrs. Moore and Jeffers are becoming quite popular gardeners.

Mr. J. E. Moseley, the popular man for Littleton of Des Moines, was the guest of Jason Green's family Wednesday. It is reported that he will make frequent visits to the city this summer.

After a delightful visit with her cousin, Mrs. McDonald returned to her home in Des Moines.

W. E. Fine disposed of some valuable real estate last week.

KEOKUK BUDGET.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. The weather being fair the people of the A. M. E. church attended the services in large numbers both morning and evening. The elder preached an able discourse.

There will be a new preacher at the A. M. E. church Sunday.

Mrs. Keeble has returned from Canton, Mo., after a pleasant stay of a week.

Paul Owens and Richard Lewis left for Ft. Madison Thursday for a short stay. From there they go to Chicago.

Mrs. Lynch has been in Canton, Mo., over a week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gray.

Charles Miller contemplates leaving our city for his home next month. The club of '96' will certainly miss him, as he was such an active member.

The club on last Tuesday cleared at their masked concert \$12 for the elder.

Those on the sick list are much improved.

BURLINGTON BUDGET.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. Burlington, April 21.—The weather here is very pleasant.

Mrs. Alice Early is very low at St. Francis's hospital.

Mrs. Wm. Kinney is quite sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Watson have moved to the city again and are welcomed by their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown will be at home to friends on Angular street after this week.

Miss Bessie Washington has returned home after a lengthy visit with her sister, Mrs. E. Martin, in Dubuque.

S. J. Ely visited friends in the city last week.

Household of Ruth No. 805 met in their regular instruction meeting Monday night and were ably instructed by S. L. Tigg, district grand secretary.

Miss Grace Morris is expected home from Keokuk this week.

Notice of Incorporation.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have associated themselves together as a body corporate under the laws of Iowa. That the name and style of this corporation shall be Mutual Book Concern and by that name it shall possess the right to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to own property real and personal, and to transact all the business pertaining to the carrying out of the purposes of this organization, and generally shall possess all the rights and powers enumerated in section 1869 of the code.

The principal place of business shall be Des Moines, Iowa. The purposes and object of the corporation shall be to publish and have published books, etc., to buy and sell publications or novelties of concerns and to do a general book and novelty business and handle agents in such business. Capital stock shall be \$25,000, divided into five hundred (500) shares of \$50 each. This may be increased by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors to any amount not exceeding \$100,000. This stock shall be in two classes, preferred and common. By a majority vote of the board of directors the president and secretary may issue preferred stock to an amount not to exceed \$15,000, but only on actual payment of money or value deemed, by the board of directors, to equal stock so issued. Dividends shall first be declared on outstanding preferred stock, but not to exceed 7 per cent per annum, after that and in addition thereto, dividends shall be declared equally on both classes of stock. Business shall commence at the time of filing these articles of incorporation in the office of the recorder of deeds in Polk county, and shall continue for twenty years unless, sooner dissolved by an affirmative vote of the majority of the stock outstanding, and shall have right of renewal as provided by law. The purpose of this concern shall be vested in a board of not less than three or over five directors, the majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and these directors shall be elected and removed by a majority vote of the stock present and voting at each annual meeting, and each director shall elect and employ and fix compensation of all officers, employees and agents. Each share of common stock shall be entitled to one vote and each share of preferred stock to two votes, such vote may be by proxy; and the annual meeting shall be held at the office of the company in Des Moines, Iowa, on the fourth (4) Wednesday in February of each year. Special meetings may be held as provided by the by-laws. The highest amount of indebtedness shall not exceed two-thirds of the capital stock and private property owned by the corporation. Stock, when issued, shall be paid for in cash or property, and if in property the valuation shall be determined by the board of directors, whose decision shall be final as to said question of valuation. All stock when issued for money or property shall be deemed as paid in full and non-assessable. The board of directors may by a two-thirds vote buy up stock, and if any outstanding stock shall not have been paid in full, according to the terms of subscription, stock may be declared forfeited and cancelled or payment enforced. A three-fourth vote of the stock shall have power to make, adopt, amend or strike out all by-laws. Until the board of directors and officers shall have been duly elected as herein provided, the following persons shall act as president, E. L. Fraley; vice president, I. K. Wilson; secretary and treasurer, Lawrence M. Myers; who shall also act as board of directors. These articles of incorporation may be amended at any regular annual or adjourned meeting by a three-fourths vote of the stock present and voting.

E. L. FRALEY, I. K. WILSON, LAWRENCE M. MYERS, Des Moines, Iowa, April 16, 1896.

Notice of Incorporation.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have associated themselves together and become incorporated as provided by the laws of the state of Iowa, and that the name of the corporation is Bell-Wether Gold Mining company and its principal place of transacting business is the city of Des Moines, and county of Polk, and state of Iowa; that said corporation may transact business in any other state or territory of the United States or in any foreign country, in the discretion of its board of directors.

The general nature of the business to be transacted is that of mining; and for such business the corporation may make contracts, acquire property, borrow real and personal, possessing the same power in such respects as private individuals now enjoy and as may be necessary to carry on the business for which the corporation is organized.

The amount of capital stock authorized is one million dollars (\$1,000,000), divided into one million shares of the par value of one dollar (\$1.00) each, and the stock shall be paid for in full in money or with property at its fair and reasonable money value upon the delivery of stock to the subscriber.

At any meeting of the stockholders, each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote, the same to be cast in person by the stockholder or by proxy in writing.

This corporation shall commence business on the 27th day of February, 1896, and continue for the term of twenty (20) years, unless sooner dissolved as by law provided.

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed and conducted by a board of five (5) directors, who shall upon their election organize and choose one of their number as president, one as vice-president, and choose one as secretary and one as general manager. The president and treasurer and general manager need not be chosen from the board of directors unless they so desire. All the above officers shall hold office for a period of one year thereafter and until their successors are elected and qualified.

The annual election of the stockholders for the election of directors shall take place at the office of the company in Chicago state of Illinois, on the fourth (4th) Thursday in February at 2 o'clock p. m. in each year.

After said 27th day of February, 1896, until the annual election in 1897, or until their successors are elected, the directors of the corporation shall be W. A. Green, W. N. Sattley, Ford H. Rogers, L. C. Tetard, and F. C. Rutan, of whom W. A. Green shall be president; W. N. Sattley, vice-president; L. C. Tetard, secretary and treasurer; and George R. Adams general manager.

The highest amount of indebtedness to which the said incorporation is at any time to subject itself is six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000).

The private property of the stockholders shall be exempt from corporate debts.

Signed this 9th day of April, 1896, GEORGE R. ADAMS, F. C. RUTAN, FRANK BUTTERWORTH.

THE FAIR

504-506-508 E. LOCUST ST.

WELL BOYS...

Have you seen those new style, new color, summer shoes, the Dark Rich Wine, or Blood Tan? We have them and there is no use paying \$4.00 for the same shoe when you can get it of us for \$3

Wabash to the Republican National to St. Louis.

For the above occasion the Wabash has reduced the rate from all stations to St. Louis to one fare for the round trip. Call on any agent, or address myself 220 Fourth street, Des Moines.

HORACE SELTZ, Commercial Agent.

Announcement Card.

To the Republicans of Polk County—Fellow Citizens: In the convention to be called to nominate candidates for county offices I ask for that of Recorder, Have been a Whig and Republican voter all my life; since 1880 an earnest worker in Iowa, the last ten years in this county; a soldier, four years and honorably discharged on account of severe wounds. My duty as an American citizen I have thus tried faithfully to perform; and now in a condition that the earnings of the office are needed, I nominate and elect, its duties I promise faithfully and impartially to perform. Respectfully your fellow citizen, DORUS M. FOX.

Announcement Cards.

I am a candidate for constable, subject to the decision of the Afro-American republican voters of Des Moines.

HORACE H. LEWIS.

McKinley Club.

The following names have been handed in by citizens about the city. No canvass has been made or meeting called for that purpose. It is an unsolicited list. There will be a meeting called soon and an organization formed. The list:

- James Bruce, William Tomlin, George Morton, Nace Morton, Charles Williams, Albert L. Hughes, John A. Hardy, R. N. Hyde, John McClain, John Peterson, Jesse Lewis, G. B. Alexander, E. T. Banks, Ben Holmes, Joseph Shepard, James R. Todd, Jefferson Logan, Charles S. Raff, Al. Moss, Wm. N. Smith, Lewis Paine, Henry Clay, Albert Degrave, Charles Barthe, Jordan Morris, Louis Blackman, Lee McDonald, Alonzo Jones, Thad Ruff, William Lowry, Robert Young, John Jackson, Rev. Lomack, Wm. McGrader, Rev. Lomack, John Jackson, Colonel Milligan, Rev. Lomack, Wm. McGrader, John Bowman, George Stanton, Robt. Webster, Richard Hicks, A. Fisher, P. A. Truter, Tom Scott, Wm. Hammit, E. Fletcher, J. E. Weeks, George Murray, Marshall Howard, E. E. Welcome, John J. Smith, F. R. Ralke.

WILLIAMSON & FOSTER, ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

Special attention given to collections. Room over 211 W. Fourth street, Hawkeye Insurance Bldg

SHANK BROS., FUNERAL DIRECTORS.

301 SIXTH and 619 MARKET STS., Des Moines, Iowa. Telephone Nos. 688 and 689.

ICE CREAM. HARDING SUPPLY CO.,

A. W. HARDING, Manager. Sweet Cream, Sweet Milk, Buttermilk, Staple Groceries, Fruit. Ice cream orders for parties and families a specialty. Telephone 647. 702 W. 9th St., Des Moines, Ia.

T. F. C. MORGAN, MERCHANT TAILOR.

LATEST STYLES OF SAMPLES ON HAND. Cleaning and Repairing. 726 W. Fifth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK, DES MOINES, IOWA.

Cor. East Fifth and Locust Sts. CAPITAL \$75,000. E. S. Harter, President. N. W. Smith, Vice-President. Wm. L. Shepard, Cashier. A. B. Elliott, Assistant Cashier. DIRECTORS: J. N. Hoberger, H. H. Swopa, J. W. Handolph, G. D. Elyson, Wm. L. Shepard, E. S. Harter, N. W. Smith, J. S. Brown, E. E. Elliott.

GO TO MAC VICAR, Wall Paper, Paint, Glass or Signs.

510 and 512 Locust St., when in want of

Brackett & Maulsby, RETAIL STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES.

902 and 904 CENTER ST. SHOULD YOU NEED FLOWERS

At any time of the year, for any occasion where flowers are used, you can get them, home grown and fresh cut every day, from

BLAIR THE FLORIST

306 Sixth Ave., Des Moines, P. O. Address Box 382. Telephone 460. Floral, Party and Wedding Decorations gotten up in latest styles, and at moderate prices. Boxes of flowers for presentation and personal wear.

THE LEADER DEPARTMENT STORE

502 East Locust * 407 East Fifth Next Door to American Savings Bank and Between Locust and Grand Avenue.

Strikingly low prices that will unmistakably again turn the tide of trade here Saturday. On Saturday morning we will place on sale 800 dozens Ladies, Misses and Gents' hose at an unmistakably money saving price.

- Hose-- Lot 1, ladies' black hose, special price per pair, 9c. Men's very fine gauge hose sold at 20c, our special price per pair, 10c. Lot 2, ladies' full seamless fast black hose, sold at 18c; our special price Saturday, per pair, 9c. Heavy seamless, fast black socks, per pair, 10c. Lot 3, fine ribbed misses and boys' fast black hose, regular 20c value, per pair, 10c. Mens' Rockford hose, per pair, 4c. Best Rockford double heel and toe, sold at 10c, our special price per pair, 6c. We will also place on sale Saturday 300 pairs of \$2.00, \$2.25 and 2.50 ladies' shoes latest styles, at the strikingly low price per pair, \$1.58.

THE LEADER DEPARTMENT STORE

BRACKETT & MAULSBY, DEALERS IN

Staple and Fancy Groceries

902 and 904 Center St.

Gold Medal Flour \$1.00 PER SACK.

STAR COAL CO. HARD AND SOFT COAL!

We can furnish for any mine in the city. Call on us.

OFFICE 218 FIFTH—PHONE 767.

H. G. McELDERRY, Manager

Carbondale Fuel Company

The Article We Have for Sale

IS COAL, Good Coal From Carbondale

416 SEVENTH ST. PHONE 266.

MOERSHELL & DUFFY, 621 WEST WALNUT.

Our Grand May Sale Is On!