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KEEP THE COLORS UP.

In an article entitled "Words of Warning," published April 17, THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER said:

"Look over the past contests and profit by the wreckage strewn along the banks of time. An open and intellectual contest is good for any political party. For these and other apparent reasons we say look well to the elements put in the contest. The Afro-Americans can profit by looking over the contests they have had among themselves in the past. There should be no retrograde movement. There are many rumors of candidates for places. Some have ability and some have none or very little; some have a good record behind them and some have an indifferent one; some have good positions and some attempt to grasp everything in sight, and some have been driven to the rear, although they had ability far in excess of those who crowded them out. These things must be looked squarely in the face and met. An unseemly fight lost the Afro-Americans a place which they could have had without opposition. All cannot succeed, but all can and should abide by the decision of the majority, and work for the successful man.

At the time the above was written we did not know definitely who would be candidates among the Afro-Americans, but we believed then and believe so now that the majority of them should decide questions which concern them as a body. That decision has been made and made with such unanimity and harmony that none have reason to doubt that at the proper time it will make itself manifest. No man who understands the position of the race and whose selfishness and voraciousness does not outweigh his judgment will hesitate to put his shoulder to the wheel and help move forward. There are a very few who would have considered any choice outside of themselves as unfair. There are a few Afro-Americans who desire to rule or ruin. There are a few who ignore them and cast slurs upon them because they are manly enough to abide by the decision of the majority. There are two Afro-American candidates who cannot read understandingly or write legibly or use figures correctly, yet they assume that to be able to fill a position requiring the use of the three named elements. Such candidates are too ridiculous for serious consideration. There is one candidate who says that the "white people placed him in office for two terms and that he owes nothing to his Afro-American supporters." Both white and black people are thoroughly ashamed of his escapades as a public officer. The Afro-Americans are thankful for being ex-

erated from all responsibility in this case. The other one has a position which he has the ability to fulfill. He aspires to one that he positively has not the ability to fulfill the duties thereof. His present position is a political gift and was acquired by ruthlessly pushing aside a young man who was a candidate for a clerkship and had the necessary education and training. The record left by the above named aspirant and bolter has not been in harmony with good public servants.

There is a deeper meaning in the present contest than the casual observer will discover. It involves the question as to whether or not we shall be governed in our deliberations like people in other civilized countries and orderly bodies and organizations—by the majority. If bolters and disorganizers are successful all future unity and growth might as well be disbanded at once. We believe that the colors should be held aloft and never allowed to trail in the dust. By a successful and united effort the tree of growth and knowledge can be planted in the rich and fertile soil of progress and the future will bear its fruit. The most unreasonable opposition to progress of the Afro-Americans in this community has been the cormorants who have infested their ranks.

Keep the flag of unity, progress and education floating to the breeze.

Attend the primaries without fail.

All communications should be signed each week.

The A. M. E. Zion general conference is in session at Mobile, Alabama.

Nashville, Tenn., has a fire company composed of colored men, it is No. 4, and is said to be the crack company of the city.

Attend the joint debate between Berryhill and Hall and all other public meetings. Get thoroughly posted and act upon your best information and judgment.

All persons who can give information or statistics in regard to the Afro-Americans of Iowa are urged to request to forward the same to Joseph H. Shepard, Des Moines, Iowa.

Hughes, the alleged Negro orator, was for Macartney, then for MacVicar and wound up the campaign supporting the entire democratic ticket. Is he for sale cheap this year?

In Ed. Willett the Afro-Americans have a candidate who needs no defense. He has the ability to perform the duties of the office of constable. He does not aspire to the position solely because he is an Afro-American.

How long would the republican party have been in power if it had selected men to conduct affairs, who had no ability and no integrity? Apply that same question to the Afro-Americans and answer it honestly. That question comforts the Afro-Americans of this country.

We desire to call attention to the announcement card of Mrs. Annie E. Hepburn. She has occupied the county recorder's office for the past two terms with marked ability. Those who have had business at the office speak in the highest praise of her efficiency and correctness. She is pleasant and prompt in the performance of her duties. The best recommendation she has as a public servant is her record in the office of county recorder for Polk, and she, therefore, merits consideration by every voter. There can be no mistake made in renoming her for

that position. She is worthy and that well qualified.

Prosser American (Wash.):—Sunnyside sent to the county a colored delegate—John L. Bedell—a bright, earnest, forcible speaker and a true republican in every sense, who honored his precinct and won the admiration and respect of every delegate in the convention. An amendment to the platform which he introduced and spoke upon was unanimously adopted. It pertained to an honest ballot count, and was decidedly opportune.

Chicago Appeal:—The supreme court of the United States has again given the Afro-American citizen a slap in the face, by deciding what is generally known as the "Jim Crow" car law of Louisiana is constitutional. We thought that the constitution of the United States said, that the rights and privileges of the citizens of one state could not be denied or abridged by another; that the bill of rights declared that all men are born free and equal, and endowed by their Creator with the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. One of the fundamental principles of this country is said to be that this country is the land of the free and the home of the brave, a haven of rest for the down-trodden and oppressed of all nations.

BANKS FOR CONSTANCE.—Des Moines Daily Capital:—"E. T. Banks, in asking the Capital to insert his card in the candidates' announcements, sends the following facts concerning himself: 'Coming out as a candidate for constable in Des Moines Township I wish to make this statement. I have always been a strong worker in the Republican party in fifteen years I have been in Des Moines. I was for six years in the State militia, and was for two years captain of Company E of the Third Regiment, National Guards. I was on the police force for three years. Following 1893 I was in the war, and was mustered out with an honorable discharge. I think the people of Des Moines will vouch for my record as a citizen.'

OSKALOOSA NOTES.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. Rev. Williams and Miss Hattie Williams of Muehakeok came to town early this morning on business.

A goodly number of the Oskaloosa people attend quarterly meeting in Muehakeok Sunday.

Rev. Smith made a few brief remarks to the A. M. E. Sunday school, which were very good.

Mrs. John Williams and Mrs. A. G. Clark went to Muehakeok early Tuesday morning to spend the day.

Mr. Crickett, who recently came here, expects to make this his home.

The wedding social proved to be a success Tuesday night. Great surprise was expressed at the mock marriage of Miss Lucy Buckner to Mr. George Douglass. The affair was highly appreciated.

Miss Grace Black went to Sigourney to see her brother, George, graduate.

Miss Georgia Blackburn will represent the Christian Endeavor at the Newton convention.

Mr. Fred Simms, who is one of the high school graduates, has now graduated from the law department of Howard university in Washington, D. C. Mr. Simms is a brilliant young man and deserves great credit. Hope is expressed that he practice law here.

Mrs. Minnie Brown returned home Sunday, after a few days visit in Muehakeok. The A. M. E. church is making preparation for a camp meeting in June. Date, undecided.

Mr. W. M. Field has returned home from Colfax springs much improved.

The C. E. seems to be doing nicely since Miss Lucy Buckner became president.

Miss Laura Scholfield has gone to Muehakeok for a few days.

Mrs. Estell is expected to go Eldon soon.

The little son, Charlie, of Mr. and Mrs. James Green died Friday, the funeral occurring Saturday from the M. E. church. Both father and mother have our sympathy.

A WORD TO ALL.

THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER desires to be fair with all. In order to place all people in a proper light it desires to know the reason why three or four want to make it appear that the meeting held at the court house was not fair and impartial. It would like to have Mr. Horace H. Lewis explain his present attitude. The public is entitled to a full explanation from him. He said in open meeting, that

he was perfectly satisfied with all the arrangements and after the selection was made he himself made a motion to make it unanimous. Now he is a candidate. E. T. Banks should explain his position. He says it was not fair, but gives his unsupported assertion to that effect. The people want facts not assertions. Let the people have more light, gentlemen. The vote stood 44 to 50. Is that a packed meeting? There is no law prohibiting any one from becoming a candidate. That is the right of every American citizen. But when a man takes an active part in a meeting or professes to be a lover of unity and his race his manhood is at stake, and he must stand or fall on his record. In every organization a man is in honor bound to abide by the decision of the majority. Trumped excuses are not valid. Neither is the rule or ruin policy the best way of pushing to the front. When Afro-Americans learn to abide by the decision of the majority and respect men who so act it will mark a new epoch in their history. There are men among us who are in favor of unity when they are to be benefited by it and opposed to it when some one else is to be benefited thereby. Let an anxious public hear from you gentlemen. If there is reason in what you say the people will listen to you and remedy it.

CHARITON NOTES.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. Mr. Eldon, a young farmer from Lucas was a Chariton visitor Sunday.

Rev. McClellan left for his home in Ft. Madison last week.

We are glad to see the members of the Baptist church improving their edifice.

The social given by the members of the Baptist church was well attended.

Mr. Wm. Spens will move to his new residence soon.

The Wilson band favored us with some very sweet music Saturday night.

June 13 is the date set for a union picnic. The Baptists and the A. M. E. Sunday schools are making all necessary arrangements.

Mr. J. Johnson, our most prominent gardener, has an excellent garden and wishes the patronage of our people.

NOTICE.—Song service, Sunday, May 31, 1896, at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church.

Voluntary—Psalms.....Miss Edith Birney
Anthem.....Choir
Solo—"O, Rest in the Lord".....J. Edward Moseley
Anthem.....Choir
Solo—"The Holy City".....Choir
Quintet—"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say".....Mrs. J. F. Blagburn
Meadames Birney, F. Blagburn and Coalsen and Messrs Holt and Moseley.

Solo—"Glory, My God, to Thee This Night".....Miss May F. Ruff
Anthem.....Choir
All are cordially invited.

MRS. WM. COALSON,
Chorister.

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; am now in a condition that the earnings of the office are needed. If nominated and elected, its duties I promise faithfully and impartially to perform. Respectfully yours fellow citizen,
DORTS M. FOX.

I am a candidate for constable in Des Moines township, subject to the decision of the republican convention.
E. T. BANKS.

I am a candidate for recorder of Polk county, subject to the decision of the republican county convention.
MRS. ANNA E. HEPBURN.

Having been requested by seventy-five Afro-American voters of Des Moines township and selected and unanimously endorsed by a mass meeting of the people, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for constable in Des Moines township, subject to the decision of the republicans in convention.
ED. S. WILLETT.

Fashion Notes.

Spring millinery is attracting the attention of women of all classes, and one can only wonder who designs all the hats, as there seem to be no two alike. A favorite style is a rather wide brim rolled up at the back and is profusely trimmed with ostrich tips and fans of chiffon.

A stylish hat is of black fancy chip. It is in a modified sailor shape. The back of the brim is rolled up and fastened to the crown. The trimming is of very full plaitings of chiffon in mignonette green and black, the two colors intermixed with sprays of mignonette.

FOR LADIES ONLY.

The fashionable leg-o'-mutton and Queen Anne sleeves are cut much tighter from elbow to waist than formerly, and many of them are buttoned.

Stylish felt hats are of good proportions, some being folded over so as to form a double brim over the face, and finished with an enormous osprey feather and four plumes.

MEANING OF FLOWERS.

Mint is symbolic of virtue. The bell flower is symbolic of gratitude. A horse chestnut is indicative of luxury.

The American cowslip indicates devotion. The honeysuckle symbolizes a bond of love.

The peach blossom indicates submission. The candytuft is an emblem of indifference.

The white daisy is an emblem of innocence. The box is regarded as symbolic of constancy.

The calla lily is emblematic of feminine beauty. The primrose is in England an emblem of inconstancy.

The arbor vitae is indicative of unchanging friendship. The china aster is set down as indicative of remembrance.

The oat plant is in Italy regarded as emblematic of music. The red carnation is regarded in Spain as an emblem of despair.

The myrtle plant has always been regarded as an emblem of love. The pink is considered in the south of France symbolic of pure affection.

The lotus in India is emblematic of life; in ancient Egypt it was a death flower. The purple columbine, in both England and Scotland, is symbolic of determination.

In the south of France the handing of a sweet pea by a young woman to a young man is a polite way of stating that she is tired of his company.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

German coal from Westphalia is now being shipped at a profit from the Rhine towns to London.

Since the new excise law went into effect the number of hotels in New York city has been tripled.

Most of the medieval kings wore and used signet rings because they were unable to write their names.

The Munich opera-house has a new rotating stage by which any scene can be changed in twelve seconds.

All of the corned beef and pickled pork for European armies and navies goes by way of Canada and crosses the border at Vanceboro, Me.

The coal fields of the United States have an area of nearly 200,000 square miles, or ten times that of all other coal-producing countries in the world.

New York state has a new law, just passed, making it a misdemeanor for any man to wear the badge or regalia of any society of which he is not a member.

A Cambrie shirt worn by Louis XVI. on the day before his death realized \$570 and the napkin used at mass on the morning of his execution \$390, at a recent London sale.

A "chameleon flower" has been introduced into Europe from the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. The blossoms of this newly discovered plant are white in the morning, changing to red at noon and again to blue in the evening.

Last year thirty-seven towns in Connecticut were engaged in improving their roads, and now eighty towns are reported to have joined in the movement. The improvement made is thorough and scientific. The cost is borne equally by the state, the county and the municipality.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

The branches of the Mississippi River have an aggregate length of fifteen thousand miles.

Most physicians think that the sun radiates heat as it does light or as a stove emits warmth.

The horn of the rhinoceros is not joined to the bone of the head, but grows on the skin like a wart or corn.

Microscopists say that the strongest microscopes do not, probably, reveal the lowest stages of animal life.

Man is scientifically defined as forty-five pounds of carbon and nitrogen diffused through five buckets of water.

It is now claimed that foods stored in an eminent scientist suggests that the twinkling of the fixed stars may actually be caused by the flaming of the tremendous conflagrations possibly taking place on these far-away distant suns.

Sir William Thomson has recently been making experiments to discover what the effect of a cannonade of quick firing guns would be on board the vessel firing and the ship subject to the fire. He finds that after fifteen minutes firing the survivors of the crews of both vessels would be reduced to a state of mental if not physical incapacity, owing to the concussion of the projectiles on the sides of the vessel and the noise of the guns.

AUTHORS' FANCIES.

Amelia Barr lives at Cherry Croft. William Callen Bryant lived at Cedarvale.

Edgar Allan Poe lived at Fordham and Lowell at Elmwood.

Hawthorne resided at The Manse and The Wayside, while Longfellow lived at Craige House.

Bayard Taylor called his home Cedarcroft. Hjalmer Hjorth Boyesen named his the Morlands.

Authors give their homes fanciful names as a rule. Frank Stockton's country home at Convent, N. J., is called The Halt.

George W. Cable, in commemoration of the circumstances which made him leave his former home, has named the one at Northampton, Mass., Staya-while.

DECISIVE BATTLES OF HISTORY.

Marathon, B. C. 490. The Athenians, under Miltiades, defeated the Persians, under Datis. Free government preserved.

Syracuse, B. C. 414.—The Athenians, under the Syracusans and their allies, the Spartans, under Gylippus.

Arbela, B. C. 331. The Persians, defeated by the Macedonians and Greeks under Alexander the Great. End of the Persian empire.

Metaurus, B. C. 207. The Carthaginians, under Hasdrubal, were defeated by the Romans under Calus and Marcus Livius.

Phillipi, B. C. 42. Brutus and Cassius defeated by Octavius and Antony. The fate of the republic decided.

Actium, B. C. 31. The combined fleets of Antony and Cleopatra defeated by Octavius, and imperialism established in the person of Octavius.

Winfield-Lippe, A. D. 9. Teutonic independence established by the defeat of the Roman legions under Varus at the hands of the Germans under Arminius (Hermann).

Tours, A. D. 732. The Saracens, defeated by Charles Martel and Christendom rescued from Islam.

Hastings, A. D. 1066. Harold, commanding the English army, defeated by William the Conqueror, and a new regime established in England by the Normans.

Siege of Orleans, A. D. 1429. The English defeated by the French under Joan of Arc.

Defeat of the Spanish Armada, A. D. 1588. England saved from Spanish invasion.

Lutzen, A. D. 1632. Decided the religious liberties of Germany. Gustavus Adolphus killed.

Blenheim, A. D. 1704. The French and Bavarians, under Marshall Tallard, defeated by the English and their allies, under Marlborough.

Pultowa, A. D. 1709. Charles XII. of Sweden, defeated by the Russians under Peter the Great.

Saratoga, A. D. 1777. Critical battle of the American War of Independence. The English defeated by the Americans, under Gen. Gates.

Valmy, A. D. 1792.—An invading army of Prussians, Austrians and Hessians, under the Duke of Brunswick, defeated by the French under Kellermann. The first success of the republic against foreigners.

Trafalgar, On the 21st of October, A. D. 1805, the great naval battle of Trafalgar was fought. The English defeated the French and destroyed Napoleon's hopes to successfully invade England.

Waterloo, A. D. 1815. The French, under Napoleon, defeated by the allied armies of Russia, Austria, Prussia and England, under Wellington.

Siege of Sebastopol, A. D. 1854-5. The Russians succumbed to the beleaguering armies of England, France and Turkey, and the result was delay in the expansion of the Russian empire.

Gettysburg, July, A. D. 1863. The deciding battle of the war for the Union. The Confederates under Gen. Lee defeated by the Union forces under Meade.

Sedan, A. D. 1870. The decisive battle of the Franco-German war.

BITS OF KNOWLEDGE.

Negroes own 120,000 farms. In Shanghai there is an organ made from bamboo.

For thirty years Dr. Barnardo's Homes have been engaged in their philanthropic labors, and their resources avail close upon 1,000 children for every year of their existence.

The children of the blackest Africans are born whitish. In a month they become pale yellow, in a year brown, at four, dirty black. The change is in the mucous membrane below the cuticle.

Three-tenths of the earnings of a Belgian convict are given to him on the expiration of his term of imprisonment. Some of them thus have more money in jail than they have ever saved before.

A spider thread is much tougher than a bar of steel, size for size. An ordinary thread will bear a weight of three grains. This is 50 per cent stronger than a corresponding thread of steel.

The number of institutions in the United States for the benefit of the deaf is 49; teachers, 626; pupils, 8,275. The value of the apparatus is \$13,899, and the value of the ground and buildings, \$10,000,000.

Luther's Bible, which he used in his study, is in possession of a Berlin museum. His margins are covered with notes in Luther's handwriting. It was printed at Cassil in 1509, and is excellently preserved.

The largest dammed body of water in the world will be secured by the building of a dam at Cloquet, Minn., on the St. Louis river. The dam is to be 300 feet long and 32 feet high, with backwater sixty miles in extent.

FOR GOOD HOUSEKEEPERS.

Prick a nutmeg with a pin, and, if it is fresh and good, oil will instantly spread around the puncture.

Silver spoons that have become discolored by eggs may be cleaned readily by rubbing with a soft cloth and a little dry salt.

Fresh meat should not be allowed to remain rolled in paper, for the paper will absorb the juices. Remove the paper and lay the meat on an earthen plate.

Silks or ribbons that are to be packed away should be rolled in brown paper, as the chloride of lime in white paper will discolor them. White satin should be folded in blue paper and a brown paper put outside and pinned closely together at the edges.

HINTS FOR WOMEN.

If soot is dropped on a carpet throw down an equal quantity of salt and sweep off all together.

Fruit stains can be eradicated by oxalic acid, and should be seen to at once while the stain is fresh.

Always put the sugar used in a tart in the center of the fruit, not on the top; it makes the crust sodden.

Frying pans should always be scoured with salt directly after they have been used, and wiped clean with a cloth.

Pastry is lighter if mixed with a knife instead of the hand, and rolled with a glass bottle instead of a rolling pin.

When an iron bedstead creaks with each movement of the sleeper take out the laths and wrap the end of each in a newspaper.

To prevent lamp chimneys from cracking put them into a kettle of boiling water, gradually heat it till it boils, and then let it as gradually cool.

It is not generally known that rats cannot resist sunflower seeds. A trap baited with these seeds is the most efficacious method of catching rats.

Milk will take out ink stains from boards, cotton and other fabrics if used before dried. Soak in a little milk and then wash in the ordinary way.

To remove scorch caused by an overheated iron, soak the article at once in cold water for half an hour, then rub gently between the hands and rinse in clean water.

Paint stains on clothing are difficult to remove when once they have dried in but with persistent use of benzine and spirits of turpentine obstinate stains are removed.

Stoves and ranges should be kept free from soot in all compartments. A dirty, clogged hot air passage will prevent any oven from baking well or the water from heating.

Rolls which have become dry can be freshened by dipping them quickly into water and placing them in the oven for two or three minutes until the water has dried. They will taste almost like new rolls.

Lamps should be filled every day and chimneys washed once a week. To procure a perfect light let every lamp have a new wick once a month, and just before lighting rub carefully the body or stand of the lamp, so that all smell of the oil may be removed.

LITTLE HINTS AS TO FASHIONS.

All shirts are moderating in width. A perfectly plain collar is an oddity rarely seen.

Trimnings on bonnets are higher on the left side.

Capes are mostly short, reaching barely to the elbow and are fuller than ever.

The new fashionable jackets have tight backs, fronts gracefully curved in to fit the figure and short curving basques.

Sofor hats, with broad brims, are to be worn and will be trimmed if desired in plain and striped ribbons, with occasionally a couple of quills.

In spite of the fact that belts in leather are as narrow as they can be worn, the broad girdle of cloth to match the gown often coming from underneath the arms is in favor.

Neck trimmings of black, white and colored tulle form an important part of women's toilettes; innumerable rolled, pointed and frilled collars are worn and large bows in the back are striking.

The great point in the making of the new sleeves seems to be to retain the fullness in the usual place and yet reveal the shape of the arm. The wide gilet skirt is fast disappearing for outdoor wear and makes way for the skirt gathered or platted across the back.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. John Harvey is the first woman prison inspector in Ontario.

Professor Falb, the Vienna prophet, is a failure. His cataclysms do not appear on time.

The death of a boy 10 years old, from nitroline poisoning is reported from Lambertville

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After all, the ice man is a man of little weight.

Since the Money-Hall affair blotting has been in great demand in Congress.

Roosevelt having substituted trousers for "pants" on the New York police force has introduced "spats" into the world.

The Kansas baseball line that has been beaten three times by the score of 16 to 1 should leave the diamond and go into politics.

Prof. Langley of Washington, D. C., has invented a flying machine that flies. But this is not expected to make the other inventors soar.

The cruiser Brooklyn did not make half so many knots an hour as the City of Brooklyn made "nots" to the greater New York proposition.

The girls of the University of Wisconsin have formed a boating crew. They will have to have a man aboard to "whistle for the wind."

It is said that the Babi who killed the Shah are also after his successor's life. The Persian ruler isn't the only man who is kept awake o' nights by the Babi.

An Elgin physician claims to have discovered a consumption cure. In order to avoid confusion, wouldn't it be a good plan to number these consumption cures?

The Infanta Elvira Maria Theresa Henrietta de Bourbon has just arrived in this country, where she intends to spend some time in travel, and has sent on her name by freight.

Another British mission has been looted in China. Will the people in South Africa kindly stay where they're put for a few minutes while John Bull looks after a little business in Asia?

There are 15,000,000 voters in the United States, and yet a score or less leaders would be very willing to take the entire responsibility from the hands of the people and arrange everything.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch calls loud for "cheaper water for St. Louis." One would infer from this that St. Louis is beginning to find out that water is useful for other purposes than navigation.

A Philadelphia business man has been sent to jail for six months for kissing his stenographer, and it is believed that after this disastrous experiment Philadelphia will go back to the quill pen.

In a graduating class of twenty young ladies at Columbia, Mo., only one admitted that she was willing to marry. The answers might have been different, however, if the question had been asked by eligible young men.

A 634-karat diamond, the finest ever found in Africa, was discovered at Jagerfontein in the Transvaal on the day after Christmas. When cut it is expected it will be worth \$1,500,000. Diamonds should be demoralized.

A close estimate of the crop of oranges in southern California this season, made by the president of the Southern California Fruit exchange, puts it at 9,000 carloads, or 2,700,000 boxes. This is an increase of about 20,000 boxes over last season.

There have been many instances going to show that women in America are good farmers. On a Cape Colony farm, however, the Dominican nuns not only do the farm work, but operate in carpentry and blacksmithing. Truly, the masculine future is clouded.

The London correspondent cables over respecting a new play: "The piece is an incongruous and jumbled mixture of various elements. The dialogue is extremely stupid. The workmanship generally is extremely crude." All of which shows the wicked extravagance of the correspondent, for if he had said, simply, "It is a farce comedy" he would have conveyed the same idea and saved 60 cents in cable tolls.

Gaping Ghyll, an unfathomed abyss near Ingleborough in Yorkshire, was recently explored by M. Martel, the French cavern hunter. After a stream which falls into the cave had been diverted he was let down a depth of 330 feet and there found a chamber hollowed out in the limestone 450 long by 120 feet broad and 100 feet high, with a level bottom covered with sand and pebbles. There were no bones either of man or animals, which is unusual with these caverns.

The growing scarcity of fur-bearing animals suggests to a writer in the London Spectator the feasibility of breeding such animals on farms in Siberia. Last spring, he says, a single silver fox skin sold in London for \$50, and he believes that silver foxes, as well as many other desirable fur-bearing animals, could be bred in great numbers in the proper climate.

Brooklyn's joy at becoming part of Greater New York is about equal to that of a toad that has been swallowed by a snake.

It is a pleasure to note that the two ancient maidens of Warwick, N. Y., who have been sitting up nights for many years waiting for burglars have at last had the compliments of the season extended to them by gentlemen in that line of business.

Possibly the French newspapers expect to frighten Uncle Sam by telling him "all Europe will sympathize with Spain" because the old gentleman protests against Spain amusing herself by butchering American citizens in violation of all laws.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

CYCLONE NEAR DES MOINES.

More Than a Score Dead or Dying and Many Injured.

DES MOINES, May 26.—A terrible cyclone passed through the northern part of Polk and Jasper counties Sunday evening and left scores upon scores of homes in desolation. The dead and dying number over twenty, a score or more are badly injured and at least fifty more received injuries of more or less severity. The storm was heard whirling through the air near Booneboro about 10 o'clock p. m., by the farmers, a few minutes later it dropped into Granger, playing havoc with the trees and damaging several hundred acres of crops, passed south of Polk City and then swept through the country a mile south of Ankeny, on straight to Bondurant, where a slight change in direction saved that town from total destruction, then northeast to Santiago, Valeria and Mingo, finally disseminating near that city. The path of the storm was some twenty-five miles long and irregular in width, in some places being a mile wide, while in others it passed between two telegraph poles on the railroad and was scarcely fifty yards wide.

South of Polk City the homes of William Campbell, George Marts and James Lane were devastated, and James Lane and William Campbell were badly injured and Mrs. Campbell and eight children badly bruised. The Free Methodist church was torn to atoms. Near Ankeny John Woods' and Allen Edwards' homes were destroyed and the Edwards family of three were badly injured. Between there and Bondurant the home of G. Creley was destroyed, as were those of William Young, Dan Cochran, W. T. Scott, James Stouton, Albert Pitman and Dick Tollenaar. Scott was badly injured. In Bondurant several barns and eight large corn cribs were wrecked. After leaving Bondurant the property of Thos. Corrough was damaged about \$1,500. J. F. Stall sustained a loss of \$1,500, several horses being killed, a school house was demolished and then at the home of Robert Bailey the first fatalities occurred. Mr. Bailey's house was completely demolished and Mrs. Bailey, two children and a cousin were instantly killed, while Mr. Bailey and another child will die, and another is badly injured. Seven cattle and eleven horses were killed. Between the Bailey house and Santiago the house of Peter Bollenbaugh was wrecked and Mr. Bollenbaugh, his wife and nephew were killed, while several properties were badly damaged. The wind lifted near Santiago and did not drop again until near Valeria. Here the house of Charles Phelan was wrecked and Mr. Phelan, his two sons Michael and Dan and his two daughters were killed, while Mrs. Phelan and another child were fatally hurt and another daughter escaped injury after being carried 200 yards. There was great damage to property in Valeria, where the storm seemed to gather its strength. East of Valeria the house of William Osborn was wrecked and another house where the three sisters of Solomon Dickey resided was demolished and the three ladies were killed. At the home of Dug. Akins, near Mingo, a baby was killed and Mr. Akins and his wife were badly hurt. Harvey Pitt's house was wrecked and Mr. Pitt and his wife were maimed. Near Elkhart James Maxwell was killed.

DUBUQUE, May 26.—From twenty-five to thirty persons were drowned at North McGregor as the result of a storm which was almost a cloudburst. Eighteen people are known to have been drowned in three families alone. A number of tramps are known to have been lost. Two small streams unite at Bula and flow from that point to the Mississippi. The flood of the two united and swept everything, including lumber yards, houses and cars between Bula and North McGregor, into the Mississippi. It is estimated that fully a dozen cars were swept into the river, some loaded with horses, grain and furniture. The loss cannot be estimated but it will reach far into the thousands.

The entire northeastern portion of the state suffered from the effects of the deluge, and many fatalities are reported.

DUBUQUE, May 27.—A conservative estimate of the number of lives lost at North McGregor places it at twenty-seven. Six canvases with Kirkhart's circus are dead. At Durango Mrs. Clark, the station agent of the Great Western road, lost five children in the flood.

AWFUL DUBUQUE ACCIDENT. DUBUQUE, May 25.—Two children of Michael Fisher, of Windsor avenue, tipped over a kettle of boiling water on themselves. One is dead and the other is expected to die.

COUNT VON BULOW SENTENCED. DES MOINES, May 28.—Count von Bulow was sentenced by Judge Holmes to five years in the penitentiary for swindling Widow Schaub out of \$300.

HORSES FATALLY BURNED. CHESTER, May 28.—A stock car in a Burlington train caught fire about a mile west of Prescott, and before the flames could be extinguished nine head of horses were fatally burned. The stock was en route from Davis City to East St. Louis. About a mile west of Prescott the flames were discovered and the train brought to a standstill. About a dozen head of horses escaped alive. The trainmen succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

NEGRO MURDERER. MEKALOOSSA, May 23.—In a row at Ockalinoak, George Lewis, a cook, killed Sam Porterfield, a bartender.

THIRTY DAYS FOR ALMOST MURDER. OTTUMWA, May 24.—Fred Doud and Mike Evans, the two boys who were arrested at Eldon, were given a trial. They were acquitted on the charge of assault with intent to kill, and were then re-arrested on the charge of assault and battery and after a hotly contested case were found guilty and sentenced to thirty days in jail, the sentence being suspended under good behavior.

ONE DYNAMITER GETS TEN YEARS. MUSCATINE, May 25.—In the district court, Judge Wolf sentenced Mark Woods, convicted of dynamiting in 1893, to ten years in the penitentiary.

DEATH FROM AN EXPLOSION.

Sawmill Boiler at Augusta Blown to Atoms and Ben Meyer Killed.

BURLINGTON, May 25.—By the carelessness of a fireman in allowing too much steam in a worn out boiler, the saw mill belonging to Penn Sharp, at Augusta, was blown to atoms by an explosion. Ben Meyer, the fireman, was blown through the side of the building and fell fifty feet from the boiler, so badly injured that he can hardly recover, while Sharp is also badly cut and battered about the head and face. He is not dangerously injured. The boiler was an old one and could stand but little pressure. The mill is a wreck.

CLINTON HAS THE CUP The Winning City of 1895 Wins Again in the High School Contests.

CEDAR RAPIDS, May 24.—The high school students of Des Moines, Iowa City, Clinton, Fort Dodge, Tipton, Sioux City, Marengo, Keokuk and Cedar Rapids held their contest at Cedar Rapids. The meet last year was held at Clinton and the greatest number of prizes was won by students of city, who now hold the state cup. They will represent the state at the national athletic meet.

DIED FROM POISON. Two People Fatally and Many Seriously Affected at Fort Madison.

FORT MADISON, May 28.—Dairy Commissioner Boardman is 'a the city making investigations concerning the poisoning of a large number of people supposedly from partaking of cheese which was unwholesome. Two persons have died and between eight and twelve of the twenty who were affected by the poison are in a critical condition.

BIG DEAL IN COAL. Purchase of Extensive Mine Lands in Iowa Under Way.

MYSTIC, May 25.—The biggest deal ever made in Iowa coal lands is about to be consummated. A syndicate of capitalists is negotiating for the purchase of all the coal mines on the Milwaukee road from Jerome to Mystic and Darby. If this is carried out it will end the rate cutting and labor agitation of the past two years.

ARMY WORM IN DES MOINES COUNTY. BURLINGTON, May 28.—Large fields of corn in this vicinity are being completely eaten up by army worms, which made their appearance in countless numbers during the rain period just ended. One farmer reports that in twenty-four hours eighty acres of fine young corn on his land was swept as clean as if it had been burned over with fire. Farmers are becoming greatly alarmed, as it means ruin for many unless a remedy can be found.

CLAYCOMB CONVICTED AT LAST. OMAHA, May 28.—The Claycomb jury returned a verdict finding Claycomb guilty of disinterring a dead body in the manner charged in the information. Claycomb is the man who took two bodies from the cemetery at Omaha to a medical college at Des Moines.

BLOW AT LIQUOR SELLERS. DES MOINES, May 28.—The supreme court has rendered a decision that the burden is on the liquor men to show that the mule tax has been paid, so that a bar to prosecution under the prohibitory law exists.

BREVITIES. Keokuk dispatch: Circumstantial evidence indicates that a foul murder has been committed at Croton, near Keokuk, and that the life of an innocent child was sacrificed instead of that of the intended victim. Some years ago Mrs. Ann Chidester went to live with her father, A. W. Harlan. His grandsons, Eugene and Mark Harlan, objected to her presence. Recently her child was given some cough medicine and shortly afterwards it went into convulsions and died. Investigation showed strychnine in the stomach and bottle of medicine. It is learned that Eugene Harlan recently purchased strychnine "to kill wolves," and as the medicine was being taken by Mrs. Chidester, it is supposed it was intended for her. Eugene has disappeared.

In justice court at Centerville recently the attorneys of Hemphill, charged with murdering Mamie Peterson, waived examination for their client. Ever since Hemphill was arrested the officers have been constantly in search of the revolver which it is alleged was used in the killing of Mamie Peterson. They have found a gun which they think did the work. It was located in the garden at Hemphill's house after a search of the entire premises, including the draining of the wells and investigation in every conceivable place. The pistol was a six-shot, 38-caliber. There were five loaded cartridges and one empty chamber in the gun. As there were three shots fired, two loaded cartridges had evidently been placed in after the shooting occurred. The officers think it is the pistol which was used to murder the girl, as everything indicates it to them.

A 14-year-old boy named Menekch hanged himself at Ely. Freight train No. 13 on the Omaha road was derailed at LeMars recently. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand, passengers on the train, were instantly killed. A brakeman on the caboose jumped and escaped uninjured. All the crew escaped. The home of the Hildebrands is supposed to be at Beatrice, Neb. The wreck was caused by a cow on the track. The train was backing at the time of the accident, the collision being at the rear end of the train.

The Dubuque county grand jury made their report to Judge Husted a few days ago and were discharged. Their most important action was two indictments returned against ex-Mayor Olinger, one for embezzlement and the other for willful and corrupt misconduct while in office. The embezzlement indictment mentions several items in which the ex-mayor failed to return money to the treasury, received by him. The charge of misconduct is for issuing peddler's permits and receiving money for the same without lawful authority.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

CUBA.

HAVANA, May 23.—Colonel Delgado reports that his command has had an engagement with 1,000 rebels under Aleman and other leaders near Cruces, in the Cienfuegos district. According to the official report the rebels were dislodged from strong positions and compelled to flee in disorder, leaving twenty-two dead on the field. The troops lost eighteen men wounded. It is said the forces of Gomez continue to invade the province of Matanzas, and are approaching the province of Havana. Three trains were sent to Artemisa to bring troops from the trocha, but they were unable to reach that place, the rebels having destroyed the tracks.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 23.—The steamer Laurada entered the bar and reported that she had landed safely on Cuban soil nine-tenths of the munitions carried by her.

HAVANA, May 25.—Captain General Weyler and his aides in field uniform have started for Bahia Honda, on the northern coast of Pinar Del Rio, on board a cruiser, and it is believed a most important move against the insurgents under Antonio Maceo will shortly be undertaken.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—A Madrid dispatch says the minister of the colonies states that General Weyler's order affects only the better class of tobacco called "Habana." There is no prohibition of the exportation of inferior quality, the kind imported generally by the manufacturers in the United States.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The supreme court of the United States in an opinion read by Chief Justice Fuller, decided the cases of W. Wilborg et al versus the United States, involving the Horsa Cuban expedition, affirming the judgment of the district court for Pennsylvania, sentencing Captain Wilborg to imprisonment and fine for engaging in the expedition, and reversing it as to Peterson and Johansen, the mates of the vessel.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The protest made by Secretary Olney against General Weyler's prohibition of tobacco exports from Havana has been successful. He has been officially notified that contracts for Cuban leaf tobacco entered into before the publication of the order prohibiting its exportation will be respected and that citizens of the United States proving themselves to be bona fide owners of such tobacco prior to the promulgation of the order will be permitted to export the same as heretofore.

CHAR IS CROWNED. Nicholas II Formally Proclaimed Ruler of Russia.

MOSCOW, May 27.—With ceremonies more magnificent than the human imagination can conjure, and amid a scene of splendor to which a thousand pens could do but scant justice, Nicholas II, who succeeded to the throne on November 1, 1894, was yesterday crowned as ruler of one hundred millions of people. The coronation took place in the cathedral of the Assumption, in the presence of representatives of every civilized people on the face of the globe, of the princes and nobles of the land and of representatives of its leading municipalities. The ceremony occupied nearly seven hours. It included the sprinkling of the czar and czarina with holy water, the kissing of the crucifix, the repeating after the metropolitan of the profession of faith, the clothing of the czar with the imperial mantle of gold and ermine, and finally the placing by the czar of the crown upon his own head. Then followed the crowning of the czarina by her husband, who also invested her with the purple mantle of the Order of St. Andrew.

MOSCOW, May 28.—The proclamation issued by the czar on the occasion of his coronation prescribes various remissions, of which the following are the principal: All arrears of taxes in European Russia and Poland are remitted and the land tax is reduced by half for ten years. The sentences of exiles in Siberia are materially reduced, political offenders receiving further remissions, with the restoration of their civil rights in certain cases. The ex-ministers of the interior and justice are empowered to submit to the czar deserving cases of those punished after a regular trial. Those persons who shared in the Polish rebellion who are not guilty of murder, cruelty, arson or robbery, are exempted from the police supervision decreed in 1883, and are granted full freedom of residence if they return to their own country and take the oath of allegiance.

BISHOP TAYLOR RETIRED. CLEVELAND, May 25.—At the Methodist general conference Bishop Taylor, of Africa, was declared non-effective and was retired.

CLEVELAND, May 26.—Dr. Joseph C. Hartzell, of Louisiana, was elected bishop to Africa by the Methodist general conference.

Senator Allison has grown old gracefully and has maintained throughout a long and turbulent period of political history a reputation for geniality and urbanity which distinguishes him among all other candidates for the presidency. Nor from a physical point of view, does he show any manifestation of the crabbiness of old age. His figure is still erect, his step firm, his manner alert, and his eye still bright with the light of a strong and vigorous manhood.

A lens attachment has been made for the sewing machine to facilitate threading the needle.

It may be a word and a blow with your Uncle Sammel, but when the word comes first, the blow is seldom necessary.

Speaker Reed is said to be a fluent French scholar, and his library contains a large percentage of French books. He is an omnivorous reader.

The czar of Russia has issued strict orders to the Moscow authorities looking toward the decision of that city from fairs, thieves and ruffians during the coronation festivities. A large number of detectives of various nationalities have been engaged for special service at Moscow.

FATAL FALL FOR FIFTY.

A Street Car Plunges Through a Bridge at Victoria, B. C.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 27.—A terrible accident occurred here. A sham fight and review was to take place at Macaulay's Point, near Esquimaux, and crowds were making their way there by every route. All street cars were packed. Two cars left Government street with 100 people. The first got over Point Ellice bridge, which crosses Victoria arm, safely, but when the other was about half way over the middle span of the bridge, about 150 feet in length, gave way and the car plunged into the water, some 100 feet below. The car was completely submerged and all on board were drowned with the exception of some of those who were standing on the platform and who, escaping injury from the falling timbers, managed to save themselves by using the floating ruins of the bridge and thus got ashore. Numbers of the bodies have already been gotten up and the work of identification is proceeding. It is believed that when the list is completed it will reach fifty.

VICTORIA, May 28.—It is believed the fatalities in the bridge disaster will reach a hundred.

DISASTROUS CYCLONES. Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas and Oklahoma Visited.

CHICAGO, May 26.—Michigan, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma territory and Indiana were swept by tornadoes yesterday and the day preceding. Scores of persons were killed and millions of dollars of damage was done to property. In Illinois five are known to have been killed; at Pontiac, one town in one of the four counties laid bare by the tornado, twenty were killed; in Fort Scott, Kas., alone two were killed; in Oklahoma there was great loss of life and thousands of cattle perished; in Indiana the storm was less severe.

DETROIT, May 27.—The total number of deaths resulting from the cyclone in this state, so far as learned, reaches thirty-eight. Several of the injured cannot recover. The cyclone struck the region in which Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Lapeer counties are located, and worked disaster in the city of Mount Clemens and other towns in that section. The village of Oakwood was entirely wiped off the earth, all the buildings were destroyed, leaving death and destruction in the trail of the storm.

MUST PAY THE BOUNTY. Sugar Manufacturers Get Valuable Relief.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The supreme court of the United States rendered a decision favorable to the payment of sugar bounty. The decision of the court was very brief. The court simply held that it was an equitable consideration for which congress had authority to provide. This reverses the ruling of the comptroller of the treasury and requires the payment of the bounty provided for by the last congress.

FEAR DEATH SENTENCES. Cree Indians Would Rather Not Be Deported to Canada.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 28.—Two troops of cavalry have been ordered from Fort Custer to round up the Cree Indians so they may be deported to Canada in accordance with recent federal legislation. The Cree say they will not go unless Canada claims an amnesty for their participation in the Red rebellion. They fear death sentences if returned to Canada.

FERRY BOAT SANK. Eleven Lives Lost at Cairo, Ill.—Capsized in a Storm.

CAIRO, Ill., May 27.—The ferry boat Katherine was capsized in a storm and eleven persons were drowned. The boat was near the Illinois shore about a mile below Cairo when the storm struck. She turned completely over and remained in that position for some time, while her cabin, chimneys and bodies were carried away, nothing remaining but her hull and engines.

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The Worst Work Was Done at St. Louis, Where the Loss is Awful.

CHICAGO, May 27.—One of the greatest disasters of recent years visited St. Louis last night in the shape of a cyclone, which began at 5 o'clock and lasted thirty minutes. The loss of life is appalling, reaching nearly a thousand, while countless hundreds are injured. From reports received by the United Press up to 1 o'clock this morning from Missouri, Illinois and Indiana cities, the direction and extent of the appalling cyclone are shown. The storm began its work of devastation and death near Moberly, in Randolph county, in the northeastern part of Missouri. It then passed southeast into Audrain county, where the school house at Rush Hill and its occupants were victims. The cyclone moved slightly north into Pike county, Missouri, and then jumped the Mississippi river into southern Illinois. The ladies' seminary at Drake, in Greene county, Illinois, was struck by the tornado, which then passed south and east, following the Illinois river until it joined the Mississippi, the greatest point of destruction being reached at St. Louis, East St. Louis and East Carondelet. The direction of the wind storm from that cluster of stricken cities then appears to have been in a southeasterly direction through Illinois, but no news of destruction had been received from Illinois towns east of the big river.

The cyclone reached the Ohio river and struck Evansville, in the south western corner of Indiana. Later news indicates that the great storm is tearing a path through the heart of Indiana in a southeasterly direction.

The latest reports compiled from the scenes of destruction in the three states point to a loss of over seven hundred human lives and the probabilities are that later reports will swell the total death list to enormous proportions.

According to places the death roll is divided as follows: In St. Louis, 200; East St. Louis, 300; Drake, Ill., 80; Rush Hill, Mo., 10; Benick, Mo., 5; Lebadie, Mo., 10.

The number of injured is estimated to be in the hundreds.

St. Louis, May 28.—The day had been very hot, with clouds in the west and a north wind. About 4 o'clock the massing of clouds, one upon another, gave some warning of what was coming, but no one has been found who apprehended at that time anything worse than a hard thunder storm.

Suddenly out of the cloud bank came a whirling funnel, which dropped to the earth.

The storm was then east of Clayton, a small town a short distance from St. Louis.

In the incredible time of five minutes it had traversed the distance from the western limits of this city to its heart, and there it raged.

High buildings served to confine it and until they were destroyed there was no chance for its escape.

The river was literally raised from its bed with hundreds of boats that were plying up and down or were moored at wharves.

Where the crossing was made at East St. Louis the river is almost a mile in width, but the leap was taken with all the fury with which the cyclone had struck the city proper.

Judging from reports of the greatest damage done the path of the storm was on an average of ten or twelve blocks in width.

No boats on the river escaped. Many of them went down with all on board. The river is believed to contain hundreds of bodies. The morgues and hospitals are full. No effort is made to estimate the property loss. It is beyond all conjecture. Time alone can tell how great is the loss of life and property.

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In Breezy Chicago.

The large gentleman with the large diamond looked admiringly at the brunette lady in green-colored attire.

"Fine looking woman walking with Brown, ain't she?" he said to the man near him. "Wonder if she's married." "I believe she is just at present," was the answer, and the lady breezes moaned fitfully.

She Told Her Love. He—An' yo' doan' 'spise me, Dir' ab, 'cause I'm poor! She—'Spise you! I cuden' lub yo' any moah of yo' wuz er palace car porter.

Choice Farming Lands in South Dakota. Along the line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway can now be had upon reasonable terms. The crop prospects were never better and a glorious harvest for this year is already assured. Thousands of acres of unoccupied lands in over twenty counties are now open for settlement. For further information address H. F. Hunter, Immigration Agent for South Dakota, 295 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

Having an unmarried milkman who is a dirty looking fellow, will do more to keep his girls looking tidy around a live kitchen work than a dozen yards of advice.

All About Western Farm Lands. The "Corn Belt" is the name of an illustrated monthly newspaper published by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. It aims to give information in an interesting way about the farm lands of the west. Sent 25 cents a postage stamp to the Corn Belt, 209 Adams St., Chicago, and the paper will be sent to your address for one year.

Laying aside all quips and jests, "Love's one that's just at present," was the answer, and the lady breezes moaned fitfully.

When Nature Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company.

It is said that out of the 25,000 Hebrews in the city of Amsterdam, 10,000 are occupied in the trade of diamond dealing. The population of the world averages 100 women to every 100 men.

That

Extremely tired feeling afflicts nearly everybody at this season. The hustlers cease to push, the tireless grow weary, the energetic become enervated. You know just what we mean. Some men and women endeavor temporarily to overcome that

Tired

Feeling by great force of will. But this is unsafe, as it pulls powerfully upon the nervous system, which will not long stand such strain. Too many people "work on their nerves," and the result is seen in unfortunate wrecks marked "nervous prostration," in every direction. That tired

Feel-

ing is a positive proof of thin, weak, impure blood; for, if the blood is rich, red, vitalized and vigorous, it imparts life and energy to every nerve, organ and tissue of the body. The necessity of taking Hood's Sarsaparilla for that tired feeling is, therefore, apparent to every one, and the good it will do you is equally beyond question. Remember that

Hood's Sarsaparilla

DECORATION DAY.

MEMORIES RECALLED BY THIS GREAT ANNIVERSARY.

No Political Differences Can Ever Erase from the American the Love of Country—All Worship at Altar of Patriotism.

THE RETURN OF this national anniversary has a testimony to offer you. Every Decoration Day witnesses a smaller number of northern and southern veterans. The maximum is passed; the minimum increases daily and annually. The flowers upon graves and chaplets woven around faded banners bear testimony that the Republic cannot forget her old soldiers, can never allow them to be visited with social contempt. Mr. Lincoln, the greatest figure of the past, declared that the world "can never forget what they did." Decoration and Deed go together. Some things may cause controversy, but when men have fought and bled and suffered, no wordy war can supplant their claims on our respect.

Let two veterans meet who fought on opposite sides, and their stories are mingled with the tears. No warmer comradeship, no more fraternal intercourse could be desired. There is no more honorable feeling than that of one brave man for another equally brave. Today the feeling will predominate, and among the reminiscences of strife will be the actual over-brooding presence of peace, good will and loving unity.

Decoration Day is the gift of the womanhood of our land thirty or less years ago. They gave it not with triumphant peans of victorious rejoicing, but amid heartache and grief and tears were those first graves decorated, the name bestowed and the date perpetuated. If there is a more sacred gift than that born of a suffering woman's holy love, one does not know it. And we are convinced that the soldier's mother who prayed for him in the closed room of intercession, and his sweetheart and his wife who loved him as none other did or could, will demand that Decoration Day shall ever represent their hearts, and its flowers their hopes beyond the veil, and its tears and joy, like rain and sunshine in spring's mingling of both, be indicative of the mingled feelings with which they re-consecrated the places where lay the dead of blue and of gray.

The senators and legislatures of federal and state governments have decreed many public occasions. Here is one ordained by those whose common suffering and charity and patience have ever redeemed the credit of a people, whose silence enhances their glory—the women of the war, who gave us Decoration Day.

The lessons of patriotic value taught by this day can be discerned by all. Amid chaos the country struggled into more permanent being. Disasters enriched her. In strife more than in lassitude she developed her latent forces, and the red rain of blood brought forth a harvest of devotion immortal in our annals.

The spirit of those days was rude, but she evoked great men to control them, and as one surveys the list of heroes, the question forestalls itself: "When shall we look upon their like again?" Peace has dangers no less great than those of strife, and sometimes the more to be dreaded because the less to be discerned. The rights and privileges purchased for us during the past century and a half are ours to keep, increase and bequeath to those who come after us. Now, shall we not act so as to earn, if not the soldier's glorious wreath, at least a modest flower of remembrance for the maintenance of right?

For if Washington and Lincoln could ride at the head of every festive procession in this nation on May 30, they would cry aloud: "Maintain! Maintain! Let your birthright, purchased in blood, be kept in undefiled security!" Decoration Day bears one last word of testimony to our peaceful unity and solidarity as a nation. "Irrepressible" conflicts are repressed, schisms are healed, localities and sectionalism lost sight of in the truer, saner view this day affords. East and West, North and South are as indivisible in that common sentiment of American patriotism which no party discussions can disturb as are Rhode Island and Connecticut. Express trains have abolished physical barriers; mutual dependence in commerce facilitates an already natural intercourse. Between ocean and ocean lives a mighty race, whose guiding forces and aspirations are a unit. One law, one element, one blood, and, henceforth, one language.

And as the watchers of God look down on hill and hamlet, on mighty seas, and over great shoulders of mountains, right down on the spots thirty years ago crimsoned with strife and now fragrant with spring's gifts, their thankfulness will be that in this great land there is peace, sweet peace.—New York Ledger.

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TWO HOLIDAYS.

Two Little Relations Maintained Between May 30 and July 4.

There is far too little relation maintained between Independence Day and Memorial Day. One is the natural sequence of the other, and the celebration of both should be observed with due solemnity as well as with comely and becoming rejoicing. A sacred service to begin the day, a service of thanksgiving, of grand and appropriate music, then with the congregation pouring out into the highways and byways of the earth, the spirit of peace and good-will might be merged into a feeling of joyousness and a giving way to all forms of hilarious sport and innocent amusement. We have in one of these days honored our forefathers through whose wise and determined efforts the country was established, and in the other we have remembered those who rescued us from danger and saved us for a great and glorious future. These days are the red-letter days in the American calendar—impressive because they are reminders of great struggles, because they made our present condition of existence possible; happy because we know by them, and what they typify, that the spirit of patriotism, self-sacrifice and the great and all-comprehensive spirit of divinity that was originally planted in the hearts of men has never been dimmed nor extinguished. It has only slumbered and smoldered; the living fire is there, and needs but the breath of treason or the slightest blow from an assaulting hand to bring it full-grown to its feet, a stalwart young giant able to cope with any adversary that threatens the life and the union of the states.

ARRLINGTON. Above the tide that seeks the sea, Through groves of song and haunts of bee.

ARRLINGTON. A mighty camp in silence lies At even 'neath the starlit skies; No sentries guard with stately tramp At dawn or dusk that sacred camp, Where peacefully, 'neath shade and sun, Repose the brave of Arlington.

Beneath the pine's uplifted crest Sweet blossoms fall on many a breast, No roll of drum or file so shrill Can wake the sleepers on the hill; Above the carpet Nature spreads, O'er all the violets lift their heads, And once a day the sunset gun The soft leaves stir at Arlington.

No thrilling dreams of war invade The camp deep in the cedar's shade No charge across the crimson plain Could rouse the dead to life again. Beyond the river, flowing down Past ruined fort and ancient town, The Nation's dome shines in the sun Which lights, at noonday, Arlington.

O sacred bivouac 'neath the rose! Thy tenants rest secure from foes; The fight that stir'd their blood of yore Is a vision past forevermore; And once a year the fragrant bloom Of May falls softly on each tomb. The land is peace, the victory won, O love-invested Arlington!

—T. C. Harbaugh

MEMORIAL DAY. Slowly beats the drum, and softly Sounds the bugle o'er the way; Old "Unreconstructed rebels" March in martial line today. But in peace, and not for battle Meet again the "boys in gray."

Now the strains of dear old "Dixie" Through the distance proudly break. But the hearts beneath our garlands Cannot at its call awake; Once it cheered their drooping spirits, Raised their banners trailing low, Urged them on to fight, and win Our own fair Southland from the foe. Braver hearts ne'er beat than these That 'neath Mount Olivet's shadows lie. Nobler men ne'er fought—God bless them!

Deeds like theirs can never die, And we proudly do them honor, And our wreaths of laurel lay O'er the sacred dust of heroes— Martyred hosts who wore the gray.

See the gray "old guard" advancing With their measured, stately tread, Toward the grass-grown graves of comrades, Round the bivouac of the dead. But the ranks are growing thinner

One by one the heads of gray Bow before the last command To pitch their tents across the way, To go and join the silent forces Bivouacked on the plains of peace, To meet again the long lost comrades Death has granted full release.

Ah! that roll of names resplendent— Cheatham, Jackson, Forrest, Lee, Loved commanders gone before To join the great majority, Unforgotten voices call— And unseen hands across the way Beckon, and the march follows Down through death, to victory.

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DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—An effort on the part of Butler to secure consideration of his bill prohibiting the further issue of interest-bearing bonds, caused a large amount of filibustering, led by Hill, and the day was spent in futile efforts to do business.

HOUSE. Kirkpatrick, of Kansas, called up the bill to pension Francis Hoover, which had been passed by the president, and it was passed over the veto, 198 to 41. Hill to authorize the president to appoint a non-partisan commission to collect information and to consider and recommend legislation to meet the problems presented by labor, agriculture and capital, was considered at length.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, May 22.—Butler's motion to take up his anti-bond resolution was adopted, 34 to 20. A bill was passed to "quit time" the land of persons who acquired land in good faith without notice. Hill spoke in opposition to the Butler bill. George asked why the senators did not formulate a proper means for the relief of the treasury. Sherman said if Congress adjourned without giving the treasury relief it would be an outrage and a shame. He appealed to the senate to pass the house tariff bill. Hawley said the resolution proposed anarchy and infamy. Mills, Gray and Lodge spoke in opposition to the bill and Mills, Butler, Allen, Stewart and Clark for it.

HOUSE. After a heated antagonism by Hepburn of Iowa and Dockery of Missouri, the conference report on the river and harbor bill was agreed to. Conference report on sundry civil bill was defeated. The night session was devoted to the consideration of pension bills.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, May 23.—The day was consumed by the "filled cheese" bill and the second installment of the speech by Allen on the Butler bill to prohibit the issue of bonds without the authority of Congress. Forty private pension bills were passed in as many minutes.

HOUSE. The time of the house was wholly devoted to conference reports. Report on the river and harbor bill was agreed to. Report on executive, legislative and judicial bill was adopted. The sundry civil and Indian appropriation bills were sent back to conference. Howard, pop., of Alabama, presented a resolution for the impeachment of President Cleveland for the alleged illegal use of the proceeds from the land sale and corruption in politics and refusal to enforce the anti-trust law. The house refused to consider it.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, May 25.—The general deficiency bill, carrying \$10,500,000, passed today.

HOUSE. The day was spent in consideration of the bill to repeal the free alcohol clause of the tariff bill.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, May 25.—The senate today defeated a motion to table the amendment to the filled cheese bill, adding 75 cents to the tax on beer, by a vote of 25 to 10. The final conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial bill was agreed to.

HOUSE. The house by a vote of 105 to 69 passed the bill for the repeal of section 61 of the present tariff law providing for a rebate on alcohol used in the arts or medical compounds. An amendment was attached to the bill providing for a joint commission to consist of three members of each house to examine and report on all questions relating to free alcohol at the next session.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, May 27.—The senate rejected the amendment to the filled cheese bill for an additional tax of 75 cents a barrel on beer.

HOUSE. Senate amendment to deficiency bill relative to French spoliation claims was agreed to.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT. DES MOINES, May 26.—During the year 1894, the commissioner of patents says, there has been exceptional activity in making improvements in baling cotton, straw packers and stackers, excavators, extracting aluminum, pneumatic drills, car fenders and couplers, games and toys. A copy-right has been granted to Will Porter, of Des Moines, for his "Annals of Polk County, Iowa, and the City of Des Moines." Patents have been allowed as follows but not yet issued: To Harvey N. Timms, of Des Moines, for a movable stand for bicycles, adapted to be readily attached to a bicycle in such a manner as to support it stationary, or while moving it about. Mr. Timms has a factory at Seymour, Ind., where he is turning out his improved bicycles and various attachments. To Wm. H. Foote, of Casey, Iowa, for a wheel cultivator in which teeth bearing bars are adjustably connected so that the teeth can be made to move in parallel lines close together or the space between them enlarged as required to suit different conditions of soil. To J. Hook, Jr., of Manilla, Iowa, for a two-horse eveler for vehicles that allows the doubletree to slide back and forth on the pole, prevents concussion and on a down grade keeps the traces taut. To Smisor Brothers, of Webster City, Iowa, for a type writer in which each letter or character printed is visible to the operator instantly after the impression is made and in which upper and lower case letters can be successfully used by striking the same key. Valuable information about obtaining, valuing and selling patents sent free to any address. Printed copies of the drawings and specifications of any United States patent sent upon receipt of 25 cents. Our practice is not confined to Iowa. Inventors in other states can have our services upon the same terms as the Hawkeyes.

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The worst cases of incompatibility of temper occur when both parties have the same kind of temper and plenty of it. "Grandma, when I am an angel will I have wings?" "I hope so, dear. Why do you ask?" "Cause I think I'd rather have a bicycle."

AN INVITATION.

It Gives Us Pleasure to Publish the following Announcement.

All women suffering from any form of illness peculiar to their sex are requested to communicate promptly with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read and answered by women only.

A woman can freely talk of her private illness to a woman; this has been established the eternal confidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the women of America. This confidence has induced more than 100,000 women to write Mrs. Pinkham for advice during the last few months.

Think what a volume of experience she has to draw from! No physician living ever treated so many cases of female ills, and from this vast experience surely it is more than possible she has gained the very knowledge that will help your case.

She is glad to have you write or call upon her. You will find her a woman full of sympathy, with a great desire to assist those who are sick. If her medicine is not what you need, she will frankly tell you so, and there are nine chances out of ten that she will tell you exactly what to do for relief. She asks nothing in return except your good will, and her advice has relieved thousands.

Surely, any ailing woman, rich or poor, is very foolish if she does not take advantage of this generous offer of assistance. Never in the history of medicine has the demand for one particular remedy for female diseases equalled that attained by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and never in the history of Mrs. Pinkham's wonderful Compound has the demand for it been so great as it is to-day.

ONE THING AND ANOTHER. Sometimes 'tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved and won.

A broken resolution can be mended with the glue of common sense, but it may not be worth while.

Modern social usage decrees that wedding presents may be sent at any time within two months before the day of the ceremony.

A gentleman should always be introduced to a lady, not a lady to the gentleman. If you are making only a brief call you can keep your gloves on and your hat in your hand without impropriety.

Good taste would indicate that a newly married couple on their wedding tour should dress as much like other people as possible and be careful to wear nothing which would serve as an advertisement of their new relation to each other.

A lady who was a great stickler for etiquette, and perhaps an atom eccentric, not being able to pay her usual visit to church one Sunday morning, sent her maid to leave her card in the seat.

Summer Notes. In the lake regions of Wisconsin, northern Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa and Dakota, there are hundreds of charming localities pre-eminently fitted for summer homes. Nearly all are lovable, and are easily reached by railway and range in variety from the "full dress for dinner" to the flannel-shirt costume for every meal. Among the list are names familiar to many of our readers as the resort of northern summer resorts. Nearly all of the Wisconsin points of interest are within a short distance from Chicago or Milwaukee, and none of them are so far away from the "busy marts of civilization" that they cannot be reached in a few hours of travel, by frequent trains, over the finest road in the northwest—the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway. A description of the principal resorts, with list of summer hotels and boarding houses, and rates for board, will be sent free on application to Geo. H. Headford, General Passenger Agent, Chicago.

Paris has 2,511,455 inhabitants by the census just taken, an increase of \$75,20 in five years.

A Summer Resort Book Free. Write to C. S. Crane, general passenger and ticket agent Wabash Railroad, St. Louis, Mo., for a summer resort book, telling all about the beautiful lake region reached by the Wabash Railroad.

"Trust men and they will trust you," said Emerson. "Trust men and they will build you," says the average business man.

Two bottles of Eiso's Cure for Consumption cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mrs. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., Mar. 25, 1893.

A mysterious ringing of electric bells in a house in Switzerland was traced to a spider whose web had connected two wires.

Hall's Catarrh Cure Is taken internally. Price, 75c.

Spurs are our wings, sorrows are our joys.—Richter.

PURE CALIFORNIA WINES. L. Appel, wholesaler, Los Angeles, Cal., 9 cases, ass'd, freight paid, \$7—\$8. Eastern shipments only, specialty.

Good players on the harp are said to be the scarest of all musical performers.

When a woman wants a wheel she can always find a doctor to recommend it.

USEFUL ITEMS. A few drops of tincture of benzoin in a bowl of water is an admirable tonic for the face. The benzoin whitens the skin and prevents it from wrinkling.

Soups and gravies must never at any time be left in the stewpans or saucepans; when finished cooking they must be poured into earthen pans or basins. It takes more than twice as much sugar to sweeten preserves and sauces if put in when they begin to cook than if done if the sugar is added after the cooking is done.

Do not put a coat or dress away with dust in the folds or plaits. Shake the garment well and brush with a soft whisk broom, for dust is never so easily removed as at first.

In case of a long illness the back is liable to become chafed; to prevent the skin breaking beat the white of an egg to a strong froth and add two teaspoonfuls of brandy; apply with a feather.

For canker sore mouth one tablespoonful of salt, one of alum, half a teaspoonful of borax and as much blue vitriol, two tablespoonfuls of honey and a pint of strong cider vinegar. Simmer over a slow fire in an earthen vessel, then put into bottles. Use this frequently with a swab.

To Keep the Hair in Curl.—Two ounces of borax, 1 dram of gum arabic, 1 quart hot but not boiling water. Stir together. As soon as all are dissolved add 3 tablespoonfuls of strong spirits of camphor. On retiring wet the hair with this liquid and roll in twists of paper. Do not disturb till morning, then untwist.

NOTES OF THE DAY. London's common council has applications from 1,892 cricket clubs for the use of the 227 grounds at its disposal. They are talking of putting on a new play of low life in London, where all the parts shall be taken by real criminals.

On June 21 the seventy-fifth anniversary of Pope Leo's first communion will be celebrated in all the churches of Rome. Experiments have shown that soft wood under pressure becomes considerably harder than hard wood under pressure. Coolgardie, after three years' drought, has had a five-inch fall of rain, which has filled all the reservoirs and provided the district with water enough for a year. A bore hole for rock salt at Stenberg, in Prussia, is 775 fathoms. The upper part of the hole is thirteen inches in diameter and the lower part one foot. This boring was completed in 2,249 days of eight hours' duration. The New England Conservatory of Music, Franklin Square, Boston, Mass., is undoubtedly the best equipped school of music in the world. Its pupils are always in demand as teachers on account of their superior musical knowledge and their practical readiness in applying it. In addition, the Conservatory offers the best instruction in Oratory and Modern Languages. The charge is extremely small when its advantages are compared with those offered by similar schools are considered. Prospective sent free upon application.

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Protecting Her Wardrobe. Mrs. Smith—I notice you always have either such tall servants or such short ones? Mrs. Jones (who is medium sized)—I don't want any whom there is any chance of my clothes fitting.

The Commissary Department of the human system is the stomach. In consequence of its activity, the body is supplied with the elements of bone, brain, nervous and muscular tissue. When indigestion impedes its functions, the best agent for imparting a healthy impetus to its operations is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, also a curative for malaria, bilious and kidney complaints, nervousness and constipation.

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CITY NEWS

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1896.

Buy a ticket to the doll show, June 3. Oh! Jimmie, dear, do take me to the Doll Show next week. Miss Phi Lankford is now collector for R. N. Hyde. I will be at the Doll Show four nights next week. A big concert at the Doll Show every evening next week. Skinner has been skinned off the police force. John Capart has gone to the lakes for the summer. Are you going to Shady Glenn, Thursday, June 11. All aboard. John Jones, accompanied by his brother returned this week from a several weeks sojourn in Canada and the east. Mrs. Wilburn returned from Albia this week, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Anna Jones. Both are looking hale and hearty. The people can show that they are loquacious by going to the polls and giving expression to their views. It is their privilege and their duty. See the Doll Show next Wednesday night at Capital City opera house, corner of East Sixth and Locust street, over "Rissers dry good store."

The parks are crowded each Sunday. They are the poor people's most popular resort. Fresh air and the beauties of nature are the greatest moral and religious forces in the world.

Lawn socials were given at the homes of H. H. Hooker and J. F. Blagburn Thursday evening. They were fairly well attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves, but the evening was too cool for ice cream and lemonade.

There will be a grand excursion from Des Moines to Shady Glenn, Thursday, June 11. Round trip 50 cents. Leave at 8 a. m. and return at 7:15 p. m. Let's all go and have a good time. The following popular hotel porters will be present: James Johnson and Walter Davis, Ottumwa; Alex Roberts, Davenport; Lewis Persons, Cedar Rapids; Charles Clay, Oskaloosa. All other visiting friends invited.

Professor George W. Carver of Ames, who has been assistant professor of botany at Ames, has secured a position in the south in that line. He will receive a salary of \$1,000 at the beginning. He is the only Afro-American graduate of the Iowa Agricultural college. He went there with little money, but an unshakable ambition and therefore worked his way through the college. After his graduation he was given the assistant professorship at \$200 per year and pay for extra work and lectures he delivered in various parts of the state. He dressed poorly and some times looked shabbily, but he has been frugal of his means. If his clothes were not in the height of fashion, his intellect is bright and his lectures have delighted some of the best scholars in the state.

We have often said to the young men "Be ready when the opportunity arrives." A young man recently secured a position in a large dry goods house in this city at a salary of \$40 per month to begin with. The place requires the reading of addresses, etc. The employment was steady and there was a chance for promotion. The young man could not read understandingly and consequently another has his place. There is no excuse for his being unable to read and write. There is no excuse for a man 20 or 45 years old who cannot attend to the common affairs of life in a systematic and business like manner. There is a growing need of more ambition and more hard work.

The Methodist Episcopal conference in session at Cleveland, O., recently, two bishops were selected after a long and stubborn contest. Bowen, the colored man, received quite a number of votes, but it was never intended that he should be chosen. The fund which the church has in charge for the purpose of educating young and poor men who desire to become ministers has been a source of much trouble. Many thousand dollars has been borrowed from this fund that has never been paid back. A resolution was adopted requiring the borrower to waive the statute of limitation. This is quite a compliment to a minister! If they will not pay their debts in such a case what must their general reputation at large be?

Omaha Enterprise: "We have had the past year quite an exodus of colored families and have now lost two others in those of J. E. Carpenter and George Johnson, who have decided to cast their lots with the citizens of Iowa. What our loss is a considerable gain to the Howkeye state, as they were among the best families of the city. Mr. Carpenter has been in business here for the past ten years, and has won the confidence of the community. Mr. Johnson is a plaster by trade, has been president and treasurer of the Plasterers' union for a number of years. Mesdames Carpenter and Johnson were active in church and social work. They will be greatly missed.

MEETING AT COURT HOUSE There will be a public meeting held at the Court House Tuesday evening. All citizens interested in politics are invited to be present. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. John Allen and others.

The finance committee of the Afro-American Protective Association are requested to meet at the Manhattan Club Monday evening at 8 o'clock. T. E. BARTON, Chairman

Written in Memoriam.

Of Miss Irene Bann. She is not dead; she sleepeth! In life, there are no dead! So do not weep, dear friends, Rejoice with her instead. Her's is a life eternal, She is at peace with God Why grieve for her, dear friends? She's at rest beneath the sod.

It was with dearest sorrow, We laid her away to rest— And mourned our loss with bitter tears, But God, he thought it best. And though we sorrow and weep, Our loss we'll never regain, For that sweet life has vanished, And we sigh for her in vain.

Ir lacy, I can see her, I can hear her sweet voicing Amid the choir of angels, Her silvery tones now ring, The loved form of our darling Now greets the Savior dear.

Ah! no, sleep on, dear friend, The earth sees thee no more; God grant the day will come When we meet on heaven's shore. 'Tis true we meet, sad death; We all must die some day— We all must cross death's portal, And, like flowers, fade away.

Farewell, farewell, dear friend, Thy dear form is at rest, Thy soul now waits on Jesus, Thy resting place—His breast, Farewell! thy life's not ended, 'Tis only just begun, The crown of life thou wearest, Is the dearest victory won.

CLARA SMITH, Des Moines, Iowa, May 13, 1896.

ALBIA NOTES.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. Miss Maggie Marshall of Knoxville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Marshall.

Mr. W. G. Davis is in our city again for a short time.

Y. M. C. gave a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Jones in honor of their guest, Mrs. Wilburn. The evening was spent in music, games and refreshments.

Mrs. O. Marshall entertained the following guests at dinner Tuesday: Mesdames Wilburn, Jones, Davis, Butler, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Jones and family.

Mr. Hewitt were Hiteman visitors over Sunday.

Mrs. E. Butler entertained at dinner Mesdames Jones, Wilburn, Davis, M. F. Ward entertained at supper Sunday evening Mesdames Jones, Wilburn, Davis, Miss Della and May Davis Messrs. Jones, Davis, Rhinehart.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. B. Thomas is quite ill with fever. Albia high school closed May 22. Commencement exercises were held at the M. E. church. It was largely attended.

Albia has five colored pupils in the high school: Miss May Davis, senior; Miss Anna Hollenworth, Henereta Jones, Mr. Bart Jones, tenth grade; Willie and Mamie Hollenworth, ninth grade.

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. Miss Pearl Dobson is on the sick list.

Miss Wells of Centerville is visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. J. Johnson and mother, Mrs. Harris has returned after a pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Hedrick. At the Second Baptist church Tuesday, June 2, will occur a grand entertainment by the "Sunday School Angle."

Mr. D. Horn way a Sunday visitor in our city.

Miss Olive Smith was crowned May queen at the A. M. E. church Tuesday evening.

Mr. Field has returned from Des Moines.

The A. M. E. church will have their Sunday school in the morning beginning with the last Sunday in May.

The I. B. W. R. C. met at the pleasant home of Mrs. I. Johnson. Quite an interesting meeting was held. The papers by Mrs. I. Johnson and Mrs. Z. B. Taylor were highly appreciated and much enthusiasm was aroused among the members. Refreshments were served and the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Josie Meadows June 5.

KEOKUK BUDGET.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. Sunday the U. B. E. turned out, also the "Mystery Ten" at the A. M. E. church to have the sermon preached, Rev. Stewart officiating. Quite a number were present and the services were much enjoyed.

The evangelist at the Fourteenth street Baptist church delivered a good sermon Sunday evening. Revival meetings were in progress.

Mr. Miller helped out in the Canton, Mo., entertainment. He was quite a ticket while in the city.

Mrs. Banister is dangerously ill. Mrs. Malone has come home after an stay of two weeks in Galesburg. She says there is no place like home. Mrs. Deckley entertained her sister and brother last week. Miss Fidler has returned home in Mt. Pleasant after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Beckley. Miss Jessie Johnson, Miss Mitchell, Miss Lena Goinnes, Mrs. W. Green Mrs. Roberts, and Mrs. Fannie Johnson visited Peoria, Ill., on last Sunday. All report a good time. The baby show went off fine. Each child received a box of candy. We can assure our Clarinda correspondent that Rev. Timothy Reeves will be excellent man to address them August 4. He is giving "more lights" in the pulpit each Sunday and by his example every day. "More light" were the last words uttered by the poet, Goethe. Correspond with Mr. Reeves at once.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

DES MOINES, IOWA, May 29, 1896.—To the Officers and Members of the Afro-American Protective Association: The next annual meeting will be held at Des Moines, Iowa, July 3d and 4th. All officers are requested to attend and all members cordially invited. Delegates to be elected as follows: Keokuk.....10 Ft. Madison.....5 Burlington.....5 Ottumwa.....10 Centerville.....10 Cedar Rapids.....10 Muchaknock.....10 Pekay.....5 Colon.....5 Marshalltown.....5 Albia.....5 Hoogtown.....5 Chariton.....5 Knoxville.....5 Indianapolis.....5 Keosauqua.....5 Ft. Dodge.....10 Boone.....10 Newton.....5 Sioux City.....5 Clive.....5 Des Moines.....10 Oskaloosa.....10 Lehigh.....5

AN extraordinary 25c Sale will take place here Friday and Saturday. We will have bargain containing values beyond comparison and entirely beyond the ordinary possibilities. Values which will positively stand unparalleled in the history of Des Moines bargain giving. Don't hesitate; it is time for action when economy like this is knocking at your door. A few of the bargains you will find on the 25c counter.

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R. N. HYDE, Pres't ZELLA DAVIS, Sec. A. G. CLARK, Chairman Executive Committee.

Class No. 3 of the A. M. E. church will give an entertainment at the church Tuesday evening, June 2. A short program will be rendered. Ice cream and strawberries will be served.

NOTICE.—The Grand Court Heroines of Jericho will convene Tuesday, June 9th, 1896, in Muchaknock, Iowa.

S. V. HOLLY, G. M. A. M. C. A. CLEGGETT, G. Sec'y

The Ladies' Afternoon Social Club met on May 28. Good attendance and a jolly good time was had. Mrs. Shepard is a good hostess. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. Wm Mash, 1606 Des Moines street.

Mr. Blagburn received a telegram this morning that their daughter Julia, of Phillipsburg, Kan., is very sick, and to come at once. Mrs. Blagburn left on the first train. It will be hoped by the many friends of the family that it will not be as serious as stated by the telegram.

St. Paul A. M. E. church, corner Second and Center. Rev. T. Reeves, pastor. Sunday school at 3 p. m., T. E. Barton, supt. Young people's meeting at 7 p. m., Bro. Epperson leader. Preaching at 11:30 a. m.; subject, "Life's Difficult Way; God Is Its Only True and Sufficient Pilot." At 8 p. m., subject, "In Christ Alone Can the Soul Find an Infinitely Stormless and a Peaceful Realm." Good music. All invited.

The young Afro-Americans are well organized and will run a thoroughly respectable campaign.

Is There a Decline in Republicanism? Chicago Inter-Ocean: There are old fashioned republicans who cannot but feel disquieted without within themselves as they contemplate divers and sundry events of recent dates. The "Mississippi plan," adopted also by South Carolina, for practical disfranchisement of colored citizens has been pronounced constitutional by the supreme court of the United States. The Mississippi plan of juggling the jury lists so as to exclude Negroes from the panel has been approved by the court of last resort. The Louisiana Jim Crow law has been pronounced constitutional. An Illinois court has decreed that the civil rights bill cannot be construed to give equal rights to colored patrons of barber shops. It seems all but certain that a majority of whites who call themselves republicans in Louisiana are about to unite with the populists and democrats in a demand for a constitutional convention that shall extend the Mississippi plan of disfranchisement to their own state. Moreover, the senate of the United States has resolved that it has no power, or that, having power, it will not exercise it, to inquire into the outrageous election frauds of Alabama.

Things being thus, there are old-fashioned republicans who are inquiring anxiously if anything practical be left of the civil rights bills which marks the climax of republican legislation. For our own part, we expect a reawakening of the national conscience. The disastrous results of democratic administration have forced material issues to the front; a return to protective policy has become a necessity, and in anxiety to make converts to protection it may be that the pure ethics of republican have been neglected. But a revival is at hand. For republican means "government of the people, for the people, and by the people," and certainly Negroes are part of the people.

Wabash to the Republican National Convention—St. Louis June 13, 1896

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 Wabash ticket agent or address yourself, 220 Fourth street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Notice of Incorporation. Notice is hereby given that the McClain Arms Company has been organized as a corporation under and by virtue of the laws of Iowa, for pecuniary purposes.

The name of corporation is the "McClain Arms Company" and its principal place for transacting business is at Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa.

Section 2. The general nature of the business to be transacted by this company is the manufacture and sale of fire arms including weapons of warfare of all kinds and appliances and supplies and the purchase, sale or lease of property of every name and nature that may be necessary or convenient in the conduct of the business.

Section 3. The capital stock shall be \$300,000, Preferred, and \$100,000. Common stock, which shall be divided into 200 shares of \$10 each, and when issued shall be fully paid and non-assessable.

The preferred stock shall be entitled to a first lien upon the assets of this corporation in any distribution thereof, and also to a preference in dividends, provided, however, that when the net profits are sufficient to pay 8 per cent interest on the stock issued, the net profits shall be divided into 200 shares of \$10 each, and when issued shall be fully paid and non-assessable.

Section 4. This corporation may commence business on the 30th day of February, 1896, and continue for twenty years unless sooner dissolved by the vote of three-fourths of the stock holders, and it shall have the power of renewal as provided by statute.

Section 5. The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a board of directors of not less than three nor more than seven stock holders, who shall be elected by the stock holders at the annual meeting of the corporation, which is to be held at the office of the corporation in Des Moines, Iowa, on the first Thursday after the first Monday of June, each year, at 3 p. m., and they shall hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified. Each share of stock issued shall be entitled to a vote.

Section 6. The president, secretary and treasurer, who shall perform the duties required of them by the board of directors, until the annual meeting of the corporation the following named persons are appointed: President, Thos. H. Gault; Vice President, W. G. Montebello; Secretary, W. D. Condit; Treasurer, S. N. McClain.

Section 7. The highest amount of indebtedness to which this corporation shall at any time be liable shall not exceed two-thirds of its capital stock issued.

Section 8. The private property of the stock holders shall be exempt from the debts of this corporation.

Section 9. The articles of incorporation may be amended at any annual meeting of the corporation or at any special meeting called for that purpose by a vote of three-fourths of the capital stock issued.

Section 10. The board of directors shall have the power to adopt by laws and make all needful rules and regulations for the management of the affairs of the corporation.

Signed this 29th day of February, 1896. S. N. McCLAIN, S. N. McCLAIN, W. D. CONDIT, THOS. H. GAULT.

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