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## IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

## CITY NEWS

We have made arrangements whereby we can give our readers THE CHICAGO WEEKLY INTER OCEAN and IOWA STATE BYSTANDER for one year at only \$1.50. Now is your time to get one of the best Weekly Newspapers in the United States. This special club rates only lasts a short time, so send in your orders at once.

The changeable March weather has come—the forerunner of Spring.  
Little Estella Stanton is quite sick at her home 1209 Pleasant street.  
Mrs. Sadie Breeden has been ill the past week, but is convalescent at present.  
Mrs. N. D. Valentine left this week to join her husband at Phoenix, Arizona.  
Mr. and Mrs. Birney entertained at dinner, Sunday Mrs. C. H. Conley of Webster City, Ia.

The Iliad Furniture House, 8th and Walnut give the biggest bargains in Furniture this week. Call and see them.  
Call or telephone to the Champaign and Son Laundry and try our work. Phone 171. No. 816 and 818 W. Grand ave. 1f

Mr. and Mrs. P. Hullin, of Chicago, Ill. arrived in our city Tuesday to visit friends and relatives. Mrs. Hullin is a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Blagburn.

Did you see the special sale in the Iliad Furniture rooms, W. 9th and Walnut sts. The sale of Furniture and Curtains this week are cheaper than ever.

Mr. Levi Riley who is working in the Capital City Commercial College has been drawn as a Petit Juror for the April term. He is the only colored man that was drawn. Mr. Riley is well known; he lives in the fourth ward, second precinct.

Mrs. J. Manley of Denver, Col., stopped over in our city last Wednesday, she was enroute for Farmington, Ia., to visit her old home. She at one time lived here and will visit here on her return from Farmington to her home.

Rev. W. E. Wilson presiding elder of the M. E. church conducted quarterly meeting last Sunday, a large crowd was present. He left for his home in Onaha, this week.  
Mr. Chas. B. Woods one of our substantial citizens has resigned his position at the Savery House where he has been a faithful worker for nearly four years, to accept his new position as one of the janitors of the new building. His appointment meets general approval by the colored people as it is a compliment to the good work he has done for the G. O. P. Mr. Woods is the only colored janitor in the postoffice and we wish him success.

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Dora A. Snipes, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams, Wednesday morning, March 10th, after a lingering sickness of several months. The deceased was born in Holt county, Mo., April 25th, '65, being thirty-one years and ten months and ten days. She moved with her parents to our city when she was eight months old, educated and married here, but her home now was in Omaha, Neb. She leaves two children, Maudie, aged 16, and Fannie, aged 14, her husband, father and mother and sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Lillard. Funeral will be held at the A. M. E. church, Sunday at 2 o'clock. Her last words was a beautiful prayer to heaven.

The King's Daughters met at the home of Miss Ella Jones last Tuesday evening. On account of the President being absent no business was transacted. We adjourned to meet Miss Ella Jones' next week. All members are requested to be present. Miss Della McKnight, President; Miss Josephine Rivers, Sec'y.

The Helping Hand will give a supper at the A. M. E. church, Thursday evening March 18 from six to eight. The supper will consist of Bread and butter, Baked Pork and fried potatoes. Ham and eggs, Peas, Slaw, Ice cream, Cake, Coffee and Tea for 15 cents. Mrs. Smith Pres. Mrs. J. T. Blagburn Sec. We solicit your patronage as this is for the benefit of the pastor.

Mrs. E. Davis and daughter (Miss Hannah) invited a few of their friends to dine with them last Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Weeks, Chas. Harris of Ottumwa, E. W. Thompson, of Decatur, Roland Weeks and J. L. Thompson. A very pleasant time was had.

Several of the Carbondale people was in town Saturday to attend the trial in Justice Silvaria's court. It was the State of Iowa vs Joe Elmore and Ed. Clay. Mrs. Henrietta Watson accusing the defendants of assault and battery. Attorneys Williamson & Foster represented the State and J. L. Thompson the defense. After the case was heard the court dismissed it with cost on plaintiff.

The H. B. S. R. C. met with Mrs. J. T. Blagburn. An interesting program was rendered: The following officers were elected, Mrs. Warrick, President; Mrs. Hamilton, Vice-President; Secretary, Mrs. M. H. Lewis; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Basfield, Treas.; Mrs. Holt; editors of the Oracle, Mesdames Wilburn and Palmer. History Day will be observed at Mrs. H. S. Clay's next Tuesday; Leader, Mrs. Palmer. Paper, Grecian. Art and literature, Mrs. Ada Lewis; Greek Mythology Mrs. Holt; A Day in Athens, Mrs. Wilburn; Grecian Wars, Mrs. Basfield; Queries, Mes. H. H. Lewis; oracle, Mrs. Hamilton.

There will be a brief account of a certain employer's action to one of our respectable citizen in our next issue.

The A. M. E. Sunday School will elect a delegate next Sunday to attend the annual State Sunday School convention to be held in Cedar Rapids in May. Let all the students be present and select some good delegate as we have one of the largest Sunday School in Iowa.

Mr. Wm. Coalson, the only colored man who attended the Inauguration at Washington, D. C., last week from our city arrived home with the Governor's party Monday morning, feeling much pleased with his trip, having seen some of America's natural scenery in the Cumberland Mountains; also going through some long tunnels, and also the famous Rock City oil wells, which was awe-inspiring. He left here Monday night at 9:30, arriving in Chicago Tuesday morning at 8:20, taking the Chesapeake and Ohio Ry. in a special car, going through Indianapolis, Lexington and Cincinnati, by night, however. At the latter place he saw where the water had been in the depot from the recent heavy floods going through Virginia in day time and seeing the beautiful scenery, the bubbling from the mountain streams and sparkling rocks, and also the old-time log cabins on the plantations where once the slave lived and toiled—the old chimney and white-washed cabins was very interesting to him. Mr. C. formed the acquaintance of two intelligent young men, Mr. Skinner, who had charge of the car, and Elwood Knox, business manager of the Freeman. He also attended a well colored ball through the kindness of Edward E. Cooper of American Citizen. He was permitted to enter and sit in the gallery and watch seven-hundred of high Washingtonians waltz. He says some of the colored people are doing extra well, yet the colored prejudice is stronger there than here, especially as to public accommodations.

Mr. Leon H. Jordan, of Kansas City, Mo., is a candidate for Indian Agency. Mr. Jordan is a good business man and if selected will make a good agent. He is business manager of The New Missouri, and quite well known in his own State.



HON. JOHN L. WALLER

OF KANSAS FOR THE RECORDERSHIP OF DEEDS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

A short time after the election of Major William McKinley to the Presidency, the BYSTANDER announced the name of Hon. John L. Waller, of Kansas, for the position of Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia. We did this despite the fact that we knew that there were a large number of candidates among our race for this position. We announced Mr. Waller because he is a man who deserves well at the hands of the republican party; he is competent, worthy and able. No colored man in the West has done more for republican success than Mr. Waller. He is not a later day republican, but republicanism with him is the principle of a life time. Born as he was only nine years prior to the declaration of secession which had for its purpose the destruction of the Union, and the perpetuation of Slavery, he was consecrated by the Thirty Second Iowa Infantry, which was commanded by Col. John Scott, of Story county, in December, 1862, and brought to Iowa where he watched the great struggle for Freedom and National Union, as only a lad fresh from Slavery could watch such a contest. Mr. Waller has never supported other than the republican party during his life, casting his first vote in Iowa for General Grant, for the Presidency in 1872, since which time he has been found constantly in the republican ranks. Mr. Waller is a man of sound and pronounced views on all questions affecting the National welfare, and the good of the race. He is broad and unbiased, and tolerant in his views toward those who differ with him. Mr. Waller was admitted to the bar in Linn county, Iowa, in October, 1877, and went to Kansas in 1878, where he has since resided. In 1882 he published The Western Recorder, in that State, and every line written in that journal which may be found on file at the office of the State Historical Society in Topeka, will be found to have been written in the interest of the republican party and the race which Mr. Waller is a conspicuous member. He established The American Citizen, at Topeka, Kansas, in 1888, and pending the nomination of General Harrison at Chicago, in the year named, Mr. Waller made a vigorous fight through the columns of his paper for the nomination of Hon. John Sherman, of Ohio, now Secretary of State, for the Presidency. In 1884 Mr. Waller advocated the nomination of General Logan for the presidency, and Prof. John M. Langston for the Vice-Presidency. The columns of the old Western Recorder shows this.

## THE NEW CABINET.

In another part of the BYSTANDER you will see the portraits of President McKinley's official advisers. They are all strong men of years of business and public experience. They are men that have made a success in this life, an honorable record, and which christian gentlemen. Hon. John Sherman, who is well known in public and political life for more than forty years; a leader in the United States Senate for twenty years; is too well known for our comment. The next and second important place in the cabinet is the Treasury portfolio. Mr. Lyman Judson Gage, who is called by the Chicagoans "the ideal citizen." He was unknown to the public and political world, but well known in the commercial and business world. He was born in the Empire state and raised on a farm. When a young man in 1846, taking Greeley's advice, he came west to Chicago, and worked as a restaurant boy. He soon entered the bank, his choice occupation, and has labored so long, until now he is the most successful bankers in the west, president of the largest bank in the west, also president of the Bankers Association, and was president of the World's fair in Chicago. He could have been Mayor of Chicago had he said yes. His bank's foreign business amounts to about \$50,000,000 per year, as all of their biographies is given on another page of this issue.

## WESTERN VIEWS ON THE MONEY QUESTION.

Like a great majority of the republicans of the West, Mr. Waller is a firm believer and advocate of bi-metalism, believing it to be the best interest to the whole country for the adoption of this financial system. When the National Republican convention nominated the present great National Executive and declared for a gold standard in the National Platform. Mr. Waller although, realizing the fact that such a declaration would doubtless sweep from the republican list a number of the Western states, was the first man of prominence of his race in the West to publicly declare himself in favor of the work, and action of the republican national convention at St. Louis, on the money question. Arriving in Kansas City, fresh from the republican national convention, which had just nominated Major McKinley, he said in an interview with the Kansas City Times: "I regret that our party at St. Louis adopted the single standard, but the wisdom of the republican party is greater than that of any man, hence I bow its will. He said I was there when McKinley was nominated and saw the silver men walk out. He said that it was a great convention and an excellent body of men. I am a bi-metalist he said, but nevertheless I will abide by the action of a majority of the republican party." How well Mr. Waller kept his promise was evidenced by the great work which he did for McKinley and sound money during the campaign of 1896.

Entering the campaign at its very beginning, he spoke for the party nearly every night and day up to the very morning of the election. We here in Des Moines, remember that he was among the first to open the campaign in Iowa, and the speech made before the Irish Republican club of this city, in August 1896, will never be forgotten. Before that club Mr. Waller discussed the money and tariff questions in such a clear and concise manner, that all who heard him were completely carried away with his logic.

Going from Iowa to Illinois at the request of the Republican State Central Committee of the State last named where the Battle Royal was fought for McKinley and sound money. Mr. Waller ingratiated himself into the hearts of the people where ever he spoke.

His effective work in Illinois is told in the following letter from the Chairman of the Executive committee of the Republican State Central Committee of Illinois: REPUBLICAN STATE CENT. COMMITTEE, Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, Nov. 9th, '96.

HON. JOHN L. WALLER, Topeka, Kansas: My Dear Sir—The Republican State Central Committee of Illinois desire to acknowledge its deep obligation to you for your able speeches made in our State during the late campaign. We appreciate highly your services, and are profoundly grateful to you for the same. I am, sir, very respectfully,  
(Signed) CHAS. S. KANNELS, Chairman Ex. Com.

Before the end of the campaign Mr. Waller was called home by the Republican State Central Committee of Kansas, where he addressed large meetings at Junction City, Salina, Lawrence, Topeka, Horton, Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas City, Mo. As we stated in the beginning of this article, no colored man in the West is more deserving at the hands of the republican party than Mr. Waller. His work speaks for itself, and while not arrogating anything to himself, never having posed as a leader in any particular sense, Mr. Waller is a man who has clearly demonstrated to every unprejudiced mind that he is the peer of any of the leading colored men of the country of today. The colored people of the West realize and appreciate Mr. Waller's worth, and will be pleased to know that he has placed on file at Washington, an application for the position of Recorder of Deeds, which is backed by a large number of the leading white and colored republicans of the West, and even from several of the Southern States. We have no idea whatever that any candidate West of the Alleghenies will be able to present an application backed by a more voluminous array of republican endorsements than Mr. Waller.

Unless some unknown change is brought about we predict the appointment of Mr. Waller as the next Recorder of Deeds to succeed Hon. C. H. J. Taylor. We shall therefore watch the contest with no little interest, while at the same time urging the whole Iowa delegation in Congress to use every honorable means to secure Mr. Waller's appointment.

## NEWTON NOTES.

Mr. F. F. Williams was slightly indisposed this week.  
Paul Waldon spent Sunday in Grinnell with his best girl.  
Miss Lizzie Hale is on the sick list.  
Rev. Waldon will have charge of the work at Colfax, in connection with Newton.  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor left last Wednesday for Des Moines, where they will make their future home.  
Mrs. Wm. Moore accompanied by her daughter, Amber and grand-daughter, Lena Lucas, and Juanita Coates, are visiting Mrs. K. Weston, of New Sharon.  
Mrs. Burton, of Colon, arrived in the city Monday, to make an extended visit at the parental home. Mrs. Burton was formerly Mrs. Hale. This is her first visit home in several years.  
On Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ola Cunningham occurred the marriage of Mr. Herbert Martin of this city to Miss Cora Smith, of Des Moines. Only a few of their intimate friends were present. Mr. Martin has lived in Newton all his life, and is an industrious young man. The bride is a stranger in our midst. Success and happiness may be theirs is the wish of their friends.

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Grover Cleveland's administration is a thing of the past, and we now have three ex-presidents living.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher died this week; she lived a ripe old age. She was the wife of the great divine.

Mr. Cyrus Q. Adams, editor of the Chicago Appeal is a candidate for consularship to the Hatan Mission. Mr. Adams is an able man, well qualified, having traveled a great deal. He is an ardent republican worker and conducts one of the best edited colored newspapers in the West. We think that President McKinley could make no better selection from the Northwest than Mr. Adams, and a credit to the race.

The prize fight which will soon come off in Carson City, Nevada, between Corbett and Fitzsimmons is attracting general attention from all parts of the sporting world. Seats are selling very fast at a great premium, special trains from all parts of America will bring thousands of eager people to see the great pugilists use their physical and fistic skill on one another.

## BOONE ITEMS.

Mr. John Morgan has been appointed usher in the church.  
At a meeting of the church members Mr. Simon Terry was elected delegate to the Cedar Rapids convention.  
Thursday evening while Mr. Geo. Brown was in the postoffice, a team of runaway horses colided with his buggy and damaged it considerably.  
At the entertainment given for the benefit of the school music fund, Master Henry Coleman delivered a recitation which was well received.  
Rev. Johnson arrived in the city Wednesday, and has been holding meetings all week.  
Presiding-elder Jason Bundy arrived Thursday and held quarterly meeting. Rev. Johnson assisted by Rev. Vedder, gave sacrament Sunday afternoon.

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with the revival meetings, but owing to the disagreeable muddy weather it was postponed.

There was a pound party given at the home of the Madam Rosie Samples, North A street, Tuesday evening, in honor of the Rev. Bruce and wife.

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## ALBIA NOTES.

The A. M. E. Sunday School organized a teacher's meeting in their Sunday School, to meet every Friday evening.  
Rev. Harris is still continuing his revival meetings. He is very successful.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Tolson were presented last Thursday, 12:35 with a fine baby boy; mother and child are doing nicely.  
There will be a box supper given at the Daughter of Tabernacle hall Saturday evening. All are invited to attend.  
Mr. B. Bowman and Ollie Marshall are home from Colon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Butler entertained a number of young people at her home Sunday evening.  
Mrs. N. N. Pharris of marshalltown has come to Albia to stay for the remainder of the conference year.

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Miss Ella D. King, after a pleasant visit, visited Mrs. King last week.

Mrs. S. South number of her friends 1319 Ridge-st., Ft. Des Moines.

The subject of the pastor's sermons are: Baptists church, Morning discourse, Worship; evening Kingdom of God. Bethel A. M.

G. M. Tillman, P. S. subject, "Power of even'g—subject, "The Christ"—evening discourse "Majesty of God."

Mr. Price, of Chicago, was in our city a few days in our effort to tax the devil.

Mrs. M. Ellis, of Ottumwa, was the guest of Mrs. C. Fossy is not improving. Mrs. Rush are much better. Those on the sick list are: Mrs. Haney, and husband are much better. Fossy is not improving. Mrs. Rush are much better. Those on the sick list are: Mrs. Haney, and husband are much better. Fossy is not improving. Mrs. Rush are much better.

## KNOXVILLE BRIEFLETS.

Miss Eva Warren, of Omaha, is in the city, visiting Mrs. Geneva Jeffers. Another is home after a months visit. Miss Myrtle Cooper is on the sick list, having attended only one day this week. Mrs. John Jeffers had a fall one day last week, but is arm very bad.

## OTTUMWA ITEMS.

Mrs. Taylor from visiting Mrs. Dodd. Mr. George McElroy left for Des Moines. Lee Ford and William of Okaloosa was in the city. Those on the sick list are: the dames Carter, Spotts, Gibbons, Owens. Mrs. Henderson, who has been sick for some time is reporing worse at this writing. Martha Sublett, widow of late Peter Sublett, died at 7 o'clock, March 7th, aged about 70 years. Her mother Sublett, as she was familiarly called, was a well known friend to everybody, a great help in sickness, among both the colored and white people for the past thirty years. Her kind and jovial disposition made her many warm friends: She was a faithful member of the colored Baptist church, where her funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday. The interment beside her husband in the Ottumwa cemetery.

## MUCHAKINOCK NOTES.

Miss Lucy Harris and Mrs. Alice Jones returned from Belle Plaine, last week.  
G. O. Terrell and his two daughters, Lessie and Ethel, of Calfax, are visiting with us at this writing.  
Mrs. Willie Lewis has returned from an extended visit to Virginia. While there she visited in Richmond, Stanton, Charlottesville, manchester and several smaller towns. She reports a good time and would have prolonged her stay if it had not been for her husband's sickness.  
Miss Lizzie Tucker left for her home in Erst St. Louis, last Friday.  
We know a few of our race here that are willing to carry news, should enclose 2 cents in stamps and take the name of the person you wish to be notified. All who give full names and addresses will be notified. I will not be responsible for any loss of letters.

## OSKALOOSA BRIEFLETS.

Mr. Wm. Burge, of Evans, was in Okaloosa, Tuesday, trading in the interest of the miners.  
Mr. Walter Yates, of Colfax, is in the city visiting his old comrades.  
Mr. Earney Buckner and Lee Ford departed for Ottumwa, Thursday, to join a concert company.  
Mr. Louis London, of Muehly, was among the many arrivals Saturday.  
Little Eva Warn is in Knoxville taking a few days visit with her papa, J. C. Marshall.  
Dr. Hattie Lowther arrived from Des Moines Tuesday, after an absence of two weeks.  
Mrs. Robert Givens, of Knoxville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Barquet last week; she departed Friday, for home.  
The Rev. Wm. Williams, of the A. M. E. church, arrived in the city Monday, after a week's absence from the season? In-  
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SHATTERED.

THE PRECARIOUS CONDITION OF PROF. A. H. NYE.

A Prominent Iowa Educator's Painful Experience as Related by Him to a Newspaper Man.

From the Gazette, Cedar Falls, Iowa. The gripe, that dread disease that has such a run throughout this country...

THE NEWS IN IOWA

O'BRIEN COUNTY LAND CASES.

Decided in Favor of the Settlers and Against the Railway Company. WASHINGTON, March 9.—Judge Best, acting commissioner of the general land office, rendered a decision in the O'Brien county land cases...

TO RELEASE ROWE.

Friends of the Defaulting Treasurer Working on a Plan to That End. GRINNELL, March 10.—Notwithstanding the denials by the interested parties...

BRIDE ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Takes Concentrated Lye and Beats Herself Over the Head. CRESTON, March 10.—Mrs. George Kralik, a bride of a week, attempted suicide while at the home of friends in Creston...

A HORRIBLE DEATH.

Little Harris Larson, of Washington Prairie, Badly Mangled. DEKORAH, March 12.—A horrible accident, which resulted in the immediate death of Harris Larson, 9-year-old son of Andrew Larson, of Kongs-kowen, occurred at his home on Washington Prairie...

MET DEATH IN A SHAFT.

George Day Dashed Down 150 Feet in a Mine Near Des Moines. DES MOINES, March 11.—George Day, a young man aged 19 years, who lived with his parents a short distance north of Highland Park, fell to the bottom of the shaft in the Lake Park mine and was instantly killed...

SERIOUS FIRE AT HUMESTON.

A Dozen Business Houses Destroyed at a Loss of \$25,000. VAN WERT, March 9.—Fire broke out in the restaurant of Carleton Bros. at Humeston, and by reason of the high wind which was then raging, the following frame buildings were soon destroyed...

COURTNEY SENTENCED.

Given Eighteen Months in the Penitentiary—An Appeal Taken. MT. LEASANT, March 12.—Judge Roberts overruled a motion for a new trial in the Courtney case and sentenced the defendant to serve eighteen months in the penitentiary at Ft. Madison. An appeal bond of \$1,500 was at once filed and also a bill of exceptions to take the case to the supreme court.

SON AND FATHER BOTH IN JAIL.

Sioux City, March 8.—While attempting to secure his son's release from jail in Sioux City, ex-sheriff W. L. Handy of Wausau, Neb., succeeded in getting himself incarcerated. E. W. Handy, the son, was recently arrested on a charge of passing a bogus check. His father came to Sioux City to settle the difficulty. When his son's release was promised only on payment of the checks and court costs, Handy grew so abusive that he himself was locked up on a charge of compounding a felony.

AFTER A DEFAULTER.

President of the First National Bank of Griswold Wanted by U.S. Marshal. GRISWOLD, March 12.—Federal officials are looking for Theo. H. Brown, president of the First National bank of Griswold. He left Griswold on the 27th of February, and was heard of a few days ago in Mexico. The bank is in the hands of a receiver, Mr. Hendricks, from whom, it is reported, he has been secured. The bank is in very bad shape, and the case bids fair to be worse than the Cass County bank. It has been anticipated for some time that the deposits have run down from \$135,000 a year ago to about \$40,000, so the local business men will not be heavy losers, except as some of them are stockholders. Ex-Governor Larabee holds stock amounting to \$5,000.

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

City of Des Moines Says Ex-City Clerk Failed to Acknowledge \$5,800. DES MOINES, March 11.—The city solicitor has filed original notices with the sheriff for services in the first two of the civil suits he was ordered to bring in a resolution passed by the city council against the members of the old city hall gang to recover amounts alleged to be due from them to the city. The present administration claims that D. A. Kooker, ex-city clerk, failed to account for \$5,800, and that the amount was withheld from the inspection fund. Mr. Kooker's bondsmen are also included in the suit.

GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Verdict in the Case of George Lewis at Okaloosa, March 11.—The jury in the case against George Lewis returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter. Lewis is colored and was cooking in a restaurant in Muchakinoak at the time the crime was committed. He had a quarrel with Sam Porterfield and snatched up a shotgun, as he claimed, in self-defense. Porterfield started for him and Lewis shot. The load took effect in Porterfield's leg, severing a few arteries, and he died a few hours later.

SEQUEL TO WIFE SWAPPING.

The Men in the Case Arrested for Bigamy. OKALOOSA, March 10.—David Barnes and J. W. Stafford, the men who swapped wives, have been arrested on the charge of bigamy. It is not stated how the charge will hold, but it is believed certain irregularities in the divorce proceedings will be found. The fact that an understanding had been entered into before the divorces were brought, may admit the entering wedge.

CARRIED SKELETON KEYS.

Burglar Alarm for Once Does Good Service at Cooper. JEFFERSON, March 11.—Two burglars named Bennett and Payne touched off a burglar alarm in a store at Cooper, which awoke the proprietor at his home and he dropped upon them with a shotgun. Sheriff Thompson lodged them in jail and found two skeleton keys upon them.

IOWA CONDENSED.

The Turney Wagon works at Fairfield, were recently totally destroyed by fire which started from a steam heating stove. The plant was worth \$30,000 and was insured for \$20,000. A boiler exploded in Dunn & Johnson's flour mill at Drakeville a few days ago. Samuel Miller, a workman, was left with the boiler and let it fill with water. Miller was killed, and John Tice, the miller, cannot live. The mill was demolished. Andrew Carlson, aged 14, met almost instant death while operating a machine in the Huskamp shoe factory at Keokuk recently. The belt caught in some inexplicable manner, tearing the heavy machine, weighing 600 pounds, from its fastening, lifted it and threw it over on the boy, crushing his life out. This is the first serious accident that has happened in this house during the forty years it has been in business. Davenport dispatch: The city council in response to a petition of fifty citizens has decided to submit at the regular election, April 3, a motion to limit debate to 22 to 22. The building and loan section came in for a lengthy debate, and Junkin offered a substitute, but no action was reached.

HOT AFTER TRUSTS.

Joint Legislative Committee in New York Makes Its Report. ALBANY, N. Y., March 10.—The joint legislative committee on trusts has reported the result of its recent investigation in New York city. It notes the fact that the decision of Judge Swaine on the federal constitution forbids action of a single state to absolutely repress the trusts but that it can in some respects remedy the existing evils. A bill may be introduced to stop the factor system as used by the sugar trust. The minority report operating the sugar trust was presented. Government Loans. WASHINGTON, March 10.—The United States supreme court has decided against the government in the case against the steam yacht Conqueror. The vessel was built in 1903 by Frederick W. Vanderbilt; the superintendent of the yard was J. P. Morgan.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Des Moines, March 8.—The senate discussed the bill in regard to the rights of decedents and made one radical change in the present law. It provided that where a man makes a direct bequest to his wife it shall be considered in lieu of dower, or the one-third of all his property, to which she is entitled under the law, unless otherwise specified by the decedent. The law now is that where a man makes a particular bequest to his wife she is entitled to her third in addition unless otherwise named in the will.

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Des Moines, March 8.—The senate passed a special bill raising the fee for issuing notarial commissions from \$1.25 to \$3. It takes effect immediately. The bill met with no opposition. Resolution passed urging congress to pass a bill giving affidavits for pensions the same weight as they have in the state where they were taken. Bill relative to evidence was amended so that witnesses must testify even to the extent of incriminating themselves in gambling cases, but the evidence shall not be used against witness.

Morrison presented a resolution congratulating Speaker and Mrs. Byers upon the birth of a son, which the resolution names William McKinley Byers, and it was adopted. Senate bill in relation to garnishment was considered at length and passed.

Des Moines, March 9.—The senate will hereafter hold two sessions each week. House bill appropriating \$12,500 for institution for feeble minded at Glenwood passed. A bill passed authorizing the executive council to purchase or condemn a site on which to erect a memorial hall. Considerable time was put in on a discussion of whether witnesses should be compelled to testify whether the testimony incriminated themselves or not, but the house amendment to that effect was finally stricken out. The geological survey bill passed after a scrimmage. Bill relating to school for the deaf and bill relating to state board of health passed.

Des Moines, March 9.—The revenue bill came up under a special order. The basis of valuation, one-third of cash value, was accepted without opposition. An additional definition by Rank that each valuation for the purpose of this act should mean the market value in the regular course of business was adopted. An amendment by Chestre to limit the levies that taxes should not be greater in 1898 and 1899 than in 1896 and 1897 was laid over. An amendment by Eversal to strike out the section allowing exemptions for debt to the owners of moneys and credits caused a long debate, but the senate refused to adopt.

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The senate bill in relation to notaries was taken up and passed. It provides that the fee to be paid the secretary of state by persons desiring notarial commission shall be \$5. Consideration of the voluminous insurance was proceeded to, Chairman Early taking charge of the measure. The result of the day's work on the part of the house was the disposition of a large volume of business and the passing of a bill embodying in all its practical features the valued policy law, which contemplates that if insurance companies consent to insure property at twice or three its value and accept fat premiums upon such excessive risks, they must take the other end of the bargain and pay the face of the policies. Consideration of the bill was not concluded.

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A WONDERFUL SHRUB.

One of the latest botanical discoveries of interest to seekers for health is called Alkavis, from the Kava-Kava shrub of India. It is being imported by the Church Kidney Cure company of New York, and is a certain cure for several bodily disorders. The Kava-Kava shrub, or, as botanists call it, "Piper Methyaticum," grows on the banks of the Ganges river, and probably was used for centuries by the natives before its extraordinary properties became known to civilization through Christian missionaries. In this respect it resembles the discovery of quinine from the peruvian bark, made known by the Indians to the early missionaries in South America, and by them brought to civilized man. It is a wonderful discovery, with a record of 1,200 hospital cures in thirty days. It acts directly upon the blood and kidneys, and is a true specific, just as quinine is in malaria. We have the strongest testimony of many ministers of the gospel, well known doctors and business men cured by Alkavis. So far the Church company, No. 422 Fourth avenue, New York, are the only importers of this new remedy, and they are so anxious to prove its value that for the sake of introduction they will send a free treatment of Alkavis prepaid by mail to every reader of this paper who is a sufferer from any form of kidney or bladder disorder, Bright's disease, rheumatism, dropsy, gravel, pain in back, female complaints or other ailments due to improper action of the kidneys or urinary organs. We advise all sufferers to send their names and address to the company, and receive the Alkavis free. It is sent you entirely free, to prove its wonderful curative powers.

Nothing is so expensive as sickness. The people who are in society are all leaders. When you are a fool don't pretend to be a sage. Every unmarried man thinks he can manage a woman. A fat man is all right so long as he is not in his own way. The complaint known as grip is as depressing as unrequited love. As soon as a man falls in love, everything conspires to punish him.

ATCHISON GLOBULES.

Large deposits of asbestos have been found in the Ferris Mountains, Carbon county, Wyoming. Coughing Leads to Consumption. Kemp's balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist, get a bottle and get a sample bottle free. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents. Go at once; they are dangerous.

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MARCH AND APRIL

Are the Most Disagreeable Months of the Year in the North. In the south they are the pleasantest and most agreeable. Then trees and shrubs put forth their buds and flowers; early vegetables and fruits are ready for eating, and in fact all nature seems to have awakened from its winter sleep. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company reaches the Garden Spots of the South, and will on the first and third Tuesdays of March and April sell round-trip tickets to all principal points in Tennessee, Alabama, and West Florida, at about half rates. Write for advertising matter and particulars of excursions to C. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or Geo. B. Horner, D. P. A., St. Louis, Mo.

Every bicyclist in France must have his name and address on his wheel, on a metal plate. Tours in the Rocky Mountains. The "Scenic Line of the World," the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, offers to tourists in Colorado, Utah and New Mexico the choicest resorts, and to the transcontinental traveler the grandest scenery. The direct line to Cripple Creek, the greatest gold camp on earth, Double daily train service with Pullman sleepers and tourists' cars between Denver and San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Write S. K. Hooper, G. P. & T. A., Denver, Col., for illustrated descriptive pamphlets. A million dollars in silver will weigh 60,931 pounds, or almost twenty-eight and one-fourth tons. 1607 BUS POTATOES PER ACRE. Don't believe it, nor did the editor until he saw Salzer's great farm seed catalogue. It's wonderful what an array of facts and figures and great testimonials it contains.

Send This Notice and 10 Cents Stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., for catalogue and 12 rare farm seed samples, worth \$10, to get a start. Large deposits of asbestos have been found in the Ferris Mountains, Carbon county, Wyoming. Coughing Leads to Consumption. Kemp's balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist, get a bottle and get a sample bottle free. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents. Go at once; they are dangerous.

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Intelligent Women Prepare Trying Ordeal. A Time When Women Are to Many Dread Disease. The anxiety felt by women of "change of life" draws near without reason. When her system is in a condition, or she is predisposed to apoplexy, it is a period in which she becomes EYES, and she is as high as any other woman.



Such warning symptoms as a swollen face, headache, dizziness, fainting, palpitation of the heart, spots before the eyes, irregularities, constipations, variable appetite, weakness, are heeded by intelligent women who in approaching the period in life do not to woman's great change may be expressed each thousands at this critical time. It is held Mrs. Pinkham, and conduct their task according to her advice, a devil to tax through that distressing time with perfect safety and comfort. Mrs. W. L. Day, of Bettsville, Ohio, says:—

My husband and I were both suffering from the same ailment, and I was in a very bad way. I had been in bed for several weeks, and I was unable to do anything. I had tried many different remedies, but nothing seemed to help. I was very weak and nervous, and I was unable to sleep. I was very miserable, and I was in a very bad way. I had been in bed for several weeks, and I was unable to do anything. I had tried many different remedies, but nothing seemed to help. I was very weak and nervous, and I was unable to sleep. I was very miserable, and I was in a very bad way.

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Des Moines	6:30 am	6:30 pm
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**Attorney, Edward H. Morris:** Finance committee, C. H. Shotwell and J. Gordon. Their office will be at 3237 State st., and they will print their initial number March 15.—The Enterprise Omaha, Neb.

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 "Hail! cruel mob of the South  
 Let justice, have her rights  
 Those cruel thoughts that escape from  
 your mind  
 Are the cause of contentions brawls and  
 fights."  
 The blood of the Negro crieth from the  
 ground,  
 Is it not a shameful deed?  
 A more atrocious act cannot be found.  
 Away? Away with such a breed.  
 As the fleeing years roll by,  
 And have gone to eternal—bliss,  
 We can hear the victim's mournful cry,  
 Unhonored, no songs, not a kiss.  
 Oh! 'thou green eyed monster prejudice,  
 How long are you to reign,  
 And defy the law and justice,  
 And practice evil reign.  
 Now, if perchance you read this plea,  
 Reflect upon what you do,  
 And then these evils you may see  
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 successful development of these indus-  
 tries depends, nevertheless, upon the  
 creation of local markets through the  
 stimulus given by mining operations,  
 says the North American Review.  
 Whatever may contribute to the ex-  
 tension of the commerce and trade of  
 South Africa, the immediate future of  
 the country is dependent primarily up-  
 on the development of its mineral re-  
 sources. Probably no other event has  
 so impressed this fact upon the minds  
 of the people of the country at large  
 as the dire straits to which they have  
 been reduced by the rinderpest epi-  
 demic. Indeed, upon two previous  
 memorable occasions South Africa has  
 been saved from industrial disaster by  
 the stimulus given to trade through  
 the development of the diamond indus-  
 try in one instance and the develop-  
 ment of the gold industry in the other.  
 The Deuts ex machina to again save  
 the country will be the expansion of  
 the mineral industry. With the excep-  
 tion of mining of gold, diamonds and  
 coal there have been no considerable  
 exploitations of its mineral resources.  
 Coal, fortunately, exists in many parts  
 of the country and it has been esti-  
 mated that the known coal-fields rep-  
 resent an area of 56,000 square miles,  
 which is equal in extent to the state  
 of Iowa. There exist in some parts of  
 the country large deposits of iron con-  
 tiguous to the coal-fields, but as yet  
 the economic conditions have not fa-  
 vored the development of that indus-  
 try. Lead, silver, tin, and many  
 other metals are also found in many  
 parts of the country but have not been  
 remuneratively worked. Among the  
 mining countries of South Africa the  
 Transvaal is facile princeps, and is in  
 all probability destined to maintain its  
 paramount position; though, as is well  
 known, South Africa is "a country of  
 surprises," and it is possible of course,  
 though not probable, that within its  
 great extent other equally important  
 districts may be discovered.

**DEADLY SHOTS FIRED BY SUN.**  
 In One Instance an Innocent Man Was  
 Sentenced to Be Hanged.  
 In a recent paper appeared an ac-  
 count of a strange accident in which  
 a man was killed by the discharge of a  
 gun while lying asleep on a lounge  
 in his room, the weapon being dis-  
 charged by reflected rays of the sun  
 falling upon the cartridge chamber  
 of the firearm, says the Cincinnati En-  
 quirer. Since the publication of the  
 story a correspondent from York, Pa.,  
 writes concerning the accident and re-  
 fers to a similar case, in which, through  
 the efforts of a clever Cincinnati law-  
 yer named G. C. Wallis, the person ac-  
 cused of murder and sentenced to be  
 hanged was set at liberty, the circum-  
 stantial evidence on which he was con-  
 victed being entirely exploded by a  
 witnessed demonstration as to how the  
 accident really occurred. The York  
 correspondent referred to volume 13  
 of the Criminal Law Magazine, page  
 607, on which a full account of the case  
 appears. The case was that of the  
 state of Tennessee against Avery, tried  
 in Henry county, that state, and is one  
 of the most remarkable in the history  
 of criminal jurisprudence. In June,  
 1887, Charles Ensley, the cousin of a  
 man of the name of Avery, was killed  
 in his room while lying on a lounge  
 about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The  
 weapon which caused the death was a  
 small rifle, sending a 32-caliber ball  
 through Ensley's brain. No one was  
 in the house at the time but Ensley.  
 An empty rifle was found lying on a  
 rack on a wall of the room in which  
 the killing occurred and the bullet  
 fitted the tube. Avery was arrested for  
 the crime, as he was the only living  
 relative to Ensley, and by his death  
 profited to the amount of about \$100-  
 000. Avery was tried, pleaded not  
 guilty, but was convicted of murder in  
 the first degree and sentenced to be  
 hanged. He appealed to the Supreme  
 court and engaged Mr. Wallis to de-  
 fend him. The Supreme court remand-  
 ed the case back to the Circuit court on  
 technical errors. Two mistrials were  
 brought about and then came the  
 strangest part of the story. The bril-  
 liant Wallis struck the keynote to the  
 mystery. In August, 1891, he had the  
 rifle loaded and hung on the wall. A  
 white sheet with the form of a man  
 marked on it was placed in exactly the  
 position occupied by Ensley when  
 lying asleep, and a heavy cut-glass  
 pitcher of water like the one found  
 in the room was placed on the shelf  
 above. The temperature was 90 de-  
 grees in the shade, one of the hottest  
 days of the year. The pitcher acted as  
 a sun glass and the hot rays of the  
 sun shining through the water were re-  
 fracted directly on the cartridge cham-  
 ber of the rifle. Eight witnesses were  
 in the room and a few minutes after 3  
 o'clock a puff and a report occurred and  
 the ball struck the outlined form back  
 of the ear in the exact location where  
 Ensley was shot and the theory of cir-  
 cumstantial evidence went to pieces.  
 The incident, being witnessed and  
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**SECRET ORDERS.**  
 Masonic Lodge No. 2, A. F. A. M.—Meets every Tuesday in each month at Masonic Hall, corner West Sixth and Walnut. G. H. Harris, W. M.; J. F. Blagburn, Secretary.

**ACE ECHOES.**  
 It is claimed that fully 2000 patents have been granted to Negroes since 1863 by the United States Government.

Seattle Republican says: an iron foundry at Magnolia, Ark., has for its proprietor G. M. Miller, a well known Negro of that section.

It is rumored that Dr. A. W. Curtis, one of the best known physicians in Chicago, has received the appointment as chief of staff of of physicians of General Gamez, the Cuban General. He is receiving many congratulations.

Richmond Planet: The value of property owned by colored people in the cities of Virginia is as follows: Alexandria, \$230,066; Bristol, \$18,575; Buena Vista, \$1,050; Charlottesville, \$138,085; Danville, \$203,005; Fredericksburg, \$63,535; Lynchburg, \$407,420; Manchester, \$191,136; Neapolis, \$25,830; Newport News, \$41,900; Norfolk \$228,950; Petersburg, \$189,935; Portsmouth, \$159,605; Suffolk, \$2,950; Richmond, \$1,116,018, 821; Roanoke, \$106,232; Staunton, \$67,979; Williamsburg, \$31,829; Winchester, \$75,224.

The total value of property in the cities is \$3,548,914.

The total value of property owned by colored people in the State is \$10,927,842. At the close of the war they owned nothing.

The Great Northwestern Printing and Publishing Company, composed entirely of colored men, with a capital stock of \$10,000 has been incorporated for the purpose of publishing the Chicago Daily Leader, an afternoon newspaper four pages of seven columns each, to champion the interest of colored people.

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**Notes.**  
 Spring bathing is attracting the attention of women of all classes, and one can only wonder who designs all the hats, as here seem to be no two alike. A few wide brim styles has

**BIRD STORIES.**  
 It is not fair for cats and dogs to carry off all the glory. Allow me to tell two stories from my own personal experience of gratitude in a goose, of which I am a raven. I was walking one day with a friend through his poultry-yard, when a goose hurried up to him, fondly rubbed its neck against his trousers, and followed him everywhere. He told me that he had once rescued it from being done to death by its feathered companions, because it had a broken wing. Could any unfeathered bipeds have shown greater affection? May we not say with Wadsworth:  
 "Alas! the gratitude of men  
 Hath often left me mourning."  
 And now for the raven. I had been taking duty lately in the Tower for my friend the chaplain, when my slumbers were disturbed by the raucous croaking of a venerable raven of unknown antiquity, but, by all accounts, the oldest inhabitant there. By his jaunty hopping about under canons and shady trees, he clearly shows that he considers the entire precincts to have been provided for his comfort by a grateful nation. On returning one day from lunching with the governor, to whom I complained of his sleep-destrating noises, I found my gentleman perched on the back of a garden-chair. I solemnly admonished him of his offenses against the church. He listened calmly, without sound or movement. When I concluded my homily, he turned up his right eye to me and deliberately winked. I fed.—London Spectator.

**A Great Invention.**  
 According to a Kentucky paper, when the telephone was first introduced in that state an old farmer who did not exactly understand the working of the invention bought a new pair of boots for his son who lived down in Texas. He hung the footwear across the wire at sundown one evening. During the night some one took the boots and placed a pair of old ones across the wire. Next morning the old gentleman went out and, to his delight, he saw the old boots. He hastened into the house, exclaiming to his wife: "Say, Sal, this here telephone is the best thing yet. John got his boots last night, and I'm blasted if he didn't send the old us home!"

**A Papuan Feast.**  
 According to a recent visitor to the Island of Papua, the basis of exchange there is arrack or Java rum, one-half gallon of which is reckoned equal to one day's work at fishing or rattan cutting. No money is used. "When this nectar of the Papuan enters a home every occupation is dropped and the family devotes all its attention with enthusiastic energy to its consumption. Their efforts never flag while the rum lasts or strength remains. The resulting stupefaction lasts for days, but on recovery the family cheerfully acquiesce in the means of procuring more. Arrack, we learn from the same authority, is the most "blasted" thing "known" and "is home!"

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Seattle Republican says: an iron foundry at Magnolia, Ark., has for its proprietor G. M. Miller, a well known Negro of that section.

It is rumored that Dr. A. W. Curtis, one of the best known physicians in Chicago, has received the appointment as chief of staff of of physicians of General Gamez, the Cuban General. He is receiving many congratulations.

Richmond Planet: The value of property owned by colored people in the cities of Virginia is as follows: Alexandria, \$230,066; Bristol, \$18,575; Buena Vista, \$1,050; Charlottesville, \$138,085; Danville, \$203,005; Fredericksburg, \$63,535; Lynchburg, \$407,420; Manchester, \$191,136; Neapolis, \$25,830; Newport News, \$41,900; Norfolk \$228,950; Petersburg, \$189,935; Portsmouth, \$159,605; Suffolk, \$2,950; Richmond, \$1,116,018, 821; Roanoke, \$106,232; Staunton, \$67,979; Williamsburg, \$31,829; Winchester, \$75,224.

The total value of property in the cities is \$3,548,914.

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**Notes.**  
 Spring bathing is attracting the attention of women of all classes, and one can only wonder who designs all the hats, as here seem to be no two alike. A few wide brim styles has

**BIRD STORIES.**  
 It is not fair for cats and dogs to carry off all the glory. Allow me to tell two stories from my own personal experience of gratitude in a goose, of which I am a raven. I was walking one day with a friend through his poultry-yard, when a goose hurried up to him, fondly rubbed its neck against his trousers, and followed him everywhere. He told me that he had once rescued it from being done to death by its feathered companions, because it had a broken wing. Could any unfeathered bipeds have shown greater affection? May we not say with Wadsworth:  
 "Alas! the gratitude of men  
 Hath often left me mourning."  
 And now for the raven. I had been taking duty lately in the Tower for my friend the chaplain, when my slumbers were disturbed by the raucous croaking of a venerable raven of unknown antiquity, but, by all accounts, the oldest inhabitant there. By his jaunty hopping about under canons and shady trees, he clearly shows that he considers the entire precincts to have been provided for his comfort by a grateful nation. On returning one day from lunching with the governor, to whom I complained of his sleep-destrating noises, I found my gentleman perched on the back of a garden-chair. I solemnly admonished him of his offenses against the church. He listened calmly, without sound or movement. When I concluded my homily, he turned up his right eye to me and deliberately winked. I fed.—London Spectator.

**A Great Invention.**  
 According to a Kentucky paper, when the telephone was first introduced in that state an old farmer who did not exactly understand the working of the invention bought a new pair of boots for his son who lived down in Texas. He hung the footwear across the wire at sundown one evening. During the night some one took the boots and placed a pair of old ones across the wire. Next morning the old gentleman went out and, to his delight, he saw the old boots. He hastened into the house, exclaiming to his wife: "Say, Sal, this here telephone is the best thing yet. John got his boots last night, and I'm blasted if he didn't send the old us home!"

**A Papuan Feast.**  
 According to a recent visitor to the Island of Papua, the basis of exchange there is arrack or Java rum, one-half gallon of which is reckoned equal to one day's work at fishing or rattan cutting. No money is used. "When this nectar of the Papuan enters a home every occupation is dropped and the family devotes all its attention with enthusiastic energy to its consumption. Their efforts never flag while the rum lasts or strength remains. The resulting stupefaction lasts for days, but on recovery the family cheerfully acquiesce in the means of procuring more. Arrack, we learn from the same authority, is the most "blasted" thing "known" and "is home!"

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