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Mrs. J. H. Shepard is improving slowly. Remember the base ball Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Eldora Genieve Green and Agnes Roy were visitors at the Legislature last Monday afternoon.

Rev. Timothy Reeves made the prayer at the opening of the Senate last Wednesday morning.

Miss Jeannette Wood is quite ill at her home, 708 South East Sixth. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

The airship gossip is fast dying out and the war between Turkey and Greece is the late topic.

Rev. W. W. Stewart, the newly called pastor of East side Baptist church is preparing to move his family here from Keokuk, Iowa.

Miss Annie Yoernm, of Leavenworth, Kansas, arrived in our city, Thursday, for an extended visit. She is visiting at Mrs. Hugliett's on West Grand avenue.

Rev. Wm. Wood, of Muchaknock, Iowa, is visiting with his son, James H., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and their daughter Zoe, was in town last Monday, trading. Mr. B. says he is preparing to commence plowing. Mrs. has a lot of spring chickens, already.

The Kings' Daughters met at Mrs. Bell's Wednesday evening, and a nice program was rendered. They adjourned to meet with Mrs. Terry, 740 Tenth-st., Wednesday evening April 29th. The visitor was Mrs. Ruth Scott.

Remember the Sunday ball game will be played at our ball park, but out at Walnut Creek park. The train will leave the Union depot at 2:15 and at 3 o'clock p. m. for the park.

The First African Baptist church on School and B streets are getting on grandly with their meetings. The school is progressing nicely. The Easter program was a grand success, the house was crowded to its utmost capacity. Rev. Howlett will preach Sunday morning and evening. There are two candidates for baptism, and several others have been added to the church. Sunday school at 3 p. m., Hamett, Supt. All are cordially invited to attend the services. Rev. Lomack, Pastor.

The graduating class of '97 from the W. Des Moines High School has about sixty members. The graduating exercises will be held in June. Each member is compelled to write an oration, although they will not deliver them, because the class decided to select some noted lecturer to deliver an oration for them. We are very glad to know that there are three Afro-Americans members of this class, to-wit: Harry W. Hughes, who has chosen "The Value of Self-Control" for his oration. Sarah A. Porter has selected "Reputation and Character," as her subject, and Zelma C. Stanton, has for her theme, "Poetry and Life."

The Bystander does all kinds of job printing. Give us a call.

Mrs. Jno. McClain, of North Des Moines, who has been sick for several months, is so she can sit up a little last Sunday, the first time for several months.

The place to get your spring styles of beautiful Wall Paper, good workmanship, at lowest prices, also Ready Mixed Paints, is at 618 East Grand Avenue, Buck Bros. Company.

A sociable at St. Paul's A. M. E. church Thursday evening, April 29th, for the benefit of the pastor. Admission, free. All are invited.

Quarterly meeting will be held at Saint Paul's A. M. E. church, May 9th. Rev. J. Bunday, Presiding Elder.

Mrs. Ella Davis, formerly of Cedar Rapids, is now located in Des Moines, and is prepared to furnish meals, weak or day board. Furnished rooms for rent—furnace heat and bath. Please call at 517 Tenth and High-sts., and make arrangements.

Mr. Fred. Green and his sisters, Misses Eldora and Genevieve, spent Easter Sunday in our city, and a part of the week. Mr. Fred stopping with the Thompson Bros., and the Misses Green's the guest of Miss Agnes Roy, on pleasant street. These young folks are well known in our city, and their visit is appreciated. They made the Bystander office a pleasant call. They are very intelligent and entertaining.

Mrs. D. A. Basfield who has been very sick, is improving a little. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery as she is greatly missed in church circles.

Quite a number of our people attended Uncle Tom's Cabin, as played by Slater & Martin Company, this week.

The Mt. Hebron Baptist church of Carbondale has removed to Youngstown. There will be preaching every Sunday at 10:30 a. m.; and service at 8:30 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Please don't forget the hours of meeting. S. D. Warden, Supt., Rev. P. T. Strange, Pastor.

The Ladies Afternoon Social Club met at the home of the president, Mrs. Wm. Mash, after roll call needle work was taken up and questions were discussed. The club was visited by; mesdames Wilburn, Henry and Gordon and little Reynolds. At five o'clock an elegant lunch was served, after which the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Erickson Thursday April 29th.

MARRIED.

It will be rather a surprise to some of Mr. Isaac Curtley's friends to learn of his espousal. However, on last Wednesday evening, at 9:30 o'clock p. m., occurred the marriage of Mr. Isaac Curtley to Miss Elsie Earley, at the bride's parents at 1048 B street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. A. Clark, pastor of Bern's M. E. church. Quite a number of their friends was present. Both parties are well known in our city. The groom is proprietor of the Kirkwood tonorial parlors, a good business man. They are located at present over the Golden Rule store, 7th and Walnut. The Bystander joins with their many friends in wishing them along successful and happy life.

BASE BALL GAME.

The famous Page Giant's ball team (colored) will play the Des Moines League team (white) Saturday and Sunday. The Giant's comes from Adrian, Mich., traveling in their own car. Every colored man who can should attend. They claim to be the champion team in the U. S., and the best colored team probably in the world. In 1895 they played 152 games; in 1896, 169 games, and won 233. They will arrive Saturday and parade the streets on bicycles. They will only play two other games in Iowa, at Cedar Rapids and Burlington, at Grand Rapids, Mich. Last week they won the game with the league team 6 to 0; also won the Peoria game.

Youngstown, Iowa, May 1, 1897. There will be a festival given for the benefit of the church, May 1, 1897. Come one, come all, and let us have a good old fashioned time. The committee will spare all pains to make it a success and to make you happy when you get there; so don't let the time pass without being there to enjoy yourselves. Everybody is invited to attend this grand old-fashioned festival. Committee: Brothers, Hart, Warden, Winglee and Mrs. Brown.

Easter Observances.

In Des Moines last Sunday (Easter) was well observed in all the churches. The weather was beautiful, with the exception of a strong wind, which raged all day, keeping the dust a whirling, which seemed very unpleasant for the ladies' new bonnets and dresses. At the St. Ambros (Catholic) church, numbers were turned away; also at St. Paul Episcopal. All had crowded houses, and special services; in brief each church paid a fitting tribute to the great event that occurred more 1800 years ago. The African Baptist church had a special program, as also did the Bern's M. E. The A. M. E. was nicely decorated with flowers, plants, etc. In the evening the Sunday school program was rendered by the little children, assisted by the A. M. E. choir, was very interesting and good.

Memorial Day Speaker.

The Hon. John F. Lacy, Congressman from the Sixth Iowa district, has accepted the invitation extended him to deliver the Memorial Day address. Mr. Lacy is a splendid speaker, and the citizens will have an opportunity to hear one of the best addresses of the kind ever delivered in this city.

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL POSITIONS.

(Continued from the Bystander of Apr. 9.)

Hon. John Langston, ex-congressman is a candidate for District Commissioner of Washington, D. C.

M. M. Holland and L. C. Bailey, of Washington, D. C., are the candidates for the Recordership.

Rev. W. H. Smith, of St. Louis, Mo., is a strong candidate for Appraiser of the St. Louis port.

Editor Chris J. Perry of the Philadelphia Tribune was recently elected on the city council, is a candidate for the Haitian Mission.

Editor I. Danson of the Blade, Eataw, Alabama, is a candidate for the Receiver of Public Money.

Hon. G. H. Jackson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, an eminent attorney, and brilliant scholar is an applicant for Second Assistant U. S. District Attorney for the southern district of Ohio.

Rev. James W. Browder, of Oskaloosa, Kansas, is a candidate for U. S. Land agent in Oklahoma.

Lawyer Robt. H. Terrill, of Washington, D. C., is a political aspirant.

Also, O. M. Wood, of St. Louis, Mo., is a candidate for a Foreign Mission.

Hon. James B. Raymond, of Pa., is a candidate for Recorder of Deeds.

"Dr." B. Mitchell Says Airship Is Second Coming of Christ.

Revealed in a Sleep.

Were it Human the Inventor Would Parade with Music.

[Daily Inter-Ocean.

All theories a nent the airship are now exploded. Dr. B. Mitchell, a colored revivalist and physician, who cures by medicine and by faith, declared to his followers yesterday that divine providence had revealed to him that the airship was not an earthly invention, but the second coming of Christ. "Dr." Mitchell is regarded with awe by his followers. He is a great Bible reader and interpreter. Such of the sick as have faith, he says, he can cure by the touch of his hands. The receipt for his mysterious medicine he avers was given him by the Savior.

Dr. Mitchell has been deeply interested in the airship ever since it was first heard of, and journeyed to Evanston, to Rogers Park, and to other places to study it.

Mitchell's history is romantic; he was born in Texas sixty-two years ago, and speaks of himself as an "ex-slave, ex-nineowner, a Southerner, an ex-planter, and a faith-curer." The early years of his life were spent in slavery. He served in the Confederate army as a servant to his young master, who was a captain. After the war Mitchell bought a one hundred and sixty-acre plantation in Mississippi, and made money as a brick contractor and cotton-raiser. Then he moved north, and purchased 600 acres of mountain land in Missouri, at \$1 an acre, merely as a speculation. He opened an intelligence office in Memphis, Tenn., and became a leader among his people there. One day a white stranger walked into his office, and asked: "Are you Mr. B. Mitchell, and do you own 600 acres of mountain land in Missouri?"

"Yes, sir," replied the colored man.

"Well, I'll give you \$2,000 for that land," said the white stranger, exhibiting the bills.

"No you won't," Mitchell answered.

"Call it \$2,200, then," suggested the stranger. And the deal went through at that figure.

"Now," remarked the stranger, "you have \$2,200. Yesterday you were a multi-millionaire.

"How's that?" Mitchell gasped.

"Why, yesterday you owned 600 acres of what is known as the Iron Mountain range. There is a rich vein of iron ore twenty feet thick running through it. A philanthropist like you ought to be up on those little things. Much obliged to you. Good-by."

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12, '97.

(Special Correspondence to the Bystander.)
Leaving Des Moines, Wednesday April 7th, at 9 o'clock p. m., over the Great Western to Chicago, we reached the Windy City about two hours late, having to remain there until 7 p. m., Thursday.

When we left Chicago the evening was nice, and about 11 o'clock we were in a heavy rain storm; 2 o'clock a. m. we were in a snow storm. In Ohio the snow was about one and a half inches and falling fast.

Friday afternoon we reached West Virginia. The trees were in full bloom, and the grass green, and from 3 to 4 inches high.

We reached Washington at 11:30 Friday night, found our friend, Mr. John Sims, awaiting our arrival. I found myself snugly stored away at his pleasant home for the night. On Saturday morning I went to the Capitol; was inducted into office of which I will speak about later. I was told to report for duty Monday, but my pay commences Saturday morning. I went then to the new building just completed—the new Library of Congress. It is undoubtedly the finest building in the world. I shall not attempt to tell you about the architecture and sculpture and painting, for it would take me a week to give you anything like a detailed description of the building. It is said the government itself had never before called upon a representative number of American painters and sculptors to help decorate broadly and thoroughly one of its public buildings; but there were fifty of the best sculptors and painters engaged in the work.

The site of the Library originally comprised two city blocks, containing seventy houses, with an extent, as has been said, of ten acres. It faces exactly west; it is four hundred and seventy feet long, from north to south, and three hundred and forty feet deep, from west to east. It occupies, exclusive approaches, three and three-quarter acres.

I would like to say more about this building, but time and space forbid.

There was no session today on account of the funeral of Senator Voorhes of Indiana, who died Saturday morning.

I will write again soon, when I shall tell you something of the city.

Washington, D. C., April 19, '97.

A review of things in Washington, the civil service law is one thing that is giving republicans and democrats much concern at this time, and I believe if the tariff question was out of the way civil service would get a death blow. There never was such a press for places as there is today, and there are hundreds of men right here on the ground, making their demands for places. The House of Representatives is not doing anything. They met Wednesday and were in session 5 minutes. Saturday they met and were in session a half hour. They are waiting on the Senate.

Friday the 26th was Emancipation Day in the District. I agree with the first speaker, Mr. Chase, with regard to the parades, and I think about all the best people of the district will accord with him in this matter, for the parades are not managed with the best results.

The Recordership of Deeds for the district is considered about settled in Washington. Ex-Congressman Cheatham of North Carolina seems to be the lucky man. He is here working his case. Each and every man who is expecting to get one of these appointments is right on the ground and leaving no stones unturned.

Easter Sunday in Washington was beautiful; the sun rose bright, and the day was very pleasant—it was a rare day, and everywhere could be seen new hats, new dresses, new shoes and new gloves. The city itself almost had on a new dress for the trees and flower beds were in full bloom. I attended service at the A. M. E. church. First the Sunday School at 9:30. They had a very fine Easter Sunday, lasting for two hours. After the close of the Sunday School, they marched en masse into the auditorium. The church was well filled to listen to their pastor, Dr. J. A. Johnson, as he had on Sunday previous stated to his people his subject, but when the time arrived for the opening, Bishop Emery was present, and Dr. Johnson presented the Bishop, who preached a fine sermon from the 1st cor., 15th chap., 14th verse. In the evening at 7:30 that famous choir had a song service. I think the best I ever heard. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, many were turned away, and this church seats 2,000 people. The decorations was grand, pond lilies, cut roses, tulips and a great many potted plants.

We had the pleasure of meeting and dining with Mr. W. R. Pettiford, President of the Alabama Pny Savings Bank and Loan Co., of Birmingham, Alabama. The bank today have a capital stock of \$25,000. Mr. Pettiford is a business man, that you could see from a glance.

Mr. John Sims is still "old business" and knows how to take care of what he makes. If one was to see his home he would see at once the truthfulness of a statement. His son and daughter the both worthy young people.

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CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETENARIAN.

The correspondent has been very ill for the last three weeks, but is much improved.

Easter Sunday here at the A. M. E. church was noted for the absence of flowers, birds or decorations of any kind. There being no special effort to celebrate the day. In the evening a program was rendered by a few of the select of the Sunday School, and we are sorry to say the majority of the Sunday School were not invited to take any part in the program, something unusual. We do not know why.

Little Andy Hazel, the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan was christened Easter Sabbath morning, at the A. M. E. church, Rev. McDonald, officiating.

Harry Marshall, of Belle Plaine was a Sunday visitor to our city.

The pastor of the A. M. E. church is making efforts to have the church painted by the first of May. It is hoped that he will be successful.

Every one is looking forward to the District Conference and S. S. convention, which convenes here in May.

Mrs. Maud Green, who has been suffering an attack of measles, is able to be up and around.

Mrs. Kippers is visiting in Daventport and Hannibal, Mo. She will be gone about a month.

The Light House society met Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wade, 1016 Tenth avenue, to rehearse for a musical and literary entertainment to be given next month for the benefit of the pastor, Rev. McDowell.

Cedar Rapids will have two Colored High school graduates this year, brothers, Messrs. Wm. and Luther Lowery.

Miss Emma Oliphant is suffering with a severe cold.

Mrs. Henry Davis returned last week from a visit at Washington, D. C.

Rev. Jason Bundy, P. E., was here on the 13th and preached at the A. M. E. church, at night.

Quite a number of our people have seen the "air ship," and seemed to be very much excited over it.

OSKALOOSA BRIEFLETS.

Miss Marietta Brown, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Muchaknock and Oskaloosa, returned to Washington last Wednesday.

Willie Jones, of Marshalltown was in the city a few days last week, and the guest of Miss Lizzie Blackburn; returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Scott, of Fort Dodge is visiting friends in our city.

Miss Hattie and Mary Rhodes, Mrs. M. London, of Muchaknock, were in the city the past week.

Miss Ida Foy, departed for Kirksville, Mo., Friday evening, where she will spend a few weeks visiting with relatives.

Rev. S. Bates arrived on the noon train Tuesday, from Colfax.

Mrs. S. Williams, who for some time has been very sick, but we are glad to say is able to be out again.

Mr. Wm. Fields is no better at the present time.
Miss Thester E. Brock, is considerably better, after a severe attack of grippe.

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OSCEOLA NEWS.
Easter was celebrated in the different churches, in a very opportune manner. The A. M. E. church was decorated with flowers. The services through the day were well attended and appreciated. The services opened in the morning with a song service and general class, followed by an appropriate sermon by the pastor. Subject, "Christ, the True Messiah," at 2:30. The sabbath school rendered an interesting program. The choir rendered appropriate anthems, and the children followed with declamations and songs. The services closed with praise meeting and sermon. Subject, "Christ Our Only Hope."
Miss Chas. Whitten has been confined to her bed for a few days. Mrs. Wm. Robinson was not able to be with us Sabbath on account of sickness.
The A. M. E. S. S. will be represented at the District Conference, held in Cedar Rapids.
Rev. Basfield is expected to preach in Indianola, on Sabbath the 25th inst.
Mr. W. Robinson made a trip to Red Oak last week.

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Easter exercises were held Sunday evening. The church was well filled, and the program was credibly rendered. A dispute arose between the pastor and the leading members of the school about the distribution of the collection. The debate was long and bitter. The pastor got second place. Such discussions do not tend to elevate the participants, and always bring disrepute upon the church.

OSWEGO (KAS.) NEWS.
[Special to Bystander]
Mrs. P. Wilson has been ill the past week but is better now.
Miss Lizzie Easter has recovered from a very hard fall she received last week.
Mrs. Rev. Thomas is expecting to be in the city next Sunday.
Miss Olivia, one of the teachers in the public school is going to spend vacation in St. Louis, Mo.

KEOKUK NEWS.
Easter day was well celebrated by both white and colored. The day was quite pleasant till 6 o'clock, then a little shower visited us.
The visitors in the city are Mr. and Mrs. B. Vaughn are visiting their mother, Mrs. Martha Vaughn, Mrs. B. Files of Chicago, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harris.
The sick are much better with exception of Mrs. L. Wilson, who is quite sick; also, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. D. W. Anderson is on the sick list.

Mrs. K. Tilliam, lectured to a fair crowd at the Bethel Monday evening for the benefit of Sunday School.
Mr. and Mrs. Ashby's little daughter Margaret departed this life Monday evening. Her body was taken to their former home, Canton, Mo.
Mr. and Mrs. Ike Johnson's baby boy died Monday afternoon.
The exercise at the Bethel was a grand affair. Everything was in its place, songs and essays were grand. I venture to say none could excel them.

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