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Social Surprise.

A pleasant and refined crowd of young people gathered at the pleasant home of Mrs. Ella Davis, on Tenth and High-sts., last Friday evening to surprise Miss Daisy Hannah, as her birthday being the subsequent Sunday. It was a complete surprise to Miss Daisy. Much credit is due Mr. Chas. Harris for his systematic manner in getting the party up. There were about twenty-five present, and they all enjoyed themselves nicely. Games, singing, social conversation and music by Messrs. J. R. Weeks, Jackson and Moseley, after which Mrs. Davis, assisted her daughter, Miss Daisy and Mrs. J. R. Weeks served ice-cream, cake and other fruits. Each departing at a late hour, hoping that Mrs. Davis would soon invite to her home her friends as they know how to make it pleasant for callers. Miss Daisy received a beautiful satin umbrella as her birthday present.

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

The Renix Bros.' mandolin orchestra is playing some excellent music this week for Harris Emery store. They are fine musicians and every one should hear them.

A Peep on the Dumas Choral Society.

On last Tuesday evening seated around the cozy parlor of Prof. and Mrs. Holt, was about eighteen members of this society with the Prof. in the center. This class was diligently solving those musical problems. As a teacher Mr. Holt stands second to none. This society, under his instructions, has made wonderful progress in the study of vocal music. Much of the success of the society is due to the close attention given the teacher. Their voices are not yet mature but give promise of later excellence.

Some of our contemporary newspapers over Iowa seem to censure the legislature because they reduced the salaries of all the state house janitors but one, and that was Mr. William Coalson, who has charge of the Governor's rooms. \$75 per month and the others \$60.

The Davenport Democrat says: The black janitor who stands at the outer door and bows and smiles when callers appear is down on the list for \$75, while others who do coarser work get \$15 less.

For the benefit of the editor of the Democrat, we wish to inform him that there is no "black janitor," but there is a colored gentleman there who is not only janitor, but is usher and messenger, and does more work than any janitor in the capitol. In the words of the Des Moines Daily Capital, who knows the requirements and work of such a place, speaking of the severe criticism by some who do not understand the requirements of such a position, says:

He has as much janitor work to do as any other state house janitor, besides that he must always dress well and be on duty in the private secretary's office and act as usher and messenger. Governor Drake says he would rather have Billy at \$75 than two men he could hire at \$50 per month. His experience in the office and when he was a senate employe has made him valuable because he knows nearly all the public men in Iowa and knows how to treat them. If his services are not worth \$75 per month then there are few persons in the state house earning their salaries.

District Conference.

The Annual District Conference of the A. M. E. Church in Session at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

FIRST SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION, May 18. Presiding E. Bundy in the chair. Open with prayer and devotional, led by Rev. Rhinehart. Praise meeting. Rev. Bruce was elected secretary. Simon Terry, assistant secretary.

Paper and discussion: "Why do we Acknowledge three Modes of Baptism?" Rev. S. B. Jones.

Financial committee: Rev. McDowell, Rev. Jas. Higgins, Rev. Bassfield and Rev. Strong.

Paper, J. C. Anderson. "Should Ministers take part in politics, and to what extent." Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presiding elder Malone in the chair. Devotional service led by Rev. James Higgins.

Roll call. Collect contingent.

Paper by Rev. T. Reever. "Should the Pulpit Consider the Influence of Heredity in the formation of Character; if so, How?"

Miss Blanche H. Shaw was introduced, who was commissioned by Bishop Arnett to speak. Business. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

Song service led by Rev. N. N. Pharris. Welcome address by Rev. S. McD. well; response by Rev. J. W. Malone; sermon by Rev. Jason Bundy, P. E.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional service by Rev. Strong. Business. Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Paper by Rev. Pharris. "The Means necessary to make churches financially more prosperous."

Paper by W. A. Searey and D. A. Bassfield. "The condition of Public Schools."

The requirements of sabbath school by Rev. Jason Bundy, P. E.

The district conference will meet at Muchakinoock next year.

Lecture by Miss Blanche Shaw. Program. Reception.

Mrs. Isabella Clark has furnished rooms for rent, at \$3.00 per month at 708 Sixth avenue.

A WORD TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The time has come for our annual collection of subscription. The most of our readers' year began with June; so we will kindly ask you to be prepared to meet the collector. He will call on you the first week in June. We are going to purchase new type so that we can enlarge our paper and give our patrons the benefit of all the news. We are very desirous of keeping pace with growing race journals. We believe that every race-loving person will continue their subscription to the paper. Those that desire to encourage race enterprise will subscribe for a race journal. So, please be ready to pay when the collector calls. There are some who owe for more than one year. We kindly ask you to pay your dues.

THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

Our regular correspondent from Phoenix, Arizona, has resigned, owing to pressing business. We are sorry to give up such an able and interesting correspondent as Mr. M. N. Bell, yet through his assistance he has secured the services of Mrs. J. W. Bolton, a well known lady who is highly recommended to us, so the Arizona people will not go without representation.

OTTUMWA ITEMS.

The young ladies of the A. M. E. church will give an entertainment Tuesday evening.

Rev. P. P. Taylor is on the sick list.

Mr. Frank Wells is visiting friends and relatives of this city.

The Ottumwa Jubilee club gave an entertainment at People's church on Davis street, May 13th. The following program was rendered: Opening chorus, "Join the Jubilee," led by W. H. Bates. A Grand Camp Meeting in the Promise Land, led by Mrs. B. Carter. "Who's that Calling," Mrs. B. Fields. "Marching Along," Mr. Charles Page. "Jehusium Monnus," W. H. Bates. "Seeking the Lost Mixed Quartette," song by Margaret Fields, Car Sheldon, Daisy and Celia Fowler. "Look Away to Bethlehem," Mr. W. H. Bates. "Can't you Humble Club," male quartette, Messrs. Bates, Gooch and Stevens. "My Lord is Writing," Mr. Gooch. "The Gospel train," Mrs. Z. Taylor. Solo, Mrs. Fields. "No one Like Jesus," Mr. Bates. "My Lord, What a Morning," Mrs. Z. Taylor. "Hear 'Deu Bails," Mrs. Fields. Solo, Mrs. L. W. Moseley. "Oh, How Happy I Feel," Mr. Bates. "So Glad, Wait a Little While," Closing song, "West Away," club. President, Mrs. B. Carter. Manager, Mrs. Z. Taylor.

The I. B. W. met at Mrs. E. W. Fowler's Friday evening. The honorary members being present. After the usual business program was rendered. Lunch was served by the hostess. They adjourned to meet with Mrs. Henderson.

Mrs. Mason and daughter arrived in our city Monday evening. They came to make Ottumwa their home.

Miss Mattie Davis, of Chillicothe, Mo., was in our city Saturday, where she visited her friend, Miss Carrie Spicer.

Miss Lee and Miss Davis left our city Saturday evening for Mo.

Mrs. S. Davis, of Missouri, is in our city visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams has purchased a fine piano for their daughter, Edith.

Mr. W. S. Page will leave Tuesday to attend quarterly conference.

STURGEON, MO., NEWS.

Presiding-elder Clark was here last Sunday, it being quarterly meeting at the M. E. church. The house was crowded in the evening.

The ladies served a cake and ice-cream social at the church Saturday evening. Quite a large crowd was in attendance.

The farmers are all busy; corn is growing nicely. The fruit trees are hanging with apples and peaches.

Rev. Wm. E. Wilson and wife Mr. Richard Winn and Mr. Robt. Carter and Miss Maud Wilson went on a fishing excursion last Wednesday, and spent the day. They caught a number of fish and was caught in a big rain storm and were all pretty well soaked.

The colored band here plays pretty well. It played for the social at the church Saturday evening.

Mr. Cason was in the city last week. He was returning from college on his way to the Epworth League convention while in the city. He paid the parsonage a call.

MUCHAKINOOCK NOTES.

A mule stepped on Chas. Jones' foot last week and caused him to be lame for several days.

Young men who labor every day, improve your opportunity by attending Rev. T. L. Griffith's night school.

The social at the parsonage was poorly attended the first night on account of the inclemency of the weather, but they were all there the second night.

Adam Fielding returned a few days ago from Des Moines, where he has been for several weeks.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Perkins, a fine baby girl.

Miss Lucy Terrill and sister, Ethel, of Colfax, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. James Bickley, at this writing.

Mrs. Jennie Goins, of Stanton, Va., arrived in our city Friday, and will remain permanently.

W. H. Archer is in a precarious condition.

Quite a number of Muchy's people were in Oskaloosa Sunday.

The ball game at the residence of Mrs. Jacob Olson ended in a fight, in which Jack Baxter's white house, occupied upstairs by roomers and used down stairs for a storage room for beer, etc., was burned to the ground, Wednesday the 19th, about 4 o'clock a. m. Richard Blakely, one of the roomers awoke just in time to make his escape through a window. The fire was supposed to be caused by an incendiary.

The caving in of the old third mine near Foster's residence caught one of his horses and at the present writing the horse has not been recovered.

Mrs. Olson got decidedly the best of it, and succeeded in giving Verma Vanbe, "the tough" a lovely black eye, which he deserved.

The whooping cough is in almost every house.

W. D. Crawford has opened a fine ice-cream parlor. To be convinced, just sample his cream.

Delinquents will please be ready to settle this pay day, 22d inst.

(Last Week's Correspondence)

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, and Oskaloosa well represented, their names being too numerous to mention.

Rev. N. N. Pharris, of Albia, was with us a few days last week.

Mrs. Maggie Early departed this life Sunday, after an illness of several months. Funeral at the Baptist church.

Mrs. Mildred Parker is no better.

Misses Liza Walker and Bette Robinson, of Des Moines, arrived a few days ago. They say there is no place like Des Moines.

Saturday was a very quiet "pay day," and of course very little work for officers.

W. H. Cook got his leg broken on Monday in the Colon mine. As soon as they got him home Dr. Brown was summoned.

William Jones and William Buckner of Oskaloosa attended the installation of the Virginia Queen court.

Their horse and buggy mysteriously disappeared that night, and has not been recovered so far as we know.

The Virginia Queen court lodge Tuesday evening marched to the opera house by the music of the M. C. band, where they held their public installation. The following officers were installed:

M. A. M.—Mrs Addie Johnson
S. M.—Mrs C. R. Brookings
M. W. J.—W. D. Crawford
C. T.—Mrs Martin Jackson
C. S.—Mrs Jennie Brooks
I. G. K.—Mrs Julia Southall
C. D.—Sampson Johnson, M. E. Pannel, T. A. Coleman

O. G. K.—Mrs Mary Mease

Afterwards they formed in line and marched back to their hall and disbanded. Their social at the opera house was well attended; the celebrated Muchy orchestra furnished music and many persons stayed until the wee hours of the night.

Rev. J. Bundy, the presiding elder, and Rev. Pharris of Albia, together with Rev. William Pharris, attended the installation.

Thomas Jones has accepted a position with the firm of W. A. Wells & Co., making four Negroes they employ.

Miss Nettie Wright, who has been in Springfield, Illinois, for several months, returned last week, together with her sister, Mrs. D. L. McMillen. The latter will spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Thomas Wright.

The Eighth Church of Christ will give a musical and literary concert at their church corner of 9th and Park sts., May 27th.

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Miss Della McNight has gone to Minneapolis to spend the summer, visiting friends.

J. L. Thompson was the only colored man on the registration board at our special city election.

L. J. Slye, Bus. Mgr. of Chase & West's furniture store will soon leave for an extended trip to Europe.

Prof. Geo. I. Holt, who is director of the Drake University club, this spring, will sing at Perry, Iowa, to night.

Mrs. W. H. Gordon, left last Monday evening for several months visit with her parents and relatives in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Zoe Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Richardson, of Clive, Ia., spent Sunday in the Capital city visiting friends.

Mr. Wm. Frazier, an employe of Mr. Franklin's store, made an overland trip to Oskaloosa this week, returning Wednesday. He says that the farmers are very late planting their crops, owing to the wet weather.

Mrs. W. Scott, on Ninth-st., has been suffering the past week with tonsillitis trouble for several days; she could not talk above a whisper. We hope her speedy recovery.

Mr. William Callender, who has been quite sick for the past two weeks, is improving at this time. His health was undermined while he was in the South defending the flag of his country.

J. E. Gillman, an almost life-long resident of Keokuk, arrived in the city last Tuesday. He has accepted a position with Mr. W. H. Gordon. Mr. G. has many friends in the city who will be glad to know that he will cast his lot among us. He will be foreman at the Aborn tonsorial shop.

Mr. J. W. Heath, who has been coal deliverer for J. D. W. Hall, has gone into the express business and solicits the patronage of his friends. Call at No. 315 West Eighth-st., or telephone No. 66.

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The Chicago & North-Western Railway has just published a newspaper called the North-Western Home-Seeker, giving facts about the great State of South Dakota and the advantages it possesses for the pursuit of agriculture, dairying and cattle raising. Lands can be had at present upon most favorable terms, and there is every indication of large immigration into the state this season. Correspondence is solicited from intending settlers, at a copy of the paper will be mailed free upon application to W. B. Kniskern, 22 Fifth avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Social Surprise.

A pleasant and refined crowd of young people gathered at the pleasant home of Mrs. Ella Davis, on Tenth and High-sts., last Friday evening to surprise Miss Daisy Hannast, as her birthday being the subsequent Sunday. It was a complete surprise to Miss Daisy. Much credit is due Mr. Chas. Harris for his systematic manner in getting the party up. There were about twenty-five present, and they all enjoyed themselves nicely. Games, singing, social conversation and music by Messrs. J. R. Weeks, Jackson and Moseley, after which Mrs. Davis, assisted her daughter, Miss Daisy and Mrs. J. R. Weeks served ice-cream, cake and other fruits. Each departing at a late hour, hoping that Mrs. Davis would soon invite to her home her friends as they know how to make it pleasant for callers. Miss Daisy received a beautiful satin umbrella as her birthday present.

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

The Renix Bros.' mandolin orchestra is playing some excellent music this week for Harris Emery store. They are fine musicians and every one should hear them.

A Peep on the Dumas Choral Society.

On last Tuesday evening seated around the cozy parlor of Prof. and Mrs. Holt, was about eighteen members of this society with the Prof. in the center. This class was diligently solving those musical problems. As a teacher Mr. Holt stands second to none. This society, under his instructions, has made wonderful progress in the study of vocal music. Much of the success of the society is due to the close attention given the teacher. Their voices are not yet mature but give promise of later excellence.

Some of our contemporary newspapers over Iowa seem to censure the legislature because they reduced the salaries of all the state house janitors but one, and that was Mr. William Coalsion, who has charge of the Governor's rooms. \$75 per month and the others \$60. The Davenport Democrat says: "The black janitor who stands at the outer door and bows and smiles when callers appear is down on the list for \$75, while others who do coarser work get \$15 less."

For the benefit of the editor of the Democrat, we wish to inform him that there is no "black janitor," but there is a colored gentleman there who is not only janitor, but is usher and messenger, and does more work than any janitor in the capitol. In the words of the Des Moines Daily Capital, who knows the requirements and work of such a place, speaking of the severe criticism by some who do not understand the requirements of such a position, says: "He has as much janitor work to do as any other state house janitor, besides that he must always dress well and be on duty in the private secretary's office and act as usher and messenger. Governor Drake says he would rather have Billy at \$75 than two men he could hire at \$50 per month. His experience in the office and when he was a senate employe has made him valuable because he knows nearly all the public men in Iowa and knows how to treat them. If his services are not worth \$75 per month then there are few persons in the state house earning their salaries."

District Conference. The Annual District Conference of the A. M. E. Church in Session at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

FIRST SESSION. TUESDAY MORNING SESSION, May 18. Presiding E. Bundy in the chair. Open with prayer and devotional, led by Rev. Rhinehart. Praise meeting. Rev. Bruce was elected secretary. Simon Terry, assistant secretary. Paper and discussion: "Why do we Acknowledge three Modes of Baptism?" Rev. S. B. Jones. Financial committee: Rev. McLowell, Rev. Jas. Higgins, Rev. Basfield and Rev. Strong. Paper, J. C. Anderson. "Should Ministers take part in politics, and to what extent."

AFTERNOON SESSION. Presiding-elder Malone in the chair. Devotional service led by Rev. James Higgins. Roll call. Collect contingent. Paper by Rev. T. Reeves. "Should the Pulpit consider the influence of Heredity in the formation of Character; if so, How?" Miss Blanche B. Shaw was introduced, who was commissioned by Bishop Armet to speak. Business. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION. Song services led by Rev. N. N. Phares. Welcome address by Rev. S. McD. well; response by Rev. J. W. Malone; sermon by Rev. Jason Bundy, P. E. WEDNESDAY MORNING. Devotional service by Rev. Strong. Business. Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Paper by Rev. Phares. "The Means necessary to make churches financially more prosperous." Paper by W. A. Searey and D. A. Basfield. "The Condition of Public Schools." The requirements of sabbath school by Rev. Jason Bundy, P. E. The district conference will meet at Muchaknock next year. EVENING. Lecture by Miss Blanche Shaw. Program. Reception.

Mrs. Isabella Clark has furnished rooms for rent, at \$3.00 per month at 708 Sixth avenue.

A WORD TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The time has come for our annual collection of subscription. The most of our readers' year began with June; so we will kindly ask you to be prepared to meet the collector. He will call on you the first week in June. We are going to purchase new type so that we can enlarge our paper and give our patrons the benefit of all the news. We are very desirous of keeping pace with growing race journals. We believe that every race-loving person will continue their subscription to the paper. Those that desire to encourage race enterprise will subscribe for a race journal. So, please be ready to pay when the collector calls. There are some who owe for more than one year. We kindly ask you to pay your dues.

THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

Our regular correspondent from Phoenix, Arizona, has resigned, owing to pressing business. We are sorry to give up such an able and interesting correspondent as Mr. M. N. Bell, yet through his assistance he has secured the services of Mrs. J. W. Bolton, a well known lady who is highly recommended to us, so the Arizona people will not go without representation.

OTTUMWA ITEMS.

The young ladies of the A. M. E. church will give an entertainment Tuesday evening.

Rev. P. P. Taylor is on the sick list.

Mr. Frank Wells is visiting friends and relatives of this city.

The Ottumwa Jubilee club gave an entertainment at People's church on Davis street, May 13th. The following program was rendered: Opening chorus, "Join the Jubilee," led by W. H. Bates. A Great Camp Meeting in the Promise Land, led by Mrs. B. Carter. "Who's that Calling?" Mrs. B. Fields. "Marching Along," Mr. Charles Page. "Jerusalem Morning," W. H. Bates. "Seeking the Lost Mixed Quartette," song by Margaret Fields, Car Sheldon, Daisy and Celia Fowler. "Look Away to Bethlehem," Mr. W. H. Bates. "Can't you Humble Club," male quartette, Messrs. Bates, Gooch and Stevens. "My Lord is Writing," Mr. Gooch. "The Gospel Train," Mrs. Z. Taylor. Solo, Mrs. Fields. "No one Like Jesus," Mr. Bates. "My Lord, What a Morning," Mrs. Z. Taylor. "Hear 'Deu Hois," Mrs. Fields. Solo, Mrs. L. W. Moseley. "Oh, How Happy I Feel," Mr. Bates. "I'm so Glad, Wait a Little While," closing song. "Steal Away," club. Presiding, Mrs. B. Carter, Manager, Mrs. Z. Taylor.

The I. B. W. met at Mrs. E. W. Fowler's Friday evening. The honorary members being present. After the usual business a program was rendered. Lunch was served by the hostess. They adjourned to meet with Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Mason and daughter arrived in our city Monday evening. They came to make Ottumwa their home.

Miss Mattie Davis, of Chillicothe, Mo., was in our city Saturday, where she visited her friend, Miss Carrie Spicer.

Miss Lee and Miss Davis left our city Saturday evening for Mo.

Mrs. S. Davis, of Missouri, is in our city visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams has purchased a fine piano for their daughter, Edith.

Mr. W. S. Pogo will leave Tuesday to attend quarterly conference.

STURGEON, MO., NEWS.

Presiding-elder Clark was here last Sunday, it being quarterly meeting at the M. E. church. The house was crowded in the evening.

The ladies served a cake and ice-cream social at the church Saturday evening. Quite a large crowd was in attendance.

The farmers are all busy; fruit is growing nicely. The corn trees are hanging with apples and peaches.

Rev. Wm. E. Wilson and wife Mr. Richard Winn and Mr. Robt. Carter and Miss Maud Wilson went on a fishing excursion last Wednesday, and spent the day. They caught a number of fish and was caught in a big rain storm and were all pretty well soaked.

The colored band here plays pretty well. It played for the social at the church Saturday evening.

Mr. Cason was in the city last week. He was returning from college on his way to the Epworth League convention while in the city. He paid the parsonage a call.

MUCHAKNOCK NOTES.

A mule stepped on Chas. Jones foot last week and caused him to be lame for several days.

Young men who labor every day, improve your opportunity by attending Rev. T. L. Griffith's night school.

The social at the parsonage was poorly attended the first night on account of the inclemency of the weather, but they were all there the second night.

Adam Fielding returned a few days ago from Des Moines, where he has been for several weeks.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Perkins, a fine baby girl.

Miss Lucy Terrill and sister, Ethel, of Colfax, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. James Bickley, at this writing.

Mrs. Jennie Goins, of Stanton, Va., arrived in our city Friday, and will remain permanently.

W. H. Archer is in a precarious condition.

Quite a number of Muchy's people were in Oskaloosa Sunday.

The ball game at the residence of Mrs. Jacob Olson ended in a fight, in which Jack Baxter's white house, occupied upstairs by roomers and used down stairs for a storage room for beer, etc., was burned to the ground, Wednesday the 19th, about 4 o'clock a. m. Richard Blakely, one of the roomers awoke just in time to make his escape through a window. The fire was supposed to be caused by an incendiary.

The caving in of the old third mine near Foster's residence caught one of his horses and at the present writing the horse has not been recovered.

Mrs. Olson got decidedly the best of it, and succeeded in giving Verna Vanbe, "the tough" a lovely black eye, which he deserved.

The whooping cough is in almost every house.

W. D. Crawford has opened a fine ice-cream parlor. To be convinced, just sample his cream.

Delinquents will please be ready to settle this pay day, 22d inst.

[Last Week's Correspondence]

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, and Oskaloosa well represented, their names being too numerous to mention.

Rev. N. N. Pharris, of Albia, was with us a few days last week.

Mrs. Maggie Early departed this life Sunday, after an illness of several months. Funeral at the Baptist church.

Mrs. Mildred Parker is no better.

Misses Liza Walker and Bette Robinson, of Des Moines, arrived a few days ago. They say there is no place like Des Moines.

Saturday was a very quiet "pay day," and of course very little work for officers.

W. H. Cook got his leg broken on Monday in the Colom mine. As soon as they got him home Dr. Brown was summoned.

William Jones and William Buckner of Oskaloosa attended the installation of the Virginia Queen court. Their horse and buggy mysteriously disappeared that night, and has not been recovered so far as we know.

The Virginia Queen court lodge Tuesday evening marched to the opera house by the music of the M. C. band, where they held their public installation. The following officers were installed:

M. A. M.—Mrs. C. R. Brooking
S. M.—Mrs. W. D. Crawford
M. W. J.—W. D. Crawford
C. T.—Mrs. Martin Jackson
C. S.—Mrs. Jennie Brooks
I. G. K.—Mrs. Julia Southall
C. D.—Sampson Johnson, M. E. Pannel, T. A. Coleman
O. G. K.—Mrs. Mary Mease

Afterwards they formed in line and marched back to their hall and disbanded. Their social at the opera house was well attended; the celebrated Muchy orchestra furnished music and many persons stayed until the wee hours of the night.

Rev. J. Bundy, the presiding elder, and Rev. Pharris of Albia, together with Rev. William Williams, attended the installation.

Thomas Jones has accepted a position with the firm of W. A. Wells & Co, making four Negroes they employ.

Miss Nellie Wright, who has been in Springfield, Illinois, for several months, returned last week, together with her sister, Mrs. D. L. McKicken. The latter will spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Thomas Wright.

The Eighth Church of Christ will give a musical and literary concert at their church corner of 9th and Park sts., May 27th.

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PHENIX ARAZONA.

The thermometer is still falling. This week it has been 115 degrees. All those who are anxious to experience the very warm days will soon have their desire put into effect.

The political pot continues to boil, in reference to who shall and who shall not, Mrs. James Bickley, at this writing.

Mrs. Mary Brown visited friends in Tucson, last week. Something is liable to happen.

Mr. Eli Duncan, porter on the Santa Fe, was called to Los Angeles this week, thence to Chicago, where he will accept a new run.

It is rumored that several weddings will take place soon.

We wonder if the barbers mean business? All indications point that way.

The Sunday School is making preparations for Children's Day. The program will appear in next issue. Mrs. M. N. Bell is chairman of the program committee, and we shall expect a program that has far surpassed any we have had heretofore.

Mr. Butler left the city this week for parts unknown.

Mrs. Al. Hayes departed for Denver a few days ago to visit her mother.

All the colored waiters at De Mers' Cafe have been let out. There is but one other hotel in the city where colored help is employed, and we wonder if it is really true that they have outlived their usefulness entirely. It seems rather difficult to ascertain the truth of the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone will make Denver, Colorado their home in the future. Mr. Stone will leave Monday, Mr. S. next week.

Mr. Fred Green will leave Monday for Kansas City to take a car load of cattle.

[Last Week's Correspondence]

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson, who has been a resident of Phoenix for two or three years, left last week for San Francisco, their future home.

Mrs. Theodore Thomas, who recently arrived from Texas, will return shortly to make Texas her home. We indeed regret that we must part from her as she is quite a worker in our sabbath school, and a very influential member of our race generally.

Mr. G. W. Teutt and Miss Ida Butts spent a few days in Tucson, Arizona, not long ago.

The Sunday school is progressing very nicely though the warm weather prevents many from attending that would.

Mrs. Pierson has been quite sick, threatened with pneumonia. We are glad to say that she is convalescent.

Mr. R. N. Bell is rapidly improving in health. He was able to do some very efficient work during the campaign.

Mr. J. W. Bolton has been indisposed since the election. He exercised his vocabulary tubes too violently yelling "Hurrah for Adams."

Mr. J. A. Wilbourn is on the sick list.

OSCEOLA NEWS.

Mrs. Winson of Ottumwa, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Thomas, of Lucas, was called to the sick bed of their mother, Mrs. Peter Langford, who is lying at the point of death.

Mr. Clark, of Murry, made a short visit to our city.

The quarterly meeting was held at the A. M. E. church, last Sabbath. P. E. Bundy was present and preached two very able sermons in the afternoon and evening. Rev. Basfield filled the pulpit in the morning. A spiritual interest was manifested throughout the entire day.

Mr. James Cloyd and Mr. Frank Bryant made a flying trip to Albia and Knoxville; of course Frank had business over in Bedford, too.

Frank Bryant has purchased him a beautiful little home in the northern part of the town. Now he has the cage and is trying to catch the bird.

Rev. Bundy and Basfield left

Monday for the district conference in Cedar Rapids.

A young man became enraged Sunday, because his lover refused to marry him, and tried to shoot her. He was pronounced insane and sent to Clarin la for safe keeping.

BICYCLE CURVES.

The Feet of the Rider Never Moves Backward.

Almost every bicyclist believes that he rides his wheel his foot swings backward with the pedal. He thinks his feet describe a series of circles, following the pedals around and that they move backward and forward just as such as they move up and down, says the New York Journal. This, it has been found by careful measurement, is quite a mistake. From the time you mount your wheel until you dismount your feet never move backward. They are constantly moving forward, not in circles, but in a series of curves. The reason for this is that as your foot swings under the crank shaft the bicycle moves forward much more rapidly than the pedal swings back. The result is a constant forward movement. While your foot moves backward in relation to your body, yet it moves more rapidly forward in relation to the ground. It has been found by testing a bicycle with ordinary gear that the wheels make two and one-quarter revolutions or one revolution of the pedals. Starting your machine when the pedals lie in a horizontal line it will be found that the wheels have made a complete revolution before the pedals again come to a horizontal position, or half-way around the circle they describe. For every inch shaft the latter moves forward more than two inches over the ground. This will be apparent when you consider the forward movement of the pedal above the crank shaft. Your foot then advances much more rapidly than any part of the cycle. If the bicycle were suspended in the air your foot would move backward just as much as it moved forward and upward to just the extent that it moved downward in describing a series of perfect circles, but in relation to the ground or to any fixed point neither one of your feet ever moves backward from the time you start your bicycle until you stop.

THEY FEARED A MONARCHY.

Ceremonials Awakened Suspicion Among Early Republican Leaders.

The pageantry of the inauguration serves to recall the old days when the fear of the monarchy was heavy upon the Republican leaders in the new government, says the New York Mail and Express. Washington, the first president, in his own person and in his office, was not averse to the stately ceremonial and custom that to too estimable minds suggested the era of monarchy and oppression. Thus writes William McClay, senator from Pennsylvania, in his diary under date of June 5, 1789: "Leaves may be extremely useful in old countries where men of great fortunes are collected, as they may keep the idle from being worse employed, but here I think they are hurtful. * * * Indeed, from these small beginnings I fear we shall follow, nor cease till we shall reach the summit of court etiquette and all the frivolities, pompousness and expenses practiced in European governments. I grieve to think how many individuals are aiming at these objects with unceasing diligence." The senator did not like Washington's way of delivering his messages to Congress in person, instead of having them read. They reminded him of "speeches from the throne." For a kindred reason he had no use for the vice-president, John Adams. Witness an entry in his diary made the same year, just after the news of the fall of the Bastille had reached America: "Royalty and nobility and the vile pageantry by which a few of the human race lord it over and tread on the necks of their fellow-mortals seem likely to be demolished with their kindred Bastille, which is said to be said in ashes. Ye gods! with what indignation do I think of the late attempts of some creatures among us to revive the vile machinery! Oh, Adams, Adams, what a wretch art thou!"

The Trouble.

"That girl is a peach."
"Yes; but she thinks she is a whole orchard."—New York Tribune.

DES MOINES RAILWAY TIME TABLE

C. R. I. & P. GOING EAST

Chicago Limited	8:30 pm	9:30 pm
Night Express	11:30 pm	12:40 pm
Day Express	12:30 pm	1:40 pm
Fast Mail	1:40 pm	2:50 pm
Rock Island Accommodation	7:30 am	

C. R. I. & P. GOING WEST

Denver Mail and Express	6:30 am	7:30 am
Night Limited Express	8:30 am	9:30 am
Day Express	11:30 am	12:40 pm
Fast Mail	1:40 pm	2:50 pm

KEOKUK & DES MOINES

Eldon Express	10:40 am	11:40 am
Keokuk Express	4:25 am	5:25 am

DES MOINES & FT. DODGE

Rathven Mail and Express	6:30 am	7:30 am
Tra and Ft. Dodge	10:35 am	11:35 am
Min-St. Louis Ex.	9:30 pm	10:30 pm
St. Paul-Minn. Flyer	6:30 am	7:30 am

WINTERSSET BRANCH

Accommodation	7:30 pm	8:30 pm
Mail	10:45 am	11:45 am

C. R. I. & P.

Albia Passenger	12:15 pm	1:15 pm
Provia Express	6:00 pm	7:00 pm
Albia Accommodation	7:30 pm	8:30 pm

CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN

St. Louis City	7:30 am	8:30 am
Chicago and Elmore Ex.	10:15 am	11:15 am
Night Express	12:15 pm	1:15 pm
Dakota Limited	1:30 pm	2:30 pm
Chicago Limited	5:45 am	6:45 am
Accommodation	11:30 pm	12:30 pm

C. G. W. - MAPLE LEAF - NORTH

Chi. & St. Paul Limited	8:45 pm	9:45 pm
Chicago & St. Paul Ex.	3:40 am	4:40 am
Twin Cities Special	3:40 am	4:40 am

C. G. W. - MAPLE LEAF - SOUTH

Kansas City Limited	6:50 am	7:50 am
Day Express	12:30 pm	1:30 pm
Night Express	11:30 pm	12:30 pm
Knowlton to Des Moines	7:30 pm	8:30 pm

WABASH RAILWAY

St. Louis Passenger	9:10 am	10:10 am
Keokuk & Western		
No. 1. Mail and Express	6:35 pm	7:35 pm
No. 5. Express	11:40 pm	12:40 pm

D. M. N. & W. - FONDA LINE

All trains daily except Sunday		
Fonda Mail and Express	11:35 am	12:35 pm
Sioux City Fonda Limited	6:45 pm	7:45 pm

D. M. N. & W. - HOONE LINE

Sioux City	5:35 am	6:35 am
Mail and Express	7:38 pm	8:38 pm
Home Mail and Express	11:45 am	12:45 pm

All other trains run daily except Sunday.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT.

St. Paul A. M. E.—Corner of Second and Center streets. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 3 o'clock. Epworth League at 7 p. m.; preaching at 8 p. m. T. Reeves, pastor.

Baptist—East Second Street—Between Walnut and Court Avenue. Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Services at 7:30 p. m. W. W. Stewart, pastor.

First African Baptist Church—Corner Fourth and School; preaching at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 11:30 a. m.; preaching at 8 p. m. Rev. F. Lomack, pastor.

Barn's M. E.—East Second and Des Moines street. Preaching at 10:30. Sunday class meeting at 11:30. Sunday school at 12:30. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. in prayer meeting Wednesday. Rev. T. A. Clark, pastor.

SECRET ORDERS.

Ninth Star Lodge, No. 2. A. F. A. M.—Meets First Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall—Corner West Sixth and Walnut. G. H. Caggett, W. M.; J. F. Blagburn, secretary.

Hiwan Chapter, No. 7. Meets on Second and Fourth. Tuesday, in each month at Masonic Hall. Officers: W. M., G. H. Caggett, a secretary.

King Solomon Commandery, No. 6. Meets second and fourth Thursday in each month at Masonic hall. Fred Jackson, M. C.; G. H. Caggett, Rec.

Charity Lodge, No. 292. G. U. O. of F. M. Meets First, Second and Third Tuesday each month at Odd Fellows hall on West Sixth and Walnut streets. D. Burns, N. G.; F. Brown, P. S.

Noont Court, No. 3. Meets Second Monday of each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. J. H. Shepard, matron; Mrs. Fred Jackson, secy. Char.

Iowa Chapter, O. E. S.—Meets Third Wednesday of each month Masonic hall. Mrs. G. H. Caggett, matron; Mrs. Mary Bell, secretary.

Mt. Olive Court, No. 4. Meets First Thursday of each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. Susan White, matron; Mrs. Flora Major, secy. Char.

Homehold of Ruth—Meets First and Third Thursday in each month at Odd Fellows hall. Mrs. Harris, M. G.; Mrs. B. J. Holmes, P. S.

RACE ECHOES.

Clark Hampton of Ohio, whose painting of "Napoleon at Waterloo," is receiving wide spread attention, is only 18 years old and the whole support of his widowed mother. In his modest studio are to be found a charming original sketch "Waiting in the Wild Wood," "An Elk," and other sketches and paintings from life. Noticeable is his "Wild Wood," and the commissioners are encouraging an exhibition of it at the Tennessee Exposition.—Ex.

W. J. Ferris, colored, of New Haven, who graduated from Yale in the class of '05, has just been appointed to the Hopkins fellowship in the Harvard Divinity school, which yields \$725 per year. He has been working in philosophy in the Yale graduate department for two years, and is there at present.—New Haven Register.

Lieutenant Charles Young, a graduate of West Point, stationed at Xenia, Ohio, has been promoted to troop H. of the Seventh Cavalry regiment, white, which is the first in the history of this country that the Negro has so been honored.

The Afro-American democrat of Chicago are getting some of the plums under the new city administration. Robert M. Mitchell has been appointed assistant prosecuting attorney at \$1800 and Henry Polite, Clerk at Hyde park police station at \$1200 per year.

Barton F. Powell of Albany, Ga., a Negro thirty-two years old, is the most successful farmer in the state. Twelve years ago he had saved up \$2000, with which he bought 500 acres of land. He went to work on it, and cleared \$2,500 the first year. He has continued to add to his landed possession, paying spot cash for every

farm purchased, and is now the owner of 2,100 acres of land, from which he markets 400 bales of cotton annually. Besides his success on the farm he has developed the country supply store idea, and thus rakes in thousands of dollars a year. He also owns a comfortable residence in Baidridge. His profits last year were over \$7,000. He says that the question of social recognition doesn't trouble him so long as one can get financial recognition at the bank.

The National Association of Colored Women will hold its annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 15th and continuing through the 17th. Each club connected with the Association is expected to send at least one delegate.

Harding's Ice-cream Co. still flourishes as no others can. Secret: He makes the best ice-cream in the city. Those that tried ours will have no other. Phone 647. 762 Ninth street.

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After all was over and the last couple had been bidden adieu, the club repaired in a body to the Little Chicago Cafe and enjoyed an especially prepared 4 o'clock breakfast.

OSKALOOSA ITEMS.

Mr. R. F. Jones, of Muckakinock, were in Oskaloosa this week, looking after business concerning his property.

Miss Eva Cragg, who has been in this for some time taking typewriting instructions of Mrs. Geo. Taylor, returned to her home in Grinnell, Tuesday.

Rev. W. A. Bruce and G. M. Cratie, delegates to the Sunday school convention, left for Cedar Rapids, Monday.

The Afro-American League is preparing to run an excursion in the near future. Mr. A. D. Carlin, of Daveport, arrived on the noon train last Wednesday. He says Oskaloosa is plenty good enough for him.

Mr. Walter Logan returned to Colfax with Master Eddie Sample, Thursday morning to visit relatives.

Mrs. Emma Black is visiting friends and relatives at New Sharon.

The committee appointed to complete the organization of the American Negro Industrial and Commercial Incorporation will meet at the Solicitor office next Monday night and report, at which time the incorporation articles will be ordered printed and filed. The by-laws will also be adopted at that time. The incorporators say that owing to the dullness of the times operations may not be commenced before August 1.

A movement is now well on foot to secure a creditable Negro exhibit from this State for the Tennessee centennial, now in progress. It is the purpose of the projectors to make the exhibit purely literary. George E. Taylor and W. A. Bruce, of this city, are at the head of the movement, and it seems that all Negroes in the State should endorse the project and assist in the work.

At Severs' hall, Sunday, was held the celebration of the anniversary of the founding of the Odd Fellows. Rev. Wm. Williams, of Muckakinock, officiated in the exercises. There was a large attendance and a splendid time was had.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Iowa, Polk County, ss. B. C. Ward Administrator of the estate of C. C. Lane deceased, and D. G. Edmundson.

S. N. Talcott, H. M. McFarland, Trustee, May B. Talcott, Frank W. Vorse, Trustee, C. W. Johnston, Holland & New Selby-Starr & Company, The Shelter Top State Trust Company, O. H. Davidson, Des Moines Insurance Company, J. B. Jones, Charles T. Smith, and the Richard Buggy Company.

By virtue of a special execution to me directed, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Polk county, Iowa, in favor of B. C. Ward, Administrator of the estate of C. C. Lane deceased, and D. G. Edmundson, and against S. N. Talcott, on a judgment rendered by said Court, on the 17th day of April, A. D., 1897, wherein it was ordered, adjudged and decreed that the following described property be sold to satisfy said judgment, to-wit:

Lots Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19) in Campbell Place now included in the city of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

Lots One Hundred Thirty-nine (139), One Hundred Forty (140), One Hundred Forty-one (141), and One Hundred Forty-two (142), in Campbell Place, now included in the city of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

Lots One Hundred Twenty-eight (128), One Hundred Twenty-nine (129), One Hundred Thirty (130), One Hundred Thirty-one (131), One Hundred Thirty-two (132), One Hundred Thirty-three (133) and One Hundred Thirty-four (134), in Campbell Place, now included in the city of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

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