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CITY NEWS

Announcement.

EDITORS BYSTANDER.—Please announce that I will be a candidate for re-nomination for the office of sheriff, subject to the will of the republican county convention.

Mr. Wm. Smith has returned to our city, arriving Tuesday.

Don't forget that we are closing our Screen doors and Windows, and can save you money. Dawson's Hardware, Fifth street.

H. W. Watson, M. D. physician and surgeon. Special attention given to disease of women and children. Office, 517

Miss Beatrice Hicklin has been somewhat indisposed, but is better at present.

We are glad to learn that Miss C. A. Greenway, of Webster City is slowly improving.

Little Ada Clegggett has been quite sick for several days; but is better at this writing.

Mrs. Wm. Coakson was a caller at the Bystander office, Thursday, also Mrs. T. A. Blagburn.

Miss Susie Lewis who has been visiting at the lakes returned home the latter part of last week.

Our Mineral Oil for Bicycles cost no more than other oils, and burns one-third longer. Try a bottle at Dawson's Hardware, Fifth-st.

Mrs. Harrison, of Macon Co., Mo., is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones.

Miss Minnie Weeks will leave Saturday to visit her old home and friends at Ottumwa, Iowa.

E. T. Banks has been a very sick man, more so than his friends were aware of. He is slowly improving at this time.

Mrs. Albert Pearson returned last Friday from an extended visit in Missouri and Kansas. She reports having a very pleasant time.

Remember the Champagne Laundry does good work on short notice. Prompt attention. No. 818 West Grand avenue. Phone 171.

J. B. Rush, a young lawyer of Wichita, Kansas, arrived in our city last Thursday. He thinks of locating here, if everything proves satisfactory.

About fifty of our citizens went upon the excursion to high bridge, on Thursday last, where they were met by an excursion from Boone, for the purpose of having a good time on those beautiful grounds.

Harding's Ice-cream Co. sti flourish as no others can. Secret: He makes the best Ice-cream in the city. Those that tried ours will have no other. Phone 647.

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There will be a concert given at the East Side Baptist church, Sept. 9th, under the auspices of the club.

Mr. Geo. Stanton and daughters, Selma and Margaret, left for St. Joseph, Mo., to spend a few weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Nellie Fowler left last Saturday for her home in Ottumwa, after having an enjoyable time visiting Mrs. Weeks and friends.

J. L. Thompson left Thursday for Missouri where he will deliver an emancipation oration, returning by way of home; where he will spend a few days.

Miss Maud Watkins, of Albany, Mo., who has been visiting in our city, the guest of Mrs. J. H. Shepard, will leave Saturday to visit in Newton, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Whitehill.

The picnic and dancing party given by Mrs. Wm. Graves and Eva Robinson, at Greenwood Park, last Thursday afternoon and evening, was attended by about forty invited guests. It was the finest affair that has occurred this season.

DIED.—Mr. Andy Dewberry, 1338 E. Des Moines St., died at 4 o'clock P. M. morning, Aug. 27th, of dropsy. He was fifty years of age. He had been a resident of this city over twenty-eight years. He leaves a wife, six daughters, and numerous friends to mourn his death. The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock Sunday, from the residence.

At the meeting of the local Afro-American Protective Association, the following delegates were elected to attend the Association at Muehakinock, Sept. 21-22:

R. N. Hyde, Dr. E. F. Johnson, Mrs. B. J. Holmes, W. H. Frazier, Ed. S. Willett, Miss Carrie Smith, Jeff. Lewis, Conson, Mrs. D. C. Ba.

ALTERNATES.—P. Weeks, A. Wilburn, J. Ed. Hey, S. D. Isaac, M. Lewis, Rev. A. Clark, Neddie Toliver, W. R. Foster, J. F. Blagburn and Wm. Fletcher.

Lecture.

There will be a lecture at the A. M. E. church, on next Monday evening, at half past 8 o'clock, by lawyer J. B. Rush, of Wichita, Kansas. His subject: "Are our Social Surroundings What we Have Allowed Them to Be?" Mr. Rush comes to us well recommended. Admission, 10c.

Notice.

This will inform the many readers of the Bystander that there will be a literary society organized for the young people on Friday night, Aug. 27, 1897, at the Tabernacle Baptist Mission on Eleventh-st., between Crocker and School-st. The ladies of the Mission will serve refreshments. Admission free. All are invited to be present.

W. W. STEWART, Pastor.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones and family wish to thank their many friends who kindly assisted them during the sickness and death of their daughter.

MRS. E. JONES, MRS. R. JONES, MR. A. JONES.

Improving the Homes.

Within the last few months several of young substantial colored citizens has been beautifying their homes in the way of adding to it or re-building. Mr. Wm. Mash has just completed a nice five-room cottage, out on Fremont-st., and has moved into it. He has all the modern conveniences of a pleasant home. Mr. B. J. Holmes is building a very beautiful 7-room house on 14th and Park, which, when completed will probably be the nicest arranged 2-story house, owned by any colored man, in the city. It will have a hallway, a porch or two, besides all the modern conveniences. The interior department is nicely arranged, opening three rooms together. Several others are contemplating repairing their homes. We are glad to note such worthy improvements, as it shows the financial progress of our race within only thirty years.

In the following many words Mr. Shaw said, "You may tell your folks when you go home—tell your wife and tell the hired man too that the nominee of this convention was not asked, to make, and did not pledge to any man, or set of men." Such men are few and we believe that he spoke the truth. All good Republicans will support such a man.

OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN OF 1897.

The Republicans Ratify.

The nominations made by the State Convention at Cedar Rapids. There was eloquent speeches made in support of the nominees of the State ticket, as well as the tariff, and its good results to all classes. There was fully three thousand people present. When Mr. Amos Brandt, chairman of the county central committee called the meeting to order and introduced S. F. Prouty, as chairman of the evening, who told in brief why Leslie M. Shaw was chosen standard bearer of the republican party, and that every man upon the Polk county delegation was satisfied that Mr. Shaw would lead them to one of the grandest victories that the republicans of Iowa ever had. The speakers were Senator Cheshire, Representative Stewart and Carr, W. E. Odell, J. L. Thompson, J. Madison Pierce, Capt. J. A. J. Hill, A. B. Gray and U. S. Senator Charles Gear.

The addresses of all was brief, but earnest, and each speaker was warmly received.

State Labor Commissioner Cox, of Michigan, says that the factory employees are being paid \$12,000 more each month than they received one year ago. Can any one say that the laboring class in Michigan is not blessed by prosperity. Will Mr. Bryan tell the people when he has the stump in Iowa to make or twelve of his free silver speeches that the crops in Nebraska will put into the farmers pockets \$30,000,000 on the account of the advance in prices of the farm products, and that each dollar will be worth one hundred cents.

The Republicans promised all along that the restoration of good times, it only given a good chance to restore their policy of protection. They said protection and prosperity went hand in hand, and time has shown that they were right. The McKinley men of last fall will be Shaw men this fall.

Senators Stewart and Jones of Nevada have give up the silver issue. They concede that the republican tariff, and the discovery of gold Alaska, and the return of prosperity have killed it.

If each republican does his duty, Mr. Shaw will have one hundred thousand more votes than Mr. White.

The robber tariff has made the farmer wheat worth a dollar a bushel.

This campaign should be fought on National issues.

Bryan should go to Mexico and attend their school on finance.

Solicitor's Mistake.

Bro. Taylor, you read the Bystander wrong; no explanation is needed. You said that the Bystander stated that two-thirds of the colored voters voted the democratic ticket last fall. We said that in a certain LOCALITY or TOWNSHIP probably about two-thirds of those voted.

State Fair Attractions.

Among the many good and interesting attractions the Agricultural State society will give during the coming State Fair, Sept. 9th to 18th, inclusive, which will be the illuminations by the Semi-om-Sed which will be every evening from the 13th to the 18th. They will portray the battle of Vicksburg, imitating some of the great conflicts of the famous battle "Old Blackhawk," the famous old Indian chief will be here with a tribe of Wisconsin Indians and will play a game of Lacrosse with our Iowa Tanna (Co.) Indians, Blackhawk, who is now chief of the Winnebago tribe, is a nephew to the old chief Black Hawk, who was the leader of the Black Hawk

war of 1832. Then another attraction will be a horseless buggy going around by electricity. It will be exhibited every day on the tracks. There will be several other univac and interesting attractions. Foremost among the many interesting features will be the Indian Village; Game of Lacrosse, Dr. Carver, champion shot; High Diving Horses; Wild West Show; I. O. O. Cantonment; Dress Parades, Drills, Soldiers Day Camp Fires; One Thousand Children Drill. All roads that lead to the city one fair for round trip. Everybody come and enjoy a few days at this year's fair.

Ex-Senator Revels now a Minister.

The Rev. Hiram R. Revels; D. D., the first colored man to occupy a seat in the United States Senate, is still alive, and is now devoting all of his time to the cause of Christ, being a member of the A. M. E. church. Dr. Revels lives in Holly Springs, Miss., and was sent to the United States Senate from Mississippi as the successor of Jefferson Davis, president of the confederate states.

Dr. Revels was a member of the senate during the early days of reconstruction, and it we remember aright, voted to impeach Andy Johnson. Of his contemporaries in the senate, only Senator Morrill of Vermont, is now a member thereof.—New Orleans Republican.

MUCHAKINOCK NOTES.

It has been two weeks since my last letter. I don't know what excuse to make. Well, I won't make any.

The minstrel given by the M. C. band was a decided success; 9th and 10th inst. Their street parade was great; there is some talk of them reproducing their show, soon.

Say! The dates for Muehakinock Fair has been changed. The Fair will be 16th, 17th and 18th, instead of 20th, 21st and 22nd. The M. C. band will furnish music for the Fair.

Prof. I. G. Goggins, the instructor for the band, has just received a pouble-bell Euphonium, with four keys, one of C. G. Conn's best instruments.

Britton Thomas, of Albia, visited at the home of Rev. T. L. Griffith's last week.

Miss Adelle Logan went to Ottumwa the 12th and spent several days, mind reading. There were quite a number of young people attended the Morrell & Co.'s picnic, in Oskaloosa.

R. E. Shelton was quietly united in wedlock to Miss Minnie Taylor last week at the home of Jacob Wilton.

The party given at —dam Dixon's in honor of James Dixon's birthday, was an enjoyable affair. Miss Lizzie Tate, of Oskaloosa, was among the guests.

Samuel Downy, of Ottumwa, was visiting friends in Muchy last week.

West Wood has gone to Virginia and will probably return (if reports are true), with some one to look after his welfare, with an interest deeper than the ordinary.

Miss Hattie Rhodes, who has been very sick, is slowly improving in health.

Albert Rhodes, who has been spending several months in the east, has returned looking much better. He says he had a very nice time, excepting the 2 or 3 weeks he was sick.

Miss Sallie Jones returned from Marshalltown Saturday.

Mrs. Lena White went to Virginia Monday to stay 2 or 3 months.

Miss Marietta Brown of Oskaloosa was in Muchy Sunday.

The ball game between the Unions of Muchy and the Olympics of Albia was won by the Unions—score 9 to 0, and principally made after the 6th inning.

The M. C. band did not go to Washington because they had no "stare thing" about their railroad fare, to say nothing about the money they offered to play for. They were informed by the committee that if they came they would have to pay their way and get their money out of the celebration, provided it was a success. The band men all work for a living and are at present making from \$3 to \$4 a day, and did not deem it business to go down there on such conditions, especially after being informed before that time that the band money was all made up. The M. C. band want to let the public know, further, that if you see their names on a bill again you may rest assured that they are going.

George H. Woodson accidentally fired a gun in his room Sunday and it set the house on fire, but it was put out before much damage was done. He is sick at this writing.

CLINTON ITEMS.

Miss E. M. Carter, the celebrated Creole lecturer of New Orleans, La., appeared before a fair sized audience at Bethel A. M. E. church Wednesday evening, delivering the lecture for which she has become noted—"The Black Woman of the South." At the conclusion of the lecture Miss Carter organized a woman's missionary society, a work she is especially interested in. The following persons were

electd officers: President, Miss Alantha Glanton; 1st vice president, Mrs. S. V. Williams; 2d vice president, Mrs. Jennie Dodson; recording secretary, Miss Missouri Dozier; corresponding secretary, Miss Emma Sayles; treasurer, Miss Mary Moreland.

Col. A. T. Wilson of Cedar Rapids, division commander Sons of Veterans, has appointed A. A. Bush on his staff with the rank of division quartermaster sergeant.

It is with regret we are called upon to note the serious illness of little Ruby, the 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robinson on 10th avenue.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fairfax is at Buffalo, N. Y., in attendance at the national encampment of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Melissa Glanton and daughter Alantha took a trip on the steamer Winona to Davenport and return Wednesday. They were accompanied by Miss Missouri Dozier and Masters Carl and Clifford Culbertson.

MARSHALLTOWN BUDGET.

Prof. J. W. Walker returned from Belle Plain and Toledo yesterday, where he has been on business for a few days.

Mrs. J. L. Brown and Miss Hattie Mayes returned Sunday from a week's visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mayes at Newton.

Miss Adelia Howard of Albia was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. L. Suter, Sunday.

Medames Anna Young, Hattie Whorley, Emma Russell and Miss Clara Wilkinson were visitors at LeGrand during Sunday.

Miss Annie Woods went to Waverly Saturday morning for a few days to visit with her mother, and from there she will go to the Waukesha, Wisconsin Springs for treatment for rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler entertained at dinner Sunday, at their home 506 E. Bronley St., Messrs. I. L. Brown, Linuel Becks, L. H. Johnson, Manual Jackson and Geo. R. Warn.

Mrs. Emma Flippings and Master Harry Woods will leave in a few days for Colfax, where they will visit friends for a week, and from there they will go to Des Moines, where they will visit with the former's sister, Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gilmore returned from a very pleasant weeks visit at Colfax, Saturday.

Wm. Woods is in Joliet, Ill., on business.

OTTUMWA NEWS.

(Last Week's Correspondence.)

The celebration was a grand success; there were a great many visitors in the city, among the many was Mrs. Mass, of Fairfield, visiting relatives, returning home Thursday morning. Mrs. Jennie Johnson, also was visiting with Mrs. Bradford. She goes from here to Kirksville, Mo., where she is receiving treatment, of which we hope she will be greatly benefited.

Mr. Hopkins, who spent a week in Ottumwa with his brother, Joeepet, returned home to Oatesburg, Ill.

Mrs. Maud M. Horton, of Des Moines, is visiting Mrs. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sax and daughter, Nellie, of Fairfield, were visiting friends and relatives in the city.

Miss Minnie Owens entertained visitors this week. The evenings was spent in games and refreshments were served in elegant style. Every one enjoyed themselves very much.

Mrs. Gilbert, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Keokuk for the past month is back again and reports a lovely time.

Miss Maud Morton, who has been visiting here for the past three weeks will return home to Des Moines, Thursday.

Mr. S. Sax, of Fairfield, was in our city attending the funeral of Mr. Walter Green.

Nathan Green, a well known barber of this city, died Sunday August 15th, at his home on E. Fourth-st., after a lingering illness of several weeks. He leaves a wife to mourn his death. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the White Baptist church.

Miss Francis Brown entertained Miss Morton, Sunday at 6 o'clock dinner.

Monday, Aug. 16th, the I. B. W.'s entertained the Alumni Club at Eliza Woods. Those present report a good time.

OSKALOOSA BRIEFLETS.

Mrs. Londonderry is very seriously ill with rheumatism and neuralgia. Her condition was very critical Tuesday evening, but she has since been improving.

Mrs. Wm. Tiffin departed Tuesday evening for Washington, Ia., for a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs. George Jones.

Mr. John Borquet and wife attended the lawn party in Muehakinock Monday evening. They report an enjoyable time.

Miss Gertrude Lee, who has been employed in the family of E. H. Gibbs, left for her home in Muscatine Friday last.

The Afro-American Protective association met Tuesday evening and elected officers for the coming year. It was

WHILE THEY LAST.

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Enthusiastic meeting and well attended. Much beneficial work is being planned for the approaching season. The following officers were elected: M. H. Huzzard, president; Charles Clay, vice president; Kemp Perry, secretary; R. J. Anderson, treasurer; G. W. Black, chaplain. Delegates will be chosen to the Muehakinock meeting.

Miss Ida Hatilton, who has been entertained by her friend, Miss Nellie Ford, has returned to her home in Ottumwa.

Mrs. Mary Richardson, who was a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Catherine Thompson, has returned to her home in Clive.

The ladies' Golden Leaf Court No. 8 held a very enjoyable social at the Masonic hall last Friday night. There was a good crowd and a pleasant time was had.

Mrs. Matilda Strong was called to Omaha, Neb., last Thursday by a telegram announcing the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Blackwell.

Miss Florence Anderson and Mr. Chas. Adams were married in Wesley chapel at 8 o'clock Friday evening, August 20, Rev. W. S. Burton officiating. The wedding was witnessed by a large circle of friends. After the ceremony about sixty of the invited guests repaired to the residence of George Perkins, where Mr. and Mrs. Adams were tendered a reception. A splendid supper was served, and it was a late hour before good night was said. The bride is a sister of Andy Anderson and has been a resident of this city about one year. Mr. Adams is an industrious and thrifty citizen and is much liked by all who know him. During the ceremony Miss Mary Lafayette attended the bride and Mr. Charles Allen acted as best man. The wedding march was played by Miss Jennie Hardy, daughter of our hardy.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mr. Bert Jones, with his sister, Miss Henrietta, attended Ringling Bro's show in Oskaloosa and returned Tuesday.

Aunt Bob drove over land to Muehakinock Sunday to spend the day with friends.

Miss Nellie Grayson living at Hite-man visited this week with Miss Mattie Bonnan.

An account occurred in the Hite-man mines last Tuesday in which a number of men were injured, but fortunately only two colored men received slight injuries, namely, Mr. Finks and Randolf.

Miss Mattie Jones returned home Monday from a seven weeks visit with her brother, at Clarinda.

Rev. and Mrs. Pharris returned to Albia from assisting in a camp meeting near Osceola, on Monday. Rev. Pharris continued his trip to Keokuk, while Mrs. Pharris will visit with friends in the city.

Various politicians of Monroe county held their conventions in Albia, Saturday, and a number of our people from this county, and Hite-man, were in.

The matron of A. M. E. Church, gave a social in the city hall Saturday evening. The attendance was large; a good time had, and financially it may be called a success.

Mrs. Marshall entertained Rev. White and Mr. and Mrs. Butler, at dinner, Sunday.

Mrs. E. Brummer is still quite ill, while V. S. Jones is reported sick.

Misses Talbert and Mathers, of Centerville, passed through Albia, Friday. They had been visiting in Oskaloosa.

Mr. Rob. Channey and his two sisters from Hite-man spent Sunday in Albia.

Mrs. Talbert returned home Thursday after a weeks sojourn in Oskaloosa.

BOONE NEWS.

Through negligence or something else, I have failed to report the news regularly, but hereafter you shall hear from me. Keep your eye on this spot, and your hand on your

pocket book, and when the collector calls, don't turn him away empty handed.

Tuesday evening Mr. Henry Williams passed through the city on his way to Chicago. Many will remember him as a former resident of this city.

The Home Aid society held a public meeting Tuesday evening. Although the attendance was very light, it did not deter the participants in the program from making good effort to please.

WASHINGTON (IA.) NEWS.

Miss Genevieve Green, one of the noted society girls in the city the guest of Miss Hall. She will remain till the 21th, and assist in the evenings entertainment of the celebration.

Mrs. Woods who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Williams, left for her home in Davenport, Thursday evening. Her many friends were sorry to have her leave.

Mr. John W. Lewis, the popular Oskaloosa druggist was a Tuesday and Wednesday guest of his friends, Miss Genevieve Green and Mr. Frank Moore. He left Wednesday night for Chicago and all look forward to his return, the 24th.

Mrs. R. Rubin entertained at tea Sunday and dinner Wednesday, Misses Moss, Green, Hall and Mr. Ike Hall. The guests all think there is no place like a country home.

The social at the church was quite a success financially though not well attended, owing to the inclemency of the weather. Quite a number of stranger's were out. We hope to see them again.

A jolly crowd, consisting of the Misses Liney, Green, Hall, Moore and Motts were entertained at headquarters at supper Monday night by Messrs. Smith and Williams and for supper Tuesday evening at the dining hall of company G, from Newton. The hosts being two of Newton's society gentlemen. Thus we see the gentlemen are foremost in the art of entertaining.

The cycling who were out Monday evening, seemed to be enjoying themselves in spite of the falls some received.

All who were out to the celebration enjoyed themselves immensely. The special from Muehakinock did not appear as the company would not accept the citizens terms. A crowd of fifteen from Burlington were here to participate, as were those from Muchy and Oskaloosa. All enjoyed themselves highly in the evening at the entertainment and ball. The light fantastic toe was tripped till the wee 'uns hours of morning. The principal feature of the evening was the cat-shanking which caused the soberest, most cynical and most sedate to forget themselves for a while and enjoy a hearty good laugh. Fully seventy-five of our best white citizens were present which was certainly appreciated. The piano solos rendered by Miss Green were received with applause and proved the audience to be a music loving people.

Mrs. Tiffin, of Oskaloosa, who was a participant in the celebration will remain over and visit her daughter.

Mrs. Carr, of Muscatine, stopped over for the celebration while enroute home.

Miss Genevieve Green departed for home in Newton, Wednesday morning, after a pleasant visit with her friend Belle Hall. She made many friends while in our midst by her amiable disposition and jolly spirit and her many friends are sorry to have her leave, but hope she will again be among us.

The Rev. Edward Everett Hale, in an address last Sunday on Boston Common, spoke of his trip half way across the continent, and said: "I traveled by day, in order to see the country, and,

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Others see our faults as plainly as we see theirs.

If you would not be known to do a thing, never do it.

The man who plows deep makes the right kind of a prayer for good crops.

To save all trouble Judge Jackson might enjoin the coal from remaining longer in the mines.

A man of figures says one pound of wool will produce one yard of cloth. It will also produce 1,587,963,204 words which are called congressional debate.

"As Joaquin Miller sees it" is the headline over the poet's letter from the Alaskan gold fields. And when you read the letter you know Mr. Miller saw it through a dictionary.

A remarkable discovery has been made in Connecticut. By an error in the statutes it is almost impossible to punish a man for bigamy. It is not a crime for a man to be married to more than one woman so long as he does not live with his wives. Who knows but the members of the legislature intended to have the law read just as it does? Of course, the women will see that it is repealed.

At the unveiling of the monument to his grandfather at Cologne, the Emperor William referred to the symbolical figure thereon as "Neptune and his trident." As a matter of fact, the sculptor had struggled to represent "Father Rhine" and garlanded vines—and this was his reward. Our republican eyes make odd mistakes with some of our statues, and the imperial eye may fairly be pardoned their artistic astigmatism.

There are many ways of keeping the great dead in perpetual remembrance. A magnificent tomb, a monument, a statue was the ancient way. To erect memorials that will bless mankind, while recalling a name that deserves the honor of posterity, is a modern idea. One of the pleasantest and most merited tributes of this sort is the setting apart of Elmwood, the home of James Russell Lowell, in Cambridge, as a public park. The project bids fair to succeed; and until a degenerate age shall dispose of the land for money, the public pleasure ground will be a perpetual reminder of America's poet, statesman and scholar.

The production of aluminum in the United States during the year 1896 was 1,300,000 pounds, as against 900,000 pounds in 1895, showing a gain of 400,000 pounds, or 44 per cent. As has been the case for several years past the entire domestic output came from a single producer, the Pittsburg Reduction Company, the plant of which at Niagara Falls has been enlarged and has been working at nearly full capacity. It is interesting to note in this connection that the United States has up to the present time produced more than one-third of all the aluminum manufactured in the world. The principal European producer is the Aluminum Industrie Gesellschaft, with works at Neuhausen, Switzerland, and controlling the Societe Electro-Metallurgique de France, with works at Froges, in France.

In view of the probable borrowing upon a large scale by the Chinese government in the near future investors would do well to bear in mind how unsettled the position of the empire is, and how serious is its financial outlook. In a letter dated April 30, the Pekin correspondent of the London Times points out the financial necessities of the country are every day becoming keener, and now when China has need of all her resources, when revenues formerly distributed for internal needs are being collected to pay foreign indebtedness, when terminal charges and others wrongfully imposed to nullify the value of transit passes are being abolished in obedience to the will of treaty powers, with consequent shrinkage of revenue, a famine has broken out in two of the richest provinces, Szuchuan and Hu-peh, and a great decrease in the land tax and opium likin must further weaken the treasury. Cannibalism is reported in the famine districts. The secret societies are at work and the officials are in dread. Surely China has dark days before her. All is tending to unrest. The uprising in Yun-nan, the rebels in Kwang-si, the murder of Pere Marzel, and the feroceity of a rebellion in Yun-nan in sympathy with a Mohammedan insurrection in Kan-su are all of evil portent. The prospect is thus extremely gloomy, and a greater display of statesmanship than has yet been made in Pekin will be required if grave results are not to follow.

Even the Chicago grand jury is tainted with bribery, and the public eye seeks in vain for a pure object connected with the administration of justice. Lawyers wriggle their clients out of trouble with the bold help of courts, and there appears to be little or no chance of a square deal in behalf of the vast honest majority of the people.

If Germany gets too rollicking Uncle Sam may compel her to bury all Limburger cheese that has died at home and been shipped over here.

There have been fighting men who claimed to "weigh a ton," but at the time of the jubilee naval review the average British tar seems to have weighed thirteen tons. "In gallant array off the coast were one hundred and sixty-six war vessels," called a correspondent, "manned by about forty-five thousand men, aggregating some six hundred thousand tons." No wonder Britannia rules the waves!

The greatest error made by legislators is the false idea that compromise is the sign of statesmanship.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

AN ELECTRIC FIRE ENGINE.

Stuart Man Interesting Chicago Authorities Therein. CHICAGO, August 25.—George W. Cox, of Stuart, Iowa, has brought electricity into the field of the fire fighters. He is in Chicago trying to sell to the city a fire engine that will be propelled to fires by the electric fluid. The engine is operated by a powerful storage battery, which both furnishes motive power for the machine and pumps the water. By its chemical and water can be thrown upon the flames at once. Complete the fire engine will weigh about 4,000 pounds. Fire department officials are said to believe the invention a good one.

TRAMP TOOK A BATH.

Stole the Owner's Clothes, Too, at Dubuque. DUBUQUE, August 27.—The residence of Rev. Elliott W. Brown, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, was burglarized, along with other residences. Mr. Brown and family are away. He took a bath in the bath room, and then proceeded to don Mr. Brown's best suit of clothes, leaving his vermin infested rags behind. He also had a good night's sleep in the pastor's bed. He was arrested later and gives the name of John King.

BLOODY MURDER MYSTERY.

Waverly Farmer Killed and His Body Burned. WAVERLY, August 26.—Jerome Creran, a farmer a few miles east of Waverly, was found dead in the woods with a bullet hole through his side and clothes burned from his body. He had been missing since the 23rd, when he went to the woods to hunt bees. It is supposed that he had been murdered but no motive is known. The little money he had on his person was not taken.

A RAILROAD WRECK.

Great Western Passenger Telescoped at Alta Vista. ST. PAUL, August 26.—One passenger was killed and a dozen more or less seriously injured in a collision at Alta Vista, Iowa, on the Great Western railway. A north bound passenger train, while standing at a station, was run into by a freight. The two year coaches of the passenger train were telescoped.

MINERS WILL STRIKE.

Decided to Enforce Demands Made for a 91 Scale at Des Moines. DES MOINES, August 25.—The miners of the Des Moines district will go on a strike September 1st to enforce the demand made upon the operators for a uniform scale of \$1 a ton for mining coal in the Des Moines district. This was decided at a meeting of miners held a few days ago.

Found After Four Years.

SIoux CITY, August 26.—J. S. Quinn and George Ranney were arrested in Sioux City because they had in their possession a quantity of stamps which were stolen from the Alvord post office four years ago and had never been recovered. The men say that they plowed up the stamps in a field a year or more ago, and notified the postal authorities. Two men were arrested for burglaries committed at the same time, and it was supposed they were the postoffice thieves though no stamps were recovered. The men just taken into custody had stamps in their possession to the value of \$400, mostly Columbian stamps of large denomination.

Corn Condition Critical.

DES MOINES, August 27.—Henry Wallace has returned from a trip through the state for the purpose of observing the condition of the corn crop. He is of the opinion the condition is critical and that it will take extremely favorable weather to mature over 50 per cent of the corn before September 15. All reports seem to indicate that favorable weather until October 1 is needed to bring through a large portion of the crop.

Highway Robbery and Assault.

CHEROKEE, August 26.—John Frankot and C. G. Hurley have been placed under \$1,000 bonds to appear before the grand jury on a charge of highway robbery and assault. Frankot and Hurley are employed on the insane asylum and held up and robbed a fellow workman by the name of John Bonimant, after which they seriously assaulted him. Bonimant was stabbed several times in the back and shoulder.

Footpads by Daylight.

ATLANTIC, August 24.—Henry Behneman, a German, 56 years old, hailing from Adair county, and who was hunting work in this locality, was sandbagged by tramps near Marne in broad daylight. Behneman carried two grips and was probably taken for a peddler. His jaw was fractured in two places. The assailants have not been arrested. They are described as being young men about 21 years old.

Officer Fatally Beaten.

BELLE PLAINE, August 24.—As the result of a riot at a dance at Van Horn, Benton county, Marshal Kraft lies at the point of death. In attempting to make arrests his revolver was taken from him, he was dragged out of the room and pounded with clubs and brass knuckles. The doctors think he will die. Sheriff Metcalf has warrants for the offenders.

John C. Bills Suicides.

DAVENPORT, August 24.—Hon. John C. Bills, ex-state senator, ex-mayor of Davenport, and one of the most prominent lawyers in Iowa, suicided by shooting. Despondency over failing health was the cause.

Overruled by Judge Woolson.

MOUNT PLEASANT, August 25.—Jesse Hamilton, convicted before Judge Roberts at Ottumwa, of the Eldon bank robbery, brought an action before Judge Woolson for an injunction, and it was overruled.

IOWA WINS.

Court Decides That Emlin McClain Can Annotate the New Code. DUBUQUE, August 25.—Judge Shiras refused Callaghan & Co.'s application for an injunction to restrain Emlin McClain from annotating the new code of Iowa. He said they had not shown irreparable injury would result to them nor established the legal conclusion that McClain's copyright to "McClain's Annotated Code" was held in trust for them jointly. It was not clear that McClain's contract to do no work that would impair the sale of Callaghan & Co.'s publication resulted from the legislature's determination to issue a new code and if McClain did not annotate it somebody else would.

DURING STATE FAIR.

Des Moines Is Planning a Grand Reception for Visitors. DES MOINES, August 27.—The plumbers engaged in the preparation of the street illuminations for Sept. 10 to 18, have on hand an immense quantity of gas pipe and have nearly completed the work of preparing it for being placed in position. This work will be commenced at once and the putting up of arches, clusters, etc., will be pushed rapidly. The contract for putting up the big triumphal arch has been awarded and work on it is now in progress. It is being made in sections and will be ready to be placed in position and to receive the electrical and other designs in about a week.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Miner and Well Digger Killed—Hoy Fatally Hurt.

OSKALOOSA, August 27.—Harry Phillips, 16 years old, was thrown from a horse on the pavement and fatally injured. His skull was crushed in and his body is paralyzed. George Martin was overcome while working with a gas main, and when found he was nearly dead. Three doctors worked with him for nearly an hour before restoring him to a normal condition. Frank Conkling was fatally injured while digging a well. A heavy bucket fell twenty-two feet, striking him on the head.

Malt Shave, a Miner, at What Cheer, was crushed by a fall of slate, and death resulted.

Killed by Bursting Emery Wheel.

DUBUQUE, August 27.—John F. Williams, a tool grinder at the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul shops, was fatally injured by the bursting of an emery wheel at which he was working. His entire face was smashed in and the frontal bone broken.

IOWA CONDENSED.

At Marshalltown recently Engineer Jack Payette, of the Central, who runs the stationary engine on the company's ditcher, was quite seriously and perhaps fatally injured while at work repairing the company's ditcher back of the round house. He fell from a derrick.

Marquis Combs, a farmer residing about three miles northwest of Blairtown, was instantly killed a few days ago at a street crossing in that place. Two moving trains were passing each other, and while Mr. Combs was getting out of the way of one of them, the other train struck him. He leaves a wife and several children.

A shooting affray occurred at Independence recently between Sidney Seward, colored, and his brother-in-law, Frank Mitchell, white. Seven shots were exchanged, but neither was seriously injured. Bad blood has been between the families for four years, since Seward's marriage to Mitchell's sister. Both were arrested and charged with assault with intent to kill.

A bad accident happened at the Illinois Central gravel pit near Cherokee. A slight rain had fallen, which made the rails slippery, and in backing a long train of cars down a steep grade the brakes refused to act. The entire train and engine went under the trap and Martin O'Neill, an engineer, was caught between the trap and the cab of the engine. He was badly crushed, and it is thought he cannot live.

Work has been commenced on the new street railway at Boone, and if nothing interferes the electric cars will be in operation within sixty days. A large 200-horse power compound engine has been bought, and will soon be put in position. The foundation for the same is now being put in. A 200-horse power boiler has also been ordered, which will at once be put in place and the machinery for operating the big plant made ready for the cars.

A Chicago dispatch says: George Gilmore, a wealthy farmer, stock raiser and merchant of Belle Plaine, Iowa, is held at the Harrison street police station pending an inquiry into a daylight robbery. Gilmore says he sold a load of stock and with \$1,000 in his pocket went down town and was dragged in a saloon, robbed him of the entire sum and turned out into the streets. His helplessness attracted the attention of the police, who removed him to a hotel. Gilmore insists he drank but one glass of beer, but after he did this he knew nothing more until he found himself penniless in the hands of the police.

Burlington dispatch: Thirty-six of the linemen who have been employed by the Hubinger Telephone Company, in Burlington, struck because, as they claim, they had received no wages since July 5, and they are in need of money for living expenses. A number of them became intoxicated and finding some of the men still at work attacked them. Foreman Jerry Ditch was felled to the earth with a club in the hands of one of the men, and five or six others piled on top of him, beating and kicking him in a brutal manner. A squad of police arrived in time to save his life all the rioters were arrested and afterwards pinned in jail, in default of \$200 bail each, on the charge of assault and battery and inciting a riot.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

2,000,000,000 BUSHELS SHORT.

European Wheat, Rye and Potatoes Lack That of an Average. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., August 27.—An extensive inquiry into European crop conditions conducted by the Orange Judd syndicate of agricultural papers, including the American Agriculturist, of New York, Orange Judd Farmer, of Chicago, and the New England Homestead, of Springfield, Mass., indicates that the food crop situation abroad is very grave. Estimates of Europe's (including England) need for wheat imports range all the way from 300,000,000 to 400,000,000 bushels. Europe's wheat crops for '95, '94, and '93 averaged about 1,500,000,000 bushels. In the famine year of '91, it was only 1,000,000,000. The impression is gaining ground that Europe's wheat crop this year is even less than in '91, but this is not the worst of it. Europe usually produces as much rye as she does wheat. It is the bread grain of the masses. Rye is the crop of the principal European countries (Russia, Germany, France, Austria, Bulgaria, Roumania, and Italy, the low countries and Sweden) and averaged about 1,300,000,000 bushels annually for '96, '95, '94, and '93. This season the rye crop of these countries cannot much exceed 875,000,000 bushels. Quite as bad is the potato prospect. Only about 1,850,000,000 bushels of potatoes will be harvested in these countries this year. Without regard to the United Kingdom and other European countries, there is a shortage of some 1,000,000,000 bushels of potatoes. The European shortage compared with the average follows: Wheat, 300,000,000 bushels; rye, 325,000,000; potatoes, 1,000,000,000; total, 1,625,000,000 bushels.

FIERCE WAR IN INDIA.

All the Afridis Are Up in Arms Against England. LONDON, August 25.—The Afridi rising has assumed a serious phase. The indications are that the entire tribe are in revolt, which means that a protracted and desperate campaign confronts the British troops. Great excitement was created in the war office by receipt of official news from General Blood that Ai-Musjid had been attacked and that Fort Maude had been partly invested by the revolted. The dispatch also indicated that Kadam was in great peril, while Michni and Shabkadr were menaced by a fierce horde advancing down the Khyber Pass. The latter had been connected by the so-called Mad Mollah, a fanatical Mohammedan mullah, who has inflamed the whole country against British rule. The urgency of sending re-enforcements was pointed out, and the Royal Irish regiment, a native infantry regiment and a battery of mountain artillery, were at once ordered to Kohat.

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MONTEVIDEO, August 27.—The assassin of President Borda is Avelino Arredondo, an officer in the Uruguayan army. He is a Uruguayan and only 27 years old. Now that Uruguay's chief is dead, he is calm and declares he is content with his action. Arredondo, now in prison, declares that the crime was not inspired by anything more than personal hatred for the president. He had no accomplice and is willing to take the consequences of the deed.

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NEW GRASS FOR THE WEST.

Experiments for Foliage That Will Thrive on Plains. WASHINGTON, August 26.—The agricultural department is preparing to make an experiment with a new foliage plant which is thought to be adapted to the semi-arid regions of the west. It is the bromus inermis, a grass which is indigenous to the Russian steppes. An order for two tons of the seed of the plant has been wired to Moscow in response to a telegram of Professor Hanson, the department's agricultural agent, that he could secure this quantity by taking it immediately. The grass is said to thrive in lands which are too dry for the ordinary forage plants. It is a tall, nutritious plant, and it is hoped will prove adapted to the plains in the region along the bases of the Rocky mountains. Professor Hanson is making a special investigation of the grasses and other forage vegetation of Siberia for the department with the view of securing plants adapted to the soil and climate of the plains region, and this order is the first fruit of his labor.

WANT TO CONTINUE THE WAR.

Greeks Object to a Peace Treaty With the Turks. ATHENS, August 24.—A meeting of over 3,000 people adopted an address to King George, urging him and the government to reject the proposed peace treaty between Greece and Turkey, and to resume the hostilities which were interrupted by the truce. The entire press, however, and a great majority of the public of Athens condemn the agitation for a resumption of the war.

Turkish-Greek Peace.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 26.—The question of the peace settlement between Greece and Turkey has now passed out of the hands of the ambassadors of the powers and become the subject of negotiations direct between the European cabinets. Germany objects to the Marquis of Salisbury's proposal that Greece should be asked to state precisely the means she possesses for paying the indemnity, and insists upon the signing of the peace preliminaries as already determined. Serbia partly shares Germany's policy, and Italy will agree to Germany's policy if the powers agree to 5 per cent. Russia and France are said to support the Marquis of Salisbury.

Bluff of the Spanish.

Think the United States Will Not Interfere in Cuban Affairs. LONDON, August 25.—A dispatch to the Standard from San Sebastian says: General Azarraga, the new premier, is confident the United States will preserve its present attitude of cordial friendship and will not insist upon mediation in Cuba. Spain would not refuse to submit to a commission to settle the claims of American citizens in Cuba if formed with the understanding that only damages suffered at the hands of her forces and authorities will be the subject of negotiation and reserving all counter claims arising from filibustering. Should Minister Woodford be instructed to demand autonomy, Spain would reply that autonomy would have been granted long ago had the Cubans ceased to receive from the United States moral and material assistance enabling them to prolong the struggle and had they ceased to demand absolute independence.

MASSACRE OF SEPOYS.

Three Hundred British Troops Butchered by Afridis. LONDON, August 26.—The much dreaded event in India has taken place. A massacre has occurred and three hundred Sepoys have been butchered by the Afridis. The affair is said to have taken place near Fort Ai-Musjid, where the Sepoy troops are said to have been surrounded and then savagely shot to pieces. The enemy secured the rifles of their victims and then started to storm the British garrison at Lowgrat. News of the horrible affair was sent from Peshawar and the government officials would like to believe that the story is unfounded, but it is feared that later intelligence will prove its truth. Fort Maude, in Khyber Pass, has fallen but fortunately there has been no massacre at that point. The Afridis captured the place after desperate fighting and retired, as reported, with but the loss of three men.

Law is Unconstitutional.

MADISON, Wis., August 26.—The law enacted by the last legislature requiring the labeling of convict made goods brought into Wisconsin from other states, has been declared unconstitutional by Judge Scammon of the United States court, who held that it was void because it interfered with interstate commerce.

Politicians Kill Each Other.

MIDDLEBORO, Ky., August 24.—Ex-Sheriff George Steel, democratic leader, and Deputy Sheriff Sam Young, republican leader, of Leslie county, quarreled over politics in Hydon, and began shooting and continued till both were killed.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, August 25.—A copyright has been granted to Carl W. Dählberg, of Des Moines, for a book entitled "The Iowa Road Guide." Patents have been allowed, but not yet issued, as follows: To B. F. Wood, of Des Moines, for an automatic kitchen ventilator, adapted to be attached to a stove pipe to carry off smoke, steam and foul air. To M. J. Rhyon, Jr., of Keokuk, for a sprocket wheel and chain in which the chain is accurately retained to the central line of the wheel to prevent the lateral movements and friction and wear incident to the slipping of chains on wheels. To L. J. King, of Stanton, for improved mechanism for transmitting power and motion from the traction wheel of a mowing machine to the cutting mechanism as required to maintain uniform speed. To W. A. Ellis, of Altoona, for a tire shrinker and stretcher adapted to be advantageously used by blacksmiths in fitting tires to wheels. Valuable information about obtaining, valuing and selling patents sent free to any address.

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Proper and Advantageous Way to Sell Farm Products. The independent shippers of grain to Chicago begin to realize that they have a common obstacle to surmount.

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Ground water loses much organic matter in percolating through the soil. Shallow well water is generally to be avoided. Spring water is the very best.

THE HELPING HAND.

My acquaintance with Patsy began at a time when I had charge of the distributing bureau of a Helping Hand Aid Society.

IN THE MOONLIGHT.

One day it was whispered in our camp before Petersburg that Sergeant Jack's wife had died.

On a Hillside.

Reporter—How many years have you been in public life? Statesman—Twenty-four.

WISE WOMEN.

Those Who Hood the First Symptoms of Nervous Derangement. Special from Mrs. Pinkham. A dull, aching pain at the lower part of the back and a sensation of little rills of heat, or chills running down the spine, are symptoms of general womb derangement.

Advertisement for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

Teacher—What is a pedagogue? Johnny Squaw—A fellow that gets run over by a bicycle, ma'am.

There is a Class of People Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O.

My doctor said I would die, but Pilsco's Cure for Consumption cured me—Amos Keltner, Cherry Valley, Ills., Nov. 23, '95.

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Colored Girl Found At Vassar.

Society and educational circles in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. are shocked by the announcement in a local paper that one of the graduating class of Vassar College this year was a colored girl, who, concealing her race, entered the college, took the four years' course, and finally confessed the truth to a professor a few days before commencement.

The facts were communicated to the faculty, which body in secret session decided to allow the girl to receive her diploma with her class.

She has been known as one of the most beautiful young women who ever attended the great institution of learning and even now women who received her in their homes as their equal do not deny her beauty. At the reception on Founder's Day, Philaethian Day and the other holidays of the college year none of the fair students was more eagerly sought by the men from Yale, Harvard and the other universities who attended the events.

Her fellow-students called her "the beautiful brunette." Her manners were those of a person of gentle birth, and her intelligence and ability were recognized alike by her classmates and professors. Her skin was dark, but not swarthy. Her hair was black, but straight as an Indian's, and she usually gathered it in a knot at the back of her head. Her eyes were coal black and of piercing brilliancy. Her appearance was such that in other environments she might have been taken for an Indian; indeed, not a few of the students whispered that Indian blood flowed in her veins.

In her senior years the statements this beautiful dark young woman made about her relatives—their style of living, the splendor of her home, etc.—prompted her room-mate, who already had her suspicion aroused by gossip, to repeat them to her father, a well-known business man.

This incident added to the gossip in the college, and a few days before commencement the whisperings of her classmates reached the colored girl's ears. She was heartbroken to learn that her secret was suspected, perhaps known. Going to one of the professors she bravely told everything.

As a little girl she said she attracted the attention of a woman of wealth and position, who saw her probabilities of a noble womanhood. The woman took the little colored girl into her household, gave to her all the advantages of money and refinement and as a result she passed the required examinations, entered Vassar and completed the prescribed course of study.

The kind-hearted professor, a woman, wiped away the girl's tears and spoke words of encouragement. Then she went to President Taylor with the story and pleaded with him not to deprive the girl of commencement honors and a diploma. The faculty considered the matter gravely. Never had a colored girl been a student at aristocratic Vassar, and professors were at a loss to foresee the effect upon the future if this one were allowed to be graduated. Yet there is nothing in the college rules that prohibits a colored woman from entering Vassar.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN. Jas. Ross remains quite ill at his home on B avenue. Geo. Martin is convalescent. Mrs. O. B. Claire, of Kenwood, was in Monday attending the funeral of Mrs. Greenwood. The Light House society meets Friday night with Mrs. G. H. Wade.

We are informed that many of our citizens are very indigent, because Miss Carter, agent and lecturer of the Parent Mite Missionary society was turned away from our city with the plea that no one would take her in, and we feel safe in saying that had it been known that no noble woman was in our city a dozen and more doors would have swung widely open for her reception. The hospitable

people of Cedar Rapids are righteously indignant and assure Miss Carter that as kind hearts as ever beat beneath human brow can be found in our city and would be only too glad to entertain so grand a woman of our church and race.

Mr. Sterling of Davenport is in our city the guest of Ed. Kippers and wife.

Miss Etta Davis left Wednesday for a brief visit with the Greenway family of Muscatine.

G. H. Wade and family were elegantly entertained at the beautiful country home of W. H. Millison on last Tuesday. They spent the entire day with them and a pleasant time was had.

Mr. Chas. Gable, of Belle Plaine was in our city last week visiting his wife, Mrs. Kate Gable, of Fourth avenue, returned home Thursday.

Dr. E. F. Johnson, of Des Moines gained friends while in our city, as also did the other Des Moinesites. Messrs. J. L. Thompson, our gifted young editor, R. N. Hyde and Jefferson Logan. We hope they will visit us again.

The great revivalist, Williams, will hold meetings here in his tent, commencing on the 25th inst. We trust much good may be done.

Mrs. Maria Greenwood, an old and highly respected citizen, and a consistent member of the A. M. E. church of this city, departed this life, Saturday, Aug. 21st, at the age of sixty two years, of complication of diseases. Sister Greenwood was born in Maryland, and came to this city many years ago. She leaves besides a host of friends among both races, a brother, sister and two daughters, and three grandchildren to mourn her death. Her funeral was held Monday afternoon from the A. M. E. church, Rev. McDowell officiating. The pallbearers were Wm. Martin, Sr., Thos. Raspberry, Milligan, Thos. Lowry and G. H. Wade.

MT. PLEASANT NOTES.

Miss Louisa Scott spent Sunday with friends in Salem.

Miss Anna Jones, of Muchakinoch is in the city and will make an extended visit with Fitzgerald.

Rev. Roberts, assisted Rev. Gordon in his Sunday services.

Miss Agnes Mason will leave Thursday to take charge of her school at College Mound, Mo.

The Second Baptist church was formally reopened on last Sunday by Rev. Sarbar. Appropriate services was held during the day.

Rev. Watts is in the city.

Miss Maggie Shephard, who for the past year has been making her home with her sister, Mrs. L. T. Clay, returned to her home in Sparta, Ills.

Mrs. C. Williams and daughter has moved to Aurora, Ills.

In Court. Lawyer—But when you said that did you not have some ulterior motive in view? Witness—What right have you to question my motives? Lawyer—I'm questioning you.—Boston Transcript.

Squirrel Caused Her Death. A squirrel fell down the chimney of the home of Mrs. Isaac Miller, an aged woman who lived alone at Versailles, Ohio, stopping the flue and preventing the escape of gas from the coal stove. Mrs. Miller was found dead next morning.

ang before the fire or in the hot sun to dry quickly, rubbing and pulling the article into proper shape every few moments to prevent the skin's drying hard and stiff.

IOWA AFRO-AMERICAN LEAGUE.

The fifth annual meeting of the Afro-American League of Iowa, formerly known as the Afro-American Protective Association, has been called by the executive committee to meet in Muchakinoch, September 21st and 22nd. The local organization in each place asked to meet and select their delegates and report to us at once. Each town is entitled to one delegate and alternate. The pro rata of delegates is as follows:

Table listing delegates and alternates for various Iowa towns including Des Moines, Keokuk, Ottumwa, Muchakinoch, Sioux City, etc.

Each delegation should select the same number of Alternates to insure a full representation.

A Challenge.

Inasmuch as Mr. Jas. Madison Pierce sets himself up as Des Moines' colored champion of the single gold standard issue, I hereby challenge him to meet me in joint discussion at any time and place convenient to him.

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VARIETIES.

Java produces a large part of the world's indigo and pepper.

Germany has, during the last two decades, spent close upon \$100,000,000 in dredging and improving the Rhine, the Elbe and the Vistula.

One woman residing in a Maine village has been so much annoyed by looters leaning against her fence that she now keeps it freshly painted.

Each convict at the New Hampshire State prison is furnished a Bible and a dictionary, and Greek and Latin textbooks are supplied those who ask for them.

Mrs. Mulcahy—And so your son is sick? Mrs. Burke—She is, and it makes it hard for me and the children. We have no milk at all; I have to get it.—Boston Transcript.

A special commission, created for that purpose has planted and nourished more than one thousand shade trees in the streets of Charleston, S. C., within the past four years.

Great is greatness. Governor Elisha Dyer, of Rhode Island, has recently been alluded to in print as "the father of Mr. Elisha Dyer, Jr., the great dance leader of New York."—Boston Herald.

When a suspicious-looking person approaches one of the tellers in the Bank of France a private signal is given to a concealed photographer, and in a few seconds the suspected individual is secretly photographed.

The Connecticut legislature recently passed a law requiring the use of only such inks on public records as have been approved by the Secretary of State. One hundred dollars is the penalty provided for violation of the act.

In Giles county, Virginia, the inhabitants are moving to other parts on account of the earthquake, which there produced cosmic effects not reported elsewhere. The water all leaked out of one of the neighboring lakes, and a prosperous salt-works entirely disappeared.

BITS OF WISDOM.

Some churches have more sleepers than pillars.

Unfriendly kindred are the greatest strangers and often the worst foes.

The saloon screen door shows that the devil is ashamed of his business.

When men are dying inside it takes more than scholarship to arrest the malady.

We are sure to have favor with God when to get it we are willing to lose the favor of men.—Ex.



Republican County Ticket.

- For Senator... Thos. A. Chesire
Representatives... Geo. H. Carr, Chas. W. Stewart, H. C. Murphy, J. E. Stout, James Brenton, Geo. F. Lambert, R. V. Ankeny, C. H. Gross, Wesley Spain, Des Moines Township, J. J. Halloran

Coming! Coming!

Slayton's Jubilee Singers, one of the leading colored concert companies of the United States, will render their services at the Chautauqua Park August 16th to 27th, inclusive.

They sing first-class high grade music, and always receive crowded houses. They have a hundred enthusiastic praises from the leading cities of our country. They have been singing throughout the east, north and south, and during the summer just closing they have been singing continually at various Chautauqua assemblies. The members have each studied under the best instructors of the country, and each is an accomplished artist in their special roles.

Among their number is indeed three prima donnas, a lady quartet, a male quartet, Basil Robinson, one of the Donor high tenors, who is also a fine comedian; Joseph Hagerman, the lion bass, and Mr. Washington, comic imitator, and several other specialists who will be with the company.

Remember this is during the Chautauqua assembly.

CHEAP RATES ON THE WABASH.

On July 20th, Aug. 3d and 17th, Sept. 7th and 21st, Oct. 5th and 19th, the Wabash will sell tickets at one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip to points East, West, South and South-West. The Wabash has found that it pays to give its patrons an opportunity to look for cheaper homes, better climate, etc. If you will write to Horace Seelye, Commercial Agent Wabash, at Des Moines; he will mail you maps, folders and land guides, giving detailed information.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Tabernacle Baptist Mission Services, situated on Eleventh St. between Crocker and School Sts., will be held on Sunday, Sept. 21st, at 11 A. M., Christian Endeavor, 8 P. M. Preaching. All are cordially invited to these services. W. W. Stewart, pastor.

First African Baptist Church—Corner Fourth and School; preaching at 10:30 A. M.; Sunday school at 12 m.; preaching at 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. Lomack, pastor.

Horn's M. E.—East Second and Des Moines Street; preaching at 10:30 A. M.; Sunday meeting at 11:45; Sunday school at 2:30 P. M.; preaching at 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday. Rev. T. A. Clark, pastor.

SECRET ORDERS.

North Star Lodge, No. 2, A. F. A. M.—Meets first and third Thursdays in each month at Masonic Hall—Corner West Sixth and Walnut. G. H. Clegg, W. M.; J. P. Blagburn, secretary.

Hiram Chapter, No. 7—Meets on Second and Fourth Thursdays in each month at Masonic Hall. Robert Webster, H. P.; C. H. Clegg, secretary.

King Solomon Commandery, No. 6—Meets second and fourth Thursdays in each month at Masonic hall. Fred Jackson, M. C.; G. H. Clegg, H. P.

Charity Lodge, No. 392, G. O. U. of O. F.—Meets second and fourth Thursdays in each month at Odd Fellows hall on West Sixth and Walnut streets. D. Burns, N. G.; F. Brown, S. W.

Naomi Court, No. 3—Meets Second Monday in each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. J. H. Shepard, matron; Mrs. Fred Jackson, secretary.

Iowa Chapter O. E. S.—Meets Third Wednesday in each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. G. H. Clegg, 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 Majors, secretary.

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

DES MOINES RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for destination, arrival, and departure times for various routes like Chicago, St. Louis, Keokuk, etc.

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Now is the Time to get a Home 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, and a copy of the paper will be mailed free upon application to W. B. Kniskern, 22 Fifth avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Original Notice.

In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Polk county, Sept. term, A. D. 1897. Al. Grete and Hugo Umfrid, doing business as co-partners under the name of Grete & Umfrid, plaintiffs, vs. E. B. Denison, defendant.

TO SAID DEFENDANT: You are hereby notified that the petition of plaintiffs in the above entitled cause is now filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Polk county, claiming of you the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-four and 81/100 Dollars, as money justly due from you and interest thereon at 6 per cent from the 15th day of July, A. D. 1897, for money due from you for goods, wares and merchandise hereunto sold and delivered to you by plaintiffs at your instance and request, and that a writ of attachment has been asked and issued against you, your goods, chattels, lands, tenements and effects.

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