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CITY NEWS

Watch This Space.

Burlington Route

George Hall spent last Saturday in Clive.

War is the only interesting topic of the day.

Miss Zoe Richardson is improving; her many friends will be glad to hear this.

Miss Sarah Porter spent last Saturday in Marquetteville representing the Bystander.

Mr. Thad S. Ruff has been put on the force of the new city engineer. Mr. Tracey Blagburn's time being up.

The King's Daughters will give an entertainment in the near future, watch the dailies for announcement.

Gossip has it that two Des Moines society ladies are to be led to the marriage altar within the next thirty days.

We have the best \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, \$45, and \$50, Bicycles in the city. Please call and see if our statement is not correct. DAWSON'S HARDWARE.

Our favorite Dumas (Coral Society), will give another one of their famous concert at Highland Park College to night under the direction of Prof. Geo. I. Holt.

Mr. Lee, Blagburn who was Messenger in the State Senate just closed, has accepted a situation with Stream & McCammon's drug store to assist at the soda fountain.

Remember that H. Kane & Son will give you better shoes for less money than any where else in the city. Fine repairing a specialty. Tenth and Center streets.

Mrs. Frank Blagburn who is now in Chicago filling her singing engagement is meeting with success. She was entertained Wednesday evening by Mrs. Ida B. Wells Barnett. Mrs. Blagburn will return home next week.

A telegram came last Monday, stating that Mr. J. Hamilton of Ottumwa was very low, asking his children to come. Mrs. Henry Clay and Mrs. Ella Smith left immediately for Ottumwa.

Mr. Edward Willett who has been a member of the National Guards has been asked to raise two companies of colored men in Polk County. Mr. Willett while in the national army, made a good man and has an excellent discharge.

The Stewardess board will give an interesting program next Thursday evening. The principal features will be the opening address by J. L. Thompson; duette by Misses Porter and Hicklin; recitation by Miss Jackson, and solo by John Rogers, and several others.

Thursday night at 8:30 p. m., the Stewardess board of the St. Paul A. M. E. church will give a concert under the auspicious of Miss Mable Norton. Admission 10 cents. Ice cream, Strawberries and Cake will be served after the concert.

Pres., Mrs. Geo. Taylor Sec'y, Mrs. Mayweather.

Miss Lizzie Pate of Chicago on her way to Omaha, expects to visit in Des Moines the guest of Mrs. D. Bowmer, 933 Twelfth street.

The entertainment given last Wednesday evening by the Great Western Band, was well attended and every one enjoyed themselves, dancing was one of the features, the band is doing nicely. Boys only have patience and perseverance and success is yours.

Remember to call at our office for job work, typewriting, advertising. Don't buy a Bicycle until you see our line. DAWSON'S HARDWARE.

Mrs. Mahala Williams left last Wednesday, for Denver, Colorado. She intends to make her future home with her daughter, of that city.

Colored People Offer their Services.

A committee called on McKinley yesterday, led by Ex-governor P. P. Pinchback of La., and pledged the support of the colored race and said the loyalty of 9,000,000 of his race would assist.

WILL BE WAR.

Probably before another issue war will be declared; as McKinley sent his ultimatum to Cuba and demanded a reply not later than Saturday; already large armies of the National guards are concentrating their forces in Florida, near Key West. It is true that war is destructive, yet we are justifiable, and every true American will sanction the course that our government has taken. Young single men that are anxious to win military fame should tender their service and march toward the Torrid Zone.

ONLY ONE COLORED POLICEMAN.

Last Monday Mr. James Todd one of our efficient and well liked colored policeman was dropped from the force by mayor MacVicar for no stated cause. We wonder why was this, for Mr. Todd was considered one of the best and most punctual man on the force, was quite unassuming, and nearly every man in his district petition his retention. It was only Mr. Todd's first term and he was just as much entitled to his second term as the mayor was. Only a few months ago the mayor was very anxious to secure the nomination for his second term and did not hesitate to go around and ask the leading colored people for their support. Now we demand to know why was the colored representatives reduced to only one man on the force, and that one is Mr. Clay Lewis. It was a mistake to drop Mr. Todd, but we shall wait for further developments before speaking on this subject further.

TO CONTEST J. F. BLAGBURN'S ELECTION.

Mr. Stohlgren, the Swede democrat, who was a candidate against Mr. Blagburn, filed his bond of \$400 and petition last Saturday, to contest Blagburn's election as market master. It has been rumored that the democrats might contest, and we surmise that too quite a few republicans will be glad of the contest. It is not necessary to force Mr. Blagburn into extra expense to gratify a few democrats. The official returns ought to be sufficient; however Mr. Blagburn took charge of his office last Monday morning; as the rest of the city officers did. We do not doubt that when the votes are counted, that Mr. Blagburn will have a larger majority than he has now, because most of the scratching was done by the ignorant foreign element and they are very liable to make errors in marking their ballot.

It is gratifying to see harmony in our American congress on the Cuban question. Never since the gloomy days of the 60's, has the American people been in suspense, and so general excitement as is now. Conservative men at the head of our nation will stand the test and prevent imminent dangers and do exact justice to all nations.

Safe-Blowers at St. Anne, Ill. Kankakee, Ill., March 25.—The bank of John Poutas, of St. Anne, was entered Tuesday night and the vault blown open with nitroglycerin, but the thieves were frightened before they commenced work on the safe. A small amount of cash was secured.

LATEST!

War is virtually declared, the Spanish authorities ordered our Minister, Mr. Woodford, to leave at once, and would not receive President McKinley's ultimatum. This is considered an overt act. Our strong Key West squadron under Capt. Simpson, was ordered last night to move before Havana and blockade the port. It is the strongests quadron that we have consisting of the Iowa, Brooklyn, Montgomery, Indiana and torpedos Ericson, Winslow and several others. When the news reached Des Moines the whistles blew, the bells tolled and great excitement prevailed, a very large crowd gathered at the News' office bulletin board. War meeting was held last night, and the Military Band paraded the city with thousands marching and cheering.

IOWA EXPOSITION COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the Iowa Trans-Mississippi Exposition was held in our city last Tuesday and Wednesday, to make arrangements for our State exhibit at Omaha this summer. Quite a great deal of preliminary business was transacted. The bid for the building has not been let out yet. Mr. Fred Wright of Marshalltown was selected janitor of the building, also Mr. A. F. Coleman (white) of Corning, will have charge of the Horticultural Department; Mr. F. N. Chase, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, is Supt. and Sec'y of the entire building; is a good man for the place, as he was on Iowa committee at New Orleans exposition, also at the World's Fair in Chicago. He was deputy oil inspector of Iowa, under Gov. Drake, a good republican, and will no doubt make Iowa exhibits look well.

Congress of Representatives White and Colored Americans.

In as much as there exists in the United States two classes of citizens between whom there is much misunderstanding, frequent friction, happy antagonism, want of good-will, lack of sympathy and hearty co-operation detrimental to the truest fullest and highest development of our common country; and believing that this condition of affairs can not continue without serious and disastrous results to this nation and people, and that these conditions arise and are due mainly to ignorance upon the part of each class of the sentiments and aspiration which inspire and move the other, which ignorance can only be removed by a frank free and full expression and exchange of views upon topics of vital importance to the whole American people by representative of both classes from all sections, and especially those which have to do with a modus vivendi between the people designated and confident that all loyal Americans who have the best interests of the nation at heart will welcome and bend their hearty support to any movement which will tend to establish just and happy relations between all classes of American citizens and promote the prosperity and welfare of our country and make her a nation beloved at home and revered abroad, we, the undersigned, a committee selected for that purpose, hereby issue a call for a Congress of Representative White and Colored Americans to be held at Omaha, August 17, 1898. The aims and object of said Congress shall be:

First—To bring together representatives of both classes of American citizens, herein designated, for exchange of views on INDUSTRIAL, EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL and MORAL questions of vital moment to the prosperity of our country; and Second—To crystallize such views into some organization, which will put into practice such principles as the Congress may agree upon for the accomplishment of the end desired. This organization will not be political, but ETHICAL.

The above Congress will meet in the Auditorium of the Exposition Building, August 17, 1898, at 10 A. M. The Governor of each State and Territory is requested to appoint five white

and five colored citizens, either men or women, who are in keeping with the spirit of the call, as delegates to said Congress, and to notify the Chairman of the Committee of said appointments.

The Committee reserves the right to invite other persons from the respective States and Territories in order to insure the success of the Congress.

E. R. Overall, Chairman; Rev. John A. Williams, Secretary, G. F. Franklin, Geo. E. Collins, J. W. Long, Ella A. Mahammet, S. Lillian Coleman, Mrs. J. W. Scott, E. W. Pryor, H. V. Plummer, M. K. Hillon.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Luther Lowry has been elected as a S. S. delegate to the convention, which meets in "Muehly." E. C. Thomas alternate.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. Rev. Loveland of the Trinity M. E. church, west side, preached an eloquent sermon in the afternoon. It was full of forethought and brought many tears to the eye. Rev. Rhinehart preached in the evening.

Rev. Jason Bandy, P. E. preached Love feast night at the church, but owing to the inclemency of the weather a good many staid at home.

The Ladies' Industrial Circle meets this week with Mrs. Rhinehart. The circle took in two new members at its last meeting.

The Light House meets this week with Mrs. G. H. Wade.

Master Harry Martin left Monday for Galesburg, Ill., to join the Base Ball team. He will be gone all summer. We hated to see Harry leave, but wish him much success.

The way things are progressing on Ninth avenue, near Seventh street, we predict that the time is fast approaching for those bells to ring.

Mr. Bennie Persons is expecting to move his family up here from the South, soon. He has a brother here from Tennessee.

Some of our men here are anxious to enlist in the army to help wipe out the Spaniards.

The social given by the Stewardess at the A. M. E. church was not as successful as it should have been, but the ladies did well under the circumstances.

CLINTON ITEMS.

(Last Week's Correspondence.)

A large audience gathered at Davis Opera House on the evening of the 6th to witness Darkest America. The play, while being full of comical situations which were pleasing to the audience at times, did not reach the expectations of those present; in fact it did not strike the people of Clinton as being a company of the fame which they claim. The audience which greeted the South before the War was quite small, but they can rest assured if they ever visit Clinton again they will have a crowded house as every one is loud in his praise since there was not a bad feature in the entire play. The two companies are not to be compared is the verdict of every one.

Mrs. Rev. P. P. Taylor was able to attend church Easter, the first time since her illness.

Mrs. M. M. Gilliard who has been making an extended visit with her sister Mrs. E. G. McNeil, has returned to her home in Savannah, Ga.

J. W. Hancock received the sad intelligence of the death of his friend Wallace Shelton at his home in Dixon Ill. last Friday. The deceased was well known in Clinton.

At the Bethel A. M. E. Church, Easter was observed in an appropriate manner. At the morning service, the pastor gave a discourse on the Resurrection of Christ. A program was rendered in the afternoon by the Sunday School and in the evening the cantata, Pilgrim's Vision was listened to with interest by a large audience. Characters: Pilgrim, A. A. Bush; Lily-bearer, Estella Bush; Cross-bearer, Missouri Dozier; Anchor-bearer, Annie Cooper; Shield-bearer, Nellie Cook; Star-bearer, Esther Taylor; Crown-bearer, Mary Moreland; Bible-bearer, Aline Simpson. The church was tastefully decorated, a large arch having been erected over the altar while numerous potted plants were arranged in front of the altar loaned their sweet fragrance and beauty to the occasion.

KEB NEWS.

Keb is very dull, we are only working two or three days a week.

Rev. Alexander of Ottumwa preached a noble sermon last Sunday at 11 a. m. also at 3 p. m. Sacrament was served at the evening service. Quite a number of brothers from Ottumwa was at the 3 o'clock service.

We have a nice Sunday School and choir.

Mr. H. Greener and wife went to Lost Creek Sunday to the baptizing.

Rev. G. W. Sewall departed last Thursday for Alabama.

Mrs. L. E. Washington will leave soon for Washington, Ia., to attend the wedding of her sister.

The Demonstration Cornet Band of Keb will render a good program in Ottumwa May 17th, also a grand display in the up-to-date cake walk at the Turner opera house.

J. W. Evans will leave for Pittsburg, Pa. May 20th, to visit his mother and many friends; after an absence of seven years.

Mr. Lewis Sorrell of Washington, D. C., is tool house boss for the miners of Keb mines; he is quite a gentleman and gives satisfaction to all.

SAGASTA ADVOCATES WAR.

Spanish Premier Makes an Official Explanation.

DIPLOMACY IS ABANDONED.

He Tells His Followers It Is Time to Strike for the Nation's Integrity—Hope of a Peaceful Solution of the Trouble May Be Put Away.

Madrid, April 21.—The supporters of the government in both houses of parliament met in the senate chamber at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Senor Sagasta, the premier, addressed them as follows:

"The times are so grave and the circumstances are so exceptional that acts and not words are necessary to face the present difficulty. Attempts are being made to sully the glorious history of Spain by an infamous calumny. The different Spanish governments have done their utmost to avert war, to which we are being provoked. We have now reached the limits of concession compatible with honor and territorial integrity.

"We consented to the last concession at the instance of the pope and the powers. We yielded, in fact, but now attempts are being made upon our honor and menaces directed against our territory. That is a thing to which Spaniards will never consent. This is not the moment to trace a parliamentary programme, but the moment to unite ourselves, as our fathers have done, in the face of an odious attempt against the integrity of our territory. The insult offered us to-day is the most infamous that has ever been offered."

Continuing, Senor Sagasta counselled the rapid constitution of the chambers in order to accord to the government the means to defend the country's interests.

"Spain," he added, "will not allow a parcel of her territory to be taken from her with impunity, nor will she be a party to any trafficking for her possessions."

Seldom has there been witnessed a more impressive and significant scene. The large hall of the senate was densely crowded with liberal senators and deputies, who listened with breathless attention to the short speech of Senor Sagasta, only interrupting him with unanimous and loud applause when he indignantly alluded to the "unjustified and infamous aspersions cast upon Spain" with regard to the Maine disaster. Even more enthusiastic applause greeted his closing words, when he stoutly and proudly declared that the government hoped to receive the support of all Spaniards "in defense of their territory and ancient rights against more odious and unfair aggressions than any of their ancestors had repelled with the same energy and courage."

If the idea still existed in the mind of any one here that war could be avoided, Senor Sagasta's firm speech is regarded as finally settling all doubts.

Cabinet for Peace No Longer.

London, April 21.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "A cabinet council was held very early this afternoon in order to consider the situation. The government adopted finally the resolutions respecting their relations with the United States. Ministers were unanimous in declaring that a conflict was now certain and quite at hand."

Woodford Remains in Madrid.

Madrid, April 21, midnight.—It was rumored in town that General Woodford would leave today, but he has authorized a formal denial of the report. Madrid is quiet.

Rain Prevents Baseball.

Only one game was played in the National league yesterday, at Boston. Score: Boston 0 7 3 0 0 1 1 *—14 New York 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2

The following games were postponed owing to wet grounds or rain: Chicago at St. Louis, Brooklyn at Philadelphia, Cleveland at Cincinnati, Washington at Baltimore.

Games scheduled for to-day: Chicago at Louisville, Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, Cleveland at St. Louis, Boston at Baltimore, New York at Philadelphia, Brooklyn at Washington.

Powers Will Take No Part.

London, April 21.—The great powers have definitely decided not to interfere in any way in event of war between Spain and the United States. The fact is that the European statesmen are not anxious to arouse the military and naval ambition of America. They realize that any offensive continental concert at this time would be certain to stir the American people profoundly, and result in a gigantic American navy which might upset the balance of military power of the world.

Talk of Michigan Missions.

Kalamazoo, Mich., April 21.—The forty-eighth semi-annual missionary meeting and diocesan church conference for the Diocese of the Western Michigan Protestant Episcopal church began Tuesday evening at St. Luke's church.

Heavy Snowstorm Is Raging.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 21.—A heavy snowstorm is prevailing throughout the northern part of the state and is interfering with the early work on the farms.

Grand Army Men Active.

Madison, Wis., April 21.—The Grand Army men of Wisconsin will be utilized in raising volunteer troops to fight the Spaniards when volunteers are called for.

THE BEST SEEDS

You can buy seeds from almost any drug store or grocery in the city, for "bargain counters" in the department stores and perhaps from even the "second hand" stores. Many of them are "good" that is, they will grow well. But what will the crop be? Ah! there is the sticker. The seeds are cheaply grown as field crops, and not carefully raised by expert seed growers.

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HYDE PARK CHICAGO.

Post master, Chas. W. Gordon spoke before the Young Men's Sunday Club Sunday afternoon, upon the Postal Savings Banks. In the finale of his address, he mentioned the Cuban crises, this caused a spontaneous outburst of patriotism from his audience. Rev. R. C. Ransom answered with such a fiery speech of enthusiasm that the Walls of Bethel church rang with applause such a demonstration has seldom been seen in a church edifice. Attorney Hale G. Parker offered a resolution, sympathizing with the President of the United States in his hour of trial. Lawyer Alexander followed with an amendment offering the service of the Young Men's Club in auxiliary to the State Guards of Illinois to Gov. Tanner. Every man in the Club has pledged himself for the support of the Stars and Stripes.

Black Patti and her company of players will be at the Schiller's Theater this week. The friends wishing the success of this company will be glad to see her in one of our first-class theaters. The Schiller, while is not as popular now as it was, still ranks as one of our best theaters. Heretofore Black Patti has appeared only in the minor play houses. Her last season here was not devoid of a little scandal, on account of her leaving one of the south side theaters and a few of her players playing at the Savoy, a place alleged to be of very ill repute.

Mrs. James Bennett of 2501 State street is bereaved over the loss of her sister, Miss Powell, who died last Friday. Her many friends extend their sympathy.

Rev. Ransom preached a sermon to the K of P's Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. The Knights made a splendid showing, led by the Ninth Battalion Infantry and the K P Band. The streets were crowded with people.

Des Moines' lovely singer, Mrs. J. F. Blagburn is well received here, and the patrons of the Sunday Club orchestra concert, anxiously await for her appearance tomorrow evening, at Bethel.

The Christian Industrial Club will give a grand musical entertainment Thursday evening at the Hyde Park Mission. Among them will be Mr. C. J. Ross, our noted bass singer and Mr. W. C. Allen, our faultless falsetto.

Mr. Ben Grayson and little daughter Hattie, Mrs. Randolph and two children of Hiteaman were shopping in Albia last Friday.

Mrs. Kee of Chariton passed through Albia Saturday enroute to Knoxville Iowa.

Henrietta Jones spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday visiting in Muchakinock with her sister, Mrs. Meadows.

Mr. B. Thomas of Muchakinock spent Sunday among Albia friends.

Those on the sick list this week are: Mesdames Jones and A. Ford.

Two young men of Albia non-members of the A. M. E. church gave a social last Saturday evening for Rev. A. Ford. This shows a friendly spirit in the young men toward the pastor and his charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Thomas are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl, mother and child doing nicely.

KEOKUK NOTES.

"The South in Slavery," was greeted by a large house April 14. Too much cannot be said in praise of Mr. Charles S. Sager, the

author and manager of the paper for the artistic and financial success of the affair. Mr. Sager a "Uncle Pete" "Sal Skinner" and "Sugar Cured Ham" proved himself an actor of no little ability. The city press (white) is unanimous in its praise of the entertainment. The proceeds were for the A. M. E. Church.

Rev. Tillman preached a excellent Easter sermon. services were held morn afternoon.

Mrs. Janie Reeves died yesterday suddenly Thursday night and was buried Sunday from the Seventh Street Baptist Church.

Mrs. John Draine assisted her daughters Ella and Maggie gave a delightful five o'clock dinner Sunday, in honor Charles Sager. Those present were Mesdames M. J. Dove, Katherine L. man, Miss Maud Harris and S. Benthan and Messrs. J. Draine Owens, A. Draine, C. Harris, and Rev. Tillman.

Mr. Sager was also entertained at dinner on Sunday by Mrs. Chas. Alden and on Monday by Mrs. V. H. Jones.

The Ladies Challenge Drill was tumultuous applause April 14th.

A five o'clock tea was given by Mrs. M. Wright, assisted by Miss Carrie, on Monday. The guests were Mr. Sager, Rev. A. Mrs. Tillman.

We Have Moved.

The BYSTANDER office has moved to No. 320 west corner of Fifth and Locust streets upstairs, room 14, where we will be glad to have our friends call.

Announcement Cards.

Please announce my name as a candidate for County Recorder of Polk county, subject to the republican convention. F. A. TOMLINSON, Webster Township.

For Sale.

Bay Stallion.

About 15 hands, six years old, by imp. Abana, out of May Calby imp. Tubal Cain; sound and perfect condition for breeding racing purposes.

Bay mare, 15½ hands, by imp. Tubal Cain; has gone at the rate of 51. For sale cheap.

J. HAMM.

For Sale.

For Sale.

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Driven to It.
Kind Lady—If you need clothing, I can supply you with an old suit of my husband's, but they'll be about four sizes too big for you.

Coe's Cough Balsam
is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

A doctor in France is not permitted to inherit property left to him by a deceased patient.

A man can always tell when a girl is trying to look conscious and embarrassed.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation, indigestion, 10c. If C. C. C. fail, drug store refund money.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes. 20 for 5c.

About 4,000,000 copies of the bible are sold every year. Fifty years ago the sale was 600,000.

He Was.
The evangelist—Are you making any provision for the future, my young friend?

The young friend—Sure. I work down here in the cannin' factory.

The Twentieth Century.
The 20th century will begin Jan. 1st, 1901, and end with 2000. People did not reckon time from A. D. 1, but waited until about the 55th year of the Christian era. People who begin to take Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, immediately after the first outbreak of dyspepsia or kidney trouble, will date their cure from then.

Careful measurements prove that the average curvature of the earth is 6.99 inches to the statute mile.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away
To quit tobacco easily and forever, take Koe-To-Bac, the wonder worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Sculptor says that the perfectly proportioned mouth is three-quarters of the length of the nose.

I shall recommend Pils' Cure for Constipation far and away. Mrs. Mulligan, Plumstead, Kent, England, Nov. 8, 1890.

Search any married man in March and you will find a tape measure on him.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup
For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

It is said that Mrs. Gladstone has never contradicted her husband.

A POLYGLOT COMMUNE

ENGLISH - SPEAKING MINERS
DRIVEN OUT.

The Origin of the "Molly Maguires"—Strikes Were Responsible for the Bringing in of Miners from Austria-Hungary and Italy.

The current number of The Century has a group of papers on the coal regions of Pennsylvania. Mr. Henry Edward Rood, writing of "A Polyglot Community," says:

When anthracite came into general use, the original miners quickly established themselves in their adopted homes, and ceased to speak regrettably of childhood associations in Wales or in England. They had an abundance of work here, and as the coal fields seemed a fortune in the old country. In those days a Pennsylvania miner deemed it an unlucky month if he and his two brawny sons failed to earn \$200 or more. They were not always paid at regular intervals before and during the civil war, for money was not plentiful in this region. But they were credited fully on the books of the company, and they were permitted, if not encouraged, to purchase goods at the company store, where could be obtained food, clothing, tools, furniture—in fact, about all the necessities and comforts and luxuries the miner had learned to use. Prices were high, but wages corresponded, and work was steady. But after the terrible struggle between north and south came a period of depression in business. Selling prices dropped lower and lower, and wages felt the result. But the average miner did not understand this. He saw that the operator of the colliery took wife and children to Philadelphia or New York as often as in previous years, and that the superintendent wore clothing as costly as ever. He forgot that while he had been spending his wages every month, and often exceeding his account at the company store, the operator and other officials had been saving at least a portion, if not the greater portion, of their earnings. The miners grew discontented, and talked the matter over.

As the panic drew near, they had more idle hours than ever; and their complaints reached the ears of smooth-tongued rascals who "organized" them into a band ready to resist any further "oppression," as the business changes were termed. And right at this point let it be said that the old-time professional agitators referred to were wholly different from the responsible, intelligent men who have performed such good service during recent years in organizing and directing trades-unions like those which embrace the printers and locomotive engineers and firemen. If the anthracite miners of Pennsylvania had been wisely led and firmly controlled in the early seventies, the Keystone state would not be spared many black chapters in her history. But such happiness was not foreordained. Owing in some degree to the troublous times, and in a greater degree to a group of beings more devilish than human, there sprang into active combat a portion of the commonwealth the most brutal, vindictive, terrible conspiracy that ever a civilized community had been cursed with in recent times—the Molly Maguires; and it required the genius of Franklin B. Gowen of the Reading railroad, and the marvelous courage of James McParland, a Pinkerton detective, to break it up, and hang its leading spirits, not singly, but in groups of ten. Then, within a few years, came the "long strike" in the Lehigh region, when the old hands refused to work under any consideration. Week after week and month after month dragged by. The collieries remained idle; the men, women and children almost starved. Fortunes were lost in flooded mines and in burning breakers. And at last one of the greatest of the commonwealth sent abroad to Austria-Hungary and brought thence to his mining-patch in Pennsylvania the first of the "foreigners," who have long ago succeeded, by their very presence, in driving out all of the English-speaking miners who could obtain work elsewhere and who had the means to remove their families. It is an old story now, how the first of the Slovaks, Poles, Italians and Sicilians who came here were comparatively intelligent, and learned readily, in the course of a few years, the work of mining coal. And we all know that year by year the immigrants of such nationalities decreased in the scale of civilization until those who have come to the anthracite fields during the first half of the present decade are, as a rule, more dangerous to the body politic than the excluded Chinese; for not only are they eager to work for wages on which an English-speaking family would starve, but they are superstitious and murderous, and do not hesitate to use dynamite if they desire to blow up the home of one whom they particularly hate. Also, unlike the average Chinese, each of these foreign miners insists on voting as soon as possible.

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Lady—Now that you have partaken of a good dinner, are you equal to the task of saving some wood? Tramp—Madam, equal is not the proper word; I'm superior to it.—Chicago News.

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THE CAUSE OF DYSPEPSIA.

From the Republican, Scranton, Pa.
The primary cause of dyspepsia is lack of vitality; the absence of nerve force; the loss of the life-sustaining elements of the blood. No organ can properly perform its functions when the source of nutrient fails. When the stomach is robbed of the nourishment it demands, indigestion, assimilation, unnatural gases are generated; the entire system responds to the discord. A practical illustration of the symptoms of the organic dyspepsia is furnished by the case of Joseph T. Vandyk, 440 Hickory St., Scranton, Pa.

In telling his story, Mr. Vandyk says: "Five years ago I was afflicted with a trouble of the stomach, which was very aggravating. I had no appetite, could not enjoy myself at any time, and especially was the trouble severe when I awoke in the morning. I did not know what the ailment was, but it became steadily worse, and I was in constant misery."

"I called in my family physician, and he diagnosed the case as indigestion, and gave me a prescription for me and I had the prescription filled. I took only all of the medicine, but still the trouble became worse, and I felt that my condition was hopeless. I tried several remedies recommended by my friends but without benefit. After I had been suffering several months, Thomas Campbell, also a resident of this city, urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

"He finally persuaded me to buy a box, and I began to use the pills according to directions. I had taken the second box when I began to feel relieved, and after taking a few more boxes, I considered myself restored to health. The pills gave me new life, strength and happiness."

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A Singular Safeguard.

"There is a woman out west who carries her hatred of germs to an extreme degree."
"How is that?"
"She says her blood is boiling because woman is not free."

"Don't you see that boiled blood must be free from germs?"

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.
We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark.

I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hingham, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the face-shield signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought, and has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except the genuine company, of which CHAS. H. FLETCHER is President.

March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D.

The richest princess in the world is the Crown Princess Louise of Sweden and Norway, married to the Crown Prince of Denmark.

There are large tracts of coal lands near Meyersdale, Pa., on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, which capitalists are beginning to develop. A new road, about five miles long, has been pushed into this region and will soon be ready for operation. It was one of a number of small lines that are being built by outside parties to develop hitherto inaccessible tracts of both coal and timber lands in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The telephone is in general use in Honolulu. It costs about one dollar per month for dwelling houses and two dollars for business houses.

Give the Children a Drink
called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it, because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee, but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant, but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 1/4 as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

Two neighbors in Hazelton, Ind., went to law about the ownership of a chicken valued at sixty cents. The litigation cost \$10.

A Missionary Medicine.
Cleanliness begins within. If a man isn't clean inside, he is far from Godliness. A contaminated sinner is a stench in the nostrils of the Deity. A man whose food sources in his stomach, whose liver is laden, can't help looking at the world hatefully with a jaundiced eye, and conjuring up evil thoughts in his troubled brain. Cleanliness of person begets cleanliness of thought. Cascarets, candy cathartic is the missionary medicine which purifies men's bodies and minds. Pure, fragrant, palatable, mild and positive, they clean out the intestinal canal, stimulate the liver and strengthen the bowels. Then a man enjoys again the freedom of clarity and brotherly love for his fellows and recommends others to take Cascarets and be as happy as he.

The King of Wurtemberg owns and runs two hotels in Stuttgart, and his profits on these enterprises amount to \$62,500 a year.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured
by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. It is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out of this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be lost forever. All cases of deafness out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.

J. C. HUBINGER, D. O., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A French engineer, it is said, has constructed a noiseless cannon. It will never become popular for Fourth of July celebrations.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets' Candy Cathartic. One or Two If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

CURRENT EVENTS.
In the Emergency Hospital, Boston, a four-inch buzz-saw, run by an electric motor, has been erected, for surgical purposes.

Twelve eggs sold by a Brooklyn dairyman had among them five that were decayed. The purchaser returned them, saying that he wanted the product of healthy hens. "These," said the purchaser, "must have been laid when the hen was not feeling well."

A timid woman in Burlington, Kansas, who fears the sight of a gun, saw one belonging to her son standing in the sitting-room. She took it up carefully, and holding it at arm's length, was on her way with it on the piazza, when she met a tramp at the door. Observing the gun in her hand, the tramp fled, begging her not to shoot.

To win a bet, Lieutenant Moser, of the Austrian army, leaped into the Danube at Klosterneuburg, in full uniform and swam to the opposite shore. At this point the stream is very swift, 412 yards in width, and the swimmer was ten minutes in crossing. Although the water was only three degrees above zero, the lieutenant experienced no ill effects from the exercise.

A cape overcoat adorned a gentleman as he sat in a New York restaurant and ate a modest meal. Spectators wondered why he did not take off his overcoat while eating. As he passed out he grabbed two overcoats from hooks near him, and carried them on his arm. At the station house the discovery was made that he was shirtless, and that a linen collar had been neatly pinned to his overcoat.

FIBROID TUMOR CONQUERED.

Expelled by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—Strong Statement from Mrs. B. A. Lombard.

One of the greatest triumphs of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the conquering of woman's dread enemy, Fibroid Tumor.

The growth of these tumors is so frequent that their presence is not suspected until they are far advanced.

So-called "wandering pains" may come from its early stages, or the presence of danger may be made manifest by excessive menstruation accompanied by unusual pain extending from the ovaries down the groin and thighs.

If you have mysterious pains, if there are indications of inflammation or displacement, don't wait for time to confirm your fears and go through the horrors of a hospital operation; secure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound right away and begin its use.

Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., will give you her advice free of all charge if you will write her about yourself. Your letter will be seen by women only, and you need have no hesitation about being perfectly frank.

Read what Mrs. B. A. LOMBARD, Box 71, Westdale, Mass., says:

"I have reason to think that I would not be here now if it had not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It cured me of a fibroid tumor in my womb. Doctors could do nothing for me, and they could not cure me at the hospital. I will tell you about it. I had been in my usual health, but had worked quite hard. When my monthly period came on I flowed very badly. The doctor gave me medicine, but it did me no good. He said the flow must be stopped if possible, and he must find the cause of my trouble. Upon examination he found there was a fibroid tumor in my womb, and gave me treatment without any benefit whatever. About that time a lady called on me and recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and she owed her life to it. I said I would try it, and did. Soon after the flow became more natural and regular. I still continued taking the Compound for some time. Then the doctor made an examination again, and found everything all right. The tumor had passed away, and that dull ache was gone."

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Dr. Kay's Lung Balm for coughs, colds, and throat disease.

W. N. U. Des Moines, No. 17-1898.
When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

ALABASTINE

etc., soon decays, and the rubbing and scaling with layers of paper to hide them is a terrible condition.

On account of this bad reputation, most manufacturers of kalsomines brand their products with some arbitrary name, but the contents of the package still remain a kalsomine. Alabastine is for sale by druggists and paint dealers everywhere.

MUCH SICKNESS
Particularly throat and lung difficulties, wrongly attributed to other causes, is the result of unsanitary conditions of walls and

ceilings. Think of having bedrooms covered with layers of molding four years to five years, with paper to hide them and to absorb the moisture of respiration, and an animal glue culture ground on its face for disease germs; this having strong colors added, like a colored shirt, to hide the dirt; then think of the "nasty practice" of repeating this papering without removing the old, and a number of times that, as many do. Then think of a room coated with pure, porous, permanent Alabastine, which is reticulated with but little roughness or expense, and is purifying and sweet-smelling and kills cracks. Wall paper free would be dearer than Alabastine if cost of removing paper is considered.

TO DEALERS.
Do not buy a law suit or an injunction with cheap kalsomines, imitations of Alabastine. Dealers assume the risk of a suit for damages by selling an infringement. Alabastine is many ways the right, covered by law to make and sell.

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RACE ECHOES.

The thirtieth anniversary of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural institute will be held April 21.

The colored citizens ought to erect a monument to perpetuate the memory of Col Davis the man who killed Braun Col. Davis has proven himself a benefactor.—Omaha Progress.

Dr. T. S. Cook went before the State Board of Medical Examiners last week, and passed a satisfactory examination and was licensed to practice medicine in the state. He is the first Negro who was licensed to practice in this State.—St. Paul Appeal.

The colored ministers of Washington D. C. deserve great credit for the fight which they are making on Judge Bradley who declared in passing sentence upon a colored prisoner, that said prisoner ought to be lynched. We hope they will win for their fight is just and they deserve to win.—Omaha Progress.

TRYING TO DISFRANCHISE THE COLORED VOTERS.

AS TOLD BY MAJOR S. H. M. BYERS IN HIS EASTER LETTER.

After describing the novel and picturesque old city of New Orleans, his visit to the battle-field where General Jackson killed more than a thousand British, while only losing but a dozen of his men. In speaking of the misunderstanding with Spain he says that the United States should not allow any of the States to disfranchise its citizen because their face is black, and that the Government should take steps to prevent it, he has this to say of that convention. "The Louisiana state convention is a far more important one than the one in session in New Orleans. We attended some, and listened to the debates. They seem to cover every conceivable subject of legislation, and in the constitution is once finished, it will have no use for a legislature. The constitution itself will provide for everything and it will be as good as Webster's dictionary. The one rank openly admitted profranchise of the new constitution is the utter disfranchisement of the black voter. That is bound to come to Louisiana already here, unless the power of the United States government steps in to prevent it. How a northerner might feel living here among millions of illiterate people—first out of Africa and next out of slavery—would be hard to guess. He might get to feeling just as 'downers' feel." All the same, law is law, and human beings are human beings, and the efforts of this state to make semi-slaves of the blacks is unconstitutional and a crime. But as the constitution is not to be submitted to the popular vote, the crime is, virtually, already committed, and what is the United States going to do about it?

If Louisiana can disfranchise the Negro—all Southern States can do the same thing—and then where is the constitution of the United States? Instead of blathering about war on account of liberty for the Cubans, it were better to secure liberty for our own people and a decent respect for the constitution of the United States. We do not hear the warning, slavery in a modified form is one of the quickening institutions of this country. These millions of Negroes in the south can not remain long as they are.

Either they will be slowly legislated back into slavery or they must be educated and made into proper men and women. The problem is of a hundred times the importance to this country than any Cuba or Hawaii can be. The south is not slumbering on a volcano—it is simply drifting into helplessness from the nightmare of millions of slaves set free and left in ignorance. A night-mare of a problem will yet be made the north. Quick communication has made Mississippi close to New Orleans close to Chicago. The injustice of one section will be a sin of all; the problem of the south the problem of all the country. To observe the present action of this convention is not a whit better than the state's ordinance of secession in 1861. In both cases the laws and constitution of the United States were in defiance, and again the question is, "what are you going to do about it?"

MARQUISVILLE.

The following was presented to Marquisville Baptist Sabbath school, April 3rd.

Dear Officers and Co-Workers: Having journeyed with you for a brief and pleasant season as a teacher in your school, the work has become more endeared to me. At this time express,

fact, that owing to my intended departure from your village, our personal association as Sabbath School and Superintendent must be severed.

In view of the fact of my going away, it becomes my duty at this time to respectfully resign the office of Superintendent of your school. Thanking you for the honor conferred in electing me to this office, I commend you to God's care.

Respectfully,
SIDNEY J. DAVIS.

CUBANS WILL BE FREE

So decided congress last Monday night at 2 o'clock. Our country will intervene. McKinley has ordered the Spanish army to leave the island, where she has caused so many people to suffer, starve and die an ignominious death, she has split many loyal patriot's blood. The moan of the Atlantic, the sigh of the Gulf of Mexico, the piercing cries of disconsolate mothers, the pleadings of dying fathers, the prayers of an enslaved nation has at last been answered by the patriotic, loyal, christian nation of America. While the American government has no particular ill will for Spain, yet her treatment of the Cubans was so shocking to the moral conscious of christian nations, so brutal and inhuman as to blush civilized nations, that the Americans said it must be stopped, and Cuba that sits at the head of the Antilles and at the foot of the United States, must be free. We are only sorry that her freedom has not come sooner.

MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

[Last Week's Correspondence.]

Mrs. Lydia Clay, who has been spending the winter in Chicago with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Thomas and Miss Helen Cane, returned to her home here last Friday. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Mrs. Ed Thomas with her little daughter, Helen May. They contemplate spending the summer here.

Easter was appropriately observed by all the churches. St. Clair Chapel and Second Baptist Church had very interesting programs in the morning. A very nice program was rendered in the evening at the A. M. E. Church, by the little ones. The churches were decorated nicely.

Miss Emma Jackson of Farmington Iowa, visited Mrs. Clay Reed for a few days.

Mrs. Alfred Miner and Mrs. Johnson of Keosauqua, Iowa have been the guests of Mrs. R. Johnson on North Lincoln Street.

We are glad to see that Miss Myra Carter is able to be in school again. She was compelled to remain at home on account of a spell of asthma.

Little Birdie and Tommy Keith have been taken to the orphan's home, Mrs. Gordon accompanied them.

Mrs. E. Jones has had a slight attack of pleurisy. We are sorry to hear that her cancer is troubling her again.

Mr. Wm. Pierson has gone to Fairfield to work.

NEWTON NOTES.

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The social given at the A. M. E. Church Saturday evening proved to be a financial and social success.

Mr. Paul Waldon and Miss Josie Whitsett drove over to Marshalltown Saturday remaining over Sunday. They were the guests of Miss Delia Howard.

Fred Green spent Sunday in Grinnell. There seems to be quite an attraction there for him.

The A. M. E. S. elected Mr. Jesse Waldon as delegate to the District S. S. Convention to be held in Muchakinoock. Mrs. Pearle Hale of Burlington is visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Lemvine.

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The colored citizens ought to erect a monument to perpetuate the memory of Col Davis the man who killed Brann Col. Davis has proven himself a benefactor.—Omaha Progress.

Dr. T. S. Cook went before the State Board of Medical Examiners last week, and passed a satisfactory examination and was licensed to practice medicine in the state. He is the first Negro who was licensed to practice in this State.—St. Paul Appeal.

The colored ministers of Washington D. C. deserve great credit for the fight which they are making on Judge Bradley who declared in passing sentence upon a colored prisoner, that said prisoner ought to be lynched. We hope they will win for their fight is just and they deserve to win.—Omaha Progress.

TRYING TO DISFRANCHISE THE COLORED VOTERS.

AS TOLD BY MAJOR S. H. MYERS IN HIS EASTER LETTER.

After describing the novel and picturesque old city of New Orleans, his visit to the battle-field where General Jackson killed more than a thousand British, while only losing but a dozen of his men. In speaking of the misunderstanding with Spain he says that the United States should not allow any of the States to disfranchise its citizen because their face is black, and that the Government should take steps to prevent it, he has this to say of that convention. The Louisiana state convention is now in session in New Orleans. We attended some, and listened to the debates. They seem to cover every conceivable subject of legislation, and in the constitution is once finished, the constitution itself will provide for everything and it will be as good as Webster's dictionary. The one rank openly admitted purpose of the new constitution is the utter disfranchisement of the black voter. That is bound to come to Louisiana is already here, unless the power of the United States government steps in to prevent it. How a northerner might feel living here among millions of illiterate people—first out of Africa and next out of slavery—would be hard to guess. He might get to feeling just as southerners feel. All the same, law is law, and human beings are human beings, and the efforts of this state to make semi-slaves of the blacks is unconstitutional and a crime. But as the constitution is not to be submitted to the popular vote, the crime is, virtually, already committed, and what is the United States going to do about it?

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Either they will be slowly legislated back into slavery or they must be educated and made into proper men and women. The problem is of a hundred times the importance to this country than any Cuba or Hawaii can be. The south is not slumbering on a volcano—it is simply drifting into helplessness from the nightmare of millions of slaves set free and left in ignorance. It is a night-mare of a problem will yet make the north. Quick communication has made Mississippi close to Iowa, New Orleans close to Chicago. The injustice of one section will be sin of all; the problem of the south the problem of all the country. To observe the presentation of this convention is not a whit better than the state's ordinance of secession in 1861. In both cases the laws and constitution of the United States were in defiance, and again the question arises, "what are you going to do about it?"

MARQUISVILLE.

The following was presented to Marquisville Baptist Sabbath school, April 3rd.

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CUBANS WILL BE FREE

So decided congress last Monday night at 2 o'clock. Our country will intervene. McKinley has ordered the Spanish army to leave the island, where she has caused so many people to suffer, starve and die an ignominious death, she has spilt many loyal patriot's blood. The moan of the Atlantic, the sigh of the Gulf of Mexico, the piercing cries of disconsolate mothers, the pleadings of dying fathers, the prayers of an enslaved nation has at last been answered by the patriotic, loyal, christian nation of America. While the American government has no particular ill will for Spain, yet her treatment of the Cubans was so shocking to the moral conscious of christian nations, so brutal and inhuman as to blush civilized nations, that the Americans said it must be stopped, and Cuba that sits at the head of the Antilles and at the foot of the United States, must be free. We are only sorry that her freedom has not come sooner.

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