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CITY NEWS

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The weather is quite cold, it was about nine degrees below zero.

The Men's meeting will have a good programme next Sunday evening.

The concert to be given by Miss Morton bids fair to be a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Blagburn's little girl is quite ill this week with the measles.

New York store 317 Walnut unloading sale of jackets, capes and dress suits.

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New York store 317 Walnut unloading sale of millinery, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 trimmed hats at \$1.98.

The first entertainment of the Christian Endeavor Society will be given at the A. M. E. church Monday evening Dec. 15th.

A very pleasant party was given at Mrs. Isabella Clark last Monday evening, a large crowd was present and all enjoyed themselves.

Miss Fannie Harding who has spent several months in Omaha and other parts of Nebraska has returned home this week and reports a pleasant visit.

North Star Lodge No. 2, will meet at their hall next Thursday evening Dec. 15th. FANK BLAGBURN, W. M. GEO. H. CLEGGETT, Sec'y.

Mrs. Sadie Breden returned last Saturday from a pleasant visit with her friend Mrs. C. Conley of Webster City.

Mr. J. F. Blagburn wants it to be known that he has the exclusive right to canvas for the new book called Progress of a Race in this country.

The P. L. D. Literary Society, will meet Monday evening at their hall. Business of importance to be attended. FRANK BLAGBURN Pres. ZELMA STANTON, Sec'y.

A New Book.

"Progress of a Race" or "The Remarkable Advancement of the American Negro," written by H. F. Kietzing, A. M. and W. H. Croghan, A. M., Professor of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., with introduction by Booker T. Washington, is just out and put in the hands of our worthy citizen, Mr. J. T. Blagburn 379 School street. It is a very interesting and useful, and should go into the homes of every family. Price \$2.25, Morocco binding, and \$1.50 for common binding. For further particulars write or send in your orders by mail postage prepaid.

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Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Georgie M. Taylor to Murt Migdelt Dec. 21, at the bride's home 706 S. E. 7th street.

H. B. S. will meet next Thursday afternoon at Mrs. Wilburn 1350 Lyon. Quotations from E. W. Wilcox with current literature led by Mrs. Warrick.

Mrs. A. Day of Carbondal one of the leading lady of that town was in our city Monday on business, she made the Bystander a pleasant call and ordered the paper for another year.

J. H. Gaines who met with the misfortune of losing his eyesight is improving he has regained his sight that he has left the hospital and is stopping at 106 11th street.

Jefferson Logan entertained at lunch Thursday noon Messrs Wm. Coalson, H. H. Lewis and W. H. Birney, an excellent dinner and a good time was reported.

A party of gentlemen with the fountain city Quartet and members of the Quirett Swanee River Company were reveling old acquaintances in the city last week, refreshments were served to the company and an enjoyable time was had.

To the literary people of the state of Iowa, owing to not hearing from the people around the state, sufficiently to warrant the calling of a state literary association to meet in this city, during the holidays. We have decided to postpone such meeting until the fourth of July. FRANK BLAGBURN.

Bishop J. C. Hartzell (white) left last week for Africa, he was elected Bishop of Africa by the Methodist Episcopal church. He starts from Chicago with \$50,000.00, a printing press and several able aides.

Mr. J. H. Shepard was elected as the delegate from the A. M. E. church to the Electoral College which convenes at Rock Island, Ill. in May to select delegates to the National Conference which meets in 1900.

There will be a grand concert given Dec. 15, under the auspices of Miss Maple Morton also an entertainment under the management of Mrs. Chas. Wood and Miss Susie Mash at Masonic Hall, Admission 10 cents. All are cordially invited.

A local branch of the Afro-American League was organized at Marquisville this week with the following officers: President, J. H. Hill; Vice-President, P. H. Hunter; Secretary, M. E. Reed; Assistant Sec. James Graham; Treasurer, Wm. Stewart.

Attorney I. K. Williamson, has been selected by Assessor French this week to be one of the assistant assessors for the city, he is the only colored man that was selected by Mr. French. Mr. Williamson is well known and his past experience makes him well qualified for such duties, we wish him success.

We are in receipt of Volume one number one of the Western Printer published in this city, edited by Mr. R. W. Pittman a bright young man full of push and business tact, it is a monthly magazine especially adapted for the printers' fraternity. It is interesting and instructive. Success Mr. Pittman.

MARRIED.

Mr. R. D. Taylor to Mrs. Ella Gossett in Justice Blake's Office, after which the happy couple returned to the home of the bride's parents where the friends of the bride enjoyed a sumptuous wedding dinner.

Many costly presents were received. Mr. Taylor was a former resident of Liberty Mo. and is a skilled workman and forman in J. J. Gawn's carriage factory of that city.

Mrs. Gossett is the daughter of Mr. C. B. Epperson a pioneer of this city. The happy pair will reside in this city.

On last Monday evening in response to a masquerade party invitations were issued to a few of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mash to be present at their Tenth wedding Anniversary. At an early hour the crowd began to gather and by nine o'clock their house was crowded and about 60 people were enjoying themselves, excellent music was furnished by the famous Hamilton Mandolin club. Mr. and Mrs. Mash were united together in the fanciful bliss of marriage by the solemn ceremony performed by Mr. Wm. Foster who in his linen niter resembled a catholic priest the marriage ceremony was enjoyable as was the lunch which was systematically served, as the ten years of marriage anniversary calls for presents and from the appearance of the table it seemed as if a tin store was in one part of the house, at a late hour all departed wishing them many more happy anniversaries.

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

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Local League Meeting.

The local branch of the Afro-American League held a meeting at the Court House last Tuesday evening according to call by the president Chas. B. Wood, which was for the election of officers and selecting delegates to attend the State League meeting to be held in Des Moines during the holidays. There was not many present but the meeting was harmonious, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year and delegates selected: President C. B. Woods; Vice-President, E. T. Banks; Secretary, Mrs. A. Brown; Assistant Sec'y, Wm. Coalson; Treas., R. N. Hyde; Delegates, J. L. Thompson, Wm. Coalson, E. T. Banks, Jeff. Logan, J. F. Blagburn, W. H. Hubbard, E. S. Willett, Rev. Reeves, Rev. Bates, C. B. Woods, alternates B. J. Holmes, H. H. Lewis, Mesdames A. Brown, Clarinda James, Miss Zella Davis, Wm. Fletcher, Harry Hughes, H. Hooker, J. W. Weeks they adjourned to meet next Tuesday to make arrangement for entertaining the State League. Speeches were made by Mr. Rush and Fred Douglas.

A Big Holiday Sale. Of Pianos.

The Kimball Piano Co., will commence one of their BIG PIANO SALES next Monday, DECEMBER 12th. They have two car loads to start with and Mr. Weir ordered another car load yesterday. Anybody can buy a piano at the prices and terms that will be offered. Go and see them at 407 Walnut street and learn full particulars.

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McKinley's Message.

Following the long established precedence the president has submitted his annual address to Congress while it is extremely long which of necessity it must be, it is a well-written strong document touching nearly all the important questions of interest to the Americans except the recent race wars, murders and the Illinois miners trouble which we fondly wished and earnestly hoped to have seen those things mention because no doubt hundreds of thousands loyal Americans anxiously scanned the message to see if those cruelties and horrible horrors has been dealt with in the document yet we will be conservative have patience and wait further developments wrong will be righted. He then states the circumstances and events that lead up to war with Spain, he reviews the history of that remarkable struggle and among his recommendations are the construction of the Nicaragua canal, the increase of our army and navy. He leaves the Philippine question until after the treaty of peace has been signed.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Mura Halestead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian, to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the rear of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Prints of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large books, low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unsolicited war books. Cutts tree, Adams, F. T. Barber, Sec'y, Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

Iowa State Register Is Wrong.

Their Article is Misleading and Unfair.

Below we print the editorial of Clarkson in his Sunday issue of the Register:

The colored citizens of numerous cities are holding meetings to pass resolutions denouncing the atrocious murders of Negroes in the South, and appealing to the president and congress to investigate the conditions and enact and enforce laws that will protect the Negroes, but we have not yet seen a resolution passed by those meetings which condemns the equally atrocious acts of the Negroes! Both races are guilty of crimes, and the crimes of both should be condemned by all such meetings. The murders at Wilmington, N. C., were caused by a cowardly mulatto—a black and white scoundrel—who escaped the punishment he should have received, but his dirty and degraded work caused the murder of a number of innocent black people. It is admitted that the editorial printed in the Wilmington (N. C.) Record, written by A. L. Manly, and published in that paper on the 18th of last August, was the cause of the recent murders of the Negroes at that place. Here is the whole editorial:

"A Mrs. Felton from Georgia, makes a speech before the Agricultural Society at Tybee, Ga., in which she advocates lynching as an extreme measure. This woman makes a strong plea for womanhood, and if the alleged crimes of race were half so frequent as it oftentimes reported, her plea would be worthy of consideration.

Mrs. Felton, like many other so-called Christians, loses sight of the basic principle of the Religion of Christ in her plea for one class of people as against another. If a missionary spirit is essential for the uplifting of the poor white girls, why isn't the morals of the poor white people as on a par with their colored neighbors? The papers are filled with reports of rapes of white women, and the subsequent lynching of the alleged rapists. The editors pour fourth volleys of aspersions against all Negroes because of the few who may be guilty. If the papers and speakers of the other race would condemn the commission of crime because it is a crime and not try to make it appear that the Negroes were the only criminals, they would find their strongest allies in the intelligent Negroes themselves, and together the whites and blacks would root the evil out of both races.

We suggest that the whites guard their women more closely, as Mrs. Felton says, thus giving no opportunity for the human fiend, be he white or black. You leave your goods out of doors and then complain because they are taken away. Poor white men are careless in the matter of protecting their women, especially on farms. They are careless of their conduct toward them, and our experience among poor white people in the country teaches us that the women of that race are not any more particular in the matter of clandestine meetings with colored men than are the white men with colored women. Meetings of this kind go on for some time, until the woman's infatuation or the man's boldness brings attention to them and the man is lynched for rape. Every Negro lynched is called a "big burly, black brute," when in fact many of those who have thus been dealt with had white men for their fathers, and were not only not "black" and "burly," but were sufficiently attractive for white girls to fall in love with them, as is well known to all.

Mrs. Felton must begin at the fountainhead, if she wishes to purify the stream. Teach your men purity. Let virtue be something more than an excuse for them to intimidate and torture a helpless people. Tell your men that it is no worse for a black man to be intimate with a white woman than for a white man to be intimate with a colored woman.

You set yourselves down as a lot of carping hypocrites; in fact, you cry aloud for the virtue of your women, while you seek to destroy the morality of ours. Don't think ever that your women will remain pure while you are debauching ours. You sow the seed—the harvest will come in due time.

The degraded and vicious scoundrel who wrote that editorial should have died at the end of a rope, no matter whether he was white or black, but the brute who wrote it is now posing as a martyr, notwithstanding his own low and degraded mind is responsible for the murder of some eight or ten innocent Negroes!

Nothing can be gained by denouncing the vicious and degraded men of another race, and attempting to shield the chief criminal because he is of the same race of the people holding the public meetings. The Wilmington editor is the chief criminal in the murders at that place, for he was the author of the editorial which caused the destruction of his printing office and plant and the consequent murder of some eight or ten innocent negroes. Yet that cowardly scoundrel and falsifier escaped punishment and not one word is said against his base action in any resolutions adopted, not withstanding the fact that any man, white or black, who printed such statements as to white or black women should be con-

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From the finest importer of rich draperies in New York we bought the line of samples used by his traveling men. They come in lengths and saqueres, suitable for pillow covers, panels, fire screens—for covering chairs and for making hundreds of things suitable for Christmas presents. Persia, Armenia, France, Turkey and Bulgaria have contributed to this collection, and the styles are quaintly odd and orientally rich.

These are to be had only in the large Toy Land is open on 4th Floor.

delegates to our next National Afro-American League meeting and to attend to such other business as pertains to the Afro-American League management.

"R. N. Hyde, President." The other officers of the league are: First Vice President—P. J. Fuller, Bloomfield. Second Vice President—Scott Walker, Muchakinoek. Secretary—L. A. Willes, Muchakinoek. Assistant Secretary—May Davis Albia. Treasurer—Rev. L. Bates Colfax. Reading Clerk—U. S. Jones Albia. State Lecturer—J. L. Thompson, Des Moines. State Organizer—C. R. Foster, Muchakinoek.

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FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENT SENT TO CONGRESS SINCE THE CLOSE OF THE CIVIL WAR.

Washington, Dec. 4.—No business was transacted in the senate to-day. After the reading of the message, which occupied two hours and eighteen minutes, the senate adjourned.

HOUSE.
The president's message was received at 1:30 and its reading was listened to with the utmost attention. Senator, ranking democratic member of the committee on military affairs, introduced a resolution directing that committee to investigate the war department and the conduct of the recent war and report their findings to the house. Mr. Vest, of Missouri, introduced a resolution providing that in recognition of the patriotic devotion and heroic valor of the soldiers of the late war, the thanks of congress be tendered to her and that a gold medal be prepared and presented to her by the president. Mr. Vest offered an amendment to the war revenue bill taxing express companies. Sulzer offered a bill to reestablish the American mercantile marine. Cousins offered a bill declaring the standard of value to be the standard gold dollar.

SENATE.
Washington, Dec. 6.—The session of the senate was devoted mainly to routine matters, the introduction of bills and presentation of reports. Morrill presented a petition from the legislature of Vermont asking for a revival of the grade of admiral and the recognition of Dewey. Hale presented a bill to revive the grade of admiral and vice-admiral. Missouri, introduced a joint resolution declaring that under the constitution the United States has no power to acquire territory to be held and governed as colonies.

The house held a brief session and adjourned out of respect to the memories of Northway, of Ohio, and Love, of Mississippi.

SENATE.
Washington, Dec. 7.—Hawley, of Connecticut, chairman of the military affairs committee, introduced a bill for the reorganization of the regular army. A committee was appointed to consider the part of the president's message in relation to the celebration of the centennial of the city of Washington.

HOUSE.
Hepburn, of Iowa, called up the anti-slavery bill. After an attempt to agree on a time for debate had failed, Hepburn was recognized for an hour's speech, but yielded to Sherman, of New York, who explained that the bill was very similar to the one passed by the house during the last congress. The changes are mainly restrictive on corporations. Speeches were made by Brundage, Hepburn, Mann, Blaud, Little, Bodine, Bartlett, Gillet, Corliss, Lincoln, Marsh, Adams, Tild and Gaines, after which all amendments were voted down and the bill passed, 119 to 101.

SENATE.
Washington, Dec. 11.—In connection with a decision to give one hour to the consideration of pension bills, Vest, of Missouri, gave notice that the "passing of a lot of pension bills simply by the reading of titles and when a quorum was not present had got to be stopped." He went on to say that southern members had felt some delicacy about opposing pension legislation, but the late war removed the bar, and they, by recognizing liberality in pension legislation as a sacred duty, proposed to object to spoliation. Gallinger, chairman of the pensions committee, agreed with Vest that pension bills should be carefully considered. Vest introduced a joint resolution for the appointment of a committee consisting of three senators and five members of the house, to investigate the charges of corruption in buying vessels and supplies as exhibited in the connection with the war with Spain. On motion of Morgan, the senate took up the Nicaragua canal bill, and then on the senator's motion, adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE.
The house went into a committee of the whole on the urgent deficiency bill for the support of military and naval establishments during the year 1898. The bill passed practically without opposition. Adjourned till Monday.

WADE MADE GOVERNOR.

President Appoints General Wade Governor of Western Cuba.
HAVANA, Dec. 9.—Major General Wade, president of the United States evacuation commission, has received certain instructions from President McKinley which seem to indicate that he will be appointed military governor of western Cuba. General Wade's resignation of his position as president of the evacuation commission has given him a firm grasp on the situation. General Greene will be governor of the city of Havana. He has already virtually taken hold, as he is having some of the streets cleaned and is devising measures for the sanitation and policing of the city. Senior Fernando de Castro, the Spanish civil governor, and the alcalde of Havana are accepting his suggestions and aiding him in the work. The preparation for a change of flags is thus being brought about by degrees, and the transition will not be abrupt. Already the evacuation of the province of Havana is complete except for the troops stationed in the city. Of these there are 12,000, and they probably will retire to Cienfuegos before Christmas.

KNOCKS TAX DOWN.

Cable San's Retaliation on Venezuela Has the Desired Effect.
New York dispatch: The Venezuelan government has decided not to impose further duties on supplies sent to American consulates located in that country. The government imposed these duties several weeks ago, notwithstanding the fact that, with one exception, all other countries in the world where United States consuls are located levy no duties on such importations. The United States immediately retaliated and assessed the regular duties on all articles sent from Venezuela to its consuls in this country. The action had the desired effect and a circular has been received by the collector of the ports from Washington stating the recent order has been cancelled. The reason assigned was that Venezuela had decided not to impose the duties hereafter in such cases.

Guy's Annual Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The annual report of Lyman J. Gage, secretary of the treasury, has been made public. The report is voluminous and besides giving a complete accounting of the receipts and expenditures of the treasury, it contains a number of interesting facts.

The president's message this year contains some 80,000 words, far too much for publication in limited space at disposal. The president begins his annual report by referring to the conditions of the world, the failure of negotiations with Spain and the final recourse to arms. He then tells the story of the war practically as it is known. Then he says:

Independent Government for Cuba.
"As soon as we are in possession of Cuba, it will be necessary to give aid and direction to its people to form a government for themselves. This should be undertaken as soon as possible, and it is important that our relations with these people shall be of the most friendly character. Our commercial relations should be reciprocal, and it should be our duty to assist in every proper way to build up the waste places of the island, encourage the industry of the people and assist them to form a government which shall be free and independent, thus realizing the best aspirations of the Cuban people.

Spanish rule must be replaced by a just, benevolent and humane government, established by the people of Cuba, capable of performing all international obligations and which shall encourage thrift, industry and commerce and promote peace and good will among all of the inhabitants, whatever may have been their relations in the past. Neither revenge nor passion should have any influence on our government. Until there is complete tranquility in the island and a stable government inaugurated, military occupation will be continued.

Report of Nicaragua Canal Commission.
The Nicaragua canal commission, under the sponsorship of Rear Admiral John G. Walker, reported July 24, 1897, under the authority of a provision in the sundry civil act of June 4 of that year, has nearly completed its labors, and the report is being prepared for publication. The commission received all possible courtesy and assistance from the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, which thus testified their appreciation of the importance of giving a speedy and practical solution to the great project that has for so many years engrossed the attention of the world. The report is a most interesting inquiry embracing the whole subject, with the aim of making plans and surveys for a canal by the most convenient route, necessarily including a review of the results of previous surveys and plans, and in particular those adopted by the Maritime Canal Company under the sponsorship of the late President Grant, and also those of the Nicaragua and Costa Rica canal, so that the essential part in the deliberations and conclusions of the canal commission, as they have been reached, may be made known to the people of the United States. Under these circumstances and in view of the importance of the project, the commission has prepared a report which is being presented to the senate and the house of representatives.

Condition of the Treasury.
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Union Pacific Railway.
In reference to sale of Union Pacific railroads, he says: "It is a gratifying fact that the result of these proceedings against the Union Pacific system and the Kansas Pacific Line is that the government has received an account of the Kansas Pacific system of \$64,751,223, an increase of \$18,567,187 over the sum which the reorganization committee originally agreed to bid for the joint property of the government and the Kansas Pacific Railroad. The Kansas Pacific system, including its whole claim, principal and interest, on the Union Pacific and the principal of its debt on the Kansas Pacific Railroad, is now owned by the Central Pacific Railroad Company, but before action was commenced congress passed an act, approved July 16, 1898, which transferred the Kansas Pacific system to the secretary of the treasury, the attorney general and the secretary of the interior and their successors, and authorized the secretary of the treasury to sell the same to the highest bidder. No report has yet been made to me by the commission thus created. Whatever action is had looking to the sale of the Kansas Pacific system, the act referred to will be submitted to congress.

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RACE ECHOES.

The second annual meeting of the Colored Farmer's Conference of South Carolina was held at Aiken on the 5th. Many able addresses were made.

T. McCants Stewart of Brooklyn, N. Y., the well-known colored attorney will soon leave for Hawaii to practice his profession.

An exchange, something on the political situation said, "The share of office spoils falling to the colored democrats of New York City amounts to \$115,000 annually. This kind of Negro democracy pays."

President McKinley has accepted the invitation of Booker T. Washington, Principle, to visit the Tuskegee Normal, Alabama, December 16th, when he visits that city's peace Jubilee exercises. Mr. McKinley will deliver an address at Tuskegee to the students of that institution and the residents of that section.

If the Negro will devote as much attention to how he may win the white man's friendship as he does to how much he can hate the white man, the problem is half solved, and if he will then devote as much attention to the establishing of business enterprises and scientific farming as he does to establishment churches, the other half is solved.

The announcement that "Black Patti's Troubadours" were to make their farewell appearance on the South Side prior to their departure for Europe they packed Alhambra Sunday until it was necessary to put the orchestra under the stage and to install several hundred extra chairs in the aisles.

The popularity of the Black song-stress was evidenced in the frequent encores she received. Operatic selections and the melodies that are familiar to and beloved by any American audience were rendered by the singer.

George Holt, the colored tenor, was also a feature of the entertainment. Earnest Hogan, the "unbleached American," whose whimsical humor has made him a permanent favorite, was very amusing. A generally good bill was rendered by the octoforms of the company, who sang choruses, danced, and participated in cake walks and other functions of "colored social circles."—Inter Ocean.

Rev. Ford has recovered from his recent illness and was able to fill the pulpit in Cedar Sunday.

Mr. James Waldon entertained at dinner last Friday, Misses Eldora, Lottie and Gertrude Green. A delightful afternoon was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale returned to their home in Davenport last Thursday.

Miss Lulu Fine has been very ill with blood poison the result of running a rusty tack into the palm of her hand.

The Misses Green have reopened their Fancy Work establishment and will continue indefinitely.

Mr. R. Hudson has been making some improvements in his home.

The young people have had several sleighing parties during the past week.

Rev. H. S. Skains of the Second Baptist Church spent the week in Knoxville his expected home.

Mrs. Robert Johnson is lying quite ill of typhoid fever and quinsy.

Rev. Jas. Colm n was in the city during the latter part of the week.

Imo Kyle, of Evans was in the city last week he was looking after his interests in Oshkosh and will most likely take up a permanent residence in the near future.

John Brown who has been employed at the Birdwell Hotel has returned to his home in Des Moines.

Joseph Summers of Chicago has moved to this city. His family arrived and are at home on East C. avenue. Mr. Summers is employed as one of the helps at the National Hotel.

The biblical services at the second Baptist Church have been indefinitely postponed on account of unfavorable weather.

Miss Anna Smith of Oshkosh in Mukahloock a short time last week.

Mrs. Adam Fielding is quite sick. Jack Garland who has been sick has resumed work.

John E. Green's baby died of diphtheria last week.

Miss Lella Shady after visiting in Des Moines for several weeks returned home quite sick, but is recovering fast at this writing.

The agent will call on you Saturday be ready to settle.

A Quartet which was named "The Apollo" was organized Tuesday evening at the residence of W. H. London.

Miss Sarah Foster, soprano, Miss Susy Wilson, Alto, Mr. Lucien Cary, Tenor, and W. H. London, Bass.

Mrs. Phila Myer of St Joseph Mo. has been visiting her niece Mrs. Henry Johnson of Gravit during Thanksgiving week she also visited relatives and friends in Bedford.

During her short stay here she made many warm friends she left last Sunday many of her friends accompanying her to the depot.

Miss Lulu Franklin has been quite sick Mrs. Johnson's little daughters Alice and Laura have been visiting in Gravit.

The A. M. E. Church people are looking for a new minister.

There was no end to the turkey that served Sunday.

Mrs. Ben Hawkins entertained a few friends Tuesday at one o'clock luncheon in honor of the following ladies, Mrs. S. Hatcher of St. Paul, Mrs. W. Richardson of Chayenne WY, Misses Mame Horn of Ottumwa and Lucy Bland of Keokuk.

Mother Raspberry met with a very painful accident last week by falling on the ice and breaking her left arm. She is resting as well as could be expected at this writing.

Mrs. Hatcher and Mrs. G. Wade went to Marion Monday eve to attend the concert given by Arnold Jubilee singers.

The A. M. E. S. S. is preparing a program for Christmas eve night.

Miss Addie Bowey is quite sick at her home on 10th Ave.

The ladies of the trustees department will give an entertainment at the A. M. E. Church during the holidays.

The Arnold Jubilee singers are in town.

Mrs. M. F. Lowery was the hostess at a grand Reception on Tuesday eve at her home on 9th ave in honor of the visiting ladies in the city. The hostess was assisted in serving an elegant repast by Mrs. D. Marshall and Mrs. W. Richardson.

Musical was furnished by Messrs Van Camp, Sadler and Hunt, Games, singing and social conversational were indulged in until a late hour when all departed for their respective homes being assured that the hostess was a fine entertainer about fifteen couples were present.

Little May Talson who was badly burned some weeks ago is getting along nicely.

The Daughters of Tabernacle of this city are making preparation to give an entertainment at their hall on Dec. 26, all are invited to attend.

The A. M. E. Sunday School has begun a make preparation for their Christmas festivities of which they wish to be the best ever held in our city.

The following program of the newly organized literary society known as the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Society will be rendered at the A. M. E. church on Thursday evening; prayer by Chapman; Political Address, Mr. U. S. Jones; Guitar solo, Della Davis; Select Reading, Chas. Davis; Address, Wm. Parker; Select Reading, Mrs. Anna Jones; Recitation, Mattie Bowman; Address, Mrs. William son; Debate, Resolve, That labor is justified in organizing against capita; Affirmative, B. K. Franklin; Negative, Rev. Williamson.

Miss Dora Smith left for her home in Mt. Pleasant last week and left a vacancy in the society which is hard to fill.

W. L. Carter the Pastor of the Baptist church went home Thanksgiving on account of sickness.

The young people of the city are putting their heads together to help build the church here and are preparing to reproduce Shakespeare again.

The Sunday School officers and teachers need help in preparing a good time for the children come and help us.

The Bystander is improving a great blessing to this city, ask your friend to take it, see H. C. Walker the present acting agent for this paper who will give you all the desired information number 129 West Peirce street.

Mrs. Nettie McRaven is occupying the beautiful brick residence of 437 W. Peirce street the late home of B. R. Slivers. The rehearsals for the great play will take place most time at the above number the names of all attending will appear in this paper.

While engaged in blocking a stove at her home 702 North 2nd, street on Friday afternoon Mrs. Hampton was severely burned by an explosion of the gasoline contained in the blocking, physician was summoned and the injury attended to, at this writing, she is doing well with the prospects of recovering if nothing more serious to follow.

The Friday Night Club meets with the President this week at the parsonage to arrange for a social in the near future.

Miss Emma Saylor who has been in the employ of J. T. Culberson for some time past as saleslady is taking much needed rest.

Rev. L. J. Phillips of Moline was a Clinton visitor Thanksgiving passing the day pleasantly with his little daughter Lovella and Iota.

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PROCLAMATION No. 5

The Supreme Chancellor Knights of Pythias, of N. A., S. A., & A.

Oskaloosa, Iowa, Nov., 29.

To the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, deputy Grand Chancellors, Past Chancellors and Chanceroil Commanders of the Grand Jurisdiction K of P of Iowa, greeting: Not since the last Grand Lodge session of this Grand Jurisdiction have I submitted to you a proclamation hence I trust that you will carefully heed and duly appreciate this one.

First—I am greatly pained to announce that none of the Grand Lodge officers elected at the last session of the Grand Lodge have qualified, hence the officers Vice-Chancellor, Prelate, Master of Records and Seal Master of Finance, Master at Arms, Inner Guard, Outer Guard, Medical Director, (or examiner) Lecturer and Trustee are all hereby declared vacant.

Second—There will be no election held to fill the above mentioned vacancies until the convention of the next Grand Lodge Session, which will be called to meet during the month of next June.

Third—I am pleased to announce that the Hawkeye Lodge number 8, at Burlington is in excellent working order as I am advised by the Chancellor Commander of that lodge.

Fourth—it is inspiring to note that I have recently re-organized Ottumwa Lodge Number 1, the pioneer lodge of this jurisdiction and it now has a larger membership than ever before in its history.

Fifth—There is a growing interest in Pythianism at Marshalltown, Keokuk, Ft. Madison, Frazar, Davenport and Dubuque and I hope and expect to see good working lodges in each of these places before June 1st.

Sixth—Supreme Chancellor James C. Ross, advise me that the order is progressing throughout the entire Supreme Jurisdiction, a fact that ought to inspire every Knight in this Grand Jurisdiction to renew action for the good of the order below I submit by direction of the Supreme Chancellor, his supreme proclamation which with the above I commend to your Pythian consideration.

Very respectfully in F. C. B. GEO. E. TAYLOR, G. C. PROCLAMATION No. 8.

Savannah, Ga.

To the officers and Members of the Supreme Lodge, Deputy Supreme Chancellors, Grand Chancellors' Chanceroil Commanders of the Order: Greeting:—

Since my last proclamation some change which I feel the Order should know, have taken place and other information of value to you which I deem you should know.

First—The G. C. of Ohio is now Sir W. N. Johnson number 1046 Broadway street Piqua, Ohio and the G. C. of New York is Sir C. H. Smith number 127 West 17th, street New York City, N. Y., and the G. C. of Georgia is Sir C. A. Oskage number 18 Forsyth street Americus, Ga. All the rest remain the same as per my previous proclamation.

Second—The S. C. visited lodges in Tennessee and Ohio, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and West Virginia. He found the grand lodges flourishing and in good condition. Too much praise can not be given Sirs J. L. V. Washington and S. W. Stark; for their great work and untiring efforts to make their states what they ought to be.

Third—it gives great pleasure to present to you another Grand Lodge, viz Indiana, organized August 9 1898 with Sirs J. H. Ward 325 Indiana Avenue, Indianapolis, G. C.

Fourth—I present also to you Cripus Attucks Lodge, Spokane, Washington, re-organized; Toussaint L'Ouverture number 7 Knoxville, Tenn.; Tantom number 8, Tantom, Indian Territory; number 9, Nashville, Tenn.; Syc-

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case number 9 Chattanooga, Tenn; as well as Hamilton number 8, Noblesville, Ind, the latter transferred to its Grand Lodge.

Fifth—With much difficulty I finally adjusted matters at Chattanooga, Tenn, and will soon have all three lodges on the endowment roll again. I also started a lodge in Michigan and visited many lodges free of charge and encouraged them in the work in which they were engaged.

Sixth—it is befitting, that we give thanks to our Gracious Providence for his tender care and protection to our brethren from Montana and Nebraska, Past Chancellors Lodge, Fort Robinson, Neb., North Star and Euroka Lodges Fort Assiniboine, Mon, in saving their lives on the bloody field of battle in Cuba and from the dreadful scourge of yellow fever while in discharge of their duty to their country without the loss of one.

Seventh—The S. C. request the G. C of each state to have this proclamation published in the organ of the order in each respective state and see that each lodge gets a copy of the same.

Eighth—The S. C. congratulates the G. C. of Texas on having passed the Sixtieth mile post of lodges and asks other states to follow. The Order however continues to advance in all the states. With the hope that every member will do his part to advance its interest and let nothing retard its progress.

I am Very Respectfully in F. C. B. J. C. ROSS, S. C.

NOTICE TO REDEEM FROM TAX SALE.

State of Iowa, Polk County ss: To Milton B. Coe: You are hereby notified that on the 23 day of December, A. D. 1895 the following described real estate, situated in Polk County, Iowa, was sold for the taxes for the year 1894 which real estate is described as follows: Lot Six (6) Block Twenty-eight (28) Halls Addition to, and now forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa. That the same was, at such sale, purchased by J. H. Phillips and a certificate issued to him by the Treasurer of Polk county, Iowa, and by the said J. H. Phillips the certificate was duly assigned to Marianne Saucerman and she is now the owner and holder of said certificate, and the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's deed for said property will be made, unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from date of the completed service hereof.

MARIAMNE SAUCERMAN, Lawful holder and owner of said certificate.

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION FROM TAX SALE.

To A. N. and N. A. White. You are hereby notified, that the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot four (4) block twenty-eight (28) Halls Addition in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for taxes of 1894 on the second day of December 1895 to A. H. Kelsey of Polk county, Iowa, that the certificate of purchase thereof has been assigned to and is now owned by J. S. Coskery of Des Moines, Iowa, and that the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's deed for said real estate will be made unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from date of completed service of this notice.

You will govern yourself accordingly. Dated the 8th day of December, A. D. 1895. J. S. COSKERY.

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