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Geo. E. Taylor, of Oskaloosa and Wm. Jones of Muchaknock, were entertained at dinner last Tuesday at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Coalan.

This is the last week that you will have to secure the Iowa State Bystander one year for \$1.00.

Miss May Davis, our efficient agent at Albia, spent Monday and Tuesday in the Capitol City, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. Hyde. Miss Davis was highly complimented on the very able paper that she read at the banquet.

MARRIED—On December 21st occurred the marriage of Mr. Murt Midgley to Miss Georgia Taylor at the bride's home 708 S. E. Seventh street. Rev. Reeves performed the ceremony. The bride was attired in a beautiful green with trimmings of white and carried bridal roses. All who assisted were nicely dressed. The bride and groom were attended by many nice and useful presents. The bride and groom with their many guests were a happy married couple. They will be at home, 613 East street.

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Mrs. Isabella Clark received a very interesting letter from Susie A. Collins, formerly of Fayette county, Iowa, but now a Missionary under the U. B. church to Africa. She is a graduate from the Upper Iowa University and has been in Africa about four years. She is located at Pango Androga Angola, Africa. Her letter left the above named place last September.

Miss Sarah Porter of this city but now teaching school in Muchaknock is spending the holidays here she is a delegate to the State Teachers' Association. Miss Porter enjoys teaching very much.

TWO POINTED QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

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## SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Morton will entertain Jan. 3rd, 1899 at 8:00 o'clock the jolly twelve, assisted by Mrs. Eliza Bell, Elmie Jackson and Miss Susie Mash.

Mrs. Wallace on East Lyon street entertained at dinner Thursday a number of her old friends and acquaintances and all seem to enjoy themselves nicely talking old times over again.

A very nice party was given by Allie Jones Wednesday evening, at her father's beautiful home on Park avenue, in honor of Miss Brunice Kimbrough of Oskaloosa. Music, games and conversation was indulged in till a late hour, light refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McDonald entertained at their pleasant home on 2nd and University Ave., Mr. Mrs. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, and Comley, a delightful Christmas dinner. The table was artistically decorated with amilax roses and plants.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birney entertained a large number of their friends at dinner Christmas day. Those from out of the city at dinner were Mr. J. Slater and daughter, Miss Eva of Chicago and Mr. Wm. Lawrence of St. Paul. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all, as Mr. and Mrs. Birney knows how to entertain.

Misses Zoe and Della Richardson gave a pleasant party at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Deberry on Des Moines street last Thursday, in honor of Miss Kimbrough of Oskaloosa, Miss Maude Watkins of Albany and Miss Slater of Chicago. A jolly time was had by all. The evening was passed away in games, music, conversation, etc. Light refreshments were served.

SONG SERVICES.

Last Sunday evening was set apart for song services at the A. M. E. church. The program consist of choruses, quartets and solos. The solo by Mr. Huston entitled "Behold the Star" was very beautiful. Mrs. J. T. Blagburn also sang the beautiful soprano "Everlasting Day" and Mrs. J. H. Shepard, sang a most favorable impromptu solo of those who heard her. She recited the lyrics of the most consoling and beautiful music, as a soloist she is a bright future. Mrs. Wm. Coles, who holds the position as one of the best players in the city was the accompanist for Mesdames Blagburn and Shepard. She was at her best and should have a wider range to display her wonderful ability as a musician. The following are the members of the choir: Sopranos, Mesdames, Blagburn and Shepard; Alto, Mrs. Bell; Tenors; Duglass Miller and Wm. Foster; Bass, Willett and Williamson; Director E. M. Huston.

Program for the men's meeting next Sunday at the A. M. E. Church 1st prayer by Chaplain, 2d paper by T. S. Ruff subject The Solution of the Southern Negro is dependent upon the efforts of the Educated Negro of the North; Third, Address by Wm. Frazier; The Negro As a Soldier; Paper, Attorney I. E. Williamson; Paper, Mr. E. S. Willett, W. H. Hubbard, President Mrs. J. B. Rush, Secretary

feesor of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., with interduction by Booker T. Washington, is just out and put in the hands of our worthy citizen, Mr. J. T. Blagburn 370 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.

The Christmas number of "The Freeman" was the finest and best issue that came to our office. It has without doubt reached the highest point of Negro Journalism yet known to our race.

The Boston Courant had a beautiful Christmas number, well illustrated with cuts etc.

The Saint Joseph Mirror got out a nice Christmas number illustrated with cuts etc; success to the Mirror.

## CALL MEETING

Denounces Outrages on Colored Residents of the South and Illinois and Asks for National Legislation—Banquet Close the Meeting.

The call convention of the Afro-American State league, held in the city Monday, was largely attended. Delegates were present from nearly every portion of the state. It was the largest convention of the league ever held. President Hyde at the morning session gave an address of welcome, after which he appointed the following committees:

Credentials—E. T. Banks, Des Moines; W. M. Stewart, Marquisville; A. D. Corbin, Davenport; Rev. S. S. Miller, Keb.

Resolutions—Joseph Hopkins, Ottumwa; Geo. E. Taylor, Oskaloosa; J. H. Hill, Marquisville; W. H. Coles, Centerville; J. L. Thompson, Leas Moir; J. T. Washington, Boone; W. J. Jones, Muchaknock.

Rules to govern convention—C. B. Woods, Des Moines; W. H. Hubbard, and P. H. Hunter of Marquisville.

At the afternoon session of the convention the committee on resolutions reported. The report was the subject of much discussion. The committee had condemned the outrages perpetrated upon the Negroes in South Carolina and spoke of the black record of Illinois in this regard for the past thirty years. Many delegates protested against incorporating into the resolution anything regarding the state of Illinois, but suggested a compromise by inserting instead of the "past thirty years" the word "recently," and in this way refer to the occurrences at Spring Valley. After a long debate the resolutions were adopted as follows:

"Preamble: Believing as we do in peace and good government and the advancement of our race and the elevation of humanity, we invoke the blessing of God and the gracious favor of law-abiding citizens in the future promotion of these ideas.

"We recognize that it is a great privilege to be an American citizen, but the sweetest satisfaction arise from the enjoyment and full untrampled immunities of American citizenship. That is free speech, free press and the uninterrupted pursuit of domestic happiness.

"Whereas, The outrages, inhuman and anarchical treatment of the Negro race throughout the several southern states and in Illinois for the past thirty years has been unchecked by the laws which is against the fundamental principles of our government; and,

"Whereas, The recent unprovoked murder of helpless and defenseless men, women and children and the destruction of their property by methods which set at defiance all law and order breed a spirit of anarchy which must inevitably destroy the very foundation of popular government; and,

"Whereas, During the recent state and congressional elections in Mississippi, North and South Carolina both Negro and white were killed, murdered and intimidated for simply attempting to exercise their constitutional guaranteed and law given right of suffrage; and,

"Whereas, The unrebutted toleration of these grave crimes of murder with their attendant barbarities are characteristic of all savages, and these conditions demand immediate and vigorous efforts on the part of our government to apprehend this lawless class and punish them; and,

"Whereas, The fact that the property of both the Negro and his white friends have been destroyed and they were driven from employment, has caused the better class of citizens of the entire country to denounce the outrages as brutal and unbecoming to any government, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we ask and urge the American congress that inasmuch as the states of Mississippi, South Carolina and Louisiana have by constitutional enactment, disfranchised more than half of their population, the basis of representation of these states in congress and the electoral college to re-

duced in proportion in accordance with article 14 of the federal constitution.

"Resolved, That we recommend such amendments to the constitution as will empower the president to use the federal authority to protect the life and property of citizens of the United States from organized mobs and conspirators and other, unlawful assembly of people, whenever the governor of any state refuses or is unable to do his duty.

"Resolved, That our national congress pass a law providing each and all persons injured or damaged in person or property by reason of and as a direct consequence of any riot or mob be indemnified by the United States, upon proper proof, and that the United States be reimbursed for all damages or money so paid out of the state or county treasury in which such riot or mob occurred, and that the right of action accrue to the United States therefore, with jurisdiction in the federal courts for the collection thereof.

"Resolved, That we deplore exceedingly the absence in President McKinley's latest message of any mention of the differences and trouble recently occurring between our race and other citizens of North and South Carolina.

"Resolved, That we commend the heroic valor of our gallant sailor and soldier boys who participated in the late war with Spain."

After the adoption of the resolutions, Joseph Hopkins of Ottumwa moved that the convention proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year. President Hyde immediately took the floor and declared that he would not entertain the motion, and refused to put the same to a vote of the house. He contended that the convention was a "called" one, called especially for the purpose of condemning the recent outrages in Carolina, and that the election of officers was entirely outside of the jurisdiction of the convention. Mr. Taylor responded by declaring that the league would never again have a large attendance as it had at present; that the league has not elected officers for the past eighteen months.

The following delegates were selected to the National league convention to be held next summer.

Delegates at large—R. N. Hyde, Des Moines, John L. Thompson, Des Moines.

Delegates—W. J. Jones, Muchaknock; J. H. Hill, Marquisville; Miss May Davis, Albia; John T. Washington, Boone; William Cobb, Centerville; A. D. Corbin, Davenport; John Hill, Marquisville; A. F. Cary, Colon; Anthony Byrrell, Youngstown; Nat. Green, Carbondale.

Alternates at large—William Coleson Des Moines; E. S. Willett, Des Moines.

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Kartz hall was well filled last Monday evening, Krommer's orchestra was present and disbursed music throughout the evening. C. B. Woods presided at the meeting and John L. Thompson acted as master of ceremonies. The address of welcome was made by E. S. Willett of Des Moines, which was responded to by A. F. Cary of Colon. One of the interesting papers of the evening was by Miss May Davis of Albia on "The Influence of Negro Women Upon the Race." R. N. Hyde reviewed the history of the league. G. E. Taylor of Oskaloosa spoke of the "Influence of the Great Men Upon the Race."

After the speech-making, supper was served and dancing was enjoyed by the young people.

## OTTUMWA NEWS.

Miss Bird, of Knoxville, is in the city to spend the holidays with Mrs. J. Davis, of South Ottumwa.

Miss B. Canady, of Oskaloosa, arrived in the city Saturday night to spend several days with Mrs. Ida Hamilton, on Grant street.

Miss Emma Olliphant, of Cedar Rapids, is in the city to spend the holidays, the guest of Miss Mamie Horne, on Center Avenue.

Messrs. Young and Smith, of Fairfield, spent Xmas in the city, visiting old friends.

Messrs. Williams, Green and Canaday of Oskaloosa, spent Xmas in the city, visiting friends.

Those on the sick list this week, were Mrs. Lynch, Miss Bessie Davis and Z. Dodd.

Mrs. Johnson, of Mt. Pleasant, died Monday morning, at her son house, J. Johnson, on West Main street. She will be taken to Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday, for burial.

Lime Kiln Club composed of young men, entertained a few of the young ladies, at supper.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton, entertained friends at a Christmas dinner.

A. M. E. Sunday School had an Xmas tree, Monday. A very nice program was rendered by the children. It was largely attended.

Mrs. Z. Taylor, of S. Ottumwa, will entertain the young people, Tuesday evening, in honor of the visitors.

Mrs. B. Henry is very sick at the hospital.

Misses Mamie Horne, Emma Olliphant and Carrie Owens, attended the entertainment Monday night.

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Mrs. Bradley, of Des Moines, is in the city visiting friends.

NEWTON NOTES.

Miss Mae Manes is home from Toledo to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Leota Leach left last Monday for Marshalltown to visit friends.

Mr. B. Hudson has returned from her visit in the northern part of the State.

Mrs. A. F. Williams is spending the holidays with friends in Des Moines.

On account of being ill, Mr. Jason Green was unable to attend the Afro-American League convention in Des Moines.

The A. M. E. S. S. gave a Christmas entertainment at the church, Saturday evening. The principal feature being a ladder, which was laden with beautiful gifts. A good time was had by all.

Mr. Paul Waldon has returned from his trip to Boone, and reports a splendid time.

Quite a number of persons in this city are victims of the grip.

On Monday evening, December 20th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hale occurred the marriage of their granddaughter, Miss Marie Janette Hayes to Mr. John A. Anderson, of Colfax. The affair was a quiet one. Only the most intimate friends of the bride were present. The bride looked charming in her costume of blue serge with silk and ruffled trimmings. The groom was attired in full dress suit. The bride was born and raised in this city and is one of our most popular young ladies. The groom is a resident of Colfax, and has many friends in this city. An elaborate supper was served. Their many friends wish them much joy and happiness in their married life.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burgess, of Colfax, attended the wedding of their niece, Miss Marie Hale.

CLINTON ITEMS.

Mrs. P. P. Taylor and daughters are spending the holidays with Rev. Taylor in Davenport.

Mr. J. T. Culbertson is on the sick list this week.

A programme will be rendered at the A. M. E. church on next Sunday evening in commemoration of the Emancipation Proclamation anniversary.

Curtis Clyde the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bush is quite ill with grip.

Mrs. Winters of Augusta, Ga. is in the city the guest of her parents Rev. and Mrs. Jas. Robinson. She intends spending the winter here.

Arrangements are nearly completed for the reading of the Drama 30 years of freedom on Tuesday evening Jan. 3rd. Miss Nora Moreland and friend Mrs. Anderson of Chicago are guests of the former's mother Mrs. Moreland on Oak street.

Mr. Edmund Moreland of Peoria spent Christmas in Clinton.

Rev. Tillman and wife were the recipients of a 19 pound turkey a duck and other tokens of good will on Christmas.

Mr. A. L. Meadows dined with Rev. Tillman's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and family of Fulton, Ill. were entertained at Mrs. Wm. Henderson Christmas day.

The Christmas House at the A. M. E. Sunday School was quite a success, the Superintendent, A. A. Bush, the Pastor, teachers and pupils were each remembered while many gifts were placed in the house by outsiders for distribution.

Rev. Tillman was agreeably surprised on his birthday Dec. 17, by several friends who came laden with good things.

Mr. R. D. Smith entertained Rev. and Mrs. Tillman at dinner Friday.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Persons were the host and hostess at a reception last Thursday evening at their residence on Ninth Avenue, in honor of Mrs. W. W. Richardson. Music was furnished throughout the evening by the Mr. Van Camp, and others. Games and social chats were indulged in until a late hour. Elegant refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Mary Bowlin, after which all departed for their homes, being assured that Mr. and Mrs. Persons were elegant entertainers. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames C. H. Searcy, Ben Hawkins, Jno. Van Camp, Ed. Marshall, Ben Parsons, G. H. Wade, T. J. Sadler, Mesdames W. Raspberry, Mary Bowlin, M. F. Lowry, D. Marshall, W. Richardson, Rev. and Mrs. Rhinehart, Miss Lucy Bland, Messrs. Martin, W. Martin and Hunt.

Miss Walthal, of Moline, is a guest of Miss Etta Davis.

Mrs. J. A. Logan and daughter, Lizzie, Miss Stella Lyons, and Mr. Perkins, of Galesburg, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hawkins.

Miss Bertha Green, of Toledo, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Laura Martin.

The exercises and Xmas trees were held at the A. M. E. church, Saturday night.

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The D. M. N. and W. R. R. will sell round trip tickets limited to Jan. 4th, 1899, to Students and Teachers of colleges and Universities, at one and one-third fare or the round trip.

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"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., Pro-

## Mr. Burt Jones who delivered their pieces with much credit to themselves.

With the many Christmas festivities in our city your correspondent was in attendance at one of the Episcopal churches and the A. M. E. church and was very much pleased with both.

Mr. J. H. Carper of Ottumwa spent Christmas with Albia friends.

A number of strangers were in our city during the Christmas holidays.

BURLINGTON BRIEFLETS.

There is quite a great deal of sickness in the city at this writing.

Carl the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ivy died on Christmas morning and was buried on Monday.

Quite a number of Burlington people went to the old fellows entertainment at Fort Madison Monday night.

The Ladies Court entertainment was not as well attended as was expected to and should have been.

Mrs. Leslie and daughters will spend a few weeks visiting in Quincy.

Christmas was enjoyably spent at the Jones home on S. 14th street.

The glorification meeting held at the Baptist church by the K of P on Sunday was an event to be remembered although there was not a very large attendance.

Rev. Knight is expected home next week from the South where he has been at the bedside of his mother.

Mr. Charles Brown is hauling over a large quantity of Wood this winter from the Illinois bottoms.

The Christmas programme at the churches were the poorest this year that they have been for sometime, what's the matter with the people here?

SIoux CITY ITEMS

Mrs. E. Dowdy and children have returned to their home at Yankton after a weeks visit with relatives.

Mrs. W. Stokes and little daughter, Perolla of Yankton spent a week visiting friends in our city they are the guest of Mrs. Crawford.

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### DISSOLUTION

The law partnership of Williamson & Rush has dissolved. Attorney Williamson continuing in business at the same place. All persons knowing themselves indebted to the firm since July 1st '98 will please pay Williamson.

### CENTER STREET CANDY KITCHEN

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Christmas Candies at 10c per lb, Bread at 4c per loaf.

Mrs. Isabella Clark received a very interesting letter from Susie A. Collins, formerly of Fayette county, Iowa, but now a Missionary under the U. B. church to Africa. She is a graduate from the Upper Iowa University and has been in Africa about four years. She is located at Pungo Androga Angola Africa. Her letter left the above named place last September.

Miss Sarah Porter of this city but now teaching school in Muchaknock is spending the holidays here she is a delegate to the State Teachers' Association. Miss Porter enjoys teaching very much.

### TWO POINTED QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

What is the use of making a better article than competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

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## SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Morton will entertain Jan. 3rd, 1899 at 8:00 o'clock the jolly twelve, assisted by Mrs. Eliza Bell, Effie Jackson and Miss Susie Mash.

Mrs. Wallace on East Lyon street entertained at dinner Thursday a number of her old friends and acquaintances and all seem to enjoy themselves nicely talking old times over again.

A very nice party was given by Allie Jones Wednesday evening, at her father's beautiful home on Park avenue, in honor of Miss Brunice Kimbrough of Oskaloosa. Music, games and conversation was indulged in till a late hour, light refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McDonald entertained at their pleasant home on 2nd and University Ave., Mr. Mrs. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, and Comley, a delightful Christmas dinner. The table was artistically decorated with smilax roses and plants.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birney entertained a large number of their friends at dinner Christmas day. Those from out of the city at dinner were Mr. J. Slater and daughter, Miss Eva of Chicago and Mr. Wm. Lawrence of St. Paul. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all, as Mr. and Mrs. Birney knows how to entertain.

Misses Zoe and Della Richardson gave a pleasant party at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Deberry on Des Moines street last Thursday, in honor of Miss Kimbrough of Oskaloosa, Miss Maude Watkins of Albany and Miss Slater of Chicago. A jolly time was had by all. The evening was passed away in games, music, conversation, etc. Light refreshments were served.

### SONG SERVICES.

Last Sunday evening was set apart for song services at the A. M. E. church. The program consist of chorous, quartets and solos. The solo by Mr. Huston entitled "Behold the Star" was very beautiful. Mrs. J. T. Blagburn also sang the beautiful soprano "Evening Day." The program was a most favorable improvement on those who heard her. She recited the prayer of the most conservative. A solo of music, as a soloist she is a bright future. Mrs. Wm. Coates, who holds the position as one of the best players in the city was the accompanist for Mesdames Blagburn and Shepard. She was at her best and should have a wider range to display her wonderful ability as a musician. The following are the members of the choir: Sopranos, Mesdames, Blagburn and Shepard; Alto, Mrs. Bell; Tenors; Douglas Miller and Wm. Foster; Bass, Willett and Williamson; Director R. M. Huston.

Program for the men's meeting next Sunday at the A. M. E. Church 1st prayer by Chaplain, 2d paper by T. S. Ruff subject The Solution of the Southern Negro is dependent upon the efforts of the Educated Negro of the North; Third, Address by Wm. Frazier, The Negro As a Soldier; Paper, Attorney I. E. Williamson; Paper, Mr. E. S. Willett, W. H. Hubbard, President Mrs. J. B. Rush, Secretary

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### STUDENTS HOLIDAY RATES.

The D. M. N. and W. R. R. will sell round trip tickets limited to Jan. 4th, 1899, to Students and Teachers of colleges and Universities, at one and one-third fare or the round trip.

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### A New Book.

"Progress of a Race" or "The Remarkable Advancement of the American Negro," written by H. F. Kleitzing, A. M. and W. H. Croghan, A. M., Pro-

essor 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 \$3.25, Morocco binding, and \$1.50 for common binding. For further particulars write or send in your orders by mail postage prepaid.

The Christmas number of "The Freeman" was the finest and best issue that came to our office. It has without doubt reached the highest point of Negro Journalism yet known to our race.

The Boston Courant had a beautiful Christmas number, well illustrated with cuts etc.

The Saint Joseph Mirror got out a nice Christmas number illustrated with cuts etc; success to the Mirror.

### CALL MEETING

### Denounces Outrages on Colored Residents of the South and Illinois and Asks for National Legislation--Banquet Close the Meeting.

The call convention of the Afro-American State league, held in the city Monday, was largely attended. Delegates were present from nearly every portion of the state. It was the largest convention of the league ever held. President Hyde at the morning session gave an address of welcome, after which he appointed the following committees:

Credentials—E. T. Banks, Des Moines; W. M. Stewart, Marquisville; A. D. Corbin, Davenport; Rev. S. S. Miller, Keb.

Resolutions—Joseph Hopkins, Ottumwa; Geo. E. Taylor, Oskaloosa; J. H. Hill, Marquisville; W. H. Cobb, Centerville; J. L. Thompson, Des Moines; J. T. Washington, Boone; W. J. Jones, Muchaknock.

Rules to govern convention—C. B. Woods, Des Moines; W. H. Hubbard, Marquisville; P. E. Hunter of Marquisville.

At the afternoon session of the convention the committee on resolutions reported. The report was the subject of much discussion. The committee had condemned the outrages perpetrated upon the Negroes in South Carolina and spoke of the black record of Illinois in this regard for the past thirty years. Many delegates protested against incorporating into the resolution anything regarding the state of Illinois, but suggested a compromise by inserting instead of the "past thirty years" the word "recently," and in this way refer to the occurrences at Spring Valley. After a long debate the resolutions were adopted as follows:

"Preamble: Believing as we do in peace and good government and the advancement of our race and the elevation of humanity, we invoke the blessing of God and the gracious favor of law-abiding citizens in the future promotion of these ideas.

"We recognize that it is a great privilege to be an American citizen, but the sweetest satisfaction arise from the enjoyment and full untrampled immunities of American citizenship. That is free speech, free press and the uninterrupted pursuit of domestic happiness.

"Whereas, The outrages, inhuman and anarchical treatment of the Negro race throughout the several southern states and in Illinois for the past thirty years has been unchecked by the laws which is against the fundamental principles of our government; and

"Whereas, The recent unprovoked murder of helpless and defenseless men, women and children and the destruction of their property by methods which set at defiance all law and order breed a spirit of anarchy which must inevitably destroy the very foundation of popular government; and

"Whereas, During the recent state and congressional elections in Mississippi, North and South Carolina both Negro and white were killed, murdered and intimidated for simply attempting to exercise their constitutional guaranteed and law given right of suffrage; and

"Whereas, The unrebuked toleration of these grave crimes of murder with their attendant barbarities are characteristic of all savages, and these conditions demand immediate and vigorous efforts on the part of our government to apprehend this lawless class and punish them; and

"Whereas, The fact that the property of both the Negro and his white friends have been destroyed and they were driven from employment, has caused the better class of citizens of the entire country to denounce the outrages as brutal and unbecoming to any government, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we ask and urge the American congress that inasmuch as the states of Mississippi, South Carolina and Louisiana have by constitutional enactment, disfranchised more than half of their population, the basis of representation of these states in congress and the electoral college be re-

duced in proportion in accordance with article 14 of the federal constitution.

"Resolved, That we recommend such amendments to the constitution as will empower the president to use the federal authority to protect the life and property of citizens of the United States from organized mobs and conspirators and other, unlawful assembly of people, whenever the governor of any state refuses or is unable to do his duty.

"Resolved, That our national congress pass a law providing each and all persons injured or damaged in person or property by reason of and as a direct consequence of any riot or mob be indemnified by the United States, upon proper proof, and that the United States be reimbursed for all damages or money so paid out of the state or county treasury in which such riot or mob occurred, and that the right of action accrue to the United States therefor, with jurisdiction in the federal courts for the collection thereof.

"Resolved, That we deplore exceedingly the absence in President McKinley's last message of any mention of the differences and trouble recently occurring between our race and other citizens of North and South Carolina.

"Resolved, That we commend the heroic valor of our gallant sailor and soldier boys who participated in the late war with Spain."

After the adoption of the resolutions, Joseph Hopkins of Ottumwa moved that the convention proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year. President Hyde immediately took the floor and declared that he would not entertain the motion, and refused to put the same to a vote of the house. He contended that the convention was a "called" one, called especially for the purpose of condemning the recent outrages in Carolina, and that the election of officers was entirely outside of the jurisdiction of the convention. Mr. Taylor responded by declaring that the league would never again have as large an attendance as it had at present; that the league has not elected officers for the past eighteen months.

The following delegates were selected to the National league convention to be held next summer.

Delegates at large—R. N. Hyde, Des Moines, John L. Thompson, Des Moines.

Delegates—W. J. Jones, Muchaknock; J. H. Hill, Marquisville; Miss May Davis, Albia; John T. Washington, Boone; William Cobb, Centerville; A. D. Corbin, Davenport; John Hill, Marquisville; A. F. Cary, Colon; Anthony Burrell, Youngstown; Nat. Green, Carbondale.

Alternates at large—William Coates Des Moines; E. S. Willett, Des Moines.

Alternates—Mr. Patterson, Carbondale; B. L. Walker, Marquisville; E. T. Banks, Des Moines; Rev. Ed. Wilson, Davenport; Frank Blagburn, Des Moines; Anthony Brown, Youngstown; J. H. Shepard, Des Moines; Mrs. A. Brown Youngstown.

Kartz hall was well filled last Monday evening, Krommer's orchestra was present and disbursed music throughout the evening. C. B. Woods presided at the meeting and John L. Thompson acted as master of ceremonies. The address of welcome was made by E. S. Willett of Des Moines, which was responded to by A. F. Cary of Colon. One of the interesting papers of the evening was by Miss May Davis of Albia on "The Influence of Negro Women Upon the Race." R. N. Hyde reviewed the history of the league. G. E. Taylor of Oskaloosa spoke of the "Influence of the Great Men Upon the Race."

After the speech-making, supper was served and dancing was enjoyed by the young people.

### OTTUMWA NEWS.

Miss Bird, of Knoxville, is in the city to spend the holidays with Mrs. J. Davis, of South Ottumwa.

Miss B. Canady, of Oskaloosa, arrived in the city Saturday night to spend several days with Mrs. Ida Hamilton, on Grant street.

Miss Emma Olliphant, of Cedar Rapids, is in the city to spend the holidays, the guest of Miss Mame Horne, on Center Avenue.

Messrs. Young and Smith, of Fairfield, spent Xmas in the city, visiting old friends.

Messrs. Williams, Green and Canaday of Oskaloosa, spent Xmas in the city, visiting friends.

Those on the sick list this week, were, Mrs. Lynch, Miss Bessie Davis and Z. Dodd.

Mrs. Johnson, of Mt. Pleasant, died Monday morning, at her son house, J. Johnson, on West Main street. She will be taken to Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday for burial.

Lime Kiln Club composed of young men, entertained a few of the young ladies, at supper.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton, entertained friends at a Christmas dinner.

A. M. E. Sunday School had an Xmas tree, Monday. A very nice program was rendered by the children. It was largely attended.

Mrs. Z. Taylor, of S. Ottumwa, will entertain the young people, Tuesday evening, in honor of the visitors.

Mrs. B. Henry is very sick at the hospital.

Misses Mame Horne, Emma Olliphant and Carrie Owens, attended the entertainment Monday night.

## W. P. CHASE Co

Games, Toys, Dolls and Holiday Goods. You all know the place—7th and Locust, the Big Bicycle Store.

Mrs. Bradley, of Des Moines, is in the city visiting friends.

### NEWTON NOTES.

Miss Mae Manes is home from Toledo to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Leota Leach left last Monday for Marshalltown to visit friends.

Mr. R. Hudson has returned from her visit in the northern part of the State.

Mrs. A. F. Williams is spending the holidays with friends in Des Moines.

On account of being ill, Mr. Jason Green was unable to attend the Afro-American League convention in Des Moines.

The A. M. E. S. S. gave a Christmas entertainment at the church, Saturday evening. The principal feature being a ladder, which was laden with beautiful gifts. A good time was had by all.

Mr. Paul Waldon has returned from his trip to Boone, and reports a splendid time.

Quite a number of persons in this city are victims of the grip.

On Monday evening, December 28th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hale occurred the marriage of their granddaughter, Miss Marie Janette Hayes to Mr. John A. Anderson, of Colfax. The affair was a quiet one. Only the most intimate friends of the bride were present. The bride looked charming in her costume of blue serge with silk and passementerie trimmings. The groom was attired in full dress suit. The bride was born and raised in this city and is one of our most popular young ladies. The groom is a resident of Colfax, and has many friends in this city. An elaborate supper was served. Their many friends wish them much joy and happiness in their married life.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burgess, of Colfax, attended the wedding of their niece, Miss Marie Hale.

### CLINTON ITEMS.

Mrs. P. P. Taylor and daughters are spending the holidays with Rev. Taylor in Davenport.

Mr. J. T. Culbertson is on the sick list this week.

A programme will be rendered at the A. M. E. church on next Sunday evening in commemoration of the Emancipation Proclamation anniversary.

Curtis Clyde the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bush is quite ill with grip.

Mrs. Winters of Augusta, Ga. is in the city the guest of her parents Rev. and Mrs. Jas. Robinson. She intends spending the winter here.

Arrangements are nearly completed for the rendering of the Drama 30 years of freedom on Tuesday evening, Jan. 2nd.

Miss Nora Moreland and friend Mrs. Anderson of Chicago are guests of the former's mother Mrs. Moreland on Oak street.

Mr. Edmund Moreland of Peoria spent Christmas in Clinton.

Rev. Tillman and wife were the recipients of a 19 pound turkey a duck and other tokens of good will on Christmas.

Mr. A. L. Meadows dined with Rev. Tillman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and family of Fulton, Ill. were entertained at Mrs. Wm. Henderson Christmas day.

The Christmas House at the A. M. E. Sunday School was quite a success, the Superintendent, A. A. Bush, the Pastor, teachers and pupils were each remembered while many gifts were placed in the house by outsiders for distribution.

Rev. Tillman was agreeably surprised on his birthday Dec. 17, by several friends who came laden with good things.

Mr. R. D. Smith entertained Rev. and Mrs. Tillman at dinner Friday.

### COUNCIL BLUFFS.

J. H. Holmes left Sunday for his home in Lawrence, Kan. to visit parents and friends.

T. Ward of Omaha has been preaching in our city for a week.

Mr. Burt Jones who delivered their pieces with much credit to themselves, With the many Christmas festivities in our city your correspondent was in attendance at one of the Episcopal churches and the A. M. E. church and was very much pleased with both.

Mr. J. H. Carler of Ottumwa spent Christmas with Albia friends.

A number of strangers were in our city during the Christmas holidays.

### BURLINGTON BRIEFETS.

There is quite a great deal of sickness in the city at this writing.

Carl the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ivy died on Christmas morning and was buried on Monday.

Quite a number of Burlington people went to the Odd Fellows entertainment at Fort Madison Monday night.

The Ladies Court entertainment was not as well attended as was expected to and should have been.

Mrs. Leslie and daughters will spend a few weeks visiting in Quincy.

Christmas was enjoyably spent at the Jones home on S. 14th street.

The Glorification meeting held at the Baptist church by the K of P on Sunday was an event to be remembered although there was not a very large attendance.

Rev. Knight is expected home next week from the South where he has been at the bedside of his mother.

Mr. Charles Brown is hauling over a large quantity of Wood this winter from the Illinois bottoms.

The Christmas programme at the churches were the poorest this year that they have been for sometime, what's the matter with the people here?

### SIoux CITY ITEMS

Mrs. E. Dowdy and children have returned to their home at Yankton after a weeks visit with relatives.

Mrs. W. Stokes and little daughter, Perolla of Yankton spent a week visiting friends in our city they are the guest of Mrs. Crawford.

Mrs. S. Grant entertained Rev. Fisher at dinner Christmas.

The Christmas entertainment given at the churches by the Sunday School was quite a success.

Mr. John Morgan is on the sick list. There will be watch meeting at the church Saturday evening.

Great preparations are being made for the coming concert.

Mr. John Williams had a stroke of paralysis last week but is some better now.

To much cannot be said in behalf of the Christmas number of the Bystander now in honor of the gentlemen who compose the craft, Sioux City sends greetings for the New Year, for truly,

We are standing on the threshold,  
We are in the open door,  
We are treading on a borderland  
We have never trod before.

Another year is opening  
And another year is gone,  
We have passed the darkness of the night  
We are in the early dawn.

We have left the fields behind us  
O'er which we scattered seeds  
We pass into the future,  
Which none of us can read.

Then hasten to fresh labor  
To thresh and reap and sow  
Then bid the New Year welcome  
And let the old year go.

Then gather all your vigor  
Press forward in the fight  
And let this be your motto  
"For God and the Right."

Subscribes for the Bystander.

THE EXCHANGE OF FLAGS.

Joint Meeting of the Cuban Military Commissioners.

Havana dispatch: At a joint meeting of the United States and Spanish military commissioners the program was finally agreed upon for the exchange of flags on January 14...

WAR DEPARTMENT INQUIRY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Gen. O. O. Howard, retired, who acted as visiting delegate of the Army and Navy Commission...

RAISED THE FLAG.

Cubans at Mariel Have a Chance for Rejoicing. HAVANA, Dec. 30.—Colonel Sayburn raised the American flag over the municipal building at Mariel...

Don Carlos Not to Abdicate.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Venice correspondent of the Times says: "Don Carlos, who is in perfect health, desires me to deny absolutely the report that he contemplates abdicating."

Osca's Peace Conference in May.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The conference based on the disarmament proposal of Emperor Nicholas has been fixed for St. Petersburg about the beginning of May next."

Big Cargo of Opium.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The steamer China, which has just arrived from the Orient, carried the largest consignment of opium that ever entered this port.

Conspiracy Against France.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Special dispatches from Brussels report that an important conference of Bonapartists has just been held there, under the presidency of Prince Victor Napoleon.

Work for American Hill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Ambassador Hildreth, at St. Petersburg, called the attention of the Russian government to the fact that the American flag is not flying at the American consulate in St. Petersburg.

Wallace Burnett Sentenced to the Penitentiary for Two Years. OSAGE, Dec. 29.—On the 5th of December Wallace Burnett called at a school house in the northern part of Mitchell county...

EATON ARRESTED.

A Feeling of Satisfaction Manifested at Atlantic Over His Detention. ATLANTIC, Dec. 27.—There was a feeling of satisfaction when those interested heard that Lincoln Eaton, of Wiotia, had been arrested at Kansas City...

TEACHERS' OFFICERS.

Superintendent Bloodgood Made President of State Association. DES MOINES, Dec. 29.—The Iowa State Teachers' Association elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, County Superintendent F. H. Bloodgood...

DIED AT HIS GOLDEN WEDDING.

Ottumwa Man Suddenly Expires at the Dinner Table. OTTUMWA, Dec. 27.—Robert Fellows, one of the prominent and leading citizens of Ottumwa, dropped dead in the home of his nephew, George Hall, at the dinner table...

DOUBLE TRAGEDY NEAR CLARE.

Gowrie Young Man Shoots a Teacher and Himself. FORT DODGE, Dec. 29.—A young man came to Clare on the north-bound Rock Island passenger train, hired a horse and rode out to the school house where Miss May Thomas teaches...

MURDERED BY A FARMER.

Centerville, Dec. 28.—A shooting scrape at a turkey shooting match near Hilltown in Appanoose county, resulted in the death of W. S. Shearer at the hands of Samuel Moore.

Robbery at Parkersburg.

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 28.—The jewelry store of B. F. Anderson was broken into, or rather the drug store of Howenstein & Co., in which is located the place of business of Mr. Anderson...

Good Mail Delivery.

OSAGE, Dec. 28.—Deputy United States Marshal Track arrived in Osage, having in charge F. J. Vandenberg, who he arrested at Sioux City.

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Shell Wilden. A ROMANCE

CHAPTER II.

"Now, Vi," says Ruby a few evenings later, seeking her cousin's room and speaking to her in a tone of confidence, "I want you to do me a favor this evening."

"All right, dear," answers Violet, colling up the long plaits of her faxen hair with artistic precision. "How can I oblige you?"

"Well, as you know, the Champleys are coming in this evening for some music, and I want you to prevent Shell from putting herself forward in any way and talking to them. She has such a strange blunt way with strangers that I am always afraid of her doing or saying something outrageous."

"I'm sure you needn't be," responds Vi, looking rather astonished. "She was well named 'Pearl,' for she hides herself in her shell as persistently as her namesake. He who finds out her true value will have to be a very persistent man."

"Oh, she is a good deal sharper than you think," says Ruby, with a little sneer; "and at the same time she is so extremely odd that I never feel safe as to what she might say! I actually heard her confiding to the restorator the other day that our stator-carpet had been turned four times."

"Well, and if she did, there was no harm in it," declares Violet, who is far more attached to Shell than to the brilliant Ruby.

"Of course you don't care, because it is not your own home—you are only staying here," retorts Ruby bitterly—"but for my own part I think there is no need that our poverty should be exposed to strangers. If she gets into conversation with either of the Champleys, I shouldn't in the least wonder at her telling them that our dinner is always badly cooked because we can't afford a new kitchen range."

"I don't think she would," laughed Violet.

"She is quite capable of it—she is so eccentric. What other girl would insist upon being called 'Shell,' when she has such a pretty name? Nothing could be sweeter than Pearl; and yet if one dares to call her by her right name she flies into one of her tantrums."

"You are a flower of which I should be unaccountably afraid if you were not engaged," laughs Ruby.

"Afraid—why?" asks Violet, opening wide her blue eyes.

"Because you are so terribly pretty," answers Ruby truthfully.

self-inflicted martyrdom at one end of the room, his brother Robert is being flattered, petted and a little bit teased at the other end by Ruby.

"It was really too bad of you to stop away from Champley House so long!" she says reproachfully.

"I shouldn't have come back now if it hadn't been for the children," he says at length, with a sigh.

Ruby catches the echo of that sigh and is all sympathy.

"No one knows better than I how very painful your return home must have been to you," she remarks, in a low and almost faltering tone, whilst her white eyelids veil her eyes in seemingly sad retrospect.

"Upon my word," laughs Ted, "it is my belief that a good many children are wiser than their elders—so observant, you know, and all that kind of thing. I really don't think you would class all children together again as being 'stupid,' if you only knew those little kids of Robert's; they are awful little sharpers."

"I suppose their father takes quite an interest in them?" remarks Shell in a bored tone.

"I don't see how any one could help liking them—poor little beggars!" continues the young man bluntly, and in a voice that speaks volumes of wonder at his companion's heartlessness.

"Dear me," she says wonderingly—"have I shocked you? If so, you must please forgive me; for I don't like children."

Ted makes no remark for a few moments, but sits watching her with keen scrutinizing eyes, expecting every instant that some relenting dimple round her lips would belie her words; but no—Shell works on in serene unconsciousness, with her well-polished head a little on one side, and all her attention apparently fixed upon her work.

"Is there anything under the sun that you do like?" asks Ted at last, in a tone of desperation.

"Oh, yes, several things," answers Shell briskly. "Let me see"—reflectively—"I like work, and reading, and I am awfully fond of gooseberry-tart."

Ted bursts into such a hearty peal of laughter that Ruby—who is engaged in stitching a trim with Vi and Robert Champley—gives utterance to a false note. Shell, after a futile effort to control her trembling lips, joins in his merriment.

"No," she answers carelessly, "I have no talent for anything in particular. Of course I play a little and I sketch a little; but I do nothing well enough for it to be pleasing to anybody but myself."

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