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OUR LEADING COLORED PAPER.

## CITY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mash have purchased new bicycles.

Sunday will be quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church.

The A. M. E. Sunday School, will convene at 2:30.

Mr. Frank Smith left for Chicago Saturday evening.

Mr. Lewis Clark left for Milwaukee, Monday evening.

Mr. Albert Jenkins and family arrived in the city from Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Annie Hall is able to be out again after a severe spell of sickness.

Mrs. Lewis Austin will be at home to friends on Thursday afternoons.

Theodore Williams is now running on the Rock Island Ry., he makes Holmes as a stop off.

James Roy who went to Newton last time ago has returned and took charge of his father's shop on 9th St.

Miss Lucy McKee of Van Meter left Sunday in our city the guest of Mr. Roy returning Tuesday.

Ed. Weeks of Ames is spending a few days in the city with his Uncle, who is sick with a sore neck.

Mr. Dan Roy has gone to Van Meter to take charge of Mrs. McKay's farm this summer, his family will remain here.

Rev. Bundy, the presiding of this district will be in the city to conduct the quarterly meeting for Rev. Reeves.

Miss Antas Logan of New Bloomfield Mo. Mrs. Shepard's cousin arrived here last Saturday to remain indefinitely.

Mrs. Cleggett who is in Phoenix, Arizona will leave for Des Moines next Monday and will arrive here next Thursday.

Mrs. Susan Davis on 15th and Lyon streets has been sick for the past fortnight, but is some better at this writing.

Rev. C. W. Holmes, pastor of Burn's M. E. church, E. Des Moines street, will conduct the Sacrament next Sunday evening.

Rev. T. Reeves who has been quite sick is improving. He is able to sit up, his many friends will be glad to see him out and back to his pulpit again.

The people are making great preparation for the District Conference and Sunday School convention to be held here the latter part of this month.

Mrs. E. T. Banks is a constant sufferer of rheumatism, sometimes unable to go out. It seems that this dreaded disease continues to remain with her and keeps her a sufferer nearly all the time.

Mr. Cleggett is the sole agent of Iowa for a new chart entitled "Our Unsung Heroes." It is a very beautiful and striking chart, 24x36 inches. It shows the mistreatment of the Negro in the South.

The Ladies' Afternoon club tendered a reception last Wednesday evening to their husbands and a few invited friends at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Holmes on Park street.

The rooms were nicely decorated, and social conversation was the prominent feature of the evening. An excellent lunch was served and all enjoyed themselves nicely. The ladies present were good victuals.

Kenneth Hamilton, our leading colored athlete, who is a student at the Capital City Commercial College, has been elected manager of the college base ball team for this season. He is the only colored boy in the college and is well liked by all.

Mr. Wm. Hampton has returned from the Gate city to assist Judge Woolson in holding federal court. Mr. Hampton has been ballif a number of years and has resided in Keokuk, but will make the Capital City his home from now on. His family will arrive in a few weeks.

The bicycle fever has struck our young people indeed. Messrs. Harry Craven, Robt. Woods, A. Pierson, Will Walker, Miles Taylor and John Morton have all purchased new wheels, while several have secured good second-hand bicycles and several more boys will purchase before long. Miss Iona Sanford has also purchased a new wheel.

News has reached this office through the kindness of I. E. Williamson of the death of the wife of Mr. Moses D. Lowrie of St. Joseph, Mo., last Sunday. Mr. Lowrie who is well known in our city, is over come with grief. He has the care of twin boys of but a few days old.

The P. L. D. Lyceum held a very interesting session with Miss Josie Rivers last Monday evening. Some of the officers for the next six months were elected. The next meeting will be Monday evening, with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pearson 614 Chestnut street at 8:30 p. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson will soon leave for Chicago to make their home, they will be greatly missed from our midst. Mr. Wilson has been head waiter at the Kirkwood for several years, he was married while here and the young couple made many friends in Des Moines and we hope they will soon return. Mr. Wilson takes charge of a hotel in Chicago. Mrs. Wilson left for her former home in California to spend a few weeks visiting and will join her husband later.

The aluminum card case, a very new and attractive novelty has just been received by J. L. Thompson from Chicago. It is cheap nice and very convenient, every one should have one. Mr. Thompson has the sole agency for Iowa and any one who would like the agency (as it requires no canvassing) can get full particulars by writing to J. L. Thompson, Marquardt block.

Rev. J. C. Patton of New Albany, Ind., will preach at the First African Baptist church, School and Fourth streets Sunday morning for Rev. F. Lomack. At the evening services the Little Jubilee Singers of the Southland will sing; seats free. All are welcome.

The Marriage of Miss Bulah Cooper Hubbell, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hubbell, the multi-millionaire, last Tuesday to Count Carl Axel Wachtmeister of Sweden, was the greatest and finest wedding ever witnessed in Iowa. 100 guests witnessed the marriage ceremony and 700 attended the reception. A special car brought some of the Chicago elite to the wedding. Mr. H. H. Lewis, our fellow townsman, had charge of the waiters.

Mr. Geo. H. Cleggett, one of our citizens who recently moved to Minneapolis, has returned here last Tuesday intending to remain here indefinitely. He has just come from Virginia looking after an estate left by his grand uncle, recently deceased. The estate consist of town property, mortgages and farms in and near Richmond, Va. It is in Probate Court at present. Mr. Cleggett and his brother are the only living heirs.

**Saying Goodbye to Godfrey.** At the Lenox, Lyceum last evening, where Lieutenant Dan Godfrey and his band gave their final concert, there was no end of patriotic enthusiasm, as revolvers to the British bandmaster, a playing of national airs, that became a sort of international "God Save the Star-Spangled Banner Queen," and a presentation to the departing musical leader.

There was a tremendous crowd present, and every piece that the band played was hurraed and cheered over and lusty calls of "Encore" given. When the scarlet-coated musicians burst forth with the "Star-Spangled Banner" THERE WAS A ROAR THAT NEARLY RAISED THE ROOF AND TURNED IT CORNERWISE. When the band followed "God Save the Queen" the audience raised it again and set it back in place, and when Godfrey called "three cheers for the army and navy" the walls all but fell out.

It was a great evening and the popular visitors will long remember their reception, the farewell, the pleasant words of appreciation spoken to them and their leader.—New York Herald, July 12, 1898. Dan Godfrey's Band will be at the Tabernacle May 18th, afternoon and evening, price in the afternoon 75 cents and 50 cents in the evening \$1.50. Seats on sale Monday 9:00 A. M. May 18th at Curtis-Stream Co.

Mr. David Bomer is spending a few days in Mount Pleasant visiting his father-in-law Mr. Mason.

Mr. Geo. McNutt, chief of detective, left this evening for Nashville, Tenn., to attend the National Detective Association next week.

The Men's meeting last Sunday was well attended and the programme unusually good one. The paper by Mr. Tolliver of Rock Island on "Obedience" was fine showing good thought. The address by Young Turner who recently returned from Cuba with the Eighth Illinois Vol., was very interesting, and last but not the least was an excellent paper read by Miss Louise Mason of Mount Pleasant subject, "The Influence of Colored Women as Teachers in Public Schools." It was thoroughly handled, as Miss Mason has been a preceptor once and knew what she was writing about. Her paper showed much thought. There will be no meeting until Sunday week on account of quarterly meeting.

### A MEASURING PARTY.

It will be a pleasure, Beyond all measure, To welcome you hearty To our measuring party.

But before you start, The essential part Is to count up right Your feet in height.

This bag will hold (Not all your gold,) Without much task, All we dare ask.

From one to four Just a nickle a foot, Each extra inch A penny to boot.

If you can't come, (That will be bad,) But put in the money And send back the bag;

Bestowing this favor Our Blessing will fall, Without distinction, On short and tall.

To be given at the A. M. E. church Tuesday evening the 9th, musical programme supported by the Renix Bros. Admission free.

### Colored Boy Broke the State Record.

The State record for high jumps in High School circles was broken yesterday at the High School Field Day meet at the fair grounds by Beverly Clark a member of the East Side High School. He jumped five feet and ten inches easily without a bit of training which is a wonder to all athletes who saw him jump. The State High School record is only five feet eight inches and College State record is five feet ten inches. Mr. Clark running first prize, he will go to Davenport where the State meets on the 26th of May and will give the boys something to shoot at, we wish him success.

### NO CUBAN COLOR LINE.

(Special Correspondence of The Inter Ocean.) SANTIAGO, Cuba, April 20.—One of the first things that strikes an American on his arrival in Cuba is the promiscuous commingling of Caucasian and the Negro. There is no color line in Cuba, and nowhere is this fact in greater evidence than among the promenaders of an evening at the "Plaza de Arme" in Santiago. The shade of a man's complexion has never been greatly considered in this strange city, and so one needs not be surprised to encounter spotless Desdemonas hanging on the arms of dusky Othellos at every turn of the walk. Creole beauties think nothing of promeneading with Negro officers in gorgeous uniforms, or octoroon belles with beautiful, natural wavy hair, or strolling beside and chatting gaily with white attendants. Indeed, at a wedding the other day in the old cathedral, attended by the elite of the city and the best people from the country roundabout, the bride was a lovely young white girl, the daughter of a wealthy sugar planter, while the bridegroom was a dark Negro as black as the ace of spades. The latter was of good native blood, however, and no one ever dreamed of objecting to this mingling racial colors.

No matter how hot the evening, the staid and dignified senoras and the dainty señoritas—Spaniards and Cubans alike—always appear on the plaza dressed in black. They are usually costumed in some kind of thin, gauzy material, but the color is always black, and the sinner tint really adds to their natural beauty. It was a nice day's wonder, therefore, when, soon after the Americans took possession of the island, a handsome young American girl clad in breezy white and decked with ribbons of gay colors appeared on the plaza one hot afternoon, promeneading with a natty naval ensign, from one of our warships in the harbor. The señoritas watched her in silent amazement, the senoras with distrust, and both seemed to think her the most wonderful creature they ever beheld. Instead of quiet, dignified demeanor, the American beauty rattled away to her accom like a train running away from itself, meanwhile pealing forth

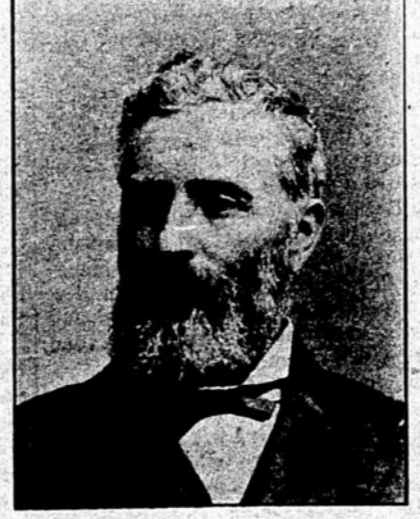
rings of merry laughter, and her bright happy ways really had a depressing effect upon her more precise sisters.

When the Americans arrived here the city was simply overrun with every breed of mongrel, hybrid, and cur dog known to the Western world, and the slaughter pens were their great rendezvous. Morning, noon and night these disease spreaders gathered in swarms about the place, and snarled and fought with human creatures almost as wretched as themselves for the spoils of the pens. It was a miserable, sickening sight, a sight totally unfamiliar to American eyes, and that is simply indescribable. In one week General Wood changed the whole scene. His first work was to clear out the dogs, and nearly 5,000 worthless brutes were destroyed in a week. His next move was to feed the starving, and this was followed by a corps of "white wings" who daily swept and flus the vicinity. The slaughter pens are now as clean as any similar place in America, and the sanitation of the entire city is managed in the same intelligent manner.

### INTERIOR OF SANTIAGO HOMES

At first sight, coming up the bay, Santiago is disappointing to the new arrival. Its 60,000 of population are hidden beneath acres of low, flat, red-tiled roofs, and the houses themselves, built of sun-baked adobe or native stone, are usually but one story in height. The streets are narrow, crooked alleys, rambling uphill and down, many of them so narrow that two vehicles cannot pass in them and were before the American occupation, totally without paving of any kind except the narrow flagging next to the buildings. Unappreciating as the houses appear from the outside in their dainty colors of blue, chrome yellow, and maddy red within the better ones are almost palaces of beauty. Their main feature is an inner court with stately palms, flowers, and fountains flanked on the four sides by covered piazzas containing handsomely tiled floors, and these verandas answer the purpose of dining-rooms lounging places, a comfortable retreat for the noon-day siesta or for any other general purpose the family may desire. Hammocks are swung in convenient places, rockin-chairs and lazy sofas invite one from various nooks and corners; birds fly at will from place to place, and no inner court would be complete without its pair of chattering parrots. Window glass chimneys are unknown in Santiago. The windows are heavily barred with iron, and ponderous wooden shutters close out the heat of the midday sun. At night everything is thrown open to ventilation, and as for kitchens and fuel, a separate inner court with a brazier answers for the former, and carbon is the only combustible used for culinary purposes.

J. M. T. PARTELLO, Captain, U. S. Army.



The above cut is the well known and highly esteemed Col. R. V. Ankney, who is a candidate for re-nomination for Coroner of Polk county, subject to the Republican county convention. Mr. Ankney is a descendent from an ancestors that came to America during the colonial period and participated in all the hardships of the frontier pioneer life. He was born in the old site block house, which had been erected by his grandfather in Summerset county, Pa., in 1830—moved with his parents to Ohio and there he and his parents, being strong abolitionist, assisted many fugitive slave to escape toward the North Star. Their home was always open to the fleeing slave and many many received food and encouragement from young Ankney and his folks. He is an old soldier, enlisting in 1861 and remained till the close in 1865. He came to Polk county, Iowa 49 years ago, is a retired physician and has always been an active republican worker since the organization of the republican party in 1854. He is a colored man's friend and should receive their undivided support at the primaries.

Remember the measuring party to be given at the A. M. E. church next Tuesday evening.



The above cut is Rev. C. W. Holmes formerly of Omaha, Neb., but who has been assigned the Des Moines charge of Burn's M. E. church by the recent annual conference held in Oskaloosa. Rev. Holmes was born in Fayette county, Ky., June 12th, 1857, attended the schools in that state where he received his education. In 1881 he

joined the conference, since that time he has worked hard to build his church and uplift falling humanity; having pastored in some of the largest cities in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. The reverend is a wholesoul race man. His family will soon join him. They will reside at 220 Des Moines street.

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### COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Mr. Burk who was reported very sick is able to be out again.

Mr. Green of Pennsylvania called on the agent of the Bystander Friday and found him busy preparing a talk for young men.

Mr. J. H. Holmes has resigned his position as head-waiter at the Grand Hotel. Mr. Holmes has held this position for nearly six years.

Mr. Paul Giles has a very sick boy last week but is better at this writing. Many of the members and friends prepared lunch baskets to the rally so they could attend all the services.

The church is progressing nicely and the Sunday School is gaining every day.

### MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

Mr. H. Stewart has accepted a position in Ottumwa.

Miss Agnes Mason has returned from a visit in Missouri.

May Carter is visiting friends in Monmouth, Ill.

The Gipsy Girls will give a may festival this week.

Mrs. Eli Grant and daughter of Knoxville are visiting at the home of Mrs. Tally.

Mr. David Boamer of Des Moines is a guest this week at the Mason home.

Geo. Mason leaves this week for Des Moines where he expects to remain during the summer.

The Missionary society of the A. M. E. church will conduct the evening service on next Sunday.

The Odd Fellows will have their annual sermon on Sunday afternoon at the A. M. E. church.

Mr. Watson Burk died in this city last week after a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Henry Clay and children of Kentucky have arrived in the city and will make this their future home.

### ALBIA NEWS.

Mr. Geo. E. Taylor of Oskaloosa made a visit to our city this week.

nook visited our city and Hocking valley over Sunday this week. He addressed the children in the Sunday School in the morning and at the camp in the afternoon but he gave an excellent address to the colored citizens on Sunday evening, it was well worth hearing and should be appreciated by our citizens.

Mr. Baker is employed in our city.

Mr. S. E. Franklin has bought a very nice little four room house and lot.

### CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

We are certainly blessed with rain this spring for it seems to rain every other day, good crops are sure go.

Your agent had the pleasure of reading the third copy of The Colored Citizens a paper published in the interest of our people of the Twin Cities, St. Paul and Minneapolis. It seemed to be a bright, newsy and clean sheet full of tact and ability. We did not learn the Editor's name as it appeared not in the issue, but we can say long live the Colored Citizen.

Jas. Boone formerly of our city but now of Chicago writes that he is favorably impressed with "the White City" and thinks it is the only place to live, he has a good job and we are sure of Jas. making a man of himself.

The Light House Society was pleasantly entertained the past week by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown of Oak Hill. The following programme was rendered: Eow Colons rolled in wealth, Mrs. H. Brown: Paper Crimes Committed in the United States, O. B. Claire; Reading, Prodigal Return Jessie Martin; Race Problem, Henry Brown; Wealth of Cuba Mrs. Geo. Wade; Recliation Mrs. O. B. Claire. The next meeting will be held the 6th with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wade.

The Industrial Circle was elegantly entertained last Friday by Mrs. M. Lowery.

We occasionally hear it whispered about that the reason some of our people don't subscribe and pay for the Bystander is because there is no Cedar Rapids news in it, will complain never cease?

We would like to inquire if those parties read the paper each week, then why not see the Rapids items. Your agent never fails to write the news when there is any to write.

The Stewardess Board are preparing for an entertainment about the last of this month hoping that they may meet the co-operation of the public in giving the same.

Wm. Martin Jr. has returned home, after an absence of about a year looking well.

Miss Emma Oliphant gave a surprise party last week in honor of Mathew White of Louisville Ky., quite a number were present and they say a good time was had.

Theater parties are predominating in the Rapids at the present.

The Sunday School concert is on the 4th inst.

Lnlu Watkins is reported as being quite indisposed this week.

Our public schools here will close on the 6th of June.

The Stewardesses held a business meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Addie Perkins of Oak Hill.

What we desire most is a few more subscribers to the Bystander, please insist on your neighbors and friends to take

paper, when they call to read it.

Mrs. Oliphant is preparing to repair her home in general.

Mr. Chas. Searcy has made an addition to his house on 9th. Ave.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis one of our well known Elocutionist, is making a successful tour through Minnesota. Miss Davis appeared in Iowa about five years ago and the prima facie evidence was that she gained many admirers while here, to much praise cannot be given her as a dramatic. We trust she will make another tour through the Iowa Cities as we feel safe in saying she will meet with a cordial welcome. Miss Davis and Hallie I. Brown of Willebrorce, Ohio are among the leading elocutionist of our race.

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### SIOUX CITY ITEMS

Rev. A. L. Warrick of Lincoln, Nebr. filled the pulpit last Sunday evening.

The Sewing Circle met with Mrs. Jas. Washington again last week they will meet with Mrs. M. Thompson this week.

Rev. Fisher has gone to Chicago to meet his family and will accompany them to this place.

A donation party will be tendered Rev. Eisher and family Thursday.

Mrs. H. Whitten and son Wayman, have gone to Yankton to visit.

The Literary Club held its regular meeting last Friday evening. Rev. Warrick gave a general talk to the members, W. P. Shields spoke on Paying the Price and P. D. Brown on Building the foundation for a Club, after which a committee was appointed to select a date and make arrangements for a place to hold an indignation meeting on the Georgia lynching.

Mr. Chas. Williams has invented an electric battery which he has attached to his carpet cleaning machine so the cleans it by electricity now.

Mrs. Mary Wright is getting along nicely at the hospital but is unable to walk yet.

There will be quarterly meeting here on the 14th. inst.

There is to be a wedding in the city shortly.

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### MUCHAKINOCK NEWS.

Mrs. Sarah Porter of Mobile, Mo. is visiting her sister Mrs. Wm. Padgett who has been quite sick, but is improving at this writing.

James Blair's son Sandy who was badly hurt by an engine running into the number 6 yard, engine and four coaches of miners, died Tuesday afternoon of the same day, it was indeed a miracle that the rest of the miners escape uninjured.

W. H. McMillan ex-foreman for Wells and company has purchased W. A. Seever's grocery in Oskaloosa.

W. A. Wells and company has employed a clerk from Kansas City in the person of Sherley Hitchcock.

John Chapman after several days illness has resumed work.

Mrs. Addie Johnson and Thos. Taylor went to Kirksville, Mo. on the excursion Saturday night and reports the news that not any Negroes were injured by the cyclone.

The mines are not running very good now.

Mrs. Nora Ford of Oskaloosa is visiting her brother Thos. Cannady at this writing.

B. F. Cooper was in Ottumwa Saturday on business.

### OTTUMWA NEWS.

Mrs. Richardson of Davenport was in the city last week on business for the ladies court.

Mr. Dickson of Muchakinoock was a Sunday visitor.

Messrs W. Page and Joseph Hopkins went to Keokuk Tuesday morning to attend a club meeting.

Miss Mason of Mt Pleasant was in the city a few days last week, while here she was the guest Mrs. Johnson.

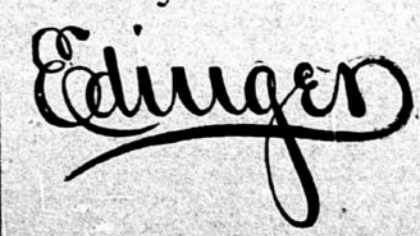
Rev. Alexander spent Sunday at Keb. E. Thompson is home from Keokuk where he has been under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Hattie King left Saturday night for Chicago to visit relatives and friends.

Don't forget that Col. Godfrey famous Military Band of 60 pieces of England, will be at the Tabernacle May the 15th.

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# THE NEWS IN IOWA

## MORE ABOUT IOWA'S STORM.

General of the Injured Are in a Very Precarious Condition.

UZZ, May 2.—No more victims have been added to the list of dead as the result of the cyclone in the Soldier river valley, but a number of those thought to have been but slightly injured are now known to be in a dangerous condition. Among them are Mand and Charles Peters, who were struck by the debris from their home. Nothing larger than a window sill has yet been found of the big Peters home. The very foundation stones were torn up by the force of the twister and carried along several hundred yards. John Moore and his aged wife, out about the head, and at first placed on the list of slightly injured, are now known to be dangerously hurt. Through the length of the country devastated by the tornado, about fourteen miles, there were about fifty-seven persons in all, hurt more or less. Of this number, the five reported dead are the only fatalities thus far, but the five Funes girls can not live. Their bodies are filled with great splinters, pieces of their home, which were driven into their nude bodies as they were lifted from their beds and sent flying into space. From the point three miles from Morehead, where the twister first touched the ground, to the Crawford county line, where it annihilated a grove of great trees and disappeared, the ground is one mass of wrecks of buildings, trees, wagons, carriages and farming implements. The width of the tornado in some places was cut down to a few rods, and at other points it broadened to half a mile. At those points where the full force of the twister was confined to a small space, the very ground seemed to have been ground up and carried away. The home of Rev. H. J. Hjorth, up into the air and turned completely around and deposited several yards from the original site, without much damage being done. The small houses adjoining were scattered over adjoining farms.

## LANDS FOR SETTLERS.

Indian Reservation in Wyoming May Be Thrown Open.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 2.—A vast Indian reservation, comprising 2,800,000 acres of land may soon be opened to home seekers and prospectors in Wyoming. The people of Wyoming have petitioned congress to appoint a commission to treat with the Shoshone Indians for the immediate purchase of their extensive reservation grounds, and Senator Warren of this state is now endeavoring to have the necessary steps taken at Washington. The Shoshone lands cover an area nearly seventy miles square along the valleys of the Big Wind, Little Wind, Big Horn and Popo Agie rivers, and their tributaries in Fremont county, Wyoming. The treaty with the Indians establishing this reservation was made with the Bannock and Shoshone tribes at Fort Bridger, Wyo., in 1868. The Spaniards quarreled with the Shoshone and were consequently removed to Fort Hall, Idaho, and their interest in the reservation was taken by the Arapahos. Allotments of land in severalty to both of these tribes are almost complete. There are about 1,700 Indians of both tribes on the reservation, and each Indian receives eighty acres. When all shall have received their land there will remain over 2,000,000 acres for settlement by the "whites."

## CUBA IS BOOMING.

Wonderful Commercial Developments of the Island since January 1.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Acting Secretary of War McKittrick has made public a very interesting report upon the commercial and industrial conditions in Cuba, showing that the future of the island under a stable government promises a wonderful development of wealth. A good deal of the capital which was removed or which went into hiding prior to and during the Spanish war has returned, and new capital is being attracted by the safer and more stable conditions. The increase in the business of the customhouse demonstrates better than anything else the revival of the general trade. Tobacco, which will continue to be one of the most important crops of the island, is already being cultivated in sections of the island where it has never been grown hitherto. The crop, estimated at the beginning of the present year as 200,000 tons, based upon actual production at the end of March, it is estimated will reach 300,000 tons. The scarcity of domestic oxen, due to the wholesale slaughter of stock by both Cubans and Spaniards for food purposes during the war, is greatly retarding the operation of sugar estates.

## U. S. PATENT OFFICE BUSINESS.

Des Moines, May 2.—The commission has refused to register the words "Hill Stop" for a trade-mark for pills and fever medicine because, "while they do not express quality in the most grammatical form they are catchy and slangy and descriptive." The registration of descriptive words in common use cannot clothe them with attributes not possessed when not so arranged. A patent has been allowed E. B. Fullerton, of Des Moines, for a labor saving machine that will carry lumber (boards) from a wagon and automatically pile them upon tiers to produce a stack in as complete a manner as it can be done in the old-fashioned way of handling boards and spacing strips consecutively by hand. The Eldora Spring Manufacturing Company assigns to C. H. Watkins, of Eldora, Iowa, has been allowed a patent for a wagon end gate specially adapted to be raised to allow grain and other products to be removed from the box and also well adapted to be placed in position to be used as a shoveling board. Eight patents were issued during the week to Iowa inventors, 7 to Nebraska, 7 to Kansas, 5 to Minnesota, 13 to Missouri, 53 to Illinois, 14 to New York.

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Thos. G. Oswig & Co.,  
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Discharged Soldiers Destitute.

San Juan, Porto Rico, May 4.—Several hundred soldiers who were discharged from the United States army, three weeks ago, are awaiting transportation home. They are without funds and are becoming exasperated over the delay. General Henry has authorized them to eat and sleep at the military barracks. Many of the men are without a cent.

## BOUDEWYNS A PRISONER.

Was Captured by the Insurgents on March 28.

DES MOINES, May 2.—Fred Boudewyns, a private in Company H in the Fifty-first Iowa regiment, is, according to the latest reports, a prisoner in the insurgent lines at Manila. Information to this effect was received by his brother, Frank Boudewyns, of this city, in a letter written by Ben Willis and Dan Spry, both of the same company. It was on March 28th that young Boudewyns, together with nine or ten other privates and several officers, left their station near Laguna de Bay, about twelve miles east of Manila, on a reconnoitering expedition. The Fifty-first Iowa was at that time stationed near the Pasig river, with Overhine's brigade. The squad of men had left the camp some distance behind them and were working toward the foothills to the northeast when they came upon a battalion of insurgents. They had just crossed a small creek, when they came upon the rebels, and were at once ordered by the captain to retreat and not to fire unless it was necessary to save the life of any of the men. Boudewyns became separated from his command, and although search was at once made for him, no trace could be found. The supposition is that he was captured.

## HENDERSON ENTERS THE RACE.

Iowa Congressman Formally Joins the Speakership Contest.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 29.—Congressman David B. Henderson, of Iowa, has announced his candidacy for the speakership. In doing so he said: "As the silence of Mr. Reed and the information from many quarters clearly indicate that he will not again be a candidate for the speakership, and as the Iowa delegation is united in favor of my candidacy, I have decided to enter the race." General Henderson is much gratified at the information which reached him that his Iowa colleagues will meet in Des Moines next week to perfect the details of his campaign.

## DEPOSITS IN IOWA BANKS.

National, Savings and State Institutions Show an Increase.

DES MOINES, May 2.—State Auditor Merriam's report, just submitted, on the condition of Iowa banks, shows an increase of more than \$12,000,000 in deposits during the first three months of the year. The deposits in savings and state banks show an increase from Jan. 10 to April 5 of \$8,265,217. National bank deposits increased from Feb. 6 to April 5 \$3,795,781. The total deposits in the three classes of banks on the state and savings banks had \$72,334,381. The increase in the state and savings banks alone in the last year has amounted to \$15,000,000.

## UNCLE SAM'S RECEIPTS.

Des Moines Postoffice Report for April Shows an Increase.

DES MOINES, May 2.—In the April report of the Des Moines postoffice is shown the important fact that there was a net increase of 14.11 per cent in business over the record for March. The total receipts were \$21,334.24, as against \$18,686.26. The largest volume of business in any one month was during a session of the legislature, when there was an immense amount of mail. The showing for April which is usually a dull month is considered excellent.

## Depot Burned at Cedar Falls.

CEDAR FALLS, April 29.—The Chicago Great Western depot at this place was struck by lightning and totally destroyed. The building had been closed for the night, and no one was near when it was struck. It was used both for passenger and freight purposes, and everything in both departments was burned, including valuable books and records. A warehouse adjoining was damaged considerably, and a box car standing near was scorched. The depot was valued at \$2,000. It is impossible to determine the value of the books and papers.

## Mr. Larrabee Will Not Resign.

MARSHALLTOWN, May 2.—Ex-Governor William Larrabee, of Clermont, and Hon. John Cowie, of South Amama, members of the state board of control, have arrived in Marshalltown from Eldora. In regard to the recent publication of an interview with a prominent politician of the state, concerning the purported resignation of Mr. Larrabee from the board, the ex-governor said that the first he had heard of the resignation was what he had seen in the paper.

## Former Iowa Falls Man Dead.

IOWA FALLS, May 1.—J. A. George, a well known business man of this city for several years, died here after a prolonged illness. He has been in poor health for several years, and for the past few months has been a terrible sufferer with a cancerous growth in the intestines. He was engaged in the jewelry business for many years. Mr. George was a prominent Odd Fellow. He leaves a wife and two children. He was about 35 years old and was very popular.

## Ex-Banker Haywood a Bankrupt.

CLINTON, May 2.—Murray Haywood, the well known member of the late banking firm of George Haywood & Son, has taken advantage of the bankruptcy law and has filed a petition in bankruptcy. It alleges that he is the surviving member of the firm, and that as such he is unable to meet the heavy indebtedness incurred by the failure of the bank in 1894.

## Secretary Walsh Struck It Rich.

OTTUMWA, May 3.—Charles A. Walsh, secretary of the democratic national committee, who has for the last year been digging gold in the Klondike, has arrived in Seattle en route home. From letters he has written it is believed he has cleaned up between \$50,000 and \$100,000 during the winter.

## Child Burned to Death.

BURLINGTON, May 1.—At Morning Sun the young child of James Reynolds, which had been left tied to a chair near the stove, was burned to death by its clothes catching fire. The wind blew a bit of burning paper against the child's clothing, igniting them.

# DICK RODNEY; Or, The Adventures of An Eton Boy...

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## CHAPTER X.—(Continued.)

"Bah!" said the Spaniard, grinning and showing a row of sharp, white teeth, under a dirty and sable mustache; "though I said so I knew better. A shipboy seldom has a gold watch like this," he added, displaying my gold repeater. "Now, we shall keep you; and if this seaman—after he has first sworn that he will not betray us—does not return to us here with \$500 within two hours after sunset, par ol!"—(here he made a dreadful vow in Spanish), "we will toss you like a dead dog into the ventana of the mountain. Look down, and see what a journey is before you," he added, with a diabolical smile, as he dragged me to the beetling edge of the chasm and forced me to look into it.

Our eyes had now become so accustomed to the light of the gallery or grotto that the rays of sunshine falling through the fissure above us were sufficient to disclose a portion of the vast profundity on the verge of which we stood.

From the earth's womb, far, far down below, there came upward a choking steam, with a hollow, buzzing sound, which deepened at times to a rumble.

This steam or mist rose and fell on the currents of air; sometimes it sank so low that nothing but a black and dreary void met the eye, which ached in attempting to pierce it. Anon the steam would rise in spiral curls from that gloomy bed below, where doubtless the fires of the now almost extinct volcano seethe their embers in the waves of the ocean.

The words "have mercy" were on my lips, but I could not utter them; nor would they have availed me. Ignorant of what the ruffian said, and believing he was about to thrust me in, poor Tom Lambourne, in the fullness of his heart, uttered a howl of dismay; and at that moment the sentinel, whom the gang had left at the entrance to their lurking-place, came hurriedly on, with alarm expressed in his glittering eyes, and a finger placed, as a warning, on his hairy lip.

"Para Paz! Silenzio!" (hold—peace—silence), he exclaimed, and added that four officers from the garrison of Santa Cruz had dismounted in the ravine, unbitted their horses and had seated themselves under a tree to smoke.

This information was received by the band with oaths and mutterings of impatience; and by us with mingled emotions of hope and agony—hope that they might be the means of our escape or rescue; and agony to know that such means were so near, and yet could avail us nothing; for on the slightest sound being made by either of us, there were the Albacete knives of our captors on one hand, and the ventana—that awful ventana—on the other, to insure forever the silence and oblivion of the grave.

Not the least of my sufferings was from the cord which secured my wrists. Already the skin was swollen, cut and bleeding in consequence of the tightness with which these wretches had bound me.

## CHAPTER XI.

Sequel to Our Adventure.

For two hours—they seemed an eternity to me—it would appear, the four Spanish officers lingered over their wine-flasks and cigars in the wooded ravine, their movements being duly reported from time to time by one of the outlaws, who stole to the cavern mouth and peeped out.

At last they mounted, and rode off, when a fresh cause for wrath and delay was produced by the announcement that a wagon, drawn by mules, and attended by several laborers and negroes, had broken down on the road about a mile distant.

The irritation of our Spaniards—some of whom spoke of having a ship to join—was now so great that I feared they might end the whole affair by disposing of us in a summary manner. This wagon being heavily laden caused a delay for several hours. The sun's rays ceased to shine through the fissure above us; the grotto grew dark by the increase of imperceptible shadows; the dingy faces of our olive-skinned captives grew darker still; and their impatience was only surpassed by ours, for we, too, had a ship to rejoin.

Every minute of these hours—every second of every minute—passed slowly, like a pang of agony in my heart; and every feature of that natural vault, through which the dying daylight stole—with the faces and voices of the men whose victims we were, and more than all, the ceaseless and eternal buzz in the dark chasm that yawned close by—the ventana, or nostril of the Piton—are yet vividly impressed upon my memory.

At last the darkness was so great that a lantern was lighted, and its wavering gleams, as they fell on the crystals, the spar, quartz, and glassy blocks of black obsidian and ruddy lava, which formed the walls and arch of the cavern, on the dark ferocious visages, the gaudy sashes, the naked arms and feet, the scrubby black beards, and brass-mounted knives and muskets of the taciturn Spaniards, who sat in a sullen group smoking paper cigars—all added to the gloomy but picturesque horror of the place and of the incident.

"Antonio, que hora es?" I heard one say, inquiring the time.

"Las nueve y media, companero mio" (half-past nine), replied the possessor of my gold watch, which he consulted with considerable complacency.

"Maldita!" growled the others, knitting their brows, for the dusk was rapidly becoming darkness, and they had no desire for killing us, if we could be made profitable. I have often thought since that had Tom actually proceeded and returned with the required ransom of \$500, they would have

for the sentry—and here he is, already!"

And just as the eighth fellow, who was on the watch, alarmed by the firing, came rushing in with his piece at full cock, Tom fired at him.

"Saints and angels!" yelled the Spaniard as he bounded into the air and then fell flat on his face, where he lay beating the earth with his feet and hands.

"Fire! fire! Master Rodney, and then run for it, before they can reload," cried Tom, who saw that I was irresolute; "give 'em a stern chase!"

My blood was now fairly up. Wheeling round, I leveled full at the group, one of whom was in the act of taking aim at me, while I saw the steel ramrod of the other, who had a musket, glitter in the lantern light as he reloaded.

I fired! I know not whether the ball hit, but one of the ruffians sprang wildly forward and fell headlong into the ventana!

"That will do!" cried Tom; "away now as fast as we can—stretch out—bear away for the harbor and the brig!"

Grasping our newly-acquired weapons, which we never thought of relinquishing, we rushed out, and descending the ravine, favored by the starlight, instinctively took the path which led directly to the harbor.

With a heart that beat wildly, a head in a whirl of thoughts, and every pulse quickened by the whole affair—by the ferocious treatment to which we had been subjected for so many hours, by the perils which had menaced us, by the narrow escapes we had made from bullets, by the wild and disastrous tragedy which closed the adventures of a long and exciting day—I ran beside Tom Lambourne; on, on, without a breath to spare or a word to utter.

## REMARKABLE AUCTION BIDS.

Relics Which Have Brought Big Sums at Sales.

The Zola sale in France, at which a little table was sold for more than 250 times its value, recalls many instances of remarkable bids at auction sales, says Tit-Bits. Zola's table was worth £4 16s, but the first bid for it was £1,280, and the auction became probably unique in the annals of sales by being closed after a single bid. It is not the first time that a table has been sold for such a remarkable sum, though it is probably the first time that such an article has fetched such a big price. Cicero's table was put up to auction after his death, but the highest bid was £750. Another historic article for which an enormous price was paid was Cato's purple robe, which Nero bought for £6,800. The habit worn by Charles XII. at Pultowa was sold for £22,000, and a cup used by Napoleon went for 37 guineas. The hat which Napoleon wore at Eylau was keenly bid for at auction by thirty-two persons and was knocked down at £75. Mr. Quaritch, the famous bookseller, recently advertised two of his rarest volumes for sale for £10,250, a sum which may seem ridiculous to most readers. Mr. Quaritch, however, once bid £4,900 for a Latin Psalter, and £3,900 for a Mazarin Bible at an auction sale. Five hundred and forty guineas for a snuff-box suggests that the bidder was verging on madness, but a snuff-box from the emperor of Brazil's collection was once knocked down at this price. Another supposed to have belonged to Marie Antoinette, sold for 320 guineas, bids of 50 and 100 guineas being quite common at snuff-box sales. A vase in the British museum was knocked down at 1,000 guineas, and two violins—Stradivarius and a Ruggieri—were sold at a sale for £760 and £1,280, respectively. A violin bought by Tourte was sold for £44, and the autograph of Sir Isaac Newton once drew a bid of £64. An admirer of George IV. a few years ago bid £18 for a walking stick which belonged to the king. A silver penny of William the Conqueror's reign was sold nine years ago for £32, and a half-crown of the reign of Queen Elizabeth went for £44. Lord Fitzhardinge once bid 4,500 guineas for a calf at Lord Dunmore's sale. The previous highest price for a bull was 1,000 guineas, bid at a sale at Ketton. Lord Fitzhardinge's bid was the highest ever made in England.

## Unreasonable Goods.

The man in the street car affirmed that it was a true story, but the Cleveland Leader does not vouch for it, although giving it in the narrator's own words: "I was up at the market house night before last, buying stuff for over Sunday, and I saw an Irishman up there with a live goose under his arm. Pretty soon the goose looked up at the Irishman kind of pitiful, and says: 'Quawk, quawk, quawk,' in that coaxing way a goose has sometimes. The Irishman didn't say anything at first, but after a bit the goose looked up and says, 'Quawk, quawk, quawk,' again. Then the Irishman cocked his head over on one side, looked the goose in the eye, and says: 'That's the matter wid ye, why way? Phaw do ye want to walk wid Ol'm willin' to carry ye?'"

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