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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

CITY NEWS.

The State Fair opens one week today.

Mr. Chas. Windsor has moved on 8th near Laura.

Mrs. A. Brown of 824 Small street is very sick at this writing.

J. L. Thompson has the only barber shop on the Fair ground this year.

Mrs. Stewart was quite sick the first of this week, but she is much better at this time.

Mrs. Ada Williams who has been quite sick the past week is regaining her strength.

Mr. Richard James of Leclade, Mo., is in our city and expects to remain here for some time.

John Early will have charge of the C. B. Q. building on the Fair ground during the Fair.

Miss Bertie Hicklin left last Tuesday week for St. Joseph Mo., to spend her vacation with her mother.

You should see the battle of San Juan which will require 500 trained men to perform.

Miss Ida Hamilton of Ottumwa arrived in the city last Saturday to visit with relatives.

Mrs. Robt. White and daughter returned home Tuesday after a pleasant visit in the city.

Our collector Miss Cora Smith will call on all of our city subscribers in a few days, please be prepared.

Mrs. Julia Taylor and niece will leave today for a visit with relatives and friends at Lesley and Ocoola.

Mr. J. F. Blagburn left Wednesday for Chicago to attend the annual meeting of the Afro-American Council.

Chas. H. Brooks of Keokuk, a delegate to the Democratic State Convention was a caller at the Bystander office Tuesday.

Mr. A. Pearson of Greenfield the father of Albert, arrived in the city and will visit with son and other friends for a few days.

Miss Maty Montague entertained at a five course dinner last Sunday in honor of Miss Beatrice Grider of St. Joseph, Mo.

Mrs. B. Early entertained a few friends Tuesday evening at her home on 10th street in honor of Mrs. Mary Haskell of New York City, a nice time was had.

B. J. Shepard has invested in some real estate at Clive and will build on it in the spring, he will move to our city from Oskaloosa he will locate at 717 E. Ninth street till spring.

Mrs. Haskell left for her home in New York City Thursday morning after a few months visit in the city, she leaves rejoicing over the many friends she has met.

Mrs. E. T. Banks who has been sick for almost three years was a great deal worse this week, she has almost been a constant suffer all this time.

Mrs. John Brown entertained a large number of friends Wednesday evening at her home 119 Scott in honor of her sister Mrs. Mary Haskell of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hedin are in the city visiting with relatives and friends before Mr. Hedin takes his run which is from Chicago East. Mr. Hedin has a pet which he is giving much attention, in the form of a felon which is quite painful.

Attend the Fair and see the wonderful improvement in the Capital City.

James Strauther who has been sick for fourteen months, died at his home on Park St., Thursday, the 17th inst. at 1 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wells will serve meals at the Fair ground this year at the barber shop place. All are invited to take their meals with them.

Mrs. Fannie Jackson of Macon City, Mo. arrived in our city last Monday to live, if she likes it, her husband will come.

Mrs. Wilburn assisted by Mr. Williamson were untiring in their efforts to make those series of entertainments at the A. M. E. church a success and they should receive the thanks of the members.

Mrs. I. E. Williamson and Miss Zella Davis one of our accomplished lady stenographers who at present is working in the employment of the Des Moines Life Insurance Co., left last Saturday for a brief stay in Chicago, Ill. They will attend the National Woman's Conference which meets there this week.

When in Muchaknock, Iowa stop at MRS. ADDIE JOHNSON'S RESTAURANT for good meals or short orders; also Ice Cream, Prompt attention given to all orders.

Soldier's Day the 59th promised to be a great day at the State Fair, the soldiers of three wars with their wives and other relatives will fill the ground the County Auditor will furnish all soldiers with free tickets for that day.

AGENTS WANTED—FOR "THE LIFE and Achievements of Admiral Dewey" the world's greatest naval hero. By Mark Husted, the lifelong friend and admirer of the nation's idol. Biggest and best book; over 500 pages, 6x10 inches; nearly 100 pages halftone illustrations. Only \$1.50. Numerous demand. Big commissions. Outfit free. Chance of a lifetime. Write quick. The Dominion Company, 3rd Floor Calkon Bldg. Chicago.

Three running horses, bay stallion, six years old by Imp. Abana, dam by Imp. Tubal Cain. May Cain, by Imp. Tubal Cain. Bay filly, three years old, by the above described stallion. For further information address, J. HAMM, Lineville, Ia.

For Sale

The series of entertainments given by the A. M. E. church have been fairly well attended. On Monday evening at the concert there was a good crowd in attendance, and a good programme. Tuesday evening's entertainment was principally of papers by Messrs. Hubbard, Woods and Gould. Mr. Gould received the prize, a handsome book, for the best paper, his subject was "Life of Robert G. Ingersoll." Wednesday evening a play entitled "Popping the Question" was presented to a large audience. This closed the entertainments with the exception of those contesting for the trip to Buffalo and the bicycle as for further time which was granted and they will make their final report September 4.

A Mother Tells How She Saved Her Little Daughter's Life.

I am the mother of eight children and have had a great deal of experience with medicines. Last summer my little daughter had the dysentery in its worst form. We thought she would die. I tried everything I could think of, but nothing seemed to do her any good. I saw by an advertising in our paper that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was highly recommended and sent and got a bottle at once. It proved to be one of the very best medicines we ever had in the house. It saved my little daughter's life. I am anxious for every mother to know what an excellent medicine it is. Had I known it at first it would have saved me a great deal of anxiety and my little daughter a great deal of suffering—Yours truly, Mrs. Geo. F. Burdick, Liberty, E. I. For sale by all Druggists.

Silver Men in Control.

Fred E. White, the fusionist candidate received the nomination for Governor, M. L. Bevis, Lieutenant Governor; A. Van Wagenen Supreme Judge; W. H. Calhoun, Railroad Commissioner; P. B. Holst State Superintendent.

Mr. Bryan was quite a drawing card, filling both Auditorium and Tabernacle Tuesday evening, his speech had the same old ring, he is against everything—Trusts, imperialism, expansion and foreign alliances—16 to 1 being his greatest hobby. He dictated the policy of the party, the party defeating S. H. Bashor and Cato Sells. Mr. Sells was the popular man and at one time had sufficient number of delegates to nominate him on the first ballot, but the party lash was applied and he had to withdraw from the field. In his address to the chairman of the county committee Mr.

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Bryant said it was their duty to teach the common people that they must contribute to the campaign fund.

The first biennial convention of the National Association of Colored Women of America held its three days session in Chicago this week. It has held one other meeting, when it was organized, that was in 1896. It is not a federation of clubs, but an association of clubs for the purpose of discussing the serious questions of interest to the race and further to foster all that is best for the intellectual and moral development of the colored race. This association represents more than 300 clubs of which nearly every club will be represented. The present officers are: President, Mrs. Mary Church Terry of Washington, D. C.; Vice President, Mrs. E. K. Bruce of Indianapolis and Lucy Thurman of Jackson, Mich., Secretary; Mrs. C. S. Smith of Nashville, Tenn., Treasurer; Mrs. Silone Yates of Kansas City, Mo.

The convention is composed of some of the best and ablest colored ladies that our race has produced and they all seem to be working for one common end and that is for the betterment of our race.

Among those present are: Messdame John A. Logan, Mary Terrell, Booker T. Washington, Lucy Thurman, C. S. Smith, J. Silone Yate, W. R. Harper and Mrs. Senator Cullum and Miss Victoria Tompkins of Washington, D. C.

The principal questions of discussion—Lynch, Separate Car Law, Disfranchisement Laws of the Southern States and Immigration.

On Saturday evening a grand banquet will be tendered the association at the Sherman House. The President of the local Chicago committee is Mrs. John Jones; the widow of the first colored member of the Chicago School Board. We are proud of such meetings and hope it will be productive of much good for the general advancement of the race.

CELEBRATION AT LUCERNE, MO.

Lucerne, Mo., August 16.—The Emancipation celebration given here today was the occasion of the largest and most enthusiastic crowd ever gathered in this town. From midnight until noon to-day long strings of teams, wagons, buggies, hacks, and people horse back could be seen coming in all directions. The beautiful shady grove furnished a cool resort for all. The shows, swings and stands of every description were there to make noise and furnish entertainment for all. The following programme was carried out: Mr. Pulbins was master of ceremonies. Music by the Powerville Band; Prayer, Chaplin S. H. Reed; Singing by the choir; Reading of Proclamation of Emancipation by C. J. Reed; Music by the band; Singing by the choir; Address by the orator of the day, J. L. Thompson of Des Moines, Iowa; Music by the band; then there was speaking by a few local white men, who showed their appreciation by their earnest remarks. But the speech of Mr. J. L. Thompson was the main attraction and the theme of much comment, and the audience of nearly 5,000 people of which only about one tenth was colored loudly applauded him. He spoke over an hour, and his many speeches in this part of Missouri are admired. Another celebration about 30 miles of this place is trying to get him to come back next week. He left on the midnight train for Bethany, Mo., where he will speak to-morrow. This is a day long to be remembered in Putnam county.

OUR GREAT STATE FAIR.

We have already said a great deal about our State Fair this year, yet not too much because this year it will be a better Fair than ever before, providing the weather is good, as the crops of Iowa are good this year. Then work is plentiful and the people have surplus money and do not feel so hard up as in the past few years. Therefore they will come in large numbers. The exhibits will be greater, and more attractions than ever before.

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PROGRESS OF THE RACE

It is a not-worthly fact notwithstanding the claim by some that the Negro is not progressing. While we have some colored people in every community that is acting the part of a digger, some that is a disgrace to our race and a shame to humanity, some that will never make anything, if good opportunities were offered to them. It is true that we have some who gamble, shoot craps, drink beer and do any and everything that is bad; stand on the street corners laugh, talk in a loud and boisterous manner; even women and girls will do this. It is this element of the race that injure us, as a race from a moral and social standpoint, yet let us take the optimistic view, look at the progress made by a few in each locality, town and hamlet. Only a few years ago we had none, now we have a few in nearly all professions trade and branches of business; some doing well and highly respected, some that have a good name and a bank account, some highly educated and refined which proves to the public that we are progressing, that we are rising degree by degree and of course there is great room for improvement and there is always room at the top of the ladder. So let the parents use more care in the training of their children and keep their minds employed on something good and elevating.

The attraction at the new auditorium for Fair week—Monday evening the 27 dedicatory and musical programme; Tuesday evening, grand concert; Wednesday Traveling Men's programme; Thursday evening, The Elks Burlesque programme; Saturday evening's tickets good for the battle of San Juan. These entertainments are of the highest order, and every loyal citizen should patronize them and show that they are with progressive people.

CAMP MEETING.

All the arrangements for the camp meeting at Polk's boulevard are made and the attendance is increasing with each day. Sunday, all the services at thy A. M. E. church including Sunday School will be conducted on these beautiful grounds.

CLINTON ITEMS.

The Stewardess Board gave a most enjoyable lawn social on Monday evening, at the home of Mrs. P. Taylor on 9th Avenue, despite the fact that the evening was quite cool a goodly number was in attendance and a pleasant time spent.

EXCURSION TICKETS.

Via the North-Western Line, will be sold at reduced rates from all stations August 21 and 22, and will be sold from stations within 200 miles, August 21 to 24, inclusive, all tickets to be limited to August 29, inclusive, on account of Union Veterans' Union Encampments. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Railway.

Editor of Bystander: A democrat whom I have been acquainted with for several years asked me in a good natured spirit as to what I think as to W. J. Bryan defeating William McKinley for President of the United States in 1900. And so now, if you will kindly allow me a little space in your columns I will thus give the world my best opinion, as far as W. J. Bryan defeating William McKinley is concerned. William McKinley's record as President is one which is just as much impossible for J. W. Bryan to defeat as it would be for him to turn the Mississippi river up hill. Now since William McKinley presiding as President of the United States, the whole country has been wonderfully blessed with joy and prosperity. And now surely the people are not so foolish as to deprive themselves of this grand and glorious blessing by defeating William McKinley for J. W. Bryan. No, never.

JACOB HOWARD.

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THE ENGLISH PAPERS

PRAISE BOOKER WASHINGTON.

The Glascoo (Sootlark Herald) has this to say of Mr. Booker T. Washington, principal of the Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. U. S. A.: "We have amongst us just now perhaps the most distinguished man of color in America. He has come quietly into our midst with characteristic modesty having no axe to grind on this side, no funds to raise or anything of that kind. He worked in a coal mine in his youth in West Virginia—worked in the mine during the day and studied at night. After a time he went to Hampton Institute, a seminary at which Negro students may earn their living and study at the same time. His entrance examination was a peculiar one. "They did not know whether to admit me or not but they gave me a room to sweep. I guess I swept that room three or four times before I was satisfied. Then a teacher came in and took her handkerchief and wiped the walls to see if she could find any dust. After that they said I could be admitted. Mr. Booker T. Washington's educational career was full of interest but it must suffice to say that three years ago Harvard University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. He received the honor in company with Bishop Vincent and General Nelson A. Miles, commander of the U. S. army, and some dozen other eminent people, and its gratifying to record that when the ex-slave was presented the crowd of bishops, generals, authors, poets, explorers and noted men of every calling as well as students of the University greeted him with a great outburst of enthusiasm. Booker T. Washington's life work is the emancipation of his race—seven millions of people. It is a large order, but when a few simple facts are stated it will be seen that this is what our visitor actually has in hand. The civil war put an end to slavery. It was a great work but it was merely introductory to a still greater work. It is in this great work that Booker T. Washington is now engaged. Really he is training men and women of color as school teachers and he has in his institute at the present time about a thousand students. When his own preparatory studies were drawing to a close he determined to go into the far South into the Black belt as it is called and devoted his life to the kind of work in which General Armstrong was engaged at Hampton. And one day the opportunity offered. Some colored people at Tuskegee wrote to General Armstrong to send them a teacher and Booker T. Washington was sent. That was in 1881. The young man began in a very humble way indeed in a little shanty so poor and mean that in wet weather it was necessary to use umbrellas. But undismayed, the teacher went on and presently conceived the idea that he must continue to earn a living with education. And he looked around for a farm. He quickly found one that would suit his purpose, but then as he says he hadn't a cent. But he wrote to his old principal General Armstrong, who to his great delight sent him a check for \$500. He promptly settled on the farm and soon had the school going. He taught the boys and girls a part of each day then they would go out on the land and get it ready to raise crops. That was the beginning. How the work grew and abundantly prospered would take too long to tell. But it is veritable romance. The teacher and his pupils put up the first building with their own hands, they made the bricks but could not burn them, so the teacher paved his watch and got enough money to hire a brick burner. Now they have large and splendidly appointed establishments and Congress has given them 2,300 acres of land. The premises occupy about 800 acres and they farm some 700 acres, growing grass, cotton and fruit.

The estimation in which Mr. Booker T. Washington's work is held in the United States is evidence by the fact that in December last President McKinley accompanied by Mr. Secretary Long and Postmaster General Smith visited the Institute. The President delivered an interesting address on the occasion, in course of which he paid a very high tribute to Principal Washington. "He has won" said Mr. McKinley, "a worthy reputation as one of the great leaders of his race, widely known and much respected at home and abroad as an accomplished educator, a great orator and a true philanthropist."

As to the effect of all this on the great race question, said Mr. Washington "There can not be any doubt. I think there is a decided tendency to improvement in the relation between the races notwithstanding recent troubles in various parts of the South. The great opportunity the colored man has in the South is one of a matter of business. There is comparatively little prejudice against the Negro in business matters. The line is drawn in the far Southern states, but in the border states, such as Virginia, Missouri, West

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Virginia and Kansas no such line is drawn." Mr. Washington is a man of medium height and well proportioned. He has a fine head and gives the impression of a man of high intellectual character. An opportunity of making his acquaintance when the Rev. Dr. Brooke Herford and Mrs. Herford who knew Mr. Washington in the States will hold a reception in Essex Hall subsequently at half past 4. A public meeting will be held under the presidency of the American ambassador who it is expected will be supported by the Rt. Hon. James Bryce, M. P., Sir John Brunner M. P., Revs. Dr. Parker, Dr. Clifford Rev. Hugh Price Hughes and others. Mr. Booker Washington will deliver a brief address.

BURLINGTON BRIEFLETS.

The Spider Web Social given by the A. M. E. Sunday School at Mrs. Cooper's residence Thursday night was well attended.

Mrs. S. Bird is very sick. Miss Eunice Wilson is visiting in Muchaknock.

Miss Lillian Pierson returned to her home in Mt. Pleasant Monday after a pleasant visit with relatives.

Miss Gustie Brown left Monday for a two week's visit with friends at Paterston station.

Misses Jennie Brown, Cora Brooks, Mrs. John Jones, Mr. Oliver Folkes and Peter King attended the celebration in Keokuk last week.

Mr. Cameron of Washington was the guest of Miss G. Smith on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Emanuel is sick with malaria.

Mrs. Iry's little boy is on the sick list.

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Miss Ida Hamilton left Saturday for Des Moines to visit friends.

Rev. Rhinehart of Cedar Rapids is in the city the guest of his daughter Mrs. A. Bradford.

Mrs. Mason and daughter of Iowa City are the guests of Mrs. O. Williams of S. Ottumwa.

Mr. Claud Weeks has returned from a visit with friends at Oskaloosa and Colfax.

Mrs. B. Harris of St. Louis returned home Monday after a visit with her brother Mr. E. Shaw.

Blanch Henderson returned home last week after a visit with friends in Muchaknock.

Messrs. Hall, Horne, Graves, Messdames Dodds and Alexander were Keokuk visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Martin of Dubuque is the guest of her friend, Mrs. Fine of this city.

Mr. C. Jones died Aug. 11th, the funeral occurred from the residence in South Ottumwa Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. Alexander.

Those who went to Kansas City Sunday morning on the excursion were Mr. G. Crutchfield and wife, Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Battie Williams.

Last Monday evening under the management of Mrs. E. Horne, a surprise was given at Mr. E. Shaw's in honor of his sister Mrs. B. Harris of St. Louis, quite a number of her friends were present and the evening pleasantly spent by all.

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Mrs. G. M. Tillman is visiting her parents in Yankton Dakota.

Mrs. A. M. Daymon of Chicago who is convalescing from her recent illness arrived in the city Monday and will visit her mother indefinitely.

The conference year is rapidly coming to a close and Rev. Tillman is making an effort to close his labors here in a creditable manner.

Subscribe for Iowa's leading Afro-American paper the Bystander and learn what is going abroad as well as at home.

Rev. Geo. W. Gains Presiding Elder of the Chicago District stopped over in Clinton on Tuesday the 8th, in the evening he delivered a very stirring lecture at the A. M. E. church, the Rev. taking as his subject, "What have the colored people of America to hope for?" The Rev. is certainly a good entertainer and is deserving of patronage wherever he goes.

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... own ranches valued

... \$100,000, besides owning the

... that controls comfortable

... accounts.

... Francisco a colored wom-

... eight houses, a ranch near

... \$100,000 in govern-

... bonds.

... Twenty-seven colored citizens

... of Missouri have accumulated a for-

... of \$1,000,000 in amounts

... ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

... President McKinley has com-

... his appointment of officers

... of the provisional army of ten

... All of the colonels,

... majors, captains and lieutenants

... are white men. His apologists

... say that this is not drawing the

... color line though. Well, what is

... it drawing?—Richmond Planet.

... J. W. Bush, a prominent Negro,

... was elected mayor, Mason, Tenn.

... He was elected over a white candi-

... date, and is the first one of his

... race to fill such a position in that

... State.

... American soldiers are now 2,300 colored

... in the United States army.

... whereby an

... railway to be

... Thanks to Chas. P. Lee, of Rochester,

... government

... ways in co-

... recently engaged to drill and

... united to a

... chorus of white singers for

... the opera

... This talented young woman

... in our uni-

... weal, we on Nashville, Tenn., where

... after com-

... clare Telle-

... the whole

... has been employed as choir

... marchant of

... of the largest white church

... build a ne-

... of said porchester for two years.

... colored people of St. Louis

... contributed \$1,310 already

... toward the World's Fair to be held

... at St. Louis, and the amount is in-

... creasing rapidly.

... G. ... must be at

... less than 10 years of age before he can

... be married. In Portugal a boy of 14 is

... considered marriageable and a woman

... of 12. In France the man

... must be 18 and the woman 16. In

... Spain the man must be 21 and the woman

... 18. In Italy the man must be 21 and the

... woman 16. In Sweden the man must be

... 21 and the woman 18. In Denmark the

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... 18. In Russia the man must be 21 and

... the woman 15. In Prussia the man must

... be 21 and the woman 16. In Saxony they

... are a little more sen-

... sible, and a youth must refrain

... from entering into matrimony till

... he can count 17 years and the wo-

... man can count 16.

... CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

... Sunday was a gala day at the A. M. E.

... church. Rev. Rhinehart set aside that day

... for his dollar money, relay and invited

... Rev. Porter of Iowa City to fill his pulpit

... Monday morning and evening, of course Rev.

WOMEN MEET IN CHICAGO

International Industrial and Blue Grass Society in Session in Chicago, Ill.

Strong Resolutions Adopted and Officers Elected—Ask McKinley to Help Anti-Lynching Sentiment

The International Order of the Blue Cross society held its annual session in Chicago beginning last Monday, Aug. 7, 1899.

The attendance showed representatives from many states and all important matters concerning race work were discussed.

The scope of work and the platform of the order were well shown by the following temperate but at the same time outspoken resolutions:

Monday, Aug. 7, was taken up by speaking. Tuesday morning speaking by W. King, Rev. Ransom, Ida B. Wells Barneze, W. Woods of Mississippi, W. Standifer, Mrs. J. E. Lewis, Miss L. Ford, J. E. Lewis, afternoon, speaking by Mrs. A. Henderson, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Ida Jones and Mrs. Gibbons. After the speaking the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we appeal to the Christian sentiment of our country to make national problems the subject of unbiased and prayerful consideration, and to inaugurate to the humblest citizen the equal and perfect protection of our constitution and laws.

Resolved, That to express the earnest protest against the continued and unrelenting slaughter of men, women and children by armed and barbarous mobs; we denounce and abhor criminals, but we demand for every person accused of crime all the safeguards which civilization makes essential to a fair and impartial trial. We only ask that no man accused of crime be condemned without a hearing and a jury of his peers.

Resolved, That we commend to the consideration of our friends in the north the injustice of a public sentiment which demands that every colored man, woman and child should be treated as a citizen, and that thousands who seek to earn their bread by honest toil.

Resolved, That we recommend to our people in the south an intelligent and judicious migration from there to the west; such states as Washington, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota and other states offering splendid fields of operations for industrious and capable people from the south.

Resolved, That we commend to President McKinley the patriotic service of the colored soldiers who won the respect and regard of the nation by their bravery in the last war. We bespeak for them some adequate recognition of their worth by appointments in the regular army.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the movement in favor of the laboring people in the state of Illinois by the establishment of free employment bureaus, considering that we number nearly one hundred thousand of the state's population. We earnestly commend John R. Tanner for his brave stand in favor of establishing the principle of colored officers for colored men.

We went immediately into session and heard the reports of 102 delegates.

J. E. Lewis was re-elected as Grand Master, President of I. A. M. E. by W. Standifer, Chaplain.

Miss L. Ford, Supreme President of Blue Cross.

Mrs. J. E. Lewis, First Vice-President.

Miss D. H. Holmes, Treasurer.

Miss D. M. Lewis, Grand Secretary.

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ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. May Davis and Henrietta Jones are among the two hundred students attending the Monroe Co. Normal in this city.

Mrs. George Hollingworth visited several days of this week in Muchaknock.

Mrs. Mary Harris of Pekay is visiting this week with her sisters in Hocken and Abila.

Miss George Blackburn of Oskaloosa was in Albia and Hocken on business Monday.

A number of Albia people were Sunday visitors in Hocken this week.

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