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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

## CITY NEWS.

The weather is very pleasant for a January in Iowa. G. Fredrick Stanton, who was sick the forepart of this week is better. Mrs. Harrison Gould, who has been sick the past week, is improving. Alonzo Jones is inclined to be sick last week, but is about this week. If you are loyal to the race you will work and vote for Frank Blagburn.

Wm. Bailey, of Ottumwa was elected janitor, has assumed the duties. He is one of Ottumwa successful young men.

Members of Centerville arrived in Des Moines to work to assume his work at the capitol.

Miss Davis, returned last Friday from a pleasant visit with relatives in Glasgow, Keytesville and Mt. Vernon, Mo.

Our correspondents do not get in until Thursday. They should reach our office by noon.

Members of Albia was one of the candidates in securing a legislative and will spend the winter with us.

A program for the Ladies' aid meeting, Sunday: Address by J. Vaughn; Recitation by Mrs. J. Vaughn; Paper by Mrs. T. A. Clark; Prayer by Prof. Geo. I. Holt.

Miss George Blagburn, formerly of Capart, arrived here from Omaha, Mo. She will remain here with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blagburn received pleasant calls from Mrs. John McDonald, A. W. Jackson of Council Bluffs, T. Rasco of Galton, Texas, C. W. Carter of Chariton and Mr. Lucas, all with the view of locating here for a while at least.

Several cases of small pox is reported at Youngstown only four miles from our city. They are all colored victims. Youngstown has been quarantined.

North Star Lodge No. 2 A. F. and A. M. will meet in special communication Thursday evening Jan. 12th all members are requested to be present. By order of J. E. Blagburn W. M.

All those who heard Rev. Dr. J. Underwood last Sunday night on the subject of the Holy Ghost were led into a profound depth of reasoning, early produced by the pulpit orator. The Dr. is a brilliant scholar and an interesting speaker and held his audience in wrapped attention throughout his masterly effort.

H. B. S. READING SOCIETY. On Jan. 18th, 1900. Mrs. Wilburn, hostess. Quotations from Paul Lawrence Dunbar:

Major and Minors ..... Mrs. Banks Reading from Dunbar. Mrs. Palmer Music. Mrs. Wilburn Current Events. Mrs. Lewis Progress of Race. Mrs. Denny History. Mrs. Warlicks Oracle. Mesdames Lewis and Wilburn Lecture.

The services at the A. M. E. church were very good and the church was over crowded with both white and colored; eager to hear the best choir ever organized west of the Mississippi river, but few equals in America. While yet the choir is not quite up to once high standard, but Prof. Holt is working with so many of the choir members here upon the choir.

Mr. J. A. Wyatt of New Hampton came to our city this week to work in the capitol. His wife will come later.

Miss Della Richardson who has been in such a critical condition for the past two weeks is no better at this writing, but seems to get weaker each day. Her friends are received.

We received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Lewis, an aged and highly respected lady of Unionville, Mo. She died on Christmas day. She had a few friends who lives in our city.

Get your winter coal at 1007 Center street. Iowa Phone 255.

Mrs. Lena Mason, the great colored lady evangelist, arrived in our city this week and is conducting a series of meetings at the First African Baptist church, corner of School and B streets Mrs. Mason comes highly recommended by both press and pulpit, as an evangelist. Her meetings elsewhere have met with much success.

When the politician, and the friends of the different candidates are soliciting your support for their friends, tell them that if they will work and vote for Frank Blagburn for market-master that you can help him other wise you can not.

Mr. Edward Burke, Jr., who was selected as one of the House janitors, arrived in our city Tuesday, and commenced work at once. His wife accompanied him and they are stopping at Mrs. Dewberry's on East Des Moines street.

WANTED—SEVERAL BRIGHT AND honest persons to represent us as Managers in this and close by counties. Salary \$5 a year and expenses. Straight bona fide, no more no less salary. Position permanent. Our references, any bank in any town. If mainly office work conducted at home. Better than. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope THE DOMINION COMPANY, DEPT. C, CHICAGO.

The first issue of "The Kansas Homestead" has reached our office. It is a four column, eight page paper, devoted to the agricultural interests. It is printed in Coffeyville, Kansas.

"The Searchlight," a new paper just entered the journalistic field from Sioux City, Iowa, has just been received. It is a seven column, four-page, well printed paper, with G. G. Carr, editor. We extend to you our compliments.

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.

The Twenty-eighth (Iowa) General Assembly met last Monday, and organized for work. The Gear men defeating the Cummins' men for speakership by only three votes, therefore giving the Gear men full control of both House, hence the re-election of Senator John H. Gear of Burlington, for another term in the Upper House. It was the greatest political fight in the annals of Iowa politics. The Gear men was surrounded by nearly all of the trained politicians of Iowa, with two powerful railroad corporations on their side; nine-tenths of all the federal and state officers, all the postmasters, all the congressional delegation, and other things very helpful. While Hon. A. B. Cummins relied on his true young, free, independent republicans, for his support, while this defeat is only a temporary check, yet his eloquent voice will soon be heard in the United States Senate.

**List of Colored Employees at the Capitol During the Legislature.**

The Twenty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa has employed thus far eleven colored people all for menial places. They are as follows: Janitor of Senate cloak room, Jefferson Logan, of Polk county; and W. H. Jones, of Mahaska county; for senate toilet room, Chas. Comley, of Hamilton county. In the House for janitor of House, Nathan Middleton, of Hamilton county; C. W. Carter, of Lucas county, Edward Burke, Jr., of Pottawattamie county; for toilet room, Wm. Bailey, of Wappello county, for extra help on the night janitor force, are H. E. Jacobs, of Polk county; T. W. Jones, of Poweshiek county; Burt Jones, of Monroe county; W. E. Cobbs, of Appanoose county.

Hampton, has the polish stand in the House room. As all honest labor is honorable labor and each man thus employed is expected to do his part, promptly and punctually to be courteous and gentlemanly to all, thereby leaving a good record, a good name in whatever place or position that you are filling, so that in after years others of our race may have it easier to secure places in the future. Do your work right and honorable. We would like very much to have seen some colored clerks or pages, or door keepers, some place that would reflect credit to the race and encourage the educated colored men. Yet when we know how cool the Blythe's and Ed. Hunter are to colored people we may well know the reason why we do not get our just deserts.

**RACE ISSUE IN THE U. S. SENATE.**

For the first time since the convening of the present congress the question of Franchise for the Negro or the race question was discussed last Monday Senator Morgan (Dem., Ala.), defended the new constitutional amendments of Louisiana and North Carolina, which was recently passed, practically disfranchising the colored voters. Below we print a brief synopsis of Senator Morgan's speech. On Jan. 22d, Senator Pritchard (Rep., N. C.), will address the Senate, favoring the re-union and Negro franchise. We will make no comments until the debate is over and both sides are presented.

Mr. Morgan said that no great body of white people in the world could be expected to quietly accept a situation so distressing and demoralizing as is created by negro suffrage in the south. It is a thorn in the flesh and will irritate and wrangle in the body politic until it is removed. He declared that negro suffrage in Louisiana and other southern states had been an unbroken line of obstruction to progress, and that in many places thousands of negro votes in doubtful counties, with little concealment, were bought for \$1 each. "If southern white men," said he, "have falsified election returns they have the stronger, if not better, reason that they are acting upon the same law of self-defense that insulted and outraged human nature resorts to for the protection of homes and families from a race that sets at defiance all moral restraints upon their brutal desires. It suggests a HOME FOR NEGROES."

"This evil, he thought, would end only when the United States had provided a home for the negro race suited to their traits."

In conclusion Mr. Morgan said: "The democratic party has always been a white man's party, and when the appeal of Louisiana and North Carolina, supported by the democrats in all the southern states, is made to them, they and a vast body of white men all over the country who have not acted with them in the past, will unite in a demand that these sovereign states shall not be destroyed, for taking care of the lives and happiness of their people."

At the conclusion of Mr. Morgan's speech, Mr. Pritchard gave notice that he would address the senate on the resolution on Jan. 22d.

**DIXON DEFEATED.**

George Dixon of Boston, the colored featherweight, who has held the championship for six years was defeated, but not knocked out by Terry McGovern, of Brooklyn, last Wednesday night, at the Broadway Athletic club, in the eighth round. It was a clear defeat, as the young Irishman was too much for the colored lad who can boast of the best record of any pugilist in the world, having fought over 800 battles and was never knocked out. He was born July 29, 1870, in Halifax, N. S., height 5 feet 3 1/2 inches, weight 118 pounds. His ring career began in 1886. Indeed the phenomenal record that Mr. Dixon has made is astonishing the world.

**COLORED TEACHERS IN BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

The objection raised by Edward W. Bassett of the Brooklyn school board to the appointment of William L. Bailey, a Negro, as a teacher in the public school at Canarsie. Although a majority of the committee of the Canasie school favor him, and he is likely, therefore, to be desirous of getting employment in Manhattan if he can, owing to the publicity which his case has attained in Brooklyn. Mr. Burley was told that there were 125 applicants ahead of him here, and that it would probably be two years before his name would be reached.

Burley is a graduate of Clafin university. There are about sixteen colored teachers in Brooklyn at present and four in this borough. Mr. Jasper said yesterday that the colored teachers had been most successful, even in teaching white children, in two of the four colored schools are now doing.

"The colored teachers," Mr. Jasper said, "who pass successful examinations are placed on the eligible list and appointed when their names are reached."

**COLORED INSURANCE COMPANY.**

A Worthy Race Enterprise About to be Incorporated in Chicago.

Colored business men of Chicago are about to incorporate an insurance company exclusively for colored people. The reason offered for the drawing of this particular kind of color line is that the insurance companies of the country, it is declared, persist in holding out discriminatory rates to those colored people who wish to partake of the benefits accruing from life insurance.

It is said by those who profess to know that this is one of many movements to broaden the business life of the country's colored population. Colored men of means see a good chance to make paying investments by establishing race business concerns. In the instance of the Chicago insurance company scheme the plan appears to be well outlined.

Ministers in the pulpit have called their congregations to sustain the company, and the lawyers and small business men—grocerymen, butchers, restaurant-keepers, coal dealers and the like—have joined with them in a concerted movement to make the plan succeed from the start. Dr. Daniel H. Williams, County Commissioner Edward H. Wright, S. Laing Williams and Edward H. Morris of Chicago, are among the substantial colored men interested.

With these are associated Alexander Miles of Duluth, Minn., reputed to be the wealthiest colored man in the northwest; J. Frank Wheaton, the only colored member of the Minnesota state legislature, and the Rev. W. H. Weaver of St. Paul, Minn.

RAY & HARKINS, 1007 Center St. is the best place to buy coal.

**FT. MADISON RIPPLETS.**

The Christmas entertainments were successful. Miss Polly Dandridge has returned from Keokuk where she had an enjoyable time. Mrs. C. H. Eobanks is home again from Trenton, Mo., where she had a pleasant visit.

Messrs Rice and Lewis of Fraser made Ft. Madison a short visit last week. Mrs. Frazer and hauband entertained our pastor at dinner Sunday.

Mr. James Thomas has returned to Davenport, after spending a few days with his wife and many friends here.

The Second Baptist S. S. elect-d the following officers for this year: Superintendent, Benj. Winfrey; Assistant Mrs. Kittie Jackson; Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Winfrey; Assistant, Mrs. Marriah Grady; Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Mack; Organist, Miss Val ley Bowman; Librarian, Miss Cora White; Teachers, R. H. Higginbotham, Miss Lollie Yeiser, Mrs. Snelia Hall.

Mesdames Geo. Chambers, M. Grady, Geo. Mack, and Mr. Blade and wife made a few days visit to Denmark with his mother and father.

Mrs. Snodie's mother returned to her home Friday after spending several weeks with her sick daughter who is very little better.

Mrs. J. Price has been sick for several days. Rev. McCrellan went to New Boston to preach Sunday.

Mrs. Hattie Hoskins is still improving. Miss McCoy has returned after spending three or four months in Keokuk, Quinn, Hamilton, Canton LaGrange, Chicago Hannibal and a few other places.

The young people take great interest in their 6:30 o'clock meeting every Sunday. Mr. John Woods made a flying visit to Canton last week.

Miss Taylor of Trenton, Mo., is visiting Mrs. M. Grady.

We are sorry to hear of our friend Rev. Jones of Ottumwa having to go to Mt. Pleasant. We hope he is improving.

**KEOKUK NOTES.**

Special to the BYSTANDER.

Mrs. O. B. Claire gave one of the finest dinners of the season, eight courses were served in the latest style. The dining room was decorated with lace, ribbon and flowers. Mrs. Claire is one of our leading ladies whom the race should be proud of, and she certainly knows how to entertain her friends. She was assisted by Miss Emma and Mrs. Robert Young of Syracuse, New York. Those present were Rev. Bass Mr. and Mrs. Gable, Mr. and Mrs. Young of Syracuse, N. Y., Mrs. Oliphant, Misses Myrtle Cooper, Emma and Bessie Oliphant, and Gertie Young of New York.

Messrs. Webb and William Byster of Omaha were in our city a few days last week visiting.

Miss Etta Davis entertained a few friends Monday evening in honor of Miss H. V. Davis.

Miss Myrtle Cooper entertained Misses Emma Oliphant and Gertie Young of New York to dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Epler of Mississippi is visiting her sons and daughters Mr. Thomas, Mrs. T. Sadder and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sadder.

Miss Etta Martin is on the sick list. Mr. Wm. Martin of Rock Island, Ill., spent the holidays in our city.

Walter Martin of Iowa City is in our city on business.

Miss Yessie Van Camp entertained a few of her friends in honor of Miss Vinton Davis.

Mr. O. B. Claire is a great worker among his race and we are proud to speak of him.

**BEDFORD NEWS.**

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis of Galesburg, Ill., are visiting with relatives and friends during the holidays.

Mrs. Mary Shaeckelford and Will Lewis are on the sick list.

Miss N. title Franklin is improving slowly.

Mr. James Shaeckelford spent Christmas in Ottumwa, the guest of his aunt Mrs. Della Mason.

Grandma Johnson, Mrs. Lizzie Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis of Galesburg, Ill., and R. H. Johnson and family spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Shaeckelford.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd entertained friends X'mas day in honor Mr. and Mrs. Davis. There was a family reunion at grandma Johnson's December 27. All members of the family were present, except G. W. Johnson and Bud Lucas of Galesburg. However the twenty-five members present did ample justice to the fat goose, turkey, mince pie etc.

W. H. Johnson and family are visiting in Clarinda.

Success to the bystander.

**FRASER, IOWA.**

Fraser Supply Co., has been busy putting up ice.

Rev. Roy, C. C. Jinken and Walter John returned from Des Moines Wednesday and reported good time and success to the Movable Calk Horse Shoe Co.

The colored people of our town spent emancipation day, January 1st, in speaking, select reading solos and etc. Rev. Roy was orator of the day. T. B. S. Lucas made the opening address. His subject was "Suick to one Thing."

Mr. George White was called to Missouri by the death of his mother-in-law.

It is reported that Mrs. Jones, her daughter Mrs. L. Floyd and her grand daughter left for Illinois to attend the side of Mrs. Jones' daughter who is at the point of death.

Mr. A. Hackney left for his home in Bradford, Ill.

Mrs. N. Streeter has been on the sick list but is some better.

Mrs. Cora Williams is on the sick list. Mr. C. Marti is unable to work.

Mr. George Lewis had three very fine hogs butchered this week.

Messrs Lewis and Wm Battles were unable to work for a couple of days on account of a bruised ankle received in the mines.

Mr. D. Jennings is now able to return to work.

Mr. George Lewis is on the sick list.

**MT. PLEASANT NEWS.**

Special to the Bystander.—Mr. Dorch, after spending a pleasant month's visit with his family at Mount Pleasant, returned to his place of business, in Lincoln, Nebr.

**MEMORY OF THE DYING CENTURY**

It was just 100 years ago Since the dawn of the 19th century morn. It budded like a rose as we all well know, But the 19th century has faded and gone.

Oh to think of those years of long long ago When our dear grand parents were born; It makes my heart shudder, but than we all know That the 19th century has faded and gone. Sacred to my memory are those days of 100 years ago.

Many a change has come since the dawn of that morn. But alas it is true! as we all well know That the 19th century has faded and gone.

The 19th century which budded years ago Is hidden and lost to the grave it has flown, Nevermore to be recalled, as we all truly know For the 19th century has faded and gone

Down the stream of time we all gently go Guiding by swiftly with faces care worn, But let us not sigh at the thought, that we know

That the 19th century has faded and gone. Oh 20th century you too soon will go But we welcome you with hearts true and warm.

Though we can never bid you adieu since we all know That the 19th century has faded and gone

'Tis only one by one that the years gently go As o e by one comes each centuries dawn Though time is fleeting as we all know For the 19th century has faded and gone

To the depths of the grave we all must go With burdens and sorrows that must be borne With brave heroes we'll bow for we all know That the 19th century has faded and gone.

So farewell to the century of 100 years ago No more will you light upon us daw, You have passed from our view as we all know

For the 19th century has faded and gone. MRS. JENNIE BEAMAN, Keokuk, Iowa.

Special to the Bystander.

WANTED SEVERAL PERSONS FOR DISCOUNTS. I have several persons for discounts in my store and am prepared to pay them in full for any amount of goods they will take. I have a large stock of goods and am prepared to pay them in full for any amount of goods they will take. I have a large stock of goods and am prepared to pay them in full for any amount of goods they will take.

Special to the BYSTANDER. MACON CITY, MO. (Western College Notes.)

Miss Hallie M. Byrd of Knoxville, Iowa is attending college.

Miss Norena Craig of Kansas City, Mo. returned to further pursue her studies. Miss Etta Null is on the sick list.

Miss Minnie Micer is sick. Rev. Hayes returned home Saturday. Miss Lurinda Jones has returned to the college.

Revival meeting begins this week at the Baptist church.

Mrs. Ewing, mother of Rev. Thomas' wife died of heart disease Wednesday and was buried at St. Louis Friday.

Miss Lulu Morton is on the sick list. New laws and regulations will take place at the college this week.

Mr. Chas South, Misses Rosa Johnson, and Jennie Grant all of Palmyra returned to their duties to-day.

Miss Nannie Butler is very ill. Mr. Jackson went home Saturday. Mr. Peter Moss married during the holidays.

**ALBIA NEWS.**

Miss Henrietta Jones returned to Iowa City on Tuesday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Griffith will leave Monday evening for Christmas, Virginia their future home.

Mr. Burt Jones was a business visitor in Des Moines this week.

Miss Cora Thomas of Muchaknock is at home with her parents in this city a few days this week and for an indefinite time.

**KNOXVILLE NOTES.**

Mr. Crndump J. floss who has been suffering from a paralytic stroke since early in November is improving, but recovery is doubtful, owing to his age. Andy Jeffers and family have been in attendance most of the time looking after his father's wants. Mrs. Kay of Indiana, a daughter is with him. Mrs. Ed. Jeffers of Quincy, Ill., a daughter-in-law is here to assist in caring for her father-in-law. Sim Jeffers a son, employed at the Parson House is on hand nearly every night to sit up. Din and Mack Jeffers, brothers-in-law are always on hand to do what they can.

Miss H. M. Bird has gone to Macon City, Mo., to attend college. She writes that every thing is nice and the people are kind.

Marrie Wilkerson is visiting her sister Mrs. John Jeffers.

Mrs. Rev. Skiens of Okaloosa came over on Thursday to visit her uncle Crndump Jeffers. She returned Friday accompanied by her brother Will.

Nelson Tomlin is preparing the food for the inner man at the Sheldolph Hotel, W. P. Bird is on the street occasionally but he has not been able to work since he returned from the Philippines. The malaria sticks to him like the Philippine to Aguinaldo.

**THE WIDE AWAKE.**

"The Wide Awake" wishes F. E. Harper Woman's club a merry X'mas and a happy New Year.

The colored race can boast of a number of poetesses. In reading one of the popular colored newspapers the name of Mrs. Tillman is mentioned as being the author of "Christmas Bells," words are inadequate to express the sublimity of sentiment.

Providence in his great and wonderful wisdom is lifting the burden of oppression from the Boers who are being so cruelly mistreated by the British and they are defeating the enemy on every side.

In solving the race problem many of the race thinks it can be done with weapons of war, but the more considerable thinks it can be done with the great weapon of education. If we try to get education and improve our time, as education prepares us for living. Then combining money with intelligence we are then solving the great and momentous problem. We can not demand the respect of our conscientious brother and sister, if we are not industrious and intelligent, and can not obtain the positions that they have by censuring them through the press.

We have in our city, visitors from Illinois and many parts of the state to participate in the pleasures of the holidays.

The Dunbar Literary club is the most progressive woman's club in the city. It is a reading organization of rare ability, and discusses only the best literature. F. E. Harper, wake up.

How glorious and what satisfaction it is to the members of the colored churches in this community, working with untiring energy for the betterment of their condition.

In our city there is connected with the A. M. E. church, a normal for Sunday School teachers, and several ladies who have been ordained, called, consecrated to look after the charity work.

The working twelve, a club of gentlemen, organized to raise money to pay on the debt of St. Mary. The Virgin's church is prospering, as also the "Beehive" and the Progressive Nine, who are ladies' and misc. clubs for the same purpose.

The Masonic order celebrated Saint John's day, Wednesday, December 27th at the G. A. R. hall(?) to say in a creditable manner, is an injustice to them.

The addresses were carefully prepared and delivered in such grand style of oratory, that the audience were held spell bound. They were as follows: F. D. Fields, "Man's Best Virtue," B. L. Anderson, "Living Presence," L. W. Draine, St. John; Master of Ceremonies Chas. W. Williams. After the program quite a number "tripped the light fantastic" till the wee sma hours. Miss Lizzie Miller was the successful contestant for a beautiful gold watch.

Master Preston Bannister, who has been confined to her room for ten days, is convalescent.—Gate City.

**DAVENPORT REPORT.**

Indianapolis Dasher and Klondike Silver side of Terre Haute, Ind. left for Chicago Jan. 5th on the Rock Island 11:00 p. m., from there they will go to Boston. The two young men made quite a number of friends while here and we are very sorry to give them up but wish them success.

Last Sunday was quarterly meeting day at Bethel A. M. E. church, quite a number from over the river was present. Rev. Thomas of Rock Island preached a wonderful full sermon.

Miss Ella Wetwiler of 1720 Iowa St., has been quite sick for several days but we are glad to say that she is better at this writing.

Rev. M. J. Burton will be here and will preach at the Third Baptist church morning and evening.

Superintendent Mabry of the Third Baptist Sunday school arranged four cash prizes for the scholars who recited the motto text the most perfect for the last quarter in 1899. They were won by Lillie Hughes, Ellen Alton, Myrtle Hughes and Raymond Hughes.

Eureka Lodge 3899 G. O. of O. F. will have their public installation of officers in Hibernian Hall on Brady street, Wednesday J. 24.

Mrs. Leunie who resides on Eleventh street is very sick at this writing.

Miss Cora Christien who has been sick is some better at this writing.

We notice quite a number of agents sent their report to the Bystander the first of the year and we hope this will continue throughout the year, so we can tell what progress our neighbors are making. Mr. James Thomas, Ex. Grand Master of W. G. L. No. 30, G. U. O. of O. F. of Iowa, who is residing in our city now was away during the holidays visiting his family in Ft. Madison.

The opening of the W. R. I. and N. W. rail road was celebrated here Jan. the 1st, when the special train pulled in bearing the officers of the road.

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