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## CITY NEWS

The weather is stormy this week.

Shall we blame the ground-hog for this weather.

Miss Edith Stanton continues to remain very sick.

Miss Cora Smith is a little better at this writing.

If you want to see your race come to front politically, vote for Frank Blagburn.

Mrs. Ella Noble gave a very pleasant party at her home on Park St. last Wednesday evening.

Every colored man should work earnestly from now until the polls close on the day of the primary for Frank Blagburn.

The Misses Sophia Bass and Nina Hamilton, who have been sick for some time, were able to be at Sunday school last Sunday.

Don't fail to hear Black Patti with her Troubadours at the Grand Opera House next Friday and Saturday eve.

Our voters should attend some of the speaking meetings that are being held in various parts of the city, so that they will know the candidates who will come the nearest of representing their views.

The Rev. Mrs. Mattie Johnson, an evangelist of Chicago, with quite a reputation as a christian worker, will arrive in our city next Wednesday and will assist Dr. Francis J. Peterson in a series of revival meetings at the A. M. E. church.

WANTED—An energetic young lady or gentleman to canvass for a good selling book, entitled "The Negro in Etiquette" For particulars call or write me. J. T. BLAGBURN, 379 School Street.

A burglar entered the boarding house of Mrs. Lucy Coalson, on W. Second and Grand ave. streets, last Wednesday evening and was going through the trunk when Mrs. Coalson was waking up, when she grabbed her by the throat and tried to choke her but her cries brought assistance, during the excitement the burglar made his escape.

The editor of the Bystander received a beautiful invitation from Prof. Booker T. Washington to attend the Annual Tuskegee Negro Conference, to be held in Tuskegee, Ala., Feb. 21-22; the conference will be composed mainly of teachers and officers of various colored schools.

Programme for the Ladies and Gentlemen's Sunday club is as follows: Singing by Choir; Invocation by Chaplain; Paper by Mrs. Sadie Williams; Eulogy on the Life and Character of Abraham Lincoln, by J. L. Thompson.

The Christian Endeavor Society will give a valentine masquerade entertainment at the A. M. E. Church, Feb. 14, below we give the programme, each party appearing on the programme will be awarded. Solo, Miss Edna Sanford; Paper, St. Valentine Miss Zella Davis; Address, Christian Endeavor, by W. H. Hubbard; Duet Misses Eldora Thompson and Iona Sanford; Recitation, Miss Annis Logan; select Reading, Miss Tibitha Mash; Address, Rev. E. J. Peterson; Solo little Marguerette Fields. Refreshments will be served in the church parlors.

John J. Collins is a thorough competent man for the office to which he aspires, that of Alderman of the fourth ward. Being a good practical scholar, a good judge of material used in public works (an essential qualification for an Alderman.) He has always been honest and fair in all his dealings in politics as well as in other business. A number one republican never breaking away from the party and always voting for the party nominee.

## AUCTIONEER.

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Died at Mercy hospital last Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock p. m., Mrs. Louisa Austin, the wife of Mr. Lewis Austin, who has been in poor health several months and was removed to the hospital to receive medical attention as well as the care of trained nurses. Mrs. Austin was born in 1852, her maiden name was Brazier. She was married to Mr. Austin 25 years ago, and they came to Des Moines about 10 years ago; was an active member of the A. M. E. church and a christian worker. She leaves a husband, one sister, Mrs. Fairfax of Hamilton, Ill., and a brother Mr. Brazier of Keokuk, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. The funeral services will be held at Mr. Austin's home, 1031 B street, conducted by Dr. F. J. Peterson. The pall-bearers will be C. B. Woods, B. J. Holmes, Wm. Hampton and J. H. Shepard.

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## PADEREWSKI COMING.

All lovers of high classic music will be delighted to know that Ignace Paderewski; perhaps the finest pianist in the world, will make only one stop in Iowa on his American tour which is announced to be his last visit to America. He will appear one night only at the New Auditorium, Des Moines, Tuesday, February 13th. Prices \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$3.00. Reserved seats can be obtained on application by mail to J. S. Connolly, Des Moines, Iowa, at \$3.00 apiece. Send in your application at once, as the best seats are going fast. The regular city sale will begin Monday morning, January 29th, at 10 o'clock. Numbers given out at 9 o'clock a. m.

## SONG SERVICE.

The A. M. E. choir will give their sacred song service Sunday, at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. The services will begin at 8 o'clock, prompt. It is unnecessary for us to compliment this famous church choir or to urge the public to come, for a mere announcement is sufficient. There has been over 1000 tickets given out, and no one will be admitted only by ticket. The members of the legislature will attend in a body. The following is the program:

- PART I.
1. Organ Voluntary.
  2. Invocation. Rev. Dr. F. J. Peterson
  3. Jesus, Lover of My Soul, Barnaby
  4. "Search Me, O God" Gabriel
  5. Duet, Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah. Mrs. J. F. Blagburn
  6. "O For a Shout" Ashford
  7. "Hark! The Herald Angels" Towne
  8. Solo. Selected Mrs. J. F. Blagburn
  9. Offertory
- PART II.
1. "Tarry With Me" Paris
  2. Remarks. Gov. L. M. Shaw
  3. Solo, "Save Me, O God" Randegger
  4. "O For a Thousand Tongues" Prof. Geo. I. Holt
  5. Duet, "O Holy Mother" Maritana Mrs. J. F. Blagburn and Mrs. W. M. Coalson
  6. "By The Rivers of Babylon" Stillman
  7. "I Was Glad" Ashford
  8. Trio, "O Lamb of God" Leslie Mrs. J. F. Blagburn Mrs. W. M. Coalson Prof. Geo. I. Holt
  9. Zion Awake. Costa

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MAC VICAR ANSWERS THE MYERLY PEOPLE.

Editor Bystander: Mr. Myerly is evidently making his campaign upon the issue of whether or not Mayor Macvicar approved a certain ordinance passed in 1896 allowing the salary of the members of the council six months in advance. I believe this is the only issue he has raised to date. In his first political speech the burden of his contention was that he voted against this resolution while the mayor approved and signed warrants therefor. He recklessly offered to furnish the mayor with a suit of clothes if evidence could be produced showing that the mayor had not approved this act. In the various newspapers he has occupied anywhere from a quarter to three-fourths of a column in communications bearing upon this question which it seems to me, is trivial at best. Is it possible that during the two years in which Mr. Myerly resided in the council, that this is the only vote he cast which he can bring to bear in support of his candidacy? Or is he trying to divert the attention of the public from the fact that he proposed, which his vote is recorded in favor of: First—The proposed purchase of a strip of ground to open Twentieth street north of University avenue, which according to stipulations introduced by Attorney Myerly would have cost the city not less than \$4,000, but which was blocked by the mayor and the way paved for a settlement in the sum of \$300. Second—The purchase of one-half the Ben Elbert lot for opening Nineteenth street south of Woodlawn avenue for \$2,200, the other half of which I am credibly informed sold for \$500. Third—the purchase of the Ingersoll tract for a cemetery at \$200 per acre, when Mr. Cope offered the Johnson tract adjoining on the west at \$100 per acre. Fourth—the allowing of the water works claim for \$14,350 when upon investigation by the mayor it was found the city owed less than \$5,000 and the question was finally settled upon that basis. After the mayor vetoed the claim Mr. Myerly again overily attempted to have it passed. There are a few facts of the council which I recall without going to the records which were all supported by Mr. Myerly and all of which the mayor disapproved. The mayor's position was

WM. BOWEN FOR ALDERMAN OF FOURTH WARD.

In the political scrap for nomination of mayor, the importance of electing the best men for aldermen must not be lost sight of. The selection of good men for aldermen is one of the greatest and will make because the democratic vote in this ward is so large that the republican party must look carefully as to who, if nominated by the republican party, can win at the election. This ward is now represented by a democrat, and unless a wise nomination is made, a democrat will again be elected. We believe that William Bowen possesses the confidence of the voters of his ward. He is a member of the Woodmen and Masonic societies, being a member of Pioneer lodge and Corinthian chapter. He asks the colored voters of the Fourth ward to be with him for alderman. He has been all his life a hard working member of the great party from which his friends bring him forward as candidate for this recognition. He has never held office. He has always been ready to lead the party fights when there was hard work to do, and he only goes into this fight as a candidate on the earnest solicitation of many of the prominent business men of his ward. He has the qualifications to make an able representative of the ward and of the whole city. He was a candidate two years ago and while at that time comparatively few knew him, he received the highest number of votes at the primaries of any candidate except Mr. Beck. Mr. Bowen, if elected, will make a strong man in the council and will make it his ability in pushing the law and give the voters better satisfaction. He is secretary of the Imperial Accident Insurance company, and is strong among the business men especially.

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Get your winter coal at 1007 Center street, Iowa phone 255.

## A Baby's Cry.

A moderately intimate acquaintance with infants enables one to distinguish, almost from birth, three cries—the healthy yell, by which the child exercises his lungs, the fretting of moderate discomfort, and the acute cry of pain, the latter two including at first hunger, thirst, and dissatisfaction. By the end of three months the nurse or mother should be able to distinguish the fretting of actual physical discomfort from that of restlessness, and the sharp cry of pain from the less acute announcement of thirst, hunger, etc., while anger imparts a characteristic quality to the cry. If the baby is comfortably dressed and properly fed he will be less likely to be fretful and crying.—Dr. A. L. Benedict in the January Woman's Home Companion.

## A Point in Carving Etiquette.

The adept carver will not ask the guest of honor which is his or her favorite piece. We will give the one we would honor the cut of fish next the tail, that nearest the head being next choice; the emperor's muscle and oyster of the turkey, with a bit of brown fat added as a tribute to palate discrimination; the tenderloin of steak, the hock of the leg, the tenderloin with kidney of the saddle (with some brown fat); the loin of the hare or squirrel, the rib of the sucking pig. Other guests will express their preference promptly when asked, that none may be kept waiting.—Ella Morris Kretschmar, in the January Woman's Home Companion.

## Louisiana Rice is Red.

The rice planters and millers of Southwestern Louisiana are having some trouble with the crop this season. For some unaccountable reason a considerable percentage of it is red. This is not the first season that red grains have appeared among the white, to be sure, but never before has the proportion been so large. An examination by chemists has shown that the red rice is equally nutritious as white. The value of the article as a matter of food is not in the least injured by the red grains. But the fact remains that the colored grains injure the sale of the rice they appear in.

## Humors of Examination.

The humors of examination papers were further illustrated by Dr. Haig Brown, who, in speaking at the City of London college upon the responsibility which rested upon examiners in weighing fragments of knowledge, said that the question, "What are the Children Hundreds?" once received the reply, "Small animals which abound in great numbers in cheese." The inquiry, "What is a cherub?" elicited, in its turn, the answer, "An immoral being of uncertain shape."—London Chronicle.

## The Population of London.

Last year's statistics show that the population of London is 4,484,717. For every 1,000 inhabitants there were thirty births and 17.7 deaths. The number of infants who died in their first year was 158 for every 1,000 births. During the period extending from 1887 to 1896 the mortality was lower than in Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Berlin and Copenhagen; but in 1897 it increased to such an extent that it is now very little lower than that of most European cities, Rome included.

## Slaves in New York State.

Immigration officials say that many foreigners in this country are living in a condition of abject slavery. At Avon, N. Y., there is a colony of 270 Italians who are under the direct control of one man, who hires them to farmers and fruit growers and takes most of their earnings, while those who perform the labor get little more than enough to eat, and are housed in buildings little better than cattle sheds.

## Plum Pudding the Rage in London.

A plum pudding craze has broken out in London. One firm sold 600,000 pounds of puddings three weeks before Christmas. Surprises are now enclosed in these, ranging from buttons, gold sovereigns and half sovereigns to thimbles and diamond rings. One pudding ordered had in it a diamond and opal brooch worth \$500, enclosed in a silver box.

## Centenary of Electricity.

"Electricity as we know it" is just 100 years old. In 1799 the Italian scientist Volta gave definite form to the method of producing the current, and it is from his name that we have the term "voltmeter" to describe the instrument which measures the force of the current, and "volt" as the unit of that measurement.

## The Rock Island Wall Map of the United States

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cents in postage stamps or coin. Address, JOHN SEBASTIAN, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

## CHURCH AND CLERGY.

The Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman is to write the life of D. L. Moody. Bishop Edsall has just completed a highly successful mission at Jamestown, N. D.

Tomkins Avenue Congregational church of Brooklyn raised over \$27,000 for missions during the year. The death roll in the Congregational ministry in Great Britain was unusually heavy during the year 1899.

A congress of the history of religions will be held at Paris, France during the first part of September next year. The receipts of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, for the year make a total of \$38,000, of which \$17,000 is from pew rents.

The annual council of the South African churches was held at Graaf Reinet, and owing to the preoccupations of the war, only thirty-eight delegates attended. Since his resignation from the Church of the Pilgrims relief from care has been conducted to a marked improvement in the health of the venerable Dr. R. S. Storrs.

The New York Medical Journal, speaking of the recent explosion of the gasoline tank of a motor carriage, says: "Some new danger is almost always to be expected in connection with novel devices of the kind, but, on the whole, the power carriage, whether propelled by gasoline or electricity, is probably less dangerous than vehicles drawn by horses."

International competition has been invited by the offer of a gold cup by the Automobile club of France. The first test will be held as near May 1 as possible, the idea being to make the date coincide with the great automobile day at the exposition. The rules which will govern this cup have not been made as yet and it is expected to arrange racing conditions, which will be satisfactory to automobilists of all countries.

Prominent officers and stockholders of the manufacturing company witnessed a test of a truck recently. The truck was brought down to New York from Providence by boat and was run to the air-compressing station of the Metropolitan Street railway in 24th street with the charge which it had received in Providence. A fresh supply was taken on and it was demonstrated that it could be satisfactorily run on the streets, says the Scientific American.

## REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

When a girl says, "Now, stop," the wise man wants to.

Every woman thinks that to a man she must be a fascinating puzzle.

The first thing to learn about gawf is the kind of clothes not to wear.

The day before a woman goes to stay all night with another woman she scratches out the number of her shoes.

A woman looks on marriage as a chance to raise her social position; a man looks on it as a chance to lower his own.

After she gets married the average woman takes about as much care of her ideals as she does of her old fine-tooth comb.

A woman's mouth, when it is in repose, shows her character, when it isn't it is generally showing some other woman's.

A woman begins to enjoy her Christmas presents about New Year's. She spends the time in between wondering what they cost.

When a man is engaged to a woman he thinks of her half the time he doesn't see her. After they get married he thinks of her half the time he sees her.

If everybody really felt as nice and kind to everybody they meet on Christmas as they pretend to there wouldn't be any use in having any Christmas.

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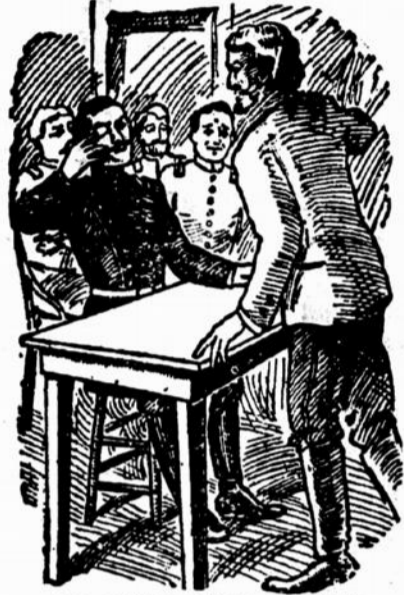
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# STORIES OF LINCOLN

One of Mr. Lincoln's characteristics was his ineffable tenderness toward others, says the Springfield Republican. He wrote injuries in the sand, benefits on marble. The broad mantle of his enduring charity covered a multitude of sins in a soldier. He loved justice with undying and solicitous affection, but he hated every deserter from the great army of humanity. He was dowered with the love of love.

He was always equal to the occasion, whether saving a sleeping sentinel by one stroke of the pen from a dishonored grave or writing that bold and steady signature to the proclama-



"I'D GIVE THEM JESSE." Men of emancipation which made the black race give him a crown of immortelles. As the negro preacher in Vicksburg said of him: "Massa Lin-kum, he eberywhere; he know ebery-ting; he walk de earl like de Lord."

**His Keen Irony.** Abraham Lincoln could say true things when just resentment required censure. He released some prisoners on the other side of the "divide" in 1863. The wife of one of these insisted "that her husband was a religious man, even if he was a rebel." Mr. Lincoln wrote the release slowly, as if in doubt, and, without smiling, handed it to the now happy wife, but said, with keen irony:

"You say your husband is a religious man. Tell him when you meet him that I say I am not much of a judge of religion, but in my opinion the religion that sets men to rebel and fight against their government because, as they think, that government does not sufficiently help some men to eat their bread in the sweat of other men's faces is not the sort of religion upon which people can get to heaven."

**Dick Gower's Appointment.** Mr. Lincoln once told Horace Deming, a Connecticut congressman, when he had been impertinent to join a church, that "when any church will inscribe over its altar as its sole qualification the Savior's condensed statement of the substance of law and gospel, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, and thy neighbor as thyself—that church will I join with all my heart.'"

His great good sense was shown in his making Dick Gower a lieutenant in the regular army. Dick had shown his bravery and his capacity among the western Indians, but was rejected by the board of military martinetes at Washington because he "did not know what an abatis, or echelon, or hollow square was." "Well," sharply said the dilettante officer with a single eyeglass, "what would you do with your command if the cavalry should charge on you?"

"I'd give them Jesse, that's what I would do; and I'd make a hollow square in every mother's son of them."

Lincoln signed his commission and Dick made a famous soldier.

**Read the Letter.** McClellan then requested his chief of staff to find a copy of the letter. It was speedily produced, and Gen. McClellan proceeded to crush Mr. Lincoln by reading his vituperative attack on Stanton, with reflections on Lincoln's conduct of the war. Lincoln's peaceful smile vanished. When the letter ended he rose quickly, looking neither to the right nor left—not waiting for any farewell to Gen. McClellan.

He seemed oppressed with the consciousness of the dangers of the military as well as the political situation of things. He drove slowly with Gen. Blair over to the boat, which was to convey them from Harrison's landing back to Washington. When the vessel had started, Mr. Lincoln, for the first time since leaving McClellan's tent, broke the silence and said to Gen. Blair:

"Frank, I now understand this man. That letter is Gen. McClellan's bid for the presidency. I will stop that game. Now is the time to issue the proclamation emancipating the slaves."

He forthwith issued the proclamation of emancipation. Within a week after the world was startled by a new charter of freedom for the slave.

**Gen. McClellan's Mistake.** Congressman Vaux of Philadelphia, on his late years changed his views about President Lincoln. He told an interesting story about the proclamation of emancipation. The classic and scholarly Vaux had been making speeches in Connecticut, and came home with Frank P. Blair of Missouri, who was very close to the many-sided patriot president while the war lasted.

Gen. Blair told Richard Vaux this story:

"Mr. Lincoln had become impatient at Gen. McClellan's delay on the peninsula, and asked Frank Blair to go with him to see the commanding general. The distinguished visitors arrived on a hot day, and went straight to McClellan's headquarters. They were received with scant courtesy, and the commanding general did not ask the president to eat or drink. Lincoln sat in his white linen duster, uncomfortably silent, with his long and sinewy limbs doubled up like a jackknife, till finally Gen. McClellan broke the dense silence by saying:

"Mr. President, have you received the letter I mailed you yesterday?"

"No," courteously replied Lincoln; "I must have passed it on the way."

## WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN.

The greatest names in American history are Washington and Lincoln. One is forever associated with the independence of the states and the formation of the federal union, the other with the universal and the preservation of that union. Washington enforced the declaration of independence as against England, Lincoln proclaimed its fulfillment, not only to a down-trodden race in America, but to all people, for all those who may seek the protection of our flag. These illustrious men achieved grander results for mankind within a single century—from 1775 to 1865—than any men ever accomplished in all the years since first the flight of time began. Washington engaged in no ordinary revolution. With him it was not who should rule, but what should rule. He drew his sword, not for a change of rulers upon an established throne, but to establish a new government which should acknowledge no throne but the tribune of the people. Lincoln accepted war to save the union, the safeguard of our



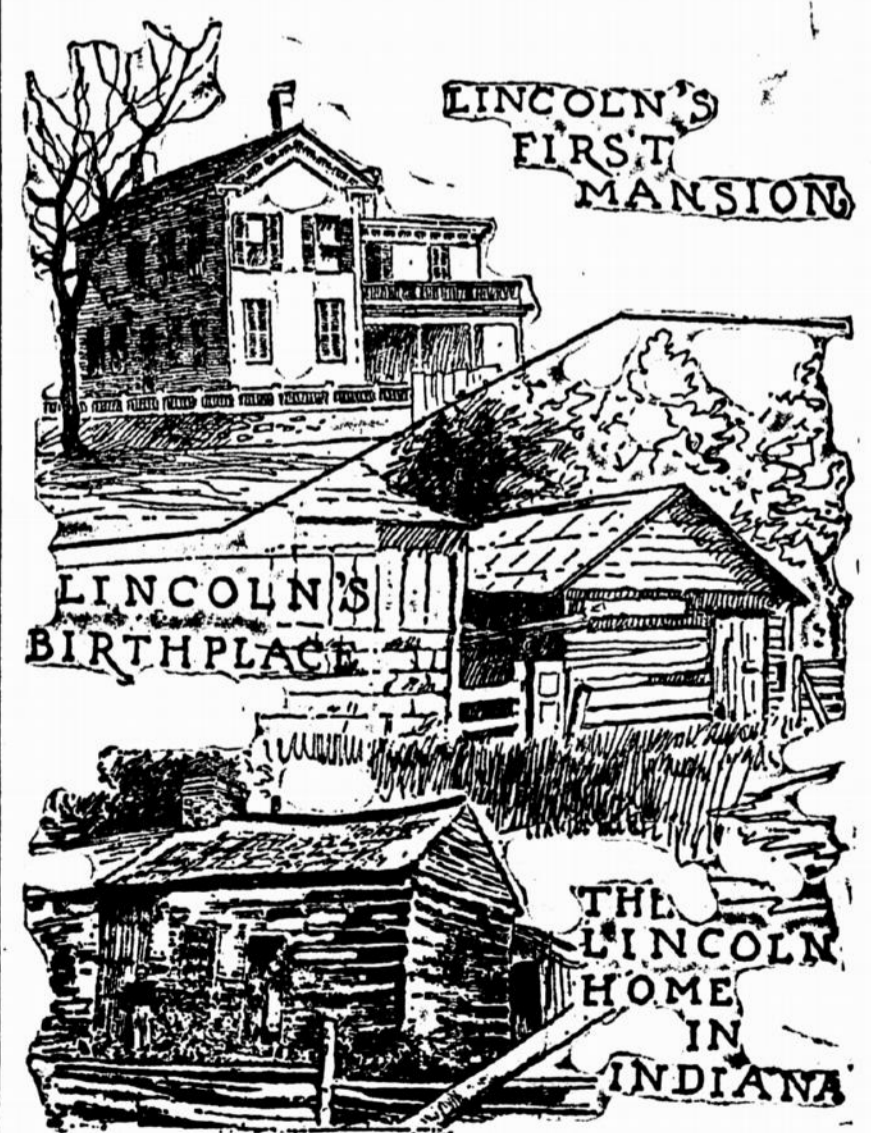
**LINCOLN ROSE QUICKLY.** Liberties, and re-established it upon "indestructible foundations" as forever "one and indivisible." To quote his own grand words:

"Now we are all contending that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that the government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

## LINCOLN AND THE WIDOW.

The 12th of February, Abraham Lin-

## LINCOLN'S HUMBLE HOMES.



Here are three homes of our great martyred president, as unpretentious as he was himself. His birthplace was a cabin in Hardin county, Kentucky. "Tain't much of a place to be born in," said young Abe, revisiting the scene in his youth. The years from 7 to 10 the lad spent in the Indiana home, near Farmington, Coles county. The picture also shows the modest house in Springfield, where Lincoln lived when events began to push him toward the top of the ladder.

coln's birthday, brings to our thoughts stronger than ever reminiscences of this noble man's life, says a writer in Harper's Round Table. Hundreds of books have recorded and will perpetuate his good deeds for centuries to come, but it is a pleasure to read now and then of some little act of kindness that will stand alone illustrating the breadth of this man's sympathies and the nobility of his character. During all that dreadful period when the civil war was ravaging the country Lincoln held the reins of the government, and although worn out with the unceasing toil, he never neglected an opportunity to help those who suffered.

One day a poor woman, whose tears had worn furrows down her cheeks, gained an audience with Lincoln, and in a few words related the sad tale of her husband, who had fought in the Union army, only to lose his life, and of her three boys who were then fighting. She requested the discharge of



## LINCOLN WROTE THE ORDER.

her eldest boy, that she might have some one to support her. Lincoln's heart responded to the appeal, and he replied: "Certainly, if you have given us all, and your prop has been taken away, you are justly entitled to one of your boys."

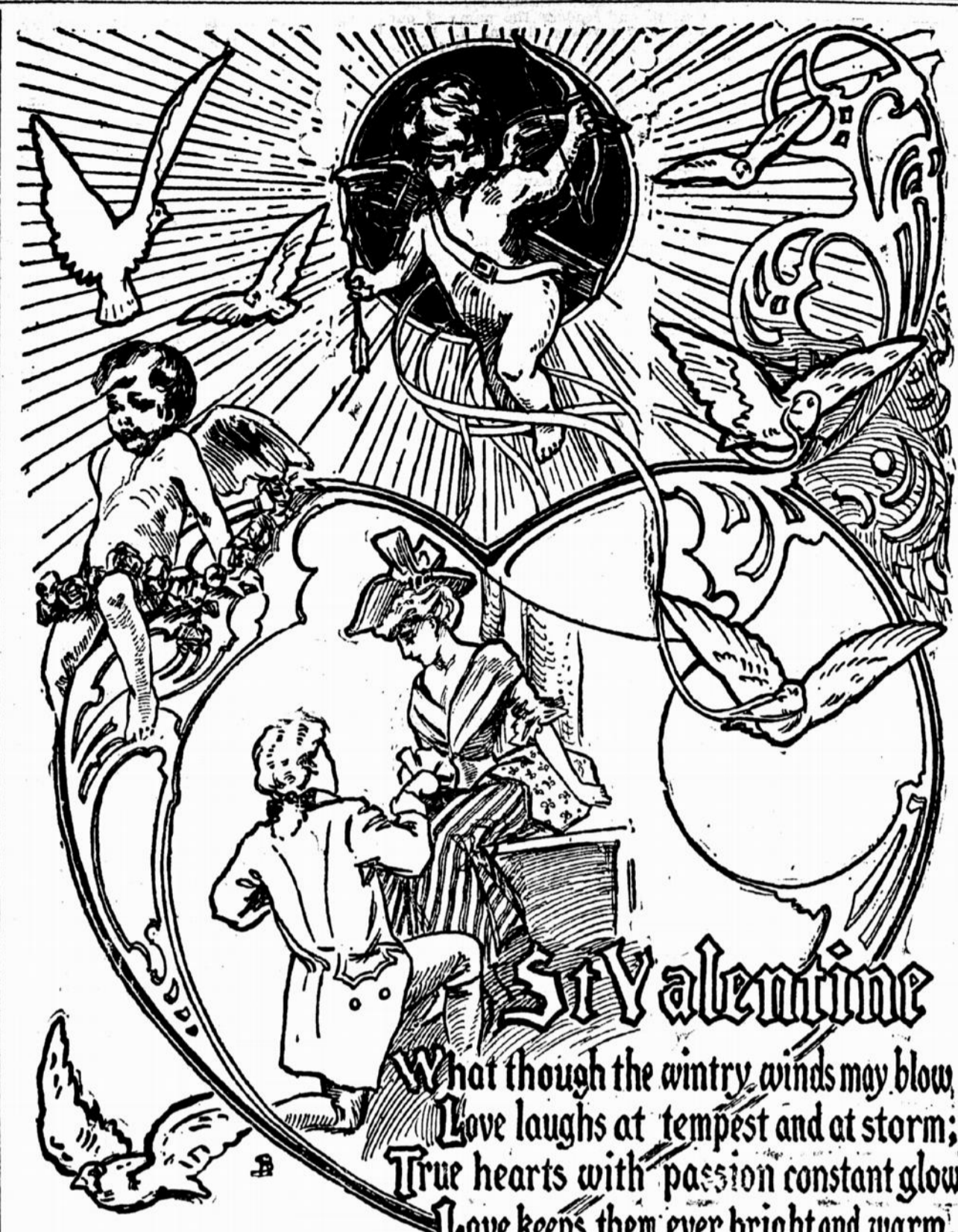
The poor woman went away light of heart, only to return later, tearfully begging the release of her second son. The discharge of the first son had come too late. He was killed before it reached him. Sadly Lincoln sat down and wrote the requisite order for the release of the second son, and rising, handed the paper to the afflicted woman, saying: "Now you have one and I have one of the two boys left; that is no more than right." Weeping with joy, the poor mother blessed Lincoln and hurried out to send her precious order.

## Hobart and Newspaper Men.

The late Vice-President Garrett A. Hobart delighted in informal chats about people and things bordering on Bohemia. The ways of newspaper men strangely interested him. He said once that he envied them because of their roving freedom and the ease with which they seemed to write. He considered writing a greater art than speaking. "I find no trouble in talking to an audience," he said, "but when it comes to putting my thoughts on paper I find it a great task. Readers are more critical than hearers. The art of writing is the greater."

## New Fodder for Cavalry Hags.

Molasses for cavalry horses will in future be one of the items of expense for the maintenance of the army in the Philippines.



## STY valentine

What though the wintry winds may blow,  
Love laughs at tempest and at storm;  
True hearts with passion constant glow,  
Love keeps them ever bright and warm.

## A HAPPY VALENTINE.

If I could be a valentine,  
I know what I would do.  
I'd get into an envelope  
And travel straight to you.  
And if the postman didn't know  
Your name is Baby Dear  
And where you live, I'd shake his bag  
As soon as he was near.  
And then with all my might I'd jump  
And run across the street.  
(I'm sure that he'd jump, too, to find  
A valentine had feet.)  
I'd ring the bell and ring the bell  
A minute and a half,  
And when you came and saw 'twas I,  
Oh, my, how we would laugh!  
—Anna M. Pratt.



They say she is out of date in this end of the nineteenth century, but that is wrong. She may be more coy, more reticent, more elusive, but she is still with us. On each St. Valentine's day she peeps from her casement window, either literally or figuratively, with just as enticing a glance; her smiles are no less alluring; her signs create fully as much havoc.

Perhaps she no longer pins bay leaves to her pillow to tempt fate, or makes a pretense of drawing her lot from a bundle of names written upon slips of material paper—all that was but form at best. The Sprite of the Valentine knew well who was her fate without such expedients. And she knows it now.

The eyes of common mortals might be blinded, but her bright eyes looked clearly into the future and saw there the chained captive who reveled in his chains. She read some tender verse and smiled at its innocence—she who was all innocence herself, yet gifted with that prescient sense of prophecy, or foreknowledge, against which the clumsy reason of mortal swain was as helpless as the wiles of an infant. She smiled and no mystic rite could be more potent. She gave one glance from beneath the witching fringe of her long lashes, and no other sorcery was needed. The same is true today.

Good St. Valentine was a martyr, they tell us, and some can see no propriety in naming this lovers' day for him; but to my mind the fitness is most striking. How many a tortured heart has gone to its martyrdom at the eventide of this day! Even escaping that, how many a soul has been placed upon the rack by the coquetry of some maiden sweet at this same crucial time! For the Valentine Sprite is true to her sex, in spite of the traditions that hem her in and fix her place as some meek captive awaiting the decree that shall send her rejoicing into whatever arms are stretched out to receive her.

Be not deceived. She has decided upon the arms long before, and they are held forth at her will. She may have spoken no word save of the coyest, but she has willed. Ah, how deluded are they who cast a pitying eye

upon woman for her lack of the power to choose and to plead! Know ye not, my lords of creation, that by far the most frequently ye are the chosen and not the choosers? If she wills you to come you come. If she wills you to speak you speak, and more than that, she has the added power to send you away empty if so her caprice decides.

This in the common life of every day. What, then, might be expected in the mystic time when love rules all? At least, Valentine Sprite holds royal sway. If she wills your missive flies to her. If she wills she even binds a snowy message to the wings of Mercury and bids him speed with it to her chosen valentine, for who shall say her nay? The Valentine Sprite mistakes not—whom she chooses him she holds.

Heretofore, my brothers, I have warned you, though the warnings were vain, but against this enchantress I cannot bid you steel yourself, for the soft witchery of her innocent smile has sealed my lips, and I know not whether this maiden with the childish grace and the woman's wiles be most a blessing or a snare to you. I can only tell you this—your struggles against her will amount to naught but your own complete captivity, for with each plunge you sink deeper the arrow that has pierced you.

This much of the mystery, however, I can reveal to you: Mortal maid is the Valentine Sprite until that fateful morning when the little winged god flies from chamber to chamber and touches sleeping eyes with the feather end of his arrow, then speeds him on his way before the white lids unclosed in wonder and the sweet glances go forth with the wisdom that Cupid alone can give and each one is touched with the power of his arrow point. Mortal maid she is not from that hour until the going down of the sun, and man is utterly helpless against the subtle witchery of this mystic, love-created being who beckons him into Elysium.

And you, O youth, who scoff at the time-honored privilege of sending to some lady fair upon this day of days a plea from your heart, hidden and shrouded within some dainty, perfumed nest of beauty, or who turn with a

put it away with tender reverence, for the spirits of those olden rites are not to be flippantly consigned to oblivion. On every hand the Valentine Sprite uprises, an avenger for any slight, however small, which is offered to her patron saint.

In the midst of your scoffing you hear a whisper at your heart. You blush and sigh and frown, but you listen, and you feel the pressing of the arrow point.

"Love, love, be wholly mine;  
Come and be my valentine!"  
How did the music of it get into your brain? From that time forth you sigh and serve. But this is vengeance that the Valentine Sprite exacts. In the end you are left wailing in the solitude of your twentieth-century super-eroticity:

"Love, love, be wholly mine;  
Come and be my valentine!"  
But it may not be.

While for you, spirit of many love, with the reverence of tradition in your heart and the loyal longing in your soul, there is a kinder fate. The Valentine Sprite, with her dower of mystic wisdom, shall not beckon you but to taunt. In the far distance of the future years that bind you to her I hear the echo of a tender strain:

"Love, love, so wholly mine,  
I am still thy valentine!"



O poor Mr. Postman, you never will know  
What fine things you're carrying there!  
What dear little doves, just as white as the snow,  
What roses so blushing and fair,  
What nice little Cupid's, so smiling and fat,  
What sweet little verses, all rhyming so pat.  
O poor Mr. Postman, I'm sorry for you!  
'Tis a very hard lot, I must say,  
To carry such lovely things hidden from view,  
Nor get merry peep inside them all day;  
And when merry St. Valentine's ended and done,  
To have given them all away, every one!  
E. H. THOMAS.

## A NEW KIND.

'Twas just the nicest valentine  
That came to me today;  
A pretty box, and on the top  
A little letter lay,  
Which said:  
'I know a little maid,  
She isn't far to seek;  
No dainty wild rose petal  
Is pinker than her cheek;  
There is no shining hazel nut  
That's browner than her eye.  
Just look within the box, my dear,  
'This little maid you'll spy.'  
Of course I was in haste to see  
So fair and sweet a lass.  
I raised the lid, within I found—  
A tiny looking-glass!  
—Helen S. Perkins.



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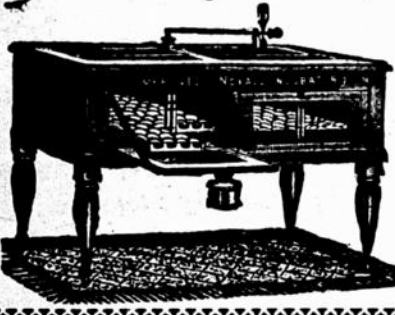
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- 30 pieces of 36-inch Percales, 10c values, for. **7c**
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- Silkoline**—30 piece of 36-inch Silkoline, the regular 12 1/2c grade, per yard. **8c**
- 40 pieces of figured Cretonne, yard. **7c**
- Hosiery**—We offer 50 dozen Boys' and girls' homemade Stockings in heavy ribbed wool or cotton, 25c values, pair. **15c**
- Mittens**—50 dozen Ladies' and children's double yarn mittens, worth 25c for, per pair. **15c**
- Men's fleece line gloves and mittens, worth 40c, per pair. **21c**
- Ladies' Underwear**—We will sell in the basement a line of 35c fleeced Underwear for ladies, per garment. **21c**
- Men's Underwear**—We sell in the basement Monday, a line of 50c men's fleeced Underwear—per garment. **29c**
- 40c ladies' wool fashinators for. **25c**
- \$1.00 and \$1.50 ladies' feather boas for. **50c**
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**DAVENPORT.**  
Miss H. V. Davis and Mr. Young is in our city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Corbin of West Tenth street.  
The Third Baptist church is having a week of prayer this week, starting their revival meeting.  
Mrs. William Taylor, Jr., of South Rock Island, who has been very sick, is up and around again.  
The Rev. Charles H. Smith is still in the hospital in Rock Island.  
J. H. Stewart and J. T. Mabry were visitors in Rock Island Sunday afternoon, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Jr.  
Miss H. V. Davis and Mr. Young appeared at the Second Baptist church in Rock Island February 5-6. Those who went over from here were Miss Mamie Taylor, J. F. Stewart and J. F. Mabry.  
Those who have not paid their subscription please have it ready, as the agent will be around between the 10th and 20th, so don't disappoint him when he comes.  
The Davenport Light Guard band has their bills out announcing a grand masquerade ball at their hall, Second and Brady, February 12th.  
Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota would do the people of this great country quite a favor by resigning his seat in the senate, and we would suggest that Senator Morgan of Alabama would do the same.

**SIOUX CITY.**  
Rev. T. A. Clark is visiting his family at Des Moines.  
The church was packed to the door last Sunday evening to listen to the musical which was given by the choir. The choir expects to give us a grand treat the first Sunday in March.  
An entertainment was given for the benefit of the pastor on Monday evening and a snug little sum was realized.  
Mrs. T. H. Sturges was removed from the hospital last Friday to her home and is still quite sick.  
Mrs. Dan Whiddon is on the sick list this week.  
The dance given by the H. P. club was well attended.  
Mr. E. Smith has returned from Yankton. He says he is in love with Sioux City.  
Mr. R. A. Earley of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, is in the city. He expects to locate here.  
Mrs. E. A. Comley, who was taken to the hospital two weeks ago, is getting along nicely.  
About four inches of snow fell Monday. It was very light and feathery and some who were so anxious for a sleigh ride got out their cutters and—well, it was a kind of a hard, rough ride on the ground.  
The sewing society meets with Mrs. Jas. Washington on Thursday afternoon.  
Mr. Manz. Askew will lead the young men's meeting next Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Washington will read the scripture lesson.  
The entertainment to be given on the 27th will be at the First M. E. church.

**IOWA CITY BRIEFLETS.**  
Walter Martin will leave for Chicago Monday to join the "Coon Hollow Minstrel Co."  
Mrs. H. L. Davis of Cedar Rapids visited Mrs. G. W. Mason last week returning home Thursday.  
Mr. Frank Roundtree of Grinnell is in the city. Dame Rumor says he is here to stay.  
Mrs. Dora Price of Muscatine is visiting her mother, Mrs. George Patterson.  
Miss Etta Davis and Master Frankie Blagburn of Cedar Rapids, who have been guests of the Misses Mason, returned home last Thursday.  
The ladies of the A. M. E. church will give an apron social at the church Friday evening.  
Miss Cora Brown sprained her ankle very severely Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ward have moved from lower Maiden Lane up on the corner of Maiden Lane and Lafayette street.  
The Iowa City friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinney Holbrook send congratulations and best wishes.  
Please hand all news for Bylander to Miss Maggie Mason not later than Monday of each week.

**FRASER.**  
The weather is very pleasant.  
We have lots of sickness in Fraser.  
Mrs. George Lewis is in the hospital, for she has now sick husband, two children and two boarders. One, George Hackney, came out of the bank Saturday with a mashed finger and was compelled to go to the doctor, and several others are sick with a new chicken pox.  
There are quite a few of our people expecting to go to Spring Valley soon.  
The Sunday school is doing fine. They have now a new organ.  
Mrs. Mattie Shelton celebrated her 25th birthday January 27. A large number of guests were present, and a nice time was spent. Mrs. Shelton received many lovely presents from her many friends.  
We have now in our city a new jewelry store (white).  
The First Baptist Sunday school superintendent and officers were all present on the day that was appointed for decision day. Opening by singing "Silently the Shades of Evening." Prayer by Rev. Roey. Addresses were made by G. O. Allen, Richard Payne and Rev. E. Roey. We are glad to say that the superintendent of our Sunday school is making every effort to swell the treasury towards raising money for the benefit of children's day.  
We are happy to know that we have with us Miss Ida Host of Chicago, Ill., who is a great worker of Sunday schools. She is doing all she can to bring the little ones to Christ.

**KEOKUK.**  
Mrs. Martha Vaughn's baby burned last week with gasoline. Her hands and face were burned very bad. It is hoped by her host of friends that she may soon recover.  
Freddie and Ruby Reeves and Rev. T. Reeves are sick with a grippé.  
The ground is covered with snow.  
Quarterly meeting was well attended allday.  
Mrs. Culbertson of Clinton is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rush. Mr. Rush was hurt some time ago by the street cars. He is improving at this writing very fast.  
Mrs. T. Reeves and daughter, Agnes, were pleasantly remembered by their friends with a new dress each.  
Mr. C. Albon has returned home from Nashville, Tenn., where he has been visiting his brothers and sisters. He brought back a good report from our people. He said they are all in business for themselves and are doing well.

**KEOKUK NOTES.**  
Revival meetings have been in progress for several weeks at the Pilgrim West Baptist, and Bethel A. M. E. churches, while there has been only a few additional members, the members in each church have been greatly benefitted spiritually.  
Mr. Thomas Rush, who was injured by a street car dashing into his team, is much improved, but not able to work yet, and a narrow escape from death.  
Mrs. A. Yiser, who has been sick for some time, is not much better.  
Mrs. W. H. Dixon has been confined

to her bed with la grippe two weeks. She is better.  
The Dunbar Literary club met with Mrs. D. W. Anderson, Friday, Jan. 26 at 3 o'clock. The meeting was a very pleasant one, after enjoying a splendid lunch, the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. H. Tebeau the second Friday in February.  
Mrs. Nora Culbertson of Clinton, is in the city, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Rush.  
The teachers board of A. M. E. Sunday school, met Jan. 23 and elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Superintendent, Mr. Charles Alden; assistant superintendent, Mr. A. L. Drain. The present teachers were re-elected.  
Sunday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, Mrs. Martha Vaughn, was dangerously burned by the explosion of some gasoline, in trying to throw out the hydrant, she poured gasoline over it and set on fire, after it had burned down and the water not having started, Mrs. Vaughn stepped up to the hydrant and poured on more gasoline. In an instant there was an explosion and all of her clothing caught on fire. Her daughter, Mrs. F. D. Bland, who was visiting, screamed and ran to her mother, throwing her arms about her. They got into the kitchen where they were met by Mr. Bland. He had heard the screams and saw the blaze from the window and ran out with an overcoat and a piece of carpet. Mrs. Vaughn fell into his arms and her weight bore him to the floor and outside the door where with heroic efforts he extinguished the flames. Mrs. Vaughn was taken into the house, a physician dressed her injuries. Mr. Bland has both hands badly burned. Mrs. Bland's right hand is badly burned.

**ALBIA NOTES.**  
The House Hold of Ruth of this town, will give a social next Saturday evening at the city hall.  
The quarantine has been taken from the home of Rev. W. A. Searcy and it is hoped we will soon have services.  
No work at the mines brought a few of the Hocking people to our town on last Friday.

**LATHROP, MO.**  
Mr. Charles Powell, who has been employed for some time at one of the packing houses, St. Joseph, is at home on a visit this week.  
Married—Tuesday afternoon, at the residence of Mr. Stanford Slaughters, in this city, Mr. Edward Colvin and Miss Emma Treeman. They have the best wishes of the community for happiness and prosperity.  
Rev. Knapper, pastor of the A. M. E. church, conducted a series of meetings at this place last week.  
Rev. M. S. Bryant, presiding elder of the St. Joseph district, held quarterly meeting here Sunday.

**MUCHAKINOCK.**  
H. G. Jones departed Tuesday for Choketon, Mo., and will probably stay three or four months.  
Albert Rhodes is quite sick at this writing.  
Ben Tate was thrown from his cart last week and his shoulder dislocated.  
Joe Tate, Jr., was badly hurt by falling into No. 8 mine last week. He is improving slowly at this time.  
Mrs. Lewis Nolan is expecting some guests from Chicago Saturday.  
W. H. London was in Oskaloosa on business Tuesday.  
M. C. Band will give their "minstrel" in Eddyville in the near future.  
Arthur Wright of Evans is a valuable addition to the M. C. band.  
Miss Mobile Sneed went to Des Moines to live Tuesday.

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**FOR CITY TREASURER.**  
Harry Gross has submitted his name as a candidate for City Treasurer subject to the Primaries. Mr. Gross was born in Illinois in 1871, came to Webster Co. Iowa in 1879, remained there on farm until 12 years ago when he came to Des Moines where he attended School he then worked in the employment of Western Harvester Threshing Co. and for the Layman Storage Co. At present the City License Collector and Aiss't City Treasurer for the past 3 years. He has always been a good republican worker and is well qualified also if nominated and elected will make an excellent city officer.

**AN EDITOR'S LIFE SAVED BY CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.**  
During the early part of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to keep something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. T. EDWARDS, Publisher of the Review, Wyant, Ill. For sale by all Druggists.



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**FOR CITY SOLICITOR.**  
The well known Attorney A. P. Chamberlain has announced his name as a candidate for City Solicitor subject to the republican primaries. Mr. Chamberlain's boyhood life was spent upon an Iowa farm; when he left the farm, for two he carried the hod in summer and chopped cord wood in winter to acquire money to enter college; then taught several terms of school to complete his education. He has practiced law in this city since 1877, and was never known to turn a worthy client away because he was poor. During the time that he was Assistant City Solicitor he won many cases and made friends by his honest dealings with the people; he is a hard worker and one of the industrial republican workers from the east side a good; speaker and will if elected give all an equal chance he is a good friend of the colored race.

**OSKALOOSA NEWS.**  
Beniah Marshall who has been sick for quite awhile is reported as being in a bad condition at this writing.  
Elmer Williams who went to Chicago some time ago on account of poor health, returned home last week much improved.  
Curds announcing the marriage of Miss May Etta Browa to Mr. C. Clay, Feb. 8, 1900.  
Last Wednesday occurred the funeral of Miss Laura Jones who died in Asylum at Mr. Pleasant; she had been there about ten days before her death, the statement of her death has not been made out yet as the Doctors do not know the cause of death.  
There were several converts during the Revivals meeting up at Wesley Chapel. The Revival meetings of the A. M. E. Church will continue this week; Rev. Ford of Washington is in our city helping Rev. Williams carry on his good work.

**BURLINGTON BRIEFLETS.**  
The revival services at St. John's A. M. E. Church seems to be growing in interest, the services on Sunday were the best of all since Miss Mattie Johnson's arrival in our city.  
So far we have seven conversion and they have all joined the church, a great number continue to ask for prayer. The 3 o'clock meetings are increasing each afternoon with the study of the Bible.  
Mrs. Johnson is an earnest worker for the Master. The Choir renders some excellent music each evening under the direction of Mrs. Grace Morris Allen. All the people say God is working wonders in St. John's A. M. E. Church as it has not been for a long time; the people seem to have just seen the error of their ways. Mrs. Mattie Johnson has no exciting features, but wins people by God's word. She presents Christ in his simplicity; the services Monday evening were largely attended with a good praise and song service.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Reed entertained Mrs. Mattie Johnson at dinner Friday evening. A number of friends last Wednesday evening surprised Mr. and Mrs. Simmons with a pound party.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Washington entertained at dinner Sunday Mrs. M. Johnson, Rev. J. W. Smith and Mrs. Anna Gustin. Also Mrs. G. A. Brown entertained Mrs. Mattie Johnson Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mary Emanuel has been very sick for the past week, but at this writing is improving.  
Quarterly meeting at St. John's A.M.E. Church Sunday Feb. 11, P. E. Bundy will be with us and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. Folks.  
Mrs. Henry Cooper, last Saturday evening, fell and received a bruise, but not serious she is just as pleasant as ever notwithstanding her affliction.  
Mrs. Patsy Brooks is confined to her bed with the rheumatism, also Mrs. Jno. Mitchell has been quite sick for several weeks.  
Mrs. P. King's baby has been sick also Mr. Jno. Ivy's baby, but at this writing they are better.

Burlington is in the midst of a great Ice Harvest, it looks as if a very person has an ice house from the way you see the people.  
Mr. T. Wall has been indisposed for several days also his sister, Mrs. Mary Burnett.  
The friends and members keep Mrs. Johnson busy, nearly every person wants to entertain her. She don't get to eat many meals at her stopping place.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen entertained at dinner Monday evening Mrs. M. Johnson.  
Mr. J. Wilson, a highly respected old citizen of Burlington has been indisposed for some time and is still but is trusting the Lord in his affliction. He is one of the founders of the Baptist Church. His wife, Mrs. K. Wilson, is still at St. Joe, Mo., at the bedside of her son, Rufus, who is lying very low with a paretlytic stroke.

**DUBUQUE NEWS.**  
Sunday was Missionary Day, there was a fair attendance present.  
The trustees gave a festival last Tuesday.  
Mr. Jas. Martin has returned from Oskaloosa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mills are residing on the hill.  
The two well known barbers, Mr. J. M. Logan and M. E. Lynch are on the sick list.  
The Misses Eva and Beatrice Martin have returned to our city.  
Mrs. Aaron and daughter were visitors in our city last week.

The entertainment given by the club last week was quite a success considering the severe weather.

**MT. PLEASANT.**  
Misses Lena and Anna Brown of Eldon, Iowa, were in the city a few days, coming here to see their youngest sister who is an inmate at the asylum, while here they were the guests of their cousin, Mr. Clay Reed and family.  
Mrs. Susan Grandison has la grippe.  
Mrs. Wm. Pieron is on the sick list.  
Mrs. J. A. Carter is suffering from rheumatism.  
Master T. McNeil is office boy for Dr. Lessenger.  
Mrs. Winfield of Clinton, Iowa, is in the city stopping at the St. Claire House. She is a missionary and has been holding prayer meetings.  
Quarterly meeting will be held here on the 18, of the month,  
RAY & HARKINS, 1097 Center St. is the best place to buy coal.

# Worthless Stuff!

What a lot of trash is sold as cough cures. The hollow drum makes the loudest noise—the biggest advertisement often covers worthlessness.

Sixty years of cures and such testimony as the following have taught us what Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will do.

"I had a most stubborn cough for many years. It deprived me of sleep and made me lose flesh rapidly. I was treated by many eminent physicians, but could get no permanent relief. I then tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and I began to get better at once. I now sleep well, my old flesh is back, and I enjoy myself in every way at the age of seventy-four."—R. N. MANN, Fall Mills, Tenn., Feb. 7, 1899.

It's the do-as-you-would-be-done-by cough medicine. Try a 25-cent bottle.

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DON'T DELAY  
TAKE  
**KEMP'S BALSAM**  
THE BEST COUGH CURE

Cure Colds, Coughs, Sore Throat, Croup, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Asthma. A certain cure for Consumption in its early stages, and a sure relief in advanced stages. Use at once. You will see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Sold by dealers everywhere. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

**WANTED** Agents for a wonderful remedy for the itching, scaly, black & crusty, Oyster Bumps, etc.

**PARALYSIS** Locomotor Ataxia conquered at last. Locomotor Ataxia, a specialist cured at recovery of patients thought incurable, by DR. OHASE'S BLOOD AND NERVE FOOD. Write me about your case. Advice and proof of cures FREE. DR. OHASE, 224 N. 10th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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**FREE** Do you know THE ECLIPSE DYE WORKS, Des Moines, Ia.? No? Well, to get acquainted, we will fill you with notice receive an order from any locality outside Des Moines, for cleaning by our dry process and for coloring in our fast liquid (without ripping) and do the work free of charge. No order must exceed three suits, dresses, overcoats or equivalents. We ask you in return to hand out copies of our cards. Send in your goods (by express and prepaid). Don't stop to write; we are very busy. Can clean or dye anything.

**WORK & WORRY**

**WASHED AWAY BY THE STERLING DUPLEX WASHING MACHINE.**

The double "washboard" rubbers, runs easiest, lasts longest, does faultless work. Most practical clothes washer made. Don't drug. Use modern methods. If it's not at your dealer's write us. THE EUREKA CO., Dept. R., Rock Falls, Ill.

**A Good Meal Cannot be Cooked with a Poor Range.**

**THE RIVERSIDE RANGE**

Is guaranteed to give good results. It saves money in time, in repairs, in fuel. Ask your dealer to show it, and take no other. Made in all sizes for all fuels. Your name on a postal will bring you a souvenir worth while.

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## WESTERN CANADA.

Crop Prospects and Climate About Edmonton, N. W. T.—Interesting Letter from Mrs. S. A. Brigham, Late of Mason City.

The following extracts from an interesting letter to the Mason City (Ia.) Republican, written by Mrs. S. A. Brigham, late of that place, but now of Ross Creek, Alberta, Canada, so nearly describe most of the districts of Western Canada that we take pleasure in presenting same to the attention of our readers:

Ross Creek, Albert, N. W. T., Canada, Aug. 7, 1899.

Editor Mason City Republican—Dear Sir: We are located in the Beaver Hills, 30 miles from Ft. Saskatchewan and 50 miles from Edmonton. To the east of these is an immense area of bottom lands, which furnishes abundance of hay for the settlers. It is dotted with small lakes, the largest of which is called Beaver Lake, 16 miles in length.

The Beaver Hills are covered with small green willows which are easily gotten rid of before breaking up the land. Here and there poplar, birch and tamarack trees abound. Small meadows are numerous. The soil in these hills is much richer than the bottom lands, being a kind of black loam mould. There is no tough sod to break, and it is very productive. Wheat, oats and barley do finely and vegetables are the finest that can be grown. Potatoes especially are large and solid, easily producing from 200 to 300 bushels per acre, and best of all never a "lady bug" to wrestle with. Wild fruit, strawberries, gooseberries, saskatoons (or pine berries), raspberries and cranberries, are found in the hills. Small tame fruit does finely, the red and white currants in my garden are as large again as common sized ones.

We have long days during the months of June and July; one can see to read many evenings until 10 o'clock in the twilight. Some nights less than 3 hours of darkness, and the birds are singing all day. You look toward the west and see a little cloud coming up, a gentle shower follows, the sun shines forth again, and in a little while you forget it has rained.

Cyclones are unknown here and the thunder and lightning is very light. We had two storms this summer accompanied with wind and hail, but nothing to lodge the grain. The average heat is about 78 degrees. We had three or four days in July at 90. The nights are always cool.

The winter season is one of great activity. All the fencing is gotten out then and logs for the farm buildings. By paying 25 cents you are granted a permit at the land office to cut logs upon vacant lands. The roads are good and smooth, for the snow never drifts, not even around the buildings, and this is a great saving of time to the farmer. Hay is hauled from the bottom lands all winter long, and a man can work outside every day as far as the weather is concerned. There are cold snaps when it reaches 40 and 48 below zero, but the lack of wind prevents one realizing it and the mountains 150 miles west of us are a great protection. Our neighbors are mostly Canadian, Scotch, Swede, and we have a nice sprinkling of people from the states. The creeks abound in small fish.

We are now in the midst of haying (Aug. 7). Wheat will not be cut until early September, this being a little later season than common, but the crop will be immense. I send you a sample of wheat and barley—its height is almost even with my shoulders, average 50 inches. New comers lacking binders can hire their grain cut for 75 cents per acre. Prairie chickens are here by the thousands.

The water is good. We have a fine well 15 feet deep. In the creeks the water is soft and of a yellowish color. Now for the drawbacks (we have them), but nothing very serious. The mosquitoes are simply abominable, especially after a shower. Then again we are surrounded with bachelors; we have no less than 18 single men in this neighborhood, on matrimony bent. When a feminine gender of any age between 14 and 40 visits these hills we pity her, so great is the demand for her company.

In conclusion, if the remainder of our loved ones were here with us, we should better enjoy life on Ross Creek, and unless the unexpected develops, consider this will be a pretty fair place to end our days.

**MRS. S. A. BRIGHAM.**

Forty thousand mayors of towns in France sat down to dinner on August 18, 1899, in the Palace de l'Industrie, Paris. There were three relays of thirteen thousand guests each.

**\$25 A WEEK TO AGENTS** Selling our new GAS LAMP. A Gas Lamp. Brighter than electricity or kerosene city gas. Cheaper than kerosene. 100 candle light, cost a day. Polished brass. Fully guaranteed. Retail \$5.00. Big money maker. Live agents wanted everywhere. Standard Gas Lamp Co., 110 Michigan St., Chicago.

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Cooking utensils made of aluminum are favored by the officers of the French army. They stand the wear and tear of camp use better than those formed of tin.

## GREAT BRITAIN INDIGNANT.

Incompetency of the Cabinet Causes Amusement.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The indignation, humiliation and amazement of the nation at the incompetency displayed by its ministers has arisen to heights probably never before attained. While the empire is engaged in the most serious struggle to which it has been committed since the first years of the nineteenth century, while statesmen and legislatures of self-governing colonies faithfully represent the imperial spirit of their constituents, while Britons of all ranks have arisen to the occasion with courage and unanimity unsurpassed in their annals, statesmen at home have committed themselves to party maneuvers, mutual recriminations, contradictions, shuffling evasions and palpably lame excuses, so utterly heedless of the temper of the people, that a movement in favor of a reconstruction of the cabinet, first inaugurated a few weeks ago, promises, unless a more vigorous policy is speedily adopted, to develop into a national uprising which will sweep out the politicians whose utter failure almost appears to justify, in the words of the Daily Mail, "prophecy of the downfall of the British empire so liberally poured forth by writers and speakers in the United States and on the continent." Even the Times, that bulwark of conservatism, declares the chatter in the house of commons during the past few days is simply irritating and offensive to nine out of ten persons in the United Kingdom. Consequently it is not astonishing that people are looking for some strong man to lead them. Lord Roseberry's name is most prominent. His pitiless lashing of Salisbury on the day parliament reassembled marks him, in the opinion of many, as the right man to face the present imperial crisis.

## CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY.

Amended So As to Permit Construction of Nicaragua Canal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The United States and Great Britain, it has been definitely learned, have reached an amicable agreement respecting the operation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty as affecting the right of construction and control by the United States of the proposed Nicaragua canal. The result marks the termination of the conference between the officials of the state department and Lord Pauncefote of fully a year's duration, during which a number of meetings were held and the subject fully discussed by the representatives of the governments interested. Great Britain agrees to a modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty by which she practically relinquishes any claims respecting a legal control of the Nicaragua canal after it shall have been constructed. The result thereof is to eliminate that feature of the treaty bearing upon the subject of dual control and to leave the United States free to construct and thereafter control this great inter-oceanic waterway. From the same authoritative quarter it is ascertained that England has made no demands for a quid pro quo for her abandonment of whatever rights she may have had under the treaty and which she now promises to relinquish.

## GOEBEL IS DEAD.

Beckham Sworn in as Governor Immediately After His Death.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 4.—The bullet fired by an unknown assassin last Tuesday morning ended the life of William Goebel at 6:45 last evening. The only persons present at his death were Mr. Goebel's sister, Mrs. Braunacker, and his brother, Arthur Goebel, who have been in constant attendance at Mr. Goebel's bedside, and Dr. McCormick. Justin Goebel, who has been hurrying from Arizona as fast as steam would carry him, in a vain hope of reaching his dying brother in time for some token of recognition, arrived forty minutes too late. The patient was conscious a short time before his death, which was painless.

Immediately after his death Lieutenant Governor Beckham took the oath as governor. As acting governor he had already issued an order removing Adjutant General Collier and Assistant Dixon from office, and instructing the troops to return to their respective posts.

## HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE.

Boers Evidently Pressing Attack on Ladysmith.

MODDESPRUIT, Feb. 7.—Messages from Ladysmith dated Monday say continuous cannonading has been proceeding since 5 o'clock in the morning, with the occasional roar of a "Long Tom." The firing, it is added, continues.

## British Ambassador Leaves Paris.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—It is officially announced here that Sir Edmund J. Monson, the British ambassador to France, left France for the south on leave of absence. The announcement is generally regarded as important. Coming on top of the known anti-British feeling in France it is thought the departure of the ambassador from his post at the present juncture indicates more than appears on the surface, or than is contained in the official explanation.

## Taylor Appeals to McKinley.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—McKinley received a long message from Governor Taylor of Kentucky in which he recites the situation, declares he is the legal governor, asserts that the condition of affairs is most critical, etc. He says a riot may occur at any time and expresses doubt of his power to control the situation and appeals to president to end the matter and secure peace in the state by recognizing him as governor. The appeal is very earnest and the aid of the administration is urgently requested.

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Mr. Isaac Brock, born in Buncombe Co., North Carolina, March 1, 1788. Says: "I attribute my extreme old age to the use of Peruna."

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Isaac Brock, a citizen of McLennan county, Texas, has lived 111 years. He now lives with his son-in-law at Valley Mills, Texas.

In speaking of his good health and extreme old age, Mr. Brock says: "After a man has lived in the world as long as I have, he ought to have found out a great many things by experience."

"One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the proper remedy for ailments that are due directly to the effects of the climate."

"During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds, catarrh and diarrhoea. I had always supposed these affections to be different diseases, but in reading Dr. Hartman's books I have found out that these affections are the same and that they are properly called catarrh."

"I had several long sieges with the grippe. At first I did not know that Per-na was a remedy for this disease. When I heard that la grippe was epidemic catarrh, I tried Per-na for la grippe and found it to be just the thing."

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Per-na, I have found it to be the best, if not the only, reliable remedy for these affections." It has been my standby for many years, and I attribute my good health and extreme old age to this remedy.

Very truly yours,  
*Isaac Brock*

For a free book on catarrh, address The Per-na Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

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RACE ECHOES.

The South has spent \$10,000,000 in public education for Negroes.— Ex.

Alfred White, a caterer and confectioner, of St. Louis Mo., has made \$75,000 at his business.

Attorney W. G. Anderson accompanied Booker T. Washington on his Western trip and acted a his secretary.

Preston Howard has discovered a rich bed of iron on his farm in Barrer county, Kentucky, and will no doubt strike it rich and grow wealthy.

Alderman Smith Robertson, colored, of Jackson, Miss., died a day or two ago, and the white mayor and aldermen acted as pallbearers. It is a tribute never before paid to a Negro there.

It is rumored that the Pullman Company will after July 1, discharge all employes who weigh over 180 pounds. The officials claim that a large number have grown fat and lazy in the service.

Out of 7,994 cases tried in the courts of Kansas City during 1899, 2,272 were cases against Negroes, a little less than one-third of all cases tried, while the Negro population is but one tenth of the city, a population.

In the state of Maryland there are 5,000 Afro-Americans engaged in the mercantile business on their accounts. Many are successful farmers in the various counties of the state—some are engaged in blacksmithing, as wheelights, carpenters, etc.

The Rev. Jno. Albert Johnson D. D. pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, Washington, D. C., will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ministerial career at his church, Febuary 1st. Elaborate preparations are being made for the event.

Only 107 persons were lynched in America last year, which is 20 per cent less than year before, and the smallest number in any one year since 1884. Of the 107 lynchings, 103 took place in the South and four in the North; of these lynchings, were in four southern states as follows; Georgia 68, Mississippi 14, Louisiana 13 Arkansas 11.

An agricultural colony is now being formed by two young men, who realizing that the future of the race lies in agricultural lines, have purchased a tract of land in New Jersey, 16 miles from Camden, for the purpose. It is proposed to make especially of poultry, fruit and vegetables, for market and each lot owner, of whom there are not to be more than twelve owing a lot 40x100 is participate in the profits of the enterprise.

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SEND ONE DOLLAR GUARANTEED 10 YEARS. Cut this ad. out and send to us and we will send you the best...

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To James J. Kelley: You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of December, 1896, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot one hundred twenty-four (124) in block twelve (12) of Grant Park, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1896 to E. R. Bennett; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof. GEO. HARNAGEL.

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To Thos. Rishton: You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of December, 1896, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot 41 in Charter Oak Addition, being included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1896 to E. R. Bennett; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof. GEO. HARNAGEL.

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To Emma T. Reed: You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1896, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot seventeen (17) in block twelve (12) in C. S. York Addition, being included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1896 to E. R. Bennett; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof. GEO. HARNAGEL.

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To W. M. Crowley: You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1896, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot three (3) in Mann's Fifth addition to Des Moines, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1896 to H. C. Lindsey; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof. GEO. HARNAGEL.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Mrs. H. J. Martin was a hostess at a brilliant reception, Wednesday evening, Jan. 31, at her home on Tenth street, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin, who were married on the 30th, at Bedford, Iowa. Quite a number were invited to meet the newly married couple who arrived about 9:30 p. m. Few regrets, if any, were received and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Lunch was served by several young ladies. After which all left for home, leaving their best wishes for the bride and groom, being assured that the hostess was well informed as to entertainment of her guests. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are at home to their friends at 1000 Tenth street.

Last Sunday was quarterly meeting.

The services were well attended. H. C. Bundy was present and assisted Rev. Bass in administering the holy sacrament, also preaching two excellent sermons, morning and evening. The revival meetings are still in progress at the A. M. E. church. We hope much good may be accomplished. Rev. Eddy arrived in our city, Wednesday evening, Jan. 31, returning over after quarterly meeting. He was of much assistance during the meetings through the week. The next day will soon be on hand. Be prepared to receive one of your friends. Do not get angry at it. Fred Martin returned to Mason City last week, after a week's visit with his parents. Miss Lulu Wadkins is confined to her

path of a host of friends, wishing that bed now. She certainly has the sympathy health may be restored. Everyone seems to be suffering with a cold.

We do not know where the last meeting of the Industrial circle was held, as we were not informed.

CITY POLITICS.

As the city campaign has lined up until now it is the main topic of local interest. Various candidates are pleading, working, urging, promising and insisting why they should receive your support. It is sometimes really amusing to see how they act and how good they appear to the colored man. Some will arm him and will speak and shake hands, who only a few weeks ago knew him not. Some will ask how are you getting along how are the folks. Some will say how is your man Blagburn coming out and will perhaps on election vote against him, then other candidates will try and study in the by-gone past, they have done in the by-gone past. And then there are others so anxious to receive the colored vote, will promise to give them places that they don't mean, of course they are not exactly lying. We can only say this ought not to be done. Our politics ought to and must be elevated and purified for its safe perpetuity and commendation among the better class. For our municipal politics are almost so low that good, worthy citizens will not enter or permit their names to be used for any office. While if men would be honest, sincere and pure, in politics as in commercial or other business, there would be no trouble about good government and having good officers. Let our candidates rest upon his merits and not use unfair methods or misrepresentations, but be honest and fair elevating politics to the much needed, higher plane.

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To M. L. Weaver: You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of December, 1896, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot fifty-three (53) of Gray's subdivision of lot 61 of Brooks & Co's. addition, being included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1896 to E. J. Boynton, Agent; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof. GEO. HARNAGEL.

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To Jno. Bauer: You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of December, 1896, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot one hundred thirty-one (131) of Gray's subdivision of lot 10 and part of lot 32 of Brooks & Co's. Addition, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax of the year 1896 to E. J. Boynton, Agent; that the undersigned is now the legal owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for the land will be made unless redemption is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof. GEO. HARNAGEL.

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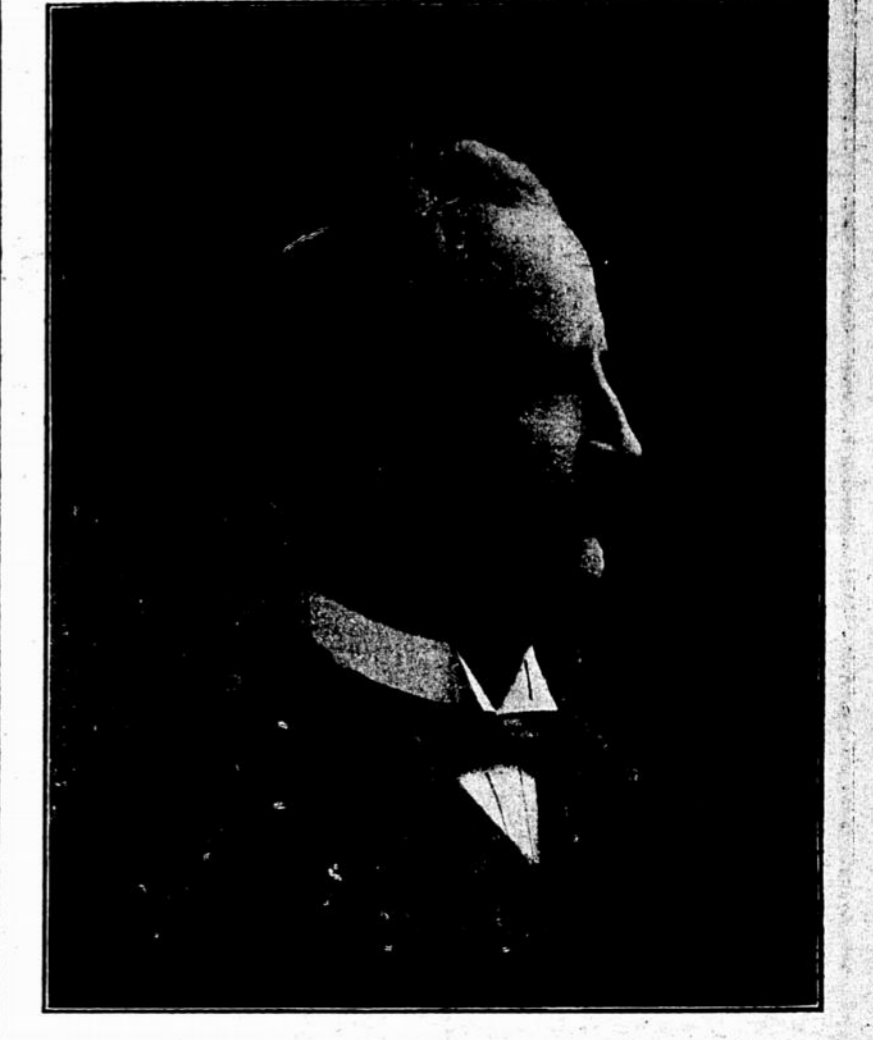
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