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CITY NEWS

Rev. Walker of Marshalltown spent Sunday in our city.

H. R. WRIGHT, Attorney at Law room No. 212 Iowa Loan & Trust Bldg.

Miss Hannah Lewis expects to spend several months in Denver, Col., this year.

J. H. Nixon, Jeweler, No. 313 West Third street, tunes pianos and repairs organs.

Attorney S. Joe Brown of Albia is in our city this week, assisting J. B. Bush with some cases in court.

Miss Nora McKee of Adel is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Russ 123 East Grand avenue, this week.

Mr. Tracy Blagburn left this week for Kansas City, Mo., to visit a few days with his family.

Geo. Gater left last week for Missouri where he will visit before going to Colorado.

H. W. Hughes, the mail carrier, has had his route changed to University place.

Miss Ore Brown left last week to visit her parents at home in Iowa City she is an exemplary young lady.

Don't forget to give me a call Equal Rights Barber Shop and Bath Rooms, 330 West Third street. Bath rooms open until 12 on Sundays. CHAS. J. ROY, Prop.

Rev. Horace Graves will speak Sunday, subject "I was Happy till I Met You", or why are there so many Unhappy Homes." Special music by the choir.

The Misses Beasie and Annie Coleman of Boone was the guest of Mrs. H. W. Hughes last Saturday, they were enroute to Indianapolis for a few weeks visit.

Miss Storm Sheffy was taken sick in Muscatine is some better, she has been brought to the home of her cousin, Hon. Geo. H. Woodson of Muchaknock.

Last Sunday was Miss Mable Hall's 18th birthday. She did not receive so many presents, but those she did receive were from her best friend, hence they were highly appreciated.

There will be given next Friday evening an entertainment at the A. M. E. church, by the Silver Star club. A good program will be rendered.

Rev. Jno. W. Malone will hold his third quarterly meeting here next Sunday the 13th, no doubt this will be the grandest day of all his visits in Des Moines.

Chas. West, who spent several weeks visiting friends and relatives at Lawrence, Kansas, returned to the city last week.

Miss Grace Simpson, one of Kansas City's fair damels, spent the major portion of this week in our city, being the guest of J. H. Rogers.

Don't fail to hear Mason & Downs' Orpheus Jubilee Singers Tuesday evening, April 8, at the Y. M. C. E. Auditorium. Get your seats reserved before Tuesday and avoid the rush.

Tuesday afternoon at the A. M. E. parsonage, during the informal, Mrs. Adam Dixon entertained Miss Kittie Jones of Muchaknock and Miss Beatrice Terrell of Colfax. The ladies were well received.

HOMESEEKERS VIA WABASH. March 4th and 18th, April 1st, May 6th and 20th, the Wabash sell Homeseekers tickets to 33 states and territories at the low rate of one plus \$3.00 for the round trip, one looking for a home, or wishing to make a pleasure trip aboard S. W. Flint, P. & T. A. Wabash, Des Moines, Iowa.

Miss Mary Montague one of our well educated and most highly respected self supporting young ladies, has purchased a nice lot on Grand Avenue near 37th street. The lot alone cost 1800 dollars, she paid for it in cash notwithstanding Miss Mary owns a beautiful home on Day street, she is a type of what a young girl can save up by economy and industry, she has made all of this herself.

The famous Mason and Downs' Orpheus Jubilee Singers, will sing at the Y. M. C. E. auditorium, Tuesday evening April 8th., for the benefit of the A. M. E. church. They have until recently been with the Original Fisk Jubilee Singers, organized at Nashville, Tenn. Oct. 6 1871. Tickets 50 cents for reserved seats at Shialar and company 510 Walnut street.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS' UNION.

Ministers and Deacons' Union of the Western District of Iowa met with the Baptist church of Saylor last Thursday. The session continuing through Saturday. The meeting was well attended. The union is trying to increase the interest in Missions and to assist needy churches. The following programme was carried out: Introductory sermon, Rev. T. L. Griffith, discussion of topic Divine Revelation; sermon on Friday night Rev. J. O. B. Winbush; Apostasy led by Rev. W. D. Simms; The Holy Spirit, Rev. D. Phelps, Sermon Saturday night, by Rev. W. T. Nickerson. The total collected from all sources during the session was \$16.44, under the leadership of President Nickerson the union hopes to do great things, the people of Saylor under the direction of their ex-pastor Rev. Bates did all in their power to make delegates comfortable. These present were, Rev. Nickerson, S. Bates, D. Phelps, D. Simms, E. Roey, T. L. Griffith, D. Tate, Jas. Beeves, O. Winbush, J. H. Patterson, O. Walker, Lincolneale, W. Elliston. The deacon who reported to the roll call either in person or by proxy were Messrs C. Gilmore, Thos. Cobbs H. T. Randolph, W. Crawford, A. Carter, Jas. Bryant, A. Corbett, R. Webster and J. W. Redd. Quarterly mission dues were received from the following churches for the association, Hiteman Okaloosa, Saylor, Marshalltown. The union held no Sunday services but the ministers occupied pulpits as follows; 11:00 A. M. Rev. W. D. Simms, Saylor, and 8:00 P. M. Rev. Phelps, Rev. W. D. Simms, Maple Street Des Moines, Rev. W. Nickerson Corinthia church.

EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S A. M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday was a great day for the St. Paul A. M. E. church, with the sole exception of the day, the church was dedicated, no day has ever been so grand about the church. Although the day was stormy yet the church was crowded all day and at 7:30 every available space was occupied. The vested choir which will sing every Sunday morning marched up the aisle as the organ softly sounded Holy, Holy, Holy at 10:35 the unequal and novel sight of twelve boys dressed in pure white robes, singing in a Methodist church naturally had about it some curiosity, but this was soon dispelled by the solemnity of the scene as the boys began singing typical Methodist hymns. Superintendent Mr. Shepard with his committee had a fine programme for the Sunday School which was rendered to the delight of all. At four o'clock the Sir Knights came marching in and greeted throngs of people who watched every movement and command of those elegantly dressed men with feathers and plums in their hats, but the people were at their best at 7:30 P. M. when Mayor Hartenbower came in and occupied a seat on the platform. The large choir of Prof. Holt's sang as they have never sang before. In the address by the Mayor, said he must confer that he never saw such a congregation of colored people in a church.

DR. A. G. EDWARDS, Physician and Surgeon.

IOWA PHONE 1081 MUTUAL PHONE 460 (Over) Miles' Drug Store

OFFICE HOURS: 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 9 p. m.

Over 764 West Ninth Street.

New Giant Peanut. There are reports of a wonderful new kind of peanut, called the "Japanese White Mammoth," grown in Matagorda County, Texas. It is of giant size, and is said to yield 87 barrels to the acre.

Brenton Wins Victory.

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Republicans Victorious.

Republicanism Once More Reign in the Capital City.

At our city election on last Monday the republican voters raised their voice and in a mighty chorus returned the grand old party into full power, leaving not even one democrat or citizen candidate high or low. It was a sweeping victory for the grand old party. Our gallant and courageous standard bearer James Brenton, lend the van and every city officers and all the aldermen in the seven wards were carried through. This will no doubt be an experience and a good lesson for those dissatisfied republicans who are always willing and ready to render aid to the opposition. Let us settle our own difficulties in our own party, but don't be so little and narrow as to take part in our republican primaries and convention, then because you did not perhaps get your own man or succeed yourself, then leave the party on election day. It is honest good strong principal men that the party needs. While we have no criticism for the present administration, but rather praise for it, but it will appear more in keeping the spirit of our republican city and state to have a republican administration with republican office holders. Again we congratulate the republican voters and wish the new mayor a successful administration.

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Rev. Nickerson spent Easter Sunday in Saylor being a delegate to the Ministers and Deacons Union.

Easter exercises at the A. M. E. church Sunday was very largely attended, the programme being of unusual interest.

Mr. Fred Wright who has been quite sick in Des Moines is convalescent. Mrs. K. J. Wright spent a few days in Des Moines last week the guest of her sons Lawyer H. K. and Mr. F. Wright.

SHE DID NOT RECLAIM THE COIN.

Though Given the Opportunity, Mrs. Stanford Did Not Repeat.

Those who "pass the plate" regard country churches are not often regarded with the glitter of gold among the contributors. It is related that about ten years ago Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford were traveling through the middle west incognito. They happened to be in Bloomington, Ind., one Sunday, and pursuant to their usual custom went to church. They attended the Christian church of Bloomington, then largely in the hands of Amel Atwater.

When the plate was passed for the collection Mrs. Stanford dropped in a \$10 gold piece. Mr. Atwater was the deacon in charge of the collection-taking. It was noticed that the ushers held a hurried conference with them before the money was taken forward.

"Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Atwater said: "Ladies and gentlemen, some one has evidently been a mistake. Some one has dropped a \$10 gold piece into the collection. If he will pass up after the services we will be glad to allow him to exchange it for the amount he intended to give." It is, of course, needless to say that Mrs. Stanford did not take advantage of the opportunity.

Telling the Bees.

The curious custom of "telling the bees" is observed in some parts of nearly every country in the world. Those who observe the custom always go to the beehives and tap gently on each one, then stoop and whisper under the cap or lid that Mary, Jane, Thomas or William is dead. This is done to keep the little honey makers from forsaking their place of abode should they have to wait and find out the news of the calamity themselves. The custom is alluded to in Whittier's poem "Telling the Bees."

Magnetic Sand Bar in Norway.

The fiction of the mysterious lode-stone mountain which drew the nails out of ships that approached near enough has a certain foundation in fact, says a French paper, only the fact has suffered expansion. On the coast of Norway, near Joedern, there is a sand dune of nearly three-quarters of a mile in length. The sand is mixed with particles of lode-stone, and when a ship comes in the vicinity the compass becomes irregular and the vessel is entangled in a kind of whirlpool and thrown ashore.

THOUGHT HE COULD HIT A BANDIT

But His Target in This Case Was Too Small.

James Preston, whose magazine illustrations are well known, will leave Philadelphia next week on a southern tour, which will include a prospecting trip into one of the wilder sections of Mexico. Pack mules will be used to carry the supplies and the point to be reached is a twelve days' journey from the City of Mexico, where the expedition will be fitted out.

Mr. Preston was outlining his plans to several friends the other day, when one of them suggested bandits and asked the artist if he was a good shot.

"Well, I'll give you an illustration of my prowess with the revolver," drawled Mr. Preston. "Several years ago I was gathering material out in Arizona and one day I encountered a rabbit. We came face to face at a distance of about six feet, and the rabbit set up on its hind legs, seemingly perturbed with fright. I pulled my revolver, aimed steadily and fired six times in rapid succession. The rabbit never budged. It was too much scared to run away.

"I reloaded my trusty weapon and crept closer. Then I blazed away again until I had once more emptied all the chambers. There sat the rabbit, unharmed by my fusillade. Just then an Indian came along with a crowbar and the rabbit darted down a hole. The Indian began thumping the earth and after awhile he reached his arm down the hole and pulled the rabbit out by the ears. With a quick motion he twisted its neck and gravely handed it to me.

"But still that was a rabbit," concluded Mr. Preston, according to the Philadelphia Press. "A bandit is bigger than a rabbit."

Minnesota Forest Preservation.

The hopes of Minnesota champions of forest preservation have been somewhat dashed by recent developments in connection with the Chippewa Indian reservation. It was proposed at first to save the whole tract of ancient pine lands for scientific care as a national forest. The wishes of lumbermen, some pressure from other quarters to open the lands for settlement, and the willingness of Minnesota representatives to please both classes, have led to a considerable modification of the original plan. The segregation of forest lands is to be limited, according to present proposals, to 235,000 acres, and these are not to be turned over to the department of agriculture until the pine timber, or all but five per cent of it, has been removed. New York Evening Post.

MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Young, who have been in the city for the past five months, left for Jefferson, where Mr. Young will engage in business again. We regret very much indeed to lose them as they stay in our city has been pleasant one.

WHALE APPEARED ON SCHEDULE.

It Appeared Just When the Captain Had Predicted.

"We had a fussy old lady with us one voyage," remarked the captain of the coastwise steamer, as some of the many passengers bound for the New Orleans Mardi Gras begged him to spin a yarn the other day, "and no sooner had we passed out of the Narrows than she came to me and announced that she had something very particular to say. 'Well, madam, what is it?' says I, though I knew by her looks it was some crank question. 'Captain,' she says, looking me straight in the eye, 'when shall we see a whale? I have crossed several times, and I wish to see one. When shall we see one on this trip?' 'At 10 minutes to 3 tomorrow morning, ma'am,' says I. 'There's a whole due then, and if you'll look alive you'll see it.' And, if you'll believe it, that fussy old lady walked off perfectly satisfied.

"At 7:45 the next morning the first officer came to me. 'Whale sighted, starboard, sir,' says he. I started. He repeated it. 'Run quick,' says I, 'and tell that fussy old party that was at me yesterday that the whale I started for her is here on the minute.' Of course," continued the captain, "it wouldn't have happened one time in a thousand, but, as it happened, this was the time. But what a reputation it gave me! All over the United States did that story travel. Wherever I went, the minute folks heard my name it was, 'Ah! you're the captain whose whale appears according to schedule and on time.' They said," with a satisfied smile, "that it boomed the boat as well as me. Folks—particularly fussy old ladies—liked to travel with a captain who could foretell a whale to the minute."—New York Evening Sun.

SHE WAS A SHREWD INVESTOR.

Her Once Decided "Fat Swamps" Are Laughed at No Longer.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Shelhamer of Rock river bottom several years ago bought a tract of 400 acres of swamp land near Erie. It was a desolate and forbidding region. It was full of muskrat houses, grass tall enough to hide a horse, cat-tails and pools. She paid \$5 per acre. Everybody thought it was about as foolish a move as it would be to wad the wealth up and shove it into the fire. Her little girl used to come home from school crying because the children teased her about her mother's rat swamps.

But Mrs. Shelhamer is one of the best business women in Henry or Whiteside county. She knew exactly what she was doing. She had the swamps drained. She put in tile and redeemed the land. Last fall she refuted \$60 per acre for the tract, and says that she wouldn't take \$75. She laughs best who laughs last.—Gene-seo (Ill.) News.

Children's Scriptures.

It was one of the small children of Mr. D. M. Henderson, a member of the Associate Congregational church, Baltimore, who returned home much perplexed in mind, saying she had learned at Sunday school that she "could not serve God and mamma."

It was a second child of the same household of faith, who when recently called upon for a Biblical quotation responded: "The Lord is a great God." "Ceship and his name is the Lord." Challenged to explain the source of the unknown passage, he indignantly replied that it was somewhere in Revelations, and refused to retract jot or tittle of the quotation.

It was finally found that he referred to the sentence, "the Lord is a man-of-war and his name is the Lord."

Chinese Economy.

"Chinamen are clever all right," he said reflectively. "Strolling through Chinatown last night I noticed that the lookouts for the fantan and other gambling games, who have to sit at the entrance to their rabbit warrens for hours, even in this icy weather, had palls of charcoal smoldering beside them. This would not call for comment, as many Italians have the same, but on each pail was an invented iron pan, just big enough to fit snugly on the glowing coals.

"Of course, the redhot pan gives off far more heat than the open coal fire, while the fuel does not burn up so rapidly. They get it going and coming that way, you see."—New York Times.

Rescued by a Balloon.

When Brehm, the German naturalist, was in Abyssinia, he and his party one day fell in with a band of baboon in a valley. The apes retired before the travelers; all save a poor, sickly creature, which sat on a rock and howled in fear and trembling. The visitors' dogs made a rush for the spot, but before they could reach it, an old baboon darted down the hillside, picked up its young and poorly comrade from under the very nose of the dogs (which scattered forthwith rather than tackle the new-comer) and carried it off amidst fierce barks of victory and derision.

A Diplomatic Answer.

When Senator Tillman came out of the Senate chamber the afternoon he and Senator McLaurin had their fist-cuff, he met a Senate employe and said: "Well, did I make a fool of myself?" The Senate employe fidgeted and replied: "I cannot answer that question, Senator Tillman. If I said 'Yes' I would not be showing proper respect to a Senator, and if I said 'No' I would be a liar."

MAN WHO WAS ALBERT A. HENRY.

Didn't Remember Anything, but Surely Knows His Name.

"I know how it feels to be almost a hero," said a young man with a black eye, an arm in a sling and a patch of court plaster covering his forehead. "I live near the Carroll mansion at 46th and Pine streets, which was burned the other day. I happened to know that Mrs. Henry was in the house, but I did not know she had been quietly removed by the back way to a neighbor's house before I arrived on the scene.

"When I saw there a colored servant girl was on the street, pointing frantically to the upper part of the house, showing unmistakably and generally alarming like a crazy person. The interior of the house was already in flames and I immediately jumped to the conclusion that her mistress was in danger of being her life. Without waiting to question the girl I rushed into the house and in groping my way through the smoke succeeded in pitching headlong down the back stairs. I had satisfied myself, however, that every one had gotten safely out of the house.

"When I reached the street again, choking for breath and pretty well battered up," continued the young man, according to the Philadelphia Record, "the servant girl was still waiting for me. I asked her what she was carrying on that way for. Pointing to a window on the top floor she said: 'See dat room up dere? Dat's my room, an' my two weeks' wages is in my trunk up dere burnin' up.'"

HAS PORTRAITS OF BEN FRANKLIN.

Dr. T. H. Beale of Philadelphia Owns a Fine Collection of Them.

Dr. Thomas Hewson Beale of 125 South 13th street, Philadelphia, a lineal descendant of Benjamin Franklin in the fifth generation, has what is probably the most remarkable collection of Franklin portraits in the world. Altogether there are more than 100 prints and engravings and several original drawings in the collection, gathered in the course of years in many parts of this country and Europe.

Of all these many pictures the best portrait is believed to be a crayon study by Boscawen, the French portrait painter, who Dr. Beale picked up in Paris in 1844. The likeness has a great deal of character and spirit in it, depicting the placid features of the philosopher in one of his habitual moods of reflection. The whole collection exhibits a wonderful variety of expression.

The most authentic likeness of Franklin, says the Philadelphia Record, is Howden's bust, taken from a life cast of features, from which the many statues of the philosopher are modeled, and Martin's painting from life, a three-quarter portrait in oil, of which there are two copies in Philadelphia, executed by Washington Peale.

Notorious "Billingsgate."

This is the notorious Billingsgate, but one looks in vain for the fellow who made his ancient fame, writes John Corbin, describing the heart of London, in Scribner's Magazine. It is no use to inquire after her from the porters; they have never heard of her existence. Her brawny arms are forgotten; her eagle eye, for custom, her thirst for gin, her shrewd gibes, her ready pipe, and her more ready repartee, her torrents of invective. Evil answers made her roll over. Only one human means was ever found to quiet her. It is said to be one of Horne Tooke's titles to fame that he silenced a fishwife with the retort: "Madame, believe me, you are a parrotloper."

"But what one man could not accomplish for one moment has been done forever by the slow lapse of years. Of all her rhetorical array, only profanity remains, and even this is so like the universal profanity of man that it makes the fishwife seem the more hopelessly extinct.

England's Railway Casualty Belt.

Eight hundred and ninety-eight persons came by their deaths and 15,151 were injured on the railways and on railway premises in Great Britain during the nine months ending Sept

First Lake Superior Ore. The first discovery by white men of the iron ore of the Lake Superior region was made September 16, 1844, near the eastern end of Trestle Lake, in northern Michigan, by William A. Hurst, a deputy surveyor of the general government. In June, 1845, the Jackson Mining Company was organized at Jackson and in the same year it secured possession of the celebrated Jackson iron mountains. The ore from this mountain was first used in a bloomery at Jackson and afterward in 1847 and subsequently in bloomeries in southern Michigan.

In the Women Suffrage States. The four states in which woman suffrage is established, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming, are noted for the radical changes which they made in declarations of political preference. In 1896 the fusionists carried Colorado by 124,000 majority. A year later they had 3,900. Utah gave Bryan a 23,000 majority in 1896, and four years later went against him by 2,100. Wyoming was carried by the Republicans in 1892, by the fusionists in 1896, and by the Republicans again in 1900.—New York Sun.

Establishment of Divorce. Divorce was established in Germany in 1578. From 1881 to 1885 the yearly number of divorces was about 8,000; while of late years it exceeds 10,000. In England divorce was established in 1857. During the years 1858-1862 the annual number was about 200; in 1894 about 650; in 1898 about 650. In Austria, where only non-Catholics can apply for a divorce, the number of demands for divorce increased 25 per cent in four years, and in Belgium about 20 per cent in four years.

Plague in Many Lands. The plague during the year has been reported in the following countries: Cape Colony and Egypt, in Africa; Arabia, the Argentine Republic, Australia, Brazil, China, England, Formosa, Germany, Hawaiian Islands, Japan, Madagascar, Paraguay, Philippine Islands, Mauritius, Portugal, Reunion, Russia, Scotland, Straits Settlements, Turkey and Wales—probably a wider dissemination than has ever been known in the history of the world.

Cost of New York Police. The police department and the board of education continue to be the New York city departments requiring the largest expenditure of public money. For 1902 the appropriation for the police department is \$11,350,000 and for the school department \$12,283,000, subject to a reimbursement by the state of \$1,200,000, which will bring the school expenses this year to \$11,083,000, approximately.

Reminder for Forgetful Persons. Conspicuously posted near the exit of a Rumford Falls (Me.) dry goods store, is the query in bold print, "Have you forgotten anything?" In the half dozen odd years that the sign has hung there it has saved innumerable return trips for forgotten parcels and done away with months of worry on the part of customers with short memories.

Chicago Law Field is Crowded. There are said to be from 8,000 to 10,000 men in Chicago who have been admitted to the practice of law, but only about half of them are actively at work in the profession. The others have gone into mercantile and financial employments, in some cases from necessity, and in others from choice.

Drinks Electricity in Water. A New York man says he drinks electricity in water and it has made him ten years younger in a twelve-month. It restored his teeth, his sight, his hair, his lost vitality. He declares that a glassful of the water as he prepares it will produce sufficient electric force to ring a small bell.

"Observation Automobiles." A line of "observation automobiles" is to be run in Washington, D. C., for the benefit of visitors. Each vehicle carries twenty-two passengers and will be accompanied by a lecturer on points of interest at the capital. The fuel is kerosene and the motive power steam.

To Offset Heat at St. Louis. An air-cooling system on a vast scale is to be tried at the St. Louis exposition. Great fans will bring down a current of cold air from a height of 800 feet above the earth and pour it over the grounds on hot days.

Sanitary Inspection for Dolls. In view of the instinctive fondness of little girls for kissing their dolls, the Lancet thinks more attention should be paid to the source of the material used in making and stuffing them.

Italian Emigration to America. Italian statistics show the emigration to America has reached the figure of 169,000 annually. About half of these return eventually to Italy; the rest remain in the United States.

Original Meaning of Profundity. Profundity was originally nothing more than a judgment formed beforehand, the character of such judgments being best indicated by the present meaning of the word.

State Proud of Miss Keller. Miss Helen Keller is an Alabama girl. She was born in Tusculum, and the people of Alabama have always been proud of her wonderful career.

Dog Fought the Fenelon. A dog, accompanied by his collar, recently called on M. Prevost at the artist's studio in Paris. After an hour's talk the man decided to fence a white poodle, but the dog, thinking his master was being deceived, bit his hand, and was then taken to the police station.

SIoux CITY ITEMS. With snow storm and sunshine clear blue sky and driving snow, Easter was not the fine day that was predicted to be consequently much gay millinery and many spring gowns remained at home never the less there was glad music of Easter in every church.

The Easter program at the A. M. E. church was successfully carried out. An arch extending in front of the pulpit was covered with ferns and flowers and with the motto, "He is Risen". In the evening the children's missionary offering was quite a sum.

Rev. W. H. Spesse and wife arrived from Yankton S. D. Thursday. Mr. H. H. Early has moved his blacksmith shop to the stock yards for a better trade.

Mrs. Boston Yussum left for Chicago Thursday to reside. There was an Easter egg breaking at the Mt. Zion Baptist church Monday evening all had a nice time.

Mrs. Esther Whidden who has been sick so long left for Yankton S. D. Friday in hopes of gaining her health. T. A. Hackley was a chosen delegate from the fifth ward to the convention that was held at the Court House.

Those on the sick list are, Mesdames T. A. Hackley, J. W. Norris and Mr. C. F. Williams. We are glad to note the success of the republican party, they carried most all of the city officers. Their motto is, "We lead and cannot follow."

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