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CITY NEWS.

Rev. T. L. Griffith, who underwent an operation at the Methodist hospital is up and around again. He went to Albia this week for rest and recreation. His friends say that he will be able to preach Sunday.

Drake University won the State Field Meet, receiving 42 points while Iowa State University took 2nd with 32 points and Grinnell 3rd. Leo Weber was the only colored man in the meet.

Mr. E. N. Hyde and Miss Mary Montague have opened a new restaurant and lunch counter on the corner of W. Second and Walnut streets, called the Jewell. They have good cooks and first class service; a nice quiet place. Your patronage is solicited, and address elsewhere. Miss Montague has immediate management of the restaurant.

When in Sioux City, Iowa stop at Mrs. Fannie Washington's Boarding and Rooming House, 513 Jackson street.

The grand entertainment and ball given last night was well attended, it was given by the Knight Templars; although the street cars were not running that evening, the Crystal Hall was in good trim and Kromer's Orchestra furnished excellent music. Miss Marguerite Fields sang a beautiful solo and was escorted by Miss Anna Herrold; ladies quartette consisting of Mrs. S. D. Miller, Misses Olive Smith and Beatrice Hicklin. The grand march was led by the Sir Knights in full regalia commanded by E. T. Banks. All present report a nice time and it was a financial success.

SPIRIT LAKE VIA CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL BY. Effective June 7th the C. M. & St. P. Ry. will establish double daily train service between Des Moines and Spirit Lake. Trains will leave Union Station at 9:10 a. m. and 5:40 p. m., running through to Spirit Lake without transfer. Standard coaches and standard dining car service on all trains. Excursion tickets on sale daily. Ticket office 410 Walnut street.

The editor received a very beautiful invitation to attend the Albia High School graduating exercises Friday evening, May 29. There is a class of 13 in the Latin course and two in the English. Mr. Wallace Davis is in the Latin course. His graduating subject is, "The new Step." Wallace is a brother to Miss May Davis who graduated several years ago with high honors. She is our efficient correspondent. May success crown Wallace.

The H. B. S. Reading Society at their last meeting elected Mrs. L. E. Palmer as their delegate to the Iowa State Federation for Colored Women held in Davenport this week, and Mrs. Geo. I. Holt as alternate. Mrs. Palmer had her paper partially prepared, but found that her work here prevented her from attending. The subject of her paper, "How to instill more race pride in our children." Mrs. Holt could not attend.

Rev. O. A. Johnson, pastor of Burn's M. E. church, is making preparations to build a church that will be a credit to Des Moines. The contract for the basement was let to Mr. Sheffer, and the work will be pushed to completion. The reverend expects to have the basement ready for use by the latter part of next month. The brick contract will be let this week. The basement will be used for lectures, entertainments, etc., the first floor for regular services. The structure will be 32x55 feet. Rev. Johnson has worked hard to place Burn's M. E. church second to none in the city, and will soon accomplish his object. The members and friends ought to feel proud of their pastor.

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EDITORIALS.

CYCLONE IN IOWA KILLS MANY PEOPLE.

The Town of Buxton, Iowa, inhabited by Colored People was Swept by a Storm Monday Night.

Tuesday evening our city was visited by a cyclone, striking the south part of Des Moines, killing two, a man, Mr. Russell A. Knouf and his 8 month old baby, injuring his wife and several other persons in that section; blowing down houses and unroofing buildings.

In Glenwood two persons were killed and the school for feeble minded was unroofed.

In Buxton Monday night a heavy rain, accompanied by a cyclone, tore through the beautiful mining camp, killing Georgie Blakely and Herbert Rhodes outright, and seriously injuring Melletus Rhodes, Molly Rhodes, John Blakey, Eliza Blakey, Amphy and Minnie Blakely, Seward, Lucy, George and Addison Rhodes, Buddie Reasby, Mary Walker and several others whose names we cannot ascertain. The rain done great damage to other properties.

It is reported that the residence of Rev. A. L. Murray, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church Chicago, No. 2806 Wabash avenue, was completely burned; cause unknown. Damage \$3,000, was insured.

The Kansas and Indian Territory Coal, Land and Investment Company is the latest colored organization, with headquarters in Topeka, Kansas. Nick Childs, editor of the Plaindealer is manager. We wish the enterprise financial success.

Dynamite seem to be the fashion in church smashing in Chicago. The Institutional church had a case a few weeks ago, and last week the A. M. E. church at Evanston, Ill., was completely demolished by dynamite; I. N. Daniels is pastor in charge. Perhaps our colored people had better learn to use dynamite on the southern lynchings when the mobs comes.

THE OUTRAGED AND SUFFERING JEW.

Within the last week as the real facts has come to light about the massacre of innocent Jews in southwestern Russia. The truth is that the Kishinev affair is one of the most brutal and horrible massacre and murder of the innocent Jews, simply because of the Jew's religion. While we condemn the Spaniards for their cruel treatments of the Cubans, and became shocked at the foul lynchings and burning at the stake of poor colored people, without a trial for some alleged crime; yet the civilized christian world stands agast and horrified at such terrible and inhuman cruelties perpetrated on a race, simply because of their strict adherence to a religion that is as precious and dear to them as life. Will the civilized world tolerate Russia to longer continue such wholesale massacre. Already many countries are holding public meetings and sending in ringing resolutions condemning the act. Only last Sunday a large mass meeting was held here, presided over by Governor Cummins. They sent in strong resolutions and are raising money for the support of the children of the deceased parents. The Jew has been very loyal to our country in time of need, he does not belong to the Anarchist class. He is not a beggar or a tramp, but frugal and industrious. In literary and and history he has made the world rich. Without the Jew the christian religion would fall. It is the rock upon which human civilization rest, and yet the Jewish race and African race have suffered more then all other races.

STATE FEDERATION.

The Second Annual Convention of the Iowa State Federation of Afro-American Women convened at Bethel A. M. E. church, Davenport at nine o'clock.

It is a bright and intelligent gathering of prominent colored women of the State and the dignity and earnestness of purpose expressed in every action of the assembly evidences the zeal and endeavor being brought to bear by representative women to educate and uplift themselves.

Mrs. Howard Downey of Ottumwa President of the Federation presided. The session was opened with singing, Bringing in the Sheaves. Mrs. C. H. Marshall of Davenport led in prayer. The President was then formally presented with a handsome gavel by the representative of the Good Intent Club of Ottumwa: the gavel is made of three kinds of woods used in the construction of the State Capitol and is mounted with a silver plate inscribed Good Intent Club to Iowa State Federation May 26th 1902. It is tied with colors of gray and dove, the colors of the Club.

Mrs. Downey responded in behalf of the Federation. Reports of seven of the clubs that composed the Federation were heard and much enthusiasm aroused by the statements of the flourishing condition in which they were reported, together with what they have accomplished and the high purposes of which they are working.

The representative of the Good Intent Club of Ottumwa extended an invitation from her club for the next annual convention to be held in that city. The delegates to the convention from Muscatine are, Dunbar Club, Maud Ousley, Fannie Grooms, Mary Baines and Mrs. R. C. Ousley Cedar Rapids, J. Silone Yates Club, Mrs. A. M. Boyd: Des Moines, Harriet Beecher Stowe Club, Mrs. H. S. Graves, (proxy for delegate); Ottumwa Ida Wells Club Mrs. W. E. Alexander, Mrs. M. I. Gordon; Benevolent Club, Mesdames A. B. Williams, Strothers, A. Junkins, Anna Myers; Good Intent Club Mesdames Gardenes, Robinet, Owens, Bailey; Oskaloosa, New Century Club, Mrs. A. G. Clark: Davenport, Violet Club, Mesdames Saunders, Lewis, Hughes, Baker; Silver Autumn Leaf Club, Mesdames Marshall, Shepard, H. Woods, J. Curd, Misses Julia Hill, Mable Hill, Blanche Woods, Mamie Davis; Touissant L'Overture, Mesdames Johnson, Flora King, H. Foster Belle Taylor; Dubuque, Mrs. D. A. Basfield, Miss Gertrude Evans.

MUSIC. Scatter Sunshine: Invocation, Rev. J. D. Petersam; Roll, responded with quotations; Welcome address, Mrs. C. H. Marshall; Response, Mrs. L. N. Davis of Chicago; Vocal Solo, Mrs. G. Tolliver of Rock Island; Domestic Science in Women's Clubs, Mrs. N. A. Strothers, Ottumwa; Piano Solo Mayota Wood, Moline; Discussion, What Attributes are necessary for an Ideal President, Mrs. Flora King.

Rev. and Mrs. Smother, Rev. and Mrs. Higgins and Mr. J. T. Mabry G. M. O. F. of state of Iowa were introduced to the Federation. Remarks by Rev. Smothers, Rev. Higgins and Mr. Mabry; Vocal Solo, Miss Ida Peterson; Paper, The Needs of the Hour, Mrs. Saunders, Davenport; Vocal Duet, Mrs. Thompson and Miss Greenway of Muscatine; Discussion, How the Race may be Helped through Women's Clubs, Mrs. Sheppard, Davenport; Instrumental Solo, Mrs. Thompson Muscatine; President's Address, Mrs. Downey, Ottumwa. The address was listened with much interest, she said that had started with seven clubs, now have fourteen clubs. Remarks by Mrs. L. N. Davis.

Invocation, Mrs. H. S. Graves; Roll Call, Quotation; Paper, Education and Elevation, Maude Ousley Muscatine, at 11:30 o'clock Mr. J. T. Mabry accompanied the ladies of the Federation for a trolley ride through the Tri-cities.

Song: Invocation, Mrs. Gordon; Roll Call, Quotation; Paper, Nobility of Federation Work, Ida F. Wells' Club Ottumwa; Duet, Mrs. D. A. Basfield and Mrs. Gertrude Evans Dubuque; Discussion, Some practical methods of Social Betterment. Election of officers: Mrs. Downey, President Ottumwa; Mrs. R. C. Marshall, Vice-President, Davenport; Mrs. Strothers, Second Vice-president Ottumwa; Miss Blanch Woods, Recording Secretary Davenport; Fannie Grooms, Corresponding Secretary Muscatine; Mrs. L. Moss Treasurer Davenport; Mrs. H. S. Graves, State Organizer, Committees, Reciprocity Bureau; Mesdames Jennie Johnson, Davenport; Lillian Bailey, Ottumwa; Miss Maude Ousley, Muscatine. Social Purity Work: Mesdames, Lenora Shepard, Davenport; D. A. Basfield, Dubuque; W. R. Alexander, Ottumwa. Household Economic: Mesdames A. G. Clark, Oskaloosa; M. I. Gordon Ottumwa, Miss Lelia Sheffy Muscatine; Educational Committee, Mesdames G. M. Tolliver, Rock Island; Hughes of Davenport; L. P. Robinette, Ottumwa; Mothers' Steady Club, Mesdames Gordon, Ottumwa; A. M. Boyd, Cedar Rapids; Flora King, Davenport. From four to six, The Violet Club entertained the

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE FEDERATION AT WOODMAN'S HALL.

Song, Improve the Golden Moments; Roll Call; Solo, Mrs. Watrous, Davenport; How to instill more Race pride Into our Children, Mrs. H. S. Graves Des Moines; Recitation Gertrude Hill, Rock Island; Mother and Child, Mrs. L. P. Robinette Ottumwa; Piano Solo, Blanch Woods; Lecture Mrs. L. N. Davis, Chicago, National Organizer on Relation of the State Federation to the National Association; Music: Introduction of new officers. The Silver Leaf Autumn Club, Touissant L. Ouverture and Equal Standard entertained the members and friends of the Federation at a reception at the residence of Mrs. Ruth Richardson.

It is with sad regret that we learn of lawyer and editor W. B. Townsend, formerly of Leavenworth, Kansas but now of Colorado Springs, Colo., being shot last week by one of his clients, which was the result of a law suit. We hope that Mr. Townsend may soon recover.

DECORATION DAY.

Tomorrow many thousand loyal citizens will march to the cemeteries and strew the graves of their departed comrades of the Civil and Spanish-American wars and still many whose feeble steps cannot go will kneel in prayer and shed a tear in memory of their departed friends. It is but fitting that all loyal good loving citizens should ever be ready in words and in actions to honor the boys in blue. By their loyalty and bravery our flag was saved and nation preserved to future posterity. Every since that greatest of all patriot, General John A. Logan, ordered the graves of the departed comrades to be decorated with flowers in 1866, we have responded to his edict. May we cheerfully and sincerely drop some flowers, mingled with tears for the sleeping soldiers.

LOW RATES WEST.

Every day until June 15, the Chicago Milwaukee, & St. Paul Railway will sell one-way colonist tickets to many western points at very low rates. Three through trains daily with chair cars and tourist sleepers attached. Call at 410 Walnut street for full information.

His Faulty Imagination.

The discussion of the fate of the Peter Marie miniature recalls a story. A miniature painter of more social than artistic persuasion called upon Mr. Marie and turned the conversation upon his talent, knowing that his host heartily disliked personalities. "I can't imagine why I don't succeed, Mr. Marie," said he. "I have plenty of imagination. Don't you think so?" "Yes. Plenty! For instance, you imagine you can paint miniatures."—New York Times.

Bound to Be.

"Isn't it strange," began the man with the mental strabismus. "Isn't what strange?" interrupted his tired friend, who was anxious to have it over. "That no matter how well and thoroughly every detail of a wedding is planned, there's bound to be a hitch in the proceedings."

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ALBIA NOTES.

Messrs. Kimer Tolson and Will Vander from Foster spent Sunday in Albia. Mrs. Burns of Lucas, Iowa is visiting Tra Burns this week. Miss Ora Johnson of Kesoqua returned to Albia again. Quite a few strangers are in town this week. It is Mr. Wallace Davis who will graduate with the class of 1903. The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday morning at the M. E. Church by Rev. Hughs. Friday evening will be commencement exercises. Rev. James Wharton spent Sunday with the pastor in Buxton also Mrs. Wharton.

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TOPEKA NOTES.

A large number of the young people of Topeka attended the Penennis Club party in Lawrence last Friday. The S. Q. J. Club of young ladies will give a dancing party at Metropolitan Hall June 12th. Last week the Deer Creek Farm, one and one-half miles east of Topeka, consisting of 105 acres and eight buildings was purchased by the Topeka Industrial Institute for \$10,000. The school will move this summer and be ready for operation Oct. 14th. Larry M. Fessio who has been a colored student-teacher in the Kansas State University at Lawrence for several years, was recently made a full fledged Professor of Botany, with an increase of salary, at a meeting of the Regents of that institution.

The trades to be taught at the Topeka Industrial Institute next year are, carpentry, painting, printing, book-binding, tailoring, domestic science, millinery, dress making, basket-making, laundrying, housekeeping and agriculture. Ben Pittmann shorthand and "Touch" typewriting, book-keeping, vocal and instrument as music will also be taught. There will be five graduate teachers of Tuskegee at the Insti ue next year. Principal Carter departed Wednesday to deliver an address at the Chatauque at Quindaro on "The place of Industrial Training in the Educational System of to-day."

SIoux CITY ITEMS.

We are having all the rain we need this season and can easily spare some to the Dakotas who are needing it. There was an entertainment at the Mt. Zion Baptist church last Friday evening, but on account of the rain the attendance was small. There will be an entertainment given at Thompson's Hall Friday evening 29 for the benefit of the Stewards of the A. M. E. church. Mrs. Maude Mury has been elected delegate to represent the A. M. E. Sunday School convention which convenes at Burlington June 4th, and 5th. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sutton celebrated their anniversary of thirty three years of married life Saturday May 23rd. May they have thirty-three years more of that happy life which they are enjoying. Henry Williams is in the city after being absent for sometime travelling round sight seeing. Died at the Samaritan hospital Tuesday May 19 Mr. Willford Mines by being injured from lifting a piano. He was sixty-seven years old and saw service in the civil war. He had no relatives here, but leaves one brother who lives in Albia to mourn him. The funeral was in charge of the old veterans of the G. A. R. The service being held Thursday at two o'clock at Wesson's undertaking parlors, Rev. E. G. Jackson officiating interment in Floyd cemetery. Edward Ross left Thursday evening for Minneapolis, Minn. to arrange for his wife and daughter who will leave Tuesday for that place. We will miss them. Mrs. J. Williams mother of Messrs Williams and Miss Victoria of Topeka, Kas. have come to the city to live. Rev. A. S. Oras the prison and poor house evangelist spoke at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening. He is a far less speaker. The Messrs Edward, Mance and James Askew have bought an acre of ground at Highland and is erecting a house there on the parents will occupy it when finished. The wise boys have found out that a long headed man pays no rent. A good example for others. Died Saturday May 23 little Charlie A. Carter son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Carter after lingering for several weeks with the grip and muscular rheumatism, he quietly passed away at his home at 811 Third street. He was born in this city and had reached the age of nine years. He leaves mother, father, three sisters, three brothers and lots of little play-mates to mourn his departure. The funeral was held at the residence Sunday at 2 o'clock. The little white casket was buried under the tributes of flowers which had been sent by his playmates and many other friends and sympathizers with his bereaved parents. These were mute testimonials to the wide popularity of little Charlie whose bright-cherry disposition and winning manners made him friends. They have our heartfelt sympathy.

"There in the Shepherd's bosom, White as the drifted snow
O! the little lamb we miss! one morn From the household flock below."
The funeral service was conducted by Rev. E. G. Jackson assisted by Rev. M. J. Ba ton interment in Floyd cemetery. The Ladies' Sewing circle of the Mt. Zion Baptist church met with Mrs. Cora Harrison last Thursday afternoon.

J. L. Thompson, Editor of the BYSTANDER was in the city two days last week in the interest of the paper. He did quite a lot of business while here and went away much encouraged. He carried with him a large list of subscribers. He was welcomed to our city by the hearty hand shake of all he was acquainted with.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

The remains of Mrs. Mary Davis were brought to this city Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock and were taken from the depot to the Forest Home cemetery. The corpse was accompanied by her grandson Mr. Ohas. Wade. Mrs. Davis formerly lived here but for several years has lived in Chicago where her death occurred.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Martin and children of Burlington came up last Friday and returned home Monday. While here they visited Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Reed.

Mrs. Will Pickins and daughter Helen Thomas of Chicago came in Sunday night from Chicago to spend the summer with Mrs. Pickins' grandmother Mrs. Lydia Clay.

Mr. Walter Perry is in the city for a visit with home folks. The Baptist Sunday School gave a concert recently at their church. The literary part was very entertaining and much appreciated. The financial part was a success.

The ladies club of the Methodist church gave a concert last Friday night. The proceeds of which were devoted to Farrall's little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Wilson. The following programme was rendered: Song, chorus; Paper The church Club Mrs. Grandison; Recitation, Lila's Journey Mrs. Harris; Vocal duet Mesdames Logan and Watts; paper, What our Race Most Needs, Mrs. Tanel; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Logan; Recitation, Mrs. Fiedler; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Watts. The other ladies assisting were Mesdames Anderson, Reed, Page and Miss Myra Carter.

KNOXVILLE AND GALESBURG, ILLINOIS BUDGETARIAN.

Cupid, driving his pair of doves with ribbon lines was displayed at 8:00 P. M. on last Wednesday evening May 20, at the A. M. E. parsonage at Galesburg when George Grant Fletcher of Galesburg and Miss Georgia L. Young of Chicago were made man and wife. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Ferrabee only the members of the family and Mrs. Ferrabee being present. Miss Addie B. Fletcher sister of the groom and Mr. Dave Garnett acted as attendants. After the ceremony the bride and groom were surprised by a shower of rice. The groom has lived in Galesburg all his life and is well and favorably known being chorister of the A. M. E. choir. The bride is a very sweet and amiable young lady and many friends extend congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness. "How blest the sacred tie that binds, in sweet communion kindred minds." The couple are now at home to their friends in Galesburg. Sunday was quarterly meeting at Knoxville. The pastor Rev. Wade presided in the morning and at 2:30 P. M. Rev. J. M. Ferrabee and almost his entire congregation of Galesburg were all present and filled our church to its utmost capacity. Rev. Ferrabee preached an excellent sermon and administered the communion. It was a great day for the people of both places.

Mrs. Geo. Wade and daughter Opal returned Thursday from a pleasant visit in St. David and Canton. Mrs. Florence Pelton and son spent Sunday in Peoria. Beatus Wade entertained at tea Sunday evening Misses Rita and Beatrice Bowman.

Rev. Ferrabee and his people are planning a grand trustees rally the first of June. Jennie Payne and Mrs. Florence Pelton were Galesburg visitors Saturday.

"Sunshine" is the name of a circle organized in Galesburg church by Mrs. Ferrabee with Miss Mamie Richardson as President and Miss Ada Chavois Secretary. They meet each Thursday at the church. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Washington of Galesburg spent the day with Rev. Eli Grant and family at Knoxville Tuesday.

Mrs. Sarah Clark, Misses Ella Smith, Mattie Knox and Fannie Clark of Knoxville were Galesburg visitor Monday.

Asked and Answered. "What is a prodigy?" asked the boarding house landlady, as she looked up from a letter she was perusing. "A prodigy," answered the wise guy, at the southeast corner of the table, "is something rare. For example, a rare steak would be a prodigy in this hash dispensary."

Cause and Effect. "You seem to be in a weak and nervous physical condition," said the medical examiner of the insurance company. "No wonder," replied the victim. "Your solicitors have made my life a burden during the past six months."

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

Push in Clarinda, Progressive Spirit in Omaha and wealthy Colored People in Sioux City, Iowa.

Arriving in the prairie town of Clarinda is the home of Hon. W. F. Hepburn, one of the leaders of the American Congress, there is located one of our state institutions, the asylum. In this city dwell about 300 colored people with several successful farmers within the vicinity. Chief among them are R. R. Montgomery, W. A. Stewart, Thos. G. Jones, Mr. King, and Andy Cook. Dr. Gibson the veterinary surgeon is still doing a large business. He is the best in south-western Iowa. The doctor has saved some money and has several valuable pieces of property that he rents out. He has moved up in town and has a well arranged home. In his office he has some peculiar and interesting specimens that he has taken from animals operated on. Mr. Allen Jones who has only been married about three years is still in the blacksmith business. He has bought out the white partner and now conducts it himself. He has just completed a very beautiful seven room cottage with a porch all around the south and east, making both an east and south front. It is located in the fashionable residence part of the town and he has three adjoining vacant lots. Mr. E. B. Cook is a very successful man and owns several pieces of properties. His home is in the outskirts of the city and he has his acre well covered with fruit and strawberries. He entertained the editor at supper. Mr. Cook packs and stores away goods and cleans carpets. He employs two men. Mrs. Lu Nash is still at the Sheenberger hotel which has just been rebuilt and refurbished. Of course there are too many people in Clarinda to mention all, yet there is one thing complimentary, every family but three own their homes, so we were informed. We do not believe that there is another such town in Iowa with 30 or 40 families. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Moss are doing well. They have a son in high school. The new subscribers to the BYSTANDER are: Mrs. E. J. Moss, Mrs. L. F. Phillips, A. H. Montgomery, Richard Drake, and F. Jones. Clarinda has a brass band of 13 pieces, known as the Excelsior Cornet band; Mr. E. B. Cook is manager. There is one colored restaurant, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller are the proprietors. Mr. Cook runs a barber shop. The two churches are doing well. The Baptist here is called Rev. Alexander of Lincoln, Neb. Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Phillips sends regards to Des Moines friends. Mr. Noah Pemberton is a sub mail carrier and will soon be on the regular force. In Red Oak we found Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hampton cooly located. Mr. Hampton is the colored U. S. Federal Court bailiff and has been for the past 15 or more years. Mr. Oscar Conner runs a first class tonorial shop, and is a good reliable citizen. Joseph Burton and wife have charge of the sanitarium and are well liked. General Morgan still works at the depot hotel. The new readers of the BYSTANDER are: Henry Pate and A. D. Nicholas.

In Council Bluffs there are perhaps about 150 colored people. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Graves are a very nice family. They run the only hair dressing, manieure and chiropody parlors in the city and have a large trade. They have only one daughter and she attends High School. Their son is a chiropist and may soon locate in Davenport. Paul L. Giles and F. W. McEwan are still there. Mrs. M. Powell, formerly of Des Moines, is now located in the Bluffs keeping roomers and doing well. Messrs. Ed. Burke and Jack Thompson have opened a saloon, pool hall and rooming house, and seem to start out well. See ad elsewhere. The new readers of the BYSTANDER are Ed. Burke, L. A. Graves, J. Thompson and Mrs. M. Powell.

Into Omaha we next fell to find nearly 5,000 people dwelling there. Many are like those in most all large cities where they are living, not doing so well. They are shiftless, idle and spend most of their time acting a fool or making fun for the other races to laugh at when they should be working or learning some useful trade; yet there are a few striving to better their condition. Fred L. Smith is practicing law, John T. Hardy, an old Des Moines boy, has learned the photograph business and is working for Mr. Rhinehart. He says that he will soon go into business for himself. Mr. Hardy will visit Des Moines this summer. Miss Viola Jackson, a Des Moines girl, is working at the Presbyterian Hospital. She is doing well. Omaha has several colored churches, a colored fire department, four colored mail carriers, three clerks working in the city hall, two doctors. Mr. Jones still runs a restaurant. John Williams is rector at the St. Philips Episcopal church. Rev. Schaffer is at the A. M. E. church. The Enterprise newspaper is as enterprising as ever and the Progress is progressing as usual, with Mr. Mahammett and Barnett in the editorial chair and at the helm. They are both intelligent western men, full of hope for the ultimate success of the race.

The strike and recent rains has thrown lots of laboring men in the city on the streets. There are many acres of the large bottom and other level lands that cannot be farmed at all owing to the wet season. Since the editor has been in western Iowa there has not been a day that it has not

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's a successful man. G. C. Carr, formerly editor of the Searchlight, is now running a barber shop and boarding house. J. H. Baker is manager of the Waikins Cornet band of 13 pieces. It was organized last October and is now employed by the Inter-State Fair Association to play. They are progressing nicely. L. C. Cloy, formerly of Osceola runs a shipping parlor and is doing well. There are many other things that we would like to write about but time and space forbade me.

Half Rates to Annual Meeting of German Baptist Brethren at Bellefontaine, Ohio, Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at one fare for round trip June 1, limited for return until June 6, inclusive. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western R'y.

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