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CITY NEWS.

(N. B. If you have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us; we solicit all your local news.—Ed.)

Mrs. H. P. Randolph of Hiteam was the guest of Mrs. S. Bates last Sunday.

Mrs. S. Bates entertained the Converts Club at her home Thursday.

Miss Genevieve Johnson entertained the Get Busy Club Tuesday at 1018 Crocker street.

Mrs. L. Holmes of Great Bend, Kansas, arrived in our city this week to visit friends.

Mrs. Sophia Strider and daughter Mrs. Mary Mosley of Hiteam were the visitors at Mrs. Ellen Bristol's home on Walker street Sunday.

Mrs. I. L. Gordon of Quincy, Ill., is visiting Mrs. James Woods on Monahan avenue.

Mrs. Nellie Crews entertained informally last Wednesday evening a few of her friends. An enjoyable time was reported.

Word is received from Miss Zoe Richardson, who is teaching in California, that she likes her work and is delighted with warm climate, roses and all flowers in full bloom.

There were fifteen candidates baptized at Maple Street Baptist church last Sunday morning. They were fellowshiped into the church in the evening, at which time the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Bates.

The Pastor's Aid Society of Saint Paul's A. M. E. church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Nellie Lee. After business was over a dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Lee, after which they adjourned to meet next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mathews on Ninth street.

Rev. Samuel Bates left Tuesday morning for Council Bluffs and Omaha.

The International Order of Twelve, Knights and Daughters of Tabor, in the future will hold their sessions at their new Tabernacle Hall, 723 Mulberry street.

Enola, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thompson, is quite sick again, having taken a backset of bronchial pneumonia.

The ground hog did not see his shadow here last week, yet we are still having a cold windy February.

Rev. H. W. Porter who for more than five years pastor of Union Congregational church, has resigned to take effect the 1st of April.

Mr. Elmer Richardson, formerly of this city but now of North Dakota, will arrive in our city this week to make his home with his father on W. 31st street. He has taken to himself a wife several months ago.

The Syndicate Cafe

Serves good meals and lunches at all hours.
Give us a call. C. H. Browning, Mgr.
304 West Grand Avenue.

The annual Masquerade Valentine Party given by the Mt. Olive Court No. 4, Heroines of Jericho, on Tuesday evening, February 15, at Kromer's hall will be one of the most artistic entertainments given. The artistic ideas will be carried out in costumes, caricatures, which is always a feature of a valentine party, and we learn that many are busy working on these. We assure you that each and every one who attend will have a fine time.

The Callanan club met at the home of Mrs. Adam Dixon last Wednesday afternoon and arranged to give an entertainment at St. Paul's A. M. E. church, Feb. 24. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Rivers on 16th and University.

John L. Thompson has moved into his new home at 1806 20th street. It is very commodious and convenient home of nine rooms, two and a half story, completely modern with electric and gas lights throughout. The interior is finished in bog oak, all down stairs floors are beech. In the language of a noted divine of this state he says that it is the best planned and finest home that he has seen owned by our race in the middle west.

THE VARIETY

1010 Center Street.
For the best meals in the city, and all kinds of sandwiches.

Special Chicken Dinner
Every Sunday.

On last Friday evening Att'y. S. Joe Brown was surprised by a party consisting of Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Warricks, Mr. Wm. Shackelford and Messdames M. E. Haworth, Lizzie Glass, Anna Allen, F. D. Jackson and I. N. Daniels, some of whom had served with him during all and others during a portion of the seven years that he officiated as superintendent of St. Paul's A. M. E. Sunday School, and they therefore presented him with copies of Phyllis Wheatley's poems and Du Bois' Soul of Black Folk, as a token of their appreciation for his excellent services in the office from which he recently returned.

The D. M. N. L. A. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shackelford, 781 9th street. Mr. Wm. Warrick read a paper on Lincoln; Att'y. S. Joe Brown read a paper on the life of Fred Douglas; both papers being discussed by the club, after which the Hon. Geo. H. Woodson delivered an address to the club. Remarks were also made by Mr. Viven Jones, an undertaker recently moved to the city. Mr. Arthur Branham was admitted to Membership. Mr. Woodson's name was presented to the society for membership and the club adjourned to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Warricks at 13th and School streets, where a spelling match will be held Tuesday Feb. 15th.

CITY LITERARY CONVENTION.

Pursuant to the call which had been published for the past four weeks in the Bystander, delegates from eight of the literary organizations of the city met last Monday evening at the residence of Att'y. S. Joe Brown and discussed plans for the entertainment of the Inter-State Literary Association of Kansas and the West, which will be held in Des Moines next December.

Each literary organization of the city were invited to send three delegates and the following were represented: The Alpha club, Cosmopolitan Literary, Callanan club, Lyceum, Allen C. E. League, Harritt Beecher Stowe Reading Circle, Intellectual Improvement club and Mary Church Terrell club.

Att'y. S. Joe Brown, chairman of the Inter-State Executive committee, was elected chairman of the convention; Miss Beattie Mason of the Cosmopolitan Literary was elected secretary and Mr. E. E. Patton of the Allen League, treasurer.

The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. Branham N. Hyde, 821 18th street, on Monday evening March 7th, at which time and place any other literary organization of the city are invited to be represented and the work of organizing the city convention will be continued.

FAKE PREACHERS.

Iowa has surely been bunched by fake preachers soliciting funds for one thing and the other, also by fake newspapers starting up, etc., for many years, but one of the latest is a so-called preacher, a Rev. John A. Pope, who has set out to solicit funds and other paraphernalia to establish an industrial college for the negroes of Des Moines and Iowa. He has secured several gifts, until the Des Moines Commercial Club told of his police record last week and advised the club members to have nothing to do with the man, and this week the following clipping was in Wednesday's Register and Leader:

REV. POPE TOLD TO QUIT
Chief Miller Learns Things About Negro Minister.
Mayor Mathis and Councilman MacVicar Were His Guests Only Night Before Last.

With a laurel wreath of honor still fresh upon his brow and with his hand tingling with the congratulatory grasp of Mayor A. J. Mathis and Councilman John MacVicar, the Rev. John A. Pope, who was installed as president of the industrial college for negroes on Monday evening, was yesterday morning summoned to Chief of Police Miller's sanctum and commanded to give up his idea of establishing the college in Des Moines. He may forsake his newly gained title of "president" and confine his energies to the ministry; for Chief Miller says he "has an edge on him in the shape of a concise account of the divine's past history."

The Rev. Mr. Pope formerly was a railroad porter, working on the Rock Island out of Davenport.
Much ado has been made over Pope during the weeks he has been in the city. Committees from negro churches of good reputation have called upon the police and requested that some action be taken to stop Pope's work here. The first action taken by the police chief was to send for Pope's record at Moline, Ill., Davenport and Chicago.

The next move before the information came was when Pope was picked up by the detectives in response to a claim that he had secured about \$25 by false representation, but this matter was settled. The man continued, the police claim, to solicit funds for the proposed college.

Yesterday Chief Miller received letters from the chiefs of police at Moline, Davenport and Chicago and immediately decided to stop Pope's activities.

We hope that the good people of Iowa will get their eyes opened and investigate and punish these fake frauds who are soliciting funds from the public. Iowa needs no such college, as our schools and colleges are open to all alike.

If troubled with indigestion, constipation, no appetite of feel bilious, give Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets a trial and you will be pleased with the result. These tablets invigorate the stomach add liver and strengthen the digestion. For sale by all druggists.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

How She Helped Lincoln With "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

In that little heroic advance guard of men and women who battled valiantly for the spread of anti-slavery sentiment in this republic Harriet Beecher Stowe was most conspicuous. Her propaganda was conducted within her own domestic circle, and her potent weapon was her pen, but it accomplished marvels. Her "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was a real invincible armada. Once launched, there was nothing that could silence its guns. On its earliest appearance in serial form it began its career as an educative force, and it grew daily as a maker of sentiment.

Nor did it matter much that it was a work which, measured even by the standards of the time, was not esteemed a notable example of literary handicraft. That it was never accepted by those whose opinion should have been final as a true picture of conditions as they actually were did not in the least militate against its potency as a reforming agent. It kept right on in its victorious and convincing way regard-



HARRIET BEECHER STOWE, 1864.

less of the protests that there were no Legrees or Markses, that the slave market scene was the product of a diseased imagination and that half the horrors revealed in its pages were non-existent.

It was an avant-courier of Abraham Lincoln and his mission, and the great emancipator always regarded it as such. For its author he had the most appreciative admiration, and she was always welcomed at the White House.

Why Lincoln Told Stories.

Lincoln undoubtedly appropriated all the stories he could acquaint himself with, regardless of their antiquity, and often, no doubt, he adapted their point to the conditions of the people he lived among. His own explanation of his extraordinary propensity to anecdote in speech or conversation is excellently given in the Century Magazine by Colonel Silas W. Burt, who relates a remarkable incident, hitherto unpublished, of civil war history. It is not necessary in this connection to do more than quote the words.

"I believe I have the popular reputation of being a story teller, but I do not deserve the name in its general sense, for it is not the story itself, but its purpose or effect, that interests me. I often avoid a long and useless discussion by others or a laborious explanation on my own part by a short story that illustrates my point of view. So, too, the sharpness of a refusal or the edge of a rebuke may be blunted by an appropriate story, so as to save wounded feeling and yet serve the purpose. No; I am not simply a story teller, but story telling as an emollient saves me much friction and distress."

It may be added that this accords with the view which most students of Lincoln's character had reached.

Lincoln's Cabinet.

Lincoln hated to dictate the members of his cabinet, and he shrank from assuming to control the members of his cabinet until forced by circumstances to take upon himself the responsibility. His natural preference was to work with rather than to lead men. He could not bear to humble any fellow being, however low his rank. But he found as emergencies arose that some one must rule and that as president he alone was responsible to the people. His courage never permitted him to shirk a duty, and thus little by little his power was modestly put forth.

When the members of Lincoln's cabinet first met probably no one among them suspected that their counsels would be ruled by the man who sat at the head of the table. None of them knew him, and most of them felt they were the superiors of the man tried and untried president. They had all been chosen by him for political or party reasons. Four had been his competitors for the nomination at Chicago.

Lincoln's Odd Appearance.

Lincoln's favorite outer garb as he sallied forth in winter for his office was an ancient gray shawl. He took particular pains never to have his hat brushed or his shoes blacked. His carpetbag threatened at the seams to disgorge its burden of legal documents. His green cotton umbrella had no handle to speak of, and inside was the legend, "A. Lincoln," the letters cut out of white muslin and sewed to the faded cloth. Altogether he looked like the advance agent of a Denman Thompson show. In 1856 a pair of spectacles cost him 37 1/2 cents.

The office was in character with the notorious indifference to appearances of the senior partner of the firm. Once a young law student attempted to blaze a trail through the accumulated rubbish and found that some seeds given by a congressman had taken root and sprouted in the dirt.



Abraham Lincoln

By FRANK H. SWEET
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Only a baby, fair and small,
Like many another baby
son,
Whose smiles and tears came
swift at call.
Who ate and slept and grew;
that's all—
Our Abraham Lincoln.

Only a man of finest bent,
Hero of battles fought
and won,
Woodchopper, lawyer,
president,
Who served his country and
died content—
Our patriot true, Lincoln.

Only a boy like other boys,
With tasks and studies,
sports and fun,
Fond of his books and games
and toys,
Living his childish griefs
and joys—
Our backwoods boy,
Lincoln.

Only a lad, awkward and
shy,
Skilled in handling his ax
and gun,
Mastering knowledge that
by and by
Should aid him in duties
great and high—
Our sturdy lad, Lincoln.

Only! Ah, what was the
secret, then,
Of his being America's
honored son?
Why was he famed above
all men,
His name upon every
tongue and pen—
The illustrious Lincoln?

A mighty brain, a will to
endure,
Passions subdued, a slave to
none,
A heart that was brave
and strong and sure,
A soul that was noble,
great and pure—
Our Abraham Lincoln.

WHEN LINCOLN DIED.

By JAMES A. EDERTON.
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When Lincoln died a universal grief
Went round the earth. Men loved him in
that hour.
The north her leader lost, the south her
friend;
The nation lost its savior, and the slave
Lost his deliverer, the most of all.
Oh, there was sorrow mid the humble
poor

When Lincoln died a great soul passed
From earth,
A great white soul, as tender as a child
And yet as iron-willed as Hercules.
In him were strength and gentleness so
mixed
That each upheld the other. He pos-
sessed
The patient firmness of a loving heart.
In power he out-kinged emperors, and yet
His mercy was as boundless as his power.
And he was jovial, laughter-loving; still
His heart was ever torn with suffering.
There was divine compassion in the man,
A godlike love and pity for his race.
The world saw the full measure of that
love

When Lincoln died a type was lost to
men.
The earth has had her conquerors and
kings
And many of the common great. Through
all
She only had one Lincoln. There is none
Like him in all the annals of the past.
He was a growth of our new soil, a child
Of our new time, a symbol of the race
That freedom breeds; was of the lowest
rank,
And yet he scaled with ease the highest
height.
Mankind one of its few immortals lost
When Lincoln died.

When Lincoln died it seemed a privi-
dence.
For he appeared as one sent for a work
Whom, when that work was done, God
summoned home.
He led a splendid fight for liberty.
And when the shackles fell the land was
saved;
He laid his armor by and sought his rest.
A glory sent from heaven covered him.
When Lincoln died.

She Hurred Home.
When South Carolina declared for
secession Mrs. Lincoln was visiting in
the south, where she had gone to attend
the wedding of an intimate friend.

PAVED THE WAY FOR LINCOLN.

By WILLARD JAMES.
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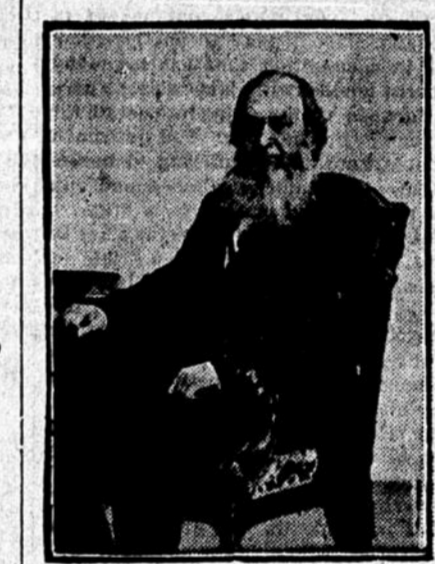
ABOUT the time that Abraham Lincoln began to tip his earliest words in the humble home in Kentucky in 1811 there was born in the old Bay State an individual who was destined to become a powerful molder of the nation.



CHARLES SUMNER, 1860.

al sentiment which bore the great war president into the White House. He was Charles Sumner, whose mission it was to become the successor of Daniel Webster in the United States senate and the uncompromising foe of slavery and disunion. He pitted himself against the advocates of the fugitive slave law in the senate and made a speech which upset all the specious theories of those who were its champions. In the famous debate on the Kansas-Nebraska bill in 1854 he directed all the keenest shafts of his wit and logic against the measure, and he won. Two years later he made the famous speech on the contest in Kansas which so excited the ire of the hellacious Preston Brooks that he sought stic satisfaction. His speech entitled "The Barbarism of Slavery" was read all over the country and produced a tremendous effect.

Gerrit Smith was a pioneer in the dissemination of anti-slavery doctrine. As early as 1835 he practically withdrew from all other enterprises and devoted himself and his substance to the spread of anti-slavery principles.



GERRIT SMITH, 1861.

He inherited one of the largest landed estates in the country, and as an earnest of his devotion to the cause he proceeded to distribute 200,000 acres of it among the needy without distinction of color, which was a daring deed for that time. He was more censured than commended for his indiscriminate generosity, but he met the criticisms of his opponents with a dignity of speech and manner that won him hosts of friends. In those days the term "abolitionist" was used only as an expression of reproach, but Smith assumed it boldly and was prepared to defend it on all occasions. He was pre-eminently one of those who made it possible to elect Abraham Lincoln.

Edward Everett was by temperament firmly conservative. He was first of all a scholar, and his tastes and his principles made him the foe of all discord and violence. He had a profound



EDWARD EVERETT, 1860.

distaste for the storm which was brewing, and his love of concord inspired him to work for conciliation rather than to take sides with those who regarded the struggle as inevitable. It was his very hesitation in avowing himself an abolitionist that contributed to the growth of Lincoln and his principles.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Tomorrow 101 years ago Abraham Lincoln was born in the wooded, stony hills of LaRue county of Kentucky. This homely, lanky, green backwoodsman was a true type of human achievements in the free country of America, where brains, honesty and ambitions are given a chance. This child of destiny was reared in a garden of nature, where suppression, wrong, vice and slavery were obnoxious to him. Caste was unknown, social inequality unthought of. In fact, America was then the land of the free and the home of the brave. In the development of this sort of freedom in the wilds of America there came the powerful influence of the writings of Harriet Beecher Stowe, Benjamin Lundy, John Greenleaf Whittier, Chas. Sumner Lovejoy, William Lloyd Garrison and John Brown. These were powerful influences for the destruction of slavery and injustices, but Abraham Lincoln towered above them all and struck the fatal blow that forever wiped human slavery out. He came from the low rural life to the highest honors in the gift of our nation. What an inspiration for the common boy today. Elsewhere in this issue are history of his life and character. Let us always honor, revere and emulate his life.

POLITICS.

The biennial election is now approaching us and as a consequence the names of many persons are being suggested for the various offices in the city, county, congressional and state. Of course it is but natural that nearly all the present incumbents of the offices are candidates for re-election. In the state offices nearly all will ask the voters to return them. Governor B. F. Carroll is only serving his first term and unless he resigns there seems to be a common custom of giving a man the second term. Secretary of State W. C. Hayward will in all probability be renominated for his third term, as also will Hon. W. W. Morrow for state treasurer. Hon. John L. Bently will not have any opposition for his second term for state auditor. The state superintendent, W. C. Riggs, has not as yet decided whether to run again, while the clerkship of supreme court had produced until this week only one candidate, and that was H. L. Bosquet, the present incumbent, but now his deputy, Mr. Grubb, has announced. For railroad commissioners there are several candidates already out and more to come. In congressional district there may be a contest in every district. In our own the greatest struggle will be on between Captain Hull the present incumbent and Judge Prouty. In the 11th district Attorney General Webb Byers will try to defeat Judge Smith, the present congressman. In the 8th, Judge Towner will contest against Senator DeRue, while in the various legislative districts there will be a strong contest. The city contest is now on in full blast, with many candidates in the field and more yet to announce.

FORT MADISON NOTES.

Mrs. Lucey King was called to Florida, Ill., on account of the sickness and death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Preston Banister.
The revival meeting has proved to be a great success at the Second Baptist church, there being sixteen converts.
Rev. Straw, pastor of the A. M. E. church, is able to be out again after a few weeks' illness.
Mr. and Mrs. George Harper entertained Rev. Straw at six o'clock dinner Sunday.
Mr. Percy Brown, one of Fort Madison's most popular young men, is ill at his home on Fifth street. We hope him a speedy recovery.
Mrs. Dunlap is ill at her home on Fourth street.

Misses Harper entertained the A. M. E. choir Thursday evening at 7 o'clock dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Everet Cane of Galesburg, Ill., are visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Dana Holmes of Davenport, Ia., is in the city visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ida Smith was called to Chicago, because of the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. Brady of Oskaloosa, Ia., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Yeaser.

The district superintendent of the A. M. E. Sunday School will be in the city Sunday.

CLINTON.

Miss Anna Cooper returned home last week after a week's visit with her brother, E. F. Cooper, in Burton.

The stewardess of Bethel A. M. E. church will entertain Friday night at a social.

W. A. Emerson visited in Chicago last week.

Allen Day will be observed at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday evening in an appropriate manner.

Mrs. Chas. Thompson, who has been quite ill for the past several weeks, is reported as some better, we are pleased to state.

Bethel A. M. E. sewing circle will give a valentine social on Monday evening. A program will be rendered. The work of the completion of the basement of the A. M. E. church is well under way.

Henry Henderson, who is employed in Morrison, Ill., visited last week with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Richardson are happy in the advent of a son, who was born one day last week.

Mrs. J. T. Culbertson was considerably indisposed last week but is now herself again.

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Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all druggists.

