

**LOCAL NEWS.**

The crop bulletin says that damage of corn is inestimable, owing to the drought.

Remember that THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER is the only colored news paper in Polk county.

Extra copies of THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER can be obtained from our agents at 5 cents per copy.

Work on the structure of the Baptist church at the corner of Eighth and commenced this week.

Beggars continue to offend Uncle and they are being bound over to the action of the grand jury.

Sheriff McGarraugh took Weems and Hamill to Ft. Madison Wednesday. They are to be hung August 21, 1893.

Any woman or man in the city seeking employment can advertise in THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER free of charge.

The entertainment at the East Side Baptist church last Friday evening was largely attended. The program was of a high class and well rendered.

Alice Shepard Mitchell died at 8 a. m. Thursday morning. It is supposed that an overdose of morphine, taken with suicidal intent caused her death.

Rev. W. J. Laws, of the A. M. E. church, will preach on "The Strikes and the Position of the Negro Relative to Strikes." The subject will be well handled and he is deserving of a large attendance.

Mrs. Jennie Bitings died under peculiar circumstances last Friday, and the coroner was called to investigate the case. The jury returned a verdict of death caused by cholera morbus. She was an aged lady who had struggled long and faithfully all her life.

The ladies of Mt. Olive Court will give a pink entertainment at Masonic and Odd Fellow's hall, corner of West Sixth and Walnut streets, Friday evening, August 10. The court is a most worthy organization and is deserving of your liberal patronage. A large attendance is desired. Turn out en masse and show your appreciation of these affable and amiable ladies.

The Old Settler picnic was largely attended Thursday afternoon. The annual gathering loses none of its fascinations and is always looked forward to with the greatest anticipation. The woods and environments were such to make all present happy and contented. The program was well carried out and several good addresses being delivered and a historical account of the given. A ball game, foot racing and general athletic sports constituted the afternoon's entertainment. The society is a most worthy organization.

AL AND SOCIAL.

Rev. Law's pulpit

Miss Mays, sister of Mrs. Anna Jones, is visiting in the city.

We acknowledge a very pleasant call from Gentry Maury of Chicago, last week.

Mrs. S. Prater, sister of Mrs. Weeks, was in the city Tuesday, en route for Ottumwa.

D. Morton has been visiting in Ottumwa, attending the entertainment.

Smith and J. D. Reeler were the number who visited Oskaloosa last week.

Levis, of Colfax, is making her husband, who is in service.

Scott was quite ill the week, and a doctor was called, which improved now.

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He has been totally blind for some time and now he is taking treatment that is apparently doing him good. He occasionally gets a glimpse of light. He has many friends and neighbors who earnestly hope for his complete recovery.

Miss May Ruff departed for Galesburg, Ill., Monday afternoon to attend the wedding of her cousin, Miss Cora A. Love. During Miss Ruff's absence James M. Ruff will act as chef; Thad Ruff, dish washer and dining room girl, and Charles Ruff will do the gormandizing and receive company.

Monday last the pleasant home of Ma. and Mrs. Frank Blagburn was made happy by the arrival of a baby boy. Mr. Blagburn was unusually affable to customers at the Savery House Pharmacy that evening. Many did not know that Frank was very proud over the addition to his family.

Phoenix, Arizona, Herald: Mr. Oscar Crockett, wife and family arrived this morning from Des Moines, Iowa, and will make Phoenix their future home. Mr. Crockett was one of the large army of eastern inquirers for information regarding our city, and Mr. Frank Shirley corresponded with him for some time with the result that he has cast his fortune with us.

Jason Green, Esq., of Newton, will be in Des Moines flag day and assist in the removing of the old and sacred battle flags. He has a good record as a soldier and is a good and honorable citizen.

Johnson & Hopkins, 413 Seventh street, are selling the best groceries in the city. Prices always with the times.

DECIDE TO PICNIC.

A meeting was held at St. Paul's A. M. E. church Monday evening by the members and friends of the church for an expression in regard to a picnic or excursion between the church and Sunday school jointly. It was finally decided to have an excursion on the C. & G. W. railroad to the Chautauqua grounds, Waterloo, Ia. These grounds are especially adapted for picnic purposes, numerous seats, excellent water, pavilions and every facility for the comfort of a days outing. Steamers, pleasure boats, etc., are numberless on the lake. The church and Sunday school can be congratulated upon its selection.

If you want good goods at lowest prices call on Johnson & Hopkins, 413 Seventh.

CHARITY CONCERT.

The choir of the A. M. E. Church gave an excellent program last Thursday evening to a fair sized audience. The cause in which their voluntarily enlisted was enough to fill the house. It was for the assistance of a woman who was a member of the church, one who, while in health, had rendered deeds of charity to many and had did her plain Christian duty. Now, unfortunately, she is sick and has been for a long time. The concert was well selected and rendered in an exceptionally fine manner. Several visitors in the city kindly assisted in the production of the evening's program. Mrs. Hamilton Thomas, of Ottumwa, sang a solo and received a hearty encore, to which she responded. The program was as follows:

Piano Duet.....Mabel and Alice Berry  
Tenor song—"Tell Her I Love Her So," Holt  
Recitation.....Dr. Johnson  
Solo contralto—"Alone at Last".....Mrs. Coalsen  
Recitation—Selected.....Miss Jordan  
Excelsior quartette.....Selected  
Solo contralto.....Miss Goodlow  
Solo soprano.....Ernani Involvani, Miss  
"Go, Battled Coward".....Holt and Moseley  
Solo soprano.....C. C. Lewis  
Duet quartette—"Annie Laurie".....  
Sopranos, Miss Ruff and Mrs. Birney;  
Contraltos, Miss Berry and Mrs. Coalsen  
Solo—Selected.....Mrs. Hamilton Thomas  
(Encore responded to.)

KEOKUK ITEMS.

Social and Other News of Interest From Lee County.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

About twenty persons took advantage of the rates to Burlington to assist in celebrating Emancipation Day.

Rumor says that Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bland will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary the latter part of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bland entertained a large company of their friends on last Monday evening in honor of their daughter, Mrs. E. Brandt Mrs. Birney's. A large platform was laid on the south side of the lawn under a beautiful pavilion covered with green leaves and vines. The pavilion and entire lawn was beautifully illuminated with gas lamps, making a beautiful scene. Whittich's orchestra furnished the music for the evening. Lees

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**A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.**

THE GRAND LODGE OF COLORED ODD FELLOWS LARGELY ATTENDED.

Names of the Newly Elected Officers--The Growth of the Order--Some Valuable Statistics.

On last Wednesday adjourned one of the most successful fraternal meetings ever held in Iowa. The thirteenth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows convened at Ft. Madison July 21. Large numbers of colored Odd Fellows were in attendance. The session opened with a meeting of the delegates, the greater portion of the day being devoted to the transaction of routine business. Muchakinoak, accompanied by her colored band sent a large excursion, Keokuk, Park Bluff, Quincy, La Grange and other points swelling the number present to about 1,200. Bright and early Wednesday morning the grand lodge was in session, and disposed of the reports and the election of officers. The lodge district is composed of the states of Iowa and Nebraska and contains 533 members, nearly all of whom are financial members. The order has invested during the past year \$3,611 and has expended in the fiscal year beginning July 26, 1893, and ending July 25, 1893, for sick benefits, \$996.42. The fund on hand at present aggregates \$1,648.30.

On the afternoon of July 23 occurred the grand street parade, the music being furnished by the colored bands of Muchakinoak, La Grange and Prof. Adler's band of Keokuk, all thoroughly competent and experienced. After the parade the people repaired to the Old Settler's Park, where they were welcomed in a well worded and pleasing address by Hon. J. D. Hamilton and the deputy grand master of Missouri.

Following these festivities occurred the public installation of the following officers for the ensuing year:

District Grand Master—W. A. S. Mills, Keokuk.  
Deputy Grand Master—Robert Baikes Des Moines.  
District Grand Secretary—S. L. Tigg, Burlington.  
District Grand Treasurer—T. H. Dewis, Muchakinoak.  
District Grand Chaplain—T. Watson, Evans.  
District Grand Guardian—Samuel Bowman, Ft. Madison.  
District Grand Marshal—H. S. Clay, Des Moines.

These officers are all men of integrity and honest purpose; men who have been instrumental in the perfection of the grand and noble order which they represent. The order of Odd Fellows is said to be the greatest beneficent order in existence.

A grand ball and banquet was given on the evening of adjournment, the busy cares of the two previous days were cast aside and all engaged in an evening of pleasure and social entertainment.

The meeting brought to Ft. Madison the largest assemblage of colored people in the city's history. The city of Ft. Madison extended the hand of friendship to all present and everyone did credit to himself and the excellent order to which he belonged.

The ground of the previous year was well covered and the members of the order are hopeful of a much greater advancement during the ensuing year. The grand lodge will meet in Chariton next year.

BURLINGTON BUDGET.

A Letter Full of News Items and Interesting Facts.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mr. L. Reed, the Burlington delegate to the grand lodge, which convened at Fort Madison last week, brings back quite a favorable report to the lodge here. Mr. Reed tells us, among many other things, that he had "the only time."

Mr. Bert Johnson, who has been slightly ill for the past few days, is rapidly regaining his health.

We are surprised to state that Mrs. H. Prator, who formerly resided at Burlington, but now resides at Keokuk, was a Burlington visitor last week.

Rev. A. A. Hampton, the pastor of the Olive Baptist church left Wednesday for Muchakinoak, Oskaloosa and Evans. Rev. Hampton is quite a pulpit orator and is well equipped for his vocation.

Mr. Walter Brown, who has been an employe on the railroad for several years, but whose run has been south, is again favored with a western route where he is enabled to pass through Burlington, his old home. Mr. Brown is "the same old Walter."

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunaway have moved to their former dwelling on West Hill, and may now be found on the corner of Fourth and Division streets.

Mr. G. Brown, A. Manual and Clifford Jones are the names of colored plasterers who made such liberal donations to the new Olive Baptist church. Each of these gentlemen put in a days work plastering, and by the time they were through the whole church was plastered and not a cent was charged. Nothing short of success can follow such liberality as these good men put forth.

Mr. Alexander and Mr. Oliver were participants in a very pleasant fishing party last week. Owing to the low stage of water, fish are reported to be very plentiful in the Illinois bottom lands.

Mrs. B. Fields and Mrs. Ella Smith were the guests of Mrs. A. White last week. These ladies returned to Ottumwa with the expectation of revisiting this city on August 1st.

Mrs. Eva Jackson, of North Fourth street, has been ill for the past few days, but we are glad to say that her writing she is rapidly improving.

Mrs. Lydia Weldon fell at her door step last Wednesday at a dead faint. Mrs. Weldon tells us that she escaped the fine usually inflicted upon our people for fainting, and we heartily congratulate her for being so fortunate.

Mrs. Owens, of Galesburg, is the wife of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Sadie Briggs, who has been running relatives in Cedar Rapids for weeks past, will return to Burlington some time in August.

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peets to spend the summer here and return to Chicago in the fall.

COUNTY SEAT OF JASPER.

Newton's People Are Industrious and Prosperous in Home, Society and Church Affairs.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

DEAR BYSTANDER: Perhaps your many readers would like to hear from this beautiful little town.

As all doubtless know Newton is on the Rock Island R. R. 35 miles east of Des Moines.

I will now tell you something of the colored citizens and their circumstances.

There are nineteen colored families here, and I find that all are property holders, and the beauty of the matter is, that their homes are all out of debt.

Also that the colored people have a beautiful little church, African Methodist Episcopal, that will seat from 100 to 200 people. Also a parsonage with a new well upon it, and ground enough to build a larger church, which the population increases.

Rev. Tillman is the pastor. He is much loved by the people and public in general. I attended the service Sunday evening and heard him speak on "The Existence of God," from the 90th Psalm and second verse. The subject was very ably handled. Bro. Tillman bids fair to become a power in the ministry in the near future.

We also visited the Sabbath School and found much interest manifested. Rev. Thomas Watson is the Superintendent and M. Jason Green assistant. The teachers here take great interest in the children.

There is also a Children's Society of Willing Workers, the object of which is to raise money for the benefit of the pastor and other contingencies. The children also learn to cook and do plain sewing under the management of Mrs. Tillman. The Ladies Aid Society was organized to help both the Stewards and Trustees of the church and has raised considerable money during the year.

The best place in the city to buy groceries is at Johnson & Hopkins, 413 Seventh.

MARSHALLTOWN MENTION.

Personal Paragraph From a Busy City--A Black Diaper of Muchakinoak Tried His Malice Case and is Condemned by the Court, Opposing Counsel and Friends.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Constable Stewart of Des Moines was in the city Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Fannie Carter, Mrs. Boman, Misses Wilkerson and Cottomas, Messrs. Anderson, Filippens and Wright composed the crowd that attended the celebration at Oskaloosa.

There is a new arrival at the home of I. L. Beck in the way of a 12 pound boy. Mother and son doing well.

Mrs. Bird left for home Tuesday morning.

"HUB'S" FIRST HIT.

From the Marshalltown Times Republican.

Hub Wright tried his maiden law suit yesterday. He defended a young colored man named John Anderson against the charge of having circulated obscene pictures and literature. The case was fought out for all it was worth before Justice Battin. Volney Kent was attorney for the plaintiff. The office was crowded almost to suffocation, most of the spectators being colored people. Considerable evidence was introduced, a preponderance being against the defendant, and conviction was a foregone conclusion from the time the first witness left the stand. But "Hub" didn't lose hope and made a big effort to save his client so far as possible. He made a plea in behalf of the accused that surprised all present. It was an argument that did him much credit and demonstrated the fact that he is capable of becoming a successful criminal lawyer. The justice, opposing counsel and many friends congratulated him upon the able manner in which he conducted the case and "Hub" feels that he has made a good start in the profession.

ALBIA NOTES.

Minor Mention of the Doings of Her Citizens.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mrs. A. Cooper, of Ottumwa, is spending a few days with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

Miss May Ruff passed through here enroute to Galesburg.

Mr. R. Vaghn moved his residence to Eves from Hitman.

Mr. and Mrs. Finks were visitors of Albia on Sunday.

There will be a grand social at Mr. H. Jones' on Thursday night for the benefit of the A. M. E. church.

Miss Mattie Shockford, of Sharpsburg, was in our city over night and left for Oskaloosa with the Miss Davis for a short visit there and then will go to Knoxville.

Miss Carrie Thomas has found a situation in Muchakinoak teaching school this term. She is a very intelligent young lady. She had a school at Jacksonville, Mo., during the past two or three years and tried to engage her for another term.

in appropriate positions in the corridor of the Capitol, in which the battle flags will be preserved. The 10th day of August, 1864, has been selected as an appropriate day for the transfer of the battle flags from the State Arsenal to the Capitol building. This great occasion, one of the last official acts of our State in patriotic remembrance of that heroic army which she sent forth to defend the flag while yet in the very infancy of her statehood, is one in which every true citizen of Iowa will be deeply interested. The hardships and sacrifices, the alternating victories and defeats, and the final triumph and after glory of that army are matters of history; but the battle flags around which our Iowa soldiers rallied, and under the folds of which they marched through smoke of battle to victory or death, are left to us, a precious heritage toward which the hearts of all Iowans go forth in grateful remembrance.

Now, therefore, I, Frank D. Jackson, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby recommend that the 10th day of August, 1894, be known and referred to as Battle Flag Day, and that it be observed as a public holiday consecrated to the memory of the patriotism and valor of Iowa's soldiers, living and dead.

Let the subject of patriotism, as represented in the one hundred and thirty-three flags that led the seventy thousand Iowa soldiers into battle, be the inspiring sentiment of the day, and I hereby request that all the people of this commonwealth refrain upon that day from unnecessary labor and join in appropriate exercises in commemoration of this patriotic occasion.

Let as many as possible of the surviving members of the Iowa regiments take a personal part in the exercises of the day. Let regimental reunions be called to meet at the capital city on the day previous, so that as far as possible these battle flags may be carried by their own respective color bearers, surrounded by the broken fragments of regimental organization.

With a spirit of reverent solemnity, let the people of Iowa devote this day to the consideration of the relations of the citizen to the flag; of liberty as distinct from license; of loyalty, patriotism and heroism. Let us again renew our devotion to the flag; our fidelity to the law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Iowa.

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