

Iowa State Bystander.

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY THE BYSTANDER PUBLISHING COMPANY.

CHARLES S. RUFF, Editor. THADDEUS S. RUFF, Associate Editor. JOHN D. REELER, Manager.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE MOST WORTHFUL UNITED GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, A. F. & A. M.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION. One year, \$1.50. Six months, .75. Three months, .50.

OFFICE: REGISTER BLDG., THIRD FLOOR.

Send money by postoffice order, money order, express or draft, to THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER Publishing Company.

Judge Tourgee: "If I was a colored man in the north I would go to a fashionable white Christian church at least once a month, and to every other place where a good citizen should go, and put myself in evidence as a good citizen."

Brooklynites are meeting with very severe criticisms from the press and people of the country on account of their action in regard to the colored man who purchased property in a semi-fashionable part of that city.

The number of ministers in the United States is estimated at 80,000. They are all attempting to make the world better by talking.

If you value your home paper, subscribe for it. Do not borrow it. Do not lend it. But subscribe and pay for it, and thereby show that you take an interest in the paper of your choice.

The Iowa State Bystander was the first paper in Polk county to publish a complete ticket of the state, county and congressional nominees of the Republican party.

In nearly every community there is a class of people who delight in retailing bits of gossip of such a character that it could not safely be reproduced in print.

In some of the southern states the people are taxed for the purpose of paying pensions to old confederate soldiers and their heirs.

We have fifty colored Union soldiers in this county.

Miss Ida B. Wells addressed a large audience in Baltimore, Md., last Thursday.

You can register Saturday, and it is your duty to see to it if you have not already done so.

Remember your county ticket and vote it from township clerk up. Times are too hard to waste lead pencils in scratching tickets.

The Democratic party should have made its canvass on its record in treatment of the Union soldiers. It is very tired of the tariff question.

Tom Reed was given an ovation by Iowa people. He is a Republican all along the line and has a special column enough to make a good president.

We would again warn the Republican voters of Four Mile against voting for the renegade Republican running on the "Popocratic" ticket for justice of the peace. This person is unworthy of the office.

Do not be deceived by scurrilous reports circulated against John Cook, candidate for supervisor. Mr. Cook is an earnest, hard working Republican, and is well qualified to hold the office he is running for.

The patronage controlled by Tammany amounts to over \$50,000,000. It is worth scrambling for. National political control of New York City is a secondary matter to Tammany. But it must go. The good women of that city have so decreed.

A movement is on foot to erect a monument to the memory of John Zuilke, who is credited with establishing the underground railway. This will be the second monument erected to a Negro in the United States. The other was erected in honor of Crispus Attucks in Boston.

The meetings held by colored men and addresses by colored American citizens have had more of good common sense in them and less of oratory. This is not a year for oratory. It is a year that good sense and good judgment is in demand and at a premium in the national legislature.

Chicago Tribune: "If we expect to win the election this fall," exclaimed the fiery orator, bringing his fist down on the desk before him and speaking in a voice whose resonant ring betokened the sincerity of his own convictions: "if we expect to win the election this fall, fellow-citizens, we must put up our best men!"

Brooklynites are meeting with very severe criticisms from the press and people of the country on account of their action in regard to the colored man who purchased property in a semi-fashionable part of that city.

The number of ministers in the United States is estimated at 80,000. They are all attempting to make the world better by talking. What an enormous amount of suffering they could relieve if each one of them would till all the land they could rent and give the surplus arising from their labors to the increasing number of men, women and children!

If you value your home paper, subscribe for it. Do not borrow it. Do not lend it. But subscribe and pay for it, and thereby show that you take an interest in the paper of your choice.

The Iowa State Bystander was the first paper in Polk county to publish a complete ticket of the state, county and congressional nominees of the Republican party.

In nearly every community there is a class of people who delight in retailing bits of gossip of such a character that it could not safely be reproduced in print.

In some of the southern states the people are taxed for the purpose of paying pensions to old confederate soldiers and their heirs.

We have fifty colored Union soldiers in this county.

Miss Ida B. Wells addressed a large audience in Baltimore, Md., last Thursday.

You can register Saturday, and it is your duty to see to it if you have not already done so.

Remember your county ticket and vote it from township clerk up. Times are too hard to waste lead pencils in scratching tickets.

The Democratic party should have made its canvass on its record in treatment of the Union soldiers. It is very tired of the tariff question.

Tom Reed was given an ovation by Iowa people. He is a Republican all along the line and has a special column enough to make a good president.

We would again warn the Republican voters of Four Mile against voting for the renegade Republican running on the "Popocratic" ticket for justice of the peace. This person is unworthy of the office.

Do not be deceived by scurrilous reports circulated against John Cook, candidate for supervisor. Mr. Cook is an earnest, hard working Republican, and is well qualified to hold the office he is running for.

ment and facts it should fall to the ground. A resort to violence is the weapon of a weak man. The establishment of free speech in a part of this country has been one of the greatest blessings that the Negroes of this country ever had.

The Young Men's Colored Republican Club held a very enthusiastic meeting Wednesday evening, and for more than two hours listened to addresses made by Rev. W. Black, Thad. S. Ruff, James A. Howe and Senator Cheshire.

Professor Washington, of Tuskegee College, Alabama, in a recent address, says that the only way for the colored people to "have the most of Jesus is to have a good bank account."

Professor Washington's theory is that the true formula of "pure and undefiled religion" is "Praise God and make money."

As the Athens of old, we never fail to furnish something to interest the public.

Rev. Shepherd, who has been in our midst for a number of years, recently disposed of his property and returned to his old home, Sparta, Ill., Friday morning.

We were honored this week with a professional call by one of our distinguished colored gentlemen in the person of the Hon. R. R. Richmond, who has invented and taken out a patent on a "burial derrierie."

George Taylor, after a prolonged visit in the west, has returned. No place like home.

Mrs. Weeden has been under the weather for the past week, but is able to be up again.

There was a pleasant party of young people assembled at the home of Miss Belle Grimms Sunday evening.

The Mt. Olive Baptist church has been holding revival meetings the past week conducted by Rev. Green, of Peoria, Ill.

Mr. Henry Cooper is much better. The bullet lodged in his thigh and cannot be found. He is suffering much pain and the doctors say it might prove fatal.

The young people of this town are talking of getting up a literary society. We hope they will, as it will pass away the winter evenings profitably.

THE NEGRO AND CHRISTIANITY

The Poor and Weak Have Little to Hope for From a Perverted and Distorted Christianity.

Do Those Who "Profess" Religion Ever Feel Ashamed of Its History in the Past and Present?

Albion W. Tourgee in Chicago Inter Ocean. Professor Washington, of Tuskegee College, Alabama, in a recent address, says that the only way for the colored people to "have the most of Jesus is to have a good bank account."

The statement seems a little irreverent, and is not a little ludicrous; but Professor Washington is entirely sincere, and the caustic truth of his declaration goes a great way toward dissipating the smile that comes to one's lips as he reads. The plain English of it is that a colored man must not expect much satisfaction from Christianity on earth unless he becomes first a successful worshiper of Mammon.

This theory is just as delusive as any other specific for avoiding the ills of harsh conditions.

As the Athens of old, we never fail to furnish something to interest the public.

Rev. Shepherd, who has been in our midst for a number of years, recently disposed of his property and returned to his old home, Sparta, Ill., Friday morning.

We were honored this week with a professional call by one of our distinguished colored gentlemen in the person of the Hon. R. R. Richmond, who has invented and taken out a patent on a "burial derrierie."

George Taylor, after a prolonged visit in the west, has returned. No place like home.

Mrs. Weeden has been under the weather for the past week, but is able to be up again.

There was a pleasant party of young people assembled at the home of Miss Belle Grimms Sunday evening.

The Mt. Olive Baptist church has been holding revival meetings the past week conducted by Rev. Green, of Peoria, Ill.

Mr. Henry Cooper is much better. The bullet lodged in his thigh and cannot be found. He is suffering much pain and the doctors say it might prove fatal.

The young people of this town are talking of getting up a literary society. We hope they will, as it will pass away the winter evenings profitably.

The action of some of the colored citizens in treatment of J. Milton Turner should meet the rebuke of all colored or white men who believe in free speech.

ALBIA NOTES.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. Rev. J. P. James and his wife have gone to housekeeping. They seem very well contented. We hope that they will live happily and be successful.

There will be a grand taffy pulling at Mr. and Mrs. Snody's Thursday night.

Mrs. H. Jones, of Albia, left for Ottumwa to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Meadows.

The Young People's Social Club is getting along very nicely. They ask the surrounding young folks to pay a visit to Albia.

Mrs. H. Jones is now at his business. He has been serving on the jury for three weeks.

KEOKUK ITEMS.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. Keep yourself in readiness for the masquerade to be given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Mary's Church, on Thanksgiving night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kellis were called to Canton to attend the funeral of his father.

Mr. Wm. Gross is no better, but we are glad to say his wife is improving.

Mrs. Mary Bland has returned from Canton, where she attended the funeral of Mr. Kellis.

Electoral Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star, have work for Wednesday evening, Oct. 31.

Bishop Perry, of Davenport, will be in Keokuk the 13th of November to confirm a class at St. Mary's Church.

Rev. Amos Johnson is home on business for a few days.

A reception is tendered Rev. Stevenson the new Methodist minister, at his home on Franklin between 15th and 16th streets.

The presiding elder of this district will be in the city Sunday and held quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church.

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. Mrs. Ella Smith spent a few days in Creston last week in company with her husband. She returned home Saturday.

Mrs. James Judith Brown and Minnie Hawker, who have been visiting in the city for the past three weeks, returned to their home in Madison, Mo., last Saturday.

Rev. L. J. Jackson occupied the pulpit at the Second Baptist church last Sunday. Rev. Watts being absent.

The Silver Aid Society met with Mrs. Anna Lee on Meadow street last Friday evening.

Rev. F. Lomas's condition does not seem to improve very fast. He is still confined to his bed.

The Epworth League of the A. M. E. church is beginning to prosper again.

Mrs. L. J. Shelton. He returned home Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. B. Bradshaw left Saturday for Fayette, Mo., on account of the death of her aunt. She will remain several days.

Miss Nell Moseley, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. L. J. Shelton, left Monday for Mt. Pleasant, her former home. She will probably return again.

The ladies' sewing circle of the A. M. E. church met with Mrs. Mattie Weeks Thursday evening in a business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. James Berry, of Bloomfield, were Sunday visitors in the city. They returned home Sunday evening.

The Ottumwa pleasure club met at the residence of Mrs. B. Carter Wednesday evening in a social and business meeting.

Mrs. Emily Gasco, of LaGrange, Mo., is expected to move to this city in a few days and will reside with her daughter, Mrs. M. Johnson.

FRIEND OF LAWYERS.

GROVER LOOKS AFTER HIS OWN PROFESSION.

The Average Lawyer's Practice Has Increased Tenfold Since the Advent of the Democratic National Administration at Washington.

It is fortunate for the legal profession that the President of the United States is a lawyer. He has taken good care of his own kind since March 1893.

The lawyers of New York have not forgotten that the President took care of their interests, and whenever a meeting was called or a rally was necessary



to support some un-American act of Mr. Cleveland's his brother lawyers rolled up in good shape to shout approval or sign petitions, even though they had to "swallow perjury and lies."

When business was prosperous, in 1892, people had but little use for lawyers unless to extend their business, enlarge their factories or enter upon new undertakings.

Many lawyers had many idle days in 1892. But it has been different in 1893 and 1894. The lawyers have been rushed with business.

Failures, strikes, bankruptcies, mortgages, transfers of property, settlements, bills to collect—all these things furnish good pickings for the lawyers.

They are the result of an un-American free trade policy that ruins American enterprise and checks American progress.



den's policy has brought forth abundance for the lawyer. It is no wonder that the lawyer trots out with the importer to do honor to free trade democracy.

A POINT OF DIFFERENCE.

McKinley was Honored at Home While Wilson Seeks Honor Abroad.

Congressman Wilson, the noted exponent of free-trade in the United States, has been banqueted by the chamber of commerce in London.

This is an honor conferred by the British in recognition of the very valuable services rendered their country in the congress of the United States through the efforts of Mr. Wilson and his allies in framing a tariff bill to favor foreign manufacturers.

It is a significant fact that the author of the McKinley law received the commendations of his own countrymen, while the free-trade champion is lionized abroad.

By aiding in the reduction of tariff duties Mr. Wilson has given great impetus to English manufactures and caused much depression to those of his native land.

It is quite natural that the London chamber of commerce should rejoice, but it is unnatural that any true American should share in such a celebration.

It is a painful wound and will cause him much trouble.

A grand festival is to be given at the A. M. E. church on the 13th and 14th of November. It is the representation of the feast in the wilderness.

It promises to be a grand affair. Both ancient and modern representations will be given, also an excellent program for each evening is being prepared.

Professor J. H. Keem will participate in the exercises and will furnish some excellent music.

If you want a paper that will give you all the news of the week that you may read on Sunday don't fail to get the BYSTANDER for it is the only one that can be obtained on Saturday, and the best that comes to our city.

THE LITERARY.

The St. Paul A. M. E. literary was fairly well attended Tuesday evening, but owing to the fact that there were several other important meetings a number of the officers could not be present.

What the Fear of Free Trade Did. A democratic tariff for revenue encourages the importation of foreign made goods. Imported goods being the products of foreign labor, rob American labor of that amount of work.

Replenish the Gold Reserve. In all, therefore, new taxation to the estimated amount of \$96,000,000 has been imposed, and the secretary of the treasury is of opinion that this will be sufficient to cover the present deficit.

They Wear the Cleveland Badge. It must be admitted that no tariff measure can accord with democratic principles and promises, or bear a genuine democratic badge.

Could Not Run the Risk. If the \$445,000,000 worth of goods imported in 1893, that could have been manufactured here, had been so made, \$308,000,000 of capital would have found profitable investment.

Keep the Gold at Home. Be sure to see that you buy American made goods, thus helping to give employment to American wage earners.

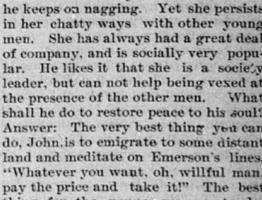
Stewart Only for Stewart. Senator Stewart could have killed the Gorman tariff bill, but he harbored up his private grievances instead of protecting the sheep farmers of Nevada.



Democracy Feeds Her Flock. Laborers for Protection. The leaders of labor unions have often been the advocates of free trade.

Down on the Old Soldiers. The old soldiers' pensions were cut down by almost \$30,000,000 during the last session of the democratic congress.

The Choice of a Wife. John J.—is in love, so he says, and yet is very unhappy. The lady of his choice is fond of society and often talks with other young men.



IT BRINGS BRITISH GOODS OVER. Our Tariff for Foreigners. The changes in duty are in many cases favorable to British manufacturers.

There is also a considerable reduction in cutlery, by which Sheffield should benefit, and from several other read-