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We desire to confidentially advise our young men that Saturday is not a good day to call upon young ladies.

They might be surprised, run from you or sit behind the stove while entertaining you.

It is very embarrassing to have a pretty young lady sit behind the stove.

If she were homely it would be all right, but come, to think about the matter, there are no ugly girls—some are just better looking than others, that's all. Take warning.

Another chapter of sensational and paralyzing news has recently come to light in the exposure of alleged bribery on the part of the Gas Light Company and members of the newspaper fraternity of this city.

The city it seems has for several years past been infested by no small amount of corruption.

Whether those interested in good and honest municipal government will be able to separate the chaff from the wheat—the evil from the good—remains to be seen.

That corruptive greed and rottenness is manifest in our midst no one can doubt; that there are those within whom money is the ruling passion, is an evil that must be remedied before the general public may receive that justice to which it is entitled.

If it be true that the Gas Light Company paid \$1,000 to silence the advocacy of a just principal due public welfare, it is high time that such unprincipled transactions were thoroughly investigated in order that the public may not be brought to bear so great an injustice.

The threat to remove the Sacred Codfish from the capitol of Massachusetts is stirring the old Commonwealth from center to circumference.

All that Lares and Penates were to the Romans, the Sacred Codfish is to the people of the bay state, with a few additional sacrosanctities of its own.

TURKS come high at Erzinczian, where for the "murder" of one of them twenty-four Armenians were lately sentenced to death, while nineteen more received sentences of imprisonment, from six years up to life.

It should be added that among the condemned several proved that they were in Constantinople at the time of the killing.

PITTSBURG reports that during the year 1894 in that county 161 persons were killed by steam cars and thirty-two by cable and electric cars.

A total of 194 preventable deaths, an average of nearly four deaths every week the year through.

The companies should find means to reduce this needless sacrifice of life, and if they do not, legislation will be invoked to help them to do so.

The customary announcement, somewhat belated, that the Duc d'Orleans is about to issue a manifesto and head a demonstration in France is accompanied this year with a reference to his possible arrest, for which he has apparently small concern.

It would do him no harm if in the event of his disturbing the peace the pretender should be treated with something more than Pickwickian harshness.

THERE are few advertisers who have not been looking forward to this year with hopes of better results from their expenditure than they ever ventured to expect from last year's cutlay.

A year ago the business depression had yet to reach its lowest point. No one could guess just how far it would go.

This year, however, business is on the upward grade, and nobody knows the extent to which it will have improved by the time the year is old.

Now that the source of the Mississippi has been discovered, there comes also the knowledge that the Missouri is really the larger and longer river, and its source is the one that ought to give name to the great stream that divides our country into East and West, but unites the North and South.

The Mississippi above St. Louis is shorter than has been thought, while the Missouri is longer. These two rivers, with the Ohio and Arkansas river farther south, drain an empire destined to be richer than any like extent of territory on this planet.

OUR FRIENDS WRITE LETTERS

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. H. Allen, of Colon, was in the city the first of the week visiting friends.

Services at the A. M. E. Church last Sunday were unusually good. Rev. Taylor preached one of his best sermons.

The attendance was very large. The revival meetings at the Second Baptist Church will go on with increasing interest.

The meeting Tuesday evening was an exceptionally good one.

Robert E. Crump, of Hedrick, was in the city Sunday on business of importance. It begins to look a little suspicious, like the time in '90.

Come again, Robert, we like to see you. The many friends of Miss Virginia Hill will be pleased to learn that she is on the mend.

Miss Helen Johnson, of South Ottumwa, entertained a few of her many friends at the first of the week. Those present were: Misses Anna B. Reynolds and Manda Watts, Messrs. J. E. Mosley and John McClellan.

A very pleasant time was had. Miss Johnson is a royal entertainer.

We were mistaken last week about Mrs. Poles visiting her sister. It was her mother, Mrs. A. Williams.

The Star Cornet Band is preparing to give the people a grand treat in the near future in the way of music. This band is owned and controlled by E. Allen and L. J. Shelton.

Quarterly meeting will be held at the A. M. E. Church on the 30th of February. Rev. Hardison, P. E., is expected to be present.

The ladies met at the home of Mrs. Z. Taylor on last Friday and organized a ladies' social and reading club. The following persons were chosen as officers: Mrs. Z. Taylor, president; Mrs. L. J. Shelton, vice-president; Mrs. Ella Smith, secretary; Miss Daisy B. Johnson, assistant secretary; Mrs. Susan Henderson, treasurer; Mrs. Jessie Meadows, chorister; Mrs. P. E. Taylor, chaplain.

After the election of officers, a few minutes were devoted to speech making. An elegant lunch was then served. The society then adjourned to meet next week with Mrs. L. J. Shelton.

The entertainment given at the A. M. E. church Tuesday evening was pretty well attended and a very good time was had.

Mr. J. E. Mosley, insurance agent who was transferred from Des Moines to this city, and employed by the Equitable and Mutual Insurance company of Waterloo, has started out very nicely and meeting with very good success.

He has established an office and has several agents under his charge and we predict for him success in his district. He is active, energetic and shrewd and we believe him to be perfectly reliable.

Rev. Watts preach to the children Sunday at his church. The discourse was a very appropriate one, and to all seemingly had a good effect, as many since have gone forward to the anxious seat.

The meeting of the mock congress last week was the most enthusiastic one yet held. The house was crowded.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman V. S. Page, and after the regular order of business the meeting proceeded to the election of members to congress. It was a lively time.

They are as follows: States—Missouri, Isaac Downey, J. E. Woods, James Hamilton, J. N. Rose, Joseph Weeks, E. L. Shaw, J. N. Lee, E. Hume, W. H. Horne; Illinois—Joseph Hopkins, L. H. New York—James Terrell, Wesley Young; Ohio—J. M. Bradshaw, Isaac Johnson, Frank King; Maine—Clyde Boylery. Election incomplete; town representatives were not chosen.

That evening Mr. Hopkins resigned his place in the senate with a view to becoming speaker of the house. On next Friday will be the inauguration of the president. This move has certainly aroused the town. Many who never dreamed of studying parliamentary law and civil government heretofore are buying books right along. Vice President Jackson Taylor is fast preparing himself to preside over that august body of the senate.

Every one of us should read the BYSTANDER in order that we may know what is going on around us.

BURLINGTON BUDGET.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. John Williams, a well known citizen of this city, and who has driven the coal oil wagon for quite a while, passed this life at 12 o'clock Friday night, Jan. 18, and was buried Monday, Jan. 21. The many friends of Mr. Williams sympathize with her in her sorrow.

Little Hazel White is said to be quite ill at this writing.

Mrs. Dunway's niece returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Wilson is still on the sick list, but improving.

The two clubs of this city, the Hyacinthian and Silver Crescent are getting along nicely. The Silver Crescent has got quite a nice program for this week. They meet with Mrs. Newton and the following program will be rendered: Short address by the president, Mrs. Ada Louis; biographical sketch of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, by Mrs. Newton; instrumental solo by Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Carpenter; instrumental solo by Miss Palmer, banjo and guitar trio by Dave Jones, Mr. Harvey Jones, and Mr. Campbell. Journal and critic. Secretary, Miss Cora Brooks.

Grandma Gatlin is improving.

John Simmons met with an almost fatal accident last Saturday forenoon. He and Mr. Cooper were talking over some money matters and got to quarreling, and Mr. Cooper struck him on the head with a cane, bruising the old man badly. Mr. Cooper is under bonds and we hope he may have to pay out some of his fortune. He has so much. Mr. Simmons is getting along nicely and we hope he will recover, as he has been under the weather all winter.

The Hyacinthian Club anticipate having a drama the 14th of February. We had another light snow here Monday.

Last Sunday was quarterly meeting here, and Rev. Hardison delivered quite an interesting sermon in the evening. He is a good preacher and is much liked by the people of Burlington.

Wm. SHACKELFORD.

KEOKUK.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. Mrs. M. Frazier is on the sick list.

Mrs. Kendrick is suffering from a

stroke of paralysis at the home of her son, G. T. Kendrick.

Mrs. Lynch is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. Hackett.

Mrs. P. A. Jones is gradually improving.

The Women's Club met in regular session at Mrs. G. A. Field's Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Electrical Trolley will give a grand concert on the 14th of February.

Margaret Ann Court will give a grand entertainment at the U. K. T. hall on the 31st inst. Music and refreshments.

Mrs. Fannie Williams is very sick. Mrs. H. Buckley is suffering from an attack of the grip.

Mrs. F. D. Bland on her return from Quincy received a fine ring set with pearls and turquoise in one of the latest designs, from her husband.

Revs. Stevenson and Smith are conducting protracted meetings at their respective churches.

OSKALOOSA RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL NOTES.

Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Williams entertained at tea, in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Etta Cheek, of Jacksonville, Ill. Rev. S. B. Jones and wife, Mrs. Amanda Blagburn, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Lee, Misses Lizzie Blagburn, Georgia Blagburn, and Frankie Warren; Messrs. B. F. Harris and William Jones. Mrs. Williams was assisted by Mrs. Jennie Jones. Socially it was a success.

Revival services at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church are in progress, and doing much good.

Attendance at A. M. E. Church is on the increase. Last Sunday evening witnessed two accessions. At the present rate the A. M. E. membership will be done up about it was at the beginning of the year.

The A. M. E. people have ceased all financial work for the present and propose to devote the next month to saving souls. Last Sunday the first gun in the revival was fired. It was a spiritual charge morning and evening. Monday night a large number turned out to love feast. Meetings held every night the past week with good results. Rev. Jones has secured the services of Rev. Perry Thurman to assist him. He arrived Saturday.

Sunday night about 12 o'clock a barn belonging to Ed. Jones, one of our worthy colored citizens, was burned to the ground. Besides the barn, a new buggy, harness and many other articles, and a valuable horse perished in the flames. Like a wise man he carried an insurance.

Last Sunday Rev. S. B. Jones delivered a Pythian sermon at Colon. The lodge turned out in full.

Mrs. Theodore Burnuth is quite sick. Every Sunday witnesses a great improvement in the A. M. E. Sunday school.

Uncle Robert Warren, the patriarch of Mahaska county, is fast growing feeble.

Mrs. Dailey sustained a severe injury by mashing her finger. Amputation is necessary.

SIoux CITY NEWS.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. Rev. P. F. Matthews addressed the temperance meeting at Eiche Hall last Tuesday evening. James Washington was among the choir singers.

Messdames H. Roberts and S. Coates have been on the sick list.

E. Comley has returned from a business trip to Des Moines.

George Pigeon has returned from Kansas City.

Strange things are happening in Sioux City, "What next?"

A number of ladies have promised to assist Rev. Matthews with his old folks' concert and chicken salad supper. The time has not been set yet. Will tell you later.

The members and friends of the A. M. E. Church tendered a very pleasant little surprise party on Rev. and Mrs. Matthews last Thursday evening. They brought them many good things for the table, and there seemed to be an unusual amount of sugar. The Times said someone must have thought him a sour man, for enough sugar was given to sweeten him for a year. Therefore we may look for a sweet preacher this year.

Rev. Matthews preached at the Christian church last Wednesday evening. The A. M. E. church will hold their evening services at Eiche Hall, on Bluff street, next Sabbath. Rev. Matthews will preach, and the members of the choir are expected to sing their best.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. Mrs. Mary Davis is quite ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Horatio Clark. Her many friends are hopeful of a speedy recovery.

Rev. M. W. Thornton is the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Taylor.

Johnnie Washington has once more paid his respects to his old friends by making them a visit. You are quite welcome, John.

We are quite sorry to report that Mrs. Cornelius is again confined to her bed with la grippe and rheumatism.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance at the social given at the A. M. E. church Thursday evening was not so good as it might have been.

Mrs. Porter, who came here from Marshalltown, is quite sick at the home of Mrs. Emerson Jones. Her recovery is doubtful.

Frank Miller has returned from Hot Springs and his friends will be glad to learn that he is much improved in health. M. D.

DAVENPORT ITEMS.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. The installation of officers took place at Bethel A. M. E. Sabbath school last Sabbath. John.

Rev. Clemens of Moline, is suffering with a cold, contracted during the week attending the revival at Davenport.

Miss Jenkins, of Moline, is on the sick list.

The Pink Tea given by Club No. 1 of Third Baptist Church on Tuesday evening was a decided success, both as an entertainment and financial result.

Lincoln Club of Moline will meet with Mrs. Young, of Rock Island, on next Thursday afternoon. Officers elected: L. Jenkins, president; S. Benson, vice-president; J. P. Milton, treasurer; M. Jenkins, secretary.

The S. A. L. C. will present in February a Shakespearian tragedy; title,

NEW DRY GOODS STORE,

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Continuation of our great Bargain Sale. No dull times in this store.

Hundreds of special bargains laid on our counters every day. All goods sold at the lowest possible cash prices. One price to all.

Double width Scotch Plaids, new and choice styles. Our sale price only 9c; they are worth 15c per yard.

25 pieces of Scotch Mixtures, 36 inches wide. They are good value for 30c per yard, but we will close them at 19c per yard.

15 pieces of all wool Ladies' Cloth, 56 inches wide, black and choice colors. They are worth 65c per yard; our sale price, 38c per yard.

Best quality Indigo Blue Calico, including all our fancy standard calico, will be slaughtered at this sale at 4c per yard. You know they are worth 7 1/2c.

50 pieces of Bleached and Unbleached Muslin; regular 5c value for 3 1/2c per yard.

Shirting Cheviots, good quality in plaids and stripes. Our sale price, only 6 1/2c per yard.

All our 10c Fannelets are reduced to 6 1/2c per yard.

75 pieces of fancy table Oil Cloth, best styles made. You know what other houses ask for them. Our price is only 10c per yard.

"Petrichio's Widow." Mrs. M. J. E. Ford, history: solo, Mrs. A. Hill; address by Mrs. H. C. McGarr.

Mrs. J. R. Busy entertained a few friends at dinner on Monday at her residence at 5 o'clock in honor of Mrs. M. I. Gordon, of Newton.

Mrs. R. Humphreys entertained at lunch on last Monday at 12 o'clock Mrs. M. I. Gordon and the writer.

YOUNGSTOWN BRIEFS.

S. Mash was in Youngstown Sunday to change his wife and family.

Miss Mabel Mash is sick.

Mrs. Gilson is on the sick list.

Mrs. E. Allen is sick.

S. Mash and brother-in-law are now working at Fishville.

Rev. P. T. Strong returned to his charge Thursday to remain several weeks. He is a good man and Christian worker.

Rev. McCraven, Rev. Strong, Rev. Caston, Rev. Nott; Rev. Lee and Rev. Turner took part in the dedication of the church Sunday. The services were grand and the sermons interesting and logical. Success to the undertaking.

GRAND CONCERT.

The Endowments of the East Side Baptist church rendered a very reputable program at the Young Men's Congress (literary), Thursday evening 24th inst. The program consisted of the following: Recitation, Miss Sarah Porter; original vocal solo by Mr. J. H. Rogers; music by Jesse Bohannan, accompanied by Miss Nettie Wood; E. A. Smith; Prof. W. H. Warrick, accompanied by Miss Wood; vocal solo, Mrs. L. T. Reed, "They All Love Jack"; accompanist, Miss Wood; trombone solo, Prof. J. W. Wilson; Apollo Quartet, Messrs. Porter, Hicklin, Walker and McCraven; guitar solo, Miss Sadie; vocal solo, A. L. Smith; "When you Know the Girl you Love Loves You," W. D. Reed, author, Miss Wood; accompanist: instrumental music, Rex Renix, challenge, mandolin club, assisted by Miss Blanche Renix. This club is composed of the following: J. L. Renix, first mandolin; J. W. Renix, second mandolin; A. L. Renix, solo guitar; B. W. Renix, accompaniment guitar; bass solo, O. B. Rivers; The Skipper, author—accompanist Miss Maple Morton; banjo and guitar duet, J. W. Bohannan and A. L. Renix; vocal solo; Miss B. W. Renix; When Summer Comes Again, author James Thornton, accompanied by challenge mandolin club; journal.

A grand success.

PLEASED WITH THE OUTLOOK.

Des Moines Correspondence Sioux City Journal. I have seen in Des Moines more practical and manly solution of the Negro problem as it affects the North than I ever seen elsewhere this side of Mason and Dixon's line. It is a final solution, because it is the right one. In the composing room of the Register last night I saw two Negro compositors, working side by side with white men. I asked the foreman about it, and he said they were excellent workmen, better than the average. Both these Negroes are graduates of Iowa colleges. In the composing room of the Capital another colored man is employed. He is a brother of one of those who works on the Register, and besides holding these positions the two brothers are the publishers of a weekly newspaper, devoted to their race. But these are not singular instances. In the drug store where I made a purchase yesterday I was waited upon by a polite and affable clerk, but his skin was black. If there is any prejudice against the Negro here these publishers and these merchants are braving it, and they are hereby doing more in their generation for the Negro race than did their fathers, even in the days of the underground railway. I asked Henry Uetz, the foreman of the Register composing room, what the white compositors said when he gave these Negroes cases:

NEW DRY GOODS STORE,

411 W. Walnut Street.

Our Great Special Sale of Ladies' Cloaks, Dress Goods and Blankets has proved a great success. All our Winter Weight Underwear, Hosiery and Gloves marked down to half price.

Now is your great chance to purchase a Cloak at a sacrifice price.

Ladies' Cloth Jackets, Winter Weight, carried over from last season; reduced from \$3.50 to 50c.

Ladies' Diagonal Beaver Cloth Jackets, reduced from \$5.00 to \$1.75.

Ladies' Jackets, former price \$3.50 and \$6.50, now at \$3.25. All other grades of Ladies' Jackets reduced in proportion. If you want to purchase a Shawl call and see the great bargains we are offering.

Ladies' and Children's Hosiery and Underwear at reduced prices.

Boy's Cloth Caps, worth 25c, for 5c.

Boy's Felt Hats, worth 75c, for 25c.

Boy's Knee Pants at 17c, worth 35c.

Window Shades at 10c, worth 25c.

Dad's Bordered Window Shades at 15c, worth 30c.

Lace Curtains worth 75c for 39c.

Red Table Damask, Good Quality, only 12c yd.

Cream Table Damask, worth 35c yd., now at 24c.

Fast Red Table Damask reduced from 45c to 30c yd.

Full size White Crochet Bed Spread, worth 90c, for 59c.

Extra Size Marseilles Bed Spreads, worth \$2.25, for \$1.45.

One lot of Children's Fine Quality Wool Toboggan Caps, our closing price. 19c each, reduced from 65c.

Men's Working Shirts in good quality, at 25c.

Men's Flanneling Overshirts, Extra Weight, the 75c value, now for 45c.

Men's Heavy Wool Mitts at 12c pr.

Men's Leather Lined Mitts, Cloth Backs, 35c pr, worth 60c.

Better Grades in Mitts and Gloves reduced to half price.

Heavy Shaker Socks, reduced from 20c pair to 10c.

Men's Gray Mixed Seamless Socks, at 4c pair; would be cheap at 5c.

Fifty Pairs Silver Grey Blankets; former price, \$1.75, now at 89c per pair.

Thirty Pairs White Domet Blankets, now at 84c per pair; reduced from \$1.50.

THE ATLANTA EXPOSITION.

To Be or Not to Be Treated as Good American Citizens.

The Negro Commissioners of Georgia met and propounded several questions to the white board. The questions have not been answered yet. At present convicts are preparing the grounds for the exposition while Afro-American laborers being severely let alone at a time when they need work for the purpose of supporting themselves and their families. The questions are as follows:

What relation do we as a State Board for Georgia, sustain to the Exposition Company? Are we a part of the Exposition Company, are we to have a general director to act with the representatives of the company in regard to exhibitors and visitors? If we are to be a part of the Company, are we to have a general director to act with the representatives of the Company in regard to exhibitors and visitors? What are to be the relations of colored exhibitors in reference to other exhibits in regard to premiums, etc., by whom are premiums to be awarded to colored exhibitors?

What arrangements can be made for the transportation of colored exhibits and colored passengers? Are colored exhibitors to be given the same advantages in railroad transportation as other exhibitors? Are colored passengers coming to the Exposition on interstate tickets, to be accorded accommodations according to the class of tickets purchased or are they to be given accommodations that are forced to submit to in our own state? We ask these questions especially because many of our best citizens in other states and our own who have money and leisure and would attend the Exposition will not attend unless these questions are satisfactorily answered.

How are funds to be secured for executing our work? We raise this question because we are confident that it will require much canvassing and general work to make a proper and creditable exhibit by our people and we know that funds will be necessary to prosecute the work.

What is to be the scope of colored exhibits? Are the exhibits to be of a mechanical and literary nature only, or are all exhibits consisting of live stock, poultry, farm products, etc., to be included in the exhibits for the Negro building?

Can the management of the Exposition Company arrange with contractors to have all work done on the Negro building performed by colored mechanics and workmen, as it is to be a building for their special exhibits? Also if any special work is to be done on the ground in that part, we would respectfully ask can it be given to colored workmen? as we are opposed to convict labor doing what free labor is able and anxious to do, and also at reasonable prices.

Bishop Hopsey has informed us that he cannot serve as a commissioner because of ill health. What disposition is to be made in this case and similar ones?

These propositions are submitted to your honorable body, as we know that unless they are satisfactorily answered we can effect little or no good for this

Here, Boys!!

We want your trade and want it bad. We are no different than anyone else in wanting to make them up for you.