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The St. Joe Mirror is eight years old. It is like wine - grows better with age.

Miss Ida B. Wells has been lecturing in California. She will be in Kansas City, Mo., in March.

If the exodus of Negroes to Mexico continues, there will be a labor problem for the south to solve.

Boys, there are 10,000 more Afro-American females than males in Washington, D. C. The city has 85,000 in all.

The Democratic governor of Illinois offers \$2,000 reward for the capture of an alleged Negro murderer. No reward when a Negro is lynched on Illinois soil.

Mrs. Harriet Daterte, a colored woman, is one of the most successful undertakers in Philadelphia. She has carried on the business for about twenty-five years. She furnishes hearses, carriages and all the requisites for funerals.

Rev. W. H. Anderson, of Evansville, Ind., was awarded a judgment for 1 cent in the federal court against the Louisville & Nashville railroad. The case was brought to test the validity of the separate coach law of Kentucky. The company had the costs to pay. The case has been appealed to the United States supreme court.

From Gov. Turney's (Tennessee) annual message the following is taken: "There are 1,630 prisoners in the state (Tennessee) penitentiary. Of these 1,227 are colored males, 301 white males; 36 colored females and 9 white females. I have pardoned 146. There are 278 prisoners between the ages of twelve and twenty-one." Other southern states can beat the Tennessee governor's report. Will any one say that colored

men are not persecuted in this "glorious" land of "freedom"?

Extra copies of THE BYSTANDER can be procured from our agents. The paper is mailed promptly and will continue to reach its patrons on time as long as the mail and express trains run as regularly as they have this winter.

We publish letters from all of the news centers of the state and know our correspondents will chronicle the same with impartial hands. Are you a subscriber?

The People's Advocate, of Atlanta, Ga., told its patrons that it would have to suspend if cash was not paid in at once. Nearly all who were indebted complied with the request and more are following suit. It is one of the ablest papers in the country and has courage, intelligence and judgment.

The newspapers of the race are doing more for truth, morality and justice than all the other forces combined.

What has become of the Afro-American Republican Clubs? A club should be organized and at work in every city in the state. In the future, as in the past, nothing can be accomplished by waiting until a few days before election to organize. Commence with the primaries and attend the nominating conventions and do not be silent until the last ballot is deposited and the count begun. Afro-Americans attempt to do in a few weeks that which other people take one or two years to accomplish. If you are a member of the Republican party act like one, and do not wait until election day to do it.

Attend the caucuses and see that good men are placed in nomination—do not endorse a bad black or white man. If you are interested in good government show it by entering the councils of your party in your respective neighborhoods. Afro-Americans, organize for good and just government all over this land. Here is missionary work enough for all.

Not a Republican or Democratic paper in Iowa has published the finding of the commissioners of Chatham county, Georgia, and their recommendations to the grand jury in regard to the selling of convicts to labor on canals, in coal mines, etc., and the further fact that many of them were frozen in limbs so badly that they could not work or walk and suffered the severest of pain without medicinal aid. The majority of them are Negroes of course, and they are given one and two years for the alleged commission of some petty crime. Here in Des Moines such crimes are punished by from three to thirty days in jail by a warm fire and three square meals per day. Are the Republican and Democratic papers afraid of being accused of flaunting the bloody shirt? There is something very rotten in this government. The senate of the United States wants to pass a law in regard to Choctaw barbarism, but has not one word to say about the crimes committed against Negro men and women. There is no Choctaw on earth who can exceed a "highly" civilized American in the commission of atrocious crimes and we believe that something should be done with both of them.

The Zion M. E. Church met some time ago and made preparations to celebrate its 100th anniversary. They claim the largest membership of any Afro-American church in the country. This church wants \$100,000 to celebrate the event with. With people in fair circumstances and an open field in which to seek employment this would not be a large sum. But when it is taken into consideration that the majority are poor and many of them in actual want; that the field of employment is very small; that the Negroes of the south do not average \$7.50 per month; that they are being persecuted on every hand; that they are crying for schools and school houses; that the women are outraged by white men; that children are sent to convict camps, where their feet and hands are frozen so that they suffer all the tortures known to this or any other world; that every dollar that the Afro-American can spare from his home is needed in this country to relieve suffering and to open the fields of labor—it is in considering these facts and many others that \$100,000 is an enormous sum and will be ill-spent in such an affair. In raising such a sum think of the number of mothers who wash daily for the support of themselves and their families who will be compelled to contribute. Think of the young ladies who are supporting themselves who will be called on for money. What the Afro-American needs is a religion that will make the world better—better men and better women.

COMMIT TO MEMORY. From Kate Field's Washington. When virtue pays better than vice; when swarting shops are abolished; when public schools teach girls to earn their own living rather than to despise labor and to walk in the streets; when alleged good women cease to welcome libertines and cast stones at every possible Magdalen; when these same good women decide that there shall be one code of morals for both sexes; when, in fact, the followers of Christ practice what they preach, the social evil will disappear—not before. Laws are worse than useless in the presence of ignorance, poverty, selfishness and undisciplined passion.

OUR FRIENDS WRITE LETTERS

OTTUMWA NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Willie Buckner, of Oskaloosa, was a Sunday visitor in the city, the guest of Mr. and Joseph Weeks. He returned home Wednesday.

The revival meetings at the A. M. E. church are now in progress and will continue as long as the interest now manifested is kept up.

J. E. Woods who has been sick for some time is now convalescing.

Robert E. Crump, of Hedrick, Iowa, was in the city Sunday. He returned home Monday.

The revival meetings at the Second Baptist church closed last Sunday with grand results.

The I. B. W. society met with Mrs. Wells Fowler on Birch street last Friday evening. A very pleasant time was had. At a seasonable hour they adjourned to meet with Mrs. M. Owens on West Fifth street next Wednesday afternoon.

The sad news was received yesterday from Muchaknock announcing the death of Mrs. James Logan, who was formerly a citizen of this city. She was well liked by all who knew her. Her remains were taken to her home in West Fifth street next Wednesday morning to conduct the funeral service.

Mrs. J. B. Cooper was taken seriously ill on last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Logan, and for several days she was speechless, but at this writing she is much improved.

Messrs. L. D. Crawford and Mattison Turner went to Muchaknock Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. James Logan, but as the funeral did not take place on that day they returned home in the evening.

The time to prove real friendship is in time of need. Remember the sick; be not unkindful of those who have the care of them.

Mrs. Mary J. Scott entertained Mrs. Mattie Lomax and Mrs. Garland at her home on last Wednesday, it being the 22nd anniversary of Mrs. Lomax. It was very enjoyable day. Mrs. Scott is a royal entertainer.

The members of the mock congress should thoroughly prepare themselves for their work by the time that the congress shall have convened, as some lively times are expected. The cabinet officers are as follows: Secretary of state, J. E. Woods; secretary of war, B. F. Berry; secretary of treasury, James H. Johnson; secretary of interior, Oscar Williams; secretary of navy, George Lee; attorney general, E. L. Shaw; postmaster general, Isaac Johnson; secretary of agriculture, A. Maulby. We find this to be one of the best ways to impart knowledge. The interest is great.

A merry party was had at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. King on Tuesday evening. Quite a number of our young folks met there for a social good time, and indeed they were not disappointed. It was a fine evening. Sleighting was good, and they made good use of it. At the house they indulged in such amusements as were proper for them. Among those present were: Misses Ollie Smith, Hattie Williams, Lily Elliott, Messrs. J. W. Bradshaw, J. E. Mosely, Frank R. King and others whose names we failed to get.

Every member of the mock congress should be a reader of THE BYSTANDER, as it will soon contain news pertaining directly to you. Societies having items of news that they want published should hand them in, otherwise they may be left out. Come right along and get a paper. We will try and have enough to supply you this week.

NEWTON NOTES. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Uncle Charles Graves was 86 Friday. The sewing circle met at A. Hayes' Wednesday.

J. Bell spent the Sabbath with Mrs. J. Bell at her father's, A. Hayes.

Mrs. Thomas Hugh's little children are down with bad colds and stomach troubles.

It is apparent that the literary programs of Newton vicinities are incomplete without the Young Men's Quartette. They rendered several of their choice pieces at the Hamner school house last week and have two engagements more this week.

The names found on the sick list are: Virgie Whitsett, Messdames W. Waldon, J. Green and E. Piller.

Mrs. Hudson attended a Shakespeare oratorical entertainment Wednesday evening.

Ella Waldon started Sunday morning for Parson, Colorado, to visit with aunt, Mrs. Gee. Miss Waldon expects to remain until summer.

Mrs. G. Brown received a valuable package.

One young lady of our city is purchasing a lot.

P. Waldon and sister, Miss Ella, and Miss Fine were invited Friday to take tea at Mrs. Carter's, in honor of her son George's twenty-second birthday.

John Whitsett has about recovered from the sprain of the back which he received in attempting to drag a cake of ice into the ice house.

The names of A. Hayes, L. Mays and G. Watson were cast in the box for jurymen of the year. Mr. Hayes was the fortunate one, his name being drawn out.

Sunday morning the class meeting was a scene of great rejoicing, for a soul was born into the Kingdom of God. One in all his youthful strength had bravely and nobly turned his back upon the world and promised to henceforth devote his time and talents to the service of God. The church is trusting and looking forward when more of our young men may add their names to a church record.

Wednesday eight little girls were invited by Mrs. Moore to celebrate her little daughter's birthday. They chatted and laughed as only misses know how. Supper was served at six. Miss Florence Miller returned thanks. A pleasant evening followed and all presents were useful and pretty. The guests invited were: Bertha Mason, Lula Fine, Florence Miller, Carrie Hedson, Rosey Piller, Mary and Ella Mays and Yutsie Hale.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Since we last appeared in these columns we really had a wedding, and the contracting parties were none other than Mr. Robt. Anderson and Miss Anna B. Watson, who were quietly married at the home of the bride in the presence of most intimate friends and

relatives. This well respected couple have the best wishes of their many friends, as they journey down the rugged path of life.

Revs. R. Nott and Chase, assisted Rev. Coalsen, of the Second Baptist church, in his revival meetings last week.

Mrs. Paulina Arms is a victim of inflammatory rheumatism.

Quite an accident befell Mrs. Atkins while she was from home Monday morning. On returning about noon she found that her room had caught fire. The amount of damage done has not yet been estimated.

Rev. Lewis is confined to his room with throat trouble.

H. S. Stewart is the proud father of a bouncing baby boy.

The young ladies of the city are soon to organize a reading circle. May success attend them in this intelligent effort.

Earl Mosely has returned from his visit to Ottumwa.

Miss Cora Owen froze her ears last week. Wrap them up real good next time, Cora.

Diad of consumption, Mrs. Porter, of Marshalltown, at the home of Mrs. Emerson Jones. The funeral took place at 11 o'clock M. E. church. Rev. Coalsen paid the last sad rites. She leaves a husband to mourn her loss.

Miss Agnes Mason is on the sick list. Quite a number of young people enjoyed a good, old fashioned bob-sled party Tuesday evening. Every one reported a most successful time.

Sunday was "Aid Sunday" at the Second Baptist church. Quite an interesting program was rendered.

Miss T. Arbuckle is suffering with a very severe cold.

Are you up with the times? If so, you will not only promise, but will subscribe for THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER immediately.

OSKALOOSA NOTES. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mrs. Eliza Warren, of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. White Warren.

Miss Cora Owen is growing in interest. Last week was the greatest one in the history of the church. Never before have the people been awakened as at present. The house is well filled every night. Last week seven were reclaimed and a number sought relief at the members' bench. Oskaloosa bids fair to take a leading place among the churches of the state. May the good work go on.

Rev. S. A. Hardison, P. E., passed through the city Thursday en route to Des Moines.

The Oskaloosa people are displaying great hospitality. Rev. Thurman, Rev. Jones and wife were entertained at dinner Thursday by Mrs. Elvira Jones, Monday at Miss Lucie Buckner's, Thursday by Mrs. John Williams and Mrs. Alice Wilson, of Evans, formerly of Ottumwa, visited Mrs. J. B. Jones this week.

Rev. S. B. Jones will soon organize a Christian Endeavor society at the A. M. E. church.

W. T. Buckner spent several days in Ottumwa last week, and returned home Monday.

Sunday was a great day at the A. M. E. church. In the morning the pastor, Rev. S. B. Jones preached the sermon, and was very impressive. In the evening Rev. Thurman preached a good sermon, swaying the people in all directions.

The A. M. E. Ladies' Sewing Circle will give the World's Fair in the near future.

The infant child of Mrs. Wm. Fields, who has been very sick, is improving. Mr. Nate Black was in the city visiting relatives and friends. He was en route home to Washington, Iowa, from Chicago.

Geneva Green, of Newton, is visiting friends in the city.

KEOSAUQUA NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Geo. Anderson was recently called to Keokuk by the illness of his mother.

Walter Heep spent Sunday with friends in Eldon.

The Baptist Sunday school is progressing nicely.

Henry Shaffer departed Monday for West Point, thence to Burlington, visiting friends.

Coasting is quite an object in the city, but very dangerous.

Mrs. America Benning is reported on the sick list.

Miss Lena Reed, of Houghton, is here with her mother, who is very ill.

J. W. Shaffer and Miss Edith Sommerville, both highly respected young people of this city, were united in marriage at the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sommerville, February 5th, at 5 p. m., by Rev. J. B. Jones, in the presence of relatives and many friends, after which all were shown the bountiful table laden with the delicious things to eat, which Mrs. Sommerville had prepared. A sumptuous repast was served by the groom's parents. Many valuable presents were presented them. We wish them a long and happy life. Friends, buy a large and newsy paper that is always on time. Let us advise you to subscribe for THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER. It is all O. K.

MUCHAKINOCK MATTERS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Master Eddie Terrell and Mrs. Peter Reeves are quite ill. Mrs. Lydia Walker is improving.

The entertainment given by the "Willing Workers" proved a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Crank entertained quite a number of young folks at their home on the 11th inst.

Mr. Mason Hughes, who has been very ill, is convalescing.

DEATH BEINGS. About the hour of 5 o'clock a. m., Tuesday Feb. 11th, Muchaknock was again visited by death which summoned from our midst one who was much loved and adored—Mrs. Mattie Logan, wife of J. W. Logan. Sue leaves behind many a man to mourn her loss. Let me say to the bereaved husband, that wife you loved so well is gone—her tongue has been chilled by death and those lips that ever echoed such sweet words are now sealed forever—so strive to meet her in glory. There is no death, nor pains of sadness, but an abundance of peace and joy. We know it is hard to be left alone with three little ones dependent upon a father's care. Only but strive to do the best you can for mother's sake; bring them up in the fear and admonition of God. Now let me say to the beloved sister and brother who stood so faithfully by her bed-

side—your sister is no more—she is gone, but in Heaven above, where all is love, you will see her again. Not long ago she took her seat and sat with us to learn, but now she has run her mortal race and never shall return.

J. B. CHAPMAN, The Blind Man.

KEOKUK. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mrs. Clemens is very sick at her home, and her death is momentarily expected.

Mrs. Mary Hardin is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Sadie Brooks is convalescent; also Preston Banister.

Mrs. Sarah Johnson and Mrs. Armstrong are seriously ill with the quinsy; also Mrs. Alice Bland is confined to her room with rheumatism.

Mrs. Lenora Boyd, wife of James Boyd, died Saturday morning at 3 o'clock, at her home near Fourteenth and Fulton streets, and was buried Sunday afternoon from Pilgrim's Rest Baptist church; Rev. T. L. Smith officiated. She leaves two children, aged three years and one month.

Mr. Cloud Bland is all smiles now. His wife presented him with a fine eleven pound boy Monday morning.

Mrs. Maria is very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bland.

The Electa Tabernacle will give a masquerade the 14th, and a prize will be given to the one representing St. Valentine most complete.

The revival meetings have closed at the A. M. E. church.

Mr. Edward Wilson and wife have moved here from Quincy.

DAVENPORT ITEMS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Ben Bright is home again on a visit. We are sorry to learn that Mr. John Warwick is growing more feeble and his recovery is doubtful.

The Lincoln Club, of Moline, met with Mrs. T. Young, in Rock Island last Thursday, Mrs. Jenkins, the president, in the chair. After a dispatch of the business, the hostess served a delightful repast. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Sackets in Moline, on the 23rd.

Mrs. R. Richardson was pleasantly surprised last Friday evening, the 8th, by a number of her friends who invaded her home, 323 West Eleventh street, to join with her in commemorating her birthday. Although the invasion was unexpected, the visitors were given a cordial welcome, and after ample explanation had been made all proceeded to enjoy themselves in a befitting manner. The time was delightfully passed in sociality and music. Dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. R. was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

The S. A. L. C. met on last Wednesday at the residence of Mrs. Marshall for the purpose of electing officers, which resulted as follows: Mrs. C. H. Marshall, president; Mrs. W. H. Hill, vice president; Mrs. J. R. Busey, secretary; Mrs. L. Powell, assistant secretary; Mrs. R. Humphrey, treasurer; Mrs. R. Richardson, journal; Mrs. L. Bright, critic.

The Bethel Concert Company will give a Martha Washington tea party February 22.

Rev. S. L. Bean, of Iowa City, was in the city Monday and Tuesday en route to Ripon.

Mrs. R. Richardson entertained at tea, Feb. 3, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bright, Miss Lily May, of Ottumwa, Ill.; Miss Mae Jenkins, of Moline, and Mrs. M. I. Gordon, of Newton.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY AT GALESBURG. Tuesday evening, February 12, not only marked the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday, but also marked the formal debut of Schubert Ladies' Quartette. The organization is composed of Mrs. Fleming Ruff, first soprano; Mrs. Emma Alexander Carter, second soprano; Mrs. Susie Fisher Hazel, first alto; Mrs. Cora Love-Jeffers, second alto. At an early hour the Second Baptist church was comfortably filled with expectant guests, who were amply repaid for their coming. The voices blended in such a manner as to produce one great harmonious chord. The quartette was assisted by John H. Duke, tenor; Miss Julia Aldrich, violinist; Miss Carrie Munson, accompanist. Following is the program, nearly every number of which was encored:

PART ONE. Piano Solo..... I. Puritani, Leybach
Mrs. Cora Love-Jeffers.
Invocation.
Annie Laurie..... Dudley Buck
Schubert Ladies' Quartet.
Eranai Cariani..... Verdi
May Fleming Ruff.
Night in Venice..... Arditi
May Fleming Ruff, John H. Duke,
Wait, Mr. Postman..... Houseley
Mrs. Emma Alexander Carter.

PART TWO. Greeting to Spring..... Wilson
Schubert Ladies' Quartet.
Piano..... Chopin
Nocturne..... Chopin
Chinese Serenade..... Pilego
Mrs. Cora Love-Jeffers.
See the Fair Moon..... Campana
Mrs. Susie Fisher Hazel, Mrs. Emma Alexander Carter.
Angel's Serenade..... Braga
May Fleming Ruff, Violin, Miss Julia Aldrich.
"The Gypsies"..... Brahms
Mrs. Cora Love-Jeffers, May Fleming Ruff.

Last Rose of Summer..... Vogrich
Schubert Ladies' Quartet; Miss Carrie Munson, Accompanist.

Last night the revival at the A. M. E. church was closed, having been ably conducted by Rev. Fairas, of Mystic, Iowa, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Reeves.

Presiding Elder F. J. Peterson has been in the city the past few days.

Rev. J. R. Clemens, of Moline, was in the city Monday.

Miss Ruff and Mrs. Cora Love-Jeffers will give a song and piano recital in Davenport February 22.

SIoux CITY NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Thomas Sturgis was on the sick list last week.

Little Irene Taylor has had the grip. Lewis White has been employed at White & Horne's shoe store, and Ernest Lindsay is at Martin's dry good store.

Henry Riding has returned from Nebraska and South Dakota, where he has been looking after real estate. James Washington is on the jury.

Mrs. Mollie Carson is on the sick list. Charles Curtis is sick.

Mrs. Matthews is reported quite sick at this writing.

Please hand your items to the agent. Rev. Matthews gave some very good

points on kissing Sunday evening. His advice to his hearers was to kiss the Son. It is hoped our young ladies will not kiss every son they meet because it is a Son.

General class Friday evening; quarterly meeting Sunday, and love feast and quarterly conference Monday evening.

BURLINGTON BUDGET. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Another death occurred here last Tuesday night. The deceased was Mr. Moten Holden. He had only been sick for nine days. He was a well liked young man and a good citizen. He was 30 years old and leaves a wife, but no children. The funeral services were held at the A. M. E. church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday, and were conducted by Rev. Alexander.

Those on the sick list of last week are most all improving.

Mrs. Kenney is able to be up and around again.

The Hyacinth Club had an interesting program for Tuesday evening, Feb. 12. The following program was rendered: Opening chorus by the club; short address by Bert Johnson; instrumental solo, Martha Brooks; solo and instrumental accompaniment, Mr. Shackerford; address by Bert Johnson; George Johnson; German solo, Gracie Morris; journal, Stella Wilson; critic essays, Mrs. Kenney; closing song, the club.

The Household of Ruth will give a grand banquet at the Falls hall, St. Valentine night Feb. 14.

An important item! Everybody should read the BYSTANDER for it is the best paper for news. Have your friends subscribe for it instead of borrowing yours every week.

Mr. Bert Johnson is becoming quite an expert skater. At the skating rink on Saturday, on the Princess rink on the river, he won two prizes for being the best runner on skates.

BOONE HAPPENINGS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mr. Robert Ferguson is on the sick list.

The Young Ladies' Social Club met Monday afternoon. The usual program was carried out and a general good time was had by all. After lunch the club adjourned to meet at the residence of Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. T. Anthony, of Ogden, was in the city Wednesday.

Miss Anna Coleman had the ends of fingers blown off by a dynamite cap Friday. The wound is a severe one, but it is getting along nicely.

Presiding Elder Hardison preached here Tuesday evening