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"AN UNSOLVED PROBLEM."

Under the above caption Mr. Edward W. Mason, of Council Bluffs, wrote a very unfair article in the Register on phases of the Negro question and made insinuations which have no foundation in fact.

The primary reason why the civil war was fought was to preserve the Union and free the slave. Both were successfully done. The North and South are united again, and the Negro is free.

At the close of the war they were given the rights of suffrage. Generation upon generation they had been slaves developing the richest country on the

globe and creating wealth—no part of which could they claim for themselves. The country in which they toiled had been devastated by the ravages of war. They were made citizens without being given a dollar or an acre of ground.

According to law the common schools of the country are open to the Negroes of the United States, but not in fact. In the North the schools are good and the Negroes in this section refute the charges made by Mason in the most pronounced manner.

As to their industry we publish an extract from a dispatch to the Chicago Inter-Ocean:

In the North Atlantic states there are 5,298 farms and homes owned by Negroes free from mortgage, and 3,921 that are mortgaged; in the South Atlantic states that are 107,084 homes and farms owned by Negroes free from incumbrance and 7,908 that are mortgaged.

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The Richmond Planet in a well written article tells of how Thomas J. Penn, a rich white man of Danville, Va., enticed Lina Hanna, a 10-year-old colored girl into his office and brutally raped her.

The South is being somewhat depopulated of the Negro race. Hundreds are going to Mexico and recently 500 Negroes left Tennessee bound for Africa.

On the 17th inst. in the city of Oskaloosa will be presented the strange picture of a Negro editor eulogizing Frederick Douglass. During the life of Douglass there were no words too slanderous for this editor to publish and utter.

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cause of the principle involved and second because of the two distinct races engaged in the struggle for supremacy. The colored workmen have long been engaged in the capacity of screwmen and have proven themselves both industrious and competent.

The number of candidates for the governorship is steadily on the increase. It is gratifying to note the fact that so many good men and true Republicans are willing to accept the nomination.

The action taken at a meeting of Methodist ministers in San Francisco a few days ago in which Miss Ida B. Wells, who is now world famous for her crusade against southern lynchings caused the blush of shame to mantle the cheek of every liberty and justice loving person.

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The concert on last Thursday evening at Masonic hall drew a fashionable throng, and as usual was one of the most charming events of the season. Miss May F. Ruff, of Des Moines, and Mrs. Cora L. Jeffers, of Galesburg, were leading performers of the musical program.

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Oleans. If there is anything a thoroughbred southern "gentleman" hates it is the United States army.

The People's Advocate of Atlanta, Ga., has changed hands and is now the property of the National Afro-American and Directory Publishing Company.

"Not everyone that saith unto me Lord! Lord! shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven."

Frederick Douglass was a philosopher and a humanitarian, and towered above the church and its narrow creed like Iowa's capital above a beggar's hut.

OUR FRIENDS WRITE LETTERS

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander. Mr. Isaac Downey has been on the sick list for several days, but is much better at this writing.

Died—infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith last Sunday morning at 5 o'clock, aged 3 months and 10 days. Funeral services were held Monday morning at the A. M. E. church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. P. Taylor.

Mr. J. E. Moseley returned home Monday. Rev. S. A. Hardison, P. E., passed through the city last Thursday, en route to Mystic, Iowa.

The A. M. E. church closed one of the greatest revivals ever held in the church on last Sunday evening. During the meetings there were 39 additions to the church.

On and after the 15th inst., the congress will be known as the Afro-American congress of Ottumwa, as they propose to do most effectual work and less monkey.

Rev. E. T. Meadows went to Albia Sunday to assist in the quarterly meeting. He returned Sunday night. Miss Wells wished to say something in her own behalf and for the race with which she is identified, and as a result was excluded from the meeting.

The Afro-Americans of this city will hold memorial services in honor of the late Frederick Douglass on the 31st of March, 1895. It will be under the auspices of the Afro-American Congress of Ottumwa.

On the 11th of March, James Coieman, after several weeks' sickness, passed away at his home in West Ottumwa. He was 80 years of age.

Rev. Rhinehart is at home to remain for a time with his family. The Pigeon Pie Social at the Second Baptist church Tuesday evening was fairly attended and a very good time was had.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Shelton left Thursday for a few days' visit in Keokuk with relatives and friends.

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Rev. Rhinehart preached his farewell sermon Wednesday. He left for his home in Ottumwa. It is not known when he will return.

Ben Ward was in the city Monday. Last Thursday the Sons of Allen gave an entertainment at the church. It was the first public meeting and consequently not very well attended.

On March 12th Robert Fulkerson, who has lived in Boone since the founding of the city, died at his home on Marshall street. Death resulted from heart trouble.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Black are happy over a baby girl.

The Baptist church recently organized in the city have begun their revival meetings. Rev. Walker, of Evans,

There was a candy pulling given at Mrs. Henry Loman's in honor of Mr. Clarence Jackson. A very pleasant time was spent.

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M. C. Thomas has returned from his mission for a few days.

L. E. Franklin met with quite an accident at Chillicothe. Three toes were cut off, but now he is able to be around.

Miss Maggie Marshall and Miss Bell Walker will leave for Knoxville Sunday.

There will be a surprise party at the home of Mrs. Susie Snoddy Friday evening.

Little Otis Field is quite sick with a cold.

Mr. M. E. Bland is confined to her bed with the grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson are in the city visiting his aunt, Mrs. Alice Anderson, Fourteenth and Palean streets.

Mrs. A. C. Johnson is convalescing. Robert Johnson is still seriously ill at his home, 1008 High street.

Mrs. Luvena Clark, an old resident of Keokuk, died at Pueblo, Col., March 5, 1895. She was born in Kentucky in 1857 and came to Keokuk in 1893 and Mrs. A. F. Fields a paper on "How to blend colors in dress and how to wear them." Mrs. Hackett and Mrs. Holmes read papers on "Home Work."

The Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. A. A. Bland, 1029 High street. Mrs. Mary Holt read a paper on "Why a woman is most needed at home."

Mrs. Nora Bailey a paper, "The Life of Mrs. Harper," and told why she should imitate the great woman of our race. Mrs. Orange Fields a paper on "Dress, and why the most gorgeous should be for home and opera and not church."

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Rev. Reeves, of Galesburg, Ill., was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday nights, assisting Rev. Alexander in his revival services.

Will Jones stayed over here Sunday visiting relatives. He was on his way from Chicago to Omaha.

This item should have appeared in last week's issue, but being bothered while writing up, slipped it. Person will please excuse. Mrs. Gross, of Warren, Mo., spent Sunday with her grandson, Mr. William Kenney.

Miss Lizzie Graham, who departed last Monday with Miss Leslie, has not returned home at this writing.

Rev. Washington was called to his home in Monmouth, Saturday, on account of sickness in the family.

Rev. H. Ford, who has been assisting Rev. Alexander in his services for the past two weeks, returned home last Saturday.

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The band was reorganized here last Thursday night and several new members, and the following new name given it: Orchard City No. 2, of Burlington, Iowa.

Dave Jones departed for Chicago last Thursday.

Quite a nice time was had at Harvey Early's home last Saturday night.

Harvey Early had had luck last Wednesday. While driving down town one of his buggy shafts broke and his horse ran down Maple street, throwing Mr. Early out of the buggy and bruising him a little. His horse was slightly bruised and the buggy broke into kindling wood.

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Rev. Thornton, the evangelist of Centerville have charge of the meeting.

Mrs. A. G. Clark visited in Muly Thursday.

A memorial service in honor of the memory of the late Frederick Douglass will be held at the opera house Sunday, March 17th, by the people of this place and all the surrounding towns.

The A. M. E. Sunday school will give the cantata "Gates Ajar," on Easter Monday night.

Mr. Jackson and wife of Evans, were Sunday visitors.

Rev. S. B. Jones will hold the quarterly meeting at Evans Sunday, March 17th.

Mrs. Anna Cary, of Muehachinock, was in the city Thursday, visiting friends.

Mrs. Susie Hillis is on the sick list. Mrs. Eliza Warren is some better.

The A. M. E. ladies sewing circle had a pleasant meeting with Mrs. John Williams last week. They report several articles for sale, next meeting at the home of Mrs. C. G. Lee.

A masquerade festival will be given at Seever's hall Tuesday night, March 18th, for the benefit of the A. M. E. church.

The Wesley chapel members are preparing for the cantata "Daniel," to be given in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Austin are on the sick list.

Mr. James Carter was elected to represent the Stewards at the convention to be held here in May. Maude Dorch was elected as delegate to the Sunday school convention, and Miss L. A. Mason, as alternate.

Miss Ida M. Godfrey celebrated her eighth birthday by being initiated into the Daughters of the Tabernacle Lodge Wednesday evening.

Mr. J. E. Moseley, after a pleasant visit with friends and relatives returned to Ottumwa Monday afternoon.

Mr. Frank Fidler is quite ill at his home. It is reported that his is a case of temporary insanity.

Rev. Lewis is under the care of the dentist.

The program rendered at the S. S. Aid of the Second Baptist church Tuesday night was very interesting, and the participants deserve the highest praise.

Mrs. Mary Cornelius is again confined to her room with rheumatism.

Mrs. Wyatt is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Wicks.

Times are dull. The mines only run two days last week.

Everybody seems to be preparing for gardens.

Lewis Coleman has gone into the hog business, who said and some way or other we will get the bread.

Mother May, 71 years old, who has been seriously ill, is now improving.

Miss Hattie Carey, of Eureka, is visiting Mrs. Sawfoot.

W. M. Boxelder is running a short order bakery. Patronize him. He bakes nice bread. Johnny Jackson also bakes nice pies and cakes.

The village people seem free from sickness at present.

Look on the sunny side of life and read THE BYSTANDER. It will help you.

Mesdames A. J. Young and C. E. Williams are among the sick this week.

E. Comly has been quite sick. J. G. Coates has moved his family back home at Morning Side.

OUR WIT AND HUMOR.

CURRENT SARCASM AND SATIRE LAUGH AT.

Tragedy of the Hall and Sequel—An Accomplished Artist—A Practical Mind—Flotsam and Jetsam from the Tide.



ER CHEEK flushed with anger, her eyes flashed with scorn. He wished—how he wished that he'd never been born.

He'd loved her so dearly but loved her in vain; His carelessness seemed like the crime of a Cain; Forgot was the music, so great was his pain— He had stepped on her train!

He felt like a yokel, for torn was her dress. That night he left town on the lightning express. He knew that his courting was side-tracked and vain; When he stepped on her train!

What's in a Name? Jess—Wonder how they ever came to call the place Sioux City? Beas—Probably because so many go there to Sioux for a divorce.

Narrow Escape. Toots—What made that man sneak out so quickly? Dentist—We had a row the other day; but he didn't know I was a dentist until just now.

Poor Binks. Edith—There was genuine, genial warmth in that poem you submitted, Binks. Binks—I wish now I had made more of it. Editor—So do I; it would have burned longer.

Simplifies Matters. Herdso—What in the world does a Mormon with a hundred wives do when they all get in his hair? Saldso—They never do. In all well regulated families I suppose the wives bind themselves to stand by the result of the caucus and adopt the unit rule.

On the Avenue. Hattie—What was that you bowed so coolly to? Marie—That was my ex-fiance. Hattie—To what does the "ex" refer? Marie—To the \$10 he borrowed of me and never paid back.

A Day So Marked. "Yes," said the solemn man in black, "mine has been a life of worry, sadness and sorrow. For ten long years I had never known a happy hour till yesterday. It was then, for the first time, I tasted happiness full and complete."

"Ah," remarked the young man with his hair-parted-in-the-middle, "it was one of those days, which, as Du Maurier says, we mark with a white stone."

"Yes! Yes!" said the solemn man excitedly, "that's it! It was the day I buried my wife's mother," and at the memory of the shaft of polished granite that cost him \$90 he broke down and wept again for joy.

She Was an Artist. The Christian Endeavor Society of the Central Presbyterian Church are giving a series of concerts and they considered themselves very fortunate in securing the services of the quartet as named in the following program, in their series: Duet, "A Night in Venice," Mrs. J. F. Blagburn and Mr. George I. Holt; baritone solo, "The Sentinel and I," Mr. Clifton Lewis; soprano solo, "Swiss Echo Song," Mrs. J. F. Blagburn; quartet, "On the Blue Danube," Mesdames Blagburn and Coalson, Messrs. Holt and Lewis; contralto solo, "Magnetic Waltz Song," Mrs. William Coalson; tenor song, "There is a Flower," Mr. George I. Holt. This program was rendered Monday evening. They responded to encores on each selection.

An esteemed exchange seeks to cheer up young and impetuous writers by assuring them that "the late Oliver Wendell Holmes left a handsome estate valued at \$72,117. It evidently reasons that if a man with the intellectual capital of Dr. Holmes could acquire that amount of wealth in a long lifetime of literary labor, an ordinary scribbler might, with equal industry and economy, hope to lay up \$15 or \$20 by the time he is eighty or thereabouts. That he is desperately encouraging in a financial way, still it is due the young gentlemen to suppose that they are "Autocrats" merely for their health, not for the lucre there is in it.

A STATUE of General Grant will soon take its place in Statuary hall at Washington. It was executed under direction of a G. A. R. committee in accordance with a resolution passed by congress five years ago. The Grant monument in New York, ordered at a much earlier date, seems to have been forgotten.

A CANADIAN blacksmith has made an aluminum cannon, which he says will stand the strain. Guns of this material will naturally come under the head of light artillery.

Plaster casts in their natural state are best freed from dust by covering them with a thick layer of starch. When the starch is dry brush thoroughly with a stiff brush and it will be found that the dust has been removed with the starch.

Very Much Obscured. Witherby—Did you sew the buttons on those shirts I laid out this morning? Mrs. Witherby—I'm sorry to say I didn't. Witherby—And I don't suppose you've had time to crease those trousers I spoke about. Mrs. Witherby—No, dear. The truth is—

Witherby—How about those socks of mine that needed darning. Haven't you touched them? Mrs. Witherby—No, I— Witherby—Exactly. And I don't suppose you've given thought to that hole that is in the lining of my dress coat. Mrs. Witherby—Oh, yes, I did. But I've been so busy.

What on earth have you been doing? Mrs. Witherby—I've been downtown getting fitted for a pair of bicycle bloomers.

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