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Do not be satisfied by attending Republican primaries yourself, but see your friends and take them along. This is the year for action.

Organization is one of the strongest ties that binds humanity together. Read, study, debate and always be willing to take and give information.

An egotist knows everything. A wise man seeks knowledge.

There are too many sunshine soldiers and summer patriots among the Negroes of this state and country. Snow gives to the honest and energetic man courage.

Napoleon crossed the Alps. The Alps are before the Negroes of America, and they must carry themselves over its snow clad peaks.

Hon. Robert Cousins, Iowa's brilliant young congressman, is receiving great praise for the masterly address he delivered on Grant memorial day at New York. It was our pleasure to meet Robert on the diamond field in many a hotly contested game of base ball.

After about thirty-two years of freedom many Negroes want to go to foreign lands to civilize and Christianize the heathen. Others talk about higher education for Negroes, while a large number of them are deprived of an opportunity of attending the common schools.

These propositions are simply preposterous. If Christianizing the heathens of foreign lands has no better influence and makes no more rapid progress than it has in this so-called Christian nation, the heathen's condition has the best of the argument.

Men are burned at the stake, their eyes burned out, flesh torn from their living bodies and all the sensitive nerves of pain sought out and drawn from the helpless victim. Could a heathen do worse? There is no need of going away from home to further the cause of justice and mercy.

DISTURBING ELEMENTS. THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER will always be found working for the home and for the best interest of humanity.

When it sees men or any set of men, using the lively of heaven to serve Satan, obstructing these interests it feels it duty bound to call attention to them without apology.

In times gone by the Negroes of this city have been led astray by men who opposed each other. The people of this city of whom we desire to speak, have been many of them, raised here, many have lived here for years, got married, raised children, bought property, sent their families to school, and during this time have grown in the confidence and esteem of the people of the entire city.

They are identified with the success of the city and its people in a thousand ways. Men have come into this city hearing "not peace but a sword."

Their profession or calling would lead one to think that their first duty was to make the people more united and stronger and better, but they did not appear to be the case.

Friendships of years standing were broken by these men who came here under false pretenses. We have no objection to any man coming into this community who put his shoulder to the wheel of advancement and helps to move it.

Such a man will meet with the hearty co-operation of the citizens here. A man must have more than a title. He must be a man in every sense of that word. A title or calling is not weighed in measuring a man.

His deeds count for more than his profession. It is not the duty or privilege of any man to go into any community and disturb the peace and quiet of its homes.

Such things have been done in this city and we want to enter our earnest protest. These things have been done by men who did not own a dollar's worth of property, had no friends, only acquaintances whom they were introduced to after arriving in the city.

The only direct and absorbing interest of importance they had or will have in this country is their salary. When the salary ceases to be forthcoming they will depart for new fields and pasture greener and the people of Des Moines will be forgotten.

No man should be followed who made badly and shows a decided tendency to be selfish and mercenary.

OF INTEREST TO VOTERS

Hon. Cassius C. Dowell is announced in this issue as a candidate for re-nomination by the republican county convention, June 8, for the city member of the house of representatives.

Mr. Dowell is too well known to need any words of introduction and served with such distinction in the last session of the legislature that but few words of commendation are necessary.

He was closely connected with the passage of bills that reformed the office of sheriff, recorder, justice of the peace and to him is due the ardent support of the taxpayers of Polk county.

He has fought for the principles of Republicanism for a number of years and as chairman of the county committee of the Young Men's Republican club he proved himself active and able.

If re-elected to the legislature, Des Moines is assured that his interests will be well and ably taken care of.

Polk county at the last session of the legislature was represented by O. E. Doubleday, who is a candidate for re-nomination by the republican county convention, June 8, for member of the lower house.

He takes front rank as a legislator and a faithful servant of the people. He has introduced several important reform bills during his first term. He is a true Republican, actuated only by motives of principle.

He enjoys a large circle of friends and has a following second to none of the younger members of the legislature.

He comes and manifests a high character and promises to make even a better record than his previous one. In all things he combines energy with good common sense, which are most necessary to fill such responsible positions.

The farmers of Polk county were never better represented than by O. E. Doubleday.

Mr. James E. Stout is a candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff of Polk county. His best recommendations are that he is an honest man, an earnest and loyal Republican and one of the very best of party workers.

The campaign in this county last year was managed with Mr. Stout as chairman of the committee and the result is well known and appreciated.

To Mr. Stout's efforts is due the fact that colored miners have been given an equal opportunity to vote in the mines of this county. He believes in justice to those who labor and those who employ labor.

Each stands on its merits before him. Mr. Stout is made of the kind of stuff that makes good men and good Republicans, and whether successful in his candidacies or not, he will be found working for the success of the entire Republican ticket.

The west part of the county has a popular man whom it presents to Polk county Republicans for sheriff. His name is John Dorr. He is a son of toil, an energetic Republican and a good general business man.

He is well known in both city and country by a majority of the people of the county. He has brought strength to the republican party by his intelligence and honesty. His competency is undoubted. His announcement will be found elsewhere in this issue of the IOWA STATE BYSTANDER.

Nearly everyone is acquainted with John Daniel. He is known by the excellent service he did on the police force of Des Moines and the number of criminals he assisted in taking out of circulation. He was a terror to evildoers.

He is also well and favorably known for the manner in which he has discharged his duty as a policeman. This position in days gone by has been a source of great trouble and cause for investigation by the city council. But now it is run so smoothly that there is no complaint whatever.

Mr. Daniel has filled these positions with honor to himself and credit to the city. He is a candidate for the office of sheriff of Polk county, and all that can be asked is for the Republicans to judge the future by the past.

Mr. G. W. Mattern is the present deputy sheriff of this county. He has served the county well and now seeks the nomination for sheriff by the Republicans of Polk county.

He comes from the eastern part of the county and has some strong and enthusiastic Republican supporters in this county. The Mitchellville Index is published close to the home of Mr. Mattern and it speaks in very favorable terms of him as a private citizen, a county official and a Republican.

It says in part: "We do not need to go into detail in mentioning the qualifications of Mr. Mattern for this important office. Every reader of the Index knows him and knows his record as a private citizen and an efficient and capable official in the position which he now occupies. His record is one of which his friends and neighbors have reason to be proud. We hope they will all rally to the primaries and see to it that delegates are sent to the county convention who will stand by him until the victory is won."

The office of the county treasurer demands a good book-keeper, an expert accountant and a good business man. Polk is a county with a large and growing population and business and property interests. In Mr. Henry C. Murphy is found a man with varied experience along the above mentioned lines.

He has been a resident of this county for the past twenty-five years and is well and favorably known. He has a good record, as a soldier in the Union army, an honest business man and a loyal Republican. Mr. Henry C. Murphy is a candidate for the nomination for the office of treasurer of Polk county by the Republicans. His record demands attention by the county convention.

S. B. Keffer is formally announced as a candidate for representative, subject to the Republican county convention. He has been a resident of this county for more than a third of a century, and has constantly fought for the underlying principles of Republicanism since 1856. He is a mechanic and thus in great sympathy with the wage earners and laboring masses.

Mr. Keffer favors legislative control over loan and building associations, private banks, railroad corporations, wants the saloon drug store wiped out, and the protection of agriculture, commerce and manufactures. In an article in this paper he urged the monument committee to remember the colored soldiers, which was a loyal and commendable act indeed.

For a number of years he has served as a member of the district court, and he fully realizes how by law our courts costs can be diminished. If elected he will make a good legislator.

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Miss Beulah Davis was on the sick list last week, but she is much improved. The Pilgrim social at the Second Baptist church Tuesday evening was a grand affair and was largely attended. The exercises given by the juveniles were novel and all present had a good time.

Mrs. H. Owens received a telegram from Galesburg Friday announcing the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Jora Taylor, and requesting her to come at once. She left at 10:20 o'clock. She writes later that her sister is very low, and it is thought she cannot live. Mrs. Owens, as well as Mrs. Taylor, has a host of friends to sympathize with her in this lonely hour of trouble.

Messrs. Charley Harris and William Mitchell spent Sunday in Oskaloosa. A grand musical program will be rendered at the A. M. E. church on June 4 and 5. Among the most talented musicians will be G. I. Holt, of Des Moines, as it has been decided to have him come down this will doubtless be the finest recital in music ever given by Afro-Americans in the city.

Messrs. James Berry, Frank Marshall and London Diggs, of Bloomfield, were visitors in the city last Sunday, returning home in the evening. Mrs. Geo. Wheeler, of Milwaukee, was a visitor at the home of her brother, James H. Johnson, last week. She, in company with Miss Nellie Whitsett, of Newton, and Mrs. D. B. Johnson, left

Tuesday for Mt. Pleasant to attend the Sunday school convention and to visit relatives. Miss Whitsett was also the guest of Mrs. Johnson.

Rev. P. P. Taylor, Mrs. L. M. Sheldon, Miss Florence Page and W. S. Page are attending the convention and district conference in Mt. Pleasant this week.

The I. B. W. R. C. met with Mrs. P. P. Taylor last week and it was an enjoyable meeting. An excellent program was rendered, after which a delicious lunch was served which all partook of freely. Then the ladies retired to their homes, feeling that they had had a good time.

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