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The Cuban situation would indicate that Spain will soon be compelled to vacate and other nations to recognize the independence of the island.

Booker T. Washington's address at the Atlanta Exposition will appear in full in this paper next week. It was a noble effort by a practical man.

The Missouri M. E. conference tried and found guilty of immorality "Rev." T. B. Nolan. A young girl was the victim. Both mother and child subsequently died. He is a married man.

The meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic at Louisville marks a new epoch in this country. The welcoming address of Hon. Henry Watterson reached the sublime. Everything was done to make the black and white patriots and defenders of the union feel welcome.

The meeting of Republicans at Marshalltown next Thursday promises to be a grand affair. The round trip from here will be \$1.25. The colored republican club should hold a meeting and send a delegation. This is not the season of the year when thorough going Republicans sleep.

The meeting of the Republican forces in Davenport was well attended. Hon. Lafe Young was the speaker of the evening. The organization of the Republicans in the second district has almost stamped the Democrats. The Negroes of that district should organize. It is a duty they owe to themselves the race and the country and the Republican party.

Bishop Arnett is always looking for

something that he can do for his fellow man. At the conference he held in Ohio, resolutions were adopted in regard to the case of John L. Waller. Bishop Arnett was one of the central figures in the parliament of religions at Chicago. At the meeting of the Christian Endeavor in Boston he was listened to with marked attention. He never speaks unless he has something to say. He is a scholar and a close student of events. He finds time outside of his ministerial duties to say a word of good cheer and to point out the rocks against which the Negro might do himself harm. He has education, industry and integrity enough to teach people their duties to their fellow man and to their God.

We have no apology to offer for what has occasionally appeared in these columns. In our discussion of religious and moral questions we have stated facts. We want it thoroughly understood that we have and will continue to advocate the upbuilding of the home. Whenever any man or set of men inaugurate a plan, or scheme, or institution, that retards the growth of the homes of the Afro-Americans of Iowa and Des Moines, rest assured that THE BYSTANDER will be found fighting the battle of the home. The Negroes are pioneers in the world of civilization and they must act like pioneers. The white settlers who first came to Fort Des Moines did not attempt to build churches with high steeples when they first arrived. The first duty they owed to their families. They built log cabins and looked to the comfort of their wives and children; then they cleared a small piece of land and planted seed of various kind in order to provide for their families. In front of that fire-side the kind, faithful and industrious mother and wife uttered prayers that reached heaven. There is where the children learned what prayer meant and as years rolled by their minds reverted to the time when a devout Christian mother gathered them around the fire place and offered prayer to an All Wise being. The log cabin grew into a frame house and the frame house into brick and stone, and to all was added the beauty of modern architecture. The companion of all these improvements was the school house. The garden spot grew into a farm, and so on. Then came the churches of various denominations and creeds. The essence of the religion was morality. It was so then and will continue to be so as long as time lasts. We have no war to make with any denomination or creed, but we are compelled to judge of them by results. The one that makes men and women happier and better is the correct faith or belief to follow, whether it be Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, Catholic, Buddhist or those who worship images. Look at the result. The home demands and should have comforts. A great man was never produced who had not a great mother, and a great mother must be surrounded by happiness, comfort and encouragement. The solution of the temperance question, the race problem, and all social improvements and advancements must come through the home of the American and the Afro-American, or whatever race the people may belong. When men earn money and take it to their homes there will be a change for the better. When the housewife uses care and frugality in the home the future will look bright. Let the Golden Rule pervade the whole—creed enough for a nation.

The late Sir John A. Macdonald was once at a reception, and a bishop from Belgium was present. As the party were being escorted by a body of men in Highland costume, the foreign bishop, seeing the bare legs and kilts, asked why these men were without trousers. "It's just a local custom," gravely replied Sir John. "In some places people take off their hats as a mark of honor to distinguished guests; here they take off their trousers."

At one time the Duke of Wellington's extreme popularity was rather embarrassing. For instance, on leaving each day, he was always intercepted by an affectionate mob, who insisted on hoisting him on their shoulders and asking where they should carry him. It was not always convenient for him to say where he was going, so he used to say, "Carry me to my own home," and so he used to be brought home half a dozen times a day a few minutes after leaving his own door.

Suzanne Lazler was a good actress, but extremely stout. She was one night enacting a part in a melodrama with Thelma, the original Pierre of "The Two Orphans," and this actor had at one moment to carry her fainting off the stage. He tried with all his might to lift the "fleshy" heroine, but although she helped her little comrade by standing on tiptoe, in the usual manner, he was unable to move her an inch. At this juncture one of the deluges cried from the gallery: "Take what you can and come back for the rest."

The lectures of a certain Oxford tutor were once reported to be "cut and dried." "Yes," said Prof. H. J. Smith, the witty mathematician, "dried by the tutor and cut by the dean." A dispute arose at an Oxford dinner table as to the comparative prestige of bishops and judges. The argument, as might be expected at a party of laymen, went in favor of the latter. "No," said Henry Smith, "for a judge can only say, 'Hang you,' but a bishop can say 'D-n you.'" Speaking of an eminent scientific man, to whom he gave considerable praise, he said: "Yet he sometimes forgets that he is only the editor, and not the author of Nature."

OUR FRIENDS WRITE LETTERS

NEWTON NOTES.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.
Lenox Lucas has been very sick. Mrs. Lucas is improving.
Rev. Clark was in Newton Sunday. Mrs. Pillar attended the State Fair. Misses Callie Garven and Nellie Whitsett were Des Moines visitors during the fair.
Miss Lettie Miller is spending her vacation at home.
The A. M. E. church and the band boys served meals during the fair.
Those who returned Saturday from the State Fair were Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and Miss Eldora Green.

PEKAY ITEMS.

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The mines ran three days last week. Mother May is visiting her sister in Monroe county.
Mrs. J. Hackett was in the city a few days last Sunday.
Mr. Brack and Mrs. Scott, of Colon, were visitors here Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Padgett, of Muchakinoek, were Sunday visitors.
The E. S. club met last Tuesday evening and a program, including an address by Mrs. Sawfoot, was rendered. An hour and a half was devoted to sewing.

ALBIA NOTES.

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Miss Henderson has returned home after spending two months visiting friends.
Rev. Rinehart will be back to his work Sunday.
The Baptists are going to have a celebration the 23d of September.
Mrs. J. Hackett was in the city a few days renewing the old lodge.
Mr. and Mrs. Wing and Miss Hickman of Oskaloosa spent a week visiting relatives and friends.
Miss Kizzie Scofield is still on the sick list.
Miss Laura Scofield of Oskaloosa is visiting friends and will stay over the 23d.
Miss Stella Mason and mother passed through the city enroute home from the state fair.
Mr. Bowen left for Louisville, Ky., to visit with his mother.
Mr. Edward Mosely stopped over night with Mrs. U. S. Jones, enroute for Des Moines.

CEAR RAPIDS NEWS.

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The members of the Ladies' Industrial Circle of the A. M. E. Church tendered their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Wade, a reception Friday evening, the 13th inst., from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. A host of friends called and were served lunch. A most enjoyable time was had.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Martin entertained at tea Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Logan and Miss Lyons, of Galesburg, Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mitegan, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Martin, Mesdames Lowery, Persons, Perkins, Raspberry, Bowlin, Hawkins, Misses Armita Saunders, Nettie Johnson and Frank Palmer.
William Martin and Miss Mattie Thomas are on the sick list.
Mrs. J. Logan and Miss Stella Lyons left Saturday for their home in Galesburg, after a pleasant visit of two weeks in our city.

MT. PLEASANT ITEMS.

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Mrs. Grant and daughter, Miss Emma who have been visiting relatives and friends here, will leave for their new home in Joliet, Ill., this week.
Mrs. Ada White, of Burlington, who has been visiting in the city, left Saturday for Galesburg.
Mrs. M. McNeal and daughter entertained friends at tea Wednesday evening in honor of D. Miller of Des Moines.
Mr. Bell has returned from his visit at home and will resume his studies at college.

Mrs. Mattie Smith and children, now of Des Moines, visited with Miss Dora Smith last week.
Miss Lizzie Pate, of Galesburg, spent Sunday visiting friends here, departing for her home Monday morning.
Mr. Edward Mosely is in the city.
Mrs. Mary Reed, Mrs. Henry and Mrs. McClellan, of Ft. Madison, were visitors and delegates to the association.

The Iowa Baptist association convened with the Second Baptist Church of this city September 12th. Rev. N. M. Brown, of Ft. Madison, was elected moderator, and Rev. N. F. Nett, of Marshalltown, secretary. Among the distinguished visitors and messengers to the association were Revs. H. H. White, of Missouri, A. A. Hampton, of Omaha, Dr. C. M. Williams, of Des Moines, J. W. Barnett, of Aurora, Ill., J. H. Nichol, of Keokuk, Rev. Cole of Davenport, F. L. Smith, Keokuk, Rev. Griffin, Muchakinoek, and many others. Friday evening a reception was tendered the delegates and visitors at the Grand Opera House.

BURLINGTON BUDGET.

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Our churches are progressing nicely under the pastorate of two able and eloquent divines, Rev. J. W. W. Brown and Rev. Boyd.
Mrs. Sarah Johnson is on the sick list.
Mrs. Rebecca Brooks is convalescent.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kinney are now at home to friends at their new residence on South Fourth street.

John Ivy is now employed by S. Gunnell, our successful colored barber, on North Third street.
William Shackelford is doing very satisfactory work at the Hotel Delano. He is a young man of bright intellectual qualities and we predict for him a successful career.

There has been quite a pleasant family reunion at Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel's during the past few weeks.
Mrs. P. King entertained quite a number of her friends last Friday afternoon. Mrs. King is a capital entertainer and all reported a pleasant time.
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OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 19.—The list of appointments of the M. E. District Conference is as follows: Iowa district, Wm. E. Wilson, P. E.; Omaha and Council Bluffs, D. Brown; Council Bluffs and Carroll, J. Zelander; Lincoln, Neb., George W. Halenger; Fremont and Norfolk, to be supplied; Grand Island, to be supplied; Des Moines, Burns Chapel, Simpson Jossel; Oskaloosa and Colon, S. D. White; Centerville, A. M. Somerville; Burlington, to be supplied; Keokuk and Ft. Madison, supplied; Quincy, Ills., supplied; Pittsfield, Ills., John A. Lee; Jacksonville, Ills., supplied; Springfield, Ills., George W. Beaman.

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"Strange," said Uncle Billy, host of the old inn where the Boston coaches used to stop, "but that fellow's been pretty high everywhere in this country, besides Europe and other foreign parts, and I ain't been anywhere except Vermont, and that was when I was a boy 10 years old." Uncle Billy was looking toward the tall, spare, bronzed, taciturn man in blue overalls and broad-brimmed straw hat, who was doing chores about the place with the methodical steadiness of an old hand. One had but to compare the stranger's spare figure and straight lines with Uncle Billy's multitudinous rotundities and vast bulk to realize that the inertia of the latter could have small sympathy with the nervous activity of the former. It was easy enough for Uncle Billy to stay where put, with the force of gravity ever present as a determining factor in his personal statics. "Seems 'a-likes to travel," continued Uncle Billy. "He says he walked nigh a thousand miles in a pair of second-hand shoes he got somewhere out west. He walked most of the way from California, and he's lately been down to the Isthmus of Panama. Well, I saw him one day on the other side of the Bronx and asked him if he didn't want work. He said yes, for a day or two, but I said I wanted a man for a month. Then he said he'd try it a week. That was four months ago, and he's been here ever since."

"And you were born here and always found it easy enough to stay?" asked the listener.

"No," rejoined Uncle Billy. "Yes, I was born here, in that house which my father built somewhere about 1800. He drafted that ale here sixty years ago. I found some brandy once that the old man had put away forty years before."