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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

## CITY NEWS

Mrs. H. Massey is visiting in Muchikinock.

Miss Lillian M. Jackson, one of St. Joseph's popular young ladies will spend the holidays in our city.

Dr. E. F. Johnson was unable to sing with choir Sunday on account of bad cold.

Mr. Robt. Good, of Grinnell, is in the city this week.

Editor Geo. E. Taylor was in the city Thursday, on business.

Read our holiday prize.

Read and patronize our holiday advertisements.

Read the program of the proclamation of Emancipation for Jan. 1, 197.

Mr. Geo. Poindeexter and T. E. Barton's names have been drawn to sit as grand jurors for the January term of court.

Professor Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee Normal College, of Tuskegee, Alabama, will lecture at the Foster's opera house, December 30th.

Mr. John Walker, of East Lyon street, is the only colored man on this term of District Court as a juror. Mr. Walker is well known and a good citizen.

The new brick church that is building by Rev. F. Lomaek is moving along nicely.

There is but little said about President Cleveland's message. The free silver democrats don't like it, and it is not what the republicans want.

Attorneys A. L. Bell and I. E. Williams, son, by hard work, saved Mr. Harve Williams, who had been convicted from a penitentiary sentence by getting nine months in the county jail. These young attorneys are doing well considering the times.

Through some old grudge, Mr. J. Joiner shot at Mr. James Epperson last Sunday night. Both had been working at adjoining private homes. Mr. J. fired several times, hitting him once in the leg. Mr. Epperson is resting easy now.

A Grand Emancipation Celebration, under the auspices of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, cor. Second and Center streets, January 1st, 1897, commencing at 12 o'clock M, with a fine dinner.

In the evening you will be royally entertained in the auditorium of the church. The church will be decorated for the occasion. There will appear forty-five girls, representing each State in the Union. Miss Beatrice Hicklin will appear as the Goddess of Liberty.

The following is the program:

Rev. T. Reeves, the presiding officer of the evening.

Opening song by the choir, "My Country."

Address by J. L. Thompson, editor of the IOWA STATE BYSTANDER; subject, Song by the choir.

Hon. Lafe Young; subject, Lincoln and his proclamation.

This will be a proud day for every Afro-American in Polk county. Don't fail to be present. Especial invitation to the young people.

Subject of sermon at Saint Paul A. M. E. church, Sunday at 10:30 a. m. The spiritual mind and at 8 p. m. Sermon to hotel men Theme No man should engage in Any Work or Avocation that would hinder him from caring for, in the highest degree, his higher Nature.

WANTED—To sell or trade for Iowa property, good lot and house of 5 rooms, 1 1/2 story, situated in Albany, Mo., county, seat of Gentry county, a town of 2500 people, 2 colleges, electric light, etc. For information, address the BYSTANDER, or GUY WATKINS, Albany, Mo.

.. Our Grand ..  
**Holiday Prize**  
**A Gold Watch**  
to be Given Away  
Free to Any Who Who Will Try!

We will give to the lady or gentleman a beautiful Gold Watch who will secure the most cash (paid-up) subscriber for the IOWA STATE BYSTANDER, between now and 12 o'clock a. m. February 14th, 1897, under the following terms:

1st. Any one may enter the contest who will abide by these rules. 2d. The price of the BYSTANDER for one year will be only \$1.00; 65 cents for six months.

Remember this is a special offer and only lasts until the contest is ended. Nothing less than six months will be accepted.

3d. Each contestant must send their names in with cash—each week—not later than Thursday, so that we can print their standing, and at the close of the contest will tell the number of subscribers that the successful candidate received.

4th. Delinquent subscribers may pay up and will be counted.

The Watch will be 7-jewel, 14-harat gold, filled, beautiful design, case either a ladies or gents size, with Waltham or Elgin movements, as the winner may select. It is bought from A. C. Hanger, 514 East Locust street, an old reliable jeweler, well known in Iowa. The case is warranted for twenty years, and works for one year.

Mr. Gilchrist Stewart of New York city passed through our town last Saturday, en route for home from a three months tour of the Northwest, collecting data, history and biography of the leading colored men and women of our race in America, for a book to be written by T. C. McCants Stewart (his father) T. Thomas Fortune and B. K. Bruce. Young Mr. Stewart is a graduate of Prof. Washington's Normal college and is now in his third year at the New York University. We commend the worthy undertaking as we need a good unbiased history of our race, not only the professional but industrial and agricultural class all that has made a success.

**ANTONIO MACFO IS DEAD**  
General Maceo, the great leader of Cuban insurgents, who are fighting for their freedom has been murdered by a band of conspirators and most of his staff met with the same fate near Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Major Cirupeda assisted by Dr. Maximo Zertucha committed the horrible assassination. A trap was planned for him and he and his staff was betrayed and led into the trap. Gen. Maceo was a great brave and skilled leader, being highly educated, having spent some years at West Point, was a pupil under the venerable commander-in-chief Gomez for ten years. He is perhaps the greatest

modern Lieutenant and without doubt one of the greatest generals that the Negro race has yet produced. He has a brother in Jacksonville, Florida, named Justo Corrallo.

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Remember we carry all our Dinner Sets in the basement of Harris-Emmery Co., at closing out prices as we must vacate.  
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**MUCHIKANOCK NOTES.**  
Muchikinock, Dec. 9, 1896.  
Julius King of Bromwell, West Va., is visiting Wm. Haley at this writing.  
Mason Hughes was badly hurt by falling slate in the mine last week.  
W. H. London was called from the store on the 7th, 8th and 9th to superintendent some work at J. E. Buxton's residence in Oskaloosa.  
W. E. Gladwin, the hackman had the misfortune of having one of his fall in his cave, and it was quite a puzzle how to get him out. They finally solved the problem with the assistance of over a dozen men.  
Alice Mease who has been sick for quite awhile, decided to go to Dr. Henderson's hospital in Oskaloosa for surgical treatment. She went there Friday and was treated Monday and died Tuesday, at 6 p. m. Her funeral took place at the A. M. E. church of which she was a member. Rev. Wm. Williams officiating. She was a member of the Household Ruth and Ladies' Court Lodge, both lodges were in attendance, she leaves a husband an adopted daughter and many friends to mourn her loss, the bereaved family has the sympathy of the community.

Chas. Jones was kicked by a mule in mine No. 8, causing him to be idle several days this week. Miss Hall of Washington, Iowa, is visiting here at this writing. Mrs. Meadows is still on the sick list.  
The ubiquitous Muchikinock scribe for the solicitor while keeping everybody on the alert about wedding bells, has failed to inform the readers of the solicitor, that he will be a married man after Xmas, however they all seem to know it.

**CEDAR RAPIDS.**  
SPECIAL LETTER INCLUDED.  
General Maceo was not only great as we understand the term, but he was sublime.  
To wrench from Spanish tyranny, injustice and misrule a people deserving of the blessings of freedom and independence, General Maceo became intrepid beyond the ordinary, and lifted up by a principle far-fetched from selfish interest, and that was not to be backed down by privations, dangers nor the threats of death is simply sublime.  
The magnanimity with the other many superior qualities of this great hero General is what made all Spain fear him in his life time and rejoice in his death.  
G. H. WADE.

**OTTUMWA NOTES.**  
Special Correspondence of this Bystander.  
Mrs. Fields entertained Thursday at 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Mrs. Peterson and mother.  
The A. M. E. church are preparing to give a grand entertainment and supper Christmas eve, for the children of the Sunday school.  
The J. B. W. R. C. met at Mrs. Jennie Hamilton's on Grove street Friday afternoon. After transacting their usual business, lunch was served by the hostess.  
**NEWTON NOTES.**  
After an extended visit with relatives Mrs. Mattie Johnson returned to her home in Davenport.  
Mrs. Lewis Mayes was a victim of neuralgia last week.  
Mr. Paul Walden and Miss Josie Whitret are laboring assiduously to make Christmas entertainment a success.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hudson's infant daughter and Mrs. Cunningham's little boy have been very ill but are recovering.  
Numerous visitors are expected in our city during holidays.  
Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Lottie Green to Graham Butler of Ottumwa, at the residence of the bride's parents, Thursday Dec. 31st.  
The most swell event of the season was the party given by Miss Josie Whitret, Friday evening. It was quite exclusive as none except young ladies were present. The evening was pleasantly spent in music and progressive conversation. An elegant repast was served. Each lady was compelled to find her place at the table by an original verse of poetry composed by the hostess. Seven of the young men are sorry they were excluded, as each lady told her ideal was. They departed at a late hour, declaring Mrs. Whitret a superior entertainer, and wishing for more similar occasions.  
Jason Green has recovered from his attack of tonsillitis. His son, Fred, is indisposed this week.

**CHARITON ITEMS.**  
December 14, 1896.  
Our preacher arrived in the city Saturday and preached a well selected sermon both in the morning and evening.  
Mr. John Owsley is visiting at the parental home. Also, Mr. Dan O'iver is visiting friends in the city.  
Dr. Hayes is still in the city.  
Mr. W. Scott and Prof. C. D. Shelton of this city, were in Creston and Osceola, last week.  
Mrs. Owsley is reported on the sick list.  
Mr. E. R. Richmond is feeling very stupid; he says, "wonder what's the reason?"  
Mr. James Charis, of Oskaloosa, was in the city last week.  
Mr. P. S. Erwin is one the sick list.  
Mr. Richmond has prepared his park for winter and it is reported that Mr. A. Shelton will prepare his soon.  
We feel sorry for Boone; she is very jealous of us, but what do we care. We have preacher Johnson, and we hope their young people are enjoying themselves as they should, while Rev. Johnson is in Chariton.  
Our Odd Fellows will celebrate Xmas this year.  
More abt ut it later.

**KNOXVILLE NOTES.**  
Mrs. W. P. Bird is sick with rheumatism and lagrippe.  
Mr. Crad Jelfers has moved to town.  
Mr. J. H. Patterson contemplates going home this week.  
Mr. W. P. Bird is sick with muscular rheumatism.  
Mr. Andy, Mack, Will and Francisco Jelfers were in town last week.  
Revival meetings have come to a close with one convert, Miss Myrtle Cooper.  
Mrs. C. Morris is sick with a very bad cold.

**YANKTON S. D. NEWS.**  
Yankton, S. D., December 14, '96.  
Special Correspondence to the Bystander.  
It is very quiet here, but there was one of the grandest meetings held in the salvation army barracks last night that has ever been held in Yankton. There were twenty souls converted, and last week total conversions were thirty.  
Mr. Graves, one of the oldest members of the A. M. E. church here has been sick for nearly two years, and is not improving hardly any.  
Mrs. Robinson has been sick and was not able to get out for awhile, but she has regained her health once more.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henney's baby has been sick, but is improving.  
The Stewards will give an entertainment on the 18th of December, for the benefit of the A. M. E. church.  
There has been several teams broke through the ice here on the river, but were safely rescued. The ice packers have been putting up ice for over two weeks.  
More and better next time. J. B.

**BOONE ITEMS.**  
Boone, Ia., Dec. 16, 1896.  
Mr. Samuel Johnson has secured a position with Ferril & McQuillan.  
Mrs. Ruse and Messrs Turner and Jno. Coleman are on the sick list.  
The surprise party on Miss Lola Johnson was well attended. The guests were royally entertained and every one was home in time for breakfast.  
The Sunday school has decided that they will have a boat for Christmas. The committee has arranged a good program. A society for the benefit of the needy is being organized. Those wishing to join will meet next Tuesday at the church.

**POLITICAL NOTES.**  
Chairman Diagle of the ways means committee, has good views on the tariff question. When he says "the problem is to find the lowest rate of duty on each article, which will preserve our home market for the benefit of our own producers and manufacturers, making due allowance for free domestic competition."  
The republicans will never leave the Wilson-Gorman tariff law on the statute books, and do honor to the party.  
We believe that Mr. McKinley will call an extra session of congress, that will give us a tariff that will be moderate and wise.  
Mr. Cleveland in his message to congress says we do not need any tariff legislation, and that the Wilson-Gorman law is all the country needs, he just as good as says, he will veto any tariff bill that would pass both houses. This country is now running behind \$8,000,000 a month, we believe that nothing will satisfy the people but a tariff bill. We need more revenue.

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**OSCEOLA ITEMS.**  
Regular Correspondence to the Bystander.  
In Tonets opera house the people of Osceola will celebrate the sixth of January in honor of the Emancipation of American Slavery. No pains will be spared to make this the grandest event of the season. The welcome address by Mayor Goldsmith, response in behalf of the Afro-Americans by Rev. Basfield, music by the band, reading of the Emancipation proclamation by Mrs. Delia Bryant, address by Rev. Follansbee, will be interesting.  
In the evening the Des Moines Harmony Concert company will render one of its finest programs under the management of Mrs. J. T. Blagburn. The ladies will serve dinner. All will be given under the auspices of the A. M. E. church.  
Christmas tree at the A. M. E. church Christmas eve. An interesting program will be rendered by the children.  
Rev. D. A. Basfield will preach next Sabbath in Indianola.

**ALBIA NOTES.**  
Special Correspondence to the Bystander  
Mrs. B. Grayson entertained a number of youths and lassies at home last week. The party was given in honor of her little daughter, Nellie.  
Rev. T. L. Griffith and wife and Miss Cora Thomas were guests at the parental home this week.  
On the sick list are found Miss L. Brummer, Mardus Snoddy, Marshall.  
Rev. C. Thomas, from Dubuque is visiting at his home, and on his return to Dubuque he is to be accompanied by his wife and son, Britian Thomas.  
Master Cornelius Miller will visit his aunt Mrs. Griffith at Muchy until after the holidays.

**AN APPEAL TO THE AFRO-AMERICANS OF IOWA.**  
The undersigned have formed a Commission known as the Douglas-Clark Portrait-Commission, for the purpose of raising five hundred dollars to place in the Historical department of the State of Iowa, an oil painting of Hon. Frederick Douglass, the Pioneer Champion of the Liberation of his race in America, and another of Hon. Alexander Clark, his compeer and fellow worker.  
It is the desire of the Commission to make the presentation either on the first of August or on the twenty-second of September, 1897, to be determined on to suit the convenience of the contributors.  
Do you feel that you owe their memory a debt, and that you would like to contribute to the cause? Are you with us? Shall your name be placed on the Roll of Honor? If so, come to the rescue, and help make the enterprise a success. One good strong pull and our object is accomplished.  
The commission consists of the following well known Afro-Americans:  
JEFFERSON LOGAN,  
WILLIAM COALSON,  
HORACE H. LEWIS,  
HENRY CLAY,  
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