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## IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

### CITY NEWS

#### List of those that have entered the Gold Watch Contest:

1. N. D. Valentine.....Phoenix, Arizona
  2. Cora Smith.....Des Moines
  3. May Davis.....Albia
  4. Lizzie Crump.....Hedrick
  5. Mrs. D. A. Bassfield.....Osceola
  6. Miss Maggie Carter.....Colfax
  - Miss Rosa Terry.....Des Moines
- More next week.

Miss Annie Derry, who has been on the sick list is convalescent.

Mr. Fred Green, of Newton, was a Des Moines visitor, a few hours, Tuesday.

Mr. Chas. Harris of Ottumwa, is in the city and expects to remain all winter.

E. W. Tompson of Decatur, has come to spend the winter with his brother J. L.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woods of South East Six street has purchased their daughter Nettie a fine piano.

Horace Massey, who has been visiting relatives in Muchkinock, returned home last Saturday.

Have you ever tried Eureka coal? I do not, call at 416 W. Seventh street, or 411 East Sixth street. Phone No. 170

Miss Annie Yokum, of Leavenworth, Kansas, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hughtlet, on Seventh and Mulberry streets.

The choir of the Eighth Church of Christ gave one of the most interesting programs of the season Thursday evening Jan. 14th. The proceeds being near \$13.

Rev. P. S. Ervin, one of Chariton's leading citizens, spent Sunday in the Capital City. Mr. Ervin is a prominent I. O. O. F.

Mr. Middleton of Webster city, has come to our city to be with us during the Legislature. Mr. Middleton is dealing in some well bred horses.

Miss Bossie Steward who has been sick since the holidays has been worse the past week. We, with her many friends wishes her speedy recovery.

Mr. Geo. Stovall formerly of Souix City, but now of Waterloo, Ia., has arrived in our city, intending to remain here during the session of the legislature.

The Bystander watch contestants should not let one idle moment pass without working hard, it is a worthy prize and any may secure it.

Remember that the Campaign & Son Steam Laundry do first-class work on short notice and guarantee satisfaction. Give us a call. 816 W. Grand ave. if

We received a very beautiful program of the Attax Club to be rendered Thursday last, in Kansas City, was it not for the event being passed we would print it.

Remember in our gold watch contest, that he or she who will work hard is usually successful. The Bystander is the best weekly of its kind published in Iowa, has been generally conceded. Let every one, take advantage of the cheap rates now right now.

The following program was given by the choir of the Eighth church of Christ:

Music—Reux Brothers Mandolin Club  
Instrumental—Miss Mable Morton Club  
Recitation.....Pappa's Letter  
Miss Zardis Michael

Rec.—The Rainbow—Miss Nettie Warner  
Ladies' Quartet—Miss Maude Cravens  
Agnes Roy, Mabel Morton, Ida Strawthers.

Recitation.....Miss Henderson  
Solo.....Miss Maude Cravens  
Recitation.....Miss Talma Niebel  
Trio.....Rock of Ages  
Solo.....Prof. G. I. Holt  
Recitation.....Seeing Things in the Night.  
Miss Zardis Michael.

Colds and lagrippe is quite prevalent.

Miss Eva Robinson has been sick the past week, is improving a little.

Protracted meeting commenced last Wednesday evening, at the A. M. E. church.

The first annual Hotel Porters Banquet will be given Feb. 11th, at Webster's hall.

The weather is so warm that the price of coal has gone down from \$2.50 per ton to \$1.50.

John Shields, (white) one of my old friends, of Decatur, Iowa, is in the Capitol City, taking a Supreme Court law examination.

The H. S. R. C. will meet at the home of Mrs. E. A. Wilburn, 1350 Lyon street. All members are earnestly requested to be presents.

Mrs. Nancy Dabner of Dentville, Miss., a sister of Mr. Jacob Howard with—visit him some time this year. Mr. Howard has not seen her for thirty years.

Friends and subscribers, send in your one dollar, and tell us to whom you want to give one vote for the gold watch. Time will soon be up.

Miss Dora McNeal of Mt. Pleasant, Ia., is visiting her brother, Mr. Douglass Miller, on Park street, between Eighth and Ninth.

Des Moines Harmony Concert Co. will give a grand concert; at the Home Mission on twentieth and Clark streets, some time in February.

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Last Friday night Mr. Robert Dickens suddenly got some ruff on rats in his kitchen at the Estey music store where he is working. The poison made him very sick for a while, but he has now fully recovered which is good news to his many friends.

The Ladies' Afternoon Social club met at the home of Mrs. Griffin, with Mrs. W. M. Fletcher, presiding. After regular order of business needle work was taken up. There was a large membership present. At 5 o'clock the hostess, assisted by Mrs. B. J. Holmes, served a delightful luncheon of the season. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. S. Austin, on B street, January 28th, in the evening from 8 until 11. The ladies' husbands are invited.

Prof. Geo. I. Holt has just completed arrangements to appear in a concert, to be given in St. Louis some time next month, as the star tenor of the concert. Under the management of Prof. J. Arthur Freeman. Success to Mr. Holt.

Mrs. Praxte Braxton died at Hannibal, Mo., Thursday, January 21st, at the age of 91 years. She is the mother of Mrs. Dr. J. Dulin.

Rev. J. Goens of Macon City, Mo., will preach at the East Side Baptist Church, Sunday Jan. 24th. Services at 11 A. M., and 8 P. M. Rev. Goens is an instructive pulpit orator. Don't fail to hear him. A cordial invitation to all.

The Knights of Pythians (white) of Osceola, Iowa, gave a grand banquet last Tuesday night, and the following are the names of the gentlemen of Des Moines that assisted in serving the banquet: C. Cousins, H. Taylor, F. Johnson, S. Ealey, G. Boon, L. Fuller, C. Williams, J. Capart E. Johnson and N. Morton.

The boys report a very pleasant time.

Miss Vergie Whitsett, Iowa's famous poetess, formerly of Newton, Ia., but now of Indianapolis, has sent a very fine poem to the BYSTANDER. It is in this issue.

We received an interesting letter from M. N. Bell, of Phoenix, Arizona, which all should read.

The BYSTANDER is receiving some strong letters of encouragement from Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Arizona.

and before the fire or in the hot sun to dry quickly, rubbing and pulling the article into proper shape every few moments to prevent the skin's drying hard and stiff.

## COLORED EMPLOYEES IN THE CAPITOL.

On entering the Capitol the first colored man you are most liable to meet, is the pleasant face of Wm. Coalsen, who has been in the Capitol longer than any present colored employee. He is the Governor's Messenger. An excellent man for the place and by his gentlemanly ways has made many friends. H. H. Lewis, a well known race man has been on the janitors force for more than two years. Mr. Lewis is a good man. Mr. Charles Henry runs the only tonorial shop in the Capitol is highly respected by all who know him; a good citizen. R. N. Hyde recently appointed one of the extra force of janitors during the session is well known throughout the State as the patentee of the "H and H" cleaning compound. He is also an enterprising race man. Now we look to the colored employees in the Legislature. In the Senate cloak room we find Jefferson Logan, one of the well known citizens in Des Moines, who is very popular with the Senators. J. W. Thompson, formerly of Lee county, but now of Des Moines, is a nice young man, and by his polite ways has made friends. This is all in the cloak room, except Geo. Cleggitt has a barber chair and Mr. P. Holmes has a polish stand. Both are of this city, and are well known as good citizens. George Burnaugh, janitor of the toilet room, is of Des Moines, and is well known. His pleasant ways makes him hosts of friends; and last is John L. Thompson, formerly of Decatur county, but now of Des Moines, File Clerk. He has the honor of holding the highest clerical office ever held by a colored man in Iowa; re-elected the second time by acclamation.

In the House of Representatives we see in the janitors department, Mr. Middleton, of Webster City, who came here a stranger, but has made many friends. Ed. Good, of Grinnell, is well known here and has proven himself to be a good man for his place. Geo. Stovall formerly of Sioux City, but now of Waterloo, Iowa, is a quick man at his work. George will make friends. Chas. Harris of Ottumwa, a bright young man, who is quite well acquainted in our city, is janitor of the toilet room. If Mr. Harris continues on he will make a success in this life. Mr. Wright, of Marshalltown has a polish stand, and is a good rustler.

Mr. Bryan made Illinois the battle ground during the campaign, and Illinois became the banner Republican state, so far as increasing her republicann note is concerned.

While McKinley is President and Sherman is Secretary, we will venture the assertion that it will not be good for any one to haul down the American flag.

David B Hill is as dead as Mr. Bryan. Four months ago the eyes of the whole country was on them. Bryan stopped his special train long enough to dine with the Senator at the Wolfert's roost.

They may reorganize, they may rally the Democratic party, if they can, but it will be the same old party that ruined this country with free trade. The same party made the jim crow car law.

IOWA LEGISLATURE IN SESSION.

On last Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the gavel of the presiding officers of both branches of our legislature announced the special called session of the twenty-sixth General Assembly in session. Nearly all the members were present, each feeling refreshed and ready to begin the great work of codifying the code. The opening ceremonies were brief and concise. After the balloting for the employees, all old holdovers being present in the house, and all in the senate, except chief clerk, and the two assistant doorkeepers, the former was filled in the person of Newman, the latter left vacant. Lieutenant Gov. Parrott made a very brief and summary address, which was well taken. The Governor's message was read to each branch, after which they adjourned until next day. Each member

seems to realize that the times require hard, earnest work on their part; so that the people in general need not fear them delaying the work before them.

SHERMAN FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

If there has been any doubt before as to who will be the Secretary of State under President McKinley, that doubt has been removed. John Sherman will be the next Secretary of State. It is now twenty years since Mr. Sherman stepped down from the Senate, laid aside those duties, and took in hand the portfolio of the treasury.

His brother was then at the head of the army, and as Colonel Ingersoll put it, in a speech delivered in New York city a few days after the inauguration, "with John Sherman at the head of the treasury, and General Sherman at the head of the army, this Nation, and this Country, can neither be robbed nor whipped." Much the same feeling of security will inspire us when John Sherman becomes Secretary of State. As far back as 1848 he was a leader. He presided over the first Republican convention, and was one of the leading men in congress during the war. For thirty-six years he has been elected to the United States Senate. With Mr. Sherman at the head of our foreign affairs, the United States will never be insulted. He is every inch an American, he has been a Republican ever since there was a Republican party.

Room at the Top.  
Press forward, faint not, neither stop,  
For there is room upon the top,  
The glittering heights where Fame doth sit  
With generous torches ready lit,  
And beckons, sitting there in state,  
To weave for the web of Fate.

The mountains of wisdom tower high,  
And peak their summits gainst the sky;  
Their peaks with fame and honor glow,  
Like those of the Alps white capped with snow;  
Bright rays from Heaven's eye descend  
Their radiance to this glory lend.

The road to Fame is a difficult one,  
Though its brightness vies with the noonday sun;  
We cannot in a day go round,  
Nor measure it with a single bound;  
Not in one sheath the harvest bind,  
But step by step must slowly climb.

The future land is dark and bright,  
'Tis thronged with shadows and with light;  
Upon its plains great castles rise,  
And mounds of wondrous size;  
They make for us a lovely view,  
Dipping their peaks in eternity's blue.

A halo of joy to the vision's lent,  
On fame, ambition and pride are bent;  
And brilliant phantoms dance and play,  
On the future's horizon day by day;  
But sometimes destiny's curtains fall,  
And hang like a black mysterious pall.

Still forward press, faint not, nor stop,  
Remembering the truth there's room at the top;  
And thou yet canst be a brilliant star,  
With thy glory shining near and afar;  
Canst be to the world a brilliant light,  
When thy room is filled on the summit's height.

Newton, Iowa.  
—VIRGIE WHITSETT.

ALBIA NOTES.

Mr. Bob Chaney of Hiteman, was in town Saturday, and attended the dance Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lewis are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby girl at their home.

A number of young people from town surprised the Ho'linsworth family last Thursday evening. The evening was spent with music and conversation.

The dance at the city hall was reported a success financially and socially.

Mrs. Minnie Darker and Monroe Davis are on the sick list.

Rev. Harris's goods are here and they will soon be nicely located in the parsons cottage of A. M. E. church.

Our Sunday school was not so largely attended this Sunday as usual. We hope teachers and scholars will keep up their interest in the work. This is the only way we may hope for success.

Merchants Know the Value of a good advertising Medium—Read our "Ads."

## ARIZONA CORRESPONDENCE.

PHOENIX, Arizona, Jan. 7, 1897.  
DEAR EDITOR:—When I left home I told you I would write a sketch of our trip, but as it takes some time to get really settled in a new home, it has been deferred and will be for the present. Letters from friends throughout the state leads to the conclusion that they desire to know something of Phoenix, its climate and its people, especially those of our own race. A word touching all will, I think, suffice for the present.

Phoenix is the capital of the Territory, and its largest city, with a population of 15,000 industrious and sober people. Its churches are only a little inferior to those in Des Moines. There is no church organization among the colored people which is greatly needed. The public school system is not surpassed in Iowa. Negro children have the same privileges as other children. The climate has not been overdrawn in the newspaper reports. It is uniformly warm, pleasant and healthy. Of our colored citizens a word is not amiss as our race everywhere have common interest. Several of them own comfortable homes. Prominent among them is the General E. B. Scott, who also owns the trunk and baggage line. J. W. Bolton is the most active in politics, and is a member of the Republican county and city central committee. Jas. J. Bradburn will erect a lively home shortly on Capital Hill, G. C. Saffell and John Graves are employed in the wholesale grocery company of Barkley & Berryman. They enjoy the confidence of the company as well as the respect of the community. By the way the boys are single. Frank Shirley is the leading barber and as a business man is respected throughout Arizona. Mrs. Mary Lee is proprietress of the Ford Hotel, which ranked first in the Territory until about three weeks ago, when the Adams became its rival. Miss Eppie Williams is in the high school, and a great lover of Shakespeare. J. Harper has been seriously sick but is out to-day for the first time. N. D. Valentine is working and doing well. Mrs. Bell and myself have just returned from a walk to Salt River. It was a lovely sight for us to view the river and foot-hills. The snow-capped mountains, as they like the rock of ages, lie banked in clouds with silver linings.

We wish many of our friends were out here, and with us improve in health and in this beautiful "Sun-kissed land." For particulars "come and see."

M. N. BELL.

## CARBONDALE NEWS.

The people of Carbondale has been awakened to work for the Lord. There has not been any meeting since we have been here. A few Sundays ago, Rev. P. T. Strange of Des Moines came to our relief and held meeting with us. We are well pleased with him. Last Sunday he preached an able sermon from Matt. 12ch. 31-32 verses. The text was "Blasphemy Against the Holy Ghost." After the sermon he proceeded to organize the Sunday School, and the people expressed a desire for him to hold a revival meeting by appointing a committee to raise the money to carry on the meeting; so are appealing to the public to aid us to raise the money. This meeting is for the benefit of saving souls, so when we come to your place don't turn us away without giving something.

Committee: Bro. C. H. Heart, of Carbondale; Bro. A. Burroll, of Blairstone; Mrs. A. Brown, of Youngstown; Rev. P. T. Strange, of Des Moines.

## KEOKUCK NEWS.

The new M. E. church that has just lately organized, has twenty members, and seems to be in working order.

Rev. Bundy was with us all last week.

Rev. Tilliam had a slight stroke of paralysis on one side of the face, but is on the mend. He was taken Wednesday night while at church.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. J. Givens, Mrs. D. Smith, Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Burt Alden, Mr. F. Anderson.

The revival meeting is still going on at the Bethel church.

Mrs. S. Yeiser will take her departure on Sunday with a stay of three weeks.

Mr. William Arikp had a candy pulling on last Wednesday evening, all being so lucky as to be invited, enjoyed, at the residence of Mrs. A. Alden.

Quite a number of young men loved their standered by being in gambling place and were caught up with on last Friday evening.

Miss Davis is visiting in Fort Madison, Iowa, at this writing there seems to be a card that draws her up quite often.

## HEDRICK NOTES.

Mr. William Martin, of Cedar Rapids, visited his brother, J. W. Martin, a few days last week.

Mrs. R. E. Crump and daughter, Daisy, may leave Friday for an extended visit with relatives in Ottumwa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin entertained a number of friends at their home Monday evening. All report a good time.

Ralph Gamble was accidentally shot while hunting. He is getting along nicely and we hope to see him around again in a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Crump entertained W. M. Martin at dinner Tuesday, last week.

Martins and Creightons went skating last evening. All expect to have a good time.

S. C. Creighton spent Sunday with relatives at this place.

## BOONE ITEMS.

Mr. John Morgan is on the sick list.

Miss Bertha Terry was slightly under the weather last week.

The article referring to the Aid Society has unduly executed a few of the good members. We gladly retract anything which tends to set the society in a bad light. The society held a meeting Tuesday evening at the church, but further than the fact that newspaper notoriety is deemed unnecessary; the particulars could not be learned.

## CARD OF THANKS.

Boone, Iowa, Jan. 1897.  
We desire to return our sincere thanks to all who so kindly assisted us in the sickness and death of our little daughter, Gracie.  
MR. AND MRS. BROWN.

## MUCHAKINOCK NOTES.

Mrs. Mildred Darrico left for home in Des Moines Friday after a two weeks visit.

W. R. Cogbill's baby died Tuesday evening, of pneumonia.

John Brooks got badly hurt in the mine, Thursday, while driving.

Horace Massey, of Des Moines, is visiting here at present.

Master Tug Wilson and Chas. Wood, had the misfortune to get their arm broke by falling, a few days ago.

Alf. Tinson and wife are happy over a fine baby boy.

## CHARITON NEWS.

The sick reported in last week's list are improving nicely.

M. Spears is on the sick list.

P. S. Ervin left the city Saturday morning for Des Moines, where he is trying to secure a position as janitor during the extra session, at the capital.

It is represented that one of our elder friends has purchased a pair of skates, upon which he expects to amuse himself.

Mrs. M. Shelton, who has been ill for some weeks, is improving.

We are glad to see Mr. Owsley appearing again on the streets. He has been very ill with lung fever this winter.

We are glad to see a number of contestants for the prize offered by the Bystander.

The debate between Mr. Dan Oliver and Miss Gertrude Ervine at the Literary, failed to come off on account of illness on the part of Miss Gertrude. The question for debate was, "Which has done the most for his country, Lincoln or George Washington. Mr. Oliver took the side of Lincoln, Miss Ervine the side of Washington.

Mrs. Wm. Martin was taken suddenly ill this morning. It is reported that she has the lagrippe.

## NEWTON NOTES.

The sociable given Friday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mayes, though not largely attended, was a success.

Miss Clara Miller has recovered from her recent illness.

A. E. Finn and Mrs. Jason Green are on the sick list.

The young men's gun club has proved to be quite successful at hunting.

Fred Green was a Capitol City visitor, Tuesday.

Several new subscribers will be added to the Bystander list next week.

Van Ginkel Coal Co. Best, brightest burning in the city. 101 Court avenue. Phone 421.

## OMAHA, NEB., NEWS.

The Zion and also the Pisgah Baptist churches are carrying on revival meetings.

Rev. J. W. Zellender is expected in our city this week. He reports that the church at Lincoln is getting along nicely.

The Trans-Mississippi Exposition company have not yet decided on any permanent location for the Exposition.

Rev. Wm. E. Wilson, P. E. of the M. E. Church was in Sioux City, last week looking up the work in the bounds of his district.

We have in our city of Omaha, one large store owned by one of our colored citizens, and is doing a big business. We wish for many more.

The new postoffice is quite a magnificent structure. It is expected to be completed by the time the Trans-Mississippi Exposition comes off, and ready to go into.

The weather is very cold.

## SECRET ORDERS.

North Star Lodge, No. 2, A. F. A. M.—Meets First Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall—Corner West and Walnut. G. H. Cleggitt, W. M.; J. F. Blagburn, Secretary.

Hiram Chapter, No. 7—Meets on Second and Fourth Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall—Robert Webster, H. P.; G. H. Cleggitt, Secretary.

King Solomon Commandery, No. 6—Meets Second and Fourth Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall. Fred Jackson, M. C.; G. H. Cleggitt, Sec.

Charity Lodge, No. 202, G. U. O. P.—Meets First, Second and Third Tuesday each month at Odd Fellows hall on West Sixth and Walnut streets. D. Burr, A. F. Adams, Brown, P. S.

Naomi Court, No. 3—Meets Second Monday in each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. J. H. Shepard, matron; Mrs. Fred Jackson, secretary.

Iowa Chapter, O. E. S.—Meets Third Wednesday of each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. G. H. Cleggitt, matron; Mrs. Mary Bell, secretary.

Mt. Olive Court, No. 4—Meets First Thursday of each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. Susan White, matron; Mrs. Flora Majors, secretary.

Household of Ruth—Meets First and Third Thursday in each month at Odd Fellows hall. Mrs. Harris, M. G.; Mrs. B. J. Holmes, P. S.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT.

St. Paul A. M. E.—Corner of Second and Center Streets. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 3 o'clock; Epworth League at 7 p. m.; preaching at 8 p. m. T. Reeves, pastor.

Baptist—East Second Street—Between Walnut and Court avenues. Service at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.; prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. C. M. Williams, pastor.

First African Church of Christ—Corner Fourth and School—preaching at 10:30 a. m. Rev. F. Louack, pastor.

Burr's M. E.—East Second and Des Moines street—First school at 9 a. m.; preaching at 11:45; Sunday school 4:30 p. m.; preaching at 7:30 p. m. Pray meeting Wednesday. Rev. A. Clark, pastor.

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