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Mr. Douglass Miller's little child has the measles this week.

Messrs. Chas. Harris and E. W. Thompson will spend Sunday in Ottumwa.

Mrs. D. C. Bassfield has been quite sick this week.

Miss McMinnis of St. Joseph, Mo., is visiting Mrs. Hughtlet on 5th and Grand avenue.

Mr. J. S. James of Cofax, Ia., was a Capital City visitor a few days this week.

Mrs. B. J. Mitchell who has been ill for some time is not much better at this writing.

Beautiful hats; cheap—Mason's.

Mr. Geo. Craig of Grinnell is visiting in our city this week with Mr. Good who is working in the Capitol.

A surprise party was given by the young folks last Tuesday evening on Miss McMinnis at Mrs. Hughtlet. Quite a good time reported.

The H. B. S. met at the home of Mrs. Hamilton and adjourned to meet with Miss Ada Lewis, over 204 Walnut st. April 15th.

Easter Hats ready—Mason's.

Mrs. Lizzie Palmer, who has been visiting in St. Paul last month with Mrs. Love and other acquaintances returned last week feeling much elated.

Elder Reeves and son Ray and the Misses Pnt Lanford and Clara Smith were visitors at the Capitol last Friday and enjoyed the routine of business as transacted by our law makers.

We have good, substantial Easter Hats at Mrs. M. J. Pease's East Side Millinery, No. 405 East Sixth street.

The ladies of the Afternoon Social Club met with Mrs. Griffin, 1529, Capital ave. All members present. After some very interesting questions were discussed, an elegant repast was served. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Comely, Thursday evening.

A sparring match for points between Jim McGuire and Paddy Murry (white) was held in the cycling hall, last Wednesday evening. It lasted seven rounds and was declared a draw by the referee. Murry weighed 180 pounds, while McGuire weighed only 145 pounds. It was witnessed by one hundred people.

Easter Bonnets ready—Mason's.

Daniel Roy, proprietor of a barbershop at 302 Eighth street, was held up at 11 o'clock Saturday night while going to his home 1223 Pleasant street. When not far from his house he met two men, who started to pass him, one on either side. When they had barely passed him he was ordered to throw up his hands, and at the points of two revolvers. He complied without resistance, and the highwaymen deliberately went through his pockets. They obtained but 50 cents and a watch and chain for their trouble.

Rev. Lucas, of Grinnell, made a flying trip to our city this week.

Miss Beatrice Hicklin is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Charles Clark, formerly of this city, is quite sick at Acklona, Montana.

We ask our friends to leave their local or society notes at our office or with our agents as we like to have all the news.

Mr. Wm. Tomlin, who has been sick, is improving this week, and will soon be able to be at his post in the city hall.

C. H. Harris and E. W. Thompson will spend Saturday and Sunday in Ottumwa. Be ready young girls to extend your smiles.

Mrs. Lena Reed has been very sick for two weeks, but at this writing is a little better. Her sister recently from St. Louis, Mo., is at her bedside.

Mrs. J. H. Shepard, who we announced last week as being quite sick. At this writing is somewhat better—able to sit up.

Mrs. Henry Clay is in the employ of the Kinball Piano Co. making city sales. Any one desiring musical instruments are invited to leave their orders with Mrs. Clay.

Moershell, Duffy & Forthingham says they have purchased the nicest line and latest styles of dry-goods than ever before. Call and see them.

Rev. Timothy Reeves was suddenly called Monday to the death bed of his mother, in Mo. He returned Thursday.

The place to get your spring styles of beautiful Wall Paper, good workmanship, at lowest prices, also Ready Mixed Paints, is at 613 East Grand Avenue, Buck Bros. Company.

Prof. Geo. I. Holt, leader of the Drake University Glee club, (white), are singing this week at Marshalltown, Monday; at Ames, Wednesday; Tuesday, Nevada, Iowa. The club has made a great success this winter under Prof. Holt, and greater honors over the state. At each place the houses have been crowded.

Mr. J. O. Epperson, one of our Des Moines young men, who is very well known left Tuesday for South Bend, Ind., and other parts of Ind., where he expects to spend a few months. Mr. Epperson is a very industrious young man and we wish him success. He ordered the Bystander sent to him.

Mr. T. E. Barton sold his horse and buggy, also one-half interest in his barber shop to Mr. Wilson, head waiter at the Kirkwood hotel. Mr. Wilson is a stranger to our city, having only been here about two months; yet his gentlemanly demeanor will win friends.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 5, 1897.
In view of the faithful manner in which our departing treasurer, Bro T. E. Barton, has discharged the duties of his office, and in view of the tender feeling which binds us, be it

Resolved, That we, the Trustee Board of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, do place upon our records our sincere regrets that Bro T. E. Barton must leave us, and we highly commend him for his honest dealings, extending to him our deepest feeling of brotherly love and best wishes, at the same time admonishing him to ever put his trust in our Father in Heaven.
Signed,
REV. T. REEVES, Pres.
C. B. WOODS, Sec'y.
J. E. MOSELEY, Ass. Sec'y.
E. T. BANKS,
J. H. SHEPARD,
B. J. HOLMES,
FRANK BROWN,
W. H. HUBBERT,
WM. COALSON, Fin. Agt.

The Douglass-Portrait Concert Last Night.

Quite a number was present to witness the first concert given under the auspices of the Douglass-Portrait Commissioners. Each piece was well rendered, and the people applauded freely. Below we give you a synopsis of program as rendered: Music by the Mandolin Club.

1. Night Shades—Lasky, Quartette
2. Jubilee.....Mrs. Tibbs
3. Gum Tree Canoe.....Mrs. Tibbs
4. Ring them Bells.....Quartette
5. Old Folks at Home.....Mrs. Ellison
6. Take This Ring with You, Quartette
7. Medley.....Quartette
8. Old Cabin Home.....Mrs. Tibbs
9. Jubilee.....Mrs. Ellison
10. Old Kentucky Home.....Mrs. Ellison
11. Cuckoo.....Quartette
12. Big Bells.....Quartette

First African Baptist church, on School and B Sts, are carrying on a revival meeting conducted by Rev. Howlet, of Kansas. Meetings are growing in interest each evening. He is a logical and soul stirring preacher. He will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. Sabbath School at 3 p. m. All are invited to attend these services. Wm. Hammet, Superintendent.
F. Lomack, Pastor.

An Iowa Colored Man

Honored with an Appointment at Washington, D. C.

Mr. T. E. Barton the First Colored Man from Iowa to Receive Recognition Under the New Administration.

Mr. Thomas E. Barton, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of our city, received a message from our congressman Hon. John A. T. Hull last Saturday, stating he had secured him a position at \$100.00 per month for him to come at once. He did not name the position Mr. Barton left Wednesday evening for Washington. While we are glad to see Mr. E. receive such a position, yet we are sorry to lose such a worthy citizen from our city having lived here for fifteen years.

He had become identified with nearly every worthy enterprise, with a number of secret orders, and thoroughly identified with A. M. E. church, and one of its important members, being a member of the Board of Trustees, S. S. Superintendent for two years, and is at present. He is president of the Iowa Bystander Publishing Company, and a member of Crocker Post, G. A. R. He is sole owner of the oldest tonorial shop in our city, and owns a beautiful home out in University place. He is universally liked by all and his appointment will be highly appreciated by the colored people of this city and state. His wife will not join him until summer or fall.

Mr. Barton was born in Alabama, April 21, 1847; he entered the army at the age of fifteen years, serving three years in Co. "C" 110th U. S. (Colored) Infantry. After the war Mr. B. came west, locating in Illinois, making that his home until 1877, from there he moved to Jasper Co., Iowa; from there to Carroll county, and thence to Des Moines, where he has resided ever since. He held a position in Washington under Major Conger in the folding department in 1889.

The Dingley Tariff bill passed the House of congress, Wednesday; 205 for it and 121 against, 21 not voting, mostly populists. Five democrats voted for the bill and 1 all the republicans. Now it only remains for the senate to act.

Our legislature will soon finish the code revision, which was a great work. There are but few people of the state who yet realize the immense amount of hard work, and the great benefits of having all of our laws printed in one book form.

The recent floods in the Mississippi river and its tributaries has done great damages to life and property. It has rendered thousands homeless, thousands penniless, thousands in need of raiment and food, thousands of homes destroyed, especially along the lower Mississippi where the water broke over levees. Their suffering is great. Relief corps and aid societies are assisting, also general help has been called for. It is said about 3,000 colored people are rendered homeless.

St. Louis, Mo., has a new enterprise in the form of a weekly colored newspaper, edited by E. W. Newsome called the St. Louis Independent. It is quite newsy. We welcome the Independent to our office.

Kansas has a populist legislature in both branches, and of course the speaker of the lower house is a populist, and yet this populist statesman, speaking of his populist co-legislator, is said to have remarked recently: This legislature doesn't know enough to come out of the rain; they are like the average populist. Mr. Bryan did not know that his speeches were driving the American people away from him.

It is quite interesting to watch the colored politicians wild scramble for national plums. It will average about one-half day to each place. The most are worthy men offering themselves for political honors; they are no doubt looking toward Washington with an anxious eye, and hopeful sigh. Even some old politicians who have been holding political jobs for ten and fifteen years are still asking for recognition. We would like to see the new colored man of the Booker T. Washington type, the younger class, recognized.

List of Colored Aspirants

For National Positions Under McKinley's Administration.

Hon. John I. Waller, of Kansas, a very strong candidate for Recorder of Deeds of District of Columbia.
Rec. Caesar, A. A. Taylor, D. D., editor of Forum, Ocala, Fla., candidate for South African Consularship.

Hon. M. W. Gibbs, of Arkansas, is a candidate for the Haytian Mission.
Hon. Cyrus Fields Adams, editor of the Chicago Appeal, is a candidate at the Bolivian Mission.

Rebt, Pelham, of Michigan, is a strong candidate for Indian Inspector.
Dr. G. Wellington Bryant, of Baltimore, Md., is a candidate for Recorder of Deeds.

Hon. J. H. Vereaux, of the Savannah Tribune, is a candidate for the Collectorship of Savannah, Ga.
Capt. J. W. Lyons is a strong candidate for postmaster of Augusta, Ga.; his appointment is almost conceded.

Mr. Leon H. Jordan, of Kansas, City, Mo., is an aspirant for the Indian agency.
S. S. Moses is a candidate for postmaster at Columbus, Ga.

Prof. W. H. H. Hart, of Howard University, is a candidate for a foreign mission.
Prof. T. M. Dent, of Rome, Ga., is a strong candidate for a foreign consularship.

Hon. John C. Dancy, of North Carolina wants to represent his state nationally. Also does Prof. Isaac H. Smith, of the same state.

Hon. J. P. Green, of Ohio, is a candidate for Recorder of Deeds.
Henry Y. Arnett, son of Bishop Arnett, is a formidable candidate for Auditor of the Treasurer.

Hon. Harry C. Smith, editor of the Cleveland Gazette, of Ohio, is a candidate for Recorder of Deeds.
It is rumored that editor T. Thomas Fortune, of New York, is an aspirant for some foreign post.

Judge M. W. Gibb, of Arkansas is a strong candidate for the Haytian Mission.
Col. W. A. Pledger, of Atlanta, Ga., is a strong candidate for consul to the Island of Jamaica.

Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback is considered a silent candidate for some good position.
B. K. Bruce is a candidate for Auditor of Treasurer.

Editor Geo. L. Knox of the Freeman Indianapolis, Ind., is an aspirant for Recorder of Deeds.
Prof. R. T. Greener is a strong candidate for the Treasurer portfolio.
Will name more next week.

DEACONATION IN OFFICE

A few weeks ago we were sorry to announce the closing of one of our few colored Savings Banks in Baltimore, Md., and a colored cashier the absconder. This week's news comes to us the statement that the mayor of Baltimore had to oust Dr. Geo. W. Bryant, Supt. of the Third Dist. St. Cleaning Department, who had misappropriated several thousand dollars he could not account for. We are sorry those things happen especially among the highest and most esteemed of their community. It creates widespread talk and hurts the worthy cause of others, who are honest. Every colored man that holds a public position even from the lowest to the highest position and abuse their trust reflects greatly on our race. Our white critics are quick to say they are all that way, or it was no more than I expected. The average white don't stop to reflect a moment as they should. They should not condemn all for the act of a few; they should think that hundreds and hundreds of their race are doing the same thing every day, even worse than those men have done, yet we do not uphold those who have done wrong, they should be punished.

Harrison Elected Mayor Of Chicago

Mr. Carter H. Harrison, Jr., the Democratic candidate was elected by about 70,000 plurality over Sears, on the straight Republican ticket, and a small majority over Mr. Harlan, the independent candidate. It was a united Democratic victory against the divided Republican party. It proves the old immutable rule, "a divided house will fall." We are sorry of their victory yet the Republicans caused it themselves.

THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE

The Arkansas legislature refused to pass a bill to appropriate money to purchase the pictures of Jeff Davis and Wm. J. Bryan and place them in their capitol recently. Well, it must be true that "the sun do move."

THE WATCH CONTEST.

Mr. Valentine Thankfully Acknowledges the Receipt of the Handsome Gold Watch.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA, March 27, 1897.
Messrs. Thompson & Shepard:—Dear Sirs—Your favor of the past I have not got around to answer until now. Will say to the editors and my friends that helped me out in the Gold Watch Contest, I return them many thanks for their help, and I am proud I was the lucky one to obtain so valuable a watch, and I want all of the readers of the BYSTANDER to know it. It is a genuine gold watch, as was stipulated by you, and is a watch that any man should be proud to carry. I had one of our best jewelers to examine it, and he said it was a watch that he could recommend. What time I have carried I must say am more than pleased with it.

OSKALOOSA ITEMS.

Mr. A. G. Clark went to Chicago on a business trip.
Mr. Samuel Johnson spent a few days in Oskaloosa and vicinity, attending to missionary business. He departed for Des Moines, Wednesday.

Mrs. McDowell, Mr. Lewis London, and Mrs. L. B. Foster, of Muehly were Oskaloosa visitors during the past week.
The recent rains has placed our roads in bad condition. Dr. Lowther had the unfortunate to stick in the mud between Oskaloosa and Muehly, last week.

Rev. P. P. Taylor of Ottumwa, was a social visitor and guest of friends, in our city, Tuesday.
Miss Eva Craig, of Grinnell, had a return visit to our city Monday, and was the guest of Geo. Taylor.

Those jolly people of P. T. Wright's Colored Comedy Company and Nashville Students passed through here Monday morning, in their elegant private car enroute for Knoxville.

A SPLENDID MOVE.
A number of the leading men of the race met at the Solicitor office last Saturday night and temporarily organized the "American Negro Industrial and Commercial Incorporation. It is expected to incorporate with \$125,000 capitol stock, divided into shares of \$25.00. A committee of seven was appointed to draft by-laws, constitution and articles of incorporation, etc. The organization will be in full working order within sixty days. This is the best move ever started in Iowa by the race.

Grand Chancellor, Geo. E. Taylor, of this city will go to Des Moines next Monday, to confer the third rank work upon the members of the new K. P. lodge of that place.

MUCHAKINOCK NOTES.
Miss Hattie Williams, of Ottumwa, is visiting Miss Francis Brown. She is one of Ottumwa's energetic young ladies, and will graduate at Ottumwa high school next year.

Miss Rosa James and Miss Mary Rhodes were making calls Monday.
Miss Stump, the "State Agent" of the orphan's home, arrived here last week, with four small children, three girls and a boy, and secured one a home in Eureka, one in Pekay, and the third in Eureka with Mrs. James and the boy with J. H. Lewis. They were all of one family.

Mrs. Meadows, of Ottumwa, has organized a home missionary society here. The names of the officers will appear next week.
H. F. Sawfoot gave a lecture Sunday night at the A. M. E. church, on the Afro-American Protective Association. He scored the young ladies and gentlemen, who were lacking in ambition, and said by way of advice, that they should strive to reach the highest point attainable in this republic.

The Nashville Students and P. T. Wright's Colored Comedy Co. were here the third, and showed to a crowded house. Their car remained here all day Sunday, and for awhile it seemed like some of our ladies had a notion of trying to be one of their number, but it turned out all right, no one leaving but George Williams. He will assist in cooking. While the band was playing and parading, Albert Rhodes, feeling that he had complete control over his nervous mare, dared to drive her parallel with the parade. The result was quite disastrous, the buggy was considerably smashed.

R. T. Jones and family are happy over a fine daughter.
Mrs. Minnie London was elected as one of the delegates to the A. M. E. Sunday School convention that will convene in Cedar Rapids the 18th and 19th of May. Miss Annie Williams, alternate.

NEWTON NOTES.

Mr. F. Williams was a Capital City visitor last Saturday.
Mrs. Thomas Watson, who has been ill for several months, is improving.
Paul Waldon has been indisposed this week.
Preparations are being made for an entertainment and chicken-pie supper at the church Friday evening, April 18th.

Rev. Wadson preached in Marshalltown last Sunday. He will have charge of the work there in connection with this place.
Misses Hattie and Emma Hayes contemplate spending Easter out of the city.
The A. M. E. S. S. are preparing an excellent Easter program.
Mr. A. Hayes is rejoicing over the restoration of a lost brother and sister, whom she has not seen for forty years. They reside in Sedalia, Mo. Her many friends rejoice with her in their good fortune.

BOONE ITEMS.
[Last Week's Correspondence.]
Rev. Johnson was in the city a short time last week.
Mr. Smith, of Muchakinoek, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Terry.
The Sunday school is preparing a very good program for Easter.
Miss Marie Williams, of Des Moines, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Williams.

Rev. Johnson will be with us Sunday.
Mrs. Mitchell, of Iowa City is visiting her mother, Mrs. Terry.
Preparations are progressing nicely for our Easter entertainment.
The Aid Society held its regular meeting in the church, Tuesday evening.
The colored quartette sang at the school entertainment last week.

PEKAY, IOWA, April 3, '97.
[Special to Bystander.]
Mr. Editor: I wish to state through your paper to the members of the Afro-American Protective Association of Iowa, that I have turned over the records and all papers to Vice-president F. P. Davis, of Colon, Iowa. I have also had the constitution of Afro-American Protective Association of Iowa printed, so all who wish to read it could readily do so. I am trusting that all members will give Mr. Davis their earnest support.

My wish is that the next annual meeting will be held in Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Mr. Davis will correspond with the committee.
Yours respectfully,
H. F. SAWFOOT,
President of Afro-American Protective Association of Iowa.

KEOKUK NEWS.

The Bethel Sunday School gave an April fool entertainment on Monday evening. Quite a neat sum was raised.
Sickness seems to be immense in Keokuk.

Those on the sick list are, Mrs. V. Lynch, Mrs. J. Beaton, Mrs. Mitchell, baby of boy of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.
Mr. Endora Fossy, the long sufferer has quit the stage of action, and gone up to meet the beloved mother. His loss is

great. He was a member of the Fourteenth Baptist church and a devoted husband. He leaves a wife and a host of relatives. His death occurred last Monday.
The people are looking forward to Easter when everything will be gay. The exercises at Bethel will be at evening, when some fine music and recitations will be delivered.
Mrs. K. Tillman is much better. I learn she contracted quite a cold lately.
Also, Miss J. Johnson is able to be around.

OMAHA NOTES.
Several new voices have been added to St. Phillip's choir for the Easter service.
Mrs. Alphonso Wilson and son returned Friday of last week from a visit with relatives and friends in St. Joseph.
John B., son of officer and Mrs. J. H. Russell, who has been dangerously ill, is improving now.
Mrs. J. Manvel and baby left the city Friday on an extended visit with friends at St. Joseph.
G. W. Gordon, who has been attending Creighton Medical college for some months, is making an excellent record as a student.
Mr. Gordon is a young man of fine qualities, and will reflect credit upon the profession and race.
Dr. M. O. Ricketts who has been so ill, has recovered and is contemplating going on a fishing excursion, next week.
It has been very rainy here for the past week, but has turned considerably cooler today.

New York, April 3.—Special Telegram.—At the Republican primaries in aristocratic East Orange, N. J., last night, F. Clarkson Cuff, the colored coachman of Edward V. Z. Lane, was nominated as the candidate of the party for president of the board of education, defeating Dr. George Bayles the present president of the board. The friends of Dr. Bayles were so confident of his nomination that they did not think it worth while to appear at the polls. Cuff is almost unknown. There is some talk of running Dr. Bayles as an independent candidate. The colored voters are jubilant, and say they will work with a will to elect Cuff, and that he is fully capable of filling the position for which he has been nominated.—Interior Ocean.

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