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Attend the McMillan Jewelry Auction sale every afternoon. Quite a number of colored people attended the High School commencement last night.

Mrs. Julia Taylor left Tuesday evening for Chicago, where she will spend two weeks visiting friends.

Mr. Oscar Crockett and her sister, Miss Tinsell will leave this week to visit parents and old home in Kansas.

Mr. E. T. Banks and B. J. Holmes' picture, as members of the Bystander company, could not appear this week but will next.

Now is the time to buy jewelry, cheap, at location on the first floor of the Van building.

Don't fail to see the Bicycle offered at Dawson's Hardware store at \$36.49. They guarantee it!

W. L. White Shoe Store are selling some fine shoes this week at low prices.

Mr. J. H. Poindexter has been sick the past week, last Saturday he was unable to work in his shop.

J. R. Weeks has opened a barber shop out on the Chautauque grounds during the camp meetings, will also be there during the assembly next month.

Harry W. Hughes has accepted a position with W. L. White Shoe store. Harry is quite well known and will appreciate the calls of his friends.

Miss Georgie Taylor had intended to leave for Minneapolis, Minn., last Thursday night, but did not succeed. She will leave soon for that place.

We regret that the names of Mr. J. F. Blagburn and Mr. J. H. Shepard were omitted in last week's Bystander, in an article giving the election of officers of North Star lodge No. 2. Mr. Blagburn was elected J. W., and Mr. S., treasurer.

The newly elected officers of the Bystander Publishing company: President, Wm. Coalson; Vice-president, J. E. Todd; Treas.; B. J. Holmes; Sec'y; J. L. Thompson; Manager; J. H. Shepard; Board of Directors: E. T. Banks, Jefferson Logan and B. J. Holmes.

Mr. Robt. Jones and Wm. Tomlin has entered into partnership to conduct a feed and horse training stable at the Colchester Place. They break colts and train horses to the city noise. These gentlemen are progressive young men and merit your patronage. Mr. Jones is quite an experienced horseman and will conduct the business.

A Concert.

The Dumas Chorus Club, under the direction of Prof. G. I. Holt, made their debut in a concert last Tuesday evening at the First African Baptist church. The program was opened by singing "America;" then "Come Away to the Woods;" was rendered in a very pleasant manner. The male quartet composed of Messrs. Hardy, Foster, Willet and Rogers sang the "Evening Song." After a selection by the club, a beautiful soprano solo, "Breath Those Tender Words Again," was sang by Mrs. Susie Lewis. Mrs. D. Basfield read a very nice selection. Misses Hicklin and Porter and Mrs. Lewis sang "Softly Roam." When J. R. Rogers rendered "Mona," a tenor solo, to the satisfaction of all present, and he received a beautiful bouquet of roses from some of his friends in the audience. "At last, but not least," of the soloists, was Mrs. Mandie Morton, who rendered "Feeling Days," a soprano solo. She has a very sweet voice. A "Good Night" song by the club ended the program. Each soloist received a good encore, also the mixed quartets and the trio by the ladies. About all the club's selections was encored.

John H. Thompson left last week for Eastern cities to spend the summer.

Silas Palmer left last Monday for Kansas City, where he has secured a position.

W. C. Henry left Wednesday for Marshalltown to attend the G. A. R. encampment.

Mrs. P. Porter, of Greenfield, Iowa, and her daughter, Mrs. B. S. Smith, of Kansas City are, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warrick, on Woodland ave. They will remain until after the graduation of Miss Sarah Porter.

The East Side Baptist church will run an excursion to St. Joseph, Mo., June 24th; only \$2.00 for the round trip. Train leaves here at 7:30 a. m., and leaves St. Joe at 11:00 p. m. Rev. Stewart expects a large crowd.

Rev. W. M. Wood, of Muchakinoek, Iowa, arrived in our city Tuesday to reside with his son, James Hand and family of 709 S. E. Sixth, where he will be pleased to see his friends. Father Wood is quite old and a good christian, and we welcome him with us.

Mrs. Wm. Kenney of South East Seventh street, entertained Wednesday evening a few friends at tea. Miss Jeannette Wood received the guests in a pleasant manner. Miss Mabel McBeath is expected in the city soon, to be the guest of Mrs. Nettie Davis 1017 B street.

Ed. Thompson will leave Saturday for Chicago to work with a company of fifteen Drake University students as canvassers for views. Mr. O. Hamilton, formerly of Decatur county has charge of the company. Mr. Frank Chastain and several of the Decatur county boys are in the company.

Mrs. Amanda Smith, the colored evangelist who has been assisting the holiness camp meeting at the Chautauque grounds this week, will preach at the Bern's M. E. church, East Side next Monday evening. After preaching, a reception will be given her. Everybody invited.

Mrs. Alex. Wilburn's little girl will be sent to the summer school to study German. She is quite young to take such studies; yet not too young to begin laying a foundation of a good education.

Mrs. Ella Smith, of Ottumwa, who lived here about one year ago, arrived in our city last Sunday, to visit with her sister, Mrs. Henry Clay and other friends who are glad to see her.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Murry's little baby died last Sunday and was buried Monday. The funeral was held at their home on 1447 Fremont-st. It had only been been sick a short time, and was about 15 months old. We, with their friends extend our sorry to the family in their sad hour.

Mrs. Amanda Smith, an Evangelist, is at the holiness camp meeting on the Chautauque grounds, is quite a favorite. She is quite an old lady. Yet she speaks well and her sermons are highly appreciated and a great help to their meetings. She is from Chicago.

Rev. Stewart, of E. Baptist church, was pleasantly surprised last week, by a crowd of about thirty young friends calling each had a parcel that was useful, or something soothing to the appetite. After spending the evening each adjourned, feeling that their call was highly appreciated by Rev. and Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam. Burnhugh entertained last Tuesday afternoon from three to six o'clock, complimentary to the Mesdames Julia Hudlin and Rosa LaCour. Invitations had been extended to ladies only, but through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. B., a reporter for the Bystander was given permission to enter their cosy apartments where every one seemed to be enjoying themselves. Renix Bros. furnished music for the occasion. Among those present were Mesdames M. Norton, Hudlin, Washington, Nash, Holt, LaCour, Bell, Denny, L. Blagburn, Johnson, and Miss Hicklin, on account of sickness. Mrs. Banks was unable to be present.

Colored Graduates.

For the first time in ten or twelve years the West Side High school graduates colored students. There were three, Misses Zelma Stanton, Sarah Porter and Harry W. Hughes. They are all too well known in our city for us to give each one history. For four long years they have studied hard to achieve the first round of the ladder of fame. We earnestly hope that each will continue on up the ladder until they have made a name for themselves and history for our race. Miss Porter is from Greenfield, Iowa, and has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Mattie Merrick. She is a very studious student, and will surely succeed in this life. Her younger sister graduated from the Greenfield School this spring. Miss Stanton is well known in our city, having lived here for years and has won the admiration of all who know her, and she like Miss Porter graduated from the Business Course. Mr. Hughes is a young man of good department, apt to learn and if he continues on will achieve great success in educational fields. He recently passed the civil service examination. His many friends will feel proud to assist him. For years he has worked on the Bystander mailing force. He graduates from the scientific course. Our advice to each is to be lady and a gentleman wherever you may go. We extend to each our best wishes for your success.

Call and see our new summer shoes. W. T. White, 506 Walnut street.

Sunday is children's day at the A. M. E. church. You should hear the children's program at 3 o'clock Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Birnsdale, 1069 B street has been ill the past week, but is convalescent now.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayworth has purchased a new piano for only daughter, Edith. It is a very beautiful instrument; was purchased of the Kimball Co., where Mrs. Henry Clay is working as agent. The only colored piano agent in our city.

Ladies' Afternoon Social club met with Mrs. Della Abbey and was called to order by the president, Mrs. Wm. Mash. The club was visited by Mrs. G. I. Holt and Mrs. J. H. Shepard. At 5 o'clock an elegant lunch was served. Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Wm. Fletcher, July 1, 1897.

The East Side high school held their commencement last week and classified the scholars for the entire school year. Miss Nettie Woods is entered a A. Senior. Misses Fannie Walker, Nina Hamilton, Messrs. Kinnie Hamilton and H. Tolliver as B. Sophomores and Mr. Beverley Clark as B. Sophomore; the former would have completed this summer, had it not been for her health; however, she will finish this winter.

Mrs. Jane Ford ordered the Bystander for nine months.

W. H. Humber, who runs a tonsorial shop on 6th and State-sts., paid his dues.

Mrs. McDaniels, who owns very valuable property on 6th Avenue, settled her account with us. They have a nice house and conveniences of life.

J. H. Hill, one of Youngstown's good republicans, made our office a call this week and paid for the Bystander in advance.

Mr. Henry Murry, on E. Fremont-st., called and paid his subscription. Mr. M. owns a nice home on Fremont.

Among our Subscribers.

Mr. J. Barnett, one of our oldest, but well versed citizens of our city, was the first delinquent to pay. He wrote a very strong reply in the Daily Register of last February, in reply to a letter written by ex-congressman Hughes, in which he says, if it had not been for the negro vote the democrats would have won last fall.

D. C. Fielding, who has been employed in the Golden Rule for several years, squared accounts with us.

The great interest manifested and general support given the Chautauque assembly has inspired our people to more interest in the coming assembly than last year. It will be a great representative gathering of educators of the United States. Some of the leading attractions: Addresses by Bishop Chas. H. Fowler, D. D., on Grant and Lincoln; Mr. John W. Stahl, Sec'y of Farmers Nat. Cong.; Prof. Graham Taylor, of Chicago, Dr. E. L. Eaton, pastor of First M. E. church, of Des Moines, Prof. H. L. Willett, of Chicago University; Col. Geo. W. Bain, of Ky.; Prof. B. T. Washington, of Tuskegee, Ala., and a host of others that we will mention next week. President, W. M. Beardshear, LL. D.; Sec'y B. Van Slyke.

Song Services.

The A. M. E. church was crowded last Sunday evening; standing room was at a premium. It has been quaintly expressed "that music charmed man." How true, for on every song service the church is always crowded with lovers of singing. The choir was up to its usually high grade singing. They sang several new pieces. Mrs. J. F. Blagburn sang a soprano solo, "At the Cross," that was very fine. She has a very highly developed soft voice; and one of the best singers in our city. Dr. Johnson, sang a beautiful bass solo, and kept his record up to his usual high standard; then Mrs. Coalson and J. E. Moseley sang a contralto and baritone duet. It was a beautiful piece and well rendered, as each has a high reputation as singers. Miss Carrie Laird (white) sang a beautiful contralto solo, entitled "The Lord is Mindful of His Own." She is well known in our city; a fine singer, and her singing was fully up to expectation. Mr. W. E. Barrett (white), rendered "The Resurrection," which was just excellent. Mr. Barrett is recognized as one of the best soloists in Des Moines. He sings in the Plymouth Congregational choir. He has a very highly cultivated voice on the whole. Every one rendered their part well.

The Jennings Wall Paper Co., at 821 Walnut street, is the only firm that is selling Wall Paper as cheap as 10 per Roll. It is the only firm that is not a member of the Des Moines Wall Paper Trust. All new goods. Call and see us. Phone 141.

Mr. Ab. Hughes, one of our tailors who has been working in our city, has formed a co-partnership with Ed. Moseley, and they are doing first-class work, and solicit your trade. It is the only colored tailor establishment in our city. Mr. Moseley & Hughes has years of experience and we wish them success.

Harding's Ice-cream Co. still flourishes as no others can. Secret: He makes the best ice-cream in the city. Those that tried ours will have no other. Phone 647.

The Bystander does all kinds of Job printing. Give us a call.

WHO MANAGES THE PAPER.

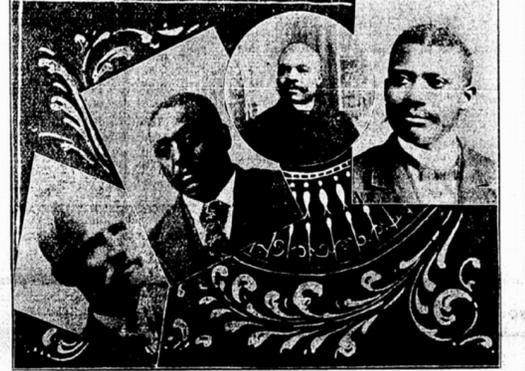
We do this so that our readers may know those that are interested in the publishing of this paper. Mr. T. E. Barton, the first President of this company enlisted in defense of his country's flag when but a youth of fifteen years. After serving four years and eight months at the front he came to Iowa twenty-one years ago and to Des Moines fifteen years ago. Since he has been in this city he has been very successful as a business man. Mr. Barton was born in Alabama, April 21, 1847; he entered the army at the age of fifteen years, serving three years in Company "C" 110th United States (colored) Infantry. After the war Mr. B. came west, locating in Illinois, making that his home until 1877, from there he moved to Jasper county, Iowa, 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.

Congressman Hull secured him another good situation. So, while he cannot serve as the president, he is still a member of the company. Mr. Barton has a beautiful

home on 23d and University avenue. He has a comfortable home on Fifth and Laurel streets. He was born in Missouri in 1854. He was Past Grand Master of the Masonic order of Iowa.

Mr. B. J. Holmes is the present treasurer of the company. He landed in the state in 1866, and for eight or ten years he has been custodian of one of the largest school buildings in the city. Mr. H. worked for Judge Geo. G. Wright for sixteen years. By industry and honesty he has secured for himself a valuable home; he, like many other good people regret that he did not come to Iowa sooner. Mr. H. was born in Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. E. T. Banks is president of the board of directors, was born in Alabama in 1844, has lived in the state for fifteen years. The captain as he is always styled among the guards, for he was Captain of Company E, Third Regiment Iowa National Guards, has a pleasant home on Enos avenue. He has for a number of years been janitor of the court house. He was at one time a member of the police department, until a democratic mayor removed him.



Jefferson Logan. James E. Todd. W. M. Coalson. T. E. Ferris.



J. H. Shepard



J. L. Thompson.

Mr. James E. Todd, has lived in this city for nineteen years continuously. By profession he is a cook, and has been chief in many of the best hotels in the city. At present he is an efficient member of the police force. He owns a beautiful home on Eleventh-st. He was born in Mo.

J. L. Thompson, the Secretary and Editor is a Hawkeyean by birth, born in Decatur county twenty-seven years ago, a graduate from the Iowa Business College, and at present senior in the Drake University Law College. In politics he is well known, having attended four state conventions as a delegate, was elected census enumerator in 1890, file clerk of Iowa Senate in 1894, re-elected in 1896, has spoke in this state and Missouri during the campaign, and his friends has the utmost confidence in his future success.

ALL THE WAY FROM THE MISSOURI RIVER TO BUFFALO, THE WABASH RAILROAD OPERATES TRAINS OVER ITS OWN TRACKS. Having leased the tracks of the Grand Trunk Railway between Detroit and Suspension Bridge, and those of the Erie R. R. from Suspension Bridge to Buffalo, the Wabash R. R. will run its own trains from Kansas City, Omaha, Des Moines, St. Louis, Quincy, Hannibal, Keokuk and Chicago to Buffalo, being the only road from Missouri and Mississippi points having its own line and trains running into Buffalo. Through cars from Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago to Buffalo without change.

Mr. J. H. Shepard, the business manager came to this state thirty-five years ago. He has resided in Des Moines 31 years. He has always been identified with those men who had the interest of the race at heart. He has many friends in social circles who appreciate him for his good qualities. For the past five years he has been bailiff of ninth the district court.

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BYSTANDER'S FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

This issue we enter upon the first week of our fourth year, 156 weeks the BYSTANDER has gone into the homes of its readers bringing them news that they could not get elsewhere. It seeks to tell you in brief, the local news and progress of our own colored race in this city, and all the leading cities of Iowa where there are any colored people. Its main desire is to elevate and bring the worthy and progressive men and women of our race before the intelligent, thinking and reading people in general that would otherwise pass into oblivion, unmentioned, or unknown. The press, like the minister or teacher, if rightly conducted or trained, is one of the most powerful factors for the advancement and promotion of a race, nation or community.

It was a long felt need in the minds of the leading colored citizens, and an anxious desire to have a race journal in our capital city for the benefit of the race. It was this idea that led a body of ten of our citizens to organize a stock company, about June first, and on Friday June 8, 1894, the first issue appeared to the public with Chas. Ruff, as editor-in-chief, and Thad. S. Ruff, associate editor, and John D. Keeler, business manager. The incorporators of the stock company were T. E. Barton, President; Wm. Coalson, Vice-president; Jefferson Logan, Treasurer; J. H. Shepard, E. T. Banks, James E. Todd and B. J. Holmes, were members of the board of directors.

The BYSTANDER endorses the principles of the Republican party, and when all her principles are enforced it will go a long way in solving the race prejudice. We would rejoice in the coming of that day when an American citizen will be protected at home as well as abroad. We know that it is the duty of a newspaper to speak of those things that tends the upward march of the race, and not to dig up the short comings and mistakes that has been made in an unguarded moment, and hold them up to the public with the most sarcastic criticism that can be placed upon it unless it is for the public good, and that no man or body of men should turn traitor to his or their own race or to try to mislead them. Our motto shall ever be, their interest shall be our interest.

Our Washington Letter.

A big mass meeting called for the laboring colored men of the District, at G. A. R. hall, Fourteenth and Pennsylvania avenue N. W., under the auspices of the Blaine-Invincible club of which Col. Perry Carson is the president. This club was organized 1872, and have a strong membership. Col. Carson is a fearless leader; he is an old soldier, and he leads as he shot. The people of the district is asking for work and liberty. Many of our readers will remember that years ago the ballot was taken from the people of this district because they feared that the colored vote would control the district, and at that time they had

two and a half white votes to one colored vote; so the people of the district have no way of defense, for it was then that they deprived themselves of what they now ask for. At 9:45 p. m., when Col. Carson called the meeting to order there were seated on the stage, M. M. Holland, Dr. C. B. Purvis, T. T. Allain, of Ills., Dr. R. S. Laws, R. J. Beale and E. M. Beale, E. M. Howlett, and A. B. Casey. The call for the meeting was read by the secretary, J. A. Perry. Col Carson in a preliminary speech said the meeting was called to protest against the adoption of the pick-up street sweeping machine; he said that in cleaning the streets by hand it would give employment to about 125 men, whereas, if the machine was adopted the work would be done by about twenty-five men, and there is no work in the district now for laboring men. Strong speeches were made by Dr. Purvis, Laws, Allen, Howlett and others against the machines. At the close of the speeches a committee on resolutions reported a delegation to wait of the commissioners, asking them to accept the bids for street sweeping work done by hand exclusively.

I really do not know what will become of the thousands of people in the district. If there is not something done for them, and that soon.

Last Monday and Tuesday was Field day with the Colored High School cadets. The competitive drill between companies A, B and C, of the colored High School cadets battalion was completed and National Baseball park and was won by company B: I am informed that this company won the medal last year. It was witnessed by 7,000 to 8,000 people. These young boys did honor to themselves and to the Nation. The excellent work of all the companies were to date; the drill was a surprise to every one and has been the "town talk," both by local citizens and statesmen. Before half of the firing of the companies had been completed they had won the admiration of the vast crowd, and they were cheered continuously until they were through.

Thursday and Friday were field days with the white high school cadets; this drill was also good, but one could see that there was not so much pride shown in the field movements, for this part of their work was a little ragged. Many of our readers will wonder, no doubt, why it was that they had separate days. It is because the colored and whites have separate schools. They have strictly white and colored schools in Washington. Hotels, restaurants, barber shops, and everything else is separated except the saloons; they will drink by your side, but can't eat in the same room.

Last Thursday, May 27th, was Ascension day by Sir Knights of Washington, D. C., in the evening. Everywhere could be heard marching. Simon Commandery No. 1, K. T., had their services at Metropolitan A. M. E. church, and they made an elegant appearance in their regalias.

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