

RACE ECHOES.

A colored man has been elected Master of a white Masonic lodge in New Jersey.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington the wife of the negro educator, not only teaches in the institute at Tuskegee, but helps many of the poorer class to put into daily practice the principles taught there.

Mrs. Jennie Pearson enjoys the distinction of being the first colored woman juror. She served in a case a few days ago at Denver, Colorado, and was honored by being made foreman.

Prof. E. Williams, of Medford, Wisconsin is the only Negro circus owner in America. He employs seventy-five men, and owns two hundred head of Arabian ponies and horses.

OTTUMWA ITEMS.

Mr. Geo. Shaw and sister, of Centerville spent Sunday in our city. Mr. S. returned home Monday, but his sister will stay for two or three weeks visiting relatives and friends.

The I. B. W. met at the home of Mr. Page; they transacted their usual business and adjourned to meet with Mr. Wood's Friday.

The Mysterious League will give a lawn social at the residence of Mrs. E. Horn, on Center avenue, Tuesday evening.

Mr. J. L. Thompson, editor of the Bystander spent a few days in our city this week transacting business. He left Tuesday for Burlington.

Mrs. P. P. Taylor is reported better at this writing.

The colored people of this city are talking of giving a celebration the 4th of August.

Mrs. Emma Gardner is home visiting. She will leave Wednesday for her home in Springfield, Ills.

OSCEOLA NEWS.

Things are very quiet in Osceola, and work dull, but we hope for better times.

Mrs. J. Prince, of Coin, Iowa, with her two sons Willie and Langston, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Culp.

Rev. D. A. Basfield expects to spend Sabbath in Garden Grove.

Mrs. John Wilson, little Anna Williams are on the sick list this week.

Since our last writing Mrs. Pete Langford, who had been sick since last fall, died. The funeral was from the A. M. E. church.

Children's day was observed, and an excellent program was rendered by them.

Sam Bryant has been ailing, but is better at this writing.

Joe Wilson has purchased him a fine carriage; he is one of our successful farmers.

Jan. Clode made a flying trip to Albia and Knoxville, Saturday evening. We heard that he was to leave Osceola on the second train going East, but seems as if the attraction was so great that he was obliged to leave on the first train. What the attraction was is not known; hope to see effects of it this fall.

MUCHAKINOCK NOTES.

Chas. Switzer, "the boss carpenter," departed for Texas last week.

Mrs. Albert Rhodes arrived Friday from Va., where she has been visiting for about two months.

T. J. Jones, Hampton Graves and Randall Brooks started Monday for California where they expect to make their future home.

William Williams is T. J. Jones' successor in the W. A. Wells & Co., firm.

Mrs. Monroe Lowery is quite sick.

Romeo Jones left Saturday for Chicago to visit his sister, Mrs. Flowers.

The entertainment Monday and Tuesday night by the Baptist church, was poorly attended.

Mr. Britton Thomas is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Griffith.

There will be a grand ball Wednesday evening in the opera house. Fritz's orchestra will be in attendance and a good time anticipated.

Mrs. Steward died Monday morning and was buried Tuesday. Funeral at the A. M. E. church, Rev. Wm. Williams officiating. She had been a sufferer for many months. She leaves a husband and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Wm. McMillan, the foreman for W. A. Wells & Co., spent several days in Des Moines, this week.

The new roof on the "Union Valley Baptist church" is now completed. The church and choir deeply regret that Hampton Graves, the chorister, has found it necessary to leave them. He has gone to California.

NEWTON NOTES.

Mrs. George Jones and Miss Lucy Hamilton, of Osceola, were delegates to

the district convention of Christian Endeavor, held in this city last week. They were the guests of Mrs. R. Hudson.

After an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. L. M. Coats, and two children, returned to their home in St. Louis. Their many friends regret to have them go.

Miss Eva Craig, of Grinnell, is the guest of Mrs. W. Waldon.

Mr. George Lucas, of Ewart, spent Sunday in the city.

Messrs. Gaines and Anderson, of Colfax, were the guests of Misses Lulu Fine and Marie Hale, Sunday.

The Golden Eagle quartette are preparing some choice selections for July 5th.

Mr. J. Williams, of Des Moines, was an over Sunday visitor.

Mr. Paul Waldon is spending a few days at the Inkos.

Messrs. Geo. Carter and John Leanne and Misses Eldora and Genevieve Green formed a party which drove to Colfax, Sunday. We are informed that words cannot express the pleasure they had.

Rev. Waldon preached in Colfax, Sunday.

CHARITON ITEMS.

It has been quite a long while since our readers have heard from us; so the scribe thought to send in a few notes for this week.

Chariton is in a very prosperous condition at present. There being considerable talk of coal mines being opened here, people from abroad are coming in looking around.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given last Friday evening, under the auspices of the Misses Ervin Richmond, Ervin and Mrs. M. Spears. The most prominent features of the program was a recitation by Miss G. Richmond, a quartette by Misses Richmond, Ervin's and Mrs. Spears, and a solo by Gertrude Ervin. After the program was ended, light refreshments were served. All report a pleasant time.

Two new faces were seen at the entertainment, on the 18th. Those of Mr. and Mrs. Massey, formerly of Des Moines. We welcome them in our community.

The people of this city were shocked last week by a report that Frank Wright, a young man residing with his parents north-east of town, was crazy. We are unable to obtain any substantial information.

A picnic was held on Sunday the 20th north of Lucas. Quite a number attended. Those remaining at home say their only objection was that it was Sunday. The preacher went.

There are a number of competitors for the prizes to be given to the couple married on July 3rd, in the band stand at high noon. Success to them.

The subscribers thought the collector would be around last week, and had their pitiful long pieces well rehearsed. We hope he'll come unexpectedly.

Miss Gertrude O'wley, who has been in Des Moines for the past five weeks, has reached home.

Success to the Bystander.

OSKALOOSA BRIEFLETS.

Rev. W. A. Bruce is getting along splendidly. The merchants are responding nicely to his calls.

Mr. Jones and wife took in the people's excursion to Burlington Sunday, returning Monday.

Willie Jones, of Marshalltown, arrived in the city Saturday evening, to be the guest of Miss Blackburn.

Rev. Johnson, the Baptist missionary of Des Moines, went to Evans Tuesday, and from there to Keb, before returning. The Rev. is soon to occupy some local charge.

Miss Nora Dyer, one of our enterprising young ladies canvassed Lost Creek, Thursday, with her hair and face tones. She is succeeding well.

Rev. Griffith of Muchakinock, arrived in Oskaloosa, Friday, from Davenport Saturday, where he had been as a delegate to the Sunday school convention.

The two eminent divines, Rev. Bruce left for Burlington Tuesday to meet the presiding elder on business.

Mrs. Jennie Jones, and Lucy Backner has returned home from Newton, where they were as delegates in attending the Endeavor convention.

Mrs. John Williams and Master Elmer departed for Peoria, Illinois, for an extensive visit with her daughter, Mrs. Cheek. She will visit other places before returning, for the benefit of her health.

Mrs. L. Darry arrived home Tuesday noon from Colfax, where she had been, taking three weeks visit with her daughters, Mesdames Mary Holmes and Onie Lewis.

Miss Lara Jones, of Oakland California is visiting at the parental home of Mr. W. Jones, of whom she has not seen for several years. Miss J. will remain during the summer.

The Odd Fellows held an ice-cream social at the old star bottling works, Friday last. Attendance good; proceeds for the purpose of replenishing the treasury.

Mrs. Rev. Burton deserves much credit for the successful way in which she handled a class of 16 boys and girls for the tamborine drill, given at the entertainment in Wesley Chapel A. M. E. church, last Tuesday night. It was splendidly and pleasingly rendered and reflects honor upon both teacher and pupils.

Now is the Time to get a Home

The Chicago & North-Western Railway has just published a newspaper called the North-Western Home-Seeker, giving facts about the great State of South Dakota and the advantages it possesses for the pursuit of agriculture, dairying and cattle raising.

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The Morals of the American Negro as I See Them.

There are much both said and written about this type of the American people. Some say that the negro is worse morally than any other people, and others say they are not. Thus the negro comes in for his share of this sort of notoriety. There are several definitions however, for this trite term, "morals." But the one for which I have a preference and the one in the light of which I purpose to view my subject is "a course pursued by a moral being with reference to right or wrong."

The word morals also presupposes a criterion by which moral conduct is to be defined; and for this standard the most, if not all men look to their religion to furnish, for they have found that they first find deity in their religions; that there they learn the most about him and the most about themselves. It is a significant fact that men's moral standards unifies or differentials according to their religious knowledge of God. It is indeed to this knowledge that each and every system in universal moral philosophy and theology owes their origin. The Monotheistic Jews, as we might say, taken for the rule of this life and conduct the standard which God fixed and reviled to them through the prophets and the "Mono-Theistic" christian take for theirs the standard which God has fixed and revealed to man through His son Jesus Christ.

It is with reference to the latter that I shall consider the American Negro's moral conduct. It is a pleasing fact that this highest moral mark that God has set for man in Jesus Christ his dear son and the importation of this divine nature to man which makes it possible for him to reach this mark is ever pervading human life, and changing men from the likeness of sin to that of the righteousness of the son of God. God has expressly commanded through his son that every sane human being that has reached the years of accountability should in a specific manner demean himself with reference to three objects, namely: "God, self and fellowman." To this the whole life-task of the individual will accommodate itself. Under the first object comes his Theistic; the second his Individual, and the third his Social duty. The completing of all which, thank God, is made sure by the soul being grafted into Christ, the true vine, and being nourished by God, the husbandman.

The Negro's present attitude toward God as I see it: Never before in his history has the American Negro made so deep and systematic study of God as he is now doing. This is the very reason of his being in possession of a credible and yet increasing knowledge of the divine criterion for human conduct, and also the reason that he is not so spontaneous in his praises to God; not that he loves God less than he did in the past, but that by studying God he has found that before he shouts he must have won a victory over the flesh, the world and the devil. He is getting more light and is walking in some portion of it all and in which he is obeying God more, his faith though small. Yet the Negro is trusting in God, this very moment to bring to him some good conditions that seems to be as far away now as the East from the West. For instance, his condition in this country, which is by no means pleasant to him, but as far as his arm of flesh is concerned in changing it the Negro is almost passive, not because he is afraid of men or devils, but it is; first, because he fears; second, if he was to rise up and do violence even to those who are perpetrating great wrongs upon him he would by so doing incur God's disfavor; second, for his faith in God. He believes that God will at his own time and in his own way change and make good these conditions. And, third, because of his high regard for human life. No living man or people has a higher regard for human life than does the Negro race. His affections for God, I shall not say that the Negro has more love for God than other people, but to say what other. I say for him in this regard and that is, he has a very affectionate nature. Dr. Geo. D. Herron said, in one of his sermons two or three years ago, that the Negro was all love and no law.

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Linen Towels at 4c each. Turkish Towels, worth 25c, for... 15c

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Ladies' Duck Skirts... 98c  
Ladies' Bicycle Suits, value \$8, at... \$4.98  
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From 3 p. m. to 4.

Ladies' Check Dress Skirts, value \$5.00, at... \$2.98  
French Organdies, value 35 and 49c... 19c  
Ladies' Shirt Waists, value \$1.00 and \$1.25 each... 25c  
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Ladies' Lysle thread Vests, value 50c... 35c  
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and that when he coupled law on to his love, he, (the Negro), would then be the best and truest element of American citizenship.

(CONTINUED) T. REEVES.

The American Protective Association of Iowa will hold its convention at Muchakinock in September. The president and vice president of the Protective Association have both left the state, leaving the association in the hands of the executive committee. They have decided to call the meeting in conjunction with the colored people's fair at Muchakinock, and they will make the regular call of the convention at an early date.

Executive committee: R. N. Hyde chairman, Des Moines; W. P. Shields, Sioux City; L. A. Wiles, Muchakinock; U. S. Jones Albia; W. S. Page, Ottumwa.

Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., has received an invitation to deliver the principal address at the next annual convocation of the University of the State of New York.

Notice of Sheriff Sale. STATE OF IOWA, ss. POLK COUNTY, ss. J. O. Cook vs. John F. Skelton, United States Savings and Loan Company, J. B. Jones, A. H. Weeks, and C. W. Garmon.

District Court of Polk County, Iowa. By virtue of a special execution to me directed, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Polk County, Iowa, in favor of United States Savings and Loan Company, J. B. Jones and J. O. Cook, and against the property which judgments the United States Savings and Loan Company and J. B. Jones recovered against the said defendant, John F. Skelton, and which judgment J. O. Cook recovered against C. W. Garmon rendered by said court, on the 15th day of April, 1897, wherein it was ordered, adjudged and decreed that the following described property be sold to satisfy said judgment, to-wit:

Lot Seventeen (17) in block one (1) in Layman's First addition to the town of North Des Moines, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa.

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that unless the said defendant's appear at my office in Des Moines, on or before the 19th day of July A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at which time said above described property is hereby advertised to be sold, and pay off the amount of said execution, with interest and costs, I will sell said property, or sufficient thereof to satisfy said execution, with interest and costs, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, at the east front door of the Court House, in Des Moines, Iowa, for cash in hand to pay off said execution.

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