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CITY NEWS

The old settlers picnic is one week from yesterday.

Miss Maud Morton will leave in a few days to visit friends in Ottumwa.

Mrs. Della Abbey has secured her divorce and assumed her old name, Miss Della Comely.

Mr. Wm. Smith left Monday for Waterloo and other Iowa towns to be gone several weeks.

Mrs. Alice Newton, who has been working for R. N. Hyde, this spring and summer, as his book-keeper, will leave to visit her mother, in Burlington.

Mr. David Barnes, of Grimes, has been very sick for the past few weeks, but at this writing is improving.

The Old Settlers extend a cordial invitation to all the Sunday school children to attend their annual picnic next Thursday, at Union park.

Wm. Coalson was riding in a buggy last Tuesday evening with another gentleman, when the colt, which the man was driving, became unmanageable, throwing Mr. Coalson out, bruising him a little, but not serious.

The Misses Lulu and Dora Gains made a very pleasant call at the Bystander office. They settled their account and ordered the Bystander for another year.

Miss Blanch Winnefred-Renix is visiting friends and relatives in Leavenworth, Kansas. She will also visit in Topeka before returning home.

Mrs. Comely who has been over in western Ill. attending the funeral of her grand mother, will return home this week.

Mr. Dennis Burroughs and a few other of our colored people are contemplating a visit to the Alaskan gold regions, soon.

Barnum and Bailey's show, the greatest on earth, was here yesterday. A very large crowd from the adjacent towns and country, was in attendance.

Miss Maud Morton who has been assisting J. F. Blagburn in the Aborn house stand for the past three weeks, will resign very soon, so we are informed.

In our last issue in mentioning the Old Settlers' picnic, we stated that C. W. Henry was president. It should have been W. H. Birney, president.

The Kings Daughters will meet at Mrs. Bells, 758 9th street, Wednesday evening, August 4, where the following programme will be rendered: Opening address, George Hodges. Recitation, Mrs. H. Mash. Solo, George Taylor.

Mr. Frank Blagburn, who owns the Aborn House cigar stand, will clerk a few weeks for the Savery House drug store, beginning yesterday. It is the same drug store where he learned the pharmacy profession, clerking there before he embarked in business for himself. He is a successful rising young business man, and the Savery drug store calling him attests the fact of his ability and merits.

Mr. Geo. Dunn and Miss Ella Williams, Lee Blagburn and Minnie Weeks, Rollin Weeks and Miss Nellie Fowler, spent last Sunday at Clive, Iowa, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson's folks. A very lovely time was reported.

Mrs. J. H. Shepard entertained at dinner Tuesday, in honor of Misses Lulu and Dora Gains.

Mrs. R. N. Hyde will entertain at 5 o'clock dinner, Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Gains.

Mrs. Dungee, Mrs. Mills and Misses Lulu and Dora Gains spent last Wednesday at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson.

There will be a regular meeting of the McKinley colored Republican club next Tuesday evening, at which a program will be rendered. All invited.

Wm. Frazier left last Saturday for a week's visit in Muchakinock, and Keokuk. It is his annual week's vacation from the Frankel's clothing store, he has worked ever since the store has been here. Wm. is a good trusty employe.

Mr. H. Sheley purchased a house and lot on B street, last Thursday, trading his beautiful horse and buggy in on the deal. We are always glad to hear of our own people buying them homes.

Mr. Chas. Mash met with quite a serious accident last week; his horse took fright and ran away injuring him badly, but is better at this writing.

Mrs. O. D. Howard, of St. Paul, Minn., is visiting in our city this week, the guest of Mrs. Fred Jackson, on 8th-st. Her two little children accompanied her; she expects to leave for home to-day.

After a delightful visit in the city Lulu and Dora Gains returned to Hannibal on Saturday to attend the Normal, which will meet in that city on next Monday, at the close of the institute. They will begin their work as teachers in the schools that they taught last year.

Bertha Breckinridge entertained a number of her young friends at her home last Tuesday evening in honor of her sixteenth birth anniversary. The yard was most beautifully lighted by the many lanterns which were hung around the porch. At an early hour a merry crowd of boys and girls arrived and was received by the young hostess. The time was delightfully spent with music, games and conversation. Later in the evening Miss Bertha led the mirthful band to the dining room where dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Breckinridge, and Sarah Porter. When all had gathered at the table, Miss Bertie, with a speech, thanked the boys and girls for the beautiful presents which they brought her. After some time, all were ready for home, and declared that Bertha was a royal entertainer, and wished her many more pleasant birthdays.

The Settled people's concert was a success. It was very interesting and their supper they served was excellent. The young people's concert was also good; they rendered a good program, as we have not space to name all the participants, yet each acquitted themselves very nicely. They served ice cream, cake, etc. The little folks cantata will occur tonight.

Among our subscribers in July, Mr. C. L. Davidson (white) a member of the R. R. Com., paid up in full, and says the Bystander is the neatest and cleanest colored paper that he has read printed west of the Mississippi river. Wm. Tomlin, an active young republican worker, settled his yearly account; Douglass Miller, head waiter at the Savery paid in full; J. F. Blagburn, like his father, J. T., are very punctual, they both have paid ex-Gov. F. D. Jackson, Anna E. Hepburn, settled her accounts; John Wingo, recently from Nebr., and now running a barber shop paid for three months. I. Curtley made a settlement; County Supt. McCord also paid in full. Mr. A. H. Jones, a very industrious and economical young man paid in full; Miss Mary Montague who owns a beautiful home on Day-st., paid in full. Mr. Dennis Burroughs, who superintended the heating engine at the Hlad hotel, settled up in full; as also did lawyer Harvison.

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Mrs. Haworth is on the sick list.

The great musical chorus to be given at the A. M. E. church next Tuesday and Wednesday evening, will be the grandest ever given in our city. It will consist of all the leading colored singers in the city, fully fifty voices mingling together. They will be led by Prof. Holt and Prof. Moseley. Everybody come! Price only 10 cents.

Ed Monroe, a young colored man, attempted to murder two young colored girls, Julia Wells and Eva Younker, down in the lower part of town, at 318 South Fourth street. The deed was prompted by love and jealousy on the part of Monroe. Thinking that Eva was the cause of Julia not loving him as she should, he threatened and then tried to end both their lives with a razor. He succeeded in inflicting great facial injuries, from which they may recover.

AMONG OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Griffin, substantial citizens on East Capitol avenue, settled for the Bystander; also did Ed Willett, who is a progressive young man of our town, and ex-member of the regular army.

Why don't more of our subscribers pay up their dues? You know that you owe for the paper, and you know that we cannot run a paper without money, so be men and women true and punctual to your race enterprise, and pay us when we call.

Ex-Slaves' Convention.

A movement has been on foot among several of the white and colored people of the Missouri valley to build an ex-slave's home in St. Joseph, Mo. So, for that purpose, a delegated convention is called to meet there August 24, 25, 26 and 27. The mayors of all the larger cities are empowered to appoint delegates from their cities to attend. Des Moines is entitled to thirteen delegates, and Mayor MacVicar sent to our office yesterday the names of the delegates to represent Des Moines. They are: W. L. Tomlin, Rev. T. Reeves, Rev. W. W. Stewart, E. T. Banks, R. N. Hyde, Dennis Burroughs, H. H. Lewis; Mesdames Malinda Hughes, Anna Lewis, Rachel Wilburn, Henry Sheley, P. T. Swan, I. E. Williamson. These persons are good representatives, and we hope they will attend.

IOWA STATE FAIR.

The coming annual state fair bids fair to eclipse all former fairs, if the weather is favorable. It will last ten days from the 9th to the 19th of Sept. The speed ring and stock department will be interesting, as some special speed horses will be here. The exhibit and manufacturing department will be up to the average, and the floral art hall will be a beauty. We hope that our colored ladies and gentlemen will take more interest and put their skill on exhibition. The special and main attraction will be "Seni Om Sed," which in itself will fully repay you for your visit to Des Moines.

GOVERNATORIAL CONTEST

Immediately after Gov. Drake announced that he would not be a candidate for re-nomination at the coming republican state convention, numerous candidates at once sprung up from all parts of Iowa, and at this time in so short a contest, it is hard for any man who has made a close study of Iowa's contest to foretell who the honored mantle will fall upon. Several ambitious and good men are asking for the nomination among the leading aspirants are Lieut. Gov. Parrott, of Waterloo—a strong able man, well known and as a presiding officer is hard to be excelled. He will come into the convention with probably the largest following. Then senator A. B. Funn, of Spirit Lake, representing the northwest part of the state, will come down with a large delegation. He is a good man, careful and painstaking. Hon. J. B. Harsh, ex-state senator from Creston, is a very strong man, a logical speaker, good business man, and while in the legislature he was regarded as the most influential and trusted member of the senate, being chairman of ways and means committee. He will have a large following from south-western Iowa. Ex-United States senator, Jas. Har-

lan, of Mt. Pleasant, is talked of as a candidate; also own confessor-man, Hull, although nothing certain as to their candidacy. Speaker Byers, of Harding county will be a candidate.

Iowa College of Law.

The Iowa College of Law, Drake University, will begin its regular term Sept. 1, 1897, with a large attendance in all departments. The Iowa College of Law is fast becoming the leading law school in the west. Located in the metropolis of Iowa, where the United States federal court, the state supreme court, district courts and the legislature meet to enact laws, the city and state libraries, here where large corporations, banks, insurance, railroads, etc., are located, all goes to give the student practical knowledge, and with Hon. Chester C. Cole as dean of college of law, and his able corps of instructors, should be considered by those who are thinking of studying law. Write for their new catalogue.

HON. J. B. HARSH.

Among the many aspiring candidates for the Governorship, there comes one from the blue grass section of Iowa, who is worthy to wear the toga of honor—we refer to Hon. James B. Harsh, of Creston; he was born in the Buckeye state, Sept. 8, 1845, later he came with his parents to Illinois and settled on a farm when but a lad of

sixteen years. The call was made for troops to put down the rebellion. He responded by offering his life to help save the Union, enlisting in the 9th Ill. Inf., but was not mustered in on account of his youth, yet so loyal was he that he made another attempt, and was accepted in the 148th Ill., and



most appreciated. He is a ready speaker, a christian gentleman, and if elected would add dignity to the office. He is a special friend to the colored race, and would meet out justice to all classes of Iowans.

For Railroad Commissioner.

Hon. C. L. Davidson, candidate for renomination comes from a military ancestry. His grandfather was adjutant of the 34th U. S. infantry, his father was colonel in the Ohio militia, and his great grandfather was second in command under Commodore Perry. Mr. D was born in Ohio in 1846, and at the age of 14 years he moved to Iowa, locating on a farm in the northwest part of the State. When the call came to maintain our old flag and her honor, he enlisted in Company A, 25th Iowa. He was in many engagements during the war and made a good record. After the war he entered the Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill., and graduated from the law department. He has been an extensive dealer in real estate—selling 16,000 acres of land; was a member of the 19th general assembly, and president of the State Sunday School association. He likes to see the colored race progress. He is an honorable man, worthy of your support, easy to approach and will give justice to all.

SOCIAL NOTES FROM THE "WINDY CITY."

R. P. Bird, an employe of the post office, committed suicide last Thursday. His reason for committing the deed, was that he did not receive good treatment from one of the Superintendents of the stamp division. On last Thursday evening the "Twentieth Century Club" gave

a reception to the visiting teachers that were in the city. Through the kindness of Miss Bartlett, the secretary of the club, ye correspondent was invited, and we can say without fear that it was one of the best receptions that we have ever had the pleasure of attending. There were teachers present from Indianapolis, Ind., Louisville, Ky., Chattanooga, Tenn., and such people as Bishop Arnett, Rev. Ransom, Prof. Perry, of Louisville, and H. P. Jones, Fannie Barror Williams, Dr. B. W. Porter and the Misses Steele and Bartlett, of this city, responded to toasts.

The Columbia Club picnic was last Tuesday; there was over 1,000 people that attended, and every one seems to think that it was the smallest picnic that the club has ever given.

Miss Beatrice Goff, of St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of Miss Ida Hendricks of 6412 Rhoades ave. Thomas Robinson, a student from Fisk University, is visiting

was mustered out with high honors. After the war he came to Creston, Iowa, and engaged in newspaper work and banking business, of which he is president of the Creston National bank, and was elected several times mayor, and for eight years was a member of the State senate where his hard, earnest and painstaking work is

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CLINTON.

All items of interest and subscriptions will be given prompt attention by Mrs. A. A. Bush, the Bystander agent and correspondent.

Rev. J. W. Malone, of Davenport, assisted Rev. J. C. Anderson with quarterly meeting on the 18th in the "absence" of presiding elder Bundy.

Mr and Mrs A A Bush rejoice in the arrival of a baby girl, born July 29th. Al is fixed now with a boy and a girl.

Bethel A M E S S are arranging for their annual picnic at Joyce's park, August 4th.

Rev J C Anderson is home from Davenport where he assisted Rev J W Malone, on the 25th inst., with quarterly meeting.

Miss T W Watson left for Chicago, Monday, after an extended visit with her sister, Mrs A A Bush. After short stay in the "White City" she will join her husband in Milwaukee, where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs Watson recently returned from Denver, where they visited relatives.

C V Bush continues quite ill with slight hopes of recovery.

Mrs D O Green, of Chicago, after a month visit with his sister, Mrs A A Bush, expects to return home soon. Mr. Green, who also spent some time in Clinton, left a few days ago.

COLFAX.

Work is very good here at present; mines running every day. The old mine is fast playing out, but the new mine is getting ready to receive the men, as they run out of places in the old mine.

The camp meeting or tent that was used to hold meetings in up at St. Thomas, has gone. There was some good meetings carried on there whilst it was here.

Rev. Bates has been with us for some time. We all like him splendidly. He is a stirring and hard worker. There was a social gathering of friends of Mr. Bates at F. H. Carter's residence Monday, 26th, for the purpose of donating to the reverend gentleman, who was the recipient of many nice presents from ladies and gentlemen.

The band boys had a visitor on Monday night, 26th, in the person of John Wingo, of Des Moines. It was the band's regular practice night, and they took great care in rendering some nice music, which Mr. Wingo seemed to enjoy very

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much. After practice was over the band men sat and listened to Mr. Wingo deliver one of the most complete, friendly and instructive lectures that we have heard for a long time. He expressed himself very freely on the musical education they were trying to obtain by the careful training and drilling of their faithful leader, Robt. Oliver. His talk to the young men seemed to fill them with joy, for everything he said was to encourage them to stick to their leader, and labor hard to do as he bid them, and the world would be compelled to recognize them as the shining feature of the Negro race. Come again, Mr. Wingo; we would like to meet you.

KEB is the place for good steady men to come if they want employment. We work nine hours per day, and six days per week. We have about 130 steady men here. Of course 15 or 20 youngsters have taken their departure from KEB, and KEB is very quiet since they departed. KEB has a nice S. S., and we are making rapid success considering chances. We have a nice crowd of scholars each Sunday and our teachers and Supt. take great interest in their duties. Mr. J. T. Mabry, C. Washington and Mrs. Dr. Lawther, are the teachers at present. Mrs. M. E. Harris officiated as Supt. last Sunday. We had fifty scholars in attendance. The membership is still increasing. We also had some of Ottumwa's best talent with us in our evening lessons. They read several beautiful addresses by Mr. and Mrs. Zack Taylor, also by Mrs. Jennie Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis were the guests of Rev. S. J. Carter.

Mr. Zack Taylor was the guest of J. W. Evans.

Mr. Cy. M. Hindsman has almost recovered from his injury he received a few weeks ago.

J. W. Evans' wife has not yet returned from an extensive trip south—Kentucky.

Mr. J. W. Evans, of Keb, Iowa, will speak in Ottumwa, Aug. 4th, at the grand celebration in honor of the Emancipation of the colored people, to be given in Franklin park. The Keb Pastimes of Keb will also participate in a game of ball with the Ottumwa team, William Bishop, manager Keb nine.

Mr. Hamilton and Adaline Lewis were the guests of Mr. Wm. Bishop Sunday evening.

The church gave a grand entertainment on the 17th inst. It was a grand success. It was given under the management of Miss Ella Bate, Miss Rutha Hale and Miss Amanda Greeness; those girls are earnest workers for the church; they mean to purchase a bible for the church with proceeds of entertainment.

Miss Eliza Diaz has returned home after a three weeks to St. David, Illinois.

Dr. Lawther left for Oskaloosa Saturday afternoon. The doctor has rendered good satisfaction since he has been in our service.

Hang 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.