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CITY NEWS

Mrs. J. W. Hewett left Wednesday morning for Huntsville, Mo., to see her sick mother.

Mrs. William Jeffers, of Galesburg, Ill., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Dr. Johnson, this week.

Mrs. Samson Carter entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shepard, Miss Maud Watkins and J. L. Thompson at dinner last Sunday.

Messrs. George Taylor, Bertie Berk and Miss Lewis made a pleasant call at the Bystander office.

Remember the Champagne Laundry does good work on short notice. Prompt attention. No. 818 West Grand avenue. Phone 171.

William Tomlin took suddenly sick last Wednesday, but is some better at this writing.

Mrs. G. W. Denny was the hostess of a very pleasant dinner Wednesday, given in honor of Mrs. Richardson, of Everett, Washington.

The Bystander collector will visit Cedar Rapids, Oskaloosa, Newton and Colfax next week. We ask our subscribers to be prepared to pay their back dues when he calls.

Our Mineral Oil for Bicycles cost no more than other oils, and burns one-third longer. Try a bottle at Dawson's Hardware, Fifth-st.

H. W. Watson, M. D., physician and surgeon. Special attention given to diseases of women and children. Office, 517 West Tenth street.

The Kings Daughters gave an evening party at Mrs. Eliza Bell's on Wednesday evening. An enjoyable time was had. The proceeds go to assist Miss Emma Jones, who is quite sick.

Mrs. George H. Clegggett, the grand matron of the grand court, left Thursday morning for Marshalltown to visit the new court and assist them in starting.

The Kings Daughters will meet with Mrs. Susie Mash, 104 Jefferson street, on Wednesday evening, where a good program will be dered.

Mrs. William Mash gave a pleasant tea party last Wednesday evening to a few friends. It is the first she has given in her newly built house.

Mr. Carl Anderson has come here from Fayette, Mo. He has been employed to work in Wilson & Barton's tonorial shop. If he likes Des Moines' hospitality he will move here permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. LaCour returned last Tuesday to their home, their little daughter, Marguerite, who had been here, accompanying them.

Mrs. J. T. Blagburn served tea last Tuesday to a few of her special friends in honor of Mrs. R. W. Richardson, of Everett, Washington, who is visiting here. Mesdames Ella Wilburn, F. D. Jackson, Wm. Coalson, C. A. Clegggett, Ella Smith of Ottumwa, each enjoyed themselves nicely.

The young men's novel entertainment was well attended and a success in every way. The program was good among the specials was a solo by Prof. Geo. I. Holt, Ed Moseley, and instrumental by Clarence Early. The mandolin club and the mono-phonograph were each interesting. Their supper was highly complimented. Much credit is due the young men for the hard work they have done to make it a success.

Don't forget that we are closing out our Screen doors and Windows, and can save you money. Dawson's Hardware, Fifth street.

J. L. Thompson has been selected to deliver the Emancipation oration in Knoxville, Iowa, Sept. 22d.

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The Bystander acknowledges a pleasant call this week from Miss Maud Watkins, Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. T. E. Barton.

Mr. Andy Dewberry, who has been sick so long, is not much better.

A very pleasant party was held at the home of Wm. Fletcher, at 1012 Crocker-st., last Wednesday evening. A few of their special friends was present. A nice time was had.

Mrs. Hudson Wood fell down stairs last week and tore her arm quite severely.

Mesdmes S. Burnaugh and J. Hudlin gave a picnic and social dance last Tuesday at Crocker Woods, for Mrs. Rosa La Cour, who is recently visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blagburn. An enjoyable time was reported.

Mrs. H. Sheley and Cowen received a telegram Monday, stating that their sister, Mrs. Geo. Hatter, of Farmington, was very sick; they both left at once for Farmington.

Next Sunday is quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. Elder Bundy is expected here. This is the last conference before the annual State conference.

Miss Etta Jones, who has been sick for some time, is growing worse and her many friends are hoping to see a change for the better soon.

Hurbert Jacobs, who met with an accident on a wheel, is mending as fast as could be expected. He is able to go out again, and his many friends are glad to meet him.

Mrs. David Boomer left last week for her old home, Mt. Pleasant, to visit her parents and many friends. Her father's name is Mr. Mason. He is an old settler and has several daughters who are graduates from the college.

Quite an enjoyable social party and dance was given at Crocker Woods last Monday evening. It was given by Mrs. L. Burnaugh, in honor of her sister, Miss Beatrice Nash, of St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. C. H. Richardson, of Clive, left Wednesday morning to visit her mother, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She expects to be gone about two weeks.

Sunday School Picnic.
St. Paul A. M. E. Sunday school and friends will picnic at Greenwood park next Thursday. If the street railroad track is out of repair they will go to Union park. Bring the children to the church, where our car will start at 9 a.m. sharp.

Mrs. Julia Taylor will spend Sunday at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rice.

It will be announced at the Sunday school and church which route we will take to the picnic.
We forgot to mention in our last week's issue, the children's cantata entertainment which was a series of entertainments. It was held last Friday a week ago, and was well attended; the little children did themselves nicely, every number was well rendered; they were under the instruction of Mrs. Wm. Coalson, who enjoys the respect and love of all the children as she has many times drilled the little ones to the satisfaction of all, as none other has done. Their cantata was grand, and refreshments was exquisitely served in the church parlors.

A new independent colored political club was organized last Tuesday evening, in John Early's barber shop, with W. P. Johnson, President; R. S. Brown, V. Pres.; W. B. Early, Sec'y; John Early, Treas. Several names was enrolled and claim to be an independent club, working for the best interest of the race. Yet the general opinion is that they espouse the lost free silver cause.

Mexico is walking the floor on the account of her depreciated silver dollar.

To Our Subscribers.

We are sending out statements of your indebtedness for subscription on the paper. We hope you will send in the small amount at once, as we expect a prompt reply from each letter.

Misses Zoe and Della Richardson, the only daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, gave their first party last Friday evening, at their beautiful country home, near Clive. It was in honor of Misses Maud Watkins, of Albany, Mo., Nellie Fowler, of Ottumwa, Iowa. Beatrice Nash, of St. Louis, Mo. Their yard was nicely decorated with flowers, our flag, the red, white and blue, Japanese lanterns, also an arch over the front gate, with national colors, and beneath it was large letters in evergreens, bearing the inscription, "Welcome." A very enjoyable time was had in playing games, music, singing, and social conversation until a late hour, when ice cream, cake, lemonade, etc., was served, all departing, hoping that they might sometime in the near future, be invited out again to enjoy the beauties of pleasant country life: as the threatening rain and little inconvenience in going out, there was not as many as was expected.

Dr. H. C. Watson, Jr., formerly of New Orleans, but recently from the Chicago college of Physicians and Surgeons has located in our city with Dr. Edward Johnson. He at one time was shorthand reporter for his father, H. C. Watson, who was representative at one time from Louisiana. We welcome the doctor here. He has good attainments and promises to make a success in his profession; he is a graduate from the Louisiana State University in 1886 and 1889, from the law department of Oberlin college, Ohio, completing his course with high honors in Chicago college. The Dr. asks the patronage of the public.

OBITUARIES.
CHICAGO, ILLS., Aug. 5, 1897.
To the Editor Bystander, Des Moines.
Many of the friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Jennie Jones, formerly a resident of Des Moines, will be pained and surprised to learn of her death. She passed away peacefully and happily, Tuesday Aug. 3d, 6:20 p. m. The funeral was conducted at her residence, 4805, Armour avenue, by Rev. Francis J. Peterson, D. D., assisted by the order of which she was a useful and prominent member. Peace be to her ashes. She leaves a husband, son and daughter to mourn her sad loss.
[She lived in this city a number of years and was loved by all who knew her. She was an active member of St. Paul A. M. E. church. She lived the life of a consistent christian, and always strived to carry sunshine wherever she went. It was a quite shock to her many friends when the sad news reached this city. The Bystander will join the many friends of the grief stricken family in this the darkest hour of trial.—Ed.]

DIED.—Mrs. Mary McClain, wife of John McClain, died last Sunday night at 9 o'clock, of consumption, after a lingering illness of several months. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Joiner of North Des Moines, who are old and highly respected colored citizens. She was born in Polk county May 23, 1873. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. A. Clark and Rev. Douglass (white) at her father's home. She was a good woman, a graduate of Highland Park college, and her husband and relatives have the sympathy and condolence of all her friends.

Willie Brown, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, on Crocker-st., met death between the cars at Colfax, last Friday, July 30th. His funeral sermon preached last Sunday evening in the A. M. E. church by Rev. Reeves. The young youth was about 18 years old and had been persuaded off by a boy named Turner. He left home that Friday evening, telling his folks that he was going to church to the children's festival, but instead was persuaded to leave home and attempt to make his way to Chicago or some other town without paying. They had rode to Colfax, and was reboarding the freight train when he slipped and fell between the cars thereby causing fatal injuries from which he died very soon. He was buried in Colfax, Iowa. Thus young men you can see the results of disobeying father and mother and associating in bad company and evil influences.

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



DR. R. S. BROWN.

The above is a cut of Dr. Robt. S. Brown, M. D., of Oskaloosa, Ia., who enjoys the largest practice of any colored doctor in Iowa. He is a young man, born in Stanton, Va., Dec. 8, 1863, graduated in 1880 from the high schools of that city, entered the Bennet Medical college, Chicago, Ills., graduating with the class of 1895, making an average grade of 92 1/2 per cent, receiving several local class honors. He then came to Iowa, located in Oskaloosa, April 1, 1895, and by his strict attention to business, promptness and adaptability to his profession has been very successful, enjoying a large practice. Soon after locating in Oskaloosa, June 1, 1895, was appointed as physician and surgeon for the Colon mines, by the Iowa Fuel company, having held that position ever since, being the first colored doctor to receive such an honor in the state. Many intricate and complicated cases that has puzzled the more experienced practitioners, has been given him and he has handled with success. He stands well with the white physicians of his county, thus again we see demonstrated the equal ability of the colored man in the skilled sciences. His practice is not confined to any class of people, but to all classes and color. The Bystander is glad to present this man and history to its many readers, and especially the young aspiring and progressive element of our race.

HON. GEO. H. VAN HOUTEN.



We take pleasure in presenting to our readers the cut and history of one of the best known men of Iowa, who is a candidate for Lt. Governor at the Republican State Convention, Hon. Geo. H. Van Houten, of Taylor county was born in Atchison county, Mo., 1847. He moved to Madison county, Iowa, 1848, and in 1855 to the county he now lives in. Being a lad when the call to war he offered his services, but was rejected on account of his youth. The next year, '64, tried again and enlisted in company E, Fourth Missouri State Cavalry served under the U. S. Having served his country well. He was mustered out with honors, July 5, 1865, returning home, he attended school. His principle occupation has been farming and stock raising; also engaged in newspaper work, has corresponded and contributed to many of the leading periodicals and journals; was county treasurer, and at present a member of the 26th General Assembly from Taylor county, was a candidate for Lieut. Governor in 1891, on the ticket, but odds being against the g. o. p., he, with all the rest of the candidates met their defeat. He is a fine lecturer and great campaigner, and by his travels around the world and experience of human affairs, he would add great strength to the Republican party.

The Iowa College of Law will open its Fall term of 1897, Sept. 1st. All those that desire to study law should take advantage of the splendid inducements held out by this school. Address the Iowa College of Law, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

The gubernatorial contest is waxing warm, and as yet no one can tell the outcome who will win. At present Parrott is in the lead with Funk second, but if the friends of ex-Senator Harlan push his claims he may win, as he has many friends all over the state. Large crowds of enthusiastic workers will go to Cedar Rapids next week.

WHILE THEY LAST.

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Slayton's Jubilee Singers one of the leading colored concert companies of the United States, will render their services at the Chautauqua Park August 16th to 27th, inclusive.
They sing first-class high grade music, and always receive crowded houses. They have a hundred enthusiastic praises from the leading cities of our country. They have been singing throughout the east, north and south, and during the summer just closing they have been singing continually at various Chautauqua assemblies. The members have each studied under the best instructors of the country, and each is an accomplished artist in their special roles.
Among their number is indeed three prima donnas, a lady quartet, a male quartet, Basil Robinson, one of the Donno high tenors, who is also a fine comedian; Joseph Hagerman, the lion basso, and Mr. Washington, comic imitator, and several other specialists who will be with the company.
Remember this is during the Chautauqua assembly.

Colored Free Silver League.
Geo. E. Taylor, editor of the Negro Solicitor, has issued a call for a few of the states in the Mississippi Valley to meet at Quincy, Ill., Aug. 27th, to perfect the organization of a Colored Free Silver League, to be called the Inter-State League, of which Mr. Taylor is president; T. L. Allen, of Quincy, Sec'y. Don't you know brother Taylor that the wind has been knocked out of your free silverites within the last two months, since the price of wheat has been steadily going up, and silver going down, with your main hobby for argument gone, your party must seek some other visionary theory for 1900. All of your once theories have fast faded before facts and actual truths.

COLORED MEMBER ON THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
Never in the history of Iowa has the colored Republicans been represented on the State Central Committee; therefore we deem it necessary, and earnestly hope that the leading republicans will not overlook this fact at the coming convention. They can add one more member to their list, and he called a member at-large; such has been in Ills., Kansas and other states. Why not in ours? A large per centage of colored voters are republican, and they should be looked after. The experience last year in Polk county, where the chairman did not look after the colored locality as he should, the result was that fully two-thirds of the colored people voted for Bryan in that township. We hope that the party workers will see to it that a colored man is put on the committee.

Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, and Miss Maria Baldwin, the colored principal of the Aggasiz school in Cambridge Mass., were recently elected honorary members of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

IOWA G. A. R. TO BUFFALO.
The Wabash has been selected by the Department Commander of Iowa as the official route from Chicago to Buffalo and return for the 31st National Encampment, in connection with the various Iowa lines will run through cars for parties, a number of large posts in Iowa having arranged for through trains.
For further information address,
HORACE SEELY, Com'l Agt.,
220 4th street, Des Moines, Ia.

ASSASSINATION OF THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER.
The great Spanish leader and statesman, Senior Antonio Canovas Del Castillo, Prime Minister of Spain was assassinated by Michele Angino Golli, an Italian anarchist at Santa Agueda, last Sunday, while at the bath house. The murderer fired three shots, and the wounded man fell dying at the feet of his wife. He only lived about one hour, then passed away with the famous sentence on his lip, "Long Live Spain." This ends the life of perhaps the greatest leader that Spain has produced for twenty-years; he has shaped the destiny of the Spanish policy. For forty year she occupied a seat in the cortes. He planned the movement which overthrew the feeble republican government and restored the bourbons in 1875. He wrote the present constitution for Spain in 1865; he wrote the law which abolished black slavery. He may be compared with Gladstone or Salisbury, of England, Bismarck of Germany, or McKinley, of America.

IOWA AFRO-AMERICAN LEAGUE.

The fifth annual meeting of the Afro-American League of Iowa, formerly known as the Afro-American Protective association, has been called by the executive committee to meet in Muchakinoek, Sept. 22d and 23d, which will be during the same time that the Colored Industrial fair will be held by the colored people there. The local organization in each place asked to meet and select their delegates and report to us at once. Each town is entitled to one delegate and an alternate. The pro rata of delegates is as follows:

Des Moines.....	10 Delegates
Keokuk.....	10 "
Ottumwa.....	10 "
Muchakinoek.....	10 "
Sioux City.....	5 "
Oskaloosa.....	5 "
Colfax.....	5 "
Evans.....	4 "
Pekay.....	4 "
Lost Creek.....	4 "
Colfax.....	7 "
Albia.....	5 "
Clarinda.....	5 "
Newton.....	5 "
Centerville.....	5 "
Marshalltown.....	5 "
Burlington.....	5 "
Boone.....	5 "
Youngstown.....	5 "
Cedar Rapids.....	5 "
St. Dodge.....	3 "
Le Hi.....	5 "
Mt. Pleasant.....	5 "
Keosauqua.....	3 "
Davenport.....	3 "
Chariton.....	3 "
Keokuk.....	3 "
Ft. Madison.....	3 "

Each delegation should select the same number of Alternates to insure a full representation.

CHEAP RATES ON THE WABASH.
On July 20th, Aug. 3d and 17th, Sept. 7th and 21st, Oct. 5th and 19th, the Wabash will sell tickets at one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip to points East, West, South and South-West. The Wabash has found that it pays to give its patrons an opportunity to look for cheaper homes, better climate, etc. If you will write to Horace Seely, Commercial Agent Wabash, at Des Moines; he will mail you maps, folders and land guides, giving detailed information.