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CITY NEWS

Watch This Space.

Burlington Route

Miss Zella Davis has been ill this week.

Rev. F. Lomack has been sick the past week.

Henry Clay had the touch of the la grippe this week.

L. Walker, of St. Joseph, Mo., is in city. He called on the Bystander.

Mrs. Alice Dix, who was taken to hospital, is not improving very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mash entertained a number of her friends on Thursday evening at an oyster supper.

Mrs. Alice Renix was taken to her home at Oskaloosa last week very sick and her recovery is yet very doubtful.

There will be a meeting of colored voters on next Wednesday evening at the court house. It will be addressed by Mayor MacVicar.

Mrs. G. W. Denny is improving after two weeks illness with LaGrippe.

John D. Reeler of Mason City made a brief visit to our city last Tuesday on business he says that his family is well.

NOTICE.—All members of Charity lodge are requested to meet next Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock prompt, at their hall East city. Dennis Burrough, N. G.

The ladies of the afternoon Social Club will be the brilliant hostess of an afternoon reception, at the home of Mrs. C. B. Woods, 1020 Crocker street, Feb. 17th.

James Bratton is able to be out again at his old trade delivering wood and coal.

NOTICE. Holt & Pierce, lawyers, are now prepared to make small loans, at reasonable interest. 607 W. Walnut st.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. LaCour a bouncing baby boy last Sunday, both mother and child doing well. Mrs. LaCour is at her parents, Lewis Blagburn on Eleventh St.

The ladies of the Afternoon Social Club met at the home of Mrs. C. B. Woods. A pleasant afternoon was spent. At 5 o'clock an elegant lunch was served, after which the ladies adjourned to meet with Mrs. Lewis Austin, on B street, Feb. 3d, 1898.

The Deaconess Board of the A. M. E. church will give a supper in the basement of the church on Tuesday evening Feb 1st Supper will be 15c and served from half past five until eight and the money thus raised will go for charitable purposes. Mrs. C. S. Stewart Sec't.

The members of the Great Western Band wish to extend their thanks to all who assisted with the program rendered at the concert the 26th inst., which was given by the band. It is our earnest desire to bring before the public a band of which the city and state will be proud of. W. H. Warrick.

Is Frank Blagburn your choice for Market Master?

Miss Mason of Mt. Pleasant is visiting her sister Mrs. D. Bomer of Twelfth St.

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Mrs. Albert Moss entertained a few of her friends last Monday at an old fashion quilting bee.

Mrs. Samuel Burnaugh who has been so sick for the past fortnight at her home on Ninth and Grand Ave. is slowly improving.

Wm. Robinson of Wiota Ia., and John D. Reeler of Mason City was callers at the Bystander office Wednesday.

W. H. Humbard has been sick at his home on 6th St. for the past ten days at this time he is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Ella Smith has returned from Ottumwa where she has been attending to her sick mother, Mrs. Hamilton who is improving.

On last Tuesday the Senate confirmed the nomination of J. G. Griggs of New Jersey to be Attorney General of the United States.

O. M. Homan has moved to 516 East Locust street, where you can go and get the best meal in town for 20c. Call and see him and don't forget the number, 516 East Locust street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Wm. Robinson of Wiota Ia. is spending a few days in our city. Mrs. D. S. Basfield will leave next Wednesday to visit with her sister Mrs. Hamilton in Washington Iowa.

The H. B. S. met with Mrs. Banks last Thursday. Mrs. Holt recited from Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Mrs. Blagburn read from Longfellow and Mrs. Banks recited from Holmes after lunch the circle adjourned to meet with Mrs. E. T. Barton of W. Twenty-third St.

The home of Mr. A. G. Ferguson at the corner of Fourteenth and Fremont St. was destroyed by fire last Monday morning at eleven o'clock, all the furniture was destroyed. It was quite a loss to Mr. Ferguson, the cause was an over heated stove.

Hair Dressing. Crimped switches and frizzetts combings done to order. Mrs. D. C. Basfield, 1514 20th St.

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Social Events of this Week.

Many Pleasant Entertainments Social Meeting.

No one week this winter has there been so many successful and enjoyable gatherings as this on last Wednesday eve the first concert and banquet given by our band boys. It was their first appearance in public and they fall did excellent considering the many disadvantages they have been laboring under. Nearly two-hundred and fifty people responded to their invitations by their presence. The concert was held in the beautiful new hall called Rice, on 6th and Locust. The first on program was Pleasant Dreams, by the band second address by P. D. Brown of Sioux City entitled Festivities, then the well known Dumas Choral Society sang; Vocal Solo James Patterson and the Renix Brothers mandolin and Guitar selection was fine. J. E. Moseley sang a solo then Mr. Bohanan rendered a clarinet solo, the band played several selections and received much applause then Mrs. J. F. Blagburn sang a solo. We congratulate the Great Western band on their success and we know they feel highly complimented over their first entertainment, may they continue on. After the program refreshments was served and several trip the light fantastic until early next morning.

The Paul Lawrence Dunbar Literary met at their rooms on Walnut St. owing to the several rehearsals for concerts and entertainments there was but a few present. The program though short was very good especially the essay by Mrs. G. H. Clegggett on Polish is one of the best that society has heard and by a vote of the society she was requested to read it next Monday eve. The paper by Cora Smith was good and well delivered. The following program for next Monday evening; Address, Sarah Porter; Instrumental Solo, Rollen Weeks; Critic, Sarah Porter; Paper, Mrs. Basfield; whistling solo, J. E. Moseley; recitation, Mrs. R. A. Wilburn; Duett, Misses Davis and Stewart, Journal, J. M. Pierce; Paper, Mrs. Clegggett; Quotations from Mrs. Elizabeth Browning; Debate, Resolve, that the colored people should colonize in foreign lands, Affirmative, H. W. Hughes; Negative, J. C. Williams.

SONG SERVICES. Prof. Holt says, that the choir is prepared and will give one of the best Sacred Concerts that the members and friends of the A. M. E. church has heard. The choir has the reputation of one of the leading choirs of the city they have been making special arrangements for this concert which will be presented to the public on the first Sunday in Feb. The program will be made up of chorus, quartets, duets, solos and every one who is found of good music should not fail to hear them.

MUSICAL MELANGE. The Harmonic Society on last Tuesday evening assisted by Mrs. Luella Wilburn the reader at the Y. M. C. A. was greeted with a large house, the program had been carefully selected and every one in the house seem to be well pleased with the concert. Mrs. Wilburn was at her best she was encored each time she appeared, leaving a good impression with those who heard her. The chorus, duets and solos were all good and they received many encores, they displayed their wonderful musical ability to the satisfaction of all who heard them, we heard many good comments pass on the singers as the people passed out.

BRIEF HISTORY OF CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION AT THE CITY PRIMARIES.

D. S. Calkins, who is well known in our city and has been a resident here more than fifteen years is a candidate for city assessor. He has been a working republican and a man that thoroughly understands the duties of city assessor; as he has been assessor for ten years, no more experienced man could be selected.

W. A. Connolly announces today his candidacy for the office of city solicitor. Mr. Connolly has been engaged in the practice of law in this city for fifteen years and is regarded as one of the strongest young attorneys of the Polk county bar. He is an active republican, having made thirty-nine speeches during the McKinley campaign. He helped to organize the Crant club, Young Men's Club and is a prominent member of the Irish-American club. He is in every way qualified for the position he seeks.

FOR ALDERMAN OF THIRD WARD, Maj. W. G. Work who has announced his name as a candidate for Alderman of the third ward was born in Ohio came to Iowa in 1853, locating in Jasper Co., on a farm. He enlisted in the First Iowa Infantry, was not accepted until the 4th volunteers cavalry was organized, he served with this company three years, then he became First Lieutenant of the 60th. U. S. colored Infantry. He is a true friend of the colored race, an active republican and a successful business man is Supt. of the National Starch works a very deserving candidate.

ALDERMAN AT LARGE. Jas. N. Miller, who is a candidate for Alderman-at-Large, was born in Pa. in 1846. At the age of 16 he enlisted in Co. A, 12 W. Va. Regt., and served three years. He was taken prisoner and confined seven months in Andersonville and Florence, suffering all the horrors of those pens. He came to Iowa in 1870, and for 22 years published the Sun at Sac City. Was a member of the Legislature in 1874, and postmaster in 1890-2. In 1892 he moved to Des Moines. He was elected Councilman of the third ward two years ago. He has made a good officer and has always been honest and true to his duties as a public servant. He is friendly and interested in the growth of the colored race.

FRANK BLAGBURN FOR MARKET MASTER. Mr. Blagburn came to this city Twenty-three years ago, when a small boy, where he received his schooling in the public schools of this city, "excepting the five years he was in Wilberforce College. For five years he was the trusty clerk in the Savery House drug store, and this together with his general knowledge of business, gives him a special fitness for the place, that he seeks at the hands of the republican party, which he has so faithfully served. We who know him best believe that the office market master will be carefully and honestly conducted in his hands. Mr. Blagburn is one of our active young republican workers. He is the secretary of the McKinley Colored Republican Club, which is composed of many of the leading men of the race in the city. He was committeeman for the State during the presidential campaign, for the distribution of colored literature, for which work he received no pay, and spent his own money for sending out the same. Let every honest race loving republican see to it that the delegates from their precinct agree to support Frank Blagburn.

FOR ALDERMAN OF FOURTH WARD. Dr. J. A. Cambell veterinary surgeon is a candidate for Alderman of the 4th. ward subject to the Republican primaries. The Doctor is well known in our city and especially in his ward as he has lived in that ward for twenty-five years. Is city veterinarian now and has always filled those places with honor to himself and party. He is a good republican and has rendered service to the party on different occasions. Voters of the 4th. ward should thoroughly consider Dr. Campbell's claims before making up your minds who you will support.

ALDERMAN OF THIRD WARD. W. H. Butler, an old resident of the third ward, has become a candidate for Alderman, subject to the republican primaries. He has been a resident in Des Moines since 1857 and a tax payer since 1868. He now pays more taxes than any other candidate in the third ward. He is a good republican worker and has been for many years; has been a delegate to various republican conventions. He is not in favor of making special assessments against the people, until warranted by petition. He is sociable and friendly to the colored people and will be grateful for any support he might receive.

J. Edward Mcrshon, a rising young attorney is a candidate for city solicitor. He served one year as deputy solicitor; he is one of the hard working young republicans, and if elected, the city's interests will be well looked after.

Mrs. Joseph H. Shepard will do fashionable dressmaking at her home 1058 W. Fifth street and also teach the improved Capitol Tailor System. Ladies are invited to call.

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GOVERNOR SHAW AT INDIANAPOLIS. Iowa is constantly receiving new laurels. Our new governor was invited to preside over the National Monetary Convention at Indianapolis, last Tuesday. He accepted and from the compliments he is receiving about his speech he was the right man for the place; it was full of logic, sound doctrine and rounded out with eloquent sentences. Iowa is proud of the start our new governor is making.

IOWA CONGRESSMAN HONORED. It is a conceded fact that Iowa has more able men in the lower House now than any other state. This fact has been demonstrated during the past two weeks in the House by Speaker Reed, at one time he selected our congressman, Capt. Hull, to preside, and he did so with dignity, and honor to himself. At another time the gallant Col. Hepburn of the 8th District, presided for nearly a week, during the hot debate on the Cuban Question, congressman Hepburn by his long experience is considered one of the best parliamentarians in the House.

REPUBLICANISM. It is an inevitable fact that at each primaries and especially city primaries the question is often asked is the aspiring candidates all sound republicans? Will each abide by the express will of the republican primaries? Or will they on failing to secure the republican nomination abandon their party fealty and run on an independent ticket? Any man that would do this, ought not to receive a single republican vote; providing he had a fair chance at primaries. There are several candidates for the various places; fifteen or sixteen for Market Master. The question now comes to us, will they all abide by the result of the primary? Every voter should know that question. We would deem a man untrue to his principles, untrue to his party if he should seek the nomination, and failing, then to run on an independent ticket. If any wish to run on an independent ticket announce it at first.

[Special to Bystander.] Washington, D. C.—Editor of the Bystander: Sir your kind paper circulates very freely among the Negroes of Massachusetts county; I would like you to publish the following: The statement that I (F. P. Davis) has left the Republican party and will vote with the Democrat party is as false as hell itself, and untrue as the devil, and misleading. The author is always trying to mislead the Negroes of Iowa whenever he has a chance, but I will say, the letter that he claims I wrote is as false as he is himself, and I want it understood that I am satisfied with my job and when I get dissatisfied I will not go to Geo. E. Taylor or any of his Democratic friends for aid. I will further say that Iowa has not yet produced the Democrat that I will vote for, I have never voted for one yet, and I am 35 years old, F. P. Davis, Folding Room, House of Rep. U. S.

A number of the colored voters of the city held a meeting at the court house Tuesday 25th. The object being to discuss methods which might further the interests of the colored man and secure him recognition by the candidates for office at the coming city election. Temporary officers were selected as follows; J. Allen, Chairman and E. Tracy Blagburn, Sec. Speeches were made by W. R. Frazier, Wm. Tomlin, J. M. Pierce, C. S. Ruff, J. Raily and others, advocating union among the colored voters and the support by them of only such candidates who favored the candidacy of a colored man for an elective office. The meeting unanimously endorsed Mr. Frank Blagburn for Market Master and adjourned till Wednesday Feb. 2nd. All loyal Republicans are invited to attend.

J. Allen, Chairman E. Tracy Blagburn, Secretary

MUCHAKINOCK NOTES. Samuel Boyer died Thursday after an illness of several months and was buried Saturday. The funeral was held at the A. M. E. church Rev. Wm. William, officiating, the "Liberator Lodge" of which he was a member sowed their last tribute of respect by turning out.

Mrs. John Baxter Jr. died Saturday after a short illness.

The "Ladies Court", had a very successful social Monday night and realized quite a sum of money every body present seem to enjoy themselves.

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MUNT PLEASANT NEWS. Mr. Avery Pierson of Burlington is visiting relatives in the city.

The Trustees of the A. M. E. church elected the officers last Monday night for the coming year.

Miss Alice Weeks is on the sick list.

For the third time inside of a month death has entered our community, this time taking Mr. Geo. Wicks. Mr. Wicks had been a cripple for years and for the last month he had become helpless and last Monday eve he passed away. He was buried from the Second Baptist church, Rev. Coalsan assisted by Rev. Wm. Cole preached the funeral.

Miss Ella McNeal of Davenport is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Lizzie Wicks of St. Paul Minn. was called home on account of the death of her father Mr. Wicks.

Misses Rose McGregor and Louisa Scott gave a party at the residence of Mr. R. Thompson last Thursday evening, all report a pleasant time.

Mrs. E. McNeal is confined to her bed with a severe attack of lagrippe.

NEWTON NOTES. Mr. Cunningham has been on the sick list this week.

Rev. Lewis is conducting a series of revival meetings at the A. M. E. church.

Ed. Holloway has returned to the city after an absence of several months in Mo.

Mr. Fred Green was glad to have the pleasure of meeting his old friend Prof. Accooe whom he had not seen since he left college. The Prof. is travelling with Hyer sister's company, he is one of our leading colored musicians having composed fifty selections.

A. E. Fine is slowly recovering from his recent illness.

Mr. Jason Green has returned from his visit in Omaha and reports a pleasant time.

It is reported that the wedding bells will ring in the near future and Newton will lose two of her leading young ladies.

OTTUMWA NEWS. Those on the sick list last week were Mae E. Owens and Stella Mason.

Maggie Marshall returned home after a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Albia.

Jessie Jeffers left Sunday for Knoxville Ia. where her sister is lying at the point of death.

Mr. Thos. McRoy left Sunday for Macon City Mo. to attend the funeral of his sister. He returned home Thursday.

Mrs. Ella Smith left Monday for her home in Des Moines.

Mrs. Z. Taylor entertained a number of friends Thursday evening in S. Ottumwa.

Miss Mary Owens will leave in a few days for Springfield Ill., to visit her sister Mrs. James D. Gardner.

ALBIA NEWS. The A. M. E. church has been holding meeting for the last three weeks last week they secured Rev. W. Williams of Muchakinoack to preach for them. They report that he delivered some very interesting sermons while in the city.

Rev. H. C. Carter of Chariton preach at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening and Rev. Ford to the children in the morning.

The great snow storm this winter fell in our city Saturday of this week.

It is reported that the Juniors of the Albia High School will give an entertainment soon, we have two members in that class Miss Henrietta Jones and Curt Jones.

Madam Brown and E. Brummer are quite ill at their homes.

Quartley meeting will be held at the A. M. E. on Jan. 30th.

Mr. Ben Grayson made a business trip to Missouri this week.

THE REASON WHY OUR RACE DON'T PROSPER MORE. No doubt there are many reasons why we do not prosper more however we will only mention those that have come under our observation. We are not enough in unison we do not support the race enterprises that are elevating and should be supported. If there is a good lecturer that comes to the city or a classical entertainment given they hardly receive enough patronage to pay for expenses, but if some minstrel comes to a city they must always play to a "Standing room" audience even if the prices are the same, and most always two-thirds of the audience are colored now why is this? what is there so elevating about a minstrel that our people desire to attend? and another thing you can visit the homes of our people and you will find about one-third of them that takes any race paper or magazines that is devoted to the advancement of us, but should you visit the homes

of Germans or Irish or most any other nationality you will most always find some periodical in their homes that is devoted to their race, also a colored person will make more money in any business where there are only 400 colored then he will where there are 2,000 or 3,000 why is this simply because they will not patronize him where there are so many, when he is dependent upon their support and the word comes what is the need of procuring an education? you cannot get anything but janitorship, that will always be the cry unless we support our race enterprise; supposing that Des Moines had three or four groceries and dry good store meat market and some real estate and insurance office operated by colored men would not that give some employment to our young people? and there is enough colored people in Des Moines to support all the things that we have enumerated provided they receive the support of their race. If one of our race seeks a position there is only a few that will help others will write articles and work day and night for his defert, bear in mind friends that there is not enough of us to always be divided and get anything. We must remember the old adage in union there is strength we should seek to get more money, not long ago I heard a man relate an episode which applies to most of our race throughout the world. He said that there was an Irishman who had been shoveling on the street for the past 15 years and never received over \$200 per day and had a very large family, and that there was a colored man who had been a plaster for the same length of time and had always received from \$2 to \$5 per day and had a small family, to day the former is worth \$15,000 or \$20,000 and the latter does not even own a home why is that? because the former saved his earnings and the latter did not. I had a conversation with a Ghorman that followed the business of repairing umbrellas and putting hoops on tubs ect. he went from house to house had been in the business ten years when he came to this country he was compelled to mortgage that little furniture he had to get something to eat and a place to stay to day he has a lovely home his eldest daughter is a student in one of the leading music conservatory in the country and his daily earning never exceed \$3.00 per day and sometimes he would not make that much where is there a colored man that would have done likewise? it is not what we make but what we save, shapes are destiny. Not long ago I had the pleasure of talking with Mr. Thompson of Chicago who is said to be worth over quarter of million. "He said young man to visit the homes of our people in this city it was no wonder that we could not find their names on the Recorder's office books as property owners there was too much money expended in household goods." I am in accord with the "Apostle of Alabama," when he says to seek education procure wealth and establish business houses of our own then we can have places for our young educators above menial positions and when we obtain this we can say as did the poet, "Pay ransom to the owner, who is the owner, the slaves is the owner and ever has been. Dear people let us become as a unit, patrolize the race enterprise that will bring knowledge and wealth even if it be indirectly and I assure that ere another score passes we will not be compelled to seek menial places altogether seek knowledge for it is wealth and be men and women in character deeds acts and loyal to your race.

E. W. Thompson.

Decatur, Iowa.

GIRLIE'S PARTY.

When girlie was just five years old A party she did give She 'll not forget it we are told As long as she may live.

She sent her invitations out At least a week before, The lads and lassies gave a shout When came one to their door.

Then girlie oft would sigh and say, "My dont the time go slow!" But dawned at last the joyful day As all days will you know.

Came boys and girls from all around In party style arrayed, They at the hard and frozen ground, were not the least dismayed.

The youngsters had a jolly time, They played all afternoon When going they all begged in rhyme, Another party soon.

"Kid"

SIoux CITY ITEMS.

The Ladies Industrial Circle will meet Thursday Jan. 27 with Mrs. Jas. Washington at 201 W. Seventh St.

Mrs. J. L. Thomas returned last week from Yankton after a pleasant visit.

A party of ladies and gentlemen laden with the things that sustain life, visited the hom of Rev. J. L. Thomas and wife last Friday evening. The Rev. cordially invited them to return.

Rev. Thomas left Sunday for St. Paul Minn. to assist in a series of meetings.

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