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## CITY NEWS

### Watch This Space.

Burlington Route

Mrs. G. W. Denny is convalescent.

Read the brief history of the candidates for the various city offices.

Frank Blagburn is making friends each day.

Sunday will be quartly meeting at the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. Margaret Montague of Ley St. is quite sick.

Mrs. Alice Newton is visiting a few weeks in her old home, Burlington.

W. H. Humbert is slowly improving, after a serious illness.

Rev. F. Lomask is improving from a severe spell of sickness.

J. W. Bates of Ellsworth, Kan., has accepted the position as traveling agent.

Miss Maud Cleggitt contemplates spending the spring and summer with relatives in Adrian, Mich.

There will be a Grand rally at the east side Baptist church the first Sunday in March.

It is reported that Mrs. James Ward Renix, of Oskaloosa, is very ill yet, and is failing each day.

A burglar broke into Jas. Props' shoe shop last Thursday night, he was frightened away before he got anything.

Sunday School at the A. M. E. church will be at 2:30 so as to give way for sacramental services.

Mr. Herbert T. Granger will lecture at the east side Baptist church Tuesday the 15th. Mr. Wm Foster will read a paper.

Kings Daughters will give a masquerade party Monday evening, Feb. 14th. Admission: Ladies, 15c; per couple, 35c. Eaty & Camp, on 6th and Walnut.

Mrs. Walter Birney, who has been very sick for the past two weeks is improving slowly. She is able to sit up. It is the hope of her many friends that she will recover soon.

The Stewardess board will give an entertainment at the A. M. E. church Thursday eve Feb. 17th admission free. Supper will begin at six p. m.

Will E. Battle of Garden Grove, is in our city. He contemplates remaining here indefinitely. He is quite proficient in music, as he used to teach the Coal Palace Band, of Oitumwa.

Herbert Wright, a well known politician, of Marshalltown, was a capital city visitor this week. Herbert was file clerk of the 25th General Assembly of the house. He is feeling well over the republican success in Iowa.

The Ladies' Afternoon club met with Mrs. B. J. Holmes, and was called to order by the President, Mrs. Chas. Woods. The ladies passed a very pleasant afternoon, at 4 o'clock an elegant lunch was served. Club adjourned to meet with Della Comley, Feb. 24th. The ladies will entertain a number of gentlemen on the evening of the reception, complimentary to their husbands.

The republican caucus will be held on the 28th.

Mrs. Susie Broeden is still quite sick at her home on Grand Ave.

Rev. Bundy, presiding elder, will conduct the services at the A. M. E. church next Sunday.

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Archie Pergerson has purchased the boot black establishment of Dan McJain will continue business at the old stand. We hope that the colored friends that would like to see him make a success in this effort to call in and get their work done. Ladies can get first class work done at that place, come or send your work to 215 W 5th street, Archie Pergerson, prop.

Hair Dressing. Crimped switches and frizzets combed done to order.

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## Song Services.

At St. Paul A. M. E. Church.

On last Sunday evening, as was announced through the columns of this paper, occurred the first of the series of concerts, under the direction of Prof Geo I Holt. At a very early hour the church was filled to standing room by the music loving people to catch the first note from the choir; that have made a name for themselves in the art of singing.

They were supported by the Dumas chorus club of which the Prof is very proud of as he was the first and only teacher that this society has ever had, for the want of space we are obliged to omit naming each one and the part that each took on the program, their singing shows what they have accomplished by hard and diligent study. All those that admire the forward policy in music will welcome the coming of the next concert

For Alderman.

The name of Peter Lambert for Alderman of the First Ward, will meet with general approval by all who know him. He was born in Germany in 1835, came to Iowa in 1857, enlisted in Co. A, 19th Iowa Inf., in 1862, mustered out in July, 1865; has lived in the Second of the First Ward for 27 years; is a successful landscape gardener and florist, has been Supt. of Woodland Cemetery for ten years. He is an influential republican; a good business man, thoroughly identified with the interests of the city, and will make a good alderman for the first ward, if elected.

## Accident--Sudden Death

Mr. Allen one of our most prominent citizens, instantly fell dead last Saturday afternoon, while walking down Ninth street in company with W. L. Tomlin just as they were passing the Central Church of Christ, at the time of the accident Mr. Tomlin's attention was directed to a passing team, and when he looked toward Mr. Allen he he was laying flat on the walk. The fall was with such great force, that his neck was broken. He was taken in the church and Dr. Rood called, he examined the injuries and pronounced him dead. Mr. Allen lived with his family at 1115 Park street. He was born in the fifties, which would make him nearly fifty years old. He was an industrious, hard working man, and bore an excellent reputation as a good neighbor. He was always active in politics, when the interest of his race demanded it. He leaves to mourn his death a wife and three daughters and a host of friends. The funeral occurred from the St. Paul A. M. E. church at 2:30, where a very large number of his friends had gathered to pay the last sad rite. The Rev. Timothy Reeves preached an excellent sermon for the occasion. We join the many friends in extending our sympathy to the grief stricken family.

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## Local Political Meeting

Held Last Night--Frank Blagburn's Oration.

A large meeting of colored voters was held at the court house on Thursday evening in the interest of Frank Blagburn candidate for market master.

Mr R. N. Hyde was elected president of the meeting, W. A. Frazier Sec., speeches were made by Geo. Taylor, Alex Gordon, Jas. Miller (white), also A. P. Chamberlin, then Mr. Frank Blagburn thanked the meeting for their endorsement. J. M. Pierce and E. T. Banks spoke briefly. They appointed committees to work in each precinct and adjourned to meet next Thursday night.

For Police Judge.

Mr. J. J. Moore, the well known G. A. R. veteran of Lee township, is a candidate for Police Judge. He was born in Ill. in 1839, came to Iowa in 1849, and has lived in Des Moines for twenty-seven years was Justice of the Peace in Dallas county for eight years and four years Justice of East Des Moines. He comes from that strong abolitionist ancestry known as Quakers, which assisted fleeing slaves to Canada. He was a member of Co. D, 9th Iowa Inf. A past-commander of Kinsman post; is a staunch republican, and is interested in various enterprises for the development of our city. Colored voters will make no mistake if they should vote for Mr. Moore.

FOR ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE.

Mr. Geo. Garver announces his name in this issue of the Bystander as a candidate for re-nomination for Alderman of West Side. He was born in Ohio in 1834, came to Des Moines 28 years ago, and has been identified with the business interests of our city the entire time, being a coal operator the most of the time. He served three terms as Alderman-at-large from Lee township; one term as Alderman of the second ward and one term as Alderman-at-large of the West Side, which he now asks for re-nomination. He is an active republican and his years of service to the public demonstrate his worth and honesty. He will no doubt if elected, make a good alderman, and his friends are working very hard for his nomination.

ALDERMAN OF THIRD WARD.

Among the candidates for Alderman of the Third ward is J. M. Orvis one of the best known men of the north part of the city. Mr. Orvis was born in New York in 1837 came to Mahaska Co. Ia., in 1866 and to Polk Co. 16 years ago, he has been a resident of Des Moines for sixteen years. He has been for years interested in the building up of North Des Moines and has a large real estate investment as well as a good retail dry goods store at 1407 Six Avenue. He has paid thousand of dollars in taxes in this city and has seen the whole of North Des Moines built up from a small village to a town of large proportion that is now one of the most important sections of the capital city. He is a rank republican worker and has been since the organization of the party in 1856.

## Candidates for Nomination at the Coming City Primaries.

FOR TREASURER.

Mr. A. B. Elliott is announced as a candidate for the city treasurer. Mr. Elliott is just completing his first term in that office. His friends are satisfied to make the campaign on the record he has made. It is true that a more business like administration of the office was never enjoyed by the tax payers of the city. Not only have the affairs of the office been kept properly, accurately and openly but the management of the finances of the city has been admirable in every way. For fifteen years Mr. Elliott has worked for the success of the party. He was twelve years connected with the American Savings Bank and resigned to become treasurer two years ago.

FOR CITY ENGINEER.

Mr. L. Higgins whose announcement as a candidate for city Engineer. He is the present incumbent, a good active republican and above all has one colored man employed in the person of Tracy Blagburn as an assistant in the office which the colored people appreciate very much moreover Mr. Higgins has reduced the expenses of the department 15 or 20 per cent during his incumbency and the expenses are about two-fifth only of what they were under Democratic management four years ago. He in addition to his regular work has completed the plans for a municipal water plant. The forthcoming report will include the detailed plans. Every detail in the project has been worked out and as soon as Des Moines is able financially to proceed to the work the plans for the plant are at hand.

FOR CITY TREASURER.

Mr. Joseph W. Geneser a well known business man, announced his name this week for City Treasurer few if any better man could be found for the treasurership then Mr. Geneser. He was born in New York and came to Iowa about forty years ago first working on a farm later on his father's brick yard where he worked about 18 years and is a member of the "Brick Layers Union" now, has worked in the bank for about 23 years from the lowest to cashier of the German Savings Bank. His integrity for truth and veracity cannot be questioned, has always voted the republican ticket and has never held an elective office in his life and for forty years has been identified with the upbuilding of our city and its interest. He is generous kind sociable and gentlemanly to meet a vote for Mr. Geneser would be no mistake, he stands high among the colored people.

For Police Judge.

Mr. J. H. Maley announces himself as a candidate for Police Judge. Mr. Maley is one of the leading attorneys of the East Side, a graduate from Cincinnati Law school in 1860, admitted to practice law in Illinois, in the Summer of 1860, and has been a practitioner ever since; came to Iowa in 1865, and has been a working republican. In 1881 he moved to Des Moines, was a Justice of the Peace in Lee township two terms, the only office he has ever held from the party. Mr. Maley is gentlemanly, courteous to meet, and if elected will make a good judge. He will give close attention to his business and to the welfare of the city. He solicits your vote.

FOR AUDITOR.

Mr. B. O. Hanger is a candidate for renomination for his second term as City Auditor. Mr. Hanger is so well known to the people of Des Moines that it is hardly necessary for us to give a brief history of him, however he first saw light in Ohio in 1844, came to Des Moines in 1860 and has been engaged in the business and commercial enterprises of our city for twenty-five years, he was manager of the Continental Clothing store and while manager he employed the first colored man that worked in that store, his honesty and integrity and punctuality to business and his economy of the Auditor's office has been shown by the reduction of expenses in the office, no better man for place could be found and we hope at the Republican Convention that he will be nominated by acclamation for his second term. He is a member of the G. A. R. and listed in Co. D, 10th Iowa Inf., and spent four years in destroying treason and saving our union. He's sociable friendly and equal to all classes of people.

## JOHN McVICAR, Candidate for Mayor.



Mr. John McVicar candidate for reelection for his second term as Mayor of our city; came to Iowa from Pennsylvania 16 years ago and settled in Des Moines. He has been engaged in various enterprises, particular in the wall paper business, at which he employed a large number of workmen. He was elected Mayor of North Des Moines in 1889, when North Des Moines was separate from the city of Des Moines. He was elected Mayor of Des Moines in 1896, upon a platform pledged to do all he could in levitating the tax payers from corporation ownership, and to allow the city to own her own electric plant, gas lights, electric street cars, water works and etc., and the past two years he has tried to keep his pledge so far as consistent with public policy and public interest. It is true there has been antagonistic elements operating against his plans. He is an able speaker, a active worker, gentlemanly and courteous to all. His aim and desire is to give Des Moines the best government that can be had. In the past he has treated the colored voters with the same respect, and has shown no partiality, and will appreciate any assistance that his friends may render.

## Geo. W. Randall, Candidate for Police Judge.



Mr. Geo. W. Randall, a candidate for Police Judge, at the coming convention, was born in New York Sept. 3d. 1846, came to Iowa in April 1866 and settled in Des Moines. He immediately found work with Loughron & Hillis, later he was book-keeper for A. M. Vorse, the implement dealer. In June 1877 Mr. Randall purchased Mr. Sibley's share in the implement business, and for 20 years was connected with the house as a member of the firm. Mr. Randall is an active republican worker and well qualified for the position he aspires for; being so well identified with the interest of Des Moines, and by his experience, he would add dignity to said position. His friends are making a strong effort for his nomination.

FOR POLICE JUDGE.

Captain A. H. Botkin is a candidate for Police Judge, he is an old citizen in our city having settled here immediately after the war. He was elected Justice of Peace in Lee township in 1881 and re-elected in 1882 and was also elected City Marshall for two years each of those office he filled with honor to himself and the party. He is a member of the Kingmans Post G. A. R. and was Captain of Ohio Co. C. 79 Volunteer Inf. The Captain is very sociable and a very pleasant man to meet, and will no doubt make a good judge if elected.

FOR ALDERMAN.

Adam Hafner a well known citizen of Des Moines who has resided here for 40 years, is a candidate for Alderman of the 4th Ward. He is a thoroughly republican and was elected City Marshall several terms, also a member of the city council for two years, which he filled both office with credit to himself and party; an all around good business man well equipped to discharge the duties of Councilman and if elected will watch the interest of the people

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## FOR CITY SOLICITOR.

In this issue of the Bystander, we present the name of a rising young Attorney candidate for City Solicitor, Mr. B. F. Marlowe who is forty years old and has lived in our city for a number of years, a graduate from the Iowa College of Law in the class of 1884. He has been an active republican worker from his infancy up, was president of the Young Men Republican Club when that organization was extended to every precinct in this county. He was a member of Grant Republican Club also the Lincoln Republican Club and for several years a member of the Republican County Central Committee, has been a practitioner for 14 years in this city, a good friend of the colored race and will do justice by them if elected.

FOR Assessor.

Mr. S. A. Kelsey is a candidate for assessor before the republican primaries he has been in Des Moines since 1861 and is now employed as the assessor for the 8th., District, having held that office for six years which have demonstrated his integrity, good judgment and impartiality to all in his district. Before elected as an assessor he was in the manufactory business of pottery, he is an active republican worker, having assisted many a fugitive from slavery in the under-ground railroad which is better known to the veterans of the 50's and 60's. Voters should consider Mr. Kelsey's claims before voting at the city primaries. He is honest and capable to fill the position.

## ALDERMAN AT LARGE EAST SIDE.

Mr. John C. Loper the popular alderman from the 6th Ward has announced his name as a candidate for Alderman at large for the East Des Moines. He was born in Ohio 1834 and came to Des Moines 28 years ago where he has been identified with the up building of our city, was elected Alderman of the 6th Ward three terms which his service speaks volumes for him, and the higher step of Alderman at large would only be a recognition of his worth. He is very popular and is at the present time brigadier general of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias of Ia. and Lieutenant colonel of Third regiment I. N. G. No. mistake will be made in nominating Colonel Loper to represent the East Side of the river and a nomination would be equivalent to an election.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Sherman club of the third precinct of the Fourth ward was held at School and B streets last night. Speeches were made by Mr. Sherman. Frank Blagburn, candidate for market master, J. N. Miller, candidate for alderman at large, J. Campbell candidate for alderman from the Fourth ward, Rev. Lomax and J. M. Orvis candidate for alderman the Third ward who spoke in vigorous terms for Mr. Sherman. President F. L. Barnett appointed his executive committee and the meeting broke up after electing for one new members making a membership of 149.

## FOR ALDERMAN OF DES MOINES TOWNSHIP.

H. G. McElderry has been a residence of the city for nearly twenty years and have nearly lived all his residence in the city and been in the coal business of which he is a recognized and representative man. He has been a member of the city council of this city before and was always found to be a true representative of his constituents and always for the best interest of the city. In regard to municipal ownership he will always be for the city either owning the franchises or having such franchises or the city cannot take advantage of paying as large a revenue into the city treasury as these franchises can consistently pay and do business.

## For Alderman Third Ward.

Mr. Frank G. Kiest, one of the wide awake young business men is a candidate for alderman of the Third Ward. He was born in Chicago forty years ago and came to Des Moines in 1866, and has lived in the Third Ward precinct ever since working in the real estate and loan business. He is a young man well qualified in every way. A good republican worker all his life and is making a strong fight for the nomination.

## MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

Mrs. E. McNeal is able to be around in the house again.

Rev. Bates, of Ill., occupied the pulpit at Second Baptist church last Sunday.

The P. E. committee gave a chicken pie social last Thursday evening. It was a success financially and socially.

The S. S. board of A. M. E. church met last Tuesday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Supt. Henderson Tansil Assistant Supt. Geo. Mason Secretary J. W. Fidler Assistant Sec'y Viola Harris Treas. Louisa Mason Librarian Resa McGragor Teachers: Dora Smith, Lida Bartlett, and Ida Godfrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. St. Clair have adopted little Percy Tillman, of Washington, D. C.