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## CITY NEWS

### Watch This Space.

Burlington Route

Willie Roy is improving nicely now; he is able to be out again.

Miss Bessie Stewart although not bed fast, is ill this week.

Miss Sarah Porter is working in the BYSTANDER office.

Mr. Chas. Turner, who went to Wanston, Ill., last week, now expects to make it his future home.

Miss Della Lankford expects to leave Saturday for St. Louis.

Miss Zella Davis is doing stenographic work for the Dempster's Mfg. Co., during the illness of their regular stenographer.

There will be a meeting of the colored republicans next Tuesday evening at the court house. All the republican candidates will be invited to be present and speak.

Mr. J. M. Moseley one of our well-known musicians will leave next week with the Black Bostonians; success to Edward.

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Mrs. Montague, who has been very low; is no better and does not seem to improve. Her many friends are anxiously hoping for a change for the better soon.

Voters who have not registered in our city, or have changed from the precinct since last general election, should be sure and register Saturday, March 26.

Just as we go to press to day, the sad news of the death of Hon. Blanch K. Bruce, Register of Treasurer, died yesterday morning, from complication of stomach troubles, at his home in Washington, D. C.

The Black Bostonians at the Grand Opera House Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, seats on sale at Streams & McCammon's.

The East Side Baptist church expects to make another payment in a few weeks. Preaching every Sunday; theme for Sunday, "The Eagle stirred her nest. T. Godbow, pastor.

A. M. E. church—Subject of sermon for 10:30 a. m. "The prayer power of the church, use it at this time, in asking God, among other things to direct those in authority and especially, the President in these critical times; we need no war. At 7:30 p. m., subject, "The Negro is on trial; he should cease to be a weakling and acquit himself like a man and be strong."

The Ladies' Afternoon Social Club met at the home of Mrs. Gus Comley, after regular business needs were taken up and social conversation was taken up. At 4 o'clock lunch was served the ladies. They adjourned to meet with Mrs. Alexander Griffin March the 24.

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Mrs. W. H. Birney is improving very nicely.

A very interesting meeting of the H. B. S. Reading Circle was held at the home of Mrs. J. P. Hamilton. Mrs. Ella Smith, the new President and officers were installed. Mrs. Wilburn read the paper of the afternoon. The following program will be rendered at the next meeting at Mrs. D. A. Basfield 1415 20th street: A'ernoon with Shakespeare; Quotations from Shakespeare; Reading, Mrs. Warrick; Word Study, Mrs. Holt; History, Mrs. Palmer; Reading, Mrs. Smith; Lecture, Mr. Pierce; Orelle, Mrs. Wilburn.

Des Moines will have a base ball team this season, the organization has been completed and they will be known as the Capital city ball team, most of the members have had considerable experience as ball players, and with a little practice they will be ready to meet all comers, the players and their position on the diamonds are G. Ferguson, first base; Captain Phillips, catcher; F. Farmer, pitcher; B. F. Pernnough, shortstop; Ed Robinson, second base; B. E. Johnson, third base; W. Taylor, W. Green and J. Walters, fielders.

The Stewardess will give a concert on Thursday evening March 24 at the church. Admission 10c. The program is as follows: Rev. Reeves, Opening Address; "An Epitomic Review of the Traditional History of the American Negro."

Solo.....Mrs. E. F. Johnson Recitation.....Ella Jackson "A Convict Soliloquy" Solo.....Eva Robinson Recitation.....Sarah Porter Paper.....Cora Smith Recitation.....Selma Stanton Paper.....Thad Ruff

## PAUL LAWRENCE DUNBAR SOCIETY.

Program for March 21, 1898: Address.....Mrs. G. H. Cleggitt Song.....J. C. Williams Recitation.....Mary Bell Journal.....Ruff and Pierce Recitation.....Nettie Tolliver Critic.....Sarah Porter Quotations from Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Debate—Which does the most to produce crime; poverty, wealth, or ignorance? Poverty—Miss Selma Stanton. Wealth—Miss Bertha Kirtley. Ignorance—George Alexander.

Men's meeting at the A. M. E. March 20th at 4 o'clock p. m. Program—The adoption of the constitution and by laws; The object of the Men's meeting, C. B. Woods; Remarks by John Wingo; The report of the committee on the murder of Mr. Baker the colored Post Master at Lake City, N. C.

J. B. Rush, Pres. E. G. McAfee, Sec'y.

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Hon. Charles L. Davidson, Railroad Commissioner, died at his home in Hull, Iowa, last Tuesday of apoplexy of brain. His death was a surprise to all, as it was not expected. He was a strong character; well liked and highly esteemed by all who knew him; was re-elected last fall for his second term of office.

## SIoux CITY.

Special to the Bystander. In looking over the nominations in your recent city convention, we were pleased and gratified to see the name of your worthy citizen, Mr. Frank Blagburn. Your victory and triumph is but an exemplification of the old adage, God helps those that help themselves, and we, the colored republicans of Woodbury county send our congratulations, hoping that every Afro-American in your city will be so patriotic and loyal on the day of election as to cast his ballot for your distinguished citizen, Mr. Blagburn, and your entire republican city ticket.

We are only sorry that we cannot vote ourselves for him. Wishing your ticket success, I am yours truly, W. P. SHIELDS.

SEAWEED has not even in our wildest moments ever been dreamed of as an instrument of electoral corruption. Yet the Tokio newspapers just to hand contain the account of the trial of a member of the Japanese parliament who was accused of bribery by corrupting his constituents with presents of edible seaweed.

## CUNNEY IS DEAD.

Hon. Wright Cunney, of Texas, died at his home in Antonio, Texas, week before last with consumption. He was undoubtedly the leading republican politician, either colored or white, in Texas, with natural capabilities as a politician; he was a brave leader among leaders for years. His word for honesty and truth, and authority was final; he is called the boss, meeting with his first political defeat at the National convention at St. Louis, when his faction was turned down by the committee on credentials notwithstanding the brave speech and hard fight that Iowa congressmen, W. P. Hepburn made for him. He was an Allison man and not on the prevailing side; yet he was true to his promise. It is said that this defeat aided his death, like that of James G. Blaine; a defeat was hard to take. He has held a large number of offices of honor and trust; the last was revenue collector at Galveston port, under President Harrison. He was quite wealthy, and highly esteemed by both white and colored people.

## Cuban's Insurrections.

This Paper was Read before the Men's Meeting on the 6th inst. by Geo. Alexander who is Attending Highland Park College.

Freedom battle once begun, Bequeathed from bleeding sire to son, Those baffled oft is always won, The most glowing pages of history are those which record the different wars and heroes. Rome saw some great ones, among them the Gallic wars in which her great heroes took part. Caesar the great. France saw her Franco Prussian war, and with the aid of three such men as her Napoleon, she would have been able to have won it. America saw her greatest wars, the revolution of whom Washington was the hero; and the Civil war of which Grant stars as a leading man or hero. But Cuba, is seeing one of her revolutionary wars, and there are so many brave heroes in it, that it would be hard to mention all, but above all shines out the immortal Maceo.

Cuba is the island, which Spain has kept under her foot for so many years. She is queen of the Antilles, and well is she named, for she is one of the garden spots of the world. Her people are of Spanish extraction, although there are a few foreigners in the island. The government of Cuba was in the hands of the Spanish until the late war and in some, Paris Spain still holds the hand of oppression. The Spaniards helped themselves to all of the most important offices and what few there were left some tyrant would hold it, this did not stop there but continued until the taxes become so great that the people could not stand it, so using the words of our patriot Patrick Henry "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death."

They struck down the Spanish flag and commenced that memorable war known as the ten years war, beginning in the year 1868 on the 10th day of October and lasting ten years. On the above date, Cespedes a Cuban Lawyer, raised the five bar flag at Yara, at sun rise he set all his slaves free, some 200 in number, and they with a lot of Patriots followed their leader into the first fray for Cuban Independence.

This small army could do nothing against train Soldiers, besides being without guns or ammunition they were at least no better off, but their came to their rescue men by the name of Marmol, Gomez and Figueredo; and in first part of the month of Nov. 1868 Cuba had mustered into her regular army from 14,000 to 15,000 men nearly all of this uprising was going on in the Mountainous districts. In the western or sea coast part the people were dumb to the cause except now and then some would rise up only to be put down by Span's soldiers.

In December of the same year General Quesada landed with the first expedition from Nasan, bringing the first consignment of arms and munitions of war. On the 10th day of April 1869 a new government was formed and a House of Assembly established. Cespedes was made president of the provisional government and Quesada commander-in-chief of the Cuban forces. The government which had little beyond its name gave out a proclamation that all slaves on the Island were free. This made the Spaniards boil with rage and even the liberal minded Spanish took offense at it, and prepared for war. Then came the ten years of hard fighting the revolution continued on up with its various battles until the year of 1877 when the Cubans saw it was useless to fight against odds, so they abandoned the cause and in February 1878 they laid down their arms. The war had been a long and desperate one. Quesada had been succeeded by general Thomas Jordan, as Commander-in-chief, who was an American, by birth

and a general of the late civil war of U. S. He saw that the rebellion was nearly finished and he resign his position and was succeeded by general Gomez who after a few months of hard fighting surrendered to the Spanish and laid down his arms.

But there was still one more General for them to make surrender, and that was General Antonio Maceo, he refused to lay down his arms and General Maceo, never did. For he fought until he was pushed into the sea, and then escaped to one of the Antilles, never to lay down his arms, only in death. There have been several small attempts made by different men one was made again in 1880 by General Garcia, who was captured after a little fighting and sent to the Spanish fortress where he afterward escaped to the United States. Here he and Jose Marti planned another expedition to Cuba.

They landed and held their ground for over six months only to find that the country was not quite ripe enough for another outbreak. After that there occurred several small outbreaks all of which were suppressed by the Spanish troops. In 1884 General Gomez and Maceo, visited the United States and Central America with the view of preparing for another invasion. The movement was opposed by the home rule party, so it was abandoned; after that the small uprising went on just the same until the late war broke out which began in 1895.

A new government was set up at this time declaring the separation of Cuba from the Spanish monarchy and a new constitution was drawn up and adopted. The officials of the new Republic were chosen as follows: President Salvador Cisneros Betancourt; Vice Pres. Bartolome Maso; Sec. of war Corioa Roloff; Minister the united States, Thomas Estrada Palma; General in chief, Maximo Gomez, Lieutenant General, Antonio Maceo; Major General Lanches Carrill and Jose Maceo. And now came the called for men, which was heard all over the Island and the United States.

The war has grown, from its infancy into its childhood and now it is beginning to bud out into manhood. Among the celebrated leaders of the Cubans are, Generals Gomez and Maceo. General Maximo Gomez is considered by all to be a great Infantry leader. He comes from a distinguished family of Cuba, to which frequent references are made in Spanish history General Gomez is over seventy year of age and is proud to devote his last days to the cause of his country.

The next in the Cuban cause was the Hanibal of America or the lion of the Cuban rebellion, a man that was uncoquerable. This is the Mulatto General or General Antonio Maceo. This man commenced life as a donkey driver, and by his courage, coolness, and military subordination he rose to the rank of Major General in the last war and in the present one to lieutenant General.

The Spanish used his name to show that the war is led by Negroes and of race tendencies. It is well they should revenge them selves from their foe for it was easier than to face him like the brave Spanish General Santocildes, and to be killed; it is far better, remain like Weyler did in comfortable apartments than to be carried away on a litter disguised as did General Campos at Bayamo, and still better to stay at home like the butcher did than to be on the peril of drowning as Col. Devos was by being whip into the sea. That was the mulatto as they contemptuously refer to him. General Maceo was a man who knew no fear in his great dashes across the trocha or little what is better known as Weyler's ditch amid the storm of bullets, he carried over 27 wounds in his body, and was the last of the Maceo brothers to lay down his life for the cause in which his father had started him. And so ends the great life of a Hero of Cuba.

The war of Cuba has nearly run its course and when she has close the very first monument that should be erected should be that of the great Hanibal of Cuba or General Antonio Maceo.

## MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

Mr. Wm. Burnaugh has gone to Ft. Madison.

Mr. Dave Fiddler has gone to Omaha Neb. to stay an indefinite time.

Chas. McCracken of Oskaloosa is visiting parents in the city.

Rev. Breckinridge of Des Moines assisted Rev. Gordon in his revival. She is an earnest christian, working for God and humanity.

Hester Bartlett has a slight attack of rheumatism.

St Clair Chapel is carrying on a revival, conducted by their pastor Rev. Harriet Poston.

After a long and painful illness, Mr. Henry Johnson departed this life last Monday evening about ten o'clock. He was a faithful christian and our loss is heaven's Gain. He leaves a wife and two children J. Johnson, of Ottumwa, and Mrs. George Wheeler, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to mourn his death.

The sympathy of the community is with this family in their affliction. His funeral will occur Thursday at 2:30 P. m.

James Johnson and family Ottumwa were called here on account of the death of his father. Billy Carter of Keb, Iowa, spent a few days in the city visiting relatives.

N. Arbuckle came in from the west last Friday. After spending a few days with his parents, went on to Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. George Wheeler of Milwaukee Wis., is expected in the city today, being called here by the death of her father, Mr. Johnson.

## BURLINGTON BRIEFLETS.

Those on the sick list are miss Single Browner and Mrs. Charles Wilson.

John Ivy has been trouble with a curious disease of the head. It is hoped he will soon recover; as he is one of Burlington's finest tonsorial artist.

William Shackelford will spend Sunday April 3d in Fairfield, Ia. Perry Greenupe returned to our city on last Tuesday.

Sunday April 10th will be set apart as rally day for the Olive Baptist church, at which time the young men will compete with the members.

Joe Watkins is now running on the Railroad as cook.

A big musical and dramatic entertainment is soon to be put before the public, under the direction and supervision of J. W. McKay. The proceeds to go to the Olive Baptist church.

Mrs. W. R. Wright has gone to her home in Pittsill, Ill., to visit.

## SWEET ENOME THE BRIDE IN HEAVEN.

Sweet Enome, a lovely maiden, Fairest girl I ever knew, Though her hair of raven blackness, And her skin an olive hue; Yet her bright eyes danced with beauty, Rose buds blossomed on her cheek, And two rows of Pearly whiteness, In her mouth did volumes speak. But the angels took my darling, Heaven to claim he as their bride. For our vows were consummated She had vanished from my side. Sweet Enome, now child in Heaven, Daily through those gardens roam I am waiting for the summons When I do, am wanted home.

No, I do not feel heart broken, Nor my fondest hopes are dead, For I'm sure that God will grant it, That we two may than be wed. Full of purest love, is Heaven, Perfect, yes, that remain above Why not then this hope of marriage Union with the girl I love.

Clad in spotless robes, like ermine, Bridal flowers in her hair, I will lead her to the altar, While the harp strains fill the air, Underneath an arch in Heaven Angel standing by her side, With the truest blush of beauty, Sweet Enome will be a bride.

VIRGIE WILKINSON, Indianapolis, Ind.

## Our Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C. March 8.

To the IOWA STATE BYSTANDER. American patriotism ran high in the House to day, when Mr. Cannon, chairman of the committee on appropriation came in from the committee room and announced to the House that the committee had unanimously decided to report a bill to the House appropriating \$50,000,000 for the use of the President for national defense, in event of war with Spain or any other power or powers. The committee recommended that the \$50,000,000 be placed at the disposal of the President until January the 1st. 1899, at this point all party lines were layed aside and American manhood, pride and patriotism ran high, and for four hours and a half war speeches rang out in the House. The vote was taken at 4:30 p. m. and it was a unanimous vote. Unless a change comes, it looks very much like war.

Spring military is attracting the attention of women of all classes, and one can only wonder who designs all the hats, as there seem to be no two alike. A favorite style has a rather wide brim rolled up at the back and is profusely trimmed with strict tips and fans of chiffon.

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## CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Mrs. W. J. Adkerson of St. Paul Minn., after spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Wade left last Wednesday for a three months visit with her oldest daughter, Mrs. Robt. Arningham of Holly Springs, Miss. Mrs. Adkerson made many friends while the Rapids and was very much impressed with its people. We trust that she will visit us again in the near future.

Mr. Forc of Marion spent last Sunday in our city visiting among his many friends.

Mrs. S. Davidge of Chicago, Ill., is visiting Mrs. G. H. Wade 1016 Tenth avenue.

Those on the sick list at this writing are Mesdames. W. H. Raspbarry, Della Marshall, Wm. Blackburn, Misses Etta Davis and Lulu Watkins.

The Light House Society met last week with Mr. and Mrs. Wade of Tenth avenue. Quite a large number were present, and a splendid program carried. The program for the next meeting, which will be held with Rev. and Mrs. Rhinehart, is a debate subject; Why Cuba Should not be Annexed to the United States. Affirmative, Mrs. Wade and Rev. Rhinehart. Negative, Mr. Milligan and Mrs. French Perkins.

Mrs. Frank Lowry of Tipton is visiting at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. F. M. Lowry.

The Ladies' Industrial Circle met last week with Mrs. Marshall Perkins of Second street. Quite a number were in attendance and most enjoyable meeting was had. The ladies are doing a grand work.

Mr. Harry Martin is suffering with severe cold. Mrs. Wm. Martin is convalescent.

Cedar Rapids people feel proud of their three most intelligent young ladies of color in High school, namely, Misses Ella Martin, Attie Price and Addie Boney. They are very smart young ladies, and it is hoped that they may no

grow weary but graduate with all honors that will reflect credit on their race.

The war question seems to be all the rage here among our people, especially the men.

At the next meeting of the Light House Society will occur the election of officers.

## BOONE DOINGS.

mamic Clay continues very ill. Mr. Nelson of Ames was in the city Sunday.

Mr. James Antony took a trip to Des Moines Monday.

Mr. Simon Terry will speak to the colored voters the 18 inst. at the Phillips' hall.

The Dunbar singers are rapidly coming to the front; they will sing for the R. R. Y. M. C. A. in a few weeks.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. John Terry was accidentally stabled by a stranger; the wound is not serious.

## THE ANSWER OF TOIL.

When oh, will thou stop? Thou ceaseless motion of time, Thou laborous machine of time Thou who tends the fertile soil With thou wondrous skill and chime, Speak oh, thou of man And tell me can it be true That thou guideth the willing hand As they, their daily task pursue? Thy question is hard my friend Yet I shall answer thee A great power then I weals the end That maketh thou what thou wouldst be It is he whom weals every power Our vale, mount and sea That maketh for thee, time and hour The same as given to labor and me For man is but a work of art If stands will soo decay To pull him and toil apart Is but a master peice thrown away. All should toil and save Be they in pulpit, mine or farm. For when there is a waring wave Thou, faces a raging storm Take the incidents of thy birth Borne to the world with care Taken from the dust of earth speechless, tender, small and ba At first you try to crawl And then commence to walk Though an infant tiny and small You ever try to talk You may read life's lessons page by page And take them over one by one But labor comes with every age Without it the battle of life is never won. Hiawatha W. Rhea, Chicago, Ill.