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## CITY NEWS

George Hall spent last Saturday in Clive.

War is the only interesting topic of the day.

Miss Zoe Richardson is improving; her many friends will be glad to hear this.

Miss Sarah Porter spent last Saturday in Marquisville representing the Bystander.

Mr. Thad S. Ruff has been put on the force of the new city engineer, Mr. Tracey Blagburn's time being up.

The King's Daughters will give an entertainment in the near future, watch the dailies for announcement.

Gossip has it that two Des Moines society ladies are to be lead to the marriage altar within the next thirty days.

We have the best \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, \$45, and \$50, Bicycles in the city. Please call and see if our statement is not correct. DAWSON'S HARDWARE.

Our favorite Dumas (oral Society), will give another one of their famous concert at Highland Park College to night under the direction of Prof. Geo. T. Holt.

Mr. Lee, Blagburn who was Messenger in the State Senate just close, has accepted a situation with Stream & McCammon's drug store to assist at the soda fountain.

Remember that H. Bane & Son will give you better shoes for less money than anywhere else in the city. Fine repairing a specialty. Tenth and Center streets.

Mrs. Frank Blagburn who is now in Chicago filling her singing engagement is meeting with success. She was entertained Wednesday evening by Mrs. Ida B. Wells Barnett. Mrs. Blagburn will return home next week.

A telegram came last Monday, stating that Mr. J. Hamilton of Ottumwa was very low, asking his children to come. Mrs. Henry Clay and Mrs. Ella Smith left immediately for Ottumwa.

Mr. Edward Willett who has been a member of the National Guards has been asked to raise two companies of colored men in Polk County. Mr. Willett while in the national army, made a good man and has an excellent discharge.

The Stewardess board will give an interesting program next Thursday evening. The principal features will be the opening address by J. L. Thompson; duette by Misses Porter and Hicklin; recitation by Miss Jackson, and solo by John Rogers, and several others.

Thursday night at 8:30 p. m. the Stewardess board of the St. Paul A. M. E. church will give a concert under the auspicious of Miss Mable Norton. Admission 10 cents. Ice cream, Strawberries and Cake will be served after the concert.

Press, Mrs. GEO. TAYLOR Sec'y, Mrs. MAYWEATHER.

Miss Lizzie Pate of Chicago on her way to Omaha, expects to visit in Des Moines the guest of Mrs. D. Bowmer, 933 Twelfth street.

The entertainment given last Wednesday evening by the Great Western Band, was well attended and every one enjoyed themselves, dancing was one of the features, the band is doing nicely. Boys only have patience and perseverance and success is yours.

Remember to call at our office for job work, typewriting, advertising. Don't buy a Bicycle until you see our line. DAWSON'S HARDWARE.

Mrs. Mahala Williams left last Wednesday, for Denver, Colorado. She intends to make her future home with her daughter, of that city.

## Colored People Offer their Services.

A committee called on McKinley yesterday, led by Ex-governor P. P. Pinchback of La., and pledged the support of the colored race and said the loyalty of 9,000,000 of his race would assist.

## WILL BE WAR.

Probably before another issue war will be declared; as McKinley sent his ultimatum to Cuba and demanded a reply not later than Saturday; already large armies of the National guards are concentrating their forces in Florida, near Key West. It is true that war is destructive, yet we are justifiable, and every true American will sanction the course that our government has taken. Young single men that are anxious to win military fame should tender their service and march toward the Torrid Zone.

## ONLY ONE COLORED POLICEMAN.

Last Monday Mr. James Todd one of our efficient and well liked colored policeman was dropped from the force by mayor MacVicar for no stated cause. We wonder why was this, for Mr. Todd was considered one of the best and most punctual man on the force, was quite unassuming, and nearly every man in his district petition his retention. It was only Mr. Todd's first term and he was just as much entitled to his second term as the mayor was. Only a few months ago the mayor was very anxious to secure the nomination for his second term and did not hesitate to go around and ask the leading colored people for their support. Now we demand to know why was the colored representatives reduced to only one man on the force, and that one is Mr. Clay Lewis. It was a mistake to drop Mr. Todd, but we shall wait for further developments before speaking on this subject further.

## TO CONTEST J. F. BLAGBURN'S ELECTION.

Mr. Stohlgren, the Swede democrat, who was a candidate against Mr. Blagburn, filed his bond of \$400 and petition last Saturday, to contest Blagburn's election as market master. It has been rumored that the democrats might contest, and we surmise that too quite a few republicans will be glad of the contest. It is not necessary to force Mr. Blagburn into extra expense to gratify a few democrats. The official returns ought to be sufficient; however Mr. Blagburn took charge of his office last Monday morning; as we do not doubt that when the votes are recounted, that Mr. Blagburn will have a larger majority then he has now, because most of the scratching was done by the ignorant foreign element and they are very liable to make errors in marking their ballot.

It is gratifying to see harmony in our American congress on the Cuban question. Never since the gloomy days of the 60's, has the American people been in suspense, and so general excitement as is now. Conservative men at the head of our nation will stand the test and prevent imminent dangers and do exact justice to all nations.

Safe-Blowers at St. Anne, Ill. Kankakee, Ill., March 25.—The bank of John Poutras, of St. Anne, was entered Tuesday night and the vault blown open with nitroglycerin, but the thieves were frightened before they commenced work on the safe. A small amount of cash was secured.

## LATEST!

War is virtually declared, the Spanish authorities ordered our Minister, Mr. Woodford, to leave at once, and would not receive President McKinley's ultimatum. This is considered an overt act. Our strong Key West squadron under Capt. Simpson, was ordered last night to move before Havana and blockade the port. It is the strongest quadron that we have consisting of the Iowa, Brooklyn, Montgomery, Indiana and torpedos Ericson, Winslow and several others.

When the news reached Des Moines the whistles blew, the bells tolled and great excitement prevailed, a very large crowd gathered at the News' office bulletin board. War meeting was held last night, and the Military Band paraded the city with thousands marching and cheering.

## IOWA EXPOSITION COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the Iowa Trans-Mississippi Exposition was held in our city last Tuesday and Wednesday, to make arrangements for our State exhibit at Omaha this summer. Quite a great deal of preliminary business was transacted. The bid for the building has not been let out yet. Mr. Fred Wright of Marshalltown was selected janitor of the building, also Mr. A. F. Coleman (white) of Corning, will have charge of the Horticultural Department; Mr. F. N. Chase, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, is Supt. and Sec'y of the entire building; is a good man for the place, as he was on Iowa committee at New Orleans exposition, also at the World's Fair in Chicago. He was deputy oil inspector of Iowa, under Gov. Drake, a good republican, and will no doubt make Iowa exhibits look well.

## Congress of Representatives White and Colored Americans.

In as much as there exists in the United States two classes of citizens between whom there is much misunderstanding, frequent friction, unhappy antagonism, want of good-will, lack of sympathy and hearty co-operation detrimental to the truest fullest and highest development of our common country; and believing that this condition of affairs can not continue without serious and disastrous results to this nation and people, and that these conditions arise and are due mainly to ignorance upon the part of each class of the sentiments and aspiration which inspire and move the other, which ignorance can only be removed by a frank free and full expression and exchange of views upon topics of vital importance to the whole American people by representative of both classes from all sections, and especially those which have to do with a modus vivendi between the people designated and confident that all loyal Americans who have the best interests of the nation at heart will welcome and bend their hearty support to any movement which will tend to establish just and happy relations between all classes of American citizens and promote the prosperity and welfare of our country and make her a nation beloved at home and revered abroad, we, the undersigned, a committee selected for that purpose, hereby issue a call for a Congress of Representative White and Colored Americans to be held at Omaha, August 17, 1898. The aims and object of said Congress shall be:

First—To bring together representatives of both classes of American citizens, herein designated, for exchange of views on INDUSTRIAL, EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL and MORAL questions of vital moment to the prosperity of our country; and

Second—To crystallize such views into some organization, which will put into practice such principles as the Congress may agree upon for the accomplishment of the end desired. This organization will not be POLITICAL, but ETHICAL.

The above Congress will meet in the Auditorium of the Exposition Building, August 17, 1898, at 10 A. M.

The Governor of each State and Territory is requested to appoint five white

and five colored citizens, either men or women, who are in keeping with the spirit of the call, as delegates to said Congress, and to notify the Chairman of the Committee of said appointments.

The Committee reserves the right to invite other persons from the respective States and Territories in order to insure the success of the Congress.

E. R. Overall, Chairman; Rev. John A. Williams, Secretary, G. F. Franklin, Geo. E. Collins, J. W. Long, Ella A. Mahammitt, S. Lillian Coleman, Mrs. J. W. Scott, E. W. Pryor, H. V. Plummer, M. K. Hillon.

## CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Luther Lowry has been elected as a S. S. delegate to the convention, which meets in "Muehly." E. C. Thomas alternate.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. Rev. Loveland of the Trinity M. E. church, west side, preached an eloquent sermon in the afternoon, it was full of forethought and brought many tears to the eye. Rev. Rhinehart preached in the evening.

Rev. Jason Bandy, P. E. preached Love feast night at the church, but owing to the inclemency of the weather a good many staid at home.

The Ladies' Industrial Circle meets this week with Mrs. Rhinehart. The circle took in two new members at its last meeting.

The Light House meets this week with Mrs. G. H. Wade.

Master Harry Martin left Monday for Galesburg, Ill., to join the Base Ball team. He will be gone all summer. We hated to see Harry leave, but wish him much success.

The way things are progressing on Ninth avenue, near Seventh street, we predict that the time is fast approaching for those bells to ring.

Mr. Bonnie Persons is expecting to move his family up here from the South, soon. He has a brother here from Tennessee.

Some of our men here are anxious to enlist in the army to help wipe out the Spaniards.

The social given by the Stewardess at the A. M. E. church was not as successful as it should have been, but the ladies did well under the circumstances.

## CLINTON ITEMS.

[Last Week's Correspondence.] A large audience gathered at Davis Opera House on the evening of the 6th to witness Darkest America. The play, while being full of comical situations which were pleasing to the audience at times, did not reach the expectations of those present; in fact it did not strike the people of Clinton as being a company of the fame which they claim. The audience which greeted the South before the War was quite small, but they can rest assured if they ever visit Clinton again they will have a crowded house as every one is loud in his praise since there was not a bad feature in the entire play. The two companies are not to be compared to the verdict of every one.

Mrs. Rev. P. P. Taylor was able to attend church Easter, the first time since her illness.

Mrs. M. M. Gilliard who has been making an extended visit with her sister Mrs. F. G. McNeil, has returned to her home in Savannah, Ga.

J. W. Hancock received the sad intelligence of the death of his friend Wallace Shelton at his home in Dixon Ill. last Friday. The deceased was well known in Clinton.

At the Bethel A. M. E. Church, Easter was observed in an appropriate manner. At the morning service, the pastor gave a discourse on the Resurrection of Christ. A program was rendered in the afternoon by the Sunday School and in the evening the cantata, Pilgrim's Vision was listened to with interest by a large audience. Characters: Pilgrim, A. A. Bush; Lily-bearer, Estella Bush; Cross-bearer, Missouri Dozier; Anchor-bearer, Annie Cooper; Shield-bearer, Nellie Cook; Star-bearer, Esther Taylor; Crown-bearer, Mary Moreland; Bible-bearer, Aline Simpson. The church was tastefully decorated, a large arch having been erected over the altar while numerous potted plants were arranged in front of the altar loaned their sweet fragrance and beauty to the occasion.

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## SAGASTA ADVOCATES WAR.

Spanish Premier Makes an Official Explanation.

DIPLOMACY IS ABANDONED. He Tells His Followers It Is Time to Strike for the Nation's Integrity—Hope of a Peaceful Solution of the Trouble May Be Put Away.

Madrid, April 21.—The supporters of the government in both houses of parliament met in the senate chamber at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Senor Sagasta, the premier, addressed them as follows:

"The times are so grave and the circumstances are so exceptional that acts and not words are necessary to face the present difficulty. Attempts are being made to sully the glorious history of Spain by an infamous calumny. The different Spanish governments have done their utmost to avert war, to which we are being provoked. We have now reached the limits of concession compatible with honor and territorial integrity.

"We consented to the last concession at the instance of the pope and the powers. We yielded, in fact, but now attempts are being made upon our honor and menaces directed against our territory. That is a thing to which Spaniards will never consent. This is not the moment to trace a parliamentary programme, but the moment to unite ourselves, as our fathers have done, in the face of an odious attempt against the integrity of our territory. The insult offered us to-day is the most infamous that has ever been offered."

Continuing, Senor Sagasta counseled the rapid constitution of the chambers in order to accord to the government the means to defend the country's interests.

"Spain," he added, "will not allow a parcel of her territory to be taken from her with impunity, nor will she be a party to any trafficking for her possessions."

Seldom has there been witnessed a more impressive and significant scene. The large hall of the senate was densely crowded with liberal senators and deputies, who listened with breathless attention to the short speech of Senor Sagasta, only interrupting him with unanimous and loud applause when he indignantly alluded to the "unjustified and infamous aspersions cast upon Spain" with regard to the Maine disaster. Even more enthusiastic applause greeted his closing words, when he stoutly and proudly declared that the government hoped to receive the support of all Spaniards "in defense of their territory and ancient rights against more odious and unfair aggressions than any of their ancestors had repelled with the same energy and courage."

If the idea still existed in the mind of any one here that war could be avoided, Senor Sagasta's firm speech is regarded as finally settling all doubts.

Cabinet for Peace No Longer. London, April 21.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "A cabinet council was held very early this afternoon in order to consider the situation. The government adopted finally the resolutions respecting their relations with the United States. Ministers were unanimous in declaring that a conflict was now certain and quite at hand."

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## THE BEST SEEDS

You can buy seeds from almost any drug store or grocery in the city, for "bargain counters" in the department stores and perhaps from even the "second hand" stores. Many of them are "good" that is, they will grow well. But what will the crop be? Ah, there is the sticker. The seeds are cheaply grown as field crops, and not carefully raised by expert seed growers.

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HYDE PARK CHICAGO. Post master, Chas. W. Gordon spoke before the Young Men's Sunday Club Sunday afternoon, upon the Postal Savings Banks. In the finale of his address, he mentioned the Cuban crises, this caused a spontaneous outburst of patriotism from his audience. Rev. R. C. Ransom answered with such a fiery speech of enthusiasm that the Walls of Bethel church rang with applause such a demonstration has seldom been seen in a church edifice. Attorney Hale G. Parker offered a resolution, sympathizing with the President of the United States in his hour of trial. Lawyer Alexander followed with an amendment offering the service of the Young Men's Club in auxiliary to the State Guards of Illinois to Gov. Tanner. Every man in the Club has pledged himself for the support of the Stars and Stripes.

Black Patti and her company of players will be at the Schiller's Theater this week. The friends wishing the success of this company will be glad to see her in one of our first-class theaters. The Schiller, while is not as popular now as it was, still ranks as one of our best theaters. Heretofore Black Patti has appeared only in the minor play houses. Her last season here was not devoid of a little scandal, on account of her leaving one of the south side theaters and a few of her players playing at the Savoy, a place alleged to be of very ill repute.

Mrs. James Bennett of 2501 State street is bereaved over the loss of her sister, Miss Powell, who died last Friday. Her many friends extend their sympathy.

Rev. Ransom preached a sermon to the K of P's Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. The Knights made a splendid showing, led by the Ninth Battalion Infantry and the K P Band. The streets were crowded with people.

Des Moines' lovely singer, Mrs. J. F. Blagburn is well received here, and the patrons of the Sunday Club orchestra concert, anxiously await for her appearance tomorrow evening, at Bethel.

The Christian Industrial Club will give a grand musical entertainment Thursday evening at the Hyde Park Mission. Among them will be Mr. C. J. Ross, our noted bass singer and Mr. W. C. Allen, our faultless falsetto.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mr. Ben Grayson and little daughter Hattie, Mrs. Randolph and two children of Hiteam were shopping in Albia last Friday.

Mrs. Kee of Chariton passed through Albia Saturday enroute to Knoxville Iowa.

Henrietta Jones spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday visiting in Mucha-knock with her sister, Mrs. Meadows.

Mr. B. Thomas of Mucha-knock spent Sunday among Albia friends.

Those on the sick list this week are: Mesdames Jones and A. Ford.

Two young men of Albia non-members of the A. M. E. church gave a social last Saturday evening for Rev. A. Ford. This shows a friendly spirit in the young men toward the pastor and his charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Thomas are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl, mother and child doing nicely.

KEOKUK NOTES.

"The South in Slavery," was greeted by a large house April 14. Too much cannot be said in praise of Mr. Charles S. Sager, the

author and manager of the paper for the artistic and financial success of the affair. Mr. Sager a "Uncle Pete" "Sal Skinner" and "Sugar Cured Ham" proved himself an actor of no little ability. The city press (white) is unanimous in its praise of the entertainment. The proceeds were for the A. M. E. Church.

Rev. Tillman preached a excellent Easter sermon. Services were held morning and afternoon.

Mrs. Janie Reeves died very suddenly Thursday night and was buried Sunday from the Seventh Street Baptist Church.

Mrs. John Draine assisted her daughters Ella and Maggie gave a delightful five o'clock tea Sunday, in honor Charles Sager. Those present were Messrs. M. J. Dove, Katherine I. Mason, Miss Maud Harris and Mrs. Benthan and Messrs. J. Draine Owens, A. Draine, C. Harris, and Rev. Tillman.

Mr. Sager was also entertained at dinner on Sunday by Mrs. Chas. Alden and on Monday by Mrs. V. H. Jones.

The Ladies Challenge Drill was tumultuous applause April 14th.

A five o'clock tea was given by Mrs. M. Wright, assisted by Miss Carrie, on Monday. The guests were Mr. Sager, Rev. A. Mrs. Tillman.

We Have Moved. The Bystander office has moved to No. 320 south-west corner of Fifth and Locust streets upstairs, room 14, where we will be glad to have our friends call.

Announcement Cards. Please announce my name as a candidate for County Recorder of Polk county, subject to the republican convention. F. A. TOMLINSON, Webster Township.

For Sale.

BAY STALLION, About 15 hands, six years old, by imp. Abana, out of May Cain, by imp. Tubal Cain; sound and perfect condition for breeding racing purposes.

Bay mare, 15 1/2 hands, by imp. Tubal Cain; has gone at the rate of 51. For sale cheap.

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