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CITY NEWS

Watch This Space.

Burlington Route

Clifford Williams has been employed as Capt. Dow's personal attendant and will accompany him.

Miss Lizzie Pate of Chicago is visiting in our city, the guest of Mrs. David Bonner, 925 12th St.

The P. L. D. Society and guests will tender Dr. Johnson a farewell reception next Monday evening.

John W. Morton, our bicyclist, left last Friday evening for Keokuk to attend the Bicycle Field Meet there.

A small surprise party was given on the Bess Stewart last Tuesday evening, only a few were present, yet they enjoyed themselves nicely.

Mr. Clay will accompany an excursion train which leaves this week for North-western Minnesota to fish and hunt on the lakes, they expect to be gone about three weeks.

The entertainment which was to be given by the Stewardess at the A. M. E. church last Thursday evening was postponed until next week on account of the rain.

A fine program will be rendered at M. Y. O. B. intellectual and social literary, at the Burn's M. E. church Monday 30. No admission fee will be charged. E. G. McAfee, president; Minnie Lankford, Sec'y.

The Hotel Porter's excursion to Shady Glenn, which was announced last week bids fair to be a success. The train leaves the depo at 8 o'clock Thursday morning June 16th, and returns at 7:15 p. m.

W. L. Tomlin entertained a party of men last Wednesday evening at his residence, 763 Third street, a jolly good time was had; as the men seemed to enjoy themselves well.

In our last week's write up about Mr. Geo. W. Rhine said, "State Saving" should have read, cashier of Savings Bank of Iowa.

Miss Bess Stewart who was elected by the A. M. E. S. S. to represent the S. S. at the county convention, (white) at Bondurant, Ia., the 26 and 27. left Thursday for Bondurant.

A committee of colored men called last Thursday on Governor Shaw to grant them permission to organize a colored battalion from Iowa; those on the committee were Sergeant E. S. Willett, Capt. E. T. Banks and John L. Thompson. While conditions were not so favorable as expected, yet we still have hopes.

The M. Y. O. B. literary society met at Burn's M. E. church last Monday evening, after the program was rendered the following officers were elected: President, E. G. McAfee; Vice-President, I. W. Jackson; Secretaries, Misses Minnie Lankford and Maud Williams; Treasurer, Miss Rosie Bush; Chaplin, Rev. T. A. Clark. The following committee was appointed by the president to draft constitution and by-laws: T. A. Clark, Chairman; I. W. Jackson, and J. B. Rush. Messrs. J. B. Rush and Wingo were selected as a committee to escort the newly elected president, E. G. McAfee to the chair.

Miss Hopkins of Boone, was a Sunday visitor to our city on the Sunday excursion.

Rev. Reeves left Monday for Oskaloosa where he will lecture, he will go from there to Muchakinock to attend the District Conference.

Miss Sarah A. Porter left Monday to spend a week in Mahaska county in the interest of the BYSTANDER. She will report for the Conference and S. S. convention.

Congressman Hull of our district will no doubt be re-nominated for his fourth term by acclamation, as those prospective candidates have withdrawn from the field.

Mr. Clifford Williams did not go to visit his home in Kentucky as previously announced, he has re-entered the employ of Mr. Madole, the wall paper man.

S. L. Terry of Boone, spent Sunday here en route to Muchakinock to attend the District Conference, also the S. S. convention, of which he is Sec'y.

Mr. Wm. H. Jackson of Chicago, formerly of this city arrived here last week to visit his parents, Mr. I. M. Jackson, and other old friends. Mr. Jackson is well known in this city, having received his education here, graduating at the head of his class, being salutatorian. It was with the class that Miss Zella Davis and Luther Abby graduated.

P. L. D. SOCIETY.

Program for May 30:

Prayer.....Chaplin

Selection.....P. D. Orch

Address.....I. E. Williamson

Response.....E. F. Johnson

Vocal Solo.....Mrs. J. F. Blagburn

Selection.....P. D. Orch

Quotations from Douglass

We received a very beautiful invitation from the Albia High school announcing their class of twenty two to graduate the 27th. In that class appears the name of Miss May Davis, a very intelligent lady; the subject of her oration is, "The New Negro." We extend to Miss Davis our congratulations. Success to you.

Memorial day will be properly observed in the city. All the arrangements have been completed, the soldiers that remain at Camp McKinley will take part in the parade. Colonel Lincoln will take part in the formation of the line of march, by the orders of marshal McGarragh and chief of the staff, Pratt, will move at 2 o'clock sharp. The principal address will be made by Hon. John N. Baldwin of Council Bluffs. Dr. E. R. Hutchins will preside, Rev. J. W. Neeley will act as chaplain.

BEATS NEWSPAPER WORK.

Mr. J. L. Thompson was among the fifty-four that passed the Iowa Supreme Court examination. He graduated this week and received the degree of L. L. B. Mr. Thompson is a young man, and very popular in his state. He is also prominent in politics. We wish our brother Editor much success in the profession of his choice. There is not more hard work in the practice of law, but we assure you there is better pay than in the newspaper business.—Columbus Chronicle.

We think brother Coleman that your statement is true in fact we hope that law will prove more profitable, at least here, than the journalistic field, yet we realize that all colored professionals have a rough rocky road to travel in the great world of practical business. Thinking possible that I can tell you a few about the legal profession in a more about the legal profession in a few years then I can now, at which time I might think different.

Below we give you a clipping from the New York City Phonographic World, May 1898:

"Why is it that the colored people of education have not taken up the profession of short hand? The Capital City Commercial College of Des Moines, Iowa have had two who have attempted the course, one giving it up for the ministry, the other, a Miss Zella Davis, graduating from that school with a splendid record. She also graduated from the East Des Moines High School, worked for a year or two in the Census Department at the Capital and is now employed by the Des Moines Life Insurance Company, of that city. She is making for herself a very good reputation as stenographer."

We ourselves wonder why our people do not study short hand and stenography or even telegraphy? The courses are not very long or expensive and the field less crowded. We should prepare ourselves for different professions and enter all avenues of business.

Decoration Day.

On next Monday the loyal liberty loving and patriotic people of America will meet at the various cemeteries, parks and burial places to strew flowers, mingled with tears of sorrow over the graves where lies the dust of the departed patriots, comrades and brothers. It is their annual pilgrimage made so by custom and usage. All nations honor their patriotic dead; so it is but fitting that we should. It teaches an object lesson to the youth; it teaches patriotism, love of country, love of freedom and loyalty. Decoration day should be a day of joy for the living soldiers and tears for their dead comrades, pity for their sufferings and praises for their valor. Our heart fills with emotion when we think of the suffering, hardships, trials, and torture they endured for the blessings we now enjoy. May we ever remember and cherish their memory through all ages.

REPORT OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH DIST. CONFERENCE.

Muchakinock, Tuesday, May 24. MORNING SESSION.

The Fourteenth Annual Session of the St. Paul District of the A. M. E. church met at Muchakinock, at 9 o'clock, Tuesday, morning, May 24th. The session was opened with praise meeting, led by Rev. Holley. After the meeting was over, Presiding Elder Bundy took the chair. Rev. W. A. Bruce, of Minneapolis, was elected Secretary and E. T. Butler, of Albia, assistant. T. W. Lewis, of Newton. Simon L. Terry of Boone; Miss Belle Carey, of Muchakinock were elected respectively to report for the Christian Recorder, Bystander and Negro Solicitor. D. A. Basfield, of Osceola, and J. J. Waldon, were elected ushers. The several committees were appointed by the chairman. After the conference had been organized Rev. Jason Bundy delivered his annual address with his usual elegance. The paper to be read by Rev. G. M. Tillman was postponed on account of his absence, and the "Proper Time of Giving the Sacrament," was discussed very thoroughly by the ministers present. After benediction by Rev. W. R. Alexander the conference adjourned to meet at two o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At two o'clock the session was opened by singing, "I am not ashamed to own my God," and prayer by Mr. Hiram Lewis.

After the regular routine of business, "Courtess of the pulpit" was very ably discussed, being introduced by Rev. Tillman, of Keokuk, Paper by Rev. A. W. White, of Oskaloosa, on "Popular Amusements" was very ably rendered, and most enthusiastically discussed by the brethren. A general sentiment was expressed that this was a dangerous ground, Rev. M. E. Wright was introduced to the conference and delivered some very encouraging remarks. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. Ford, of Albia.

In the evening the audience listened to a most soul stirring sermon by Rev. Reeves. His text was, "I have passed from death unto life, for I love the brethren." Every one present was convinced that Rev. Reeves was a man of rare talent as well as a true minister of the Gospel of Christ.

The meeting closed with the singing of "Hallelujah, 'Tis Done," and a general handshaking; and every one left feeling benedicted.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The session opened this morning with devotional service, led by Rev. Strong, from St. Paul. The roll was called, and the report of the committee was called for, Rev. T. Reeves read a paper entitled "The Nature and Office of Conscience." It is useless to say that it was full of good thought and logical sentiment. The subject was discussed by the other members of the conference and T. L. Griffith of the First Baptist church of Muchakinock Dr. Brown, of Oskaloosa, addressed the audience with a few brilliant remarks. After the remainder of the committees had reported, the benediction was announced and the convention adjourned until two o'clock in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Song and prayer by Rev. Taylor of Clinton, Iowa, opened this session. The subject of the taxation of members for the support of the presiding elder was discussed to its extreme limit and a definite sum was decided on, Mr. Geo. E. Taylor, editor of the Negro Solicitor was introduced and spoke very encouragingly and intelligently. Mr. George Woodson was introduced. After the report of the committees, conference was adjourned.

HAIR DRESSING.

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FOR JUDGESHIP.

Wm. F. Conrad, one of the present Judges of the Ninth Judicial district, will submit his name to the coming republican convention for the nomination for judge. There is no better qualified judge on our bench now than Mr. Conrad. He was born in the Empire state in 1826, and comes from very noted ancestors. He entered the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, N. Y., and graduated from the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn., in 1853, and was admitted to the bar in 1855, and the same year came to Burlington, Ia. In 1862 he enlisted in Company G, 25th Infantry and by his brave fearless daring deed was raised to captaincy, and was with Sherman and Grant at Vicksburg, he was captured near Vicksburg and confined in that infamous rebel prison pen, Libby for nearly one year, after being transferred several times, he escaped and succeeded in reaching the union army. His sufferings and mistreatment by the southern rebels was very great, but few received more hardships than the judge. In 1876 he entered the practice of law in East Moines and was a very careful able honest lawyer. In 1886 was elected to the bench, he now occupies the Polk County bar holds him in great esteem. He is just, honest and treats all fair in his court, and will no doubt discharge the duties with high resolve and honor to the state.

HOLMES FOR JUDGESHIP

Mr. Calvin P. Holmes, one of the best known, and well liked judges of the ninth district will be presented for re-nomination at the coming republican county convention. Mr. Holmes was born in Madison county, New York, and moved with his parents to Penn., then to Ohio, later returning to N. Y. He soon came to Maquoketa, Iowa, where he taught school and read law, and was admitted to the bar in Clinton county in 1859, and in Oct. 1860, came to Des Moines to perform the duties of Deputy Treasurer of the State, under his brother, W. H. At the expiration of four years he resumed the practice of law here, and for than twenty years of hard work in the profession, he was called to the bench eight years ago, and is recognized by the Polk county bar and all over the state as the hardworking judge of the ninth district, and his decisions which is appealed from to the supreme court is very seldom reversed. By his honest, hard and constant work, he has won the respect of all classes of people, and his re-nomination at the convention will be a compliment to the party and a benefit to Polk county and the State in general. He is a staunch republican and believes in universal liberty of all men.

BISHOP FOR JUDGESHIP.

Mr. Charles A. Bishop, who was appointed Judge last fall to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Spurrier who resigned will be a candidate for the nomination, as one of the four Judges of the ninth district. There are but few better known lawyers in this county or state than Mr. Bishop. For fifteen years he has practiced continually in this city, except the four years that he was on the bench. After the expiration of his term, he formed a co-partnership with the firm known as Bishop, Bowen & Fleming. He is a learned Judge, well versed in the legal knowledge, and by his past experience of the duties of judgeship, he is well qualified, and would, if elected, add great strength to the bench. He is a good republican and has done much service for the party, a ready speaker and logical reasoner. He is highly esteemed by the Polk county bar and his many friends hopes for his success at the coming convention.

THE WAR.

It seems that the war might be prolonged longer than was at first anticipated. Owing to the fact that Spanish fleets do not wish to meet us, The Cape Verde fleet has dodge us thus far, evidently trying to evade meeting our American vessels. If we could meet them and have one or two more naval engagements, it might practically end the war. Sampson and Schley are both hunting the Cape Verde Fleet, and the latest reports is that it is bottled up in the Santiago De Cuba channel. If true, they are locked up and the long, anxious watch for a fight may not come off.

Like Water.

"New," said the good citizen as he assisted Mr. Lushforth to arise from the sidewalk, "you see what whisky does."

"Whisky had nossin to do with it," retorted Mr. Lushforth. "Who ever heard of whisky freezin' and trippin' a man up?"—Indianapolis Journal.

Chinese Boy in a Baltimore School.

Chong Lee, a Chinese boy 19 years old, who was born in San Francisco, has just entered a Baltimore grammar school.



FOR JUDGESHIP.

We present to our readers in this issue the name of a very able lawyer, Mr. S. F. Prouty, for one of the judges of the judicial district. He was born in Delaware county, Ohio in 1854, came to Iowa 43 years ago, attending the Simpson College at Indianola and later graduated from the Central University at Pella, Ia., and taught in the same institution four years. He won the first prize in the State oratorical contest, then represented Iowa in the Inter-State Oratorical contest in 1877,

later he was admitted to the bar, and practiced in Pella, Iowa, for nine years and in Des Moines for the last seven years. He was elected from Marion county to the legislature at the age of twenty-three, the youngest representative in the 18th G. A. Mr. Prouty is a successful lawyer, able, eloquent and well trained in the profession, is courteous to all and highly esteemed by the Polk county bar. A staunch fearless republican, one that has done good services for the party. His many friends are working hard for his success at the primaries.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

We present the cut of a very worthy young man as an aspirant for the office of county attorney, in the person of Edward A. Davis, who is well known in this county and city, having been raised and educated in Des Moines. He was born in this city, in 1872; attended the public schools, graduating from the West Side High school, and later a graduate from the Iowa College of Law of Drake University was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-one years, and has been in constant practice ever since with his father, Mr. J. J. Davis, who was appointed county attorney a few years ago, his son Edward, assisting him, receiving a thorough knowledge of the duties of county attorney. His father died last November. Mr. Davis is a very able young lawyer, honest and attends strictly to his business, quite popular with the young republicans of the county. He organized the McKinley First Voters Club in 1896, and was its president. He comes from a staunch republican ancestors and any assistance that his friends may do for him will be thankfully received.

MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

Mr. Wm. McCabe, of "Black Trilby" is in the city visiting his wife.

Rev. Bates, of Illinois, assisted Rev. Tate this week in his meetings.

The A. M. O. S. S. gave an entertainment last Tuesday evening.

Last Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. P. E. Bundy not being present the sacrament was administered by Rev. Barton.

Mrs. John Hedge is improving.

Mrs. Lyda Clay has rheumatism.

Mr. Chas. Brooks, of Keokuk, Iowa, who was called here on account of serious illness of his sister, Mrs. John Hedge, has returned to his home.

P. E. Bundy was present at love feast last Monday night. He left on the midnight train accompanied by Rev. Gordon for Muchakinock to open district conference, Tuesday.

An installation will be held at Second Baptist church next Sunday to install Rev. Tate. A fine program will be rendered. Rev. Sarber of First Baptist church and other able preachers of this city are expected to assist.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR.

Mr. J. S. McQuiston, the present incumbent is a candidate for re-election. He is so well known it is hardly worth while to give you his history, being a native of Polk county and having spent all his life here and on his father's farm in Saylor T. P.; he was born in 1860, attended the public schools, graduating from the East Side High school, later from the Iowa Business College. He is a staunch young active republican worker, assisted in organizing the Young Men's Republican club and was its president for a long time. Having served four years he is thoroughly competent in every way to discharge the duties with satisfaction, as he has heretofore. He is socially, gentlemanly, and treats all classes equally and his wide acquaintance and general popularity led the republican ticket in 1896 and may again if nominated.

FOR SUPERVISOR OF LEE TOWNSHIP.

We present in this issue the name of Mr. H. E. Teachout for supervisor of the 3d Dist. He was born in New York in 1846, came to Iowa in 1874 where he built the first street Ry., in Des Moines, has been in the ice business nearly all his time in this city. He is president of the Home Savings Bank; also of the Central Telephone, and manager of the Mutual Telephone Co. A very successful business man, and is director of the Commercial Exchange, a staunch hard working republican and has been an active worker for years in the party. He is chairman of the Board of Supervisors and his work stands the test of the critical observer and if nominated and elected will no doubt keep it up to its present high grade.

OSKALOOSA NEWS.

A. D. Corbin of Davenport was in the city this week looking after business matters.

Rev. J. Holley of Cedar Rapids is among Oskaloosa people this week and the guest of his brother-in-law, A. G. Clark.

Miss Belle Hall of Washington arrived in the city Monday noon, for a few weeks visit with relative and friends.

Rev. Timothy Reeves, Des Moines' eminent divine, lectured to our people Monday evening at the A. M. E. church. His discourse was enjoyed and merited a larger audience than was present. He spoke under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor, who had the church decorated in his honor. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Hockedy entertained Rev. Timothy Reeves of Des Moines, while he was in the city.

[Last Week's Correspondence]

Miss Lizzie Cones of Macon, Mo., was in the city last week visiting Mrs. Nora Kimbrough for a few days.

Mrs. Carr of Muscatine stopped in the city Sunday en route from her old home in Muchakinock to her residence in Muscatine.

Simon S. Jeffers of Knoxville has accepted the position that was held by Lewis Wallace at the Hotel Lacey.

Rev. Tillman, of Keokuk will visit Oskaloosa friends next week.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hort, Oskaloosa Wednesday evening May 11, Carrie Taylor to F. Poterfield. Rev. Burton officiating.

Tuesday evening at the A. M. E. church a concert and festival was given by the Ne-Plus-Ultra society, the receipts to go to the debt fund of the church. Net receipts \$15.00. The program contained some excellent literary as well as musical numbers. This was also the closing meeting for the season of the club and on that account was accorded a full attendance of its members. The affair was a success, both from a social and financial standpoint and the club has the thanks of the church and its members.

Mrs. Matilda Wilson, mother of Mrs. Trusty is here from Omaha visiting her daughter, Mrs. Trusty, and will remain during summer months.

George Jones went to Ottumwa this week to accept a position as cook.

Luther Brown is in Des Moines on business and he expects to go from there to his home in Colfax.

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Misses Carrie Spicer and Bertha Carpenter expects to leave for Missouri the latter part of June. The former to Chillicothe to visit her sister, Mrs. Banks. The latter will likely spend a few days with Miss Spicer in Chillicothe and then go to Kansas City.

Mrs. Henry Williams' baby has been sick with the whooping cough this week.

The Christian church began revival meeting last Monday night.

Mrs. Wells Fowler is reported much better this week.

Mr. Cread Mason, who has been quite sick, is improving.

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CLARINDA NEWS.

Rev. James left Tuesday morning to attend the Sunday School convention at Muchakinock.

Mrs. F. Gones has recovered from a few days illness.

Miss Nellie Brown of Omaha is visiting in our city this week.

Mr. Lucas has moved his family here from Bedford.