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CITY NEWS

Watch This Space.

Burlington Route

Rev. Brookings of Muehakinock was in our city Sunday.

Frank Johnson returned from Gallatin Mo last Thursday.

Mrs. Sarah Granville of E. Lyon street is on the sick list.

Mr. A. L. Hughes has improved and is now able to be up.

If you are a race man now is the time to show it.

Captain Willett has over one hundred ten names on his roll.

Miss Nina Hamilton contemplates on making a visit to Ottumwa very soon.

Rollen Weeks has accepted a position on the elevator at the Savery House.

Mrs. Wm. Fletcher will leave Sunday for an extended visit to Omaha, St. Joe and Kansas City.

The H. B. S. R. Circle met with Mrs. Hamilton, after a pleasant time adjourned to meet with Mrs. Holt, 557 Eighth street.

A few friends of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gravens enjoyed a card party at their home on 14th, Street Monday.

Mrs. Ella Smith passed through the city last Monday on her way to Denver where she will join her husband.

John L. Thompson returned yesterday from a week visit at his home in Decatur Ia., also call in Missouri.

Those that intend to come to the session of the grand lodge, should notify Frank Blagburn.

Call meeting, of the P. L. D. July 5th at Mrs. Warrick 1012 Woodland Ave. to make arrangement for a picnic July 11.

Over thirty people attended the picnic given by Nace Morton's Drun corps at Greenwood park last Thursday, and all present report a delightful time.

Mr. Charles W. Turner has enlisted with the Ninth Battalion at Chicago which city he left Tuesday for Springfield. It is also reported that his brother Arthur has also enlisted with Charles.

Bank checks must bear two cent stamp after-to-day or they will be returned marked, W. T. U., which means, war tax unpaid.

The young people of the East side Baptist church will give an entertainment on the 8th. of July and as there is a very competent committee that has charge of the arrangements it will no doubt be a good entertainment.

J. C. Perry was nominated for Justice of the Peace and W. M. Stewart for constable of Saylor Township Friday at the republican primary, both of these men are colored and represent the mining camp, Marquisville, also W. H. Cobb was selected as a delegate to the convention.

It is to be seen how many race loving men we have in Iowa, and how many that are willing to show their race patriotism by enlisting in a company that will have colored officers.

Miss Eldora Thompson has returned from Clive, where she has been visiting with her sister Mrs. Richardson. She will now visit her brother Mr. J. H. Shepard, before returning to her home in Oskaloosa.

Editor J. L. Thompson has been selected reading clerk of the County Republican Convention to be held to-day at the Tabernacle this is a compliment of Mr. Amos Brandt, the present county chairman. This is the first time to our knowledge that the colored republicans has been recognizing in the temporary organization.

Mr. James Ford, formerly of this city, who now lives in Helena Mont., and was known among the early settlers as "uncle Jimmy," is very sick at the latter place. He came to this city in the sixties, and lived here until about two years ago, when he left for Helena to live with his son.

As Des Moines is in the center of the state, and as the next session of the grand lodge of A. F. and A. M. will hold its next in our city, it bid fair to be the largest gathering of masons ever held in the state, the local lodge are making all the necessary arrangements to entertain their friends.

The following officers were elected at the Grand Court session held at Davenport, Ia. June 14: Mrs. Ruth Richardson, G. M. A. M. Davenport; Mrs. Mattie Woodard, V. G. M. A. M., Keokuk; Mrs. A. D. Johnson, G. Treasurer, Muehakinock; Mrs. L. R. Palmer, G. Secretary, Des Moines; A. A. Bland, G. W. J., Keokuk; Mrs. L. Bright, G. I. G. Davenport; R. Holley, I. G. C. director, Cedar Rapids; G. Bembry, 2. G. C. director, Davenport; W. H. London, 3. G. C. director, Muehakinock; M. A. Cooper, G. O. G. K., Burlington.

## A WORD TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The month of June and July we will begin our annual tour of collection as most of our annual subscription list comes due, we ask every subscriber that has not already paid to please lay away the amount that you owe for the Bystander so that when our collector calls you may pay your delinquent. Several failed to pay their dues last year which makes them owing for two years or more. We know that you like the Bystander for its news, you know that you owe for the Bystander and we need the money very much, as we have been moving and buying some type. Therefore with this brief notice, we hope to receive your dues by remittance or that you be ready and pay when our collector calls this means all of our subscribers in the city and out.

## Special to the Bystander.

Washington, D. C., June 27. "I see in reading the Des Moines news in the Bystander, that at a mass-meeting held at the court house last Monday evening that the impression was made that Congressman Hull was in favor of white captains for colored companies. I must say that I know this to be a mistake, for as soon as this order was issued, Mr. Hull said to me, that he thought that was a decided mistake and that we had men in our town that are competent of taking care of a company, and he would like to see the war department modify that law, so that the captains could all be colored men. I will do my best to bring about a change.

No two men in Washington have worked harder to have this change made, than Congressman Hull of Iowa and Congressman White of North Carolina. They have gone almost daily to the war department to see if this matter could not be changed.

Now every man in Iowa that knows me, knows where I stand as a race man, I believe in making demands as a race, not only make them, but die for them as other men and races do. I don't want to go to war, but if I was going I would go as a citizen, a soldier, and a man. What I want you to do is to lay this matter at the feet of the right man, and that will be at the feet of the governor of our state. If the governor in making up his quota for the state had put in this company or two companies and commissioned the officers selected by the company, that would have been the end of it. The power to commission in the state is in the governor, and not the Congressman. Your stand is all right gentlemen, but saddle the right man before you make your charges. T. E. BARTON

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## LARGE MEETING AT COURT HOUSE BY COLORED MEN WHO OPPOSE WHITE CAPTAIN.

"War was declared against those that favored a white captain by many of the leading colored citizens on last Monday evening at the court house. Strong resolutions expressing the feeling of those present was adopted, speeches were made by a number of those present protesting against the appointment of one without any military experience. One of the features of this meeting was the reading of the communication from Governor Shaw granting them permission to organize a company and drill with arms.

Whereas, in the organization of the military company of Colored American citizens of Iowa there has prevailed the utmost harmony, good will and patriotism for the protection of the home and the country and for freedom and humanity.

## Resolutions.

Whereas, it has come to the members of the company in a semi-official manner that the company as organized, "Must have a white captain." That legislation made an officers of a white fellow citizen regardless of the fact that there are in our ranks, men of color, who have had from three to twenty years experience as actual and practical soldier-men who can show an honorable discharge from the regular army of the United States of America; that it was not a question of merit but of color.

Whereas, while we do not condemn J. A. T. Hull for the legislation alleged to exist in regard to immune regiments we do condemn his undue haste in having confirmed a white fellow citizen as a captain of a colored company who is incapable of discharging the duties imposed upon him by the position; that we condemn and denounce said Hull for never having raised his voice against lynch law during all the years he has been supposed to represent all the people of the Seventh Congressional District, and in favor of the law being enforced as it exist and these evidence before a proper court would show for the reason that he has permitted Afro American soldiers not members of Crocker Post to have suffering and death alleviated by the charity of members of the Post and the good people and white citizens of Polk county; for the reason that he voted against an appropriation for Howard University, an institution established or chartered by the United States, claiming said appropriation was for sectarian purpose, when no such purpose existed, as proven by the law and the congressional record; for the further reason that said Hull has never done any thing during all the years he has been alleged to represent the Seventh Congressional District of Iowa, to recognize the hand and brain of the loyal Afro Americans of the district state or nation.

Resolve, That by the action of the republican leaders of the district, the state and the nation in showing a discrimination on the ground of color, and not of merit, we feel that we are not bound by any party ties or "fealty", or affiliation only that dictated by common sense and right reason and respectability.

Second, That we will protect our own interest and that of our own homes and the nation by voting and working for men who respect themselves, the flag of which they are exponent and then constituent regardless of party lines and color.

Third, That we refuse to support, our enemies in any party and as we use all honorable means to defeat any all of such candidates for public favor.

Fourth, That we insist on the Declaration of Independence being full force and operation to-day for all the people of this country.

Fifth, That money and speakers be furnished to persuade all good citizens stand up by the flag and the country, regardless of party and political schemes and politicians.

After announcing that all present and all others who desire to join them would meet in front of the court house on Friday evening to arrange for drilling, the meeting then adjourned.

Special to the BYSTANDER. Phoenix, Arizona, June 24.—Editor In looking over your city news, my attention was called to the message you received from the war department, and to see the step you have taken. I never felt so enthused before in my life when I see our boys stand firm to their rights and liberty.

What we want to-day is men of principle, men of zeal and men that are willing if necessary, lay down their life for their race and country, we are not looking to the past we are only living for the present and future. Just stop one moment and consider 20 years of toil and labor and still not one capable of being a captain or lieutenant, I say it is time to stop for we shall be, must be and will be recognized, if we are loyal men and women to our race; for myself I feel as though the message was slender, it is not necessary for our boys to shed their blood under white commanders and we obtain not one mark in history, life is so sweet and short our lives in some respect are just what we make them, Lawrence said, "Don't give up the ship," so I say to you boys be firm to the step you have taken and my heart is with you all, to the end.

A subscriber

## NEW ISSUE IN POLITICS.

The friends of Free Trade and Free Silver are trying very hard to agree upon a new issue, to come between the two parties. They know that the money question like the tariff is settle, at least the people understand them, and they cannot be deceived and the leaders of democracy are willing to put Free Silver on the retired list along with Free Trade and go before the people on the cry of, "Down with imperialism." They know that sound money has come to stay. A few years ago no one would ever have thought that the democrats would refused the right hand of fellowship with Free Trade. The people as well as the republican party are clearly in sympathy with the policy of the administration. From a political point of view for the republicans than to have the democratic party to squarely commit its self against the administration on this question of imperialism.

## SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN OFFICERS

The Ledger is in hearty accord with the spirit of the colored men of Des Moines who insist on being allowed to have company officers of their own color if they go to the front. It is a matter of simple right. If negroes are Americans good enough to die for the American flag they are good enough to be permitted to share at least the minor posts of honor in the army. The sort of patriotism that requires men to fight for a flag under which they are subject to insult is a mighty poor article. Patriotism is not a lopsided affair, but its counterfeit is; and there is a vast amount of the counterfeit article now passing current for the genuine. Every man owes exactly as much to his country as his country owes to him and nothing more. That government which does not treat all its citizens with equal consideration can not in fairness claim equal service from all. All the colored men ask is a captain of their own blood and the fact is not disputed that they have men qualified for the position. The colored Americans considering that they have had just one generation in which to develop themselves, have made a most surprising advancement and in spite of the prejudice they have had to contend with are steadily making their way to a place of importance and usefulness in the country and the equality guaranteed them in the constitution should be cheerfully accorded to them. They are not asking recognition in our homes, but under the flag that is theirs as much as ours by both birthright and written law. It will not do to say that the colored man should forego all his ambitions and other natural rights out of gratitude for his freedom. Freedom was his God-given right and the country that permitted it to be taken from him owed him its restoration and what reparation it could make for the horrible wrongs of his long and cruel bondage.—Lacona Ledger

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

The primaries held on last Friday were with a few exceptions very harmonious and the best of feeling existed among the party worker, not with standing the fact that in one or two cases there was a great many candidates seeking the nomination at the hands of the republicans. The good result shows that the republicans of Polk county were united in selecting the candidates for various offices. For judges of the District Court Conrad, Holmes, Bishop and Proudly received from 100 to 180 instructed delegates. McQuiston and Tate will have a sufficient number of delegates to nominate them on first ballot, Morris will be nominated for Supervisor of Des Moines Township and Teachout for Lee township; Halloran and Trus will be the next Justice of Peace in Des Moines Township; Baker and Riddle will be their Constable, Patterson, Blyler, Rhyne and Sunberg will fill the similar office in Lee Township. Mr. McLennan claims the County Attorneyship all though Mr. Miller's friends claims that it will be settled this afternoon in the convention; Cook has the lead Canady a close second. The good result of this year's primaries shows that the republicans of this county are united and will elect the entire ticket with an overwhelming majority.

## A Southern Governor.

### Colored Officers Commissioned.

A second Governor in the South is going to appoint Negro officers to command Negro troops. The first was the Executive of North Carolina, and his action was not surprising, because he owed his election largely to the Negro vote, having been chosen as the result of a fusion between the Republicans and Populists. But Gov. Tyler of Virginia is a Southern democrat of the strictest sect, and it is a notable event when such a man gives commission to black men. Two battalions of colored troops in Virginia, having been recruited up to the required number, will be turned over to the United States government as at present organized. Governor Tyler holds that the colored companies, being organized under the same laws as the white companies, and their officers having passed all the examinations creditably, are entitled to the same privilege accorded to the white companies—that of having officers of their own selection. The Richmond Dispatch says that, after earnest thought over the question, Governor Tyler "is thoroughly convinced that to pursue any other course than the one he has marked out for himself would be a violation of his oath of office, wherein he is pledged to make no discrimination on account of race or color." The Dispatch dissects from the view that this course is required by either sound public policy or the laws of the land, but it readily accords to the Governor sincerity of motive and conscientious desire to do his duty as he understands it, and adds that "this is a case where no one can suspect him of bending his opinion to gain popularity." Now that this question is settled, the Richmond editor expresses the hope that the President will see to it, as he has said that he would, that the Negro troops are kept separate and apart from the white troops as much as possible.

## Colored Company will have Colored Captain.

Congressman Hull notified J. L. Thompson, the secretary of the colored company last Tuesday, the telegram read thus: "Washington, D. C. June, 28th—J. L. Thompson, Ed. Bystander, Des Moines, Iowa: Colored company can have colored captain, elect at once and send me, have so notified Brandt."

J. A. T. HULL.

Through personal efforts of Congressman Hull the war department has decided to change its former ruling, and allow this company to elect its officers from its own ranks. We are glad that the war department has seen the injustices in having such a rule; one that is so unjust, one that says to one class of its citizens, you need no qualifications to lead another class of its citizens, and to the latter class says, you can not lead, even though we know you are qualified, you must be subordinate to all others. But before 12 o'clock the next day Amos Brandt, the white man, who was confirmed captain by the senate the day before received this telegram: "Washington, D. C. June 29.—Amos Brandt: you are appointed captain and your company goes in the Seventh regiment. The colored company with colored captain will have to go later and I do not know when they can be taken in. If your company is ready the men can be mustered in this week and draw pay from the time they put their names down. J. A. T. HULL.

With the two telegrams before you, can any one explain why Mr. Hull should change possession so soon, he knew that Mr. Brandt had a week or more the start of Captain Willett, and then to send this last telegram to be published in the daily papers. One of his captains has all the encouragement of going to the front in a few days, while the other must wait a long time before they can go, if they go at all. It looks just a little dark to us, but perhaps when Mr. Hull comes home he will explain it to the satisfaction of all.

## TO ALL TO WHOM THIS MAY COME

GREETING: Know ye, that I have granted, and do hereby grant permission for the organization and drilling of a military company to be composed of the residents of the city of Oskaloosa and vicinity, the officers of which shall be elected by the members thereof.

This permission is granted with the understanding that the State of Iowa is to be at no expense for either for arms, equipment, uniforms, or subsistence, and is subject to revocation as provided in section 2200 of the code.

Further, it is not to be understood as giving the company which may be organized under this permission a place in either the National Guard or the Volunteer forces of the United States. Dated, June 17, 1898.

L. M. SHAW, Governor of Iowa.

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## A New Flying Squadron

Commodore Watson's squadron, ordered to European waters, has great fighting power. The battleship Iowa carries four 12-inch and eight 8-inch breech-loading rifled guns and six 4-inch rapid-fire guns in her main batteries, and twenty 6-pounders, forty 1-pounder rapid fire guns, and four gattlings in her secondary batteries. She carries thirty-six officers and 450 men.

The battleship Oregon has four 12-inch, eight 8-inch, and four 6-inch rifles in her main batteries, and thirty rapid-fire guns of smaller caliber in her secondary batteries. She carries thirty-eight officers and 424 men.

The protected steel cruiser Newark has a speed of nineteen knots and carries twelve 6-inch rifles in her main batteries and four 6-pounders, four 3-pounders, and two 1-pounders rapid-fire guns, four Hotchkiss revolving cannon, and four gattlings. She has thirty-four officers and 350 men, and is manned mainly by the Illinois naval reserve. The lighter cruisers—Yosemite, Yankee, and Dixie—carry about sixty guns and have in all about sixty officers and 700 men. They are manned mainly by the New York and Michigan naval reserves.

The squadron will carry 230 guns, 108 officers, and 1,984 men. Both the battleships are good sailors, having a speed of seventeen knots, and the cruisers are much faster. The vessels are as well manned as any in the navy, and Chicago has a strong contingent on each of the battleships, as well as on the flagship, the cruiser Newark. The Newark, it is said, will join the Iowa Oregon at Santiago and sail from there to the Spanish coast. Before they sail Santiago will have surrendered or have been captured.

## BUSINESS RECIPROCITY.

Many of our citizens do not watch the places where they purchase the goods. It is wise to see if they employ any colored help or ever advertise in a colored journal. Many of these places absolutely refuse to do either, but at the same time willing to have you spend your hard earned dollars in their places. Show your man and womanhood and refuse to deal with such men on every occasion. The time demands that you rise to the emergency. Look for all that is fair and just at all times and where you find fairness try to return the same. Watch the column of the Negro journals and trade with those merchants who advertise therein.—Illinois Record.

The war department has a rule that companies of colored soldiers must have white captain though the other officers may be black. It strikes as an unjust rule and we will not be surprised that the Negro object to it. If they are good enough for soldiers they are good enough for officers and if they are intelligent enough to be good privates they know enough to be captains.—The Baxter Era.

## REFUSED TO ADMIT NEGROES.

The courts of appeals of the state Maryland, decided last Tuesday that the Maryland Institution Art school of Baltimore is not compelled to admit colored pupils. This suit had been brought by Henry Clark Jr., a colored boy, who had been appointed by a colored alderman named Cargill. At one time, colored pupils had been admitted to the school, lately the color line had been drawn and now will the judges of the high courts of that state will so far forget the oath they taken when they entered upon the duties of the office as to hand down such an opinion in there a fair minded person who will say, there is a word of honesty or justice in such an opinion?

Under God the Negro is fast becoming as he should be the most potent of all other human factors in solving the race problem or in bettering his general environments.

I am compelled to come to this conclusion, after a careful bringing-together of the many significant words and deeds, which I hear and see on every side; word and deeds which are as I am satisfied the true indices to the most prevailing moral tendency of the Negro race in America.

In the debate at his ordinary lyceum the resolutions drafted in his convention be they Civil, Political or religious. In his lectures, his graduating orations and in his every day conversation, the Negro declares his determination to work out a noble destiny; word or not all that attest to the fact of the important part which the Negro is taking in the work of self preservation and development fitted in the fact of his noble humanity for human society capable of assimilating the life emanations of other endowed with an apprehensive reasoning power, an spring of action, productive of faith, hope and love, the Negro is an active and functional part of this nations life; he, by the force of his personality affects as others. Its morals, its politics and its religion by his splendid conception of duty and faithfulness to perform that duty the nations wheels of progress are greatly assisted in their momentum by his moral virtues the nation's life is becoming holier by his faith, its religion more fixed and by his bravery its honor maintain and

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flag depended in this thing indeed the Negro is by God's help truly solving the race problem or making better his general environments

The writer was much perplexed and discouraged after hearing the great Bishop H. M. Turner said at Wilberforce, Ohio, "in this present month of June, the Negroes in Africa have a bad opinion of the American Negro; the men especially; as a result of the American newspapers publishing and heralding abroad the awful report that the American Negro men are rapists in such so that white women can not pass for them, but some relief came when he asked a bright intelligent African Methodist preacher who's name I can not recall, but he is a pastor of one of our, "Dayton Ohio Churches," what could we do to successfully contradict other damaging reports of which the Bishop speaks and redeem our reputation a broad where it is dealing as a result of these reports. He said in reply, "Send over there some such representative persons of the race as, "Hallie Q. Brown," and let them present the race to the people in a true light, look at this and you will get a glimpse of the Negro by his personal worth ameliorating his conditions and making for himself an immortal name in the military sphere. I copy the following brief editorial from, "The Des Moines Daily News," dated June 29, "A bad rule modified," Congressman Hull has notified the colored people of Des Moines that the rule against colored companies having captain of their own color has been modified and that they can go ahead and elect their own captain. This is right, the rule was an insult to the colored race and nothing but their intense patriotism prevented them from all refusing to enlist upon such humiliating conditions. The opposition to captain Brandt among the colored recruits was of course not personal as Amos Brandt is a popular and able man who has the capacity to thoroughly organize and intelligently lead any company white or colored but was entirely a matter of principle," even those who are prejudice to the Negro has seen and must confess that he no longer acts aimlessly or unprincipally but that he as other intelligent men acts upon principle. This all reveals to the mind last and ample preparation which the Negro is making to ultimately put himself in the front ranks of the worlds civilizers or perish in the attempt.

REV. T. REEVES.

The Review of Review continues strong on war topics. In July number the editor reviews the whole campaign up to the landing of our troops for the advance on Santiago, showing the precise part which Lieutenant Hobson's exploit had in the general scheme; Dr. William Hayes Ward treats of Hobson's career as that of the typical young American student; Mr. Edwin Emerson Jr. the brilliant young newspaper correspondent, gives notes of his adventurous journeyings in Porto Rico last month; and Dr. Max West, the statistician and economist, summarizes, "Our New War Taxes," in an interesting article, "International Cartoon Comments on Our War with Spain", and the "Record of Current Events", also cover the situation up to date.

## BURLINGTON BRIEFLETS.

Mr. Perry Greenup spent Sunday at Mt. Pleasant.

Quite a number of the Burlington people are anticipating spending the Fourth in Keokuk.

Rev. Gordon of Mt. Pleasant filled the pulpit at the St. John A. M. E. church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and daughter Susie of Ft. Madison were in to attend the wedding of their son Burt.

The Misses Mary and Martha Brooks entertained at tea Saturday Miss E. M. Wilson and Nellie Sykes of Fairfield.

Rev. J. W. Washington of Rock Island passed through our city Saturday. Miss Belle and Graham returned from their visit in Keokuk.

Burlington is putting forth every effort for the entertainment of the K. of T. Grand Lodge July 6 and 7.

Miss Nellie Sykes who has been visiting here left for her home in Fairfield.

Mr. John Johnson arrived in our city last Monday after an absence of a few months, he was accompanied by his wife.

Mr. Calvin Wilson is suffering from a severe cold which some fear will go in to consumption, we hope it will not be the case as he is one of our coming men.

The Bystander's solicitor will be in Burlington soon all should be prepared to pay their delinquencies.

## Notice to the S. S. Superintendents of the St. Paul Dist., A.

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