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CITY NEWS

Watch This Space.

Burlington Route

Mr. Morris Mills is visiting the Exposition at Omaha this week.

Cupid, has it that one of our young widows, is to soon change her name.

Buy your Drugs at Curtis Stream & Co. store, where Lee Blagburn can wait on you.

Miss Georgia Taylor, received a lovely box of peaches, sent her by Mrs. C. Midgett of Chillicothe Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Straughter has returned to the city after an absence of several months in Shenandoah.

Mrs. Robt. Raikes is an Omaha visitor this week. She will visit the Trans-Mississippi Exposition.

St. Paul A. M. E. Sunday School raised over \$19.00 for endowment purposes, which will go to Wilberforce College.

You can get board and rooming at Mr. W. K. Perry's while in Oskaloosa, Ia., at 216 N. A. street. Give them a call.

While in Omaha visiting the exposition, take your meals with Mrs. J. N. Thomas at 113 S. 14th. street. Meals from 5 cents up.

Mrs. Ella Smith was among the number that went to Omaha this week to see the sights of the great Exposition city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Henry started on their journey Wednesday for San Francisco, with a view of locating there.

Mrs. J. T. Blagburn left for Omaha Tuesday, to visit the Exposition; while there she will be the guest of Mrs. Overall.

The Rev. Francis J. Peterson and the Rev. J. James, have exchange place with each other, the Rev. James will go to Monmouth Ill. and Rev. Peterson will go to Mt. Pleasant.

Rev. Lomack returned to the city last Saturday, after an absence of several weeks. He is much improved in health, and claims his trip did him much good.

The Rev. Mayo, a baptist missionary of Baltimore, Md., is in the city holding a series of meetings at the First African Baptist church, corner of School and B streets.

Mrs. Emma Johnson will return Saturday, after a two weeks visit with her uncle's family, Mr. Charles Ferguson of Davenport; she also visited friends in Rock Island.

Mrs. C. B. Woods was taken seriously ill last Saturday, and the symptoms of her illness was of such a nature as to demand the closest attention of the attending physician.

Mrs. J. T. Blagburn Mrs. H. H. Lewis

FASHIONABLE DRESSMAKERS

Your Patronage is Solicited. Call at 379 School street or 1112 Mulberry street.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams of 604 Eighth street, entertained a few of their friends at dinner Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Williams of Cherokee, Iowa. A visit to the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Williams is always a source of pleasure to their many friends.

The invitation ate out, announcing the marriage of Miss Clarinda A. Smith, to Mr. James James, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moss 801 S. E. Sixth street Thursday September 20th.

Messrs Gibson and Douglas, who played several engagements at the Ogden fair with their minstrel company says the show business is good. They will go out again in about ten days with a large company, and they will need a few more good men. Call on them or drop them a postal.

Mrs. Fannie McClain, return to her home in Macon Mo. last Saturday after a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends, for the past two weeks, she is so well please with our city, that she contemplates making this her home in the near future.

The Stewardess Board of the A. M. E. church will give an entertainment Thursday October 4th, in the church parlors, where they will serve supper at 7 o'clock. Ice cream and other refreshments will also be served. A good supper for 15 cents.

Mrs. Matilda Golden and her grand daughter, Edith Stanton, went to Omaha the first of the week to visit with her daughter, Miss Eva Robinson, who has charge of the ladies parlors in the Iowa building on the Exposition grounds; and the other attractions as well.

Messames B. J. Holmes and Johnson and Mr. Wm. Fletcher returned Tuesday evening, after a very pleasant visit in Nebraska. When they arrived in Lincoln they found Mrs. Fletcher's sister very sick, so much so that Mrs. Fletcher could not accompany her husband on his return home.

The Hon. Geo. H. Woodson, of Muchakinoek, was an over Sunday visitor in our city, in speaking of Miss Porter's work he says, "that she is a good teacher, and is having wonderful success, and the people all like her, and her work is satisfactory."

Do you want to show your race pride and assist in opening up places in some of the leading stores, for your boys girls? Then you should patronize the stores that advertise through the columns of the Negro journals. They are your friends, and want your patronage. Make the start and it will be the right step in the right direction.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coalsen left on the early train Tuesday morning for Omaha, where they will spend the week visiting the great Exposition and other places that will please the eye. Mr. Coalsen is Governor Shaw's messenger, and as the Governor and his staff are visiting there on Iowa day, Mr. Coalsen will assist them in representing the grand old state of Iowa.

The P. L. D. literary will meet with Mrs. Warwick 779 Ninth street September 20th. The program is as follows:

Quotations, Tennyson: Instrumental Solo, Della Comley; Paper, "What Benefit will the American Negro Derive from the part he took in the late war with Spain," Frank Blagburn; Discussed by the members: Journal, I. E. Williamson.

Mr. Lee Blagburn, who has been employed by the Curtis Stream Drug Co., for several months, has been promoted and now has charge of the soda fountain, which was due to his honesty, integrity and close attention to business. Lee is one of Des Moines best young men, and no doubt will make his mark. We congratulate him, and only wish that more of our young men would do likewise.

Sam Mash, who acquired considerable fame in Des Moines as a colored lawyer, has come to grief in Peoria, due, it is alleged, to his writings under an assumed name. He has made his appearance in the federal court and his bonds have been fixed at \$800. According to the charge preferred against him, Mash has sent numerous letters to women and girls proposing that they come to Peoria. The real crime, it is claimed, that he forged a name. In every case he signed the name of George Johnson. It is claimed that the term used to designate the purpose for which he wanted the girls was not technically obscene and that all that can be done is to arraign him for false representation.—Des Moines Leader.

When visiting in the city of Keokuk, don't forget to give Mrs. M. E. Dixon's Popular Ice Cream Parlor a call, 1103 Main street.

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THE NEGRO IN CUBA.

There is one thing sure, if the Negro will avail himself of the opportunity that this island with its rich soil will produce. Here is a chance for the American Negro to be a man, to have an equal chance as a planter or in a business pursuit. There he can make a history for himself and race, which has heretofore been hampered by race prejudice, which started in the South and is fast spreading in the North. This is a golden opportunity for the ambitious young men to come to the front and give proof to the world that their race is capable of entering places that is now filled by white men, with the same assurance that success will follow, and that they are capable of working out the future destiny of the race. With the American flag planted upon the shores of Cuba, every American can expect protection from the strong arm of the government. We believe that the brawn and brain of the Afro American is better adapted to bring out of the rich soils of Cuba better results than the white man can; with his chances as good as any man, where race prejudice and color or previous conditions does not exist, where men are measured by education, and a high moral standing and industry with such men in the lead the race will be sure to succeed.

WHAT SHOULD BE THE MOTTO OF OUR RACE.

Quite often you hear men and women stand around and always talking about our race of people should do to succeed in this country. We would suggest that those parties do less talking and do more work. Let your action, work and example talk for you. First—try to make a useful man in the community in which you live, strive to be of some influence and power in whatever profession of vocation of life that you follow; whether in agriculture or professional. We think some of the greatest ill that we have is to always be standing around on some street corner in bunches from three to four telling our grievances or trouble that we had with some white man, or meeting and passing resolutions, or worse still is to idle your time away on the streets or in saisons when we should be up and doing, or at some library reading. Advance out and become a pioneer. Idleness and bad company is the cause of two thirds of all the world's crime.

INSIDE FACTS.

A great deal has been said by the leading democratic papers about the inside facts of the management of this war. General Grosvenor in his speech at Fremont, on last Thursday gave some of these inside facts. This bit of secret history shows that when many of the leading democrats and mugwump papers of this country were criticising the action of the president, that he was busy hurrying across the continent amunition that enabled Dewey's fleet to destroy the Spanish navy in the Philippines. This transfer of a train load of amunition from the store houses in the East, to send to San Francisco and from there by the Baltimore to Hong Kong, was kept a secret from the people of this country and from the spies of Spain, who were very active in getting information that might be of benefit to their government, this fact alone demonstrated to the people of this country the underhanded method that some of these papers would resort to, to poison the minds of the people against the administration. The secret transfer of amunition in this and other cases is one of the inside fact of the war, which they are complaining of and other inside facts related to, also shows the method employed to keep down the jealousies and rivalries among many of the ambitious officers. General Grosvenor speaks almost by authority on all questions of inside facts. He was a member of the Ways and Means committee of the House, and is one of the closest friends of the President. He knows as much and more than anyone on the outside of the president and his cabinet. The General's speech is a most timely. It is a rebuke to those who have tried to divert the attention from the magnificent spirit in which the American people have entered upon this war. When the full story of the war is written, and when the people is fully snoramed as to the great work which, without friction put our army on a war footing equal to any nation in so short a time; the people will be prouder of their country and their president then ever before.

There is one fact that should be remembered by every republican in the Sixth Congressional district, and that fact is that General Weaver belongs to the same band of calamity howlers and Free Sslverites that "Pitchfork" Tillman and William Jennings Bryan belongs to.

TERRITORIAL EXPANSION.

Just now it seems that the American people hesitate a little before they decide to take new territory. We are opposed to the acquisition of new territory that does not border upon the United States, where the American would have to acquire it either by conquest or purchase, but where it comes into our possession as the island we have recently acquired upon humanitarian principles, it is all right, and we should keep all the new acquisition, unless it would be the Philippines which might establish a protectorate. The American people are to broad to enjoy the blessings of liberty and freedom and assist in giving it to other countries. We should not seek expansion yet when it asked of us or at least, be comes necessary to acquire territory for the progress of humanity and the welfare of the nations for us as a nation to hold or control we should do so.

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Vote for Jeff Herold

The republicans in Mahaska county has nominated an exceptionally strong ticket, and all should be elected, from that gallant soldier and statesman, Congressman Lucy, down to constable. We believe it a duty to mention a few of the rare qualities that go to make Mr. Herold, whom his party has honored by re-nominating him for county recorder the third time. Mr. Jarrod is one of the tried and true republican. He belonged to the class of republicans that Lincoln, Garrison and Lovejoy belong to. He has lived in this county for a great many years and is so well known by the people of this county, that his election is assured. On entering Herold's office the first thing that attracts your attention is a large life size portrait of the Hon. Fredrick Douglass. In speaking of Mr. Douglass he says, I consider him one of the greatest benefactor that this country has ever produced; as a statesman he has but few equals. We believe that every true republican will vote for Mr. Herold at the coming election in November.

CITY FESTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER.

The progress of the Semi-On-Sed committee has been highly satisfactory to the citizens of Des Moines and we are now to have one of the best city festivities that our state ever had, or probably ever held in the west. The street parades will be magnificent; also the floral parade, the battle of Manila and the great races, where \$3,000 has been given for prizes. All these attractions are of the highest grade and special preparations are being made to make every part of the Semi-On-Sed a grand success. The festivities opens October the 3d and last one week. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The political argument among the popocrat side walk statesman is at a stand still, as the condition of the country contridict all their former arguments.

The republicans carried the state in 1897 by thirty thousand plurality and the outlook is still brighter now. There is no reason to expect anything less than a solid republican delegation from this state in the next congress with such strong men as Hull, Hepburn, Henderson, Dolive and Lacy, and the rest equally as strong for the republicans, to be defeated.

Strength of American Power.

But few men realize the great strength and power of our government until after this little unpleasantness with Spain. In a short time all parties ties was forgotten and all sectionism lost and the American citizen stood a unit. How quick we raised an army equipped and put them into the field for battle, which did not disturb or even shake the stability of our nation. This was probably due to our free schools, liberal ideas, the freedom of the individual and republican form of government under which manhood has reached its highest excellencies. Our strength is yet unknown.

GEORGE CARTER WAS MURDERED.

The mysterious murder of Mr. Geo. Carter of Newton, who was found in a ditch, in the north part of that city last Saturday morning, is baffling the skill of the officers, as to who the person is that took the life of Mr. Carter. It was also found that he had been struck with sufficient force to produce death. On close examination his skull revealed the fact that he had been bled. Mr. Carter was a barber and at one time lived in Des Moines. It is generally believed that there is a woman connect in the case. A woman or man that would commit such a crime—when apprehended and brought before the courts should have the severest penalty of the law pronounced upon her or him as the case might be; for there is no excuse that will justify such an act. If such cold hearted, villians escape justice it will be un-sa-fey for people to step from their doors.

TO IOWA LITERARY SOCIETIES.

As other states and people have their state organizations of societies and such are a benefit to all concerned, we the members of The Paul Lawrence Dunbar Literary Society are desirous of seeing a state organization perfected in this state, for the advancement of our race in literary and parliamentary usages. We desire to get the opinion of all literary societies in this state, and ask them to correspond with us. If every thing points in the right direction we will call a meeting to be held in Des Moines during the holiday. Please take notice and address: FRANK BLAGBURN, DES MOINES, IA. (In care of City Hall.)

REMEMBERED IN STONE

FRED DOUGLASS HONORED

Monument to the Negro Leader—Imposing Cermonies and Distinguished Guests—His Statue in Bronze.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 14.—The ceremonies connected with the unveiling of the Frederick Douglass monument in this city took place to-day and proved to be one of the most interesting and impressive events in the history of Rochester. Among the prominent visitors were Gov. Black of this state, ex-Gov. P. B. Pinchback of Louisiana, T. C. Doney, collector of customs at the port of Wilmington S. C.; Thomas Fortune, editor of the New York Age, a leading paper published in the interests of the colored race in this country; William Doham, ex-United States minister to Haiti; James A. Neils, editor of a prominent negro paper in Philadelphia; Col. Larson of Washington, Editor Perry of the Philadelphia Tribune and all the surviving members of Frederick Douglass' immediate family, including his widow, children and grandchildren. Letters of regret were received from the United States Senator Thomas C. Platt of this state, United States Senator William E. Chandler of New Hampshire, the Hon. John Wauanmaker of Philadelphia and other prominent persons.

PARADE PRECEDES UNVEILING. Preceding the exercises there was a parade, composed of leading colored societies, under the direction of N. P. Pond. The exercises at the monument took place at 10:30 A. M., consisting of the raising of the American flag, followed by the bands playing "The Star-Spangled Banner," the audience uniting in singing the chorus. An address was given by Bishop Alexander Walters of New Jersey, one of the best known bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal church. A song composed for the occasion by the Rev. E. Alenzo Scott of Zion church of this city, entitled "His Name Shall Live Forever," was sung and the statue was unveiled by Miss Gertrude Aleath Thompson of Rochester. This programme closed the exercises at the monument.

Exercises of a literary and musical character occurred at Fitzhugh hall at 2:30 o'clock. Addresses were made by Gov. Frank Black, ex-Gov. Pinchback of Louisiana, Miss Susan B. Anthony who for many years was an intimate friend of and co-worker with Frederick Douglass,

Books T. Washington, who has been so closely attached with Afro-American educational work in the south, read an original poem and spoke; appropriate musical selections were rendered by a colored chorus of singers and several violin solos were given by Joseph Douglass of Washington a grandson of Mr. Douglass and a prominent musician of Washington. An address was also delivered by the Hon. George Haines of this city. The presentation of the monument to the city was made by Charles P. Lee and its acceptance by Mayor Warner. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Alonzo Scott of Rochester. At 8:30 P. M. a reception and ball took place at Fitzhugh hall. Three children and three grandchildren of Frederick Douglass are living. Charles Douglass the eldest son is connected with the pension office in Washington Louis H. the second son is a Washington real-estate dealer and the daughter Mrs. Rosa Sprague, is also a resident of Washington. Joseph H. Douglass a son of Charles Douglass is a prominent violinist at the national capital. The other two grandchildren are the Misses Frederick and Rosa Sprague.

ABOUT THE MONUMENT.

The Douglass monument is located at the junction of Cochrane avenue and North St. Paul street and directly opposite the New York Central depot. The corner stone of the monument was laid several weeks since, with imposing masonic ceremonies. The modeling of the statue is the work of Sidney W. Edwards of Washington and is pronounced by competent critics to be a masterpiece. The figure is eight feet high and represents Mr. Douglass in the pose of an orator. It is cast in the finest bronze. The base of the pedestal is of gray granite and was made in Westery B. I. It has four bronze tablets on which are inscribed appropriate sentiments taken from Mr. Douglass' most popular addresses. These selections were made by Mrs. Rosa Douglass Sprague, Mr. Douglass' only living daughter, who inherits largely her distinguished father's mental qualities. The cost of the monument is \$10,000 which sum has been met principally by the colored people of the country. A notable contribution to the fund is \$1,000 from the republic of Hayti. Mr. Douglass' last public service of any kind was rendered as a commissioner of the little black republic at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. The State of New York, through its legislature, granted \$3,000 to the fund its aid and a friend in Germany \$1,000.

It seems especially fitting that the city of Rochester should have been selected for the splendid memorial to Frederick Douglass. It was here that Douglass first experienced the happy sense of complete freedom from the fetters of slavery Early in the '40s, when there but few places, even at the north, which offered a hospitable shelter for an American negro, Rochester made the young and undeveloped Douglass feel at home and offered him protection. In the free air of this city he speedily felt strong enough to begin his most efficient work in the anti-slavery cause.

DOUGLASS IN ROCHESTER.

It was here that he communed with those spirits belonging to the heroic age American history—Gerrit Smith, John Brown, Mrs. Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and others of their kind. It was in Rochester that Douglass established in those years undisturbed for a long period the North Star, the first negro paper ever published in America. That paper was one of great power in the anti-slavery movement and was more largely quoted than any other journal of like character in the country. The little dingy apartment where the ardent young freeman toiled in the untaught sole of editor and publisher can still be seen and reminds one of Lowell's fine lines on William Lloyd Garrison:

"In a small chamber, friendless and unseen,
Toiled o'er his type one poor, unlearned young man;
The place was dark, unfurnished and mean,
Yet here the freedom of a race began."

It was also in Rochester that Mr. Douglass' children were born and educated and from which place the two older sons enlisted in the 54th Massachusetts volunteer and fought to establish the freedom for which their eloquent father had pleaded so forcibly for more than twenty long, anxious years. These considerations and the many personal attachments of Rochester citizens endeared the city to Mr. Douglass as no other place in the country. He always referred to it as the blessed home of his freedom, the birthplace of all his aspirations and the scene of his greatest triumphs in the cause so dear to his heart—that of universal freedom in American. One of his most familiar expressions during his numerous visits to Rochester was his oft-repeated desire to rest at last in the beautiful cemetery, Mount Hope of his beloved city. The last few years of Mr. Douglass life were passed in Washington though he always regarded Rochester as his real home.

HONORED IN LIFE AND DEATH.

Among other honors bestowed on Douglass by the city some years ago through its mayor and the board of aldermen, the city presented to the University of Rochester a beautiful marble bust of the great orator and it occupies a prominent place of honor in that seat of learning. When Mr. Douglass died and his funeral and burial took place in this city the city council took charge of the obsequies, flags were displayed at half mast throughout the city and the public schools were closed

because it was believed that his romantic career would prove an impressive lesson in American history.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Session.

The Twentieth Annual meeting of the Iowa Baptist Association met with the Second church of Ottumwa on Sept. 6. The session was a very pleasant one and it is believed that plans are being laid for very successful work in the churches during the coming year. The following officers were elected: Moderator, Rev. D. E. Murff; Vice Moderator, Rev. J. H. Jones; Clerk, T. L. Griffith, Cor. Secretary, Rev. Burton; Treasurer, Rev. Bates; members of the board, Rev. Jones and Rev. Muse.

Rev. D. E. Murff and J. H. Jones will represent the Association in the National Baptist Convention and T. L. Griffith in the Baptist State Convention. The Association instructed the Executive board and an additional committee of two to visit Des Moines and see if a union of Baptists can be effected in the city. The next session will be held in Fort Madison. Four new churches were admitted to membership. But for the obstinate persistency of one man claiming to be a masterpiece, the session would have been entirely void of unpleasantness.

Resolutions were adopted favoring temperance, encouraging education pleading for greater missionary activities, favoring better financial system and deploring the hasty inconsiderate calling of preachers of whose reputations the churches are not rightly advised. Delegates were present from Des Moines, Colfax, Evans, Fishville, Youngtown, Fort Dodge, Muchakinoek, Evans, Ottumwa, Keok, Centerville, Hiteman, Chariton, Keosauqua, Mt. Pleasant, Burlington, Davenport, Fort Madison and Keokuk.

The sessions of the Ministers and Deacons' Union and of the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Convention were not without interest. The Women's Convention sent \$5.00 to the National Convention for foreign missions. Miss Eunice Wilson of Burlington is President of the Women's Convention and Rev. M. J. Burton of the Ministers' Union.

The thanks of the Association were tendered the pastor and people of Ottumwa for their generous hospitality to all the delegates, also a vote of thanks was tendered the Ottumwa Courier for soliciting news of our proceedings and publishing them in a fair and unprejudiced manner.

MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

A farewell party was given for Rev. Gordon and wife last Saturday night.

Mrs. McCracken has gone to Kalamazoo Michigan to visit her mother.

Miss Hattie Mosely matron of F. Douglass Hospital of Philadelphia Pa., is in the city visiting her relatives.

Mrs. Spotts was a visitor to the Exposition this week.

Rev. J. James and Rev. F. Peterson exchanged pulpits. Rev. Peterson coming here and Rev. James going to Monmouth Ill.

Mrs. Gertrude McCracken Mosely and children are visiting at the parental home. Mr. McCracken is taking a course at Mt. Pleasant Academy.

Miss Maggie Adams has returned from Chicago.

Miss Mamie Mosely is attending Mt. Pleasant Academy.

Rev. Peterson left Monday evening for Monmouth Ill. to bring his bride to this city.

Rev. Gordon left this week for his charge in Washington and Iowa City.

Mrs. J. Johnson and son Wendell of Ottumwa is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Henry Johnson.

BOONE DOINGS.

Rev. Roy of Frazer was in the city Monday.

Miss Griffin of Quincy Ill., was a Boone visitor this week.

Mr. J. T. Washington took a trip to Des Moines Sunday and reports an excellent time.

Mr. E. M. Hendrick the delegate from Frazer made a rousing speech at the convention Thursday.

Mr. Simon L. Terry was elected as one of the assistant editors of the High school Review. Mr. Terry is a member of the junior class and he will certainly strengthen the editorial staff of this able journal.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mr. Brittain Thomas and his sister Miss Cora Thomas of Muchakinoek visited over Sunday at the parental home. Numerous strangers are seen on our streets this week. Mrs. Nelson return home this week for an extended visit in Oskaloosa. Miss Lewis of Keatville Mo., is the guest of her aunt Mrs. Bartlett. Mrs. Burns of Oskaloosa stopped for a few days at the home of Mrs. Ward. Rev. and Mrs. Ford left Saturday for Newton where he will assume the duties as pastor of the A. M. E. church. Rev. and Mrs. Ford made many friends while in our town who regretted to see them depart. Mr. Williams of Chicago will assume the duties of the church at this place. He preached a wide awake sermon to the young people Sunday which was highly appreciated by all. Master Fred Brummes left Albia for Missouri Sunday to live with his father. We find that in the two schools in our town there are forty pupils 38 going to the Old school building and 2 to the Grant.