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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.

## CITY NEWS

New York store 317 Walnut special sale of holiday goods.

Mrs. D. C. Basfield is improv'n she is able to sit up.

Go to Clark & Brown for room and boarding. Meals 15 cents.

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The weather is quite cold, it was about nine degrees below zero.

The Men's meeting will have a good programme next Sunday evening.

The concert to be given by Miss Morton bids fair to be a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Blagburn's little girl is quite ill this week with the measles.

New York store 317 Walnut unloading sale of jackets, capes and dress suits.

Miss J. E. Meadows has a class in shorthand at No. 776 W. 9th St.

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New York store 317 Walnut unloading sale of millinery, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 trimmed hats at \$1.98.

The first entertainment of the Christian Endeavor Society will be given at the A. M. E. church Monday evening Dec. 15th.

A very pleasant party was given at Mrs. Isabella Clark last Monday evening, a large crowd was present and all enjoyed themselves.

Miss Fannie Harding who has spent several months in Omaha and other parts of Nebraska has returned home this week and reports a pleasant visit.

North Star Lodge No. 2, will meet at their hall next Thursday evening Dec. 15th. FANK BLAGBURN, W. M. GEO. H. CLEGGETT, Sec'y.

Mrs. Sadie Bredden returned last Saturday from a pleasant visit with her friend Mrs. C. Conley of Webster City.

Mr. J. F. Blagburn wants it to be known that he has the exclusive right to canvas for the new book called Progress of a Race in this country.

The P. L. D. Literary Society, will meet Monday evening at their hall. Business of importance to be attended. FRANK BLAGBURN Pres. ZELMA STANTON, Sec'y.

## A New Book.

"Progress of a Race" or "The Remarkable Advancement of the American Negro," written by H. F. Kietzing, A. M. and W. H. Croghan, A. M., Professor of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., with introduction by Booker T. Washington, is just out and put in the hands of our worthy citizen, Mr. J. T. Blagburn 379 School street. It is a very interesting and useful, and should go into the homes of every family. Price \$2.25, Morocco binding, and \$1.50 for common binding. For further particulars write or send in your orders by mail postage prepaid.

New York store 317 Walnut unloading sale of millinery \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 trimmed hats for \$1.98.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Georgie M. Taylor to Murt Migdelt Dec. 21, at the bride's home 706 S. E. 7th street.

H. B. S. will meet next Thursday afternoon at Mrs. Wilburn 1350 Lyon. Quotations from E. W. Wilcox with current literature led by Mrs. Warrick.

Mrs. A. Day of Carbondal one of the leading lady of that town was in our city Monday on business, she made the Bystander a pleasant call and ordered the paper for another year.

J. H. Gaines who met with the misfortune of losing his eyesight is improving he has regained his sight that he has left the hospital and is stopping at 106 11th street.

Jefferson Logan entertained at lunch Thursday noon Messrs Wm. Coalson, H. H. Lewis and W. H. Birney, an excellent dinner and a good time was reported.

A party of gentlemen with the fountain city Quartet and members of the Quartet Swane River Company were reveling old acquaintances in the city last week, refreshments were served to the company and an enjoyable time was had.

To the literary people of the state of Iowa, owing to not hearing from the people around the state, sufficiently to warrant the calling of a state literary association to meet in this city, during the holidays. We have decided to postpone such meeting until the fourth of July. FRANK BLAGBURN.

Bishop J. C. Hartzell (white) left last week for Africa, he was elected Bishop of Africa by the Methodist Episcopal church. He starts from Chicago with \$50,000.00, a printing press and several able aides.

Mr. J. H. Shepard was elected as the delegate from the A. M. E. church to the Electoral College which convenes at Rock Island, Ill. in May to select delegates to the National Conference which meets in 1900.

There will be a grand concert given Dec. 15, under the auspices of Miss Maple Morton also an entertainment under the management of Mrs. Chas. Wood and Miss Susie Mash at Masonic Hall, Admission 10 cents. All are cordially invited.

A local branch of the Afro-American League was organized at Marquisville this week with the following officers: President, J. H. Hill; Vice-President, P. H. Hunter; Secretary, M. E. Reed; Assistant Sec. James Graham; Treasurer, Wm. Stewart.

Attorney I. E. Williamson, has been selected by Assessor French this week to be one of the assistant assessors for the city, he is the only colored man that was selected by Mr. French. Mr. Williamson is well known and his past experience makes him well qualified for such duties, we wish him success.

We are in receipt of Volume one number one of the Western Printer published in this city, edited by Mr. R. W. Pittman a bright young man full of push and business tact, it is a monthly magazine especially adapted for the printers' fraternity. It is interesting and instructive. Success Mr. Pittman.

## MARRIED.

Mr. R. D. Taylor to Mrs. Ella Gossett in Justice Blake's Office, after which the happy couple returned to the home of the bride's parents where the friends of the bride enjoyed a sumptuous wedding dinner.

Many costly presents were received. Mr. Taylor was a former resident of Liberty Mo. and is a skilled workman and forman in J. J. Gawn's carriage factory of that city.

Mrs. Gossett is the daughter of Mr. C. B. Epperson a pioneer of this city. The happy pair will reside in this city.

On last Monday evening in response to a masquerade party invitations were issued to a few of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mash to be present at their Tenth wedding Anniversary. At an early hour the crowd began to gather and by nine o'clock their house was crowded and about 60 people were enjoying themselves, excellent music was furnished by the famous Hamilton Mandolin club. Mr. and Mrs. Mash were united together in the fanciful bliss of marriage by the solemn ceremony performed by Mr. Wm. Foster who in his linen ulster resembled a catholic priest the marriage ceremony was enjoyable as was the lunch which was systematically served, as the ten years of marriage anniversary calls for presents and from the appearance of the table it seemed as if a tin store was in one part of the house, at a late hour all departed wishing them many more happy anniversaries.

The BYSTANDER does all kinds of job printing. Give us a call. Subscribe for the Bystander.

## Local League Meeting.

The local branch of the Afro-American League held a meeting at the Court House last Tuesday evening according to call by the president Chas. B. Wood, which was for the election of officers and selecting delegates to attend the State League meeting to be held in Des Moines during the holidays. There was not many present but the meeting was harmonious, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year and delegates selected: President C. B. Woods; Vice-President, E. T. Banks; Secretary, Mrs. A. Brown; Assistant Sec'y, Wm. Coalson; Treas., R. N. Hyde; Delegates, J. L. Thompson Wm. Coalson, E. T. Banks, Jeff. Logan J. F. Blagburn, W. H. Hubbard, E. S. Willett, Rev. Reeves, Rev. Bates, C. B. Woods, alternates B. J. Holmes, H. H. Lewis, Mesdames A. Brown, Clarinda James, Miss Zella Davis, Wm. Fletcher Harry Hughes, H. Hooker, J. W. Weeks they adjourned to meet next Tuesday to make arrangement for entertaining the State League. Speeches were made by Mr. Rush and Fred Douglas.

## A Big Holiday Sale.

The Kimball Piano Co., will commence one of their BIG PIANO SALES next Monday, DECEMBER 12th. They have two car loads to start with and Mr. Weir ordered another car load yesterday. Anybody can buy a piano at the prices and terms that will be offered. Go and see them at 407 Walnut street and learn full particulars.

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## McKinley's Message.

Following the long established precedence the president has submitted his annual address to Congress while it is extremely long which of necessity it must be, it is a well-written strong document touching nearly all the important questions of interest to the Americans except the recent race wars, murders and the Illinois miners trouble which we fondly wished and earnestly hoped to have seen those things mention because no doubt hundreds ye thousands loyal Americans anxiously scanned the message to see if those cruelties and horrible horrors has been dealt with in the document yet we will be conservative have patience and wait further developments wrong will be righted. He then states the circumstances and events that lead up to war with Spain, he reviews the history of that remarkable struggle and among his recommendations are the construction of the Nicaragua canal, the increase of our army and navy. He leaves the Philippine question until after the treaty of peace has been signed.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Mura Halestead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian, to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the rear of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Prints of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large books, low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unsolicited war books. Cut this free. Address: F. T. Barber, Sec'y, Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

## Iowa State Register Is Wrong.

### Their Article is Misleading and Unfair.

Below we print the editorial of Clarkson in his Sunday issue of the Register:

The colored citizens of numerous cities are holding meetings to pass resolutions denouncing the atrocious murders of Negroes in the South, and appealing to the president and congress to investigate the conditions and enact and enforce laws that will protect the Negroes, but we have not yet seen a resolution passed by those meetings which condemns the equally atrocious acts of the Negroes! Both races are guilty of crimes, and the crimes of both should be condemned by all such meetings. The murders at Wilmington, N. C., were caused by a cowardly mulatto—a black and white scoundrel—who escaped the punishment he should have received, but his dirty and degraded work caused the murder of a number of innocent black people. It is admitted that the editorial printed in the Wilmington (N. C.) Record, written by A. L. Manly, and published in that paper on the 18th of last August, was the cause of the recent murders of the Negroes at that place. Here is the whole editorial:

"A Mrs. Felton from Georgia, makes a speech before the Agricultural Society at Tybee, Ga., in which she advocates lynching as an extreme measure. This woman makes a strong plea for womanhood, and if the alleged crimes of race were half so frequent as it oftentimes reported, her plea would be worthy of consideration.

Mrs. Felton, like many other so-called Christians, loses sight of the basic principle of the Religion of Christ in her plea for one class of people as against another. If a missionary spirit is essential for the uplifting of the poor white girls, why isn't the morals of the poor white people as on a par with their colored neighbors? The papers are filled with reports of rapes of white women, and the subsequent lynching of the alleged rapists. The editors pour fourth volleys of aspersions against all Negroes because of the few who may be guilty. If the papers and speakers of the other race would condemn the commission of crime because it is a crime and not try to make it appear that the Negroes were the only criminals, they would find their strongest allies in the intelligent Negroes themselves, and together the whites and blacks would root the evil out of both races.

We suggest that the whites guard their women more closely, as Mrs. Felton says, thus giving no opportunity for the human fiend, be he white or black. You leave your goods out of doors and then complain because they are taken away. Poor white men are careless in the matter of protecting their women, especially on farms. They are careless of their conduct toward them, and our experience among poor white people in the country teaches us that the women of that race are not any more particular in the matter of clandestine meetings with colored men than are the white men with colored women. Meetings of this kind go on for some time, until the woman's infatuation or the man's boldness brings attention to them and the man is lynched for rape. Every Negro lynched is called a "big burly, black brute," when in fact many of those who have thus been dealt with had white men for their fathers, and were not only not "black" and "burly," but were sufficiently attractive for white girls to fall in love with them, as is well known to all.

Mrs. Felton must begin at the fountainhead, if she wishes to purify the stream.

Teach your men purity. Let virtue be something more than an excuse for them to intimidate and torture a helpless people. Tell your men that it is no worse for a black man to be intimate with a white woman than for a white man to be intimate with a colored woman.

You set yourselves down as a lot of carping hypocrites; in fact, you cry aloud for the virtue of your women, while you seek to destroy the morality of ours. Don't think ever that your women will remain pure while you are debauching ours. You sow the seed—the harvest will come in due time.

The degraded and vicious scoundrel who wrote that editorial should have died at the end of a rope, no matter whether he was white or black, but the brute who wrote it is now posing as a martyr, notwithstanding his own low and degraded mind is responsible for the murder of some eight or ten innocent Negroes!

Nothing can be gained by denouncing the vicious and degraded men of another race, and attempting to shield the chief criminal because he is of the same race of the people holding the public meetings. The Wilmington editor is the chief criminal in the murders at that place, for he was the author of the editorial which caused the destruction of his printing office and plant and the consequent murder of some eight or ten innocent negroes. Yet that cowardly scoundrel and falsifier escaped punishment and not one word is said against his base action in any resolutions adopted, not withstanding the fact that any man, white or black, who printed such statements as to white or black women should be con-

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delegates to our next National Afro-American League meeting and to attend to such other business as pertains to the Afro-American League management.

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