

IOWA STATE BYSTANDER.

By BYSTANDER PUB. CO.
DES MOINES, IOWA.
DECEMBER FRIDAY 23.



WOMAN'S COLUMN

Katherine D. Tillman
Editress

"Glory to God in the Highest peace on earth, good will to men," so sang the angels at the advent of the Christ and so sing we as we realize the magical change that christianity has wrought in the condition of women. As our space is limited we shall speak briefly of the progress of the Afro-American women.

The annual report of the women's Parent Mite Missionary Society of the A. M. E. church for the year ending Nov., 1898 showed the receipts for the year to be \$1019.19.

Dr. Eliza Anna Green a graduate of a Philadelphia Medical College has been admitted to practice in Atlanta Ga. Lady Marie Ducatellier an accomplished writer of Panama has been contributing some interesting articles to the "Voice of Missions."

Miss Otella Cronwell of Washington D. C. is a freshman at Smith's college, one of the famous white institutions of learning, founded for the higher education of women.

Mrs. Fannie Coppin of Philadelphia ranks as the foremost woman education of the race.

Mrs. Frances Harper, the poetess although well advanced in years still takes an active part in literary affairs. Miss Alberta Scotts is the first girl of the race to graduate from the Harvard Annex.

Miss Edmonia Lewis the world renowned sculptor has come from her adopted home at Rome, Italy to America to visit with friends.

Quite a number of Afro-American women went to Cuba as nurses during the Spanish-American war.

Miss Ida Mae Godfrey M. Pleasant Iowa who graduated with honors from the Iowa Wesleyan University last June is the first member of the race to complete a course there.

Alice Ruth More the charming poetess and story writer is wedded to Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Ruth Brunson edits the woman's column in the Christian Recorder.

Miss Daisy Fearing a graduate of the New Jersey training school has received an appointment as teacher in the white schools of that city.

Black Patti and her merry Troubadours have been playing to packed houses every since their appearance.

Mrs. Rebecca Hatton of Chicago is the originator of a hair straightening system.

Mrs. Bishop Handy it is said makes an excellent presiding officer being well versed in parliamentary science.

The Afro-American women of Des Moines deserve credit for the continuance of their literary club known as the "Harriet Beecher Stowe Circle."

Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett the lecturer is a woman of charming personality, she is still actively engaged in efforts for the elevation of her race.

Mrs. Anna Gardner-Goodwin of Atlanta, Ga. has composed a march entitled "Cuba Libre."

One of the pleasant social organizations of Iowa's Afro-American women is the "Light House Club" of Cedar Rapids founded by Mrs. M. Wade.

Among the Afro-American girl graduates of Iowa who are doing creditable work are the following: Misses Eldora and Genevieve Green, Mrs. Butler Miss Josie Whitsett of Newton, Zella Davis, Sarah Porter, Selma Stanton, and Nettie Tolliver of Des Moines, Sadie Benthan, Ella and Margaret Draine, Mayne Jackson, Mrs. Ophelia Wilson and Mrs. Sallie Brooks of Keokuk Ia. Miss Carrie Smith of Columbus Mo. (formerly of Keokuk), Miss May Davis of Albia Ia. and Miss Signora Irving of Chariton Ia.

One of the most agreeable sights to be seen is a group of nurses at Provident Hospital in their picturesque costumes.

One of the real needs of the race is a paper devoted exclusively to the interest of women.

The Christmas Bells were ringing with a loud romantic chime, and people gladly viewing and inspecting what they find, To cheer their little ones Who eagerly wait to cheer, His birthday which happens in Dec., each following year.

How the little ones will watch to see Santa Clause with his bells, And think of many a dreaded hour before he will appear. Besure and hang your stockings, Where he can see each one, For Santa a good old fellow and is always full of fun, And I know he will remember each and every one.
Miss STELLA PIERSON

THE NORTHERN NEGRO.

Dr. Lee, of the John Hopkins University, had the following statement of the Negro's development in the North in a recent issue of the Baltimore Sun:

"In the Study of the Negro we have, as a rule, sought knowledge of the Southern type; the Negro in the North has received little critical attention. To obtain the best results from such a consideration it is necessary to select a point of research offering both urban and rural condition, where the prejudice against Negro was slight, if existent, at the time of his settlement, and where the Negro population is composed almost entirely of ex-slaves or their children. It is believed that Carlisle, Pa., presents such a base of investigation. The people of Carlisle are rich and prosperous; they have large hearts and generous hands. Standings aside from prejudice and filled with the most elevated sentiments, they have striven to do their utmost for the stranger within their gates.

Prior to 1860 175 to 200 slaves passed through Carlisle each year in their Northward flight. The early colored population was recruited from the free Negroes of Pennsylvania. In 1864, however, the town added 500 fugitive slaves to its permanent inhabitants, and this settlement of Virginia and North Carolina refugees furnished the base of the present colored population. Since 1864 the colored people have added steadily to their numbers.

The negro of 1866-1876 had an ambition to own a home; he bought generally in the alleys. As the alley locations filled up he was attracted by the cheapness of land in a certain section of the skirts of the town, and there bought lots. To-day these purchases have, through the growth of the city, trebled in value. The home of the renter, as well as that of the owner, varies from the three room cottage to the ten room house. The cost of these dwellings varies from \$300 to \$2,500. The Negro renter pays from \$3 to \$5 per month for his house. The furniture of the Negro is neat and often of good style. The house is neatly kept and in order. In 100 homes visited 87 per cent, showed no untidiness outside of the bed rooms, though in seventy-two cases the women of the house was in constant service away from home from 7:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. In thirty-seven houses were musical instruments; in forty-one pictures tastefully displayed; ninety-two homes has curtains ninety were carpeted in the living room; in fourteen books were to be seen in quantity, and in twenty-three the Bible had visible place.

"Seventy per cent of the colored females, exclusive of school children and children under age, are in service 20 per cent do washings at their homes 7.5 per cent have no other employment than their own household; 2.50 per cent, do not work. The women earn from \$1.50 to \$2.50, with an average of \$2 per week; some cooks earn from \$3 to \$4.50. Of the 113 colored freeholders, 65 are worth less than \$300; 27 are rated between \$500 and \$700; seven between \$750 and \$1000; five between \$1,000 and \$1,500; six between \$2,000 and \$2,500; one at \$5,000; one at \$10,000; and one between \$10,000 and \$40,000."



Alonzo W. Draine, who is one of the most highly respected young men at his home and one of those who have made a great success of life; is a resident of Keokuk. He was born in Montgomery Co. Mo., May 5th 1874. When very young, his parents moved to Keokuk and he entered the public schools from which he graduated in the class of '94 so well did he stand with his class that he was selected to deliver one of the principal orations at the commencement. Later he was elected principal of the public school of Wentzville Mo., where he taught for three years with good satisfaction. For years he was secretary of the Eastern Missouri Teachers Association. In 1897 he accepted a position with McGrath Bro., one of the leading drug houses in Keokuk. In manners he is genteel, courteous, dignified and an honor to our race.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERY where for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, 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. Original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large books, low prices. High profits. Freight paid. Credits given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Quilt free. Address: T. T. Barber, Sec'y, Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.



HON. J. FRANK WHEATON.

We are glad to present to our readers the likeness of J. Frank Wheaton of Minneapolis, Minn., who was elected at our last November election as a member to the Minnesota legislature from the 43d District; the first colored man that was ever nominated and elected to the legislature in the state. He ran ahead of the republican ticket, also his running mate, who received 500 majority, while Mr. Wheaton received nearly 1000 majority. He is an Attorney at Law, was assistant reading clerk of Minnesota House of Representatives, was a delegate to the republican National Convention in 1896, and at one time deputy clerk of the Municipal court. He has a good practice; a fine speaker, and will no doubt make an influential, hard working member of the legislature.



Professor L. A. Wilks of Muchakinock, Ia. is well known to the colored people of Iowa, especially the 6th Congressional district. He was born in Florida 37 years ago, attended the Hampton Normal school four years; came Iowa immediately after leaving school, where he taught school in Muchakinock for several years, also several in Virginia. An active worker in church and Sunday School; was appointed clerk in the Census Bureau at Washington, D. C. in '91 and served until '95; returning home and in '98 accepted a place in the Folding room of the House. He is a bright and intelligent man.



J. L. Woods of Marshalltown, Iowa, who is chief electrician of the Soldiers' Home in Marshalltown, is one of the reliable and trusted young men of color in Iowa. He came to Marshalltown 9 years ago from East Oakland, Cal., where he was born. After attending the Agricultural College of Ames he entered the electrical department at the Soldier's Home where he has been every since. He is a 33 degree Mason and of high standing in other secret societies.

Midland Grocery & Market

1012 & 1014 Center Street.

Allways gives bargains in both Departments.

We have a full line of strictly first-class—Brand new GOODS and our prices are easy—20 per cent under the regular retail price. All 12 1/2c per pound Meats goes at 10c. Everything in fact goes at a saving price. Now is it worth your time to investigate. Come and price every thing.

Phone No. 715

J. E. FORD, Mgr.

THE LAST WEEK.

The last week and the biggest week of all—for people will for the most part put off and reserve their decisions till the last few days before the arrival of the Jolly St. Nicholas. As usual—THE FAIR—in our holiday preparations—inclines to the useful rather than the frivolous. Wherever you may live, your holiday shopping tours will not be complete without a visit to THE FAIR.

Christmas Footwear

Slippers, of course. The line gets better and better every season. You are sure of getting just what you want, any kind of style, from our wonderfully big assortment. The prices are most important.

Men's fancy, velvet embroidered Slippers—of good quality— 50c For... 50c
Men's good brown leather Slippers—imitation seal— 75c For... 75c

Home Made Comforts

Less than you can make them for. Each Comfort contains five full pounds of clean batting, ten yards best 36-inch silkoline, one skein German-town zephyr yarn—all for... 1.50

Handkerchiefs

Some very enticing values in this Department. Hundreds of dozens of new ones opened for tomorrow's business.

36 all linen, hand embroidered Handkerchiefs... 50c
36 all linen, hand-embroidered Handkerchiefs... 25c

Christmas Tree Suggestions

50c to... 1.50
Ruffled Silkoline Pillow or silk Headrests, 26"—ruffled French Satine Pillows—for... 50c

THE FAIR

504-506-508 Locust Street.



REV. G. M. TILLMAN.

Rev. Tillman is one of the rising young ministers of this state. He was born in Pennsylvania, 1861 on a farm. At the age of 17 he left home and went to Wilberforce College, where he remained four years taking a Theological course; later he joined the Iowa Conference, holding some good charges with success. He is recently from Keokuk but now of Clinton charge.

THE GILBERT CHOP HOUSE

BY EXPERIENCE COOKS— Short Order and Meals NICE FURNISHED ROOMS BY DAY OR WEEK.

217 South Market St. Ottumwa, Ia.

—THE VALUE OF— Spectacles

Depends on the fitting. We make them to fit any eyes. Diseases of the Eyes, Ear, Nose and Throat cured. Consultation Free.

DR. F. DUNCAN & SONS, 311 W. Fifth St., Des Moines, Iowa.

EVERYBODY

KNOWS THAT MUNGER'S LAUNDRY is the best in the city. Try them and be decided.

220 THIRD ST. PHONE 578.

SHANK BROS., FUNERAL DIRECTORS.

517 MULBERRY ST. Telephone Nos. 686 and 689.

SHOULD YOU NEED FLOWERS

At any time of the year, for any occasion where Flowers are used, you can get them, home grown and fresh, cut every day, from

BLAIR THE FLORIST

308 Sixth Ave., Des Moines. P. O. Address, Box 283. Telephone 460. Funeral, Party and Wedding Decorations gotten up in latest styles, and at moderate prices. Boxes of fine Flowers for presents fine and personal.

THE BYSTANDER does all kinds of job printing. Give us a call.

MOERSHELL, DUFFY & FOTHERINGHAM

621 Walnut Street.

SANTA CLAUS is here and will sell on FRIDAY and SATURDAY.

35c values in Cups and Saucers, for.....	19c	40c values in ladies' Aprons and fancy collars.....	25c
25c values in Story Books and Novels, for.....	19c	Plain silk and check Ribbons—all colors.....	5c
15c values Stuffed Dogs and Cats, for.....	8c	25c values in fancy Doylies—For.....	15c
15c values in Hand Mirrors—For.....	10c	20c values in Men's Mufflers—For.....	25c
75c values silver plate Tea Spoons, for a set.....	50c	\$1.50 values in Ladies' Muffs—For.....	98c
50c values in colored Glove Boxes, for.....	35c	\$3.50 values in wool Dress Patterns.....	\$1.98
40c values in Silver Cups, Drums and Atomizers, for.....	25c	\$1.00 tan Blankets—For.....	69c
65c values in steel Train Cars, for.....	45c	\$1.40 ladies' wool Shirt Waists—For.....	98c
10c values in Children's Christmas Books, for.....	5c	\$3.00 values in ladies' Dress Skirts, for.....	\$1.98
Ladies' Japonet Handkerchiefs, silk embroidered.....	5c	\$6.50 values in ladies' Jackets.....	\$3.98
Ladies' lace cornered Handkerchiefs, for.....	5c		

Store Open Evenings.

REICHARD BROS.

Big Drug Store is filled with Christmas gifts, Toys, Dolls, Albums, Toilet Sets, Wines and Perfumes. 419 Walnut St.

Shoes Shoes Shoes

AT OUR

Big Stock Reducing Money Saving Sale

All broken lots placed on sale as follows all

\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 value

GO AT

\$1.50 \$2.00 & \$2.50

While they last

Remember the place

JNO R. HILL Shoe Store

Formerly Harris-Emery Shoe Department 616 Walnut Street.



I HAVE FOUND

THE BEST PLACE IN THE CITY TO BUY

Skates, Sleds, Air Rifles, Pocket Knives, Razors, Shears, Oil Heaters. Clothes Wringers from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

AND THE PLACE IS

DAWSON'S Hardware Fifth 314 street.

Cut Rate Book Store

725 Walnut Street.

Holiday Books—Just Opened

A fine line of Books, Bibles and Albums, Dictionaries and Encyclopedias.

We can save you one half on

any book we handle. Give us a call and be convinced.

J. E. HOYT, Manager.

STUDENTS HOLIDAY RATES.

The D. M. N. and W. R. B. will sell round trip tickets limited to Jan. 4th, 1899 to Students and Teachers of colleges and Universities, at one and one-third fare for the round trip.

R. N. CALKINS, G. P. A.