



MR. GEO. E. TAYLOR

Whose picture stands above is a resident of Oskaloosa, where he has resided for ten years. Though born in Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 4, 1857, he was reared on a farm in La Crosse, County, Wis., having been placed in the hands of a Mr. Nathan Smith and wife, when he was quite young.

The mother of this subject was a free woman, while his father was a slave. According to the slave laws of Arkansas, the mother was forced to flee from that state while George was a baby thus making him an orphan almost from birth. To this day he has never seen or heard from his father and when only four years old his mother died of consumption.

When twenty years of age George left the farm and entered Maryland University at Beaver Dam Wisconsin when he finished his education, soon after leaving school he engaged in the newspaper work in LaCrosse where he later owned and published successfully the "LaCrosse Evening Star" and "Wisconsin Labor Advocate." In 1883 he went West remaining three years after which time he located where he now lives and engaged in the publication of the "Negro Solicitor" through which he has become distinguished as a deep thinker and able writer. In August last he suspended the publication of the "Solicitor" and is now engaged in contributing weekly and monthly articles for many leading dailies and magazines among which is the Sunday Des Moines Leader. Mr. Taylor is preparing to enter the lecture field in the near future and for this work he is especially qualified. Though the Bystander has and does now differ with Mr. Taylor's political views, we are frank to admit that he is entitled to a station among the leading men of the race.



MISS VIRGIE WHITSETT.

Miss Vergie Whitsett of Newton is one of Iowa's promising young poets. She was born in Newton where she received her education graduating from the Newton High School she has just returned from a three years stay in Indianapolis, Ind., she has contributed to several papers.

HOW VAIN MAN'S BOASTS.

Special to the BYSTANDER.
Oh mortal man thy boasts are vain,
Thou on the future hast no claim
Thy days swift passing are but few,
Thy silver cord is loosening too,
The twilight shades are drawing near,
The hand of death is lurking here.
Immortal soul why long to stay,
Where all is subject to decay,
Where beauty fades, where hopes are lost,
Where sorrows seas are seldom crossed,
Where every laugh doth cost a moan,
And every smile a smothered groan.
Thy home is not here immortal soul,
Thou here canst reach no lasting goal,
Decay is stamped on all below,
A fading beauty is all we know,
Ye glittering stars! thou silvery moon!
Sun, earth and sky shall vanish soon,
VIRGIE WHITSETT,
NEWTON, IA.

ARE WE JUST IN OUR JUDGING.

One of the strangest qualities in humane nature, is the bias justice by which we judge character. We are very quick in our criticism of others, and think that we are clever, we cultivate quickness in discovering the short comings in others, and then flatter ourselves by thinking we are capable of judging all. Many a man has been misjudged, misunderstood while individuals and so many have utterly condemned and pointed the finger of scorn at him. We sometimes go so far that we will not listen to an explanation or reasoning. We have seen men whose purpose and aim in life is to help their fellow men. Men who have made a name for themselves by having them live in it, in an unguarded moment have said or did something that was not intended to harm any one, have their character assailed and efforts made to drag them down on a level with men that never had nor never will have a character that they would like to see published, and the lesson that we can study is charity, that charity rightly judge the acts of our fellow men. No man ever read the character of others aright unless he has sympathy and char-

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which are the vital elements of justice. Let us not look away from our guiding star "the golden rule," and we will often find that the acts, words, by which we judge do not belong to the character that we are to judge, we should carefully consider and be sure that we understand others before we judge their character.

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION FROM TAX SALE.

To A. N. and N. A. White. You are hereby notified, that the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot four (4) block twenty-eight (28) Hall's Addition in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for taxes of 1894 on the second day of December 1895 to A. H. Kelsey of Polk county, Iowa, that the certificate of purchase thereof has been assigned to and is now owned by J. S. Coskery of Des Moines, Iowa, and that the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's deed for said real estate will be made unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from date of completed service of this notice. You will govern yourself accordingly. Dated the 8th day of December A. D. 1895. J. S. COSKERY.

SECRET ORDERS.

North Star Lodge, No. 2, A. F. A. M.—Meets First Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall—Corner West Sixth and Walnut, J. F. Blagburn, W. M.; G. H. Clegggett, secretary.

King Solomon Commandery, No. 6.—Meets Second and Fourth Thursday in each month at Masonic hall. Fred Jackson, M. C.; G. H. Clegggett, Rec.

Charity Lodge, No. 2192, G. U. O. of O. F.—Meets First, Second and Third Tuesday each month at Odd Fellows hall on West Sixth and Walnut streets. D. Burns, N. G.; F. Brown, P. S.

Naomi Court, No. 3.—Meets Second Monday in each month at Masonic hall, Mrs. J. H. Shepard, matron; Mrs. Fred Jackson, secretary.

Mt. Olive Court, No. 4.—Meets First Thursday of each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. Susan White, matron; Mrs. Flora Majors, secretary.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Corinthian Baptist Church—situated on 11th St., between Crocker and School. Services at 11 A. M.; Sunday School at 12 o'clock. Preaching at 7 P. M. Rev. H. H. Bates, Pastor.

St. Paul A. M. E.—Corner of Second and Center Streets. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 3 o'clock; Epworth League at 7 p. m.; preaching at 8 p. m. T. Reeves, pastor.

Baptist—East Second Street—Between Walnut and Court avenues. Services at 11:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; Bible services at 6:30 p. m.; Young Peoples Endeavor at 2:30 p. m.; preaching at 8 p. m.

First African Baptist Church—Corner Fourth and School; preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; preaching at 8 p. m. Rev. F. Lonsack, pastor.

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Original Notice.

Sophia Burnside vs. Bruce Burnside. In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Polk County, January Term, A. D. 1895.

To Bruce Burnside: You are hereby notified that on or before the 10th day of December A. D. 1895 the petition of plaintiff in the above entitled cause will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Polk County, claiming of you an absolute divorce on the grounds of wilful desertion. And unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the January term of said Court, which will commence at Des Moines on the 2d day of January 1896, default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon.

Dated this 1st day of December 1895.
WILLIAMSON & RUSH,
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To Milton B. Coe:

You are hereby notified that on the 2d day of December, A. D. 1895 the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, was sold for the taxes for the year 1894 which real estate is described as follows to-wit: Lot Six (6) Block Twenty-eight (28) Halls Addition to, and now forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa. That the same was, at such sale, purchased by J. H. Phillips and a certificate issued to him by the Treasurer of Polk county, Iowa, and by the said J. H. Phillips the certificate was duly assigned to Marianne Saucerman and she is now the owner and holder of said certificate, and the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's deed for said property will be made, unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

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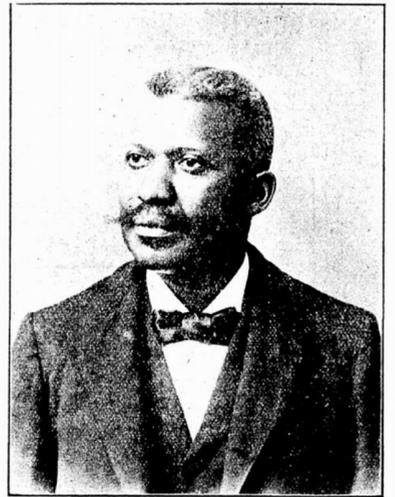
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