

# IOWA STATE BYSTANDER.

VOL. 5.

DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1899.

No. 40.

## Iowa State Bystander.

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY THE BYSTANDER PUBLISHING COMPANY, 320 FIFTH STREET, ROOMS 11 AND 12. IOWA PHONE NO. 899.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL UNITED GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, A. F. & A. M.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION. One year, \$1.50. Six months, \$1.00. Three months, \$0.50. All subscriptions payable in advance.

J. L. THOMPSON, EDITOR. J. H. SHEPARD, MANAGER.

Sold money by postoffice order, money order, express or draft, to THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER Publishing Company.

Communications must be written on one side of the paper only and be of interest to the public. "Brevity is the soul of wit," remember.

We will not return rejected manuscript unless accompanied by postage stamps.

## IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER. CITY NEWS

Now is your chance to get a bicycle. Remember that the election of School directors takes place next Monday.

Mrs. Matilda Hughes was quite sick last week, but some better this week.

Wesley Fields has been sick this week but is improving at present.

Miss Lelia Sheffey is enjoying a pleasant week with the Des Moines society.

A large crowd was out last Sunday to see the baptizing at the Baptist church on School and B streets.

Mrs. Lena Reel of 1410 West 2nd, street has been confined to her bed the most of the week with lagrippe.

Vote for Frank Kiest and I. Ross Thompson for School directors in West Des Moines district.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Blagden, a baby boy last Tuesday the 7th, and child doing well.

X L Laundry is not surpassed for pearly white and neat finish, Phone No. 424.

Rev. Reeves little son Timothy Jr, took suddenly ill last Tuesday at school and died home, but at this writing is resticely.

Hope that the bright young men will enter the contest for the wheel that we offer this week as

is not have cont... la to do its best... Pills cure consti... by this week meeting old friends... a book on Palens not like Oskaloosa and contem... ge sking.

There are four more candidates... would like to see you baptised Sunday night at... You will receive the First African Baptist church... School and B street.

Mr. John H. Rogers left over the War... bash last Friday evening for St. Louis, Mo., where he will spend about two weeks visiting his old home and friends.

We will have more about our soldiers... the South next week, also an article... contributed by Mrs. Luella Wilburn (Lieut... tant Wilburn's wife) as she sees the

The H. B. S. met with Mrs. Warricks... Thursday. Officers were elected and... usual routine of business transacted.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. I. E. Williamson 1212 Mulberry street.

Mr. Kenneth Hamilton has entered the... Capital City Commercial College to complete a business course. Kenneth is a very bright young man and we hope he will be successful.

The Corinthian Baptist church had a... Main amount of money to raise to pay... a note last week and \$7.50 of the... amount was raised by Mr. Burrell of... town, Rev. Bates feels much elated over the good work done.

The Athenian Literary Society met at... the First African Baptist church and elected: Pres., F. F. Washington; V. P., Geo. Alexander; Secty., Geo. Gater; Asst. Secty., Miss Emma Murphey; Treas., H. West; a good programme for next Tuesday evening the 14th, all are invited.

Mr. Fred Thomason who has been in... Omaha during the winter and recently passed through our city enroute to his old home in Decatur County is now down in Oklahoma Territory with the intention of remaining there, Fred is a very industrious, energetic and ambitious young man and we wish him success, he took a plant upon Greely's advice "Go west young man and get land".

Keep Quiet Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for all pains to be relieved. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all ailments of the bowels. It is always on hand.

We offer the best inducement to a lady or a gentleman to get a good bicycle very easy, it is one of the best wheels made.

Mr. A. J. Vaughn, who has been sick for some time is still confined to his home.

One of the prettiest evening parties given this year was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Williamson at 1212 Mulberry street, last Thursday evening by Josie E. Meadows and J. L. Thompson, in honor of Miss Lelia Sheffey of Washington, D. C. Fully thirty of the young people were present and all enjoyed themselves nicely. A moment was presented to the one that gussed the largest number of an advertising puzzle. Quite an interest was manifested and finally Miss Sheffey received 1st prize, Miss Stanton 2d prize. Mrs. Williamson had decorated her beautiful rooms with flowers, smilax and plants. Candles furnished additional beauty. After light refreshments were served all departed for home feeling glad to have enjoyed one evening with the well known host and hostess.

The P. L. D. society held a very interesting meeting last Monday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Blagburn a good crowd was present, after making arrangement for a special literary programme for the public April the 3rd, which will be published later, they then listen to a very interesting talk by Mrs. A. Wilburn on her trip to Macon, Ga., she gives a graphic description of her trip the jim crow car and the harsh treatment of the colored people then a brief mention of the colored schools, churches also the college taught by the Northern white friends and the colored school for the blind, then Lieutenant A. Wilburn gave a history of the sunny South as he seen it from a soldier's point of view, he says, verily verily the life of a colored cavalier is miserable, the insult, injustice and inhuman punishment by the rebels and ex-slave holders of colored citizens is more severe than the Spaniards do to the natives of Cuba, he says that justice christian love and brotherhood is unknown to them.

## Wait For the Big Show

If you want to spend an evening of fun and amusement, don't fail to attend the Minstral given by Lee Brothers' Darktown Minstral company; in the company we have such well known artists as: Mr. C. Johnson King of minstrel entertainers, Robt. Wood, every body's favorite, Messrs. Taylor and Harding king of Buck wings and fancy dancing and 20 others of equal renown, Mr. Chas. Shull will sing C. K. Harris' latest success Mid the Green Fields of old Virginia. This show is composed of home talent, the talk walk is open to all contestants. Admission, adults 25 cents children 15 cents at Webster's hall, Thursday March 16th.

## FOR SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF WEST SIDE.

At present there are five avowed candidates for school directors to fill the two places, in the West Side district they are Mr. L. Mann and John St. John Frank Kiest I. Ross Thomson and A. D. Pugh alone on the ticket, while of course but little interest is yet manifested, we like all other people would favor those who would favor the best interest of our race and feel confident that if Mr. Frank Kiest and I. Ross Thompson is elected that they would give our race more consideration than either of the others would for at least we know that it was the vote of Mr. Mann the present incumbent who wish to succeed himself again that voted against a colored man for janitor thereby causing one of our colored janitors to loose his place, we hope that the hundreds of colored voters will remember this at the polls next Monday and vote for Frank Kiest and I. Ross Thompson for they are both bright young intelligent men worthy of your support and will be thankful for your aid.

## Critical Contest At Fairfeild.

Last week the Fairfield High School oratorical contest was held to select a representative for the State contest which will be held in Burlington April 28th., there were nine contestants the 1st place was given to Rolla Ganner, subject American Imperialism and second place to G. Moss who is the first colored boy to enter such a contest, below we print what

the Fairfield papers say. The declamation that was delivered by Arthur Moss, who chose for his subject, "Valley Forge," Mr. Moss held the attention of his audience the best of any of the speakers. His voice was strong and well controlled and his gestures were exceedingly graceful. He showed himself perfectly at ease on the stage and was given second place by the judges. Mr. Moss, so far as we can learn, is the first colored boy to enter the High School contest in the state of Iowa, and only words of highest praise are heard for his performance last evening. It is the opinion of the writer that the only hindrance to his securing first place was a slight lack of clearness in his voice.

## THE "STORM" IS WITH US.

Not the Raging Elements—But a Charming Young Lady.

Miss Lelia A. Sheffey, of No. 1912 Fourteenth St., N. W. Washington, D. C. is now visiting in our city. While here she will make her home with Mrs. Warrick, 776-West Ninth St. Miss Sheffey, or "Storm", as she is better known, is visiting Iowa as a guest of her cousin, Attorney Geo. H. Woodson, of Muchakinock. She came to this state in July, intending to stay a few weeks only, but as the summer changed into autumn, her health began to decline, and it was necessary to prolong her stay as she was too weak to undertake the trip to Washington in safety. When she became, somewhat, stronger, her physician advised that she travel at short intervals and in obedience to this advise she made almost a complete tour of the Hawkeye State. This, therefore, her second trip to the Capital City, and she will remain a few days in order to meet some of her cousins, and friends, and also visit places of interest and learn something of our state capital before she returns home.

It is hard to understand why the young lady should be called, "Storm". Her pleasant address and genial disposition would make it more appropriate that she be called, "Sunshine". Certainly no one would deny that the term Storm could be applied to her distinguished cousin without much injury to that gentleman. And yet Miss Sheffey is like Mr. Woodson in many ways. She is plain, unassuming and positive in a marked degree. In complexion, features and actions, she could easily pass for his sister, but she abhors the bitter fights and controversies which have made her cousin successful wherever he has been engaged in the courts of our State. Lawyer Woodson did not stop over with Miss Sheffey as pressing business compelled him to leave here Sunday night after bringing her to the city Sunday morning. He leaves the young lady in the hands of his friends and doubtless Des Moines will treat her well. Miss Sheffey leaves Iowa for Washington between the 15th and 25th of March. She says that her visit has been pleasant and profitable and that all the Iowa people have treated her well.

## PHOTOGRAPHS of the strictly UP-TO-DATE Kind are made by

Edinger

605 Walnut street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any suffer from rheumatism, I would advise them to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm." For sale by all Druggists.

## Subscribe for the Bystander

## Bargain Week

This Week

10 Per Cent Off

On all purchases. Bargain Week Ends Saturday Night.

621 Walnut Street Moershell & Fotheringham.

## DUBUQUE NEWS

The services of the A. M. E. church was well attended all day Sunday. Missionary was held at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Robber presided, each one answered to roll call with a verse from Shakespeare. There were addresses from visitors and members. A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. J. S. Martin. Protracted at night after the services and was very interesting. Bible reading will be held at the residence of Mrs. C. Robber. Every one invited.

## CLINTON ITEMS.

Rev. Wesley Ellerton of Colville, Ill. has accepted a call to the Second Baptist church of this city, and will shortly move his family here to reside. Rev. James Robinson of Lyon's sight seeing in Chicago.

## COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Mrs. Holmes was entertained Thursday by a select number from Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Mr. H. Walker and son Ralph is on the sick list, but is better this week.

Miss Susie Newman of Des Moines is the guest of Mrs. A. Nealy.

Mrs. W. H. McEaven was esteemed very highly with a surprise party, composed of Omaha and Council Bluffs friends, last Friday evening.

Messrs. A. Johnson and C. Harthorn, members of the 9th Calvary of Utah, is are the guest of Messdams, J. Tannhill and A. Nealy, and their company is appreciated highly by the ladies of this city.

## MUCHAKINOCK NEWS

Ed Jones returned last week after an extended visit to Des Moines, Marquisville and Youngstown.

Misses Eldora and Ethel Eubanks left Thursday for their home in Kirksville, Mo., after spending all winter with their mother Mrs. Addie Johnson.

Percy Knooland spent Sunday in Des Moines.

Lewis Nolan Jr. left for Kansas City last week and will stay indefinitely.

S. Joe Brown went to Ottumwa Tuesday on business.

Geo. W. Woodson and Miss Lelia Sheffey went to Des Moines Sunday the latter will visit there several weeks.

## BOONE DOINGS.

Miss Williams of Ogden was a Sunday visitor.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. James Robinson are on the sick list.

Rev. Basfield has moved into the second house South of the church.

The Fraser murder case ended last week and Judge Birdsall sentenced Hall to eight years imprisonment and one thousand dollars fine.

Monday evening the P. C. met with Mr. G. W. Brown, after a very profitable meeting Mrs. Brown served coffee and cake, the members thanked Mrs. Brown for her motherly interest in the club.

## OTTUMWA NEWS.

Miss Francis Brown left Tuesday morning for Nevada, Mo., for her health.

S. Joe Brown of Muchakinock was in the city the first of the week.

Rev. Mrs. Thurman of Jackson, Michigan who has been holding meetings for the past week at the A. M. E. church, was called away Monday to the bedside of her father.

The young people of the A. M. E. church are preparing for Easter.

Lawyer Woodson was in the city last week on business.

Mrs. Jennie Hamilton who has been ill for the past two weeks is better at this writing.

Mr. Brown of Chicago was in the city Sunday, visiting his mother-in-law Mrs. C. Taylor.

Wm. Scott who was taken ill while on his way from California to Missouri with typhoid fever, died at the Ottumwa hospital Monday morning, the remains will be sent to Cowgill for interment.

Geo. Taylor a private in 7th, Missouri Volunteer, colored immunes is in the city visiting at the home of his sister Mrs. Caddie Cason on W. Second street. Mr. Taylor was discharged from the service. He had been in camp with his regiment at Macon, Ga.

Thirty colored recruits of the Twenty-fourth United States regulars from Indianapolis, passed through the city last week enroute to join the regiment at Ft. Douglas Utah.

## Bargain Week

This Week

10 Per Cent Off

On all purchases. Bargain Week Ends Saturday Night.

621 Walnut Street Moershell & Fotheringham.

## DUBUQUE NEWS

The services of the A. M. E. church was well attended all day Sunday. Missionary was held at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Robber presided, each one answered to roll call with a verse from Shakespeare. There were addresses from visitors and members. A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. J. S. Martin. Protracted at night after the services and was very interesting. Bible reading will be held at the residence of Mrs. C. Robber. Every one invited.

## CLINTON ITEMS.

Rev. Wesley Ellerton of Colville, Ill. has accepted a call to the Second Baptist church of this city, and will shortly move his family here to reside. Rev. James Robinson of Lyon's sight seeing in Chicago.

## COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Mrs. Holmes was entertained Thursday by a select number from Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Mr. H. Walker and son Ralph is on the sick list, but is better this week.

Miss Susie Newman of Des Moines is the guest of Mrs. A. Nealy.

Mrs. W. H. McEaven was esteemed very highly with a surprise party, composed of Omaha and Council Bluffs friends, last Friday evening.

Messrs. A. Johnson and C. Harthorn, members of the 9th Calvary of Utah, is are the guest of Messdams, J. Tannhill and A. Nealy, and their company is appreciated highly by the ladies of this city.

## MUCHAKINOCK NEWS

Ed Jones returned last week after an extended visit to Des Moines, Marquisville and Youngstown.

Misses Eldora and Ethel Eubanks left Thursday for their home in Kirksville, Mo., after spending all winter with their mother Mrs. Addie Johnson.

Percy Knooland spent Sunday in Des Moines.

Lewis Nolan Jr. left for Kansas City last week and will stay indefinitely.

S. Joe Brown went to Ottumwa Tuesday on business.

Geo. W. Woodson and Miss Lelia Sheffey went to Des Moines Sunday the latter will visit there several weeks.

## BOONE DOINGS.

Miss Williams of Ogden was a Sunday visitor.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. James Robinson are on the sick list.

Rev. Basfield has moved into the second house South of the church.

The Fraser murder case ended last week and Judge Birdsall sentenced Hall to eight years imprisonment and one thousand dollars fine.

Monday evening the P. C. met with Mr. G. W. Brown, after a very profitable meeting Mrs. Brown served coffee and cake, the members thanked Mrs. Brown for her motherly interest in the club.

## OTTUMWA NEWS.

Miss Francis Brown left Tuesday morning for Nevada, Mo., for her health.

S. Joe Brown of Muchakinock was in the city the first of the week.

Rev. Mrs. Thurman of Jackson, Michigan who has been holding meetings for the past week at the A. M. E. church, was called away Monday to the bedside of her father.

The young people of the A. M. E. church are preparing for Easter.

Lawyer Woodson was in the city last week on business.

Mrs. Jennie Hamilton who has been ill for the past two weeks is better at this writing.

Mr. Brown of Chicago was in the city Sunday, visiting his mother-in-law Mrs. C. Taylor.

Wm. Scott who was taken ill while on his way from California to Missouri with typhoid fever, died at the Ottumwa hospital Monday morning, the remains will be sent to Cowgill for interment.

Geo. Taylor a private in 7th, Missouri Volunteer, colored immunes is in the city visiting at the home of his sister Mrs. Caddie Cason on W. Second street. Mr. Taylor was discharged from the service. He had been in camp with his regiment at Macon, Ga.

Thirty colored recruits of the Twenty-fourth United States regulars from Indianapolis, passed through the city last week enroute to join the regiment at Ft. Douglas Utah.

## Harris-Emery Co.

Iowa's Greatest Dry Goods House.

## Harris-Emery Co.

Iowa's Greatest Dry Goods House.

## THESE SPECIALS IN OUR BASEMENT.

Money savers because Mill Ends that we secured at a fourth to a third under value.

- MILL ENDS of Zephyr dress gingham, choice styles a yard..... 3c
- MILL ENDS Black Henrietta Satines, 12 1/2c quality a yard..... 8c
- MILL ENDS of Fancy Outing Flannels, 9 1-3c quality for..... 5c
- MILL ENDS Silkcolines lengths 1 to 7 yards..... 3 1/2c
- MILL ENDS Simpson's Drapery Satines, handsome floral designs, 20c quality, lengths 2 to 10 yards, a yard..... 13c
- MILL ENDS Fancy Curtain Swisses and Serims, beautiful printings, the very latest fad for Curtains, MILL ENDS 1 to 10 yards..... 10c
- MILL ENDS of Staple Apron Gingham, standard quality, a yard..... 4c
- MILL ENDS of Jamestown Black and Fancy Dress Goods that sell up to 30c a yard..... 19c
- MILL ENDS 35 inch Percales, our 12 1/2c and 10c quality, for..... 5c
- MILL ENDS of White Goods, 4 lots —for 3c, 5c, 7c, 10c yard
- 3c lot worth up to 6c a yard, 5c lot worth up to 8 1-3c a yard, 7c lot worth up to 12 1/2c a yard, 10c lot worth up to 18c a yard.
- MILL ENDS of all standard Calicoes, every conceivable color, worth 5c and 6c a yards, for a yard..... 3c
- MILL ENDS light ground Crestonnes worth 12 1/2c, 16c 20c, for a yard..... 5c
- MILL ENDS of Curtain Serims, for a yard..... 3 1/2c
- MILL ENDS of All Wool Dress Goods, for a yard..... 12 1/2c
- MILL ENDS of Cheviot and Oxford shirtings, worth 10c to 20c a yard, a yard..... 6c
- MILL ENDS of Canton Flannels, a yard..... 2 1/2c
- MILL ENDS of Fine Bleached and Brown Canton and Shaker flannels, 3 to 7 yard lengths, worth 19c and 12 1/2c, for..... 7 1/2c
- MILL ENDS of 42 inch Brown Muslin for a yard..... 3c

now and extensive business. Corporal Bird of Company D 51st, Iowa says Manila is all right and he would like to locate there.

The K. H. S. observed Washington's birthday Friday, also Longfellow's birthday the 27.

Mrs. W. P. Byrd was taken very ill, Friday but is reported better now, the whist game was won by Mr. and Mrs. Tomlin.

Mr. Cread Mason is in the city visiting his mother and friends.

We are glad to know that the immunes will soon be home as one of the boys is from our city.

## ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Ray of Lucas passed through Albia this week enroute to Colon.

Rev. Johnson of Des Moines passed through our town on his way home from Muchakinock to Des Moines.

Mrs. H. Jones has been very sick at her home in this city for the past week.

The Albia Odd Fellows of this city will give an ice cream social and cake walk at the Odd Fellows Hall in this city on March the 19th., all are invited.

Programme of the P. L. D. society for Thursday evening is as follows: Address, Burt Jones, Essay, May Davis; Recitation, Ollie Tolson; Quartet, by four boys Select Reading, John Thomas; Recitation Fred Parker; Song, Warn Mines; Debate Resolved that the Spanish-American war was a benefit to the United States, Affirmative, Henrietta Jones; Negative, Delia Davis.

The new mines south of town is bringing a number of strangers into our city every week.

## TO DAY

Time was when in the Slave's Defense When season was with perils dense, Brave men stood up and plead his cause, And dared condemn inhuman laws!

But now where clanked his heavy chain, His enemies would bind again, And from him freed but yesterday Take every blood bought right away.

Brave Summer! Whittier: are ye gone? Hast thou no like to call upon? Garrison! Lincoln! we call in vain, We shall not see their like again!

Then be the Black his own defense And though the struggle be intense, Fight hard fight well, for every right That's granted by our charter's might.

KATHERINE D. TILLMAN. Clinton, Iowa.

## AS TRUE AS GOSPEL.

Speak well of your friend, of your enemy, say nothing.

He who says what he likes will hear what he does not like.

A man's manners are the mirror in which he shows his portrait.

If cheerfulness knocks for admittance, we should open our hearts wide to receive it, for it never comes inopportunely.

Learning is either good or bad according to him that has it—an excellent weapon, if well used; otherwise, like a sharp razor in the hands of a child.

Life is no idle dream, but a solemn reality based on and encompassed by eternity. Find out your work, and stand to it; the night cometh when no man can work.

All brave men are brave in initiative, but the courage which enables them to succeed where others dare not even attempt is never so potent as when it leads to entire self-forgetfulness.

Human happiness has no perfect security but freedom, freedom none but virtue, virtue none but knowledge has any virtue of immortal hope except in the principles of the Christian faith and in the sanctities of the Christian religion.

Mr. E. E. Jeffers departed for Fond du Lac Monday after an extended visit with relatives.

Mrs. Lucinda Cooper is at Ackworth attending protracted meetings.

Rev. and Mrs. Skanes expect to move to Oskaloosa in the near future.

Miss Myrtle Cooper has been sick the last three weeks.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

A new curtain-hanger is formed of a strip of spring metal whose tendency is to straighten, to be bent around the pole and attached to the members of a clamp, the jaws being closed on the curtain by the pressure of the spring strip.

To indicate whether a watch is wound or not a revolving ring is mounted in the face, to be turned in one direction by the winding stem as the spring is tightened, the running town of the watch turning it back again.

Ordinary shears can be changed to use for cutting buttonholes by a new attachment, consisting of a sleeve, which fits on the end of the blade and has a sharp edge to enter the cloth, the rear of the sleeve striking the opposite blade to prevent the shears from closing entirely.

Playing cards are automatically shuffled by a newly patented instrument, having a flaring mouth at the top, in which the cards are placed, to drop down on a slotted grate, the latter being shaken by a handle to drop the cards into a channel leading to the base below, where the cards fall.

An Ohio man has patented an animal trap which sets itself automatically and kills the animals as fast as caught, a tilting platform being arranged over a water receptacle, with cant attached to the platform, the rod tipping the cover and falling into the water when he reaches the bait.

## 50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

PATENTS

TRADE MARKS DESIGNS

COPYRIGHTS &c.

Attorneys sending a sketch and description will quickly ascertain our opinion free whether an invention is probably patentable. Communications strictly confidential. Handbook on Patents sent free. (Don't agency for securing patents, Patents taken through James A. Co. receive special notice, without charge, in the Scientific American.)