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## IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

### CITY NEWS

Mason's New Millinery 609 Locust St.

All should attend the stewardess' interment.

Mrs. Anna Allen at 1119 Park St. has two nicely furnished rooms for rent.

Hear the Jubilee Singers, Saturday evening at the Central Christian Church.

Attend the Easter Services, at the A. M. E. Church Sunday evening.

Read our great bicycle prize offering on the fourth page.

Go to the New Fashionable Millinery on 5th street.

Miss Alice Jones will leave very soon for a few weeks visit in Oklaheena.

You can hear the Famous Jubilee Singers, Monday night at Wesley M. E. Church.

The H. B. S. E. C. has issued invitations for a reception to be given April 6th at Mrs. Hamilton 706 Walker St.

The Stewardess Board, of the A. M. E. Church will serve supper and refreshment at the church next Monday evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry McCraven, last Friday morning a daughter both are getting along fairly well.

Latest styles lowest prices Mason's 609 Locust street.

The Good Time Club met on last Thursday evening at the home of Miss Beattie Stewart. The evening was spent in playing various games and reciting quotations from popular poets. At 10:00 o'clock a light lunch was served.

Miss O'Neal of St. Joseph, Mo., who has been attending Highland Park College, returned home this week to recuperate in health.

Miss Della Richardson is spending her vacation week with her parents at Clive, Iowa.

Mr. Frank Blagburn has purchased him a beautiful home near Fourteenth and Forest.

Lieutenant E. G. McAfee has purchased him a nice home in Clifton Heights.

Easter hats are ready, "Mason's"

The Canadian Jubilee Singers are one of the best companies on the road.

The H. B. S. met at the home of Mrs. E. T. Banks, a very interesting and instructive meeting was held, after which an elegant lunch was served.

Remember the new Millinery on 5th street for Easter hats.

There is talk among some of our people of making an excursion in the early summer to Minneapolis and St. Paul if they can secure a rate that will give all an opportunity to go.

Miss Ethel Wells of Highland Park and her friend Miss Beattie Stewart formerly of Oklaheena but now at Highland Park also her little brother Harry made a pleasant call at our office last Wednesday.

Easter hats are ready, "Mason's"

The Ladies Afternoon Social Club met at the home of Mrs. D. Miller, a very pleasant afternoon was spent in conversation and needle work, at 2:00 o'clock lunch was served. The Club will meet April 13th with Mrs. Fred Jackson 1122 North 5th street.

The Famous Canadian Jubilee Singers, who are singing at the Central Christian Church, will sing at the Wesleyan M. E. Church, on 11th and Des Moines streets, on Saturday evening, the 31st inst.

## Mason's Best Milliners 609 Locust.

The A. M. E. Sunday School, will have a special Easter program for Sunday evening.

The East Side Baptist Church are holding their revival this week with nine additions to their church, the pastor Rev. J. H. Bell says the meetings will continue another week.

Mason New Millinery 609 Locust St.

Mrs. Sarah Langford received the sad message last Friday of the death of her mother Mrs. R. Jones of Bethany Mo., she left immediately for Bethany, later reports states that her mother died of complications of the heart. Mrs. Jones was a good mother and dutiful wife will like by all who knew her. We extend our condolences to the bereaved husband and children.

Mason's Prices will please you.

The Georgia Minstrel will be at the Mirror Theater Saturday April 1st. Matinee in the afternoon prices 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents it is one of the best minstrel troupes on the road.

Telegram to Rev. N. H. Schenck, Look Haven, Pa.: You cannot use too strong superlatives concerning the Jubilee Singers. Orchestra, fine; Mandolin, superb; Pianissimo songs true to nature. Other Vocal Selections rendered in the best of style, they far surpass the Flasks.

REV. J. M. JOHNSON.

They will be at the Central Christian church on W. 9th and Pleasant street Saturday April 1st, and at Wesleyan M. E. church on E. 11th and Des Moines.

Mason's Prices will please you.

LOOK HERE.

The attraction at the Merrior Theater Saturday April 1st will be the annual visit of the Georgia's operatic colored minstrel in the latest southern sketch "Georgia Up-to-Date," headed by Harry Gilliam, better known as the "Acrobatic Hobrow," and Julius Glenn, center character and song writer. The stage scheme of "Georgia Up-to-Date" consists of a medley of comedy burlesque, vaude, opera and minstrelsy. The opening is set like the old time minstrel first part introducing the entire company in the latest song, dance and up-to-date specialties. The first half hour of the performance serves to introduce Harry Gilliam and Julius Glenn and the comedy forces, in which the situations give the company comedians full scope. The Georgia company's military band is said to be one of the finest on the road. There will be a big street parade and an open-air band concert.

Keep Quiet

and use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for all pains to the stomach and all unnatural looseness of the bowels. It always cures.

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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 profit by giving Pain Balm a trial please me." For sale by all Druggists.

## OUR BURDEN.

Recently there has been so much said and written about the white man's burden, especially after Rudyard Kipling had written his famous poem on the "White Man's Burden" following the White Man's Burden there has been many poems written on the Brown Man's Burden, Black Man's Burden, Colored Man's Burden and etc. While perhaps Mr. Kipling sees the White Man's Burden much easier than he does any other man's burden. The colored man's burden is so much more, so much harder, more humiliating, so grove and vile as to put a shame on civilized beings. Their foul treatment in the south and the great prejudice that as a rule debars them from becoming members of the in-

dustrial and labor unions of America is enough to shock humanity. We suppose the reason Mr. Kipling did not write about the Colored Man's many Burdens, that the few burdens the white man has made him very sick, almost dying, and probably the Colored man's Burden would have killed him. It is true that we all may have burdens, but none so hard and cruel as the Colored Man's.

## OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Several of our large colleges and universities have recently received substantial support either from the National Government or State Legislature, which show a growing interest among the better element to assist in the general education of the Negro in certain sections of the United States. One of these institutions that was largely aided was the Tuskegee Industrial Institution, which received a donation from the government of 25,000 acres of land, valued at \$100,000. Then the A and M University at Langston City received from the Territorial Legislature \$10,000 for additional building; \$15,000 for equipment and \$15,000 a year for carry over on the school. Prof. Inman E. Page formerly of the Lincoln Institute at Jefferson City, Mo., is at the head of the institution. Then the University at Quindoria, Kansas received the handsome sum of \$10,000. It is presided over by Rev. Tecumseh Vernon, and the Legislature of Illinois passed the Page Bill, which authorized the building of a college in Illinois for the education of all children who may come with a Board of Regents, of which three are to be colored men, and several more that I might mention, but this is sufficient to show that some of the institutions are receiving liberal support, and we hope that the money will be judiciously expended for the betterment of the college and advancement of the standard of scholarship.

## COLORED PEOPLE ORGANIZE A CORPORATION.

About fifty of the leading colored citizens of Des Moines met last Monday night to organize an association to conduct a grocery store. The meeting was called to order by Market Master, Frank Blagburn and Rev. T. Reeves was made temporary chairman; J. L. Thompson, Secretary. After several had expressed their ideas, those present who were willing to take a share or more were asked to sign their names. There were 29 names signed, after which the chairman appointed a committee on room and location which were, R. N. Hyde, Wm. Coalson, J. H. Shepard. The committee on Articles of Incorporation and By Laws—J. L. Thompson, Frank Blagburn, Mrs. A. Wilburn, S. D. Miller, C. B. Woods, John Walker, Chas. Mash, I. E. Williamson E. G. McAfee and H. Gould.

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The Negro race and its achievements are the subject for discussion by Paul Danbar Literary club, at the Saint Paul A. M. E. church, corner Second and Center, Monday evening, April 3, 1899, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Following is the program:

- 1. Selection by the quartette.
- 2. As a Professional Man... Wm. Mash
- 3. As a Journalist... C. S. Ruff
- 4. The Clergy and the Churches... Rev. T. Reeves
- 5. Vocal Solo... Mrs. J. H. Shepherd
- 6. The Educational of Progress... Mrs. Viola Pergason
- 7. Naval and Military Achievements... Wm. Frazier
- 8. In the Business World... Al. Pierson
- 9. Instrumental Selection... Miss Beattie Stewart
- 10. Noted Women... Miss Zella Davis
- 11. Fiction and Poetic Writers... Miss Effie Jackson
- 12. In the Dramatic and Musical World... Miss Luella Wilburn
- 13. Violin Selection... Wm. Warwick
- 14. Statesmen and Orators... Mrs. A. O. Smith
- 15. As a Politician... H. L. Pierce
- 16. Vocal Solo... Mrs. J. F. Blagburn

## COUNCIL BLUFFS.

We thank God for the ability to write in news this week, as we have missed two weeks on account of sickness.

Another Carter has resigned and gone home. He did good work while here at the church, good God's blessing upon his wife ever to May 10.

The church would like to get one of the Minnets of the last meeting of the Iowa Baptist Association. H. C. Walker, Clerk, 129 W. Pierce street.

The cake walk spirit has prevailed in this place a long time. The old adage is, a wise man changes but, well, if you don't change you know you are not wise, that's all.

How many who profess to walk after the Lord, walked for the cake, or watched others do so. Please be honest enough to report, without being asked.

Easter is the leading thought now Why should Baptist observe it? According to our belief, we wish this question to be answered prayerfully and thoughtfully.

The agent of the Bystander will call on you April 4th, be prepared to give him satisfaction.

## OTTUMWA NEWS.

Mrs. Meadow of Des Moines was in the city last week visiting friends she left Monday for Albia.

Mr. J. Williams of Muchaknock is a Sunday visitor.

Mrs. Crump of Hedrick arrived in the city last week to visit till after Easter, with relative and friends.

Tom Melroy left Tuesday for St. Joseph on business.

The annual sermon of Ottumwa lodge No. 1 Knights of Pythias was delivered at the A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon by Rev. Alexander, the members of the lodge marched from their hall and was headed by the band of Keb, the members of which also belong to the lodge. Ottumwa lodge No. 1 in the state of Iowa, was organized last fall and has been growing ever since, to-day it ranks among the prominent societies of that order in the State.

Rev. Lillian Thurman of Davenport will begin a series of protracted meeting at the A. M. E. church this week. Miss Thurman is an Evangelist in the fourth Episcopal district including Iowa, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana and has been engaged in this work for the past ten years.

## Special to the Bystander.

Mr. I. L. Brown 33rd, Degree of Marshalltown M. Y. M. and Imperil Deputy Grand Patente of the Ancient Arabic order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Free Masonry Institute. A temple of the Mystic Shrines and a Consistory, on Tuesday evening March 21st, at the Masonic Hall. The degree was conferred on the following Masons: E. L. Shaw, John Johnson, B. J. Fuller, Rev. Alexander, R. Hale, R. Thomas, H. Elcorot, T. Bentan, M. Brooks, John Rose, F. Conwa, D. Bales, J. Johnson, L. Bates, J. Lee H. Farmer, Henry Lang, F. McKinsey Gabriel, Z. A. Taylor, John Harris and at 12:00 P. M. the members went to Mrs. Gilbert's chop house and restaurant where the members were served to a splendid supper then went to their hall where the work was completed and the Deputy Grand Patente, I. L. Brown returned to Marshalltown on the 6:30 A. M.

## ALBIA NEWS.

Miss Jones of Muchaknock is visiting at the home of Mr. Parker this week.

Albia Lodge of Odd Fellows gave their entertainment in the city hall on Saturday evening a large crowd was present and the cake walk was very nice. Good music and dancing throughout the evening and all present seemed to enjoy themselves. Ice cream and cake being served.

The P. L. D. Literary Society will have the same programme of last week at their annual meeting Thursday.

Mrs. Jameson of Oklaheena is visiting with her husband in this city for a few weeks.

The Junior of the Albia High School gave an annual entertainment on Friday which was very good. Mr. William Hollingworth and his sister Miss May are members of this class.

## CLINTON ITEMS.

Mrs. Wm. Henderson who has been quite ill with the grippe is some what improved at this writing.

Easter will be observed in an appropriate manner by the churches with carefully arranged programmes.

Presiding Elder Bundy held quarterly meeting last Sunday and was assisted by Revs. Jas. Robinson of Lyons and Noble Stewart.

Mrs. Jesse Mitchell and children of Fulton, Ill. are in the city called here by the illness of Mrs. Henderson her mother.

A number of the young ladies and gentlemen are arranging to present the beautiful Dramatic Cantata of Lost and Saved soon early date for the benefit of the A. M. E. church.

Presiding Elder Bundy left Tuesday morning for Davenport.

At the close of love feast on Monday night Mr. Bush was elected delegate to the Electoral College in May to be held at Rock Island, he may be a possible candidate for delegate to the General Conference.

Mrs. G. M. Tillman who has been ill, disposed for some time past is feeling much better.

## DUBUQUE NEWS.

The Rev. Elder Bundy was in our city the 24th, to attend quarterly meeting.

Mrs. Sydney Johnson has returned from Chicago and will make this her future home.

Mr. W. Norris had a very narrow escape of the explosion of a gas stove, her hair was badly burned.

Little Eva Martin is on the sick list. Rev. Johnson preached a very interesting sermon Sunday evening subject Seed is the Word of God.

There is some talk of an entertainment in the near future.

The Sunday school is preparing for a nice programme Sunday.

The Bible reading which was to be held at Mrs. Martin Friday will be postponed on account of Presiding Elder Bundy being here.

## NEWTON NOTES.

Tuesday evening Mrs. E. D. Finch entertained a number of young ladies in honor of the Misses Whitsett.

Fred Green and J. E. Mathews left Monday for Sioux City on business.

Sunday Mr. J. C. Whitsett and family were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. W. Walden and at tea by Mr. John Miller.

Mr. John Anderson is visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. James Hayes was a victim of the grippe last week.

Mr. John Whitsett and family departed Tuesday evening for Indianapolis where they will make their future home. A large number of their friends were at the depot to bid them farewell and wish them success and happiness in their new home. Mr. Paul Walden accompanied them as far as Grinnell.

The Non Partis will give their first ball in two weeks this will be the first ball ever given by Newton society and is looked forward to with much interest and it will be a very well affair.

The most well event in social order this season was the party given Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson at their home on 4th street. About 20 of our young people were present, the evening was pleasantly spent in games, dancing etc. An elaborate four course supper was served, the tables were artistically decorated with ornamental and hyacinths. The guests departed at a late hour declaring that Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have no superior as entertainers.

## BOONE DOINGS.

The residence of Mr. James Anthony was badly damaged by fire on Thursday night.

Word has been received from Kansas City stating that Miss Anna Coleman is improving, her sister Miss Beattie has been at her bedside for the past two weeks.

The P. C. held an open session Monday March 30th. The programme was carried out in the most impressive manner. In the debate, Resolve, that expansion will benefit the Negro, Mr. S. L. Terry received the verdict over Mr. C. Colman the affirmative.

Mrs. James Anthony attended the wedding of Miss Georgia Lewis and Mr. Chambers at Webster City, Miss Lewis at one time resided in Boone.

## CHARITON NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Newman who have formerly resided on Mr. Copeland's farm are now locating in Chariton.

Several young men from Missouri are in the city, they gave a cake walk the 24th which was given by Mr. John Briggs of Missouri and Miss Lottie Holmes of this city.

The sociable given by the House Hold of Ruth was a success both in attendance and financially.

Mr. Claude Martin who has been ill with rheumatism and lung trouble is much better.

Rev. Topp has been ill with the grippe but is able to be out again.

John Ed. Orresley of Lucas was in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Maggie Jeffers had the misfortune to lose her little white Spitz-dog while in the city Saturday.

## THE PEOPLE CHOICE FOR DELEGATE.

Special to the Bystander.

Mr. Editor, Please allow me space in your valuable paper to write a few lines in regard to the delegates to the General Conference from the St. Paul district. I have in my mind a young man worthy and fully able in every particular to do honor to the St. Paul district and Iowa's Annual Conference, should they send him as a delegate to the next General Conference, he is what we need that is an intelligent christian gentleman to represent us before that great assembly and I say he is worthy and fully able to fill the position with credit and honor to the district and general churches, I am sure that I voice the sentiment of every member of the Iowa Annual Conference; it is true he is not seeking the position, but the position is needing and seeking him and I am sure he is willing to serve the wishes of his brethren, of course there are others who would possibly fill the place, but as we are only expected to send to send one from the St. Paul district, let us send a man who has merited it from every standpoint, the young man that I speak of is one who has come up among us and we have learned to love and trust him who is Rev. Timothy Reeves of Des Moines is the worthy brother of whom I speak.

P. P. TAYLOR Davenport.

A very nice birth surprise party given by a few young girls friends of Miss Mable Hall last Wednesday, it was her 18th birthday all had a good time.

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- One case Standard Calicoes in light and medium colors, at per yard 3c
- Summer Goods—light weight material Organadies—Batistes—Dimities—Etc.—two great assortment of them at per yard, 7c and 5c
- Ladies' Kid Gloves—new Spring colors—all Shades—a 75 cent value—Special at 49c
- Ladies' Metal Belts—plain or Jeweled—more than a hundred styles to choose from—worth up to 75 cents—choice—25c
- Ladies' Shirt Waists and—Special to close out all last year's Goods worth up to \$2.50—divided into three assortments at 75c, 50c and 29c
- Our Spring Suits, Waists and Skirts are all ready for you—a big and elegant showing at popular prices
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## SEELEY & MUNSON SUCCESSORS TO M. L. TREPANIER CO.



The above cut is the Canadian Jubilee Singers and imperial Orchestra with Miss D. Underwood, sometimes called (The Black Melba) as the star singer, also Miss J. Smith as Jubilee Soprano, with J. Cockbin and young W. H. Holland as good Bass. Lewis Washington, the Silver Tenor. In fact if reports be true all eleven of the company are good artists. While they are from Canada, yet they have spent eight seasons in the United States. They will appear on the West Side Saturday evening, April 1st, at the Central Christian Church, and on the East Side Monday evening, April 3rd, at the Wesleyan Methodist Church East Eleventh and Des Moines street.

## THE OPEN QUESTION.

Boston the hub of the Union, no one who is an American would ever forget what happened there one hundred and twenty years ago when the first round of liberty went up for the American. Independence. This great city of liberty is at present wrought up over an edict against the killing and exterminating of that little harmless bird the English sparrow. The Mayor of that city has employed five men to put in their time destroying the nests of the little pests and that this war will be a war of extermination, it is nothing to me and again it is a whole world to me and to us all who have and be as the burdens of these trying and busy days. If that Mayor or any Mayor of the cities of the United States would employ five hundred or more men backed up by the law to, and for the purpose of destroying and exterminating those feindish mobs, these lynching rascals, that seem to gnaw at the very vitals of the American Negro why they would be doing a world of wide good for them for the republic as well as for the safety of the Negro. Who would ever think of destroying something that never harms even a hair of a living being something that gives light, happiness and joy when they are trodden down by a mad and terrifying mob of human villains. It was claimed that the sparrow should be suppressed because he was a notoriously unclean bird, because he defiled buildings where in all this world is there any unclean object more precious to us all than the soul of man, I say that before I would have one of those little harmless beings destroyed I would rather see all that class who make up some of the best of the Government's army and navy destroyed.

S. L. TERRY, Boone, I. Subscribe for the Bystander.