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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

## CITY NEWS

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Mr. Reese of Oskaloosa is in our city on business this week.

Sunday did not seem like an Easter Sunday to the Iowa people.

Mrs. R. N. Hyde has been a sufferer from neuralgia the past week, but is better.

Mason's Prices will please you.

Little Ada Hyde has been quite sick but is much better at present.

We had the largest snow storm Easter Sunday then was ever known by the citizens of Des Moines.

Mason's Prices will please you.

Miss Grace Smith left last Wednesday for her old home in Keokuk, Mo., to visit awhile.

Mr. James Watson's little infant child died last Sunday and was buried Monday at the Woodland cemetery.

Edward Weeks of Ames came down to spend Sunday with his relatives returning Monday morning.

Miss Terry of Boone who has spent all winter in Muehakinock passed through our city Tuesday enroute to Boone.

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Rev. C. W. Holmes of Omaha, the new pastor who has been assigned to the Bern's M. E. church has arrived in our city and will preach Sunday. He will move his family here soon.

The H. B. S. will meet at the home of Mrs. G. W. Denny Thursday the 12. A social meeting will be held, and Mrs. Smith will make a short talk.

The P. L. D. Literary will meet April 10th., at the home of Mrs. Lewis Blagburn. Mr. Frank Blagburn will read a paper on the Philippine Island followed by a general discussion.

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Mrs. Josie Meadows has returned from a visit to her home in Albion and has resumed her studies in Music at Highland Park College.

P. G. Lowery the leader of the Colored Military Band with the Georgia Minstrel spent Sunday in our city. Mr. Lowery enjoys the distinction of being one of the best cornetists in America today he is a young man and will doubtless win many honors yet.

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Mr. E. G. McAfee our painter and decorator has gone into business for himself and will do all kinds of decorating and paper hanging, give him a call.

Mr. Fred Branch of Des Moines who was with the 8th. Illinois Infantry has returned and will make this his future home.

Mr. Herbert Jacobs our foreman was sick a few days the past week, but is able to be in the office again.

Des Moines had a good many prominent visitors last Sunday. The famous Canadian Jubilee Singers, P. G. Lowery with the Military Band, a part of Mr. Wright's Nashville Students and several ministers returning home from the M. E. church conference in Oskaloosa.

The Athenian Literary Society was well attended at the Baptist church on School and B Street. Mr. Brooks was elected Vice-President a good programme was prepared for next Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harris have moved in from Marquette, and are now located in their pleasant home 778 W. Ninth St.

NOTICE—We desire to say to those who had intended to enter our bicycle contest, that we will be compelled to withdraw our offer of the wheel at this time, for reasons that we cannot help, but may be able in the near future, to give to the one that secure the most subscribers.

Mr. Bryant formally of Osceola, Ia but now with the Nashville Students, also two more of the company spent Sunday in our city visiting the Canadian Singers and P. G. Lowery's Military band.

L. C. Williams, Editor of the Kansas City Messenger spent Monday in our city while enroute from Newton to Kansas City. He says, that he will change the politics of his paper to a pure democratic organ. We hardly deem it wise action, located where the Messenger is, because the democracy of Missouri is not friendly with the Negroes, we remember the recent attempt to pass a jim crow car law this last winter.

The Easter number of the Denver Statesman reached our office this week in an entire new dress. It was very artistically arranged and beautifully illustrated with cuts of public buildings of Denver. It was in three parts with 12 pages well arranged and in every way modern which reflects much credit to its manager. Brother Mackley the Bystander congratulates you.

The H. B. S. reception, given at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hamilton on 706 Walker St., Thursday after was well attended and was quite a swell affair. The rooms were elaborately decorated with palms, roses, carnations, and smilax. The Misses Bess Stewart, Della Richardson and Nina Hamilton presided at the piano, while Miss Cora Smith served frappe; and the ladies of the H. B. S. served refreshments in the dining room. Those who attended enjoyed themselves immensely, and will long remember the H. B. S. Society.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers who gave two concerts in our city a few days ago, was one of the best and most refined colored singers ever visited our city, their songs was free from that peculiar dialect so frequently heard in most of the Jubilee singers each of these men and ladies were adepts well trained and very polite. Their Orchestra was simply magnificent and was something new and unique, which change the general monotony. This is their first visit in Iowa and we wish them success while in our state and hope they will come again.

Bonnets and hats are ready, "Mason's"

The members of the Paul L. Dunbar lyceum desire thank those persons who are not members of the society, who so kindly assisted us with our program last Monday evening at the A. M. E. church. I. E. WILLIAMSON. MRS. W. H. WARRICK. MISS EFFIE JACKSON-Committee.

The Grand Benefit Cake Walk, which has been on foot for several weeks, by W. M. Coalson, will take place on the night of the 20th of this month at the MIRROR, East Sixth and Locust St. It is expected to be one of the grandest affairs that has been given in this city. The program will appear in the next issue of the paper.

The election of John L. Thompson on last Friday evening as a member of the County Republican Central Committee from the 2nd. Precinct and 3rd. Ward to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Hastie was a victory for the race as every colored man was unanimous for Thompson also several white people. He is the only colored man on the Central Committee and the third ever held such a place on the Committee. Thus proved the adage is true that if the colored people will only work together quietly and honestly for their worthy and capable men in each case they could soon be a power in public affairs, whenever duty calls let us be men broad enough to lay aside petty feeling and work for the welfare of the race.

Notice, to our subscribers. The Bystander's representative from this office will call on our subscribers next week in the following towns, Marshalltown, Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Moline, Rock Island and Davenport.

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## Annual Session of the M. E. Central Missouri Conference.

The 14th annual session of the Central Missouri Methodist Conference of colored church, was held in Oskaloosa last week, and presided over by the brilliant Bishop J. E. Hurst of Washington, D. C. Nearly 150 ministers and elders were present, after the various duties customary in similar gatherings was over addresses and reports were listened to. A check for \$420.00 from the Methodist Book Concern was turned over to the treasurer for the support of Superannuated ministers. The next convention will be held in Marshall, Mo.

Prior to 1886 the colored Methodist were under control and formed a part of the regular conferences of the church. Under the enabling act of the General Conference of 1884, the colored members of the St. Louis and Missouri conference in the year 1896 at the annual conference held at Glasgow and Warrensburg, Missouri, asked for and obtained separation March 26 of that year. They immediately organized into separate conference of their own, to be known as the Central Missouri Conference. The general conference of 1896 fixed the boundaries of the central Missouri Conference as follows: The states of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and that part of the state of Illinois lying west of the following line: Beginning at the city of Cairo and running north along the Illinois Central railroad to the city of Mendota, and including all of the towns on said line of railroad; thence north to the Wisconsin state line, and hence west along state line to the Mississippi river.

The conference has 108 appointments and is divided into four districts as follows: St. Louis, Sedalia, St. Joseph and Topeka Oskaloosa belongs to the St. Joseph district of which J. J. Clark of Topeka, Kansas, is presiding elder.

## How Easter was Observed in the Capitol City.

The P. L. D. Literary Society rendered a very interesting program, at the A. M. E. church last Monday evening, to an appreciative audience, every one performed their part well, the papers by Mrs. Ferguson, Miss Jackson and the Messrs A. Perison, C. S. Ruff, H. J. Pierce and T. S. Ruff were the production of deep thought, the new Orchestra, composed of Dr. Lawther, I. E. Williamson, W. H. Warrick, Miss Lawther and with Mrs. Coalson as an accompanist did well, the address by Rav. Reeves on the pulpit and the pew was very good, the violin solo by W. H. Warrick supported by Mrs. Wm. Coalson was good, the solos by Mesdames J. H. Shepard and J. F. Blagburn were very beautiful and well received. Each piece was the production, or the work of some Negro author.

Nearly all of the churches in the city observed Easter Sunday in various ways some held sacred services, some special song services, while others had a programme rendered by the little children. The Canadian Jubilee Singers was the attraction at the Central Christian church while special song service was held at both the St. Paul Episcopal and the Catholic. At the A. M. E. church the following programme was rendered by the children of the Sunday School: first singing by the choir, Address by the pastor, after which a song by a quartet of little children, short Address by the Superintendent J. H. Shepard, singing by the little children led by Mrs. J. H. Shepard assisted by Mrs. Eliza Bell, recitation by Iona Sanford, Singing by the choir, Recitation Miss Effie Jackson, after which Miss Eva Robinson sang a beautiful solo, Mrs. Corlson was the accompanist after which Mrs. Frank Blagburn sang a solo to the satisfaction of all.

At the African Baptist church they held a rally all day and Monday evening. The hidden hen's nest entertainment was their attraction, it was well attended and they netted \$5.50. The East Side churches had a very interesting programme.

## WILL BE TRIED FOR LYCHING THE COLORED POSTMASTER.

For the first time on record the federal government will enter the South and take up a lynching trial. Fraser R. Baker after being appointed postmaster at Lake City, S. C. was killed and the postoffice burned by a mob of citizens.

Fifteen of the prominent white citizens of Lake City will be put on trial in the United States circuit court this week, to answer to the charge of having lynched postmaster Fraser R. Baker more than

a year ago. Besides killing the postmaster, because he was a colored man, the same lynchers will have to answer for the killing of Mr. Baker infant child and for the burning of the Lake City post office, with all of its effects. It is said that other arrests will be made before this case is taken. Over eighty witnesses have been summoned before the grand jury and other indictments are expected. When the cases are called there be a great array of witness for the defense.

This is the first time on record that federal government has come into the South to take up a lynching trial. The murder of Mr. Baker was probably the most brutal crime known in the history of the State Mr. Baker was appointed postmaster at Lake City and before he took charge of the office, was warned to keep away. He refused and an attempt was made to kill him soon after his commission was received. This failed, then the regular band of organized men put him out of the way. We trust that the federal courts will prove to be the way to bring those bruits to justice.

## COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Mr. Burk has been very sick for some time. The Grand Hotel has changed from the hands of Mr. Clark to a gentlemen of K. C. he has retained the old crew without a change.

Sunday was a day that will be remembered by the three inch snow on the ground and it continued to snow all day Easter.

The cake walk is over and all that was done and said there was nothing to reflect credit upon christian religion neither would one expect to meet the Lord there and yet there was those there that claimed to be walking in the light.

Rev. R. January of Omaha and two of his brethren came in our city to administer the Lord's supper. There will be meetings at the church every night for a week. It makes me feel ashamed to always receive something good and not pay for it, don't it you. Remember the address of the agent is 129 Pierce street call and see him.

## ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Anna Thomas and little son Donald Thomas are visiting for a few days with relatives in our city.

Mrs. Josie Meadows the District Superintendent of St. Paul District visited a few days of this week in our city from whence she went to Ottumwa.

Died, at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bowman on April 1st, at 10:00 A. M. little Beniah Bowman, their infant daughter age 2 years 7 months and 12 days, funeral services held at the A. M. E. church Rev. R. H. Williamson officiating.

The Easter services held at the A. M. E. church was very entertaining although the weather was not in the least favorable a very nice crowd was present and all the children performed their parts equally well. The decoration of the children was simple yet commendable for the occasion.

Mrs. Fannie Tomlin and two children from Knoxville are visiting for a few days at the home of Mrs. O. Marshall this week. Social will be given at the city hall on next Saturday evening for the benefit of the A. M. E. church, all are invited to attend.

## HANNIBAL MO. BRIEFLETS.

Mrs. Elegg is still on the sick list.

Mr. Taylor Black one of the cities well known barbers has moved his head quarters, and will now be found assisting Mr. Wm. Hamilton on 4th. street. Mr. George Smith of Keokuk Ia., is here in the interest of the S. P. Price and Company Clock works and Manufacture of K. City Mo., remember the address 2nd. door North of the Douglass School on Williams street.

Mr. Walter Carpenter died very suddenly March 28th. The funeral services were held at the A. M. E. church by Rev. J. W. Saunders.

Easter was well observed here at the A. M. E. church. The services in the morning was conducted by Rev. B. S. Beal the Presiding Elder, he took his text from the 9th. chapter and 3rd. verse of St. John which he delivered very good and so beautifully in his dignified manner pictured out the resurrection of our Savior that his sermon will be long remembered. The church was decorated in a most elaborate manner with smiling flowers of all descriptions and the sweet voices of birds and everything appropriate for a church decoration. In the afternoon an excellent programme was rendered under the management of Mrs. Bettie Woods Superintendent, I will only mention a part of the programme, the paper On Home Mission by Miss Lulu Lewis was very good, also a paper by Miss S. B. Taylor subject Africa. her paper was certainly one of the most interesting topics of the afternoon and she de-

serves much credit. A choir was composed of small boys and girls who at such an early age won for themselves a grand name Miss Anna M. Wright a young lady who has a natural gift for writing and reading essays who with her oratory held the house spell bound until she has finished her paper. The lady in the person of Miss C. B. Holden who read this excellent paper subject The Resurrection cannot be excelled in the city. Mr. Wm. Paris gave a grand drill in the basement of the church Monday night.

Mr. Harris of Paris, Mo. arrived in the city last week to assist Wm. Clay in the barber business. The Clover Leaf Club composed of young men gave a grand ball last Monday and cake walk in addition which was well attended.

Darkest America appeared in our city last Tuesday and exhibit was excellent Mr. Vogel has some of the best talented colored people upon the American stage.

Rev. Helms pastor of the 8th. and Center street Baptist church assisted in rendering a grand programme on Easter a paper entitled Easter was read by Mrs. Dealey which was very good, instrumental music was rendered by Miss Ida Foster a young lady who is very seldom excelled when it comes to fingering the keys of a piano or organ, a paper entitled Christian Hope which was good, a lovely duet was sung by Mrs. Ida Foster and Miss M. Harris. The closing remarks was made by the pastor.

The finest dress lady in our city Easter was Miss Rachel Early, her gown was so beautiful, well trimmed and attractive that she was more than charming to every one.

## CLINTON ITEMS.

Mrs. M. O. Culbertson is confined to her home.

Aunt Liza Fairfax has returned from Chicago where she has been spending the winter with her daughter Mrs. William Smith.

The anniversary of the Fifteenth Amendment was observed by the members of the A. M. E. church on last Friday night from 5:00 o'clock to 11:00, a choice supper was served. A programme was rendered which was quite interesting.

Easter was observed in an appropriate manner, the church was beautifully decorated with greens and flowers while at intervals the merry song of the birds fell upon the earth of those present, delightful music was rendered at both morning and evening services, while in the afternoon the Sabbath school did its part in making the day a success by rendering a most delightful programme.

It is with sorrow we are called up on to chronicle the death of Miss Florence Cooper at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper, on 10th. avenue at 5:00 o'clock Tuesday morning after an illness of five months with consumption. Deceased was 24 years of age, besides her parents she leaves four brothers, Jas. W. of this city, B. F. of Muehakinock, Chas. and Louis and one sister Annie of this city.

Jesse Mitchell of Fulton was in the city Sunday. Mrs. Henderson is convalescent, we are pleased to note.

## THE WHITE CITY.

The 8th. Illinois mustered out. How Easter was observed. Political and social notes.

On last Monday the 2nd. inst. the 8th. Illinois United States Volunteer was mustered out of service, there is a movement being made to send a delegation to Washington D. C. to have them enlisted as a regiment in the regular army with colored officers, in speaking of the idea, Colonel Marshall said he was quite sure that the regiment would be glad to enlist a regular army. There was a banquet given for the officers of the 8th. at the Sherman House last Wednesday night and it was by far the most elaborate reception that has been given them. E. H. Morris was master of ceremonies and Mayor Young of Ohio the only colored commissioned officer in the regular army responded to toast also Judge Carier, Colonel Kavanaugh and Rev. A. J. Carcy.

It was so very cold here last Sunday a person could hardly realize that it was Easter, however it was very fittingly observed at the different churches, at St. Thomas Episcopal, the choir rendered some special selection and Mr. Holmes was the soloist, at Quinn Chapel in the afternoon the Knight Templars had their anniversary sermon preached by the pastor and in the evening the Sunday School gave a very good programme W. D. Morgan also sang a solo, at Olivet Baptist church the pastor preached the Easter sermon and at night the Y. P. U. gave a programme that they had prepared, Miss Howard played a beautiful cornet solo.

At Bethel church Bishop Arnett preached the morning service also in the evening the choir was at its best The Grace Presbyterian was very artistically decorated and the pastor preached one of his best sermons.

The great political strife which has been raging here for the past six weeks reached the climax last Tuesday when Carter Harrison was re-elected Mayor we are sorry to see the republican defeated and especially to see our worthy citizen J. C. Buckner defeated.

The Triangle Club gave an Easter ball last Monday night which was largely attended. Mrs. C. H. Snulsky has released from Michigan much improved in health.

## DUBUQUE NEWS.

The Missionary Meeting was called to order by Mrs. O. Rober and prayer was offered by Mr. Ellis of Washington, D. C. The roll was called and those present responded with a verse from the Scripture. Several addresses were made and a very interesting paper was read by Mr. William Martin.

A six o'clock supper and social will be given Thursday evening at the A. M. E. Church by the ladies.

Mr. D. Cox who has been visiting his parents and friends in Burlington, has returned.

Miss Bessie Arrand of Galena is the guest of Miss Mable Bowles for a few days.

Mrs. Hobbs and Mrs. Brooks were Sunday visitors.

Miss Blanche Martin is on the sick list.

## MUSCATINE NEWS.

Sunday March the 26th, was Quarterly Meeting. Rev. Searcy started his revival meetings Sunday night and will hold them for a week.

Elder Bundy spent two days in the city and preached Thursday evening. He left for Washington, Iowa, Friday morning.

Mr. Grooms of Chicago, and Mrs. Pierson of Rock Island, was called to the bed side of their sick mother, Mrs. Watson, who has been sick for a month. She is very low at this writing.

Mrs. Turben is also on the sick list.

James Walker, one of the oldest citizens of Muscatine, has sold his home-stead to Mrs. Greenway for \$1,000 and has moved to Washington to live with his daughter Mrs. Matts. Mr. Walker has lived in Muscatine for thirty-five years, and was a good citizen, but having been sick all winter, decided to go to his daughter that she might take care of him. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Miss Julia Greenway has been sick for two weeks, but she is slowly improving.

## MUCHAKINOCK NEWS.

Misses Lucy Crawford and Mamie Cottons of Marshalltown, Iowa, are visiting here at this writing.

David Pammel and sons, Sandy, Henry, and Simms, of Va., arrived in our city last week and will reside permanently.

W. H. McMillan has resigned his position, as foreman, for W. A. Wells and Co., and will probably locate in Des Moines.

Miss Anna Smith of Oskaloosa, is spending a few days with her mother Mrs. Dora Burkette.

W. L. London and wife were Oskaloosa visitors Sunday and attended services while there.

Mrs. John Harvey is quite sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. London entertained at five o'clock dinner Tuesday in honor of Rev. C. M. Keeton of Lexington, Mo. Quite a number were present and an elaborate dinner was served. After a couple of hours spent in conversation and music, the guests departed expressing themselves royally entertained by the genial host and hostess.

Mr. Joe Brooks and wife, Geo. Robinson and wife, and Mrs. Lewis Nolan and son attended the services in the Central M. E. Church of Oskaloosa Sunday.

## MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

Rev. Henry Reeves a brother to our well like pastor Timothy Reeves is visiting with his brother a few days while on his way from the Oskaloosa Conference to his home in Missouri.

The Easter services rendered by the Sunday School, at the Second Baptist Church last Sunday were fine. The church was beautifully decorated.

Mr. J. Tally is quite sick at his home on East Madison.

The A. M. E. Church celebrated their thirty-fourth anniversary last Sunday and Monday. Rev. Alexander, of Ottumwa preached two sermons Sunday. The celebration closed Monday evening with a program and refreshments were reserved.

Mrs. Horatio Clark died last Sunday morning after a lingering illness. Her funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the A. M. E. Church, Rev. Peterson, officiating.

On account of the celebration, of their anniversary, last Sunday, the A. M. E. Church will have their Easter program

next Sunday.

Mrs. M. Misely is confined to her bed. Mr. W. Barkus is taking treatment from a doctor in Nevada, Mo.

Editor Bystander:—Now in regards to electing our committeeman in the 2nd. precinct of the 3rd. ward, Friday March 31st. this goes to show that if the colored voters would honestly and firmly stand by any one candidate of the colored race, that the chances are a success or nearly so; now there were at the polls on the evening that Thompson was elected twenty or twenty-one colored voters and all of whom stood honestly and firmly by him and thus succeeded in electing him committeeman and this is the only way in which the colored race can accomplish anything very much. Now, if the colored race, from now on, expect to accomplish anything of very much importance, it will have to entirely ignore, to play and thus get right down business, like intelligent men, and not this done, as a race, very little will be accomplished.

JACOB HOWARD.

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"A word to the wise is sufficient" and a word from the wise should be sufficient, but you ask, who are the wise? Those who know. The oft repeated experience of trustworthy persons may be taken for knowledge. Mr. W. Y. Terry says Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives better satisfaction than other in the market. He has been the drug business at Elkton, Ky., twelve years; has sold hundreds of bottles of this remedy and nearly all cough medicines manufactured shows conclusively that it is the most satisfactory people, and is the best. For sale all Drug-gists.

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Cecil Rhodes Ceil Rhodes, once tried to impress his importance upon a little German clerk in the government office at Johannesburg and met with signal failure. Rhodes, says the New York Tribune, had to stand in line and didn't like it. "Please attend to me at once," he said. "I can't wait." "When your turn comes, mister," mumbled the clerk. "Confounding you, sir! Don't you know who I am? I'm Rhodes." "Oh, yes, I knew that, but that doesn't worry me," was the unflinching reply. "If you were in Cape Town I'd have you discharged in a minute," roared Mr. Rhodes. "Yes; I have heard that they discharged people in Cape Town for doing their duty," answered the clerk; "but we ain't in Cape Town; this is a republic."

## Bombarded the Idols.

This is from the Lelpsis Mission-blast: The Maharajah of Nepal recently committed suicide in horror at the disfigurement which an attack of smallpox had caused in her features. The Maharajah, who was passionately attached to her, first wreaked his vengeance on the physicians who had attended her in her illness. Then he flew at higher game. Out of the great temple he brought the idols, planted cannon before them and made gunners fire. In terror at the proposed blasphemy, they refused, thereupon the Maharajah hanged several of them. The survivors then submitted, and the guns were fired and the idols blown to

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.

## Rheumatism Cured.

My wife has used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with great relief and I can recommend it as a splendid liniment for rheumatism and other household ailments. We have found it valuable. W. G. PHIPPS, Red Creek, N. Y.

Mr. Cuyler is the leading merchant and one of the most prominent in this vicinity. W. G. PHIPPS, Red Creek, N. Y.

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