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## CITY NEWS

RAY & HARKINS, 1007 Center St. is the best place to buy coal.

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Miss Zoe Richardson returned from Clive last Saturday to the city.

Rev. J. S. Burton of Oskaloosa, is in the city this week combining business with pleasure.

Mrs. C. H. Richardson of Clive, who has been quite sick, is improving some this week.

NOTICE TO OUR AGENTS—Please send your items in for the holiday week not later than Tuesday December 19.

The Brown Bros., have been repairing their shop. They have also added another chair, which makes a three chair shop.

Mrs. Mesdames Field and Bradley made a brief visit last week to Oskaloosa and Ottumwa visiting relatives and friends. They report a pleasant time.

The African Baptist church at the corner of Third and Locust streets, has had a successful service. They received \$45.00 to apply to the immediate church needs.

Programme of the Ladies and Gentlemen's Sunday afternoon Club to be rendered Sunday the 10th. Invocation Chaplain: Address, Rev. F. J. Peterson. Paper, Jno. L. Thompson; Discussion of subject treated in paper.

Mrs. Sarah Jones of Marquetteville, returned from her old home in Oskaloosa Tuesday and reports a good time. Her daughter Annie accompanied her.

Jacob Howard claims according to a letter he received from an old friend of his in Mississippi, Mr. Flanders of Utica, Miss., that he may expect a fair Mississippi o'possum for Xmas.

Mr. John Jenkins, a wealthy farmer of Bismark, North Dakota, visited his old friend and comrade, Mr. C. W. Henry, the first of the week, returning breakfast Sunday evening. He contemplates buying a home in this city.

Miss Wells and Harrison has opened a first class barber shop on Locust, in Third and Fourth street. They have all new furniture and fixtures and it makes a beautiful appearance. We wish them success.

When in Muchakinock, Iowa at MRS. ADDIE JOHNSON'S RESTAURANT for good or short orders; also Ice cream. Prompt attention given all orders.

I. L. Brown the Grand Master of Masons of Marshalltown was in a few hours last Thursday making a brief tour of the state interest of the Lodge.

There having been so many inquiries made of us for good girls for leading families that a membership company will undertake to find good places for good girls. From \$3.00 and upward. Address of the Bystander.

Miss Richardson is very sick. Her over studying which she had done over school for an indefinite period is unfortunate for Miss Richardson was well liked by the people and her grade marks showed her head of her class in all her studies. She is in the sophomore class at East Side High School.

THE HOLIDAY RATES. From January 1, 1900 we will have a special rate for those who are ready for only one dollar per year. Remember the early company the order, not by commission on these rates.

Get your winter coal at 1007 Center street. Iowa Phone 255.

Owing to the sharp snap Monday, the attendance at the P. L. D. Lyceum was quite meager. The following programme has been arranged for Monday evening, to which a full attendance is desired: Address, Gus Watkins; Recitation, Edie Jackson; Half Hour with Ben Hur, led by Mrs. Viola Purgerson. The Journal, J. Frank Biagburn. The election of officers for the ensuing term.

WANTED—Competent colored girl for general housework one that can come well recommended. Call at 1531 Eleventh street.

WANTED—SEVERAL BRIGHT AND honest persons to represent us as Managers in this and close by counties. Salary \$20 a year and expenses. Straight bona-fide, no more no less salary. Position permanent. Our references, any bank in any town. If the mainly office work conducted at home. Reference enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. THE DOMINION COMPANY, Dept. 3, CHICAGO.

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Cures all diseases, mental and nervous trouble, laches pains and swelling. Restored sight. Write for book, sent free. Worth its weight in gold.

Read Youker Bros. Ad., in this issue and take the advantage of their special sales in all lines.

## NEW DISCOVERY.

O. K. Danduff Cure and Hair Renewer. It will positively turn gray hair back to original color. Price 50 cents per bottle. I also keep the Burnett's Pile Cure, a great wonder, price 50 cents.

G. W. BLACK, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

## Excursion Tickets to Cedar Rapids.

Via the North-Western Line, will be sold at reduced rates from all stations in Iowa, December 12 and 13, limited to December 14, in account of meeting Nobles of Mystic Shrine. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Ry.

The H. B. S. Reading Circle met with Mrs. G. Holt; after an interesting programme Mr. J. L. Thompson delivered an address on "Lucy Stone," which was very instructive. The circle addressed the following programme for December 14th: Quotations from Victor Hugo; Les Miserables, Mrs. Newton; Music, Mrs. Clegg; Current Events, Progress of the Race, Mrs. Blagburn; English History, Mrs. Holt; Oricle Mesdames Lewis and Wilburn. Informal discussion of the situation in the Transvaal. Bring your family work.

The First African Baptist church has purchased a beautiful pipe organ. It is the only colored church in the city that has a pipe organ.

## GEORGIA DISFRANCHISEMENT BILL DEFEATED

Last week the Hardwick Bill which was introduced to disfranchise the Negroes of Georgia, met its just defeat at the hands of the Georgia Legislators, by a vote of 137 against and only 3 for it. This act alone is commendable, and to meet such overwhelming defeat shows that there are yet some conscientious good white men of the Sunny South. Those redeeming features and signs of justice coming to us away up North is indeed very consoling to us, and we may yet sing with a universal spirit, "My Country 'Tis of Thee Sweet Land of Liberty," but when we reflect and think, the first governor of Georgia during the Colonial period, that much beloved James Oglethorpe opposed slavery and the slave trade and would not tolerate it, and many years after he left Georgia slavery was prohibited. We congratulate the Georgia legislature for taking such a bold stand, also much credit must be given the leading colored men and colored newspapers for their effective work, especially Col. J. H. Deaneux, and Col. Pledge, who worked hard both night and day. Below is a copy of the bill: "The Hardwick bill provided that no person should be a competent voter unless he was able to read and write any paragraph of the Constitution of this State; to understand any paragraph of such Constitution, and to give a reasonable interpretation thereof; provided, however, that no male person who was on January 1, 1867 or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of the State wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of such person, be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State, by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualifications required thereof."

The defeat of this bill by the defeat of the Jim Crow bill a few years ago by Democratic legislature will

have a good effect on the entire South in respect to the colored citizens.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

As required by law President McKinley submitted his annual message last Tuesday morning to the first session of the 56th U. S. Congress. It was a very lengthy and in many respects quite interesting. It was longer perhaps than most of the former documents, yet when we reflect and think of the newly acquired territory and the relations that the islands of Cuba and Philippines sustains to us, it would necessarily have to be longer than the ordinary messages. He takes up and deals in a clear statesmanlike manner the question of the Philippines, stating that every effort is made to preserve peace in the island, and that the future of the islands rest with Congress, which is urged to act promptly.

Of Cuba he says that the pledge of Independence is one to be sacredly kept by the U. S. Than he takes up a deal with each logically, Porto Rico, Hawaii, Samoa, Currency, Trusts, Boer war, Foreign relations, English relations, German relations, Lynching of Italians, Spain, Turkey, Japan, Chinese affairs, Mexico, Nicaragua canal, Reciprocity treaty, Peace conference, Paris Exposition, Merchant marine, Volunteers, Regular army, Pensions, Postal services, Navy, Agricultural, Alaska Civil service, Treasury surplus, which is 40,000,000 for this year. He also takes up that which is very important to our race; the lynching question. He takes a strong stand against lynch law in the following words: "The love of law and the sense of obedience and submission to the lawfully constituted judicial tribunals are embedded in the hearts of our people, and any violation of the sentiments and disregard of their obligations justly arouse a public condemnation. The guarantees of life, liberty and of civil rights should be faithfully upheld; the right of trial by jury respected and defended. The public peace, unwilling to await the judgment of court and jury, constitute themselves judges and executioners should not escape the severest penalties for their crimes."

What I said in my inaugural address of March 4, 1897, I now repeat: "The constituted authorities should be cheerfully and vigorously upheld. Lynchings must not be tolerated in a great and civilized country like the United States. Courts, not mobs, must execute the penalties of the laws. The preservation of public order, the right of discussion, the integrity of courts and orderly administration of justice must continue forever the rock of safety upon which our government securely rests."

## CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

The Stewardesses of the A. M. E. church feel proud of their extreme success with their Thanksgiving dinner having surpassed all previous records, they each worked faithful, therefore were deserving of success, they realized \$24.45 for which they thank their friends who so kindly assisted them in their efforts, the board is composed of the following ladies Mesdames Hawkins, Brown, Tyler, L. Perkins, A. Perkins and Wade.

Rev. Hays left Sunday night for a brief visit with his family at Toledo, Ohio. He will be gone about two weeks.

Through the solicitation of Mesdames L. Persons and mother Perkins enough finance was realized to present Mrs. Rev. Hays a fine black dress pattern. These ladies desire to thank all those who so kindly contributed for said purpose.

The Ladies Industrial Circle will meet this week with Mrs. M. Lowery on South 8th. The circle has been organized about four years and we suffice to say it has been more than beneficial to its members much good has been accomplished by them and we look for brighter prospects. Visitors are always welcome at their meetings.

The A. M. E. choir will render a sacred concert at the church Sunday evening 7 o'clock. In the morning E. C. Thomas will fill the pulpit in the absence of the pastor.

Mrs. Kibby of Mt. Pleasant was down Thanksgiving and ate dinner and supper at the church.

Mrs. Cooper of Knoxville is visiting her daughter Mrs. H. Brown of Oak Hill.

Mrs. Ben Hawkins elegantly entertained a selection of the Stewardesses Friday, after Thanksgiving. Just each one if they enjoyed themselves.

Mrs. L. Perkins is doing a thriving business.

Mrs. Louisa Perkins received the news of her mother's illness last week. She has accompanied her to the Sacred Concert at the A. M. E. church Sunday.

## Harris-Emercy Co.

SIX ABOVE ZERO--THIS WEATHER HAS BEEN WAITING Our Return to Walnut Street.

NOT VERY GOOD WEATHER FOR OUR NEW BUILDING—BUT GREAT WEATHER FOR JACKETS, CAPES, WRAPS AND FURS—BLANKETS, COMFORTS, WARM UNDERWEAR, AND GOOD, WARM STOCKINGS—MITTENS—WHERE SHALL WE GO? WHY COME TO THE "GRAND OLD STORE" TODAY—TOMORROW—EVERY DAY—UNTIL CONTRACTOR WETZ & SONS LANDS US IN OUR "GRAND NEW STORE," SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF SEVENTH AND WALNUT. SPEED THE DAY OF CONSUMMATION!!

But in the meantime we expect to have business and plenty of it—and with your consent and your generous support—we'll make the "Grand Old Store" as it never has before.

## On Our Second Floor

OUR CLOAK STOCK AND READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS NOW ON SECOND FLOOR AT THE OLD YOUNKER STAND.

## Home Again on Walnut Street

PAPER AND PAINT, AND BRIGHT HAPPY FACES OF OUR EMPLOYEES HAVE MADE THE "GRAND OLD STORE" EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE THEN EVER.

THERE IS A FACINATION WHICH HABIT ENTAILS ABOUT AN OLD LOCATION TO ALL ITS REGULAR PATRONS AND FRIENDS AND SUCH AS OUR PRESENT STORE, WHICH HAS BEEN THE TRADING PLACE OF SO MANY OF "DES MOINES' OLDEST INHABITANTS," AND WOULD IT BE STRANGE THAT THEY SHOULD SEEK FOR THE FAMILIAR NOOKS AND CROOKS OF THE OLD PLACE? THEREFORE, WE LOOK FOR THE RETURN OF MANY AN OLD FRIEND OF THE STORE, AND IF WE MAKE IT COMFORTABLE AND HOME-LIKE, WE KNOW WE'LL MAKE UP A FRIENDSHIP THAT MAY LAST MANY DAYS.

YOU WILL FIND HERE THE SAME HIGH STANDARD OF DRY GOODS THAT HAS BUILT UP AN ENVIABLE REPUTATION FOR THE HARRIS-EMERCY CO. ON A BASIS OF PRICES THAT WE KNOW WILL BE OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO BOTH THE BUYER AND SELLER, WHICH HAS BEEN IN DETAIL, ABOUT AS FOLLOWS:

## Exceptional Silk Bargains

Just to get willing feet turned our way, and at the same time give them a capital bargain, we'll offer—

200 Among them are Satin Plaids Pieces Taffeta Stripes, Taffeta of High Cords, Open Work Stripes, Class Persian Stripes—light and Novelty dark Combination—suitable Silks for street and evening wear—The largest variety, in the most reliable silks, worth \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00—at our celebration sale 89c

## Kid Glove Sensation

You Can Shades of the latest tints buy a \$1 and black—two-clasp—Glove or self-stitching—excellent 69 cents values at \$1.00—They are yours at 69 CENTS.

## Another A FINE LINE OF Great Snap LADIES' BLACK MOUSQUETAIRE 98c a pair.

## Hosiery and Underwear.

Our Departments are better stocked with finer and better goods than ever before. We have some of the best goods made by the best makers of this country and Europe.

We have everything in Ladies' and Children and Misses' Union Suits and single garments—from the lowest that are good, to the best that are made—Come and see us often at the "Grand Old Store."

## Art Department.

HAS A PROMINENT POSITION NOW NEAR ELEVATOR FIRST FLOOR. EVERYTHING THAT IS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY FANCY WORK CAN BE HAD OF US IN COMPLETE ASSORTMENT—NOW.

## Linen Department.

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## Xmas Linens.

We mean the NEW NOVELTIES, that can only be seen here.

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10-4 Cotton Blankets.....48c each 10-4 Pure Wool filling—\$2.25 will not shrink on washing—a pair WRAPPER BLANKETS—Handsome Plaids and Persian effects—tasty designs—

\$3.95 Each

IN OUR CELEBRATION SALE YOU CAN BUY A 12-4 ALL WOOL BLANKET for.....\$4.75

See what they are. If you can match them at \$6.00, bring ours back.

All Wool Skirt Patterns \$1.25, \$1.50 each

A few \$3.00 Black and White Plaid Blankets you can buy in our Celebration Sale.....\$3.75

Homemade Comforts—worth \$2 each—

For \$1.65

## Harris-Emercy Co.

## MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Mrs. Ivy of Burlington spent Thanksgiving in the city the guest of Mrs. M. Burnham.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mosely of Ottumwa spent several days in the last week the guest of Mr. Henry Mosely.

A very nice programme was rendered at June's Hall by the young people of Second Baptist church Friday. The programme consisted of recitations, duets, and solos ending with a tableau. It was a success having made over \$20.00.

Mrs. Ella Waples of Omaha, Neb. is in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. McNeal.

Messrs Wilson, Tucker and Brooks of Burlington were present at the Thanksgiving entertainment.

Rev. Holmes of Illinois occupied the pulpit at the Second Baptist church Thanksgiving morning preaching to a full house. He also occupied the pulpit again Sunday.

Little Cyrene Page has joined her mother in Chicago.

Mrs. L. Page and daughter Bernice have gone to Oakwood, Ill., to visit her sister Mrs. Coleman.

Mrs. Chas. Jones of Tipton Ia. is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Jones.

Mr. Edwin Carter of Ottumwa spent Thanksgiving with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carter.

The ladies of A. M. E. church had a surprise party on Rev. and Mrs. Rhinehart. It is needless to say that the evening was enjoyed.

Miss Emma Reed gave a party at her pleasant home last Friday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mosely of Ottumwa, the evening was pleasantly spent in music conversation and games.

Rev. Rhinehart was in Fairfield last week on business, while absent Miss Lydia Bartlett was the guest of Mrs. Rhinehart.

Tom Dortch of Lincoln, Neb. is visiting his family in the city.

The young ladies of A. M. E. church gave an entertainment Thanksgiving evening at June's hall which was highly appreciated by all who were present, Misses Cora Taylor and Carrie McCracken gave one of their fine recitations, the Misses Viola and Nora Harris had a mandolin duet. The play entitled "Murder will out", the address did not fail to come up to their usual standard the entertainment from beginning to end was splendid.

Mr. Fred McCracken is in Oskaloosa, Chas. Mosely of Ottumwa spent Thanksgiving with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Mosely.

816 818 Grand Avenue.

## Champagne & Son.

## LAUNDERERS.

Phones 171. Des Moines.

Albert Rhodes. The young couple are nicely located in Swede Town.

We are grieved to chronicle the death of Miss Lucy Harris who came home from Mond City Dakota several weeks ago with a severe cold. She leaves a mother and father and several sisters and brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Miss Ella Battle is visiting friends in the city at this writing.

Baxter Miles chided to death at Pekey last week. He was said to be intoxicated the evening before and was found dead in a ditch next morning.

Mrs. Mamie Bickley has returned from a four months visit to Virginia and says she had a very nice visit.

Public school started again Monday, after two weeks vacation.

Mrs. Horace Massey has opened a restaurant in Harris' building.

Zed Harris of Ottumwa was in the city Thanksgiving day.

Wm. Green is studying pharmacy.

Farris Smith is unable to work on account of rheumatism.

## NEWTON NOTES.

The entertainment given at A. M. E. church on Thanksgiving evening was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Mr. A. Harris departed for Marshalltown Saturday evening, while in our midst he made many friends by his genial manners.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fine entertained a number of their friends at dinner Thanksgiving day.

Wm. Johnson has received the position as chief at McCollum's new restaurant. We congratulate Mr. McCollum upon securing Mr. Johnson's services as we feel he has no superior in that line.

Miss Lottie Green spent Thanksgiving with friends in Rock Island, Ill., from there she departed for Chicago where she has secured the position as copyist with a law firm.

George Lucas was a guest at the Green residence Thanksgiving.

Messrs Ford, Stanton and Taylor of Des Moines spent a couple of days in the city last week.

Miss Hattie Mayes has been on the sick list but is reported better.

## FF. DODGE LETTER.

On Thanksgiving evening Mr. and Mrs. John Tolliver, entertained a number of friends at whist party, and enjoyable time was had by all.

Phones 171. Des Moines.

## Clinton Items.

Mrs. R. Holly of Cedar Rapids is visiting for a few days with her husband Rev. Holly she will soon return to her home in the Rapids, we hope she may return to Clinton soon to remain indefinitely.

Wm. Henderson was considerably indisposed during a part of this week at this writing he is around again.

David Green who left Clinton sometime ago to work in Davenport has returned to the city and has resumed his position with Mrs. W. J. Young.

A very pleasing musical programme was rendered at Bethel A. M. E. church on Thanksgiving evening under direction of Miss Estella Bush, each number was heartily enjoyed. The persons taking part were Misses Missouri Dozier, Estella Bush and Mamie Taylor, Messrs John Burke, Schiller Emerson and A. A. Bash. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the entertainment.

The year is rapidly coming to an end, please pay your subscription and start in with the New Year.

Mrs. Jesse Mitchell and children of Fulton visited in Clinton Thanksgiving.

The entertainment given at the Peoples Theater on the 28th under the direction of Jas. Banks did not come up to the expectations of those concerned as the attendance was very poor.

Trust yourself to a Christmas present by subscribing for the Bystander for 1900. Arrangements are underway for a special to be held at the parsonage on Wednesday evening of this week for the benefit of the Stewards and trustees.

## DAVENPORT REPORT.

The Thanksgiving dinner given by the A. M. E. church was a success.

Sunday will be rally day for the Third Baptist Sunday School and Superintendent Mabry has arranged a most programme. The Ladies Sewing Circle is practicing for a grand concert at Third Baptist church Tuesday 26th.

The D. L. G. band has completed arrangements to have a grand masquerade ball on the 10th every one should come out and help the boys along.

The wedding bells is about to ring again it will be Iowa and Illinois.

Now is a good time to visit our city fare and one third during the Pure Food Exposition December 3rd to 10th.

Miss Martha B. Craig has left for Chicago. She made quite a number of friends here.

Christmas tree Third Baptist Sunday School December 24th.

## OSKALOOSA NEWS.

Mrs. Mesdames Field and Bradley of Des Moines spent Thanksgiving last Sunday with their sisters Mesdames Lee and Kimbrough, while here Mrs. Lee made a brief visit to Ottumwa.

Mrs. Isabella Vincent who has been in our city during the past year returned to her home in Ottumwa Sunday evening.

Mr. Joe Jamison was an Oskaloosa visitor a few days ago.

Mr. Bradley of Des Moines accompanied his wife Mrs. Bradley to Oskaloosa to spend Thanksgiving.

Miss Jessie Jones who for the past eighteen months has been in Mitchellville returned to her home.

Rev. Johnson has returned home after three weeks sojourn in Missouri.

The Odd Fellows of Oskaloosa and Muchakinock gave their annual festival last evening in Klugman's Hall.

Mrs. Martin Jones of this city gave an elaborate Thanksgiving dinner to about twelve of her many friends.

In spite of the rain Thursday evening a good many people assembled at the A. M. E. church to partake of the "Turkey" The dinner Thursday evening at Huntus hall was largely attended, many people from out of the city were present.

We want you to subscribe for the IOWA STATE BYSTANDER.