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CITY NEWS

The weather is very pleasant for a January in Iowa.

G. Fredrick Stanton, who was sick the forepart of this week is better.

Mrs. Harrison Gould, who has been sick the past week, is improving.

Alonzo Jones is inclined to be sick last week, but is about this week.

If you are loyal to the race you will work and vote for Frank Blagburn.

Wm. Bailey, of Ottumwa was elected janitor, has assumed the duties. He is one of Ottumwa successful young men.

[illegible] bs of Centerville arrived in [illegible] week to assume his work [illegible] or force at the capitol.

[illegible] ie Davis, returned last Fri- [illegible] pleasant visit with relatives [illegible] s, in Glascow, Keytesville [illegible] ly Mo.

[illegible] our correspondents do not [illegible] office until Thursday. Re- [illegible] they should reach our office [illegible] ay noon.

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[illegible] program for the Ladies' and [illegible] meeting, Sunday: Address by [illegible] J. Vaughn; Becitation by Mrs. [illegible] ers; Paper by Mrs. T, A. Clark, [illegible] g by Prof. Geo. I. Holt.

[illegible] s. Georgie Blagburn, formerly [illegible] Capart, arrived here from Omaha, [illegible] week. She will remain here with [illegible] parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blag- [illegible] n.

[illegible] e received pleasant calls from [illegible] sars. John McDonald, A. W. Jack- [illegible] of Council Bluffs, T. Rasco of Gal- [illegible] ston Texas, C. W. Carter of Chariton [illegible] d Mr. Lucus, all with the view of [illegible] cating here for a while at least.

Several cases of small pox is reported [illegible] t Youngstown only four miles from [illegible] our city. They are all colored victims. [illegible] Youngstown has been quarantined.

North Star Lodge No. 2 A. F. and A. M. will meet in special communication Thursday evening Jan,, 18th all members are requested to be present. by order of J. E. Blagburn W. M.

All those who heard Rev. Dr. J. Underwood last Sunday night on the subject of the Holy Ghost were led out into a profound depth of reasoning, early produced by the pulpit orator. The Dr. is a brilliant scholar and an interesting speaker and held his audience in wrapped attention throughout his masterly effort.

H. B. S. READING SOCIETY.

Jan. 18th, 1900. Mrs. Wilburn, hostess

Quotations from Paul Lawrence Dumbar:

Majors and Minors ..... Mrs. Banks
Reading from Dunbar.... Mrs. Palmer
Music.....Mrs. Wilburn
Current Events.....Mrs. Lewis
Progress of Race.....Mrs. Denny
History.....Mrs. Waricks
Oricle...Mesdames Lewis and Wilburn
Lecture.....

The song services at the A. M. E. church were very good and the church was over crowded with both white and colored; eager to hear the best choir ever organized west of the Mississippi river, with but few equals in America. While yet the choir is not quite up to [illegible] once high standard, but Prof. Holt and Madam [illegible] with so many of [illegible] choir they hope [illegible] members up to [illegible]

Mr. J. A. Wyatt of New Hampton came to our city this week to work in the capitol. His wife will come later.

Miss Della Richardson who has been in such a critical condition for the past two weeks is no better at this writing, but seems to get weaker each day. Her friends are received.

We received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Lewis, an aged and highly respected lady of Unionville, Mo. She died on Christmas day. She had a few friends who lives in our city.

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

Mrs. Lena Mason, the great colored lady evangelist, arrived in our city this week and is conducting a series of meetings at the First African Baptist church, corner of School and B streets Mrs. Mason comes highly recommended by both press and pulpit, as an evangelist. Her meetings elsewhere have met with much success.

When the politician, and the friends of the differenct candidates are soliciting your support for their friends, tell them that if they will work and vote for Frank Blagburn for market-master that you can help him other wise you can not.

Mr. Edward Burke, Jr., who was selected as one of the House janitors, arrived in our city Tueseay, and commenced work at once. His wife accompanied him and they are stopping at Mrs. Dewberry's on East Des Moines street.

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The first issue of "The Kansas Homestead" has reached our office. It is a four column, eight page paper, devoted to the agricultural interests. It is printed in Coffeyville, Kansas.

"The Searchlight," a new paper just entered the journalistic field from Sioux City, Iowa, has just been received. It is a seven column, four-page, well printed paper, with G. G. Carr, editor. We extend to you our compliments.

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

The Twenty-eighth (Iowa) General Assembly met last Monday, and organized for work. The Gear men defeating the Cummins' men for speakership by only three votes, therefore giving the Gear men full control of both House, hence the re.election of Senator John H. Gear of Burlington, for another term in the Upper House. It was the greatest political fight in the annals of Iowa politics. The Gear men was surrounded by nearly all of the trained politicians of Iowa, with two powerful railroad corporations on their side; nine-tenths of all the federal and state officers, all the postmasters, all the congressional delegation, and other things very helpful. While Hon. A. B. Cummins relied on his true young, free, independent republicans, for his support, while this defeat is only a temporary cheek, yet his eloquent voice will soon be heard in the United States Senate.

List of Colored Emplyees at the Capitol During the Legislature.

The Twenty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa has employed thus far eleven colored people all for menial places. They are as follows: Janitor of Senate cloak room, Jefferson Logan, of Polk county; and W. H. Jones, of Mahaska county; for Senate Toilet room, Chas. Comley, of Hamilton county. In the House for Janitor of House, Nathan Middleton, of Hamilton county; C. W. Carter, of Lucas county, Edward Burke. Jr., of Pottawattamie county; for Toilet room, Wm. Bailey, of Wappello county, for extra help on the night janitor force, are H, E. Jacobs, of Polk county; T. W. Jones, of Poweshiek county; Burt Jones, of Monroe county; W. H. Cobbs, of Appanoose county. [illegible] Chapman of Des Moines [illegible] Hampton, has the polish stand in the House room. As all honest labor is honorable labor and each man thus employed is expected to do his part, promptly and punctually to be courteous and gentlemanly to all, thereby leaving a good record, a good name in whatever place or position that you are filling, so that in after years others of our race may have it easier to secure places in the future. Do your work right and honorable. We would like very much to have seen some colored clerks or pages, or door keepers, some place that would reflect credit to the race and encourage the educated colored men. Yet when we know how cool the Blythe's and Ed. Hunter are to colored people we may well know the reason why we do not get our just deserts.

RACE ISSUE IN THE U. S. SENATE.

For the first time since the convening of the present congress the question of Franchise for the Negro or the race question was discussed last Monday Senator Morgan (Dem., Ala.), defended the new constitutional amendments of Louisiana and North Carolina, which was recently passed, practically disfranchising the colored voters. Below we print a brief synopsis of Senator Morgan's speech. On Jan. 22d, Senator Pritchard (Rep., N. C.), will address the Senate, favoring the resoution and Negro franchise. We will make no comments until the debate is over and both sides are presented.

Mr. Morgan said that no great body of white people in the world could be expected to quietly accept a situation so distressing and demoralizing as is created by negro suffrage in the south. It is a thorn in the flesh and will irritate and wrankle in the body politic until it is removed, He declared that negro suffrage in Louisiana and other southern states had been an unbroken line of obstruction to progress, and that in many places thousands of negro votes in doubtful counties, with little concealment, were bought for $1 each.

"If southern white men," said he, "have falsified election returns they have the stronger, if not better, reason that they are acting upon the same law of self-defense that insulted and outraged human nature resorts to for the protection of homes and families from a race that sets at defiance all moral restraints upon their brutal desires."

SUGGESTS A HOME FOR NEGROES.

"This evil, he thought, would end only when the United States had provided a home for the negro race suited to their traits.

In conclusion Mr. Morgan said:

"The democratic party has always been a white man's party, and when the appeal of Louisiana and North Carolina, supported by the democrats in all the southern states, is made to them, they and a vast body of white men all over the country who have not acted with them in the past, will unite in a demand that these sovereign states shall not be destroyed for taking care of the lives and happiness of their people."

At the conclusion of Mr. Morgan's speech, Mr. Pritchard gave notice that he would address the senate on the resolution on Jan. 22d,

DIXON DEFEATED.

George Dixon of Boston, the colored featherweight, who has held the championship for six years was defeated, but not knocked out by Terry McGoven, of Brooklyn, last Wednesday night, at the Broadway Athletic club, in the eighth round. It was a clear defeat, as the young Irishman was too much for the colored lad who can boast of the best record of any pugilist in the world, having fought over 800 battles and was never knocked out. He was born July 29, 1870, in Halifax, N. S., height 5 feet 3 1-2 inches, weight 118 pounds. His ring career began in 1886. Indeed the phenominal record that Mr. Dixon has made is astonishing the world.

COLORED TEACHERS IN BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The objection raised by Edward W. Bassett of the Broklyn school board to the appointment of William L. Bulkley, a Negro, as a teacher in the public school at Canarsie. Although a majority of the committee of the Canasie school favor him, and he is likely, therefore, to be desirous of getting employment in Manhattan if he can, owing to the publicity which his case has attained in Brooklyn. Mr. Burkley was told that there were 125 applicants ahead of him here, and that it would probably be two years before his name would be reached.

Burkley is a graduate of Claflin university. There are about sixteen colored teachers in Brooklyn at present and four in this borough. Mr. Jasper said yesterday that the colored teachers had been found successful, even in teaching white children, as two of the three colored teachers are now doing.

"The colored teachers," Mr. Jasper said, "who pass successful examinations are placed on the eligible list and appointed when their names are reached."

COLORED INSURANCE COMPANY.

A Worthy Race Enterprise About to be Incorporated in Chicago.

Colored business men of Chicago are about to incorporate an insurance company exclusively for colored people. The reason offered for the drawing of this particular kind of color line is that the insurance companies of the country, it is declared persist in holding out discriminative rates to those colored people who wish to partake of the benefits accruing from life insurance.

It is said by those who profess to know that this is one of many movements to broaden the business life of the country's colored population. Colored men of means see a good chance to make paying investments by establishing race business concerns. In the instance of the Chicago insurance company scheme the plan appears to be well outlined.

Ministers in the pulpit have called their congregations to sustain the company, and the lawyers and small business men—grocerymen, butchers, restaurant-keepers, coal dealers and the like—have joined with them in a concerted movement to make the plan succeed from the start. Dr. Daniel H. Williams, County Commissioner Edward H. Wright, S. Laing Williams and Edward H. Morris of Chicago, are among the substantial colored men interested.

With these are associated Alexander Miles of Duluth, Minn., reputed to be the wealthiest colored man in the northwest; J. Frank Wheaton, the only colored member of the Minnesota state legislature, and the Rev. W. H. Weaver of St. Paul, Minn.

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

FT. MADISON RIPPLETS.

The Christmas entertainments were succeses.

Miss Polli Dandridge has returned from Keokuk where she had an enjoyable time.

Mrs. C. H. Eubanks is home again from Trenton, Mo., where she had a pleasant visit.

Messrs Rice and Lewis of Frazer made Ft. Madison a short visit last week.

Mrs. Frazer and hausband entertained our pastor at dinner Sunnay.

Mr. James Thomas has returned to Davenport, after spending a few days with his wife and many friends here.

The Second Baptist S, S. elected the following officers for this year: Superintendent, Benj. Winfrey; Assistant Mrs. Kittie Jackson; Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Winfrey; Asststant, Mrs, Marriah Grady; Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Mack; Organist, Miss Valley Bowman; Liberian, Miss Cora White; Teachers, R. H. Higginbothan, Miss Lollie Yeiser, Mrs. SnellaHall.

Mesdames. Geo. Chambers, M. Grady, Geo, Mack, and Mr. Blade and wife made a few days visit to Denmark with his mother and father.

Mrs. Snodie's mother returned to her home Friday after spending several weeks with her sick daughter who is very little better.

Mrs. J. Price has been sick for several days.

Rev McClellan went to New Boston to preach Sunday.

Mrs. Haddie Hoskins is still improving.

Miss McCoy has returned after spending three or four months in keokuk, Quincy, Hamilton, Canton LaGrange, Chicago Hannibal and a few other places.

The young people take great interest in their 6:30 o'clock meeting every Sunday

Mr. John Woods made a flying visit to Canton last week.

Miss Taylor of Trenton. Mo,, is visiting Mrs M. Grady.

We are sorry to hear of our friend Rev. Jones of Ottumwa having to go to Mt Pleasant. We hope he is improving.

KEOKUK NOTES.

Special to the BYSTANDER.

Mrs. O. B Claire gave one of the finest dinners of the season, eight courses were served in the latest style. The dining room was decorated with lace, ribbon and flowers. Mrs. Claire is one of our leading ladies whom the race should be proud of, and she certainly knows how to entertain her friends. She was assisted by Miss Emma and Mrs Robert Young of Syracuse, New York, Those present were Rev. Bass Mr. and Mrs. Gable, Mr. and Mrs. Young of Syracuse, N. Y., Mrs. Oliphant, Misses Myrtle Cooper, Emma and Bessie Oliphant, and Gertie Young of New York.

Messrs. Webb and William Byster of Omaha were in our city a few days last week visiting.

Miss Etta Davis entertained a few friends Monday evening in honor of Miss H. V. Davis.

Miss Myrtle Cooper entertained Misses Emma Oliphant and Gertie Young of New York to dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Epler of Mississippi is visiting her sons and daughters Mr. Thomas, Mrs T. Saddler and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Saddler.

Miss Ella Martin is on the sick list.

Mr. Wm. Martin of Rock Island, Ill., spent the holidays in our city.

Walter Martin of Iowa City is in our city on business.

Miss Tessie Van Camp entertained a few of her friends in honor of Mis Vinton Davis.

Mr. O. B. Claire is a great worker among his race and we are proud to speak of him.

BEDFORD NEWS.

Mr. and Mr. Wm. Davis of Galesburg, Ill, are visiting with relatives and friend during the holidays.

Mrs. Mary shackelford and Will Louis are on the sick list.

Miss Nettie Franklin is improving slowly.

Mr. James shackelford spent Christmas in Ottumwa, the guest of his aunt Mrs. Della Mason.

Grandma Johnson, Mrs. Lizzie Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis of Galesburg, Ill., and R. H. Johnson and family spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Shackelford.

Mr. and Mrs Boyd entertained friends X'mas day in honor Mr. and Mrs. Davis

There was a family reunion at grandma Johnson's December 27. All members of the family were present, except G. W. Johnson and Bud Lucus of Galesburg. However the twenty-five members present did ample justice to the fat goose, turkey, mince pies etc.

W. H. Johnson and family are visiting in Clarinda.

Success to the bystander.

FRASER, IOWA.

Fraser Supply Co., has been bulsy putting up Ice.

Rev. Roey, C. C. Jinken and Walter John returned from Des Moines Wednesday and reported good time and success to the Moveable Calk Horse Shoe Co.

The colored people of our town spent emancipation day, January 1st, in speaking, select reading solos and etc. Rev. Roey was orator of the day. T. B. S Lucus made the opening address. His subject was "Suick to one Thing."

Mr George White was called to Missouri by the death of his mother-in-law.

It is reported that Mrs. Jones, her daughter Mrs. L. Floyd and her grand daughter left for Illinois to attend the bedside of Mrs. Jone's daughter who is at the point of death.

Mr. A. Hackney left for his home in Bradwood, Ill.

Mrs. N. Streeter has been on the sick list but is some better

Mrs. Cora Williams is on the sick list.

Mr. C. Martin is unable to work.

Mr. George Lewis had three very fine hogs butchered this week.

Messrs Lewis and Wm Battles were unable to work for a couple of days on account of a bruised ankle received in the mines.

Mr. D. Jennings is now able to return to work.

Mr. George Lewis is on the sick list.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Special to the Bystander.—Mr Dortch, after spending a pleasant month's visit with his family at Mount Pleasant, returned to his place of business, in Lincoln, Nebr.

MEMORY OF THE DYING CENTURY

It was just 100 years ago
Since the dawn of the 19th century morn.
It budded like a rose as we all well know,
But the 19th century has faded and gone.

Oh to think of those years of long long ago
When our dear grand parents were born;
It makes my heart shudder, but than we all know
That the 19th century has faded and gone.

Sacred to my memory are those days of 100 years ago.
Many a change has come since the dawn of that mourn.
But alas it is true! as we all well know
That the 19th century has faded and gone.

The 19th century which budded years ago
Is hidden and lost to the grave it has flown,
Nevermore to be recalled, as we all truly know
For the 19th century has faded and gone

Down the stream of time we all gently go
Gliding by swiftly with faces care worn,
But let us not sigh at the thought, that we know
That the 19th century has faded and gone.

Oh 20th century you too soon will go
But we welcome you with hearts true and warm,
Though we can never bid you adieu since we all know
That the 19th century has faded and gone

'Tis only one by one that the years gently go
As one by one comes each centuries dawn
Though time is fleeting as we all know
For the 19th century has faded and gone

To the depths of the grave we all must go
With burdens and sorrows that must be borne
With brave heroes we'll bow for we all know
That the 19th century has faded and gone.

So farewell to the century of 100 years ago
No more will you light upon us daw,
you have passed from our view as we all know
For the 19th century has faded and gone.

MRS. JENNIE REAMAN,
Keokuk, Iowa.

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Special to the BYSTANDER.

MACON CITY, MO.

(Western College Notes.)

Miss Hallie M. Byrd of Knoxville, Iowa is attending college.

Miss Norena Craig of Kansas City, Mo. returned to further pursue her studies.

Miss Etta Null is on the sick list.

Miss Minnie Miner is sick.

Rev. Hayes returned home Saturday.

Miss Lurinda Jones has returned to the college.

Revival meeting begins this week at the Baptist church.

Mrs Ewing, mother of Rev. Thomas' wife died of heart disease Wednesday and was buried at St. Louis Friday.

Miss Lulu Morton is on the sick list.

New laws and regulations will take place at the college this week.

Mr. Chas South, Misses Rosa Johnson, and Jennie Grant all of Palmyra returned to their duties to-day.

Miss Nannie Butler is very ill.

Mr. Jackson went home Saturday.

Mr. Peter Moss married during the holidays.

ALBIA NEWS.

Miss Henrietta Jones returned to Iowa City on Tuesday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Griffith will leave Monday evening for Christina, Virginia their future home.

Mr. Burt Jone was a business visitor in Des Moines this week.

Miss Cora Thomas of Muchakinock is at home with her parents in this city a few days this week and for an indefinite time.

KNOXVILLE NOTES.

Mr. Crudump Jeffers who has been suffeeing from a paralytic stroke since early in November is improving, but recovery is doubtful, owing to his age. Andy Jeffers and family have been in attendance most of the time looking after his father's wants. Mrs. Kay of Indianola, a daughter is with him. Mrs. Ed. Jeffers of Quincy, Ill., a daughter-in law is here to assist in caring for her father-in-law. Sim Jeffers a son, employed at the Parson House is on hand nearly every night to sit up. Din and Mack Jeffers, brothers-in-law are always on hand to do what they can.

Miss H. M. Bird has gone to Macon City' Mo., to attend college. She writes that every thing is nice and the people are kind.

Marrie Wilverson is visiting her sister Mrs. John Jeffers.

Mrs. Rev. Skiens of Oskaloosa came over on Thursday to visit her uncle Crudump Jeffers. She returned Friday accompained by her brother Will.

Nelson Tomlin is preparing the food for the inner man at the Shedelpha Hotel.

W. P. Bird is on the street occasionally but he has not been able to work since he returned from the Philippines. The malaria sticks to him like the Philippino to Aguinaldo,

THE WIDE AWAKE.

"The Wide Awake" wishes F. E. Harper Woman's club a merry X'mas and a happy New Year.

The colored race can boast of a number of poetesses. In reading one of the popular colored newspapers the name of Mrs. Tillman is mentioned as being the author of "Christmas Bells," words are inadequate to express the sublimity of sentiment.

Providence in his great and wonderous wisdom is lifting the burden of oppression from the Boers who are being so cruelly mistreated by the British and they are defeating the enemy on every side.

In solving the race problem many of the race thinks it can be done with weapons of war, but the more considerate thinks it can be done with the great weapon of education. If we try to get education and improve our time, as education prepares us for living. Then combining money with intelligence we are then solving the great and momentous problem. We can not demand the respect of our conscientious brother and sister, if we are not industrious and intelligent, and can not obtain the positions that they have by censuring them through the press.

We have in our city, visitors from Illinois and many parts of the state to participate in the pleasures of the holidays.

The Dunbar Literary club is the most progressive woman's club in the city. It is a reading organization of rare ability, and discusses only the best literature. F. E. Harper, wake up.

How glorious and what satisfaction it is to the members of the colored churches in this community, working with untiring energy for the betterment of their condition.

In our city there is connected with the A. M. E. church, a normal for Sunday School teachers, and several ladies who have been ordained, called deaconesses to look after the charitable work.

The working twelve, a club of gentlemen, organized to raise money to pay on the debt of St Mary. The Virgin's church is prospering, as also the "Busy Bees" and the Progressive Nine, who are ladies' and misses clubs for the same purpose.

The Masonic order celebrated Saint John's day, Wednesday, December 27th at the G. A. R. hall(?) to say in a creditable manner, is an injustice to them. The addresses were carefully prepared and delivered in such grand style of oratory, that the audience were held spell bound. They were as follows: F. D. Fields, "Man's Best Virtue," B. L. Anderson, "Living Presence;" L. W. Draine, St. John; Master of Ceremonies Chas. W. Williams. After the program quite a number "tripped the light fantastic 'till the wee 'sma hours." Miss Lizzie Miller was the successful contestant for a beautiful gold watch.

Master Preston Bannister, who has been confined to her room for ten days, is convalescent.—Gate City.

DAVENPORT REPORT.

Indianapolis Dasher and Klondike Silver side of Terre Haute, Ind. left for Chicago Jon, 5th on the Rock Island 11:02 p. m., from there they will go to Boston. The two young men made quite a number of friends while here and we are very sorry to give them up but wish them success.

Last Sunday was quarterly meeting day at Bethel A. M. E church, quite a number from over the river was present. Rev. Thomas of Rock Island preached a wonderful sermon.

Miss Ella Wetwiler of 1720 Iowa St., has been quite sick for several days but we are glad to say that she is better at this writing.

Rev. M. J. Burton will be here and will preach at the Third Baptist church morning and evening.

Superintendent Mabry of the Third Baptist Sunday school arranged four cash prizes for the scholars who recited the motto text the most perfect for the last quarter in 1899. They were won by Lillie Hugha. Elnora Allen, Myrtle Hughes and Raymond Hughes.

Eureka Lodge 3899 G. U. O. of O. F. will have their public installation of officers in Hibernian Hall on Brady street, Wednesday Jan 24.

Mrs. Lemmie who resides on Eleventh street is very sick at this writing.

Miss Cora Christenia who has been sick is some better at this writing.

We notice quite a number of agents sent their report to to the Bystander the first of the year and we hope this will continue throughout the year, so we can tell what progress our neighbors are making.

Mr. James Thomas, Ex. Grand Master of W. G. L. No. 30, G. U. O. of O. F. of Iowa, who is residing in our city now was away during the holidays visiting his family in Ft. Madison.

The opening of the W. R. I. and N. W. rail road was celebrated here Jan. the 1st, when the special train pulled in bearing the officers of the road.

CLINTON ITEM.

Rev. P. P. Taylor after a very pleasant visit with his family through the holidays returned to his work in Rockford.

A most enjoyable social was held at the parsonage on Friday night for the benefit of the Trustees. A neat sum was realized.

Communications have been opened relative to securing Miss H. V. Davis for an entertainment in the near future.

The annual election of officers of Bethel S, S. was held on last Sunday as follows: Superintendent, A. L. Meadows; Assistant Miss M. Dozier; Secretary, Miss A. Cooper; Treasurer, Esther Taylor; Librarian, Roy Watis; Organist, Mrs. S. V. Williams; Chorister, Miss A. Simpson.

The Stewards and Trustees met in regular session Monday night.

The Stewardess met with Mrs. William Emerson last week; choice refreshments were served.

Completed your list of plans for the year by subscribing for the Bystander.

The Clinton colored Mason's reception was held December 27, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Emerson. Mrs. Emerson is indeed a royal entertainer, as the affair proved to be a complete success and the most brilliant of the season. None but the Masons and their wives were present. The sumptous repast was served in four courses by Mesdames Emerson, Allen, Richardson. Miss May Taylor played the supper march.

EVAN'S NEWS.

Rev. Clark preached at the Baptist church Sunday night.

The Young people's Union met at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

The home of Mr. and Mrs,. J. Johnson was well crowded with young people, where they were enter[illegible] by music furnished by [illegible] and Frank Johnson.

The Quee[illegible] ernacle met in the Star b[illegible] afternoon.

Reviv[illegible] ng is being carried on at the B[illegible] church conducted by Rev. Tate.

Those who are on the sick list are better at this writing.

Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Tate received quite a liberal donation from the members and friends of the baptist church Monday night. It was a New Years present and every bit a surprise. Rev. and wife, shepard and flock seem to love each more then the shepard and flock town.

A good meeting in the revival is [illegible] ed as the young people of our town [illegible] and of going to church and the [illegible] members seem to be so found [illegible] ung people come out to the Sunday afternoon.

I want to let the people w[illegible] from rheumatism and sciati[illegible] that Chamberlain's Pain Bal[illegible] me after a number of other [illegible] and a doctor had failed. It [illegible] liniment I have ever known [illegible] DODGEN, Alpharetta, Ga. [illegible] have been cured of the rhe[illegible] this remedy. One applicat[illegible] the pain. For sale by all [illegible]