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CITY NEWS

The weather is stormy this week.

Shall we blame the ground-hog for this weather.

Miss Edith Stanton continues to remain very sick.

Miss Cora Smith is a little better at this writing.

If you want to see your race come to front politically, vote for Frank Blagburn.

Mrs. Ella Noble gave a very pleasant party at her home on Park St. last Wednesday evening.

Every colored man should work earnestly from now until the polls close on the day of the primary for Frank Blagburn.

The Misses Sophia Bass and Nina Hamilton, who have been sick for some time, were able to be at Sunday school last Sunday.

Don't fail to hear Black Patti with her Troubadours at the Grand Opera House next Friday and Saturday eve.

Our voters should attend some of the speaking meetings that are being held in various parts of the city, so that they will know the candidates who will come the nearest of representing their views.

The Rev. Mrs. Mattie Johnson, an evangelist of Chicago, with quite a reputation as a christian worker, will arrive in our city next Wednesday and will assist Dr. Francis J. Peterson in a series of revival meetings at the A. M. E. church.

WANTED—An energetic young lady or gentleman to canvass for a good selling book, entitled "The Negro in Etiquette" For particulars call or write me. J. T. BLAGBURN, 379 School Street.

A burglar entered the boarding house of Mrs. Lucy Coalson, on W. Second and Grand ave. streets, last Wednesday evening and was going through the trunk when Mrs. Coalson was waking up, when she grabbed her by the throat and tried to choke her but her cries brought assistance, during the excitement the burglar made his escape.

The editor of the Bystander received a beautiful invitation from Prof. Booker T. Washington to attend the Annual Tuskegee Negro Conference, to be held in Tuskegee, Ala., Feb. 21-22; the conference will be composed mainly of teachers and officers of various colored schools.

Programme for the Ladies and Gentlemen's Sunday club is as follows: Singing by Choir; Invocation by Chaplain; Paper by Mrs. Sadie Williams; Eulogy on the Life and Character of Abraham Lincoln, by J. L. Thompson.

The Christian Endeavor Society will give a valentine masquerade entertainment at the A. M. E. Church, Feb. 14, below we give the programme, each party appearing on the programme will be awarded. Solo, Miss Edna Sanford; Paper, St. Valentine Miss Zella Davis; Address, Christian Endeavor, by W. H. Hubbard; Duet Misses Eldora Thompson and Iona Sanford; Recitation, Miss Annis Logan; select Reading, Miss Tibitha Mash; Address, Rev. E. J. Peterson; Solo little Marguerette Fields. Refreshments will be served in the church parlors.

John J. Collins is a thorough competent man for the office to which he aspires, that of Alderman of the fourth ward. Being a good practical scholar, a good judge of material used in public works (an essential qualification for an Alderman.) He has always been honest and fair in all his dealings in politics as well as in other business. A number one republican never breaking away from the party and always voting for the party nominee.

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Died at Mercy hospital last Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock p. m., Mrs. Louisa Austin, the wife of Mr. Lewis Austin, who has been in poor health several months and was removed to the hospital to receive medical attention as well as the care of trained nurses. Mrs. Austin was born in 1852, her maiden name was Brazier. She was married to Mr. Austin 25 years ago, and they came to Des Moines about 10 years ago; was an active member of the A. M. E. church and a christian worker. She leaves a husband, one sister, Mrs. Fairfax of Hamilton, Ill., and a brother Mr. Brazier of Keokuk, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. The funeral services will be held at Mr. Austin's home, 1031 B street, conducted by Dr. F. J. Peterson. The pall-bearers will be C. B. Woods, B. J. Holmes, Wm. Hampton and J. H. Shepard.

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SONG SERVICE.

The A. M. E. choir will give their sacred song service Sunday, at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. The services will begin at 8 o'clock, prompt. It is unnecessary for us to compliment this famous church choir or to urge the public to come, for a mere announcement is sufficient. There has been over 1000 tickets given out, and no one will be admitted only by ticket. The members of the legislature will attend in a body. The following is the program:

- PART I.
1. Organ Voluntary.
 2. Invocation. Rev. Dr. F. J. Peterson
 3. Jesus, Lover of My Soul, Barnaby
 4. "Search Me, O God" Gabriel
 5. Duet, Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah. Mrs. J. F. Blagburn and Mr. Geo. I. Holt
 6. "O For a Shout" Ashford
 7. "Hark! The Herald Angels" Towne
 8. Solo. Selected Mrs. J. F. Blagburn
 9. Offertory
- PART II.
1. "Tarry With Me" Paris
 2. Remarks. Gov. L. M. Shaw
 3. Solo, "Save Me, O God." Randegger Prof. Geo. I. Holt
 4. "O For a Thousand Tongues" Excell
 5. Duet, "O Holy Mother." Maritana Mrs. J. F. Blagburn and Mrs. W. M. Coalson
 6. "By The Rivers of Babylon" Stillman
 7. "I Was Glad" Ashford
 8. Trio, "O Lamb of God" Leslie Mrs. J. F. Blagburn Mrs. W. M. Coalson Prof. Geo. I. Holt
 9. Zion Awake. Costa

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MAC VICAR ANSWERS THE MYERLY PEOPLE.

Editor Bystander: Mr. Myerly is evidently making his campaign upon the issue of whether or not Mayor Macvicar approved a certain ordinance passed in 1896 allowing the salary of the members of the council six months in advance. I believe this is the only issue he has raised to date. In his first political speech the burden of his contention was that he voted against this resolution while the mayor approved and signed warrants therefor. He recklessly offered to furnish the mayor with a suit of clothes if evidence could be produced showing that the mayor had not approved this act. In the various newspapers he has occupied anywhere from a quarter to three-fourths of a column in communications bearing upon this question which it seems to me, is trivial at best. Is it possible that during the two years in which Mr. Myerly resided in the council, that this is the only vote he cast which he can bring to bear in support of his candidacy? Or is he trying to divert the attention of the public from the fact that he proposed, which his vote is recorded in favor of: First—The proposed purchase of a strip of ground to open Twentieth street north of University avenue, which according to stipulations introduced by Attorney Myerly would have cost the city not less than \$4,000, but which was blocked by the mayor and the way paved for a settlement in the sum of \$300. Second—The purchase of one-half the Ben Elbert lot for opening Nineteenth street south of Woodlawn avenue for \$2,200, the other half of which I am credibly informed sold for \$500. Third—the purchase of the Ingersoll tract for a cemetery at \$200 per acre, when Mr. Cope offered the Johnson tract adjoining on the west at \$100 per acre. Fourth—the allowing of the water works claim for \$14,350 when upon investigation by the mayor it was found the city owed less than \$5,000 and the question was finally settled upon that basis. After the mayor vetoed the claim Mr. Myerly again overrode the veto and here it passed. There are a few facts of the council which I recall without going to the records which were all supported by Mr. Myerly and all of which the mayor disapproved. The mayor's position was

sustained in a sufficient number of these measures to save to the city some \$15,000. In other instances the mayor's veto was overridden and the city treasury suffered in consequence. Was the resolution pertaining to the salary of the councilmen of sufficient importance to be considered further? Mr. Myerly might find by the records that on June 1, 1896, by a vote of four to three the council presumed to allow the six months salary in advance. The mayor ruled the motion not carried, claiming that it being for the payment of money from the city treasury that it required a majority of the council, namely five. True the council attempted to override the law by refusing to sustain the ruling of the chair. They appeared to think better of it, however, and one June 6 again introduced the same resolution which was carried by a vote of six to three. The original record shows that the mayor endorsed upon the resolution "Not approved." Mr. Myerly here brings his legal knowledge to bear in order to show that this itself was not a veto, and quotes the law to show that if the mayor did not within 14 days formally veto any act of the council that it would without further action become a law. I am inclined to believe that Attorney Myerly, upon investigation, find that his opinion is not good. The law he quotes was passed in 1897 after the code was repealed and it was in 1896 that this resolution was adopted. The old code provided that the mayor must approve any such resolution before it could become a law. Again his showing that the mayor signed the aldermen's warrants under date of June 1 when the resolution was adopted was passed June 6, proves that Mr. Myerly is deceived because of a custom which I believe exists in the auditor's office at the present time, whereby all warrants on the rolls are entered under the date they are allowed by the council and frequently in order to expedite matters not only dates but stubs are partially filled out previous to the council's action and the mayor frequently attaches his signature at this time. Mr. Myerly will also recollect that the district court decided that the mayor has no option, but must sign all warrants presented to him by the auditor for by so doing he merely attests the auditor's signature. JOHN MACVICAR.

WM. BOWEN FOR ALDERMAN OF FOURTH WARD.

In the political scrap for nomination of mayor, the importance of electing the best men for aldermen must not be lost sight of. The selection of good men for aldermen is one of the greatest and will make because the democratic vote in this ward is so large that the republican party must look carefully as to who, if nominated by the republican party, can win at the election. This ward is now represented by a democrat, and unless a wise nomination is made, a democrat will again be elected. We believe that William Bowen possesses the confidence of the voters of his ward. He is a member of the Woodmen and Masonic societies, being a member of Pioneer lodge and Corinthian chapter. He asks the colored voters of the Fourth ward to be with him for alderman. He has been all his life a hard working member of the great party from which his friends bring him forward as candidate for this recognition. He has never held office. He has always been ready to lead the party fights when there was hard work to do, and he only goes into this fight as a candidate on the earnest solicitation of many of the prominent business men of his ward. He has the qualifications to make an able representative of the ward and of the whole city. He was a candidate two years ago and while at that time comparatively few knew him, he received the highest number of votes at the primaries of any candidate except Mr. Beck. Mr. Bowen, if elected, will make a strong man in the council and will make it his ability to push the law and give the voters better satisfaction. He is secretary of the Imperial Accident Insurance company, and is strong among the business men especially.

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A Baby's Cry.

A moderately intimate acquaintance with infants enables one to distinguish, almost from birth, three cries—the healthy yell, by which the child exercises his lungs, the fretting of moderate discomfort, and the acute cry of pain, the latter two including at first hunger, thirst, and dissatisfaction. By the end of three months the nurse or mother should be able to distinguish the fretting of actual physical discomfort from that of restlessness, and the sharp cry of pain from the less acute announcement of thirst, hunger, etc., while anger imparts a characteristic quality to the cry. If the baby is comfortably dressed and properly fed he will be less likely to be fretful and crying.—Dr. A. L. Benedict in the January Woman's Home Companion.

A Point in Carving Etiquette.

The adept carver will not ask the guest of honor which is his or her favorite piece. We will give the one we would honor the cut of fish next the tail, that nearest the head being next choice; the emperor's muscle and oyster of the turkey, with a bit of brown fat added as a tribute to palate discrimination; the tenderloin of steak, the hock of the leg, the tenderloin with kidney of the saddle (with some brown fat); the loin of the hare or squirrel, the rib of the sucking pig. Other guests will express their preference promptly when asked, that none may be kept waiting.—Ella Morris Kretschmar, in the January Woman's Home Companion.

Louisiana Rice is Red.

The rice planters and millers of Southwestern Louisiana are having some trouble with the crop this season. For some unaccountable reason a considerable percentage of it is red. This is not the first season that red grains have appeared among the white, to be sure, but never before has the proportion been so large. An examination by chemists has shown that the red rice is equally nutritious as white. The value of the article as a matter of food is not in the least injured by the red grains. But the fact remains that the colored grains injure the sale of the rice they appear in.

Humors of Examination.

The humors of examination papers were further illustrated by Dr. Haig Brown, who, in speaking at the City of London college upon the responsibility which rested upon examiners in weighing fragments of knowledge, said that the question, "What are the Children Hundreds?" once received the reply, "Small animals which abound in great numbers in cheese." The inquiry, "What is a cherub?" elicited, in its turn, the answer, "An immoral being of uncertain shape."—London Chronicle.

The Population of London.

Last year's statistics show that the population of London is 4,484,717. For every 1,000 inhabitants there were thirty births and 17.7 deaths. The number of infants who died in their first year was 158 for every 1,000 births. During the period extending from 1887 to 1896 the mortality was lower than in Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Berlin and Copenhagen; but in 1897 it increased to such an extent that it is now very little lower than that of most European cities, Rome included.

Slaves in New York State.

Immigration officials say that many foreigners in this country are living in a condition of abject slavery. At Avon, N. Y., there is a colony of 270 Italians who are under the direct control of one man, who hires them to farmers and fruit growers and takes most of their earnings, while those who perform the labor get little more than enough to eat, and are housed in buildings little better than cattle sheds.

Plum Pudding the Rage in London.

A plum pudding craze has broken out in London. One firm sold 600,000 pounds of puddings three weeks before Christmas. Surprises are now enclosed in these, ranging from buttons, gold sovereigns and half sovereigns to thimbles and diamond rings. One pudding ordered had in it a diamond and opal brooch worth \$500, enclosed in a silver box.

Centenary of Electricity.

"Electricity as we know it" is just 100 years old. In 1799 the Italian scientist Volta gave definite form to the method of producing the current, and it is from his name that we have the term "voltmeter" to describe the instrument which measures the force of the current, and "volt" as the unit of that measurement.

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CHURCH AND CLERGY.

The Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman is to write the life of D. L. Moody. Bishop Edsall has just completed a highly successful mission at Jamestown, N. D.

Tomkins Avenue Congregational church of Brooklyn raised over \$27,000 for missions during the year. The death roll in the Congregational ministry in Great Britain was unusually heavy during the year 1899.

A congress of the history of religions will be held at Paris, France during the first part of September next year. The receipts of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, for the year make a total of \$38,000, of which \$17,000 is from pew rents.

The annual council of the South African churches was held at Graaf Reinet, and owing to the preoccupations of the war, only thirty-eight delegates attended. Since his resignation from the Church of the Pilgrims relief from care has been conducted to a marked improvement in the health of the venerable Dr. R. S. Storrs.

The New York Medical Journal, speaking of the recent explosion of the gasoline tank of a motor carriage, says: "Some new danger is almost always to be expected in connection with novel devices of the kind, but, on the whole, the power carriage, whether propelled by gasoline or electricity, is probably less dangerous than vehicles drawn by horses."

International competition has been invited by the offer of a gold cup by the Automobile club of France. The first test will be held as near May 1 as possible, the idea being to make the date coincide with the great automobile day at the exposition. The rules which will govern this cup have not been made as yet and it is expected to arrange racing conditions, which will be satisfactory to automobilists of all countries.

Prominent officers and stockholders of the manufacturing company witnessed a test of a truck recently. The truck was brought down to New York from Providence by boat and was run to the air-compressing station of the Metropolitan Street railway in 24th street with the charge which it had received in Providence. A fresh supply was taken on and it was demonstrated that it could be satisfactorily run on the streets, says the Scientific American.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

When a girl says, "Now, stop," the wise man wants to.

Every woman thinks that to a man she must be a fascinating puzzle.

The first thing to learn about gawf is the kind of clothes not to wear.

The day before a woman goes to stay all night with another woman she scratches out the number of her shoes.

A woman looks on marriage as a chance to raise her social position; a man looks on it as a chance to lower his own.

After she gets married the average woman takes about as much care of her ideals as she does of her old fine-tooth comb.

A woman's mouth, when it is in repose, shows her character, when it isn't it is generally showing some other woman's.

A woman begins to enjoy her Christmas presents about New Year's. She spends the time in between wondering what they cost.

When a man is engaged to a woman he thinks of her half the time he doesn't see her. After they get married he thinks of her half the time he sees her.

If everybody really felt as nice and kind to everybody they meet on Christmas as they pretend to there wouldn't be any use in having any Christmas.

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