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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

CITY NEWS

Telephone 255 Center street, for coal. See that your friends are registered.

Miss Mable Hall was ill a few days this week. Voters remember the registration is on Saturday.

Miss Cora Smith who has been extremely low is improving. The interest continue, the accessions to the church will reach over 110.

Mrs. Mary Richardson, who has been very sick, is much improved. Remember the election next Monday and vote the straight republican ticket.

Mrs. Mattie Johnson, is having phenomenal success with her work in our city. Rev. C. W. Carter made a pleasant trip to his home last Sunday in Clinton.

Mr. Edward Burke spent a few days at his home in Council Bluffs the past week. The many friends of Miss Sophia Bass were glad to see her at Sunday School. She is convalescent.

Center Coal Mining Company, 1007 Center street is the best place to buy coal. The Rev. Joseph Underwood, who is conducting a series of meetings at Fraser, was in the city this week.

Miss Lizzie Reeves who went to Hot Springs, Ark., returned home last Saturday. Mrs. Alex Griffin has been ill the past week but some better also the children are improving.

Wm. Baily, C. W. Carter, Jefferson Logan and Nathan Middleton were in the legislative delegation that visited the State Agriculture at Ames last Tuesday. Mr. Burk, a legislative employee, left to-day for his home in Council Bluffs to take part in the city election on Monday.

Mrs. Nathan Middleton and little boy visited over Sunday with Mr. Middleton, who is employed in the legislature. The Bystander will be on a every week at Mrs. Anna Hall's boarding house. Price five cents.

Miss Zoe Richardson, of Clive, will assume her work as stenographer in the Bystander office Monday, after an absence since Christmas. Mrs. Lizzie Palmer who has been visiting her relatives and friends in New Orleans, La., returned Thursday and reports a pleasant time.

Mr. G. O. Terrell, formerly of this city, and Messrs J. S. James and Walter Edgar of Colfax were visitors last Saturday. They made the Bystander a pleasant call. Mr. Russ, an old and highly esteemed citizen of La. Crew, Lee County, Ia., spent a few days in our city last week visiting. He is a successful farmer. While here he called at the Bystander office and ordered the paper sent to his daughter.

Get your coal at 1007 Center street. Mrs. Wilson Hughes is sick again at this writing.

Let every colored voter do his duty by going to his voting precinct and vote for Frank Blagburn.

Harris-Emery Company will soon be able to move in their new store, first of April, where they will be glad to meet all their friends.

Miss Sophia Bass, who have been sick for sometime, was able to take her place as the organist of the A. M. E. Sunday school last Sunday, she was a little tired but she believed the outing did her good.

The colored voters, held a Mac Vicar meeting at the court house last Tuesday, quite a number were present. John L. Thompson presided. The speakers were W. J. Jayne (white) R. N. Hyde, W. R. Fraizer, John Raily, Fred Douglass, John Earley, Douglass Patterson, J. Frank Blagburn, and Thomas Murphy.

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

Mr. Robert Good was called to Kansas City Sunday by a telegram announcing the death of his only sister, Mrs. Amanda Holliday. She was 65 years of age and had been a member of the M. E. church for half a century. Robert and his sister were owned by Dr. Hughes, of Richmond, Mo., in the old slavery days.—Decatur County Journal.

The main interest in Des Moines the past two weeks among the colored society is the revival meeting. The interest has grown so much that the church is crowded each evening and numbers are turned away. There are about 8 to 10 mourners each evening, and at this writing 92 have been saved with about 20 more seeking. Mrs. Johnson has proven herself to be a sincere christian lady and a great power in evangelistic work. She will preach Sunday morning at the A. M. E. church and Sunday evening at the Y. M. C. Auditorium so all may have an opportunity to hear her closing sermon in this city.

COLORED EVANGELIST AT Y. M. C. A. AUDITORIUM. Rev. Mattie Johnson of Chicago, Ill., who has been conducting a very successful revival meeting at the A. M. E. church for the past two weeks, will close the meeting next Sunday evening at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium; as the church will not hold the people. Every Sunday numbers are turned away, therefore those who wish to hear her should come early. Below we give the list of ushers at the Y. M. C. A.: C. B. Woods, J. L. Thompson, Harry Cravens, W. H. Humbard, Fred Stanton, Gus Watkins, Rollin Weeks, M. B. Jackson, Wm. Coalson, J. Clifford Williams, Ed. Weeks and J. Frank Blagburn.

WEDDING. Married March 18, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Lewis, on Thirteenth and School, Mrs. Anna B. Bell of Phoenix, Arizona, and Mr. David Barner of Grimes, Iowa. There were only a few intimate friends and relatives present. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Francis J. Peterson of the A. M. E. church.

The bride was attired in a tan broad cloth suit, while the groom wore a conventional black. A elegant supper was served. The bride is well known in our city, as she has spent the most of her life here, having only moved to Phoenix a few years ago with her husband, Mr. Miles Bell for his health, but died in Phoenix about two years. The groom is also well known here as one of our industrious farmers near Grimes. The Bystander with their many friends extend congratulations.

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IMPORTANCE OF THE 12th CENSUS TO THE RACE.

No class of the great population of the United States has a keener interest in the census than the nine million Afro-Americans. By the warm friends of the race it is believed that, if only a correct census were had, favorable conditions and steady, hopeful progress would be shown, by which their arguments would be proved and those of their traducers answered. Only once in ten years this opportunity comes to place themselves upon record, an opportunity to great to be lost by ignorance or indifference or unwarranted fear. Every Afro-American leader who has the interest of his race at heart will enter upon earnest and persistent efforts to teach them the scope and purpose of the coming census. He will explain that to be counted by the Federal Government is a right which cannot be taken away by any local or State government. All the facts reported are guarded by officials sworn to reveal no detail but simply to tabulate general results, the confidence of the individual being held sacred and inviolate. His replies to the enumerators can not be made the bases of taxation or in any way be used to his harm.

The questions asked of colored and white citizens are exactly the same. The main features are inquiries about name, age relationship, occupation, birthplace, ability to read and whether the home is owned or rented.

Questions concerning the occupation are of special importance. Colored persons engaged in agriculture should be prepared to report for the year 1899. Then when the enumerator comes asking the quantity, variety, and value of the crops of that year, they will be ready. The thrifty housewife should reckon the proceeds of her dairy and poultry yard. The same duty rests upon those engaged in any sort of manufacture. Without fear they may impart all the details of their business to that sworn official of the General Government who comes to them for information.

"Nothing succeeds like success." Every access of the Negro proved by Federal census facts will give him a great impetus in his forward march. In the census he is a witness in his own behalf before a court which will render a verdict without fear or favor upon his own unquestioned testimony. If he loses this opportunity the loss will rest at his own door. The Census Office will treat him as it does every other American citizen.

Editor of the Iowa State Bystander—I saw in your paper of a few weeks ago an article, pertaining to Negro candidates for county office. The article, though brief, is of momentous importance to the Negro voters of this state and county, particularly as Iowa leads in many things, both local and national. In pro ratio of Negro office holders, according to its population, they are entitled to representation, as they are a part and parcel of this commonwealth and help pay her taxes. The gentlemen mentioned in the article of two weeks ago are presumably well qualified for the position, and one could not find two men more deserving of consideration at the hands of the republican party.

Yours Truly, W. R. FRAIZER.

A. R. De Fluent, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by all Druggists.

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The Right Rev. Louis de Goebriand, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Vermont, during his life possessed large wealth, but avowed it his wish to give it away and die a poor man. He left only \$7.12.

AUSTIN BOY A PARRICIDE.

Edward Finch, Aged 15, Shoots His Father Dead.

DONE IN DEFENSE OF MOTHER. Family Has Many Quarrels—Dead Man Had Menaced Her with a Knife and Was Under Peace Bonds for Assaulting His Wife.

Chicago, March 22.—George Finch of Austin was shot and instantly killed Monday evening in his home by his 15-year-old son, Edward. The lad was protecting his mother from her enraged husband when he fired the fatal shot. After the deed the young parricide ran from the house, but he was later captured in the home of a neighbor by the Austin police.

Finch was a laborer and lived with his wife and two children—Edward and his sister, 12 years old—in an abandoned depot of the Wisconsin Central railroad at Central avenue. He frequently quarreled with his wife, and had been arrested on a number of occasions charged with assaulting her. Only recently Finch was placed under peace bonds by Justice La Mena and threatened with a heavy fine if the complaint was again made against him.

Last evening he went home in a quarrelsome mood. He complained of the supper and sent his children to bed when the boy objected to his actions. He then began upbraiding his wife, and when she remonstrated with him, it is asserted that he seized a butcher knife and declared that he intended taking her life. He advanced toward her in a threatening manner, but had only taken a step or two when a shot rang out and Finch fell to the floor. He died almost instantly. The bullet had entered the man's breast and pierced his heart.

Standing in the doorway between the two rooms was Edward with a smoking revolver in his hand. After being ordered from the room by the father the boy secured a revolver and stood near the door so that he could hear the conversation between his parents and be ready to assist his mother should his father attack her. He opened the door just as his father picked up the butcher knife. Mrs. Finch was too frightened to move and she could only beg for mercy when her husband started toward her. She did not see her son and did not know of his presence until he had fired the shot that ended his father's life.

Frick and Carnegie Compromise. Atlantic City, N. J., March 22.—The difficulties between H. C. Frick and Andrew Carnegie have been settled, it is said. In Andrew Carnegie's party at the Hotel Broughton are William Bertram of New York, Henry Phipps, Lawrence C. Phipps, F. F. F. Lovejoy, D. M. Clemons, Charles M. Schwab, president of the Carnegie Steel company, and A. M. Moreland of Pittsburgh. It is reported that Mr. Frick will arrive here tomorrow morning and that he will have a conference with Mr. Carnegie.

To Establish Cuban Treasury. Havana, March 22.—An order is in preparation establishing an island treasury. This will take large reserve funds from the North American Trust company, which is the fiscal agent of the government. This step is not taken because of any lack of confidence in the trust company, but in order to enable Cuba to stand on her own feet as quickly as possible.

Pana May Have Another Strike. Pana, Ill., March 22.—Another strike is threatened in this city at the coal mines. The scale of 40 cents per ton will expire the last of this month. At the Springfield convention a few weeks ago the scale for this district was set at 49 cents per ton. It is said that both the Penwell and Pana Coal Mining companies have stated that they would shut down the mines the first of April.

Domestic Trouble Causes Suicide. Coldwater, Mich., March 22.—John Snooks returned from California Monday night, went direct to his home and took a dose of laudanum, dying Tuesday afternoon. Domestic trouble is the cause assigned.

Dewey Ill at Savannah. Savannah, Ga., March 22.—Admiral Dewey was taken ill while returning Tuesday evening from a water trip down the river, and, owing to his indisposition, the public reception to him and Mrs. Dewey was postponed.

Wheeler May Come to Chicago. Washington, March 22.—The president and the war department have under consideration the question of assigning Brig-Gen. Joseph Wheeler to the command of the Department of Lakes.

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NEWTON NOTES. Miss Lettie Miller has been a victim of rheumatism; but is improving. Rev. Basfield made his usual trip to Colfax last Sunday. Mr. Jesse Walden was indisposed last week. Mrs. Rasfield gave a taffy-pulling at the parsonage last Monday evening to the members of the Sunday School; about forty were present and the evening was an enjoyable and long to be remembered. Miss Bertha Green is on the sick list. An excellent program is being prepared for Easter. Mr. Fred Green is still improving. Miss Mary Wright will return to her home in Chariton, Saturday, after spending three months with her cousins, the Misses Green.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS. Master Auther Burnaugh is very sick. Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Des Moines, are expected in the city this week to stay a while; Mr. Smith expects to engage in the tonsorial business with Mr. McCracken. Mrs. William Pierson is still confined to her home with sickness. The Odd Fellows gave an entertainment last Thursday night. The A. M. E. Sunday is making preparations to have a nice program Easter, Quarterly Meeting is April 22. Mrs. John Smith's spending the week at Knoxville, Ill. the guest of Rev. Eli Grant and family, on her return she expects to visit Rev. J. Higgins and wife in Burlington, Iowa. Little Lizzie Reed is spending her vacation visiting her sister, Mrs. Fay Martin in Burlington.

DUBUQUE NEWS. The club gave an entertainment at the church last Thursday evening a program was also rendered. Mrs. Chas. Green has been on the sick list. Mr. Ed. Martin and wife have returned from Burlington where they relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jones are the proud parents of a baby boy. Mrs. Rober who was sick last week is improving. Mr. Lenord is now porter at the Merchants Hotel. Mrs. Johnson is on the sick list. Mr. James Brooks spent Sunday in our city. Mrs. James Martin is laid up with rheumatism. Mr. J. C. Mills has charge of the program for Easter, assisted by Mrs. Chas. Greene.

FT. MADISON RIPPLETS. Miss Ethel Jackson is rejoicing over a new piano. The ladies of the Second Baptist Church gave a social Thursday night and a neat sum was realized. Rev. J. M. Davis of Chicago delivered an able sermon, Wednesday evening to a large crowd. Mrs. Jennie Polce is still confined to her bed; her sister, Mrs. H. Carter of St. Louis arrived Thursday evening. Mrs. Lucy Woods returned from Canton, Mo. Tuesday morning, after a two weeks visit with relatives and friends. Mr. J. Thomas expects to leave soon for Davenport for her future home. Mrs. Hawkins is getting along fine. Mr. Lenord Harrison of Burlington visited his special friend Sunday. The Rev. J. C. Bell of the A. M. E. Church, is still doing good work. Mr. Louis Williams is suffering with a sore.

EVANS NEWS. Rev. Reeves preached at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and Rev. W. H. Clark preached at night. Rev. Tate left last week for Davenport. The Queen of Iowa Tabernacle met at Mrs. Duke's Friday afternoon. Miss Minnie Alexander left for Ottumwa Friday morning. Quite a number of young people attended the ball in Oskaloosa, Tuesday. Mr. J. Marshall of Oskaloosa was a Sunday visitor here also Mr. Reasby of Muchaknock. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. White. Most of our young men attended the young men's convention in Fishville, Sunday. Hurrah for the blooming boys of our town.

AFTERTHOUGHTS. Many a man wouldn't be nearly so lucky if he depended on luck. One's admiration for oneself is largely due to the limitations of mirrors. It is when we become rich or famous that we find out where are the friends of our youth. Don't abuse the world because it abuses you, because the percentage is always against you. The shrewd man does not openly condemn another for being an ass; nor does he cry him down; nor yet shun him; for he knows that the ass, though a little slow of movement and comprehension, is a very convenient beast of burden, and, remembering work of his own that should be done, he profits by his knowledge.

AFRICA IN THE NEXT CENTURY Dark Continent is Undergoing a Wonderful Transformation. From the Forum: The twentieth century Africa promises startling contrasts when compared with the Africa of the nineteenth century. With an area four times as great as that of the United States, a population of 150,000,000, a soil and climate capable of infinite variety of production, a rapidly expanding commerce, and the greatest known supplies of ivory, gold and diamonds, its development under the modern methods which are now being applied to it is practically assured. The home of the oldest civilization, it is the last of the continents to yield to the touch of the newest civilization. But yesterday enveloped in darkness of mystery without and ignorance within, it is today illuminated by the searchlight of modern methods, and as its importance and attractions are being recognized, with this recognition must come development. With 2,000,000 Europeans scattered over its vast area, acquainting themselves with its natural conditions and requirements, with the steamer, the railroad, the telegraph and the telephone carrying light and knowledge and civilization to its darkest corner, Africa cannot long remain unknown or unknowing. It was only after the explorers—Livingstone, Speke, Stanley and others—had discovered, through persistent and heroic efforts, that there existed vast navigable water ways above the falls near the mouths of the great streams which flow from the interior that European nations awoke to the physical and commercial possibilities of Africa, and then, in a twinkling, the dark continent was seized upon and divided up and became, as by magic, a vast European "hinterland." Between 1884 and 1898 an area two and a half times the size of the United States, and containing a population of 100,000,000, was parceled out by an agreement of the European powers. At present scarcely a foot of African territory remains unclaimed.