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A. E. DeFluent, 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.

CITY NEWS

Henry Stanton has secured a position with the C. W. Rog drug store.

Mrs. Susan White who has been ill is improving nicely.

Mrs. Henry Brown is able to be up and out again after several weeks sickness.

Rev. Henry McCraven opened the Senate with prayer last Friday morning.

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

Charley Harding, one of our old Des Moines boys, returned home last week from Kansas City.

While in the city the Rev. Timothy Reeves will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coalson, of W. Center street.

Bishop B. W. Arnett, of the A. M. E. church and the presiding bishop of this district and one of the leading men of his race, is expected to visit our city soon.

Joshua Strauthers, one of our industrious young boys is studying electricity with a firm in the Good Block.

Mr. B. J. Shepard is building a house on his property in Clive, when completed it will be a beautiful six room story and a half; he will live in it soon.

Messrs. Harding and Smith will open a first class saloon on Third Street next Tuesday. It will be the only colored saloon in the city.

Mrs. John Walker who has been ill the past several months took a relapse this week and is worse at this writing.

Mrs. Wilson Hughes who has been confined to her bed with neuralgia of the stomach for a week is able to be up again.

Rev. Timothy Reeves of Keokuk, our much beloved and well liked ex-pastor will be in our city Monday and will preach at the A. M. E. church Monday evening. You are invited.

Mr. Wm. E. Wright of Chicago, who has charge of "The Black Diamond Quartette," spent Sunday in our city. They are now in Illinois.

Mr. Geo. Dunn, our entergetic clerk at Rogg's drug store, was laid up a few days the past week on account of running a nail into his foot. At this writing he is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lemme of Davenport are in our city this week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. James R. Weeks on 762 W. Tenth street. Mrs. Lemme it will be remembered lived in this city a few years ago (Miss Daisy Hannan).

Mrs. Wm. Mash the depot matron who has been quite sick for more than a week is not much better, her many friends are hoping for her speedy recovery.

The H. B. S. Reading Circle met at Mrs. Alice Newton's March 28. After an interesting program and the transaction of important business, a most excellent lunch was served. The club then adjourned to meet April 3, with Mrs. E. E. Taylor.

Get your coal at 1007 Center street.

Arthur Early entertained a few of his friends last Thursday evening at the residence of his parents, 1049 West B Street. Many were present and a lovely evening of enjoyment was spent and refreshments were served at 7:30 in the evening also many presents were received; the little folks enjoyed a pleasant evening.

TUSKEGEE'S NEW GIFT.

A lady in Philadelphia has recently given Booker T. Washington \$5,000 to add to the Endowment Fund of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

In this issue we publish a list of books and poems that have been written by the colored race of the United States, it is interesting and each should clip it out and past it in your scrap book.

Mayor MacVicar laid off several policemen this week after election and among them were I. M. Jones of East Des Moines and Clay Lewis of West Des Moines. These were the only colored representatives we had on the force. Now we have none. Wonder what is the matter with the Mayor. Mr. Jones was a good man and Mr. Lewis was one of the oldest and best men on the force.

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Mrs. E. T. Banks president of the H. B. S. Reading Circle and one of our highly respected ladies assisted by her husband and Mrs. Lewis Bagburn entertained the club, their husbands and a few friends at their home on 1046 Enos Avenue. The invited friends present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Blagburn, Mrs. Chas. Ruff Misses Beatrice Hicklin, Zella Davis and Mr. J. L. Thompson, after a brief programme, social conversation was indulged in, later an excellent course of refreshments were served to the satisfaction of all and at a late hour each departed feeling well pleased with the pleasant manner in which the host and hostess entertained.

Mrs. JOHNSON LEAVES.

The evangelist Mrs. Mattie Johnson, of Chicago who has been conducting a very successful series of revival meetings, left last Monday for home. Her stay in our city has been only three weeks yet it was a very profitable and productive of much good spiritually and socially nearly 110 souls were brought to Christ through her work. Last Sunday night she preached her last sermon at the Y. M. C. A., Auditorium which to an appreciative audience more than one hundred of her friends escorted her to depot to bid her God speed. Mrs. Johnson's work as an evangelist has just commenced and she is destined to do much good among her people. May the choice blessings of God's love and the power of truth remain with her.

Telephone 255 Center street, for coal.

POLITICS.

J. Frank Blagburn was re-elected last Monday by a greatly increased majority over his election two years ago; this fact alone is very encouraging to the race in Des Moines when the head of the republican ticket, Mayor MacVicar, was defeated by over 700 votes. A Blagburn rally was held last Thursday evening at the court house; those who spoke were Attorneys E. Williamson and J. B. Bush, Mr. Geo. Taylor and Mr. J. F. Blagburn.

In Sioux City the colored candidate was defeated. The entire republican ticket was elected except four; we are sorry to note Mr. Washington's defeat.

In Colfax Geo. Terrill was elected Alderman, which we were pleased to hear and to our knowledge he is the only colored Councilman in Iowa.

REV. SHELDON'S EDITION.

For the past week nearly all the dailies and weekly papers have either criticized or complimented upon the Sheldon's Edition of the Daily Topeka Capitol, which recently appeared. Most of the papers criticized and ridiculed his method of operating a daily; however true it was that the editions was devoid of any merit from a newspaper, point we have learned that a paper of that order could not live long and interest the public; for the public wants the news pure and simple as is transpiring all over the globe. A daily with a Sunday edition might meet the approval of the reading public yet we doubt it, for in this day and age people want to read something interesting, fascinating, and instructive.

WILLIAMSON'S CIVIL RIGHTS CASE.

Last week Attorney I. E. Williamson who brought suit against a lunch house which had been discriminating against the colored people by charging exorbitant prices them to only. The case was where Mr. Williamson was compelled to pay ten cents for a piece of pie and white customers only five cents. The preliminary trial was held in Justice Aylesworth's court conducted by Williamson assisted by J. L. Thompson; the defense was conducted by Clark and McLaughlin and a bitter hard fight was made by the defense, but they were bound over to the grand jury. It is indeed a shame and humiliating that in this age up here in Iowa that we have to resort to the courts to compel public inns to perform their simple duty.

OBITUARY.

With sorrow we chronicle the death of Mrs. Rachel Williams, the wife of Louis Williams of South Des Moines, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lewis of Clive. She had been long suffering from the Dropsy, the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. E. Bell, from the East Side Baptist church of which the deceased was a member of, the remains was laid to rest in the Oak Hill Cemetery south of the city. She was about 29 years old and leaves a husband, four small children, relatives, and friends to mourn her sad loss, she was a dutiful wife, a loving mother, a kind neighbor and loved by all who knew her.

REVIVAL OF TRADE.

Industrial Ireland rejoices over existing conditions in Cuba. Under the Spanish misrule of that island it was impossible for the Belfast linen manufactures to do any business there owing to the preferential tariff in favor of Spain and the extra cost of gold for London bills of exchange, for Irish goods over Spanish currency payments. Cuban merchant are now buying where they can get the best goods at most reasonable prices and are remitting promptly. A Belfast linen merchant attributes this "to the wise, able, and enlightened government of that country by the United States."

WOMAN'S CONGRESS.

Des Moines is fast becoming one of the leading cities for holding large conventions and many important and representative conventions will meet here this year but by far the largest and most important is the Woman's Congress of America, which will convene in this city the latter part of May, for one week's session. While there will be thousands of delegates present but below de give a few of the more prominent people; Admial Dewey and wife, Gov. Roosevelt (Rough Rider General) and wife, Mrs. Booker T. Washington is expected, Mrs. I. L. Hillis, of this city, who has charge of the convention and Mrs. E. R. Clapp, chairman on the entertainment committee states the following:

"Nearly every large and progressive women's club from the Atlantic to the Pacific will send representatives. The Des Moines ladies who enjoyed so thoroughly the hospitality of the Denver ladies at the last biennial will be glad to hear that the Denver Women's Club has appointed two delegates. Des Moines will send three, although so far away, Mrs. Dwight, Mrs. Shaeffer, and Mrs. Smith, the patroness of the Pasadena kindergartens. Mrs. J. N. Porter, the state organizer of Texas, who resides at Hillsboro, has written she is coming, and possibly others from the Lone Star state. Mrs. Mary Bourland of Pontiac, and Mrs. Erskine, of Racine are prominently known as club women and educators. Mrs. Frances Humphrey Gaffney, of New York city, president of the National Council of Women, will be still another distinguished guest.

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Two colored women of national prominence are to appear upon the platform. They are Mrs. Anna E. Murray of Washington D. C., the promoter of kindergartens among colored children, whom congress recently gave \$12,000 to carry on her work of establishing training schools for colored kindergartens. Mrs. Murray's photographs shows a most beautiful woman, with snow white hair that makes her face appear indeed young; there is not the faintest trace in the picture face of her, colored ancestry. It is said she has in her veins some of the bluest blood also. The other distinguished colored woman to be here is Mrs. Mary Church Terrill, also from Washington. She is prominent as the president of the National Association for Colored Women. Much that is of feminine interest could be written of the personalities that will go to make up the coming congress.

We have saved many doctor bills since we began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home. We keep a bottle open all the time and whenever any of my family or myself begin to catch cold we begin to use the Cough Remedy, and as a result we never have to send away for a doctor and incur a large doctor bill, for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never fails to cure. It is certainly a medicine of great merit and worth. I. E. MANKIE, General Merchant and Farmer, Mattie, Bedford county, Pa. For sale by all Druggists.

THE TRUE IDEAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION.

Hampton does not intend to make a white man out of the Negro, but its aim rather is to help him be himself, in the very best sense. The so called "Educated Negro" is sometimes a pathetic specimen of unhappiness and discontent. But the educated young Negro of the Hampton type is more, rather than less, of a Negro than ever. He loves his race, and wants nothing better than the splendid chance he finds to-day in the United States to work with and for his people. He sees the true drift of things, and declines either to be despondent or defiant. While he must see that the people of his race have to undergo some hardships and some injustice, he also sees that the white people of the South are in the main the Negro's friends and well wishers; and he is taught at Hampton that since the war the white people of the South have voluntarily paid out in taxes for the support of Negro schools something like \$60,000,000. It is the concern of the Hampton Negro and those whom he represents to see that the colored teachers are provided who shall know exactly how to secure good results from the money that continues thus to be expended.—From "Learning by Doing" at Hampton," by Albert Shaw, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for April.

CITY ELECTION.

The city election held last Monday in this city show some strange developments in our municipal election on the part of the Des Moines voters. One thing is true, that, whenever there has been a citizen's ticket put up against the regular ticket here it has been successful, at least for the past 20 years. Another thing out of the ordinary was to see such a large number of colored voters leave the republican nominee on the head of the ticket; while the Bystander will not condemn their action for, if they had a reason or principle in so doing they certainly had a perfect right to do so. We hope the election of Mr. Hartenbower will prove to be friendly and profitable to the race, and that the race may receive its just reward. It is true that our race has not got a single appointment now under Mayor MacVicar. There were at one time five, but they have been cut off one by one, until the last ones were laid off this week, which saying the least is very ungrateful for the service of those who stood nobly for the straight ticket.

Special to Bystander. Christianburg, Va.

Editor of the Bystander:— Your readers will probably be interested in the work being done by the colored Baptists of this state for the cause of education.

There are two great institutions, the Virginia Union University at Richmond and the Virginia Theological Seminary and College at Lynchburg; the former is controlled by the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York and its gigantic granite buildings are the finest of any institution, white or colored in the south. The colored Baptists have agreed to raise thirty thousand dollars for a dormitory of the University, and of this sum one five thousand dollars has been raised. The new buildings will be dedicated in May.

The Seminary at Lynchburg is under the entire control of the colored Baptist, being maintained at present absolutely without assistance; the building is a large, beautiful brick, but is heavily encumbered; the first mortgage, ten thousand dollars, is held by a colored man, Mr. Humbles, who is chiefly concerned about the interest. The Seminary is the child of the State Convention and a determined effort is in progress to raise five thousand dollars at the next session, May the ninth. Of this sum over thirteen hundred dollars has been subscribed by leading ministers of Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland and Pennsylvania; the church can be depended upon for the remainder.

On Sunday, March 18, I preached in the morning and evening to the congregation of the High Street Church, Roanoke, Rev. W. W. Brown, pastor. It was an interesting sight to me to see in the evening over three hundred dollars placed on the table for education. The pastor is an earnest, progressive man, and deserves much credit for this noble effort. Of the sum mentioned, two hundred dollars is their gift to the Virginia Seminary on its debt, and with the remainder they pay the board and tuition of a young man who is a member of the church and a student at the Seminary.

I had the pleasure of meeting Prof. G. W. Hayes, president of Virginia Seminary; he is one of the most eloquent and scholarly men of the race and is exerting a magnetic influence in this state and the denominational work in the whole country. There is a strong prejudice in Virginia against our race and this prejudice is finding its way into law. But in spite of our people are making wonderful progress. They are buying homes and farms, becoming educated, going into business and professional life, to an extent that those who believe in only menial callings for the race cannot enjoy.

Success to the Bystander, its able editor and readers.

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