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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

CITY NEWS

Telephone 255 Center street, for coal.

Read Miss Bradley's millinery advertisement.

Mr. Robert Raikes is reported some better after a serious illness.

Rev. T. Reeves left Wednesday for his home in the Gate City.

W. H. Cobb made a trip to his home at Centerville last Saturday.

Mathan Meddleton was sick the foremost of the week.

Mrs. Nettie Davis of W. Third street has been quite sick this week.

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Mrs. C. H. Richardson of Clive does improve very much.

William Frazier has succeeded Edward Weeks as an employee at the Sea Clothing Store.

Mrs. Wm. Hampton was called to the bedside of a very sick sister in Keokuk last Monday.

Messrs C. W. Henry and N. E. Morton are serving as Jurors on the present term of the District Court.

Class number 1 of the A. M. E. Church are preparing to give another one of their social entertainments on the 17, and 18, to which they invite all of their friends.

The members of the A. M. E. Sunday School are preparing a special programme for Easter. They will elect a delegate next Sunday to attend the Sunday School Convention, which meet in Keokuk June the 14th and 15th.

It is reported one of the employees of the State during the present session of the legislature is to wed a Des Moines lady next Monday. Who is the next?

Mt. Nebo Baptist church is holding a series of meetings on East Second St. between Locust and Grand Avenue. It commenced last Wednesday all are cordially invited.

Married—Last Monday evening to the surprise of many occurred the marriage of Miss Edith Stewart to Fred Branch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fletcher only a few was present to witness the marriage ceremony conducted by Dr. F. J. Peterson, both of contracting parties are well known. We extend to them our best wishes. They will beat home to their friends at 1119 Crocker.

Miss Ethel Wells, one of our popular High School girls left home yesterday about noon under very mysterious circumstances suddenly left her home not telling any one where she was going leaving a peculiar written note on the table, she was probably disappointed and as we go to press the authorities and parents have not found her, and her mother is in a critical condition, she goes into one hysterics into another.

Center Coal Mining Company, 1007 Locust street is the best place to buy coal.

H. H. Hooker and John Early was appointed by Mayor John MacVicar to take the place of some of those police men that he discharge, this appointment will give them employment until the 16th.

Rev. T. Reeves while here made a brief call on many of his old friends also the Bystander of which he is very proud; preached Monday night to an overflowing house many standing when our beloved ex-pastor entered the large audience applauded freely at the conclusion of his instructive sermon several shook hands with him.

The Bystander has a new suite of rooms in the same building, number 403 Marquardt Block and we now invite every body and especially every city subscriber to give us a call for you know how embarrassing it is to have strangers to come to our office and ask you to bring them to the office and you would say "I do not know where the office is and have never been there myself." Those strangers might think your pride is very little; so dear friends you need not bring your subscription dues, but come.

Sunday, April the 15th will be set aside as a day for raising our proportion of the money to defray the expense of the delegates to the General Conference which meets in Columbus, Ohio in May. The Iowa District Conference has five delegates, three ministerial and two lay delegates; Dr. C. R. Ransom, Elder Gains and Wm. Holmes of Chicago and Rev. T. Reeves of Keokuk and J. H. Shepard of Des Moines are the delegates. It will be seen that Iowa this year has two delegates the first time in her history, that she got two for only once before had she had one. As each church is taxed as per capita therefore let Des Moines be punctual with her assessment.

The H. B. S. R. C. met with Mrs. L. R. Palmer Thursday afternoon, April 5. A spicy programme was rendered followed by a discussion on The Women's Congress. A nice lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. L. R. Palmer, assisted by Ella Wilburn; the Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Warrick, 9th and Center Streets, April 12. Programme for April 12:—An afternoon with Rudyard Kipling; The light that failed, Mrs. Palmer; Plain Tales from the Hills, Mrs. Wilburn; Quotation from Kipling; Life of Kipling, Mrs. Clegget Paper, Mrs. Holt.

SOCIAL MELANGE.

At Prospect Park M. E. church on last Tuesday evening occurred the best arranged programme of a musical make up that we have heard for some time. The local talent was assisted by Plymouth church quartette, and Mrs. J. H. Shepard and S. D. Miller of the A. M. E. church choir. After the programme the ladies of the church served luncheon in the dining room of the cozy little dining room of the church. Mrs. Shepard and Mr. Miller sang a duet, as well as each sang a solo. They received many compliments, as well as the hearty encores to which they responded. Their reputation as possessing sweet voices had preceded them and aided much in filling the church. The entire programme was carefully arranged by Mrs. Geo. A. Miller.

The Christian Endeavor held its quarterly election last Wednesday and elected the following officers: President J. L. Thompson; Vice-President, Miss Zella Davis, Secretary, Harry Cravens; Treasurer, Gus Watkins; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice Bell. There were quite a number present and all officers were elected by acclamation except the president and as there were three candidates. Mr. C. B. Woods, H. Cravens and J. L. Thompson; one ballot settled it, Woods receiving two votes, Cravens four votes, and Thompson fifteen votes. The President will name his committees next Sunday evening at Endeavor meeting; the society named Miss Josie Rivers and Harry Craven to represent our society on the entertainment committee to entertain the State District Convention, which will convene here May 2 and 3.

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DEATH OF AN AGED WOMAN.

Died—At Osceola, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Joe Williams, Saturday March 31st 1900, Mrs. Matilda Ray, age 95 years eight months and 27 days. She was the mother of six children, three sons and three daughters, two of which survive, Mrs. John Walker of this city and Mrs. Joe Williams of Osceola, also fourteen grand-children and two great-grand children. The funeral services was held at the A. M. E. church April 1st at 2:00 P. M. at Osceola.

A. M. E. GENERAL CONFERENCE.

In next May one of the largest most refined and highly educated body of colored men ever together will meet in Columbus, Ohio. It will be the 21, session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church which meets ever four years to make laws for the Church and elect officers and ministers to the bishopric, if there be vacancies and transact all business of the church. This year it will be more noted than former conference because of some proposed new legislation and revising of the church discipline, and especial interest is taken in the interesting preference over the electing several new Bishops. It has been decided by the Board of Bishop that four more new Bishops are necessary to be selected at Columbus in May. While we have the utmost and implicit confidence in the delegates that have been selected to the convention for their are honest intelligent and many highly educated

and thoroughly consecrated to God. Yet we hope they will enter upon their work of law-making and revising in that high spirit of Christian love for the future welfare of the great Church. If we were permitted, we might in our humble judgment point out many wrongs in the discipline that works a hardship to many of the church laity. The important query is who of the many aspirants will be elected to the Bishopric. We know that the sound judgment, wise discretion, guided by the general intelligence of this consecrated christian body will not be moved by the political wire pullers, or lobbies present in behalf of some candidate. They will, we hope no doubt, consider the merits of the various candidates, from an intellectual, christian, morality, character and geographical point of view. Than again they will think of those who are endowed with the divine attributes, spotless character and rare ability, for it is by the high excellency and noble manhood of the chief officers of the church that we judge its members; that compose its component parts. Ability and education without a pure christian character amounts to nothing. Purity in the church elevated and ennobling christian ideas will elevate any race.

THE NEW CITY MAYOR.

Last Monday witness a change in Mayor's office at the City Hall, Mayor MacVicar steps down and out with Mayor elect. Mr. Jerry Hartenbower assuming the exalted position of chief of the largest city in the best state in the best country on earth. The ceremonies were brief and simple. After the Mayor

elect entered the council room the new city councilmen were sworn in. There was a larger crowd than usual at such installations. All classes, all colors, all races, all types, that compose our population were present. The new Mayor assumes the office under many peculiar and embarrassing conditions, his administration will be watched by all people and the defeated critics will keep their pencils sharpened. Then again the masses are more awoken to the interest of the city than here before; however we hope the administration may be acceptable.

COLORED MEN AFTER JOBS.

It seems that this time more colored applicants are seeking appointments from the city authorities than ever before. For health officer we find W. H. Wells. For patrol driver, I. M. Lewis of East Des Moines and D. A. Boamer, Wm. Fletcher, W. H. Warrick and John Wingo of West Des Moines. Policemen, Clay Lewis, James E. Todd, Levi Riley of West Des Moines and Geo. Taylor, I. M. Jones of East Des Moines. For janitor, Albert Moss and W. L. Tomlin. For dump master, J. E. Dade. For janitor of the city cemetery, Hudson Woods; with perhaps others that we have not heard of. We know that some of the above named gentlemen will be selected. Yet we cannot surmise the successful ones—will tell in our next issue.

"Free bread funds for the poor" seem to have passed away with Cooxey's army. It was in 1894, under a Democratic low tariff, that the lamp-posts in New York's streets were decorated with such signs and with contribution boxes to receive the funds. At the same time the great New York Democratic dailies were collecting free clothes for the men who were unemployed under free trade.

The census is coming in two months and it will bring an opportunity to the Afro-American which he should not lose. The census taker will be around some time in June, carrying a long thin book in which the questions are printed, and bearing on his vest a small silver shield which contains an eagle and the words "United States Census, 1900."

This badge does not entitle him to take money or to ask any questions about your taxes, your debts, your politics, or your religion. But it does authorize him to ask a few harmless questions about yourself and your property.

The census taker will want to know your name and whether you are the head of the family or some relation of the head. He will ask whether you are single or married, or widowed, in what state you and your parents were born, and what kind of work you do. In order to show how industrious the people are he will ask how many months you worked during the year and whether you own your home or not. In order to show how intelligent the people are he will ask whether you can read or write. In order to show the wealth of the colored people he will ask a few questions about the value of your home and farm, the number of mules, chickens, geese, pigs, cows that you own and how much these animals are worth. Besides these facts he will take down the value of the grain, cotton, garden truck fowls, eggs that you raised last year. If you ate all the chickens you raised, or used all the wheat you grew, you are to count the value of these also, just as if they were sold for money.

The Afro-Americans should think these questions over and be prepared to answer them properly, first because the law requires them to be answered, because they are asked of everybody, rich or poor, black or white; third because if the Afro-Americans do not tell what they have raised and what they possess, the race will not make the showing it deserves to make among the races represented in the United States.

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.

WHAT THE NEGRO HAS DONE.

A recent writer gives the following summary of what the Negro has accomplished to demonstrate his fitness for civilization; He has reduced his illiteracy forty-five percent, in thirty-five years; Negro children in the common schools number 1,500,000; Negro students in higher institutions, 40,000; Negro teachers, 30,000; Negro students learning trades, 20,000 Negro students pursuing scientific courses, 1,200; Negro students pursuing business courses, 1,000; and Negro graduates, 17,000.

There are 250,000 volumes in Negro libraries, 126 institutions for the higher education of Negroes, 500 Negro physicians, 300 books written by Negroes, 250 Negro lawyers, three banks conducted by Negroes, three magazines edited by Negroes and 400 newspapers under Negro management.

The value of their libraries is \$500,000 their school property is \$11,000,000 their church property is valued at \$37,000,000 their farms, numbering about 130,000 are worth \$400,000,000 (this does not include their homes, valued at \$325,000,000) and their personal property is worth \$165,000,000. Since the war the Negro has raised \$10,000,000 for his own education.—Leslie's Weekly.

THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and a troublesome cough, and having read their advertisements in our own and other papers we purchased a bottle to see if it would effect us. It cured us before the bottle was more than half used. It is the best medicine out for colds and coughs.—The Herald, Andersonville, Ind. For sale by all Druggists.

Explosives Confined and Unconfined.

There is a widespread apprehension in regard to the devastating effect of high explosives. When unconfined the effect even of large charges of them upon structures is comparatively slight. At the naval ordnance proving ground, so long ago as 1884, repeated charges of dynamite, varying from five pounds to 100 pounds in weight, were detonated on the face of a vertical target consisting of eleven one-inch wrought-iron plates bolted to a twenty-inch oak backing, until 440 pounds of dynamite had been so detonated in contact with it, and yet the target remained practically uninjured, while at Braamfontein the accidental explosion of fifty-five tons of blasting gelatin, which was stored in railway vans, excavated but 30,000 tons of soft earth. Thus at Fort Lee, on the Hudson, but two tons of dynamite placed in a chamber in the rock and tamped brought down 100,000 tons of the rock; at Lamberis, Wales, two tons and a half of gelatin dynamite, similarly placed, threw out 180,000 tons of rock, and at the Talcan Mawr, in Wales, seven tons of gunpowder placed in two chambers in the rock dislodged from 125,000 to 200,000 tons of rock.

The Ages of Men.

A great man does not always attain a ripe old age; in fact, hardly half of the greatest men of modern and ancient times have reached the limit of age set by the Bible. Among statesmen: Mirabeau was 42; Pitt, 47; Caesar, 55; Richelieu, 57; Cromwell, 59; Frederick the Great, 74; Disraeli, 75; Bismarck, 83; Talleyrand, 84. Of great conquerors: Alexander the Great died at 32; Napoleon at 51, Hannibal at 53, Marlborough at 72, Blucher at 76, Wellington at 83, Xenophon at 86, Moltke at 91. The age of the decrease of philosophers was: Spinoza, 44; Descartes, 53; Aristotle, 62; Socrates, 68; Linnaeus, 70; Copernicus, 70; Galileo, 78; Kant, 79; Plato, 82; Newton, 84; Humboldt, 89. The longevity of great writers, poets, varies from Byron, 36, to Sophocles, 90. To painters death came at ages varying from Raphael at 37, to Titian at 89.

AS TRUE AS GOSPEL.

Speak well of your friend, of your enemy, say nothing. He who says what he likes will hear what he does not like. A man's manners are the mirror in which he shows his portrait. If cheerfulness knocks for admission, we should open our hearts wide to receive it, for it never comes in uninvited.