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## IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

### CITY NEWS

Mrs. A. O. Smith is very sick this week.

Mr. Edward Morton will leave next week for Sioux City to visit awhile.

Mr. Geo. Dunn who has been very sick is able to set up at this writing.

Mr. Harry Lawery is visiting his cousin, Mr. Wesley Field, West Eighth street.

Mr. George Steele father of Charles Steele died at Oskaloosa last Wednesday and was buried Thursday.

CAUTION—Protect your loved ones by insuring in the African Monarchs of America, Sioux City, Iowa.

The Messrs. McClains of Minneapolis are in the city and contemplate remaining here. They are stopping at Mr. C. B. Woods on Ninth street.

J. H. Nixon, Jeweler, No. 316 West Third street, Tunes Pianos and repairs Organs.

Mr. James Weeks one of our best looking and enterprising citizens has just bought him a beautiful home on 1307 West street and will move this fall.

Several couples of the young society gathered at the home of the Misses Woodward, Wednesday evening and spent the evening in dancing. All report a pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McClain of 1151 Third street, entertained at dinner last Sunday, Rev. and Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. James Harding, and Mrs. Burton of Red Oak.

Mr. A. Toliver, one of Des Moines young men and who was one of the excursionists to Minneapolis, has decided to remain there. He will be greatly missed by the young society people of this city.

The preliminary trial of Mattie Mash for shooting Wm. Foster, was held in the police court Tuesday evening, she through her attorney pled not guilty but the judge bound her over to wait the action of the grand jury.

Mr. G. W. Davis of Muchaknock was in our city last Friday evening enroute to Saylor mine to attend the funeral of his brother who was crushed to death by the shaft cage dropping. We could not learn the particulars in this case.

The Local Council which was to meet last Tuesday and perfect its organization held a large and interesting meeting and effected a permanent organization by electing Chas. B. Woods, as president Wm. Fraizer, Secretary and several members joined and paid their initiation fees.

Mrs. Belle Allen, who recently located here from La Porte, Ind., and was employed as a hair dresser in Mrs. Myers shop on Sixth avenue, has resigned and will move next week to Minneapolis to make her future home.

The H. B. S. was entertained by Madame Warrick Thursday afternoon. The circle is in a fine condition and the wave of interest is moving onward and upward. The circle will be entertained on Oct. 4th by Madame Williamson, with the following programme. Paper by Mrs. Wilburn, Subject, Imperialism followed by general discussion, also a talk by T. E. Barton.

WANTED—Reliable men to organize Local Lodges. Address African Monarchs of America, Sioux City, Iowa.

Colored Jeweler at 316 West Third street; will buy old gold or exchange for new.

NEW—A Secret Fraternal Insurance Society, exclusively for the colored race. African Monarch of America, Sioux City, Iowa.

The Household of Ruth No. 339 will hold their regular meetings the second and fourth Thursday in every month. B. J. Holmes, M. N. G. G. L. Williams, W. R. C.

The Saylor Mine McKinley club recently organized will hold a meeting Monday evening October 1, 1900 at Saylor mine North of Des Moines. The speakers are James Brenton (white) County Superintendent, John L. Thompson, Editor of Bystander and Thomas E. Barton who has just returned from Washington D. C. Good music. All are invited to come out especially the ladies.

There will be a reception given by the members and friends of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, Second and Center streets, Monday evening, October 1, in honor of the pastor, Rev. L. J. Phillips. All are invited. Refreshments will be served and a short programme rendered as follows: Opening address, I. E. Williamson; Solo, J. H. Rogers; Paper, "Woman's Relation to the Church," Zeila Davis; Oration, E. F. McAfee; Welcome address, G. I. Holt; Short Talk, "Men's Relation to the Church," T. E. Barton; Stewards and Trustees, W. H. Humbard; Response by Pastor, W. R. Fraizer will preside.

### BEDFORD CELEBRATION.

Lincoln Proclamation of Emancipation was celebrated by the colored citizens of Taylor County at Bedford, Iowa, last Saturday a large crowd was out and every one seem to enjoy the meeting. The morning programme was dispensed, with the exception of the Bedford band, which gave a concert. In the afternoon a shower of rain prevented the exercises from being held out doors, so the crowd gathered at the City Hall Auditorium. Mr. D. Isom, the President call the meeting to order, prayer by Mr. Johnson and music by the band after which the Mayor Mr. Manley delivered the welcome address then Mr. McClain (white) made a rousing speech tinged with politics, after each speech the Bedford band rendered music. Miss Bertie Lucas read the Proclamation in a very clear and pleasing manner, then J. L. Thompson of Des Moines the orator was introduced and held the people for one hour in telling the history, suffering, progress and duties yet unsolved to be met, his speech was warmly applauded, then Ex. Senator Geo. L. Finn spoke very eloquently and earnestly, after which the crowd adjourned. A concert was had in the evening.

### WEALTHY COLORED FARMER LEAVES IOWA.

Samuel Shackelford, one of the self-made men of our race and who is the most successful colored farmers in southwestern Iowa, and perhaps the state, has decided to leave the Hawkeye state and take up his abode in Oklahoma. Mr. Shackelford and family moved from Galesburg, Ill., about fifteen years ago and settled in the then wild prairie of Taylor county, four and one-half miles northeast of Gravity, where he has remained every since adding to his home until he has recently built an eight room two story house, modern in every way. His barn recently built is 40x60 feet with wind mill and other conveniences it makes it without a doubt a model country home. He has just sold his farm 220 acres at \$50 per acre, and will invest his money in Oklahoma land. He has a very intelligent family of three children. Miss Mattie, a bright young lady who is an artist; James, a student at Simpson college and Willie, who is at home and a member of the Sharp's band. Mr. and Mrs. Shackelford will leave immediately after the

sale for several weeks visit in his former home, Ohio and Illinois. We are sorry to see Mr. Shackelford leave Iowa for the success of our race depend upon the shoulders of such men. However we wish them success. Below we print a part of his sale as printed on the bill "Having sold my farm I will sell at my residence 3 miles west of Sharps and 4 1/2 north-west of Gravity on September 24. Commencing at 10 a. m. the following described property: 64 head of cattle, 17 head of horses, 35 head of stock hogs, 1 wagon, 1 Rock Island Hay Loader, 1 corn sheller, 1 harrow, 2 cultivators, 2 plows (1 sulky), 1 new four burr Mogul Feed Grinder, 6 movable hog houses 15 acres of corn in field, 200 bushels of oats, about 25 tons of hay and 2 ricks of straw.

### THE NEW MINISTER.

The newly appointed minister for the A. M. E. church, Rev. T. L. Phillips of Minneapolis, arrived here last week early enough to preach at the regular time and place. The reverend's family has not moved here yet but will soon. Rev. Phillips is quite an eloquent divine and an earnest worker in the different church auxiliaries, especially the Christian Endeavor society. We welcome him here and hope that he will maintain that high esteem for the church as did his worthy predecessor.

### STAND BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Recently there has been a disposition on the part of a few colored men to vote for the democratic party. We say in all seriousness to stand by and support the Republican party, for its principles are right. Sometimes a few selfish men try to pervert that party in the wrong direction but as we are members of that party we should assist and help to right all wrongs and maintain those old sacred principles of the party. Remember what little favor and help we as a race have ever received has come through the Republican party, and anything for the elevation of the race has been opposed by the Democratic party. The jim crow law, the lynch law, the mob law and the disfranchising law has been made and passed by democrats, and even such rebels as pitchfork Tillman stand up in congress and thank God that they disfranchised the Negro vote. This man's own statement is enough to convince the Negro that the democrats do not want us. We cannot see how any decent colored voter will support such a party. Let us stand by the grand old republican party.

### DEFORD FOR SUPERVISOR.

The republicans of the Fourth Supervisor district has nominated Mr. DeFord, a well known farmer of Walnut T. P. Mr. DeFord has never held any public office, except member of Township trustee and member of School Board. He is now foreman of the grand jury, and has always been a republican. For five years he served in the regular army under General Custor's command. He is honest and has good judgment, and with his pleasant and sociable way of meeting people has made many friends. The republicans and especially the colored voters should see to it that he has their support.

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.

### GONE TO HER REWARD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, one of our highly respected citizens, departed this life Friday morning, Sept. 21, of heart trouble. Mrs. Jones was born in Kentucky in 1847, moving from there to Callio, Mo., and to this city in 1886, where she has since resided. She was the mother of six children; two died in infancy, two daughters, Belle and Etta, who died in this city, the former 4 years ago the latter about 2 years ago, and two sons, Robert and Arthur, who survive her; and a host of friends to mourn her death. She was an active member of St. Paul's A. M. E. church. The funeral services were held from the church Sunday afternoon, conducted by Dr. F. J. Peterson. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. The pall bearers were T. E. Barton, David Bomer, Wm. Coalson, B. J. Holmes, E. T. Banks and J. H. Shepard. The remains were laid to rest in Woodland cemetery. She was a loving mother and kind to all.

### COLORED CLUB ORGANIZED.

The colored voters of Saylor mine met last Monday night and organized the largest political club yet organized in this county. The T. P. committeeman is J. M. Edwinton, white. They elected Mr. Rolly Pritchard president John Mason Secretary. They will hold another meeting Monday evening, Oct. 1. Attorney J. B. Rush made the principle address; also Mr. DeFord, candidate for Supervisor, and Hyden Saylor (white) spoke awhile. The club has 30 men to join that evening and all are enthused for the success of McKinley and Roosevelt.

J. L. Thompson, the negro editor of the Bystander, has been appointed a deputy in Treasurer McKay's office. Could not a white man have been found in the whole of Des Moines competent for the position?—Runnells Telegram.

The above article is from the pen of a paper which is supposed to be republican. We were indeed surprised to think that any Iowan was so narrow and prejudiced as to utter such words. Certainly such a man is not intelligent. The Bystander considers the editor of the Runnells Telegram, below our dignity to pay any attention to, but we simply quote him to show what some people will do. We understand that the editor is recently from the state of Georgia and since he has been in our country has been in lawsuit with a woman, as the court records shows.

Below we print a reply that the Mitchellville Index (white) says. It is the true kind of republicanism that every one should be judged:

Mr. Thompson is educated, competent, and a good citizen in every respect. That being the case, why should he not have the position without question? We fear Bro. Morris is not the Republican he would have candidates for nomination believe he was a couple years ago.

### CLINTON ITEMS.

Rev. P. P. Taylor filled the pulpit in Bethel church last Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Richardson is entertaining her mother Mrs. Eliza Jackson of Greenville, Texas.

Rev. B. Holly stopped over in Clinton Saturday on his way home from the annual conference.

Miss Myrtle Hampton is confined to her home by illness.

A large number attended the celebration at Davenport last week returning Sunday evening.

A number of the members and friends of Bethel church called on Dr. Peterson, Monday night at the parsonage and left a number of tokens of good will suitable to satisfy the wants of the inner man.

The literary society attendance was quite small last week, owing to the inclement weather prevailing.

Dr. F. J. Peterson who was recently assigned Pastor of Bethel church of this city arrived Monday from Des Moines accompanied by his wife and infant daughter, upon their arrival they were taken in a cab to the home of William Henderson, where a most delightful dinner had been prepared by Mesdames William Henderson and A. A. Bush in the early evening, they repaired to the parsonage where they will be at home to their friends in a few days as soon as they become settled. Clinton welcomes the Dr. and his estimable wife.

### ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Maggie Nelson and Nora Grayson attended the street fare in Ottumwa (w) days this week.

Misses Henrietta Jones and Maggie Carter made a visit to Ottumwa Tuesday of this week.

The Hooking people made preparation to celebrate at Hooking on the 22nd., but the rain prevented them from having it on the grounds, they returned to the hall and report a nice time.

Mrs. Laura Schofield of Oskaloosa is visiting her father here.

Messrs H. Carter, C. Washington and Mr. Rob Channey and Miss Harriet of Lucas were Albia and Hooking visitors this week.

The Harrison Minstrel showed in Albia on Saturday evening.

### DUBUQUE NEWS.

Miss Gertrude Lewis who has been visiting in Muchaknock for the past summer returned home last Monday and reports a good time. She says "Muehy" people are all right.

Rev. W. H. Speese is the new pastor at the A. M. E. church. He is a wide awake young man and we hope much good will be accomplished by him.

Mrs. Gertrude Evans, who has been visiting in Indiana returned home this week.

Miss Blanche Rober has gone to Chicago where she will visit her sisters.

Mr. Leonard Lewis is proving himself to be quite a musician, especially a piano player. We expect great things from him in the future.

Mrs. Annie Greene who has been on the sick list is able to be out again.

### MUSCATINE NEWS.

Rev. Gordon has returned from Conference and will remain another year which is good news.

Mrs. P. Townley spent Saturday in Moline Ill.

Mr. S. Barnes read a very interesting paper at Sunday School Sunday.

Tom Hinkel is visiting in Ottumwa.

Miss Shepard of Oskaloosa is the guest Mrs. Nelson Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lamb are the proud parents of twins a boy and a girl.

Will Townley of Burlington is in the city.

Miss Emma Boyd leaves Monday for Cedar Rapids to visit Mrs. Jeff Adam Clay.

Mr. William Schackelford has suffered a relapse and is now confined to his bed.

[Last Week's Correspondence.]

Rev. Gordon left for Conference last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Mary Motts and son Leon of Washington were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carr and taking in the street fair last week.

Mrs. Chesim and son of Whatecheer were street fair visitors Wednesday.

A sociable was given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. P. Townley Monday evening, it was a success financially.

Miss Alyce Maxie arrived home last week after a pleasant visit in Burlington and Ft. Madison.

Mr. Lemuel Reed of Burlington spent a few days visiting his brother-in-law F. E. White.

Friends of Mr. William Schackelford are pleased to see him out again after a siege of typhoid fever.

Bennie Johnson arrived from Muchaknock to attend school here.

Mrs. Nelson Carr has gone to Oskaloosa and Muchaknock for a visit.

Mr. Wesley White of Burlington is visiting his brother F. E. White.

There were several strangers in our city sight seeing at the street fair.

Mrs. Fred Foy and Miss Carpenter of Moline took in the street fair Wednesday.

Friends and members of the A. M. E. church are rejoicing over the fact that they are now out debt. Rev. Gordon is a faithful worker, few have succeeded in raising the entire amount which was \$480.00. Rev. Gordon has worked very faithful this year, although there were many hindrances in his way, he came out victorious. We trust he will be sent back again, as he has won the hearts of the people as an upright man. There will be a day for rejoicing as the people will make preparations for a grand jubilee in the near future.

Those who promised to pay their subscriptions this month please bear in mind the agent will call Saturday.

### Victoria's Eyesight Foes.

The London Chronicle states that Queen Victoria's eyesight is becoming a matter of grave concern to those about her. Even the blue spectacles, with which Dublin and London are alike familiar, are falling of their old effect. All dispatches and all letters, except the most private, are read to her majesty, who now writes little more than her signature with her own hand. A famous foreign eye doctor has been lately consulted, but without any encouraging result.

### Not All Ring Devotees.

While the Queensberry family is generally associated with prize fighting and personal eccentricities, there are members of it who have achieved distinction in other lines. One is the Hon. John Douglas, C. M. G., who has just published in Brisbane an interesting history of Thursday Island, the sentry guarding the northern approach to Australia, where he has been government resident for the last 15 years.

### New Material in Paper-Making.

It has been demonstrated that paper can be manufactured in the south at a handsome profit—the mill at Pensacola, Fla., which has been in successful operation for some months, proves the fact beyond question. This mill is using pitch pine for pulp-making. Recent experiments have shown the availability of wild cane, which grows in vast quantities throughout the southern states, for this purpose.

### A Queer Advertisement.

In an English contemporary is the following advertisement of a shooting school: "Forty acres in extent. Gun fitting a specialty. Instructions in the art of shooting. Patent try guns and targets. Most realistic covers. Practice given at driver birds, high pheasants, etc. Any number of sportsmen can be accommodated. Experienced gun fitters and instructors always in attendance."

### Seven Pines.

On May 31, 1862, a severe but indecisive battle was fought between the union and confederate forces, under the command of Gen. McClellan and Gen. Johnson respectively, in a locality a few miles from Richmond, Va., on the Williamsburg road. Seven large pines were located there, and the locality derived its name from the pines.

### The Sjabok Described.

The sjabok, which is frequently mentioned in dispatches from South Africa, is a long whip, made from rhinoceros hide, and polished till it looks almost like amber. It is very tough and durable, and is used by the Boers upon animals and natives, and also for the chastisement of criminals. The crack of the sjabok sounds like a pistol shot.

### Selling American Frogs Abroad.

One man connected with the Philadelphia zoo has crossed the Atlantic fifty times in charge of animals. He has sold many huge American frogs at \$2.50 each to owners of German castles to be used for "decorative purposes" in the ponds and lakes. The basso profundo of our bullfrogs is highly valued abroad.

### Widows Do Not Remarry.

In China it is the rule of good society that widows do not remarry. They are not forbidden to do so, but they are thought more highly of if they don't. In order to encourage them the government, when they have passed the age of 50, and have not remarried, confers on them a tablet containing a eulogy of their virtues.

### Raising the Hat an Ancient Salutation.

When a knight of old entered a company of ladies he removed his helmet to indicate that he considered himself among friends, and that there was no need to protect himself. This practice has survived in the custom of raising the hat when saluting a lady. —June Ladies' Home Journal.

### Prince Rupert's Dielikes.

Prince Rupert, the heir to the throne of Bavaria, dislikes the attentions of the White Rose league of England, which, because it recognizes the claims of the Stuarts to the British throne, persists, much to his disgust, in styling him "the rightful prince of Wales."

### Britain's New Halfpenny Stamp.

Great Britain has issued a new halfpenny stamp, green in color; a new 1s bi-colored postage and revenue stamp will also be issued about midsummer, when the stock of the present single colored green stamp will be exhausted.

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