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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

CITY NEWS

Election day Tuesday.

Street Hats 50c Mason's

Midway Coal, 212 W. 7th street, both Phones.

Mrs. J. D. Forman spent last Saturday at the Saylor Mines.

Rev. Mrs. L. J. Phillips was sick last week, but able to be out to church Sunday.

Remember to go to the polls next Tuesday and vote the straight Republican ticket.

Attorney Geo. H. Woodson of Muchaknock spent several days this week in our city.

WRITE The African Monarchs of America. They have something to tell you. Sioux City, Ia.

Our beautiful October weather has passed with the month, and November opens with a cold rain.

It is the duty of every voter to vote for McKinley next Tuesday and continue the good times.

The IOWA STATE BYSTANDER will be on sale at A. J. Servason's cigar store, 2826 State street, Chicago.

Are you going to entertain? If so you will need invitations, call and see our samples, our prices are the lowest.

Mrs. Morgan, the wife of our enterprising barber, has been much indisposed the past week, but improving now.

Mr. A. M. Rivers, Jr., returned from Savannah, Tenn., last Sunday night, where he has been for nearly two years with his grand parents.

Mr. R. N. Hyde was in Ottumwa Monday in the interest of John Wilkerson whose trial was set for that day but was postponed until the 8th inst.

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

Rev. D. A. Basfield of Osceola preached at Saylor last Sunday evening, and also assisted Rev. L. J. Phillips at the morning services of the A. M. E. church.

Rev. C. W. Holmes left last Sunday night for Warrensburg, Mo., to attend the funeral of the eight year old son Freeman who died at that place.

SECRET Fraternal Beneficiary lodge for the colored people only. African Monarchs of America, Sioux City, Ia.

Mr. John Bryant one of the pioneer citizens of Osceola was a capital city visitor this week. He called at the Bystander office and paid up his subscription, and said the Bystander was the best published in the West.

HELP THE GALVESTON RELIEF.

Come and be made happy yourself. The mutual Perfecting Association, 312 West Seventh street, will give 25 per cent of all orders for piano tuning and perfecting musical instruments, for 30 days. Address manager, 312 West Seventh street. (Mention Iowa State Bystander.)

Mason's, Bonets and Hat 609 Locust.

M. L. A. Wiles of Muchaknock, who is now employed in Washington, D. C., was a Des Moines visitor last week. Mr. George Walker, a substantial and influential "Muchy" citizen was with him. They were the guests of Mr. James.

WE WANT colored organizers for the best thing on earth for colored people. African Monarchs of America, Sioux City, Ia.

THE ELITE Restaurant, 314 W. Third street. Best 15c meal in the city. A trial will convince you. E. G. McAFEE Prop.

BURLINGTON ROUTE

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A. R. Jackson, director of the Muchaknock band, will be our representative at Muchaknock after this week. Mr. Jackson has had charge of that band for the past two years and they have been very successful in all their concerts, and beyond a doubt it is the best colored band in the West. Mr. Jackson is from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Our job department motto is prompt service, good work and low prices. A trial will convince you.

WHAT SOCIETY AND CHURCH PEOPLE ARE DOING.

Miss Carrie Spears of 1701 Des Moines street entertains a number of her friends tonight.

Miss Beattie Stewart returned from Boone last Tuesday night.

Miss Beatrice Hicklin who has been visiting with relatives and friends in St. Joseph, Mo., for several months will return to this city this week.

On last Tuesday evening a four course dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Blagburn, at their home, 379 School St. in honor of T. E. Barton of Washington, D. C. The beautiful table in their dining room was made attractive by the use of handsome china and silver ware. Carnations were used in decorating. At each cover was a dainty little dinner card with the guests' monogram on one side and their subject to discuss on the other side. At the conclusion of the serving, and the discussion of each subject the guest of honor made the principal talk of the evening in expressing his gratitude to the host and hostess for the royal manner in which they entertain him and his friends. The response was made by J. Frank Blagburn. Mrs. Blagburn was assisted by Mesdames G. H. Cleggett and H. H. Lewis. Those present were T. E. Barton, Rev. L. J. Phillips, W. H. Humbard, W. A. Birney, Prof. G. I. Holt, J. Frank Blagburn, B. J. Holmes, Wm. Coalson, G. H. Cleggett, E. T. Banks and J. H. Shepard.

Fall and winter Hats at Mason's. The H. B. S. was pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Denney. The Circle has made arrangements to entertain all of the young Misses, about forty in number, on the 30th of this month. We look forward with pride to a meeting that shall last in our memories throughout life. The paper on "Trust" read by Mrs. Palmer was handled with dignity and force. The Circle will meet next week with Mrs. J. P. Hamilton.

GERMAN REMEDY Cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Male and Female Weakness. Send \$1.50; German Medicine Co. Des Moines, Ia.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Cox and sister desires to extend their thanks to the friends who gave their assistance during the illness and death of their father, Richard Stewart.

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For sprains, swellings and lameness there is nothing so good as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Try it For sale by all Druggists.



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Some papers are claiming that Booker T. Washington is a Democrat. This is not true. Mr. Washington, in a speech in Washington, D. C., said: "I am not a politician, but I am a Republican." President McKinley and Mr. Washington are close friends.

SOUND REASON TO STAY BY YOUR FRIENDS!

Let us urge upon every voter who reads these lines to do his full duty at the polls next Tuesday. The colored man's only hope for redress for the wrongs done his race is through the ballot box and he must know and stand by his friends and stand by them with the same firmness as should characterize his love for his own household. In Polk county the vote of the colored man is a power and we should not falter in the support of men whom we know as our tried and true friends. The Bystander urges that not a man be caught by the "good fellow" dodge now being practiced by the democratic candidates whose party has in the past and is to-day heaping odium upon the colored man in other states in this fair land of ours. Avoid being purchased by promises which are easily made and just as easily broken, promises made by democratic candidates who only wish

vote of every colored man in the Fifth district should be cast for DeFord as a protest against this damnable accusation that the colored vote is purchasable, if for no other reason. But fortunately there is a weightier reason for voting for DeFord. He is a man who is of the common people. He has been the friend of the colored men of this county when their friends were counted fewer than they are to-day and in a fair state like Iowa where the colored people still have the right to vote they should not fritter away their right of suffrage by favoring those who if they had the opportunity, would serve them as they have those in the south. No man should allow another by some trivial promise allure him away from the principles he holds dear and cast his vote for the representative of a party for either a high or low office that has so trampled upon the rights of the colored man as has the democratic party. Their mighty spokesman, Tillman told the demo-



"The Republican Party is the Ship, all else the Sea."— Frederick Douglass.

to use you for their own vile purposes and selfish desires. Had they the power in Iowa to-day every colored man would be disfranchised the same as they are in North Carolina where the acts of the democratic legislature in disfranchising the colored citizens is a stench in the nostrils of liberty loving people all over the land and a foul blot upon the his history of America. In Polk county the democrats are making strenuous efforts to elect John Pedersen, a democrat, as supervisor in the Fifth district, and to do it they are using methods that would put to shame all honorable people. They have even made their brags that the republican candidate, Mr. L. H. DeFord will be defeated by colored votes and that they can purchase enough to land their candidate. The

cratic national convention what they did with the colored voters in the south, and Bryan prefer to aid the copper-colored Malay in the Philippines rather than permit the freemen of America their right of enfranchisement. We are fearfully in earnest in urging our readers to stand steadfast for the republican ticket from President McKinley down to every man and the county and township ticket, and when you go into the election booth next Tuesday do your to your friends and rebuke the men who herald our race as a purchasable quantity. Stand forth in your manhood, glory in your power.

If you are going to give an entertainment or serve dinner Thanksgiving you will need tickets and dodgers. Come to the Bystander office, our samples and prices will suit you.

This week Mr. T. S. Ruff a typesetter who belongs to the printer's union here and has worked in nearly all the printing offices in this city was employed this week by Mr. Geo. A. Miller of the Miller printing Co., and several of the printers, called on Mr. Miller and told him they would not work in an office with a Negro. He informed them that the colored typesetter would remain and that they could go, if they wanted to.

It does seem so very strange that those unions will allow a colored man to join their unions and then object to working with them. It is very inconsistent to take a man's money as a member of anything and compel him to submit to the same regulations that any other member does, and those members simply walked out and would not work with a fellow member simply because he is a colored man, of course we know those parties that does this is a low jealous class, they are men that perhaps would drink smoke and visit the low colored dives of the city after dark, and then in the day time claim they will not work with colored men. We praise Mr. Miller for the strong stand he took and hope he will keep Mr. Ruff.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION LEAVES FEDERATION.

The Women's club of Medford, Mass., has voted to withdraw from the General Federation of Women's Clubs, because the executive board of the latter organization, at the federation convention at Milwaukee last June, refused to seat Mrs. Josephine St. P. Rufin, who represented a club of colored women.

This is the first and only club to our knowledge that has taken such actions. Will there be any other clubs that will do likewise? It will be remembered that the delegation from this state were in favor of seating Mrs. Rufin last June at the convention and made a strong fight in her behalf. We trust that when the next executive board of the General Federation of Women's club is selected that they will be more liberal in their views and seat all delegates regardless of color.

A SENSATIONAL STORY.

To tell our readers the full story of a very interesting and what will prove to be a much contested case in the courts would take several columns, but to be brief, a colored man named John Wilkerson married a white girl from Chillicothe, Mo., in Ottumwa, Ia. The girl, so her father claimed, was under age of consent but left home and her father followed her to Des Moines. Then the officers started after them, finding them in Kansas, and took the girl back home. She soon left home again and meeting her old lover at Ottumwa, and they were married on the third day of October. Wilkerson was arrested last Saturday on the charge of assisting in securing a license to marry when his wife is alleged to be only 17 years old, and was taken to Ottumwa, where his trial was set for last Monday, but was postponed until the 8th inst. Gordon, the father of Mrs. Wilkerson, had her arrested on the charge of being demerited. She was tried before the Insane Commissioners and their verdict was that she was insane. It has been said by many who attended the trial that it was one of the most biased boards that ever one was tried before. Mrs. Wilkerson was taken away yesterday afternoon and will be sent to college.

A LARGE RALLY.

ELOQUENT SPEAKERS AND GOOD MUSIC.

As published in our last issue, the largest rally of the campaign was given here last Thursday eve under the auspices of the colored Republicans of Des Moines. In the afternoon the popular cornet band of Muchaknock arrived and marched through the city playing. Then the excitement and interest took on an enthusiastic appearance. At 7 o'clock the parade was formed on Third and Walnut under the direction of Chief Marshall Lieutenant E. G. McAfee. Headed by the Muchaknock band they marched through the principal streets of the city, then to the Auditorium. It was 8:20 o'clock before Mr. T. E. Barton,

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chairman of the evening, introduced the first speaker, as a quartet sang several songs. Mr. W. D. Anderson, of Keokuk, was the first speaker, and he made a good speech, leaving a favorable impression. Music by the band, then Attorney G. H. Woodson, of Muchaknock, made a rousing speech filled with wit. But the climax came as the crowd, evidently waiting for the rare treat which was given them by Hon. J. Frank Wheaton, present member of the Minnesota Legislature. The applause continue long after Chairman Barton, in a few well chosen words, introduced the orator of the evening. Mr. Wheaton had never been heard in the Iowa capitol before, but his speech has placed his name among the foremost speakers of the Northwest, either white or colored. Space will not permit us to do justice in giving a synopsis of his address, so we will not attempt it. The eloquence, the rich, easy flow of language carried his audience into a wonder of admiration and wild enthusiasm. After hearing the silver tongued orator, we do not wonder that the loyal Republicans elected him to the Legislature in a white district, where only forty or fifty colored voters live in his district as he is a young man we predict a great future for.

A meeting was held Sunday afternoon by the members of A. M. E. church for the purpose of appointing a committee to wait on Governor Shaw in the interest of Mr. John S. Wilkerson. The committee is composed as follows: T. E. Barton, chairman; J. Clifford Williams, Jas. M. Ruff, J. T. Blagburn, A. J. Vaughn, who are to set forth to the governor the cause of their unwillingness to having Mr. Wilkerson returned to the state of Missouri, and will ask Governor Shaw not to recognize request papers in the case of Mr. Wilkerson unless the governor of the state of Missouri will vouch for his (Wilkerson's) safety and will guarantee the protection, fairness and justice in every respect, to which he is entitled as a citizen of the state of Iowa.

MRS. GEORGIA HOLT, Secretary.

AT THE BANQUET.

The great rally that was held last night at the Auditorium would have been incomplete had a banquet not been given. After the speaking, an informal reception was given. About thirty men went to the Elite restaurant, where the proprietor, E. G. McAfee, was prepared to serve them. Mr. R. N. Hyde was master of ceremonies and after he had made a short address, Mr. G. I. Holt was next, who made a very logical address. He also rendered a very beautiful solo of "true life." Mr. Geo. Woodson was called upon and as usual his toast was effective. Hon. J. F. Wheaton made the brilliant toast of the evening. In following his words closely it would seem that during some of his climaxes one would think they were among the satellites. Mr. I. E. Williamson, in his conservative way, dispensed some salient facts. D. W. Anderson also responded to toasts. After this some one started the tune of John Brown and a few verses of that old liberty-loving hymn were sung, and while the adieu were being said, the lyric tenor voice of G. I. Holt was heard singing "God be With You Till We Meet Again," and the strains were soon imbibed by all present.

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.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETANAN.

The masquerade social given by the Masons at their hall on the 25th was a decided success. Several persons were marked much to the merriment of all present. The prize for the most comical person masked, which was a silk umbrella, was awarded to Clyde Washington, who represented one-half man and one-half woman.

Rev. Bass returned home last Saturday morning from Chicago. The A. M. E. choir will give a grand concert and lunch Thursday eve, November 8, to raise proceeds to purchase new music. Every one come out and have a good time.

The Steward's board met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Addie Perkins to arrange for a Thanksgiving dinner to be held at the church.

Geo. Martin, of Chicago, was on over Sunday visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin, last week.

Mrs. Eliza Coleman left Monday morning for her home in Hedrick, after a pleasant visit with relatives and friends.

When you cannot sleep for coughing, it is hardly necessary that any one should tell you that you need a few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to allay the irritation of the throat, and make sleep possible. It is good. Try it. For sale by all Druggists.