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## CITY NEWS

The Beckwith Grocery Co. is doing a good business.

Miss Philolista Langford has returned from Osceola.

Miss Bessie Woodward was on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Anna Hall was visiting in Grinnell a few days this week.

Mr. Elmer Richardson of Olive has been very sick the past week.

Bishop Coppin of the A. M. E. church will sail on the 19th inst. for South Africa.

The Corinthian Baptist church started a revival meeting on New Year's evening.

J. H. Mixon, Jeweler, No. 316 West Third street. Tunes Pianos and repairs organs.

Mrs. John Bryant of Osceola was visiting in the city this week. She ordered the Bystander.

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

Mrs. Wm. Jones of Montezuma, Iowa visited her parents during the holidays and also attended the Masonic banquet. She returned home this week.

On next Friday evening at 7:30 will occur the annual election of the officers and teachers of the A. M. E. Sunday School, in the church parlors.

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

The H. B. S. was entertained by Madam Warrick. It being business day the program was short. The entertainment on the 14 of February was arranged for. The public will hear more in the future.

Mr. Green Clark of Carroll, who has been spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Smith of 1056 B street, returned home last week after a delightful visit.

Edward Weeks says it would please him if the Rock Island Route had better train service, especially between here and Colfax, if it only lasted for a few weeks.

Mr. J. L. Hall, one of our successful young farmer's boy of Ackworth, Iowa, spent a few days visiting with his niece Mrs. I. E. Williamson, he then went to Omaha to spend the balance of the holidays, returning last week. He said that his father, Mr. B. M. Hall had just finished gathering his corn which amounted to 5,000 bushels.

Several new subscribers have had their names put on our list and will read the Bystander for the next year, and a few of our delinquent subscribers have paid their subscription. We hope that others will do likewise.

The monthly meeting of the stockholders of the Enterprise Investment Co. will be held at its office, 211 West Fourth street, Monday evening instead of Tuesday evening. The whole membership are expected to be present. By order of the President.  
J. FRANK BLAGBURN.

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

The BYSTANDER has this week opened its holiday rates. Anyone sending in only \$1.00 between now and January 10th, 1901 can have the BYSTANDER for one year, and any regular subscriber sending in \$1.00 can have a year's credit on their subscription.

Midway Coal, 212 W. 7th street, 3th Phones.

The Orpheus Jubilee Quartet of which some of its members used to be with the Original Fisk Jubilee Singers, are giving several entertainments in our city while stopping here during the holidays, the guests of Mrs. Lucy Carvington, 512 Chestnut street. Mrs. Dade of our city has been singing with them, and their singing is highly spoken of.

The Sewing Circle met at the home Mrs. Deroee Friday, December 28. Members present 12. Recitation and songs were rendered by the members. It was a day of feast and enjoyment. After having a good time they adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Scott Mrs. JEFFERSON, President.  
Mrs. H. BROWN, Secretary.

Miss Grace E. Coggins, a pupil of the piano, late of Oberlin college, residing at Jefferson, Iowa, arrived in the city Saturday evening, as the guest of Mrs. L. E. Williamson of 1212 Mabery street, returning Friday morning. Miss Coggins has made marked success as a teacher of the piano, and has many pupils who were anxiously waiting her return. Jefferson has but one colored family residing in it.

Joshua Strawther, electrician, 952 West Thirteenth street. Electrical repairs of all kinds. Medical, dental and surgical instruments a specialty. Dynamos and motors, light, etc. Give me a call.

### WEDDING.

Wednesday, at high noon, at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birney, occurred the marriage of their niece Maude M. Williams to Mr. Frank H. Johnson. The wedding was a quite home affair. The bride was charmingly gowned in white swiss mull, lace and ribbon trimmings, and carried a large bunch of bridal roses. The ceremony was performed in an impressive manner by Rev. L. J. Phillips, of the A. M. E. church. The house was decorated with ferns and carnations. After the ceremony a five course dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will be at home to their friends after January 18, 1901, at 1924 Crocker street.

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

### WHAT SOCIETY AND CHURCH PEOPLE ARE DOING.

Rev. L. J. Phillips preached a special sermon to the aged people last Tuesday morning; and after the sermon a number of them were served with dinner free of charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson entertained from 4 to 7 last Saturday in honor of their little son. About 30 of his friends were present to spend the afternoon with him, and they enjoyed themselves in a manner which would make adults wonder in amazement.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Williamson entertained last night in honor of Miss Coggins of Jefferson, who has been visiting there for a few days.

Rev. Roey of Fraser was in the city a few hours, last Wednesday enroute home from Ottumwa, where he had been attending the Knights of Pythias' Conclave that was in session at that city this week.

In receiving invitations to attend parties and receptions during the holidays, one always expects them to be something very elaborate, and certainly those who attended the party given by Mrs. Fred Jackson at her home, 1122 Eighth street, last Monday night, can say it was a party long to be remembered, for every one present seemed to have such a pleasant time. It was said by persons present: "Oh! my I did not know that there were so many handsome people in the city." Mrs. B. J. Holmes assisted the host in serving. Mrs. Jackson evidently intended to mark the close of the 19th century by giving an elaborate party, and she was successful in her undertaking. Her husband, Mr. Fred Jackson, was excused from his duties at the Engine House long enough to be present to wish the guests a Happy New Year and to partake of the refreshments.

Mrs. Jas. Woods gave an informal party to a few of their friends Tuesday evening. Those present report an enjoyable time.

Those from out of the city who called on the Bystander last week were Prof. W. H. Council, of Alabama Mr. and Mrs. Simon Terry of Boone, Grand

Master I. L. Brown, A. J. Raglin and H. C. Walker of Marshalltown.

Owing to the limited space and time last Friday we were precluded from mentioning the supper that was served. The menu was printed by Mr. H. H. Lewis and his able assistants there were plenty of most tempting and dainties of holiday seasons, everybody had plenty and all praise is due to Mr. H. H. Lewis in the efficient manner in which he served the people.

### BEAUTIFUL RECEPTION.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Williamson gave an informal reception and musicale at their cozy home Thursday evening in honor of their guest, Miss Grace E. Coggins of Jefferson, Iowa. Those present from out of the city were Messrs. Sanford, Bronston and Bertzell and Miss Nevins of Detroit, Mich., of the Orpheus Jubilee Quartet's company, each of whom were professionals along the line of music, besides being persons of high literary attainments, who are temporarily stopping off in this city, and Mr. F. W. Stepps of Clinton, Iowa, late of Chicago, who is an artist of no mean order.

It was an evening bounding with fine musical selections of both vocal and instrumental and entertaining conversation.

### OUR NATAL DAY.

Each New Year brings greetings to our race. Why? Because it is our birthday, but more especially ought we to rejoice for this New Year's day just passed for it marks an epoch in the history of the world, a new century and second, because it is the first century year that our race has been free and permitted to participate in the 20th century celebration. On last Tuesday, 37 years ago, our beloved martyred president broke the shackles of slavery from nearly 4,000,000 human beings, and bade them to go out into the world as freemen to paddle their own canoe. They accepted the long looked for ultimatum and how well they have paddled their own canoe can only be told to the world by our advancement and achievement in the past quarter of century.

Within only five years after emancipation our race had a representative in the United States Senate, sitting in the seat of his former master. Since then we have had 21 members in the Congress of the United States. One Lieutenant Governor, 249 colleges, Universities and academics, nearly 500 physicians. In brief you can meet and see colored professional men in every state and city in the United States. Give our race 100 years more then turn on the sarchlight of progress. We should celebrate each New Year's day for it is the real natal day for the American Negro.

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### A BISHOP RESIGNS.

The report reached this office a day or two ago that Bishop H. M. Turner, the senior bishop of the A. M. E. church and president of the college of bishops, has resigned on account of some disagreement with his assistants on the board of bishops, which are holding their session in Atlanta, Ga., this week. It is understood that the disagreement grew out of the appointment that some of the bishops received at the last general conference in May, at Columbus. We are not advised as to all the details that lead up to this disagreement, but we do believe our senior bishop is making a mistake, and we trust that he will soon see the error of his way and return to his associates and his church that has made him what he is. The church has seen fit to honor him more than she has others who were his equals. Our senior bishop should remember that the devotion he received from his people are not given to many men, and for him to want to dictate the entire policy of the church is a mistake.

### EMANCIPATION DAY OBSERVED.

Elegant Music and Eloquent Orations.

Last Tuesday evening, January 1, 1901, the colored citizens of Des Moines met at Webster's hall to observe the 37th emancipation anniversary. A very large crowd was out. The committee which had this in charge was J. B. Rush, J. H. Mixon, J. H. Long, and the success of it was due to each one, and especial mention of the hard work that Attorney J. B. Rush done for it's success. Our brass band, "The Brotherhood," was out and gave a great surprise present in the excellent manner in which they played their pieces, as the band has only been organized a few months. Their leader, Mr. F. G. Goggins, is one of the best musicians in the state and at one time was leader of the famous Muchaknock band. The Mayflower Mandolin Quartette also furnished excellent music. Miss Zella Davis, our popular young girl, read the emancipation proclamation, to the delight of all. Mr. J. H. Mixon was master of ceremonies and introduced John L. Thompson, who held the crowded house in wonder for nearly an hour with his history statistics, trials and achievements of the colored race. Next introduced was Mrs. L. J. Phillips, who by her power, eloquence and culture won many applauses from the vast audience. She is perhaps one of the best lady orators that ever spoke before a Des Moines audience. It was an evening long to be remembered by those present and reflects credit to the committee.

### BRILLIANT BANQUET.

Special To The Bystander.

Muchaknock News.

During the Christmas week our little city has been the scene of much rejoicing and merrymaking. The grand holiday banquet of the Twentieth Century club is now a thing of the past, but many are the pleasant and delightful impressions left that will remain with us throughout the year.

To say that the banquet was a grand success is to put it mildly. Through the work of the invitation committee invitations found their way into a number of Iowa's best homes, and as a result early in the week visitors began to arrive to be in attendance at this one of the grandest social events in Afro-American society ever held in Iowa.

Two spacious halls were engaged for the occasion and were beautifully decorated in evergreens and the national colors. Promptly at eight o'clock the guests began to arrive and were received by John T. Washington, L. Perkins and B. F. Cooper of the reception committee. Their wraps were taken and carefully checked away by Mr. Frank Johnson, and Messrs. Ben Greene and Will Williams ushered them to comfortable seats.

When the programme began Prof. A. R. Jackson acted as master of ceremonies. The opening number was by Prof. Cover's orchestra, in a waltz, "Down the Lovers' Lane." A few of the numbers on the programme were, welcome address by President A. R. Jackson, a ladies' quartette, vocal solo by Mrs. Rosa Tolliver, address by John T. Washington, vocal solo by Miss Anna Willis. Revs. Williamson and Bingham were present and made addresses as did also Prof. Brown.

After the programme was finished visiting, two-stepping and waltzing were in order and many were those who tripped lightly and gracefully to the enchanting music of the orchestra.

At 11:15 Marshal L. C. Curry announced supper and the couples retired to the dining room where Messrs. John Tolliver, Jr., William Greene and Jacob Brown received and seated them at tables where was spread a sumptuous feast consisting of all of the good things of the season.

People expected this to be a grand affair and so everybody came prepared to appear their very best.

At the hall where the guests were received one was reminded of the splendid bouquets tendered to kings and stately dignitaries. As to dress everyone looked their best. Space will not permit us to do justice to the subject, but let us add this was an important feature of the occasion that was not neglected.

Of a truth when colored people get together they have a good time and as this was Christmas time every one felt good, there being no restraint. Regrets were received from many distinguished people, a few of who were Supt. B. C. Buxton, President McKinley, Governor Shaw, Miss Zella Davis and Miss Van Camp of Cedar Rapids and other popular Iowa people who found it impossible to attend.

W. H. London said I enjoyed myself to the very highest. That the club was a winner was the opinion of B. F. Cooper and Mrs. A. R. Jackson declared she had the best time of the year. Grandest thing of its kind ever held in Iowa is what Willie Green said. Mrs. George H. Wade and G. D. Hawkins of Cedar Rapids were loud in praise of the evening's entertainment. President A. R. Jackson said everything was grand. John T. Washington seemed to think it was his duty to care for the ladies and wanted to monopolize the whole thing.

Prof. S. Joe Brown: "It was an occasion I greatly enjoyed."  
Miss Sarah Porter: "Oh, I had a lovely time."

## SOMETHING NEW.

*Our Motto is Quick Sales, Dividing the Profits with Our Customers.*

**Our Prices are Low as the Lowest, and Goods Good as the Best.**

2 cans Good Corn, 15c; Cabbage, 2c; 2 lbs. Oat Meal, 10c; Good Macaroni, 10c; Apples 25c a peck; Good California Prunes, 10c a pound.

*See Our Prices on Sugar, Flour, Meal, Tapioca, and other Groceries, in which we are prepared to please the most fastidious. So, do not fail to call at the*

**Beckwith Grocery Co. Store,**  
No. 1003 Center Street.

Miss Fannie Coleman: "I had the best time I had this year."

Everybody laughed when Lewis Perkins said he went some because everybody knows that Lewis is slow. Too much praise cannot be given Messrs. Jacob Brown and John Toliver, Jr., for their excellent work nor B. F. Cooper, Ben Greene, W. C. Rhodes and A. R. Jackson.

The club is here to stay. Watch for us again.

Mrs. N. P. Carey entertained Tuesday evening in honor of Mesdames George H. Wade and G. D. Hawkins of Cedar Rapids.

Miss Fannie Coleman, the guest of Mrs. A. R. Jackson, returned home to Boone after a week's delightful visit.

Prof. Joe Brown is visiting friends here.

Miss Blanche White of Des Moines is visiting friends in our city.

Eddie Carter of Iowa City is at the Foster home.

### A GOOD COUNTRY.

Formerly Lived in Iowa.

Cherokee, Kan., Dec. 27.—The Iowa State Bystander, J. L. Thompson, Editor.—Dear Sir: I wish to say a few words to be printed in your paper for those to read who may wish to hear me. I am well and so is my family, and doing well. I am working in mines and farm a little. I raised this year 125 bushels of sweet potatoes and 100 bushels of Irish potatoes and about 75 bushels of corn, and since I have been here I have bought three lots and two houses and paid for them. I have made the money since I have been here. This is a good country for a poor man that is willing to work. There is about 1,000 colored people in this country. Some of them are making good homes and a large number are going but very little good. Mr. Editor, all of them are eating turkey this Christmas. Good bye, Mr. Editor. I must go to dinner.  
H. F. Sawfoot.

The address before the Teachers' convention on Friday afternoon, December 28, by Prof. W. H. Council, president of the State Normal and Industrial School in Normal, Alabama, on the subject, "The Negro As He Is," was one of the ablest presentations of the conditions of the Negro that ever was made in Des Moines, in my judgment. After very pointedly describing the Negro as the principal laborer of the south and contrasting his advantages for livelihood with that of the white man, stating that of the very face of numerous disadvantages against him, on account of his black skin, that no other race in the world, as far as history shows, has made half the advancement that the black man has in all of the vocations of American life, and that in course of time the differences that now exist between the southern white man and the southern black man will be peacefully and wisely settled by oney themselves. He truthfully held that the northern white man by not being thrown in position to come in contact with the Negro like the southern white man, he has failed to learn both sides of the Negro's condition.

He has learned the bad side through avaricious and passionate newspaper publications in many instances. He does not know that the criminal Negro does not represent but about 25 per cent of the real Negro, and that 75 per cent are industrious and have as high regard for the laws of their country and the community where they reside as any one. Prof. Council further made it very clear that the Negro must stop trying to educate himself to be a white man, for with all of his efforts in that direction he is now finding that as one of the impossibilities that he never can change. He said when the time came that the Negro would learn to educate himself to be a great black man or a great black woman, and not a white man or a white woman. He will then find that many of the obstacles that is now in his way will be removed. His pointed representation of nearly every phase of the Negro's condition of enlightening the people of Des Moines of the real Negro than anything before.

### BOONE NEWS.

Miss Bessie Coleman of Simpson college is spending the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. King of Fort Madison went to Des Moines Monday, after a pleasant visit with her sons, Messrs. Wm. and Jas. Robinson.

Mr. Strawthers of Des Moines has secured a position at the N. W. hotel. Miss Fanny Coleman and Mr. Wm. Washington attended the banquet of

the Twentieth Century club at Muchaknock. Mr. Washington secured a position in the company store and will remain indefinitely.

Mrs. Brooks and daughter, Ethel, and Mr. Wallace of Des Moines visited with Mrs. Wm. Robinson last week.

Mr. S. L. Terry and wife and Mrs. John Morgan went to Newton last week, where Mr. Terry will deliver an address January 1.

New Year's evening the Misses Coleman entertained at their home on State street from 8 until 12 o'clock. The evening was spent in playing crokinole and other games. Dainty refreshments were served and everybody had an enjoyable time.

Mr. Richard Cowan of Oskaloosa returned to his home, after a short visit with Mr. B. F. Taylor.

### "A WHITE WOMAN'S LOVER."

Elza Booker Tells Colored Brethren Wherein He Erred.

"In behalf of the young colored men whom I leave in the world—for I consider that I am going out of it—I warn them to not fall in love with white women." Thus spoke Elza Booker, colored, to a Courier representative at the county jail today. He was sentenced yesterday by District Judge Eichelberger to serve twenty years in the penitentiary at Fort Madison.

Talking further on the subject, Booker said: "I hope that the young colored men who have read of this trial have noticed the amount of prejudice against the colored race that was shown, and I also hope that they will always remember that ignorance and prejudice are two things that go together side by side in life for the colored man.

"I have got twenty years, and if anyone should ask the question, 'what for,' I would answer that it was for no other purpose than being the lover of a white woman. I am as innocent of the crime of which I stand accused as any man who walks the streets of Ottumwa or any other city of the land.

"Ross Johnson took it upon himself to have me arrested to get me out of his road; this is the only reason I have been arrested.

"Mrs. Hoevel never made any cries or at any time ordered anyone to have me arrested, but under the circumstances there was nothing better for her to do after being caught in the act, by the little girl, than to try to prove to those living in the community in which she expected to make her home that she was not guilty of being loved by a negro. The facts in this case have never yet been told and perhaps they never will be. But the just God who knows all things will bring it around in some way, which will perhaps be after I am dead and gone, though I have been sent to the pen an innocent man.

"I was born on the Wilkes stock farm in Kentucky, and all my life has been spent on the great race courses of the United States and other countries. I have worked for A. S. Trude, F. J. Berry, A. S. Cooper, Neugass & Tishnor, all of Chicago, all of whom will join in a statement that my life has been one of upright-ness, and that never before was I arrested for any crime or any alleged crime. There is not a mark against me in any state of the union.

"I want to say this is a horrible thing—to be sent up for twenty years; just at a time when I am able to do some good in the world and to be of some good to my race, and I want to warn all my brethren that it is for nothing else than being a white woman's lover."—Ottumwa Courier.

### THE NEW MOVEMENT TO AFRICA.

Fort Grant, Arizona, Dec. 26.—Agents wanted in every part of the United States, Canada, South America and islands of the sea where colored people inhabit to organize the colored race who love their liberty and children into civil and military organizations for the purpose of going to the continent of Africa to build up a government of their own among the wild natives. Those in the United States are first to move, but as the new government is to be framed here in many of its departments, and a council of wise men of the race elected at a convention which is to be called some time in 1901. We request that the wise men of the race in foreign countries be duly notified to come or send through others their views on the move and organizing of Ethiopia the Sec-nd.

Organizing agents may be black or white, male or female, but all must take the oath to do right and just by the people.

Send stamps for reply and address all communications to D. R. Thomas, Fort Grant, Arizona, U. S. A.