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## CITY NEWS

Miss Maple Morton entertained last Wednesday night.

Mrs. E. Hunter of Chicago was visiting in the city for a few days this week.

Mr. Harrison Gould has been on the sick list this week, but is some better now.

The address of Mr. Lucas before the Christian Endeavor Society was very interesting.

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

The Des Moines Brotherhood Band gave a concert at Saylor last Monday night. A good attendance and a pleasant time is reported.

Mr. Chas. Roy who is employed in a tonsorial shop at Algona, returned to the city Saturday to visit his wife. They will move to Algona soon to remain indefinitely.

Mrs. Gus Comley who has been quite sick is some better this week. Her daughter, Mrs. Della Patterson is still here with her.

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

Invitations are out for a dancing party to be given by the Ladies' Pleasure Club, at Hansen's hall, South-west corner of E. Sixth and Locust streets, Thursday evening, Feb. 7. Music by Burtchard's Orchestra.

There was a pleasant party given last Friday evening in honor of Miss Lulu Nesbitt, by Misses Nellie Leftage and Minnie Weeks, at the home of Mrs. Wilson, 808 Oak street. Several games were played, one of which they give prizes to the best player. The prizes were awarded to Miss Nesbitt first prize and Frank Woodward second prize. A very fine lunch was served and the guests departed for their homes.

The H. B. S. was entertained by Mrs. Denny. The district school was highly appreciated by the members. The Circle was visited by Mrs. Woodson of Woodland avenue. The Circle will meet with Mrs. E. T. Banks Feb. 7th. As it will be history day the members are requested to be out.

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.

The editor received a personal invitation, to attend the Tenth Annual Negro Conference, from Prof. Booker T. Washington, to be held Feb. 21, at Tuskegee, Ala. We appreciate the kind invitation but this time cannot attend; yet these conferences are productive of much good for our race.

### SURPRISE PARTY.

About thirty of the friends of Miss Bartha Curtley surprised Miss Estella Pierson at the latter's home, East Maple street, last Tuesday evening. It was a complete surprise to Miss Pierson, and was in honor of her 22nd birthday. All enjoyed themselves nicely. Miss Pierson made a neat speech thanking those present who assisted in making it so enjoyable. Refreshments were served and Miss Pierson received several nice tokens of remembrance. The room was decorated with pink and white roses.

### NEW HACK LINE.

Mr. James Garrison of Saylor mine has put on a regular hack line from Saylor mine to Highland Park street car line, so people desiring to visit the largest colored mining camp in Polk county can go out reasonable.

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

### A PLEASANT BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. G. W. Wells, assisted by Miss Maple Morton, gave a party last Monday night in honor of her daughter, Miss Ethel's birthday. About twenty of her friends were at her home to spend the evening. She had been invited out to 5 o'clock dinner and afterwards they were to have gone to the theater, but they did not go and when Miss Ethel returned home she found her friends awaiting her arrival, and as everything had been so secretly arranged she was very much surprised to find so many of her friends at her home. But after being presented with some very pretty presents, she was reminded of her birthday. The evening was spent in dancing and playing games until a late hour, when ice cream and cake was served.

### EXCURSION RATES to the MARDI GRAS and WINTER RESORTS.

Via the North-Western Line. On account of the Mardi Gras at New Orleans and Mobile, excursions tickets will be sold February 11 to 17, inclusive, at very low rates, limited for return passage until March 7. Excursion tickets are also on sale daily, at reduced rates, to the principal winter resorts in the United States and Mexico. For full information apply to ticket agents Chicago and North-Western R'y.

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

### FRANKEL'S FIRE.

Last Tuesday morning our citizens were awakened by the fire alarm, and after further investigation found the large Frankel Department Store, covering a quarter of a block, on fire and in a few minutes the entire five story building was burned and nothing but the north wall and charred debris remained to tell where the magnificent structure once stood. It was the greatest and most destructive fire Des Moines ever had. Other buildings within a radius of half a block were greatly damaged, all the plate glass windows being cracked or broken out, and they were on fire several times. Had it not been for the heroic efforts of the firemen other buildings would have been destroyed.

### THE NEW CENTURY.

There has been several persons of note that have passed away during the first month of this century. Chief among those are Queen Victoria, Phillip D. Armour and Prof. Elisha Gray. The long and beneficent reign of Queen Victoria is past; after occupying the throne of England for more than 63 years the venerable woman, whose name is so closely identified with England's greatest era, passed away peacefully at Osborne, Tuesday of last week. P. D. Armour, the multi-millionaire, philanthropist and head of the firm of Armour & Co. of Chicago, died at his home in Chicago a few weeks ago, and by his death one of the pioneer packers of America is no more. On Monday night of last week, at Boston, occurred the death of Prof. Elisha Gray, of telephone fame. A note worthy fact is they were all past 60 years of age and the work they have accomplished will be an example for years to come.

### TO THE NORTHWEST.

Greatly reduced one-way settlers rates will be in effect via the Iowa Central Railway during February, March and April 1901. For full particulars call on Iowa Central ticket agents or address, Geo. S. Batty, G. P. & T. A., Marshalltown, Iowa.

### OUR EDUCATIONAL NUMBER

With this issue of the Bystander we intended to give our readers a brief synopsis of the educational department of our city public schools, a brief mention of the teachers and people who have the moulding of the minds of the thousands of children, but the man we detailed to preform that work has taken sick which renders him unable to finish the work assigned to him, consequently we are at this time precluded from going on further with this branch of the work at this writing. Therefore we ask your forbearance, yet we hope the pictures and history of those we give will be read and appreciated for our city school system is one of the best systems west of the Mississippi.

### CURRENT REVIEW.

The editor of the Chicago Appeal, Hon. Cyrus Adams has recently been appointed first assistant Treasurer under Hon. H. P. Cheatham at Washington, D. C., \$2,000 per year salary. We are glad that the President recognized the meritorious services of Mr. Adams.

The Dearborn Center is a new monthly recently issued by Dr. Ransom of the Institutional Church of Chicago. The first issue is a very newsy and excellent paper. We wish the Center success.

The Denver Statesman has reduced its size and is now doing its own press work, folding and type setting. Other colored journals should do likewise.

The Richmond Plaindealer of Richmond, Mo., is the latest new paper that has come to our office. It is a creditable paper for so small a town. The BYSTANDER welcomes Bro. Jacobs in the journalistic field.

Mr. F. L. Barnett of Chicago was re-appointed assistant State Attorney for Illinois. He at one time edited the Chicago Conservator.

The holiday number of the Freeman was faultless and the best number they have ever printed. There was but little if any objectionable matter to the public. It was perhaps the best issue ever printed in America by colored people. It contained 24 pages, beautifully illustrated with cuts of leading race men and women, and cuts of colleges for Negroes. Bro. Knox excels much credit for such an excellent issue.

The Defender, a new newspaper venture in Eminence, Ky., has just reached our sanctum. It is a 7 column folio well printed. We hope the Defender success and long life; although newspapers as a rule are not very lucrative.

### Things to Remember.

A man's conduct, is an unspoken sermon.  
The honest man never stop to inquire if honesty pays.  
A happy fireless is better than a big bank account.  
The feet of truth are slow, but they never slip.  
The sweetest satisfaction, is the desire to add to others happiness.  
Think not so much of gratifying thyself, but consider each day what good thou have done for others.  
If you want to be successful; never take a stand against the truth.  
The poor have a thousand joys, that the money of the rich cannot purchase.  
What a miserable aim have those, who live for themselves alone.  
There is no easy paths in this life, waste no time looking for them.

The prodigal son had to come to himself, before he could come to his father.

To know how to be silent is more difficult, and more profitable, than to know how to speak.

If you love life, do not squander your time, for time is the stuff life is made of.

Every kind word, every noble act, are flowers planted in the garden of our Heavenly home; flowers whose fragrance shall perfume through the years of eternity.

The dignity of a woman consists in being unknown to the world, her glory is the esteem of her husband, her pleasure the happiness of her family.

Charity is never lost, it may be of no service to those it is bestowed upon, but it will work beauty and grace in the heart of the giver.

Those who are jealous and envious of their neighbor's success, have a foe in their heart, that will bring more bitterness in their life, than all other outside enemies.

### ALBIA NOTES.

Mr. Ambrose Morris of Ottumwa spent a few days of last week in our town. Little Walter Snoddy is quite sick at this writing.

Quarterly meeting was held at the A. M. E. church Sunday. Elder Jason Bundy was with us, also three other ministers assisted with the quarterly meeting services.

Mrs. W. F. Ward has been very sick the past few days of this week.

Mr. Elze Martin of Garden Grove spent Sunday in our town the guest of Monroe Davis' family.

### KNOXVILLE NOTES.

Mrs. Fannie Toulin's family is on the sick list.

Mrs. Crudump Jeffers is on the sick list at this writing.

Ray Bird got run over Thursday noon and was very badly hurt. His ankle had to be banded in plaster of paris. He is better at this writing.

Mrs. Celina Jeffers has been sick for the past three weeks.

Miss Hallie May Bird is attending High School in Quincy, Ill.

The Tomlins came near being burnt out Saturday night. About 12 o'clock fire was discovered in the roof of the house.

Mrs. W. P. Bird prepared a neat little surprise party for Roy Bird, it being his 13th birthday. Fifteen of his boy friends spent the evening in playing games after which they were served with light refreshments. They all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

### SIoux CITY ITEMS.

Mr. Jackson Askew is very sick at his home.

Mrs. T. A. Clark has the la grippe.

Mr. J. W. Norris is still on the sick list.

Jack the huggler, who has been operating in our city for some time, is no respect of persons. Miss Laura Askew was his last victim. The paper id he hugged a black woman this time. Some say Miss Askew ran after the fellow after he let her go, but we think it was the other way—they were running from each other.

Mr. J. C. Roulson (white) delivered quite an interesting talk at the A. M. E. church on last Sunday evening.

The Mt. Zion Baptist ladies are preparing to have a fine time on the 14 and 15 of this month.

Quite an interesting program was rendered by the sub choir at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening. The regular choir has not as yet been reorganized.

Mr. Jas Washington filled the pulpit at Yankton, S. D., last Sunday. Mr. Washington returned Monday.

THE RIGHT KIND OF SPIRIT—Mr. O. W. Moore came and asked he agent to call on him and get his subscription dues. Wish there were more such subscribers.

Look out for the literary society! The agents will call on all who promised this week.

Davenport heard from at last, good! Where is Keokuk?

### CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Our city is blessed with plenty of snow at this writing.

The entertainment given for the Trustees at the A. M. E. church was fairly well attended. The ladies on committee report a neat sum realized.

The Ladies' Industrial Circle met with Mrs. Geo. Tyler Friday afternoon. After the usual business officers were elected for the ensuing term as follows: Pres. Mrs. M. F. Lowery; Vice Pres., Mrs. L. Perkins; Sec., Mrs. G. Tyler; Treas. Mrs. H. Kasperberry. The Circle is in a flourishing condition, and new members have been added to the roll.

The ladies of the A. M. E. church are planning for a grand musical entertainment to be given Feb. 22, so be in readiness to attend.

Mr. H. Brown is cooking at Greene, Iowa.

## THE Beckwith Cash Grocery Co.,

Is now carrying a complete line of staple and fancy groceries and are prepared to sell them at the very lowest prices.

2 cans Corn, 15c; Cabbage, 2 1/2c; 2 lbs. Oat Meal, 10c; Good Macaroni, 10c; Oranges, 25c a dozen; Apples 25c a peck; California Prunes, 10c a pound.

Before buying call and get our prices on Flour, Meal and Sugar.

Our Aim is to Please Our Customers.

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No. 1003 Center Street.

Mrs. W. H. Milligan, who has been quite sick with the la grippe, was able to attend church Sunday. We are glad to note the improvement.

Rev. Bass has been entertaining the la grippe so much so that he was unable to fill his pulpit Sunday. Mrs. Ford preached in the morning and Rev. Wade at night.

Sunday is quarterly meeting day. P. E. Bandy is expected to be present. If you want to be up-to-date subscribe for the BYSTANDER.

Several of the young people enjoyed a sleighing party Monday evening, going to Marion and returning. They were chaperoned by Mr. Clyde Washington.

### BOONE NEWS.

Mr. Wm. Robinson is cooking at the Wells House.

Rev. Joplin is on the sick list.

Mrs. Emily Terry is visiting at Carroll with her daughter Mrs. Robinson.

Mr. W. Coleman, a former Boone boy, who has been visiting his father returned to Illinois last week.

Mrs. Wm. Robinson went to Des Moines Friday where she was summoned to the bedside of her sick friend Mrs. Wallace.

Mr. Lewis Williams resigned at the Wells House and Mr. S. L. Terry has secured the position; Mr. Williams shoe shining business having increased so as to demand his entire attention.

### DAVENPORT REPORT.

There was a church entertainment last Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr and Mrs. M. G. W., 920 Harrison street, benefit of Bethel A. M. E. church. Ice-cream, oysters and other refreshments were served. The principal attraction was a pot full of chitterlings which went like hot cakes.

Mr. C. B. Lewis, head cook on the Rock Island dining car from here to Joliet, Ill., is confined to his room at 920 Harrison street.

J. T. Mabry, Superintendent of the Baptist S. S., visited the A. M. E. S. S. last Sunday afternoon and made a few remarks.

Mrs. Bettie Baker, who has been confined to her home for some time, is improving very fast.

Rev. Wm. Bates of Springfield, Ill. is here this week assisting Rev. Barton in revival meetings at the Third Baptist church.

We hope to be able to canvass the city very soon for new subscribers, also to collect delinquent dues; so please be ready. Please send news for the Bystander to J. T. Mabry, City Hall.

Mrs. M. L. Hedden, 381 W. Tenth street, had an attack of heart trouble Monday, Mrs. Anna Fox who is here from Hannibal, Mo., visiting her went to her rescue, and now she is resting easy, which fact her many friends will be glad to hear.

Misses Gertrude Richardson and Lizzie Cain graduated from the 9th grade this month and will soon enter High School.

Mr. J. S. Roberts expects to be able to leave Mercy hospital in a few days for to come home after three successful operations. His many friends will certainly be glad to learn this.

J. T. Mabry, who was appointed to select a banner and purchase the same, for the Iowa Baptist S. S. convention has awarded the contract to the Rock Island Regalia Co., of Rock Island, Ill.

ONE WHOSE SOMETIMES His Citizenship. Rome, March 22.—Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, has appeared in court at Lutetia and renounced his Spanish citizenship, declaring himself an Austrian subject.

SULTAN Said to Have Yielded to Cann. London, March 22.—It is announced that the sultan has yielded "in all essential particulars" to the Russian demands respecting railway concessions in Asia Minor.

NINE Nuns Receive White Veil. Dubuque, Iowa, March 22.—Nine young women, six of whom are from Chicago, received the white veil and were admitted to the mother house of the Sisters of Charity Tuesday.

### CAUSES SURPRISE.

Connecticut Man Declares His Assessment Is Much Too Low.

Robert M. Bruce, one of the millionaires of Greenwich, Conn., a former cotton broker and a friend of E. C. Benedict, has caused surprise by appearing before the board of assessors of the town and asking them to have his assessment raised 50 per cent, says the New York Sun. He said that he had never paid any attention to the making out of his list of taxable property, leaving it with the assessors. He had looked the matter up recently and had decided that he was not paying all that he should into the town treasury and he asked for the raise. The assessors promised to comply with his wishes and it is understood that they will raise the taxes of all other millionaires there to some extent. Mr. Bruce's example is the subject of much comment. For many years past Greenwich has raised \$90,000 by taxation, and has spent \$30,000 more than that raised. The debt has rolled up to nearly \$100,000. The town appointed an investigating committee and the members reported that more money must be raised by taxation. Fixing up the taxes had fall was put over until next spring. The assessors figured up the amount of taxable property and an increase of the tax rate seemed probable. Persons who have looked up the matter say that there appears to be one law for the poor man and another for the rich man. The law says that each property owner must put in a true list of the real value of all property, real and personal, but the general rule among persons of moderate means has been to pay on 60 per cent of the value. The millionaires in some instances have not paid on 10 per cent of the property.

### TUSKEGEE NOTES.

Principal Washington was dined by editorial and business staff of The Outlook at New York last Monday night.

Preparations are now being made for the erection of the new \$20,000 library building, the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Circulars calling the tenth annual session of the Tuskegee Negro Conference are now being sent out. It will be held on the 20th of this month.

### FRILLS OF FASHION.

Variations in children's gowns blossom out from time to time, even though they are very slight, and small girls rival their mothers in their ambition to keep up to date.

Soft wool materials make up very prettily in this way. In figured French flannel the collar may be made of the same and trimmed with rows of narrow braid or velvet ribbon. Skirts of the small gowns are usually plain, but the older girls have some sort of trimming, either tucks, stitched bands, ruffles or velvet folds, stitched on.

The long-waisted mode, in which the waist line rounds down low in front, is conspicuously evident among the gowns for girls over 10 years of age, and the small gowns for dainty little girls of 6 imitate this fashion as much as possible by having the long waist all around. Guimpe dresses, which never seem to go out of style, are suitable for all ages, from 6 to the more mature years of middle age.

Bolero jackets are very popular in the kingdom of small costumes, and the attempt to produce the effect of stole ends is seen in one little gown, where narrow lace revers are carried down the entire length of the front, as shown in the illustration. Another pretty effect is made by two box plaits in front, one at either side from the yoke to the hem, and two in the back, giving a long effect to the waist, which is defined with a narrow velvet belt ending in small velvet rosettes at either side of the front on the plaits. The skirt gathers on to the waist between the plaits, which apparently are a continuation of those in the waist. A sailor collar of lace covers the shoulders in the back and opens in front over a yoke of tucked white silk or batiste.

Thin gowns of point d'esprit for party wear are variously trimmed with ruffles, ruffles, lace insertion and rows of colored satin ribbon. A pretty feature of the small girl's costume is the coat and hat to match.—New York Sun.