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## CITY NEWS

Easter hats are ready.—MASON'S.

Leo Welker of Golfax was in the city last Sunday.

Mr. John Glass taken seriously sick Wednesday evening.

John Wingo is at the Mercy Hospital receiving treatment.

**Wolf's, 419 Walnut—Grand Millinery Opening.**

In purchasing articles for Easter, don't forget our advertisers.

The Old Maid's Convention next Thursday night at the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. A. C. Fisher is dangerously ill appendicitis, at her home 1335 Mulberry street.

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EASTER OPENING—All this week Mrs. M. FLANAGAN, 515 East Locust street.

Mrs. J. R. Roberts of 206 Walnut street, entertained Rev. Griffith at dinner Sunday.

Mr. E. W. Thompson is on the registration board of 58 men, he is in the Second precinct of the Third Ward.

Miss Susie Jones of Muchakinock was in our city Thursday visiting Mrs. Wm. Coalson.

A vested choir of 12 boys will begin singing at the morning services next Sunday. Mrs. Graves is training the boys.

Don't forget to give me a call Equal Rights Barber Shop and Bath Rooms, 320 West Third street. Bath rooms open until 12 on Sundays.

CHAS. J. ROY, Prop.

The young people gave a taffy pulling at Mrs. John Allen on Park street last Friday evening a good time is reported.

J. H. Mixon, Jeweler, No. 312 West Third street, tunes pianos and repairs organs.

Sunday is Palm Sunday and that great festival in the life of Christ will be the theme of the sermon at the A. M. E. church at 7:30.

Chas. West has disposed of his billiad and pool hall and left Monday night for Lawrence Kansas where he will remain for several months.

Mrs. R. N. Hyde entertaiaed quite a number of the Ottumwa excursion last Friday evening of her old acquaintance and other friends. A very pleasant time is had by all.

Mr. Geo. I. Holt sang a very sweet solo Sunday night. Mrs. Thomas Blagburn will sing Sunday night.

Mrs. B. J. Holmes, P. M. N. G. of the Household of Ruth, No 339 of Des Moines, has been elected as a delegate to represent this Lodge at the organization of a district grand H. H., to be held in Keokuk, Iowa, Apiil 9, 1902.

Rev. S. Bates has resigned his charge at Saylor and will preach his last sermon there the fourth Sunday of this month. He will take charge of the church at Evans, Iowa.

### CHEAP COLONISTS RATES TO THE NORTHWEST?

To Oregon Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Northwest Wyoming the Burlington route will sell very cheap tickets every day during March

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The Colored Republican League will hold its regular meeting next Monday evening the 24th., at the Court House All members are requested to be present.

There will be an entertainment given by the H. H. of R., No. 339 at Hansen's hall, East Sixth and Locust, Thursday evening March 27, 1902. Admission 50 cents including supper. Supper begins at 5 o'clock.

The Iroquois Club will meet with Miss Lizzie Miller Thursday and the following programme will be rendered. A Narrow Escape, Ruth Lewis; Select reading, Louise Clay; Select reading, Gertrude Hyde. Selections from Dunbar, Gertrude McCraven.

**Grand Millinery Opening at Wolf's 419 Walnut.**

There was given at the 11th., street Baptist church a concert by Mr. Fred Stanton. A large crowd was present and also an excellent programme was rendered after which refreshments were served.

The Silver Star Club gave their first entertainment at the church Thursday night of last week to a large audieuce. Mrs. Wm. Buckner is president and Miss Gertrude McCravens is secretary. The club has been organized to raise funds for the A. M. E. church.

The concert given last evening at the Corinthian Baptist church by Messers. G. F. Stanton and Claude Carr was exceedingly well attend and was a grand success. The program was good and well rendered, after which an elaborate supper was served by the Christian Working club for which it was given. Much credit is due the young men.

The famous Mason and Down's Orpheus Jubilee Singers, will sing at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, Tuesday evening April 8th., for the benafit of the A. M. E. church. They have until recently been with the Original Fisk Jubilee Singers, organized at Nashville, Tenn. Oct.. 6 1871. Tickets 50 cents for reserved seats at Shissler and company 510 Walnut street.

Best Milliners on earth.—MASON'S.

The wedding bells after a long silence will peal fourth next week just before Easter. Miss Elizabeth Miller and Mr. Claud Harris could tell their friends about it.

John L. Thompson was selected as one of the 44 delegates from Polk County to the State Republican Convention this year, he being the only colored man thus selected.

We received the sad news of Miss Storm Sheffey extreme illnes in Muscatine. It will be remembered that Miss Sheffey is a cousin of Hon. Geo. H. Woodson of Muchakinock where she visits when in this state. Her home is in Washington, D. C. she was just visiting in Muscatine when stricken. A telegram was received yesterday from Mr. Woodson stating he arrived in Muscatine and that she is very low. She will be remembered as having visited our city about four years ago.

Lowest prices on earth.—MASON'S.

Rev. S. McCravin preached a fine sermon at St. Paul at 10:30 last Sunday. Rev. Mc seemly was at his best and the congregation all the week, who heard him, have been speaking of the sermon. At 7:30 Rev. G. F. McDaniel of Springfield, Ill., delivered one of the best sermons it has ever been ours to hear. He is a man of striking appearance, with an easy flow of language. The congregation contributed most cheerfully a handsome sum for the school at Springfield, of which he is President.


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Home Seekers Rate first and third Tuesday of each month to many points in West, Northwest and South. Set-

### THE BYSTANDER.

About two years ago we enlarged the Iowa State Bystander from a four page folio to an eight page quarto on certain conditions, that if our business such as advertising, subscription and sufficient news of general nature that we, would continue it that size otherwise not. At present we have not had sufficient advertising and news of general interest that we can use now, so we have, for at least a short time gone to the old size and if business increases as we hope we will soon be able to extend it still more. We solicit our readers and subscribers to pay up their back subscription dues and assist us in extending the circulation.

### IS THE RACE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

At the last state convention of the Republican party a number of the leading men of the race attended, some as delegates others in the interest of candidates of their choice. They were invited by the members of the church to attend a social given at the home of one of the members. On reaching the place we found quite a number of the members and friends of the church present, and among those present were both grammer and high school scholars Hardly had we time to meet the people until someone begin to play "rag-time" music, others forgetting themselves and tried to keep time with the music. One member of the party, not a church member asked "is the race moving in the right direction and are the young people showing the proper respect for our churches and their members." This occurred at the home of the local preacher and the boarding place of the pastor, and continued until we left, without a protest on the part of either pastor or members.

A few evenings ago we attended a social, given by one of the leading churches in this city and at the home of one of its most devoted members. Most of those present were members. The daughter of one of the leading members, and a very promising girl, with ability if rightly applied to intertain the most cultured audience, seating herself at the piano playing "rag time" pieces. One can easily imagine the feeling of a christian mother when the daughter ignores her teaching or the religious feeling of those present. Who is responsible for this condition of affairs? is it the church or its influence, or is it the lack of proper parental instruction, or is it the miss-application of the education they are receiving, or is it the lack of proper education that can control the emotional part of the makeup. One question is the "rag time" music elevating, and will a proper knowledge of it fit one for business? if not why do so many seek every opportunity to show their knowledge of it.

### REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Last Saturday the Polk county held her republican convention, the first convention held this year, and the present incumbent Hon. J. A. T. Hull, was endorsed by this county for congress and in all probability he will be the republican nominee. While our preference was Judge Prouty, yet we bow to the will of the minority. We had much rather be defeated honestly then to succeed by fraud, cheating, suppressing and using unfair methods to accomplish success. The methods used by the Hull forces was so flagrant, so fraudulent as to cause Croker and Tamny hall to blush. It is a sample of Southern methods in a mild form, used to suppress the colored voter in the South. Shall we free, loyal, honest, intelligent voters permit such a disgraceful method to be used as was used last Friday a week ago? While Judge Prouty on the face of the returns was declared to be defeated, yet fraud was alleged and substantiated by affidavits and the county central committee or the committee on credentials would not allow the ballots to be opened or recounted, which to a disinterested person looks extremely suspicious, much less to parties interested. We are also glad of the heroic and brave stand that the leading colored men took, and with all the offers of money and promises of most anything, they did not desert their choice; neither were they bought this time as had been hinted. Fully 90 per cent voted for Prouty. The other county officers are: Judges, C. P. Holmes W. H. McHenry, A. H. McVey and James A. Howe; Clerk, B. F. Coffin; Auditor, Fred Cope; Recorder, Mrs. Frank Dodson; for County Attorney, Jessie Miller; Member of Board of Supervisors, C. W. Britton,

### CITY CONVENTION.

The republican city convention was held last Saturday, the same time that the county was held. James Brenton was nominated for Mayor; Harry Gross City Treasurer; John B. Lucas, City Auditor; J. W. Budd, City Engineer; L. I. Silvara, Police Judge; W. H. Bremner, City Solicitor; Chas. Schramm, City Assessor; J. W. Ratcliff, Market Master; John King, Alderman at Large, West Side; E. F. Whitney, Alderman at Large, East Side; Alderman First ward, B. F. Prunty; Second ward, Al Smith; Third ward, E. H. Higgins; Fourth ward, E. VanDyke; Fifth ward, John Harley; Sixth ward, W. H. Brereton; Seventh ward, W. S. Fairall. Thus we see not a single colored man was nominated for any elective office, and now the representatives of the grand old party will soon be around asking and urging your support, yet our race has not even one single representative on the city or county ticket. You may fool all of the colored people part of the time but you can't fool part of the people all the time. Deal fair with us is all that we ask, and we will be satisfied with nothing less

### HOW CHARGE OF DESERTION WAS PLACED AGAINST HIM.

John Glass, a Des Moines man is the principal in a cause celebre. A bill correcting his military record was made the subject of President Roosevelt's first veto message to congress last week. The message sent to the senate read as follows:

"There can be no graver crime than the crime of desertion from the army or navy, and especially during war; it is then high treason to the nation and is justly punishable by death. No man should be relieved from such a crime, especially when nearly forty years have passed since it occured save on the cleasest possible proof of his real innocence.

In this case the statement made by the affiant before the committee does not in all points agree with his statement made to the secretary of the navy. In any event, it is incomprehensible to me that he should not have made effective effort to get back into the navy. He had served but little more than a month where he deserted and the war lasted for over a year afterward, yet he made no effort whatever to get back into the navy. Under such circumstances it seems to me that to remove the charge of desertion from the navy and give him an honorable discharge would be to falsify the record and do an injustice to his gallant and worthy comrades who fought to a finish. The names of the veterans who fought in the civil war made the honor list of the republic, and I am not willing to put upon it the name of a man unworthy of the high position."

JOHN GLASS IN HIS SHOP.

In a little barber shop at 1194 North Sixth avenue lives and toils the man whose misfortune has thus been the occasion of President Roosevelt's first veto message to congress. John Glass is one whose quiet dignity, modesty and politeness make for himself friends wherever he goes. He was busy with a customer when the reporter called and pausing in the strokes of the razor when told the object of the visit, he replied: "Well I don't know that I ought to say anything about that.. That was thirty eight years ago you know and I was just a boy then, 16 years old. Mr. Roosevelt says I deserted, but I didn't. "You want to know something about the history of my case, don't you? I was born at Hopkinsville, Ky., March 31, 1848. I enlisted for one year in the navy as a powder boy on January 25, 1864, and was put aboard the steamer Moose, No. 38 the flagship of the Cumberland river fleet. At about 7 o'clock on the morning of March 4, 1874, our ship anchored in the Ohio river opposite Cincinnati, it left about 6 o'clock that night and there were armed guards always on duty, So you see I couldn't have deserted if I had wanted to. But one of my superior officers wanted to get rid of me because I was so unfortunate as to have knowledge of certain things regarding him which I must keep secret till the end of my life. That morning he ordered me into a skiff and together we pulled off in disguise. He took me down to Bucktown, in Cincinnati, gave me $11.00 out of his own pocket to buy a citizen's suit and then left me there, that was the only money I received for my six weeks of service. He took it out of his own pocket aand gave it to me and he wasn't a paymaster. He was just an officer.

"I thought I had to obey my superior officer. I thought I had to do just what he told me to do. How could I have deserted from that boat when there was a guard walking up and down with a gun on his shoulder?" The interviewer admitted that the question was unanswerable. "I would have had to go either straight up or straight down. I stayed around Cincinnati for two or three days and then went to work on the government steamer Izetta as soustabout, handling freight. They didn't get any men those days, they had to take boys. About a month later I took the steamer Imperial and went to St. Louis, reaching fhere the first of may. As a result of exposure of being half starved and away from home I fell sick with typhoid fever and lay in the hospital at St. Louis two moyths. After leaving the hospital I went steamboating on the Mississippi and kept at it for eleven years, then I went to Keokuk, Iowa and was in the barber business there or almost twenty-five years. On the 6th day of last July I came to Des Moines and went into this shop.

"Yes, I have been around the country a good deal and I have never run from any body. I don't feel that I have done anything to run for. I want to be a citizen of the United States now. I think that I have served long enough. Senator Gear introduced a bill into congress for me about three years ago, and since his death Senator Dolliver and Congressman Hull have been pushing my case. I got a letter from Senator Dolliver a week ago Friday telling me that my bill had passed both houses of congress. The other night I wrote a fine letter to President Roosevelt and told him him the whole story. The president does not understand this case, and I believe after a thorough investigation he will reconsider his action and vindicate a name that I have done nothing to dishonor. I am not a deserter and I want the world to know that I am not, I will get up before the president and congress and tell them so."

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**An "Accident" Indeed.**

Among the "accidents" reported in Austria recently was the case of a workingman who walked along the road smoking a pipe, with a fifty-pound bag of gunpowder on his back.

**Doubled the Collection.**

A Kansas minister told his congregation on a recent Sunday that those who were in debt need not place anything in the box. The collection was double the usual amount.

HOMESEEKERS VIA WABASH.

On March 4th and 18th, April 1st and