CITY NEWS.

Lee B. Blagburn has secured a position in D. M. Johnson's clothing store.

Before you purchase your Christmas presents read over our ads., go and see their goods, their prices are right It would be to our mutual benefit to tell them that you read their ad. in the Bystander.

Mrs. Gus Watkins and Master Pleasant Breeden will leave next Wednesday to spend the holidays visiting in Alton, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Bessie Woodward, who has been in Chicago for more than a year, will return home next week.

Patronize the stores who advertise with us.

Miss Zoe Richardson, stenographer in our office, took a vacation this week, and left in company with her brother, Arthur Richardson, for Chester, Ill., about 100 miles east of St Louis, Mo., to spend the holidays with relatives. She expects to be gone about four weeks.

Wedding invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Susie Wilson of Buxton to S. Joe Brown of this city, which will occur Wednesday, December 31, 1902, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Jacob Wilson, in Buxton.

Remember that the best and most useful present that you can buy next week for $1.00 is the Iowa State Bystander for one year. Send in one dollar and order it sent to your friend

Mrs. Mollie Watson of Albany, Mo., will arrive in Des Moines next week to spend the holidays with her sister Mrs. J. L. Thompson.

Read our holiday edition this week and see how you like it. Read our ads., our editorials, our poems, etc.

Mr. Walter Birney was appointed by the new assessor, Charley Schramm, as one of his deputy assessors. Mr. Birney is one of our old and highly respected citizens. At one time he was Gov. Boies' messenger. He is a tonsorial artist by profession. We believe and hope that Mr. Birney will reflect credit to his race and himself.

Mrs. C. F. Burnaugh of Creston, Ia., spent a few days in our city visiting her city, Mrs. Geo. Burnaugh.

Miss Iona Sanford, Miss Annie Burquette and brother, Pierre Burquette, of Oskaloosa arrived in our city last week and visited a few days, leaving for home Tuesday. They made this office a pleasant call.

Miss Selma Stanton will leave next Wednesday for Kansas City, Mo., to spend the holidays with relatives and

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

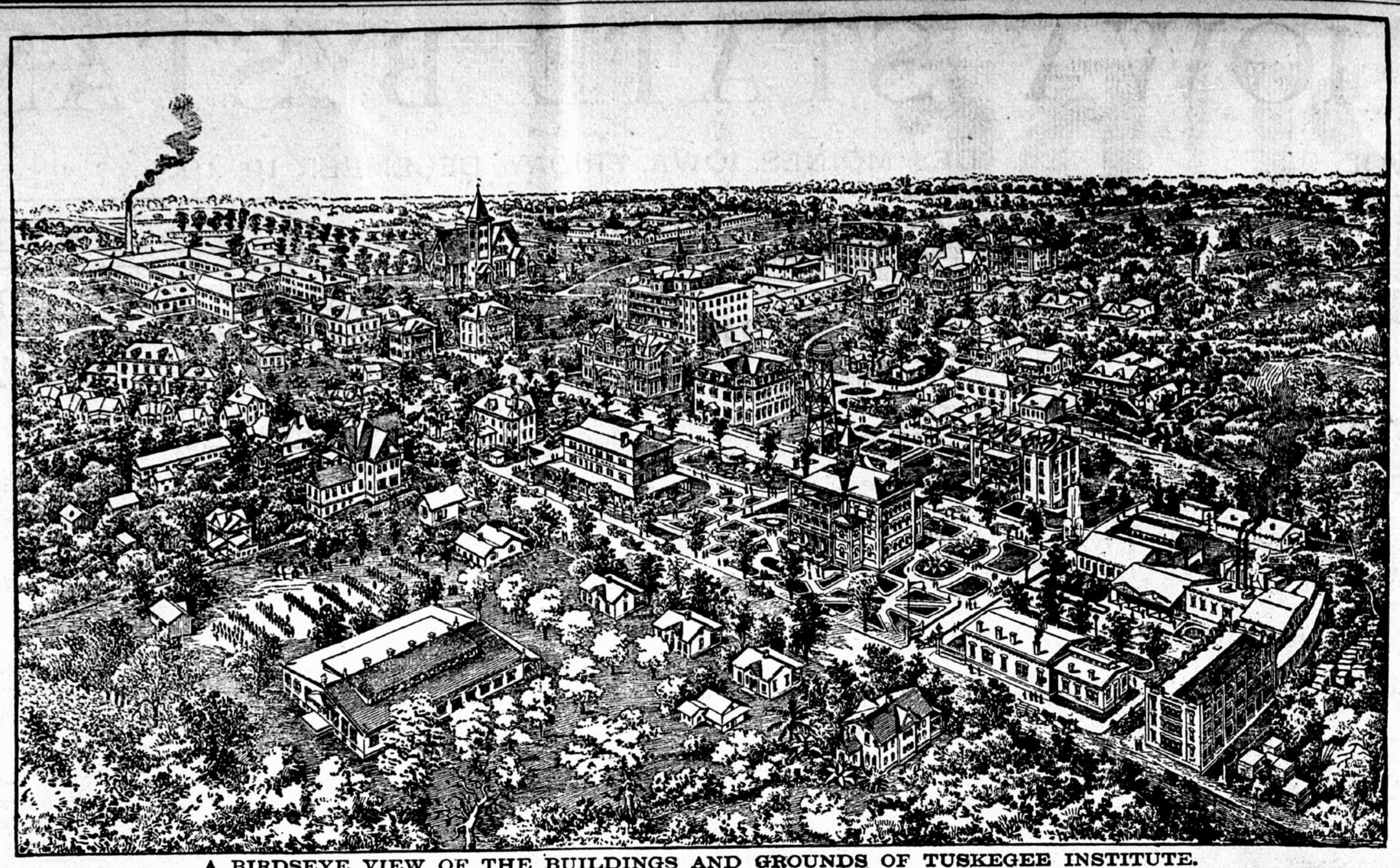
Mr. H. R. Crews, one of the newcomers to our city, is a promising young man from Illinois, where he used to be a member of the Eighth Illinois regiment, that went to Cuba in the Spanish-American war. Mr. Crews was a ranking officer at one time. He was an officer in a white company. Now he foreman of a lathe and wire company employing at times from ten to a dozen men, all white. He made a pleasant call at our office and ordered the Bystander.

Rev. F. Lomack, pastor of the African Baptist church, this city, was married yesterday to Mrs. Tyler of this city. The Rev. is well known in our city, having built a Baptist church on School and B streets. The bride is a newcomer to our city, having came from Missouri. May happiness and success be theirs.

Christmas tree will be at the A. M E. church Christmas eve, Wednesday. All invited.

Don't fail to attend the Buxton Concert Band next Friday evening at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. It will be grand.

Get your tickets for the band concert for next Friday night.
Christmas gift!



A BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OF TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.

We extend to all a merry, merry Christmas.

T. THOMAS FORTUNE APPOINTED

Editor T. Thomas Fortune of the New York Age was appointed by President Roosevelt as a special commissioner to investigate conditions in our insular possession. The appointment is a good one and we congratulate Editor Fortune. Mr. Fortune has labored hard for his race and is now president of the National Afro-American Council and a thorough race man. His daughter is only nineteen years old and is teacher in the public schools of New York City. There is not a colored scholar in her district She is highly accomplished.

THE KEY TO PROGRESS.

Have you the key to progress,
Which is demandable on its merit?
It is a valuable one, I must confess,
To every one who gets it.

They key to progress is education
Which po sition now-a-days so demand.
So be not on the declination
And get it if you can.

This is direct to the negro race,
In this we shouldn't be offended,
Not because we are black in the face
Heed to this advice, we'll be highly recommended.

Some have taken coures in college,
Which the race have done remarkably well.
To all facts we'll have to acknowl edge
Since the ringing of Freedom's Bell.

Let more of us take those courses
And come in possession of the key
Which will benefit us in many sources
In the land of liberty.

With this key we should feel proud.
When etiquette is properly executed.
When alone or in a crowd
We surely will be saluted.

Etiquette we must learn to use,
Especially to our fellowmen.
Be not so ready to abuse,
But help him strive if you can.

The day will soon come when we will see
That it is all for the best.
We cannot demand a salary or fee
Without the key of progress.

Walter J. Williams, Kimbrough.

Immense Cattle Ranch.

A dispatch from Austin, Tex., says W. C. Greene of New York and three other Americans have purchased a solid tract of land, situated in the state of Sonora, in northern Mexico, embracing 7,500,000 acres. This land is now being inclosed with a four-strand wire fence, and is to be the largest cattle ranch in the world.

The tract is 125 miles long and 100 miles wide. More than 7,000 miles of barbed wire will be required to fence it. It is estimated that this vast ranch property will afford pasturage for about 50,000 head of cattle in its present raw condition.

The usual western ranch will furnish grass for about thirty-six head of cattle to a section. This number is to be greatly increased on this Mexican ranch by means of forage crops. It is proposed to establish an immense irrigation system on this land and to give much attention to farming.

All One Color.

The old-fashioned notion of the light blouse with a dark coat and skirt is only permissible now for purely practical uses. Even then it is better to have some sort of connection between the blouse and the skirt.

There is quite a craze now to dress entirely in one color from the hat downwards, and at this season of the year it is quite easy to carry out an idea like this. Brown or blue gives excellent effects, and as many as four shades can be worn in the same costume.

Swimming Brides.

Girls inhabiting the island of Himla, near Rhodes, are not allowed to marry until they have brought up a specified number of sponges, each taken from a certain depth. The people of the island earn their living by the sponge fishery.

EVOLUTION OF TUSKEGEE.

It was last May, eighteen years ago, that Prof. Booker T. Washington (then unknown, now so noted) went into the black belt of Alabama, and founded what is now known as the "Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute," at Tuskegee, Ala., then a little hamlet. The story of this institution reads more like a romance or an Egyptian fairy tale than a real fact Prof .Washington first rented a shanty church with himself as teacher and thirty pupils. It has now become one of the most successful educational institutions in America.

It now has $300,000 worth of property, with no mortgage; fifty-eight buildings, nearly all erected with student labor; 2,267 acres of land; 85 officers and teachers; and an attendance the past year of 1,264 students—801 young men and 463 young women The students came from 24 states and territories and from Cuba, Porto Rico, Africa and England. More than 1,000 others applied for admission, but were turned away because of lack of dormitory facilities. Truly a most remarkable evolution.

Tuskegee seeks to teach the dignity of labor to its studens, and affords them the best possible opportunity for the development of the their mental faculties, emphasizes systematic industrial training, and fosters the habit of right thinking and right living. The idea is kept constantly in mind that the need of the great masses of the negro race is a system of education which shall enable them to hold on to the basic and fundamental employments, without which no people can hope to win a permanent place either of respectability, wealth or power. For this reason instruction in 26 industries, largely of the South is given, in connection with thorough normal and religious training, as follows: Agriculture, blacksmithing brickmasonry, carpentry, carriage trimming, cooking, dairying, drawing —architectural, free hand and mechanical—plain sewing, housekeeping, harness making, plastering, plumbing printing, sawmilling, founding horticulture, laundering, machinery, mattress making, millinery, nurse training, painting, shoemaking, stock raising, tailoring, tinning and wheelwrighting.

The officers of the school are: Booker T. Washington, principal; Warrer Logan, treasurer; John H. Washington, director of industries; J. D. McCall, directress of academic department; George W. Carver, director of agricultural department; Major J. B Ramsey, commandant; Mrs. L. L. Kenniebrew, lady principal. The heads of the several departments are competent, worthy men and women, who have had every advantage at the foremost academic and technological schools of the country. The whole constitute an aggregation of perhaps one of the best equipped and most thoroughly consecrated body of workers in the cause of negro education in America. The intellectual and social atmosphere of these teachers is remarked by every visitor who tarries a moment at Tuskegee to get an insight into its working.

Why waste time hunting bears, ducks and rabbits when the railroads out West are offering $1,000 each for defunct train robbers? That would seem to be the most exciting game.

A Chicago justice has ruled that the face belonging to a young woman who lives in that city is not her fortune. The age of chivalry is past, 'tis dead.

WIGWAM WISDOM.

Stolen things have greased tails.

Battles are not won with war paint.

Lazy squaws live in cold wigwams.

A cowardly hand carries a weak bow.

Fine moccasins do not make fine feet.

The biggest tree fears the beaver's teeth.

The hunter should be stronger than his bow.

The deer's hide is worth more than his horns.

The Indian hunts to live; the paleface to kill.

Want-Eeverything always carries an empty belly.

Game is always scarce where Poor-Hunter lives.

Slander talks through the copperhead's mouth.

Hot-Head fills the pipe of peace from the powder horn.

A man's ashes soon smother the light of his fame.

Even the goose does not lay its eggs in the eagle's nest.

We Have A Seven-Story Store

Full of Christmas Suggestions For You. There's Fine Furniture. Dainty Baskets Exquisite Lamps, Beautiful Pictures And A Hundred Other Things.

CHASE & WEST,

LARGEST STOCK LOWEST PRICES EASY PAYMENTS

A Trans-Continental Pancake Business

FALCON PANCAKE FLOUR made in Des Moines by Shannon & Mott Co. is now one of the most widely advertised and best known Pancake Flours in the world. Although it is only about a year since it was introduced outside the local market it now has a large sale in all parts of the country except the extreme southern states, and is shipped in car load lots to almost every principal jobbing center.

If the quantity of FALCON PANCAKE FLOUR sold so far this winter was made into pancakes and these laid side by side they would make a line reaching from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean.

The enormous demand for Falcon Pancake Flour is the best proof of its merit and the fact that it outsells all other brands in the open markets of the country demonstrates anew that "The Falcon is the Sign of the Best."