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CITY NEWS.

[N. B. If you have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us: we will call on your local news—Ed.]

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brown have moved to 306 South Fourth street.

Mr. Edward McAfee is able to spend a few hours out of bed each day.

Mrs. N. M. Newman who has been sick is now able to be up and out again.

Mr. Joseph La Cour of the Burlington Route, is spending this week with his family.

J. Frank Blagburn of Washington, D. C., is reported as being no better this week.

The H. B. S. Reading Circle will meet with Mrs. Warrick next Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blagburn served an elegant dinner to a few of their friends last evening.

Mrs. George Wilson who spent the winter in southern California returned home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Midgett are now comfortably located at 123 southwest Ninth street.

This week is a busy week for city people in planting their gardens and house cleaning.

Mr. William Fletcher was called to Minneapolis Tuesday, on account of the serious illness of his wife.

Mrs. Martha Ferguson of Davenport arrived in the city last Saturday for a visit with her mother and sister and other relatives.

The Messrs. Ed Williams and Lawrence Morgan left Tuesday afternoon for Denver where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. L. Denny will leave tonight for Chicago to visit the A. M. E. General Conference. She will probably remain two or three weeks.

When in the city and wish a good meal call at 405 Court Ave. Waffle House. Open all day and night. J. D. FORMAN, Prop.

Mr. Lee B. Blagburn left Thursday for Denver, Colo., where he has secured a lucrative position in a drug store. He will spend the summer in that city.

At the first African Baptist church protracted meeting is being held by Dr. T. H. Ewing of Kansas City, Mo. preaching every night, and at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday.

Fred Anthony of Boone who is a clerk in the Tucker & Webb grocery store, was an over Sunday visitor, he also remained over Monday evening to attend the Athenian entertainment.

Mr. Ralph Combs of St. Joseph, Mo., who is a Junior in Engineering Department of the Highland Park College, left for his home last Tuesday to spend his summer vacation.

Mr. James Shackelford of Muscatine, a photographer, has located in our city with the new photographer, Mr. C. H. Townsend, who has recently moved here and opened an office on West Walnut street.

The Progressive club of Highland Park gave a social last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brown on Arthur street, for the benefit of the Corinthian Baptist church. As a number of their friends were present a neat sum will replenish the club's financial condition.

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Mr. Philip Durbin went to Minneapolis last Tuesday night.

Mr. C. T. Williams has re-entered the dining car department of the C. R. I. & P. R. Y. He has been head waiter in the main dining room of the Kirkwood hotel until it was closed last week.

On last Tuesday night Luther H. S. Brown, the palmer, entertained about one hundred and fifty people at the Sixth Presbyterian church, corner of Twenty-fourth and Cottage Grove Ave. He will entertain an afternoon party at 619 Fourth street Saturday, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Mrs. L. R. Palmer received a letter from Mrs. Helena Downey, president of the State Federation, notifying her that she was on the program at the banquet, to be held in Cedar Rapids May 25, to respond to the toast, "The Evolution of the Home." Mrs. Palmer was selected by the H. B. S. Reading Circle as their representative to the State Federation.

As the third annual meeting of the State Federation of Women's club will meet in Cedar Rapids May 24 and 25, the BYSTANDER will be represented by a special correspondent, in the person of Mrs. Helena Downey of Ottumwa, state president. Therefore any matter, cuts, etc., that you desire for publication please hand them to her, as she has full charge.

BASE BALL—GIANT VS. SOUTH SIDE.

The Des Moines Giants won their first game of the season last Sunday afternoon from the South Side team. It was very windy and cool, but during some of the innings some good playing was done. "Smoke" Madigan, who pitched for the Des Moines League team part of last year, was in the box for the South Siders, but most of the Giants had but little trouble in finding his curves. Gates did the pitching for the Giants, and Walters was at the plate to receive them. The score was 6 to 18 in favor of the Giants.

BURNS M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday, May 15, at 3 p. m. the M. E. church will hold service for the first time in a part of their new church building, Eleventh and Crocker streets. Several pastors and their congregation are invited to come out and assist the pastor and members in opening their new church, and help them in their financial struggle. Everybody is invited to come prepared to give liberally as God has blessed them. You will have the pleasure of seeing and hearing four or five different choirs sing. That most excellent choir of Saylor will sing; their pastor ten minutes talk. That inspiring choir of Union Congregational church will sing; their pastor ten minutes talk. That choir of sweet singers from the Corinthian Baptist church will sing; their pastor ten minutes talk. That invincible choir of the Maple Street Baptist church will sing; their pastor ten minutes talk. That celebrated choir of the A. M. E. church will sing; their pastor or representative ten minutes talk. O. A. JOHNSON, Pastor.

A GOOD PROGRAM.

One of the best programs yet given by the Athenian Literary society was the one last Monday night, at the Union Congregational church, to a large audience. Following is the program: Invocation, J. H. Shepard; Solo Miss Marguerite Fields, who as usual performed well; Recitation, Miss Ethel Stewart, who recited a long and difficult recitation in a pleasing manner for one of her age. Vocal Solo, Mr. E. T. Blagburn, his voice was in good condition and he used it with good effect. The original poem by Mr. J. C. Williams was received with prolonged applause. Perhaps the best number on the program was the violin solo by Mr. Ralph Combs of St. Joseph, Mo., who is a student at Highland Park college, he is one of the promising young violinists of the middle West. Mr. L. L. Henderson recited his recitation in a very pleasing and effective manner. As Mr. E. W. Thompson was somewhat nervous, his cornet solo was not so well rendered as it would have been had he possessed more confidence. The last but not least was the tenor solo by Mr. J. H. Rogers, which was well rendered. He like Mr. Combs, was forced to respond to enclosures. The Mesdames E. W. Hughes, William Coalson and Miss Marguerite Fields were the accompanists. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

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ODDFELLOWS' ANNUAL SERMON.

The Odd Fellows of Charity lodge met in their hall on last Sunday morning, as also did the Sisters of Ruth, and held their annual convocation meeting together. The meeting was presided over by Bro. E. S. Morgan, and after one and all had testified, they dismissed until 10 o'clock, when they returned and formed a line and marched to the Baptist church, the brothers on foot and the sisters in carriages. After they all had been seated, they were called up by Bro. H. H. McCraven, who was the master of ceremonies, and after the usual exercises, Rev. T. L. Griffith, pastor of the Corinthian Baptist church, was introduced to the order and preached a very able sermon, considering the fact that he was once an Odd Fellow himself, but did not travel very far into its mysteries, and it pleased many of the Odd Fellows to hear him say he had a different idea of the order today than he had several years ago. After the sermon a collection was taken up which amounted to something over \$10. Owing to the fact that the Odd Fellows at Colfax had no sermon, many of their brethren turned out with Charity lodge and helped to swell their number, which was highly appreciated. After returning to the hall they adjourned to meet again Tuesday night, May 17th, in a regular meeting capacity.

WON HIS CASE.

Mr. Walter H. Hubbard, who was refused a meal at a boarding house a few months ago simply because he was a colored man, won his case last Saturday. The jury brought in a verdict of \$50 damages because of the refusal and the violation of the Iowa statutes. This case was watched very eagerly by the whole race, in fact all the people of Iowa was much interested as Mr. Hubbard was serving as a juror and was taken to his boarding house by the court bailiff with the other eleven jurors. The boarding house lady refused to serve Hubbard and did serve all the rest of the jury. The defense was it was a private and not a public boarding house but the court and jury did not see it that way, for she advertised it as a boarding house. It was a great victory for right and justice. It will cost Mrs. Crawford no doubt about \$200 including court costs. Dr. George Moore, secretary of the American Missionary society of Nashville, Tenn., has arrived in our city and will preach at the Plymouth Congregational church Sunday morning. He is an able, highly cultured Christian gentleman and a very pleasing speaker. Every colored person should hear him.

Dr. T. H. Ewing of Kansas City, Mo., arrived in our city this week and is conducting a series of evangelistic meetings at the African Baptist church. All are invited.

EDITORIALS.

COLORED DIPLOMATS

It is indeed a pleasure for us to note the executive, judicial and good wisdom in which our colored counsels or diplomats have managed the American affairs in the foreign countries or ports where there is war and revolution. Not a word of censure has come from any of the stations that they have in charge. United States Minister Clayton S. Powell, who is stationed at Santo Domingo, Haiti, has conducted our affairs during the past two years, through all those varied revolutions, and upon him often resulted the great responsibility of whether our government would intercede or not. Minister Powell has met every emergency with consummate ability and active foresight, thus avoiding a conflict with the United States interest and protecting our personal in business interest in the Island.

The whole world is now eagerly watching the diplomatic movements of our United States consul Prof. Richard T. Greener who is at Vladivostok, one of the great war centers of the far East. Below we give the Associated Press compliment of Professor Greener:

Richard T. Greener, a colored man, is the United States consul at Vladivostok, one of the storm centers of the war in the far East. Representatives of other countries at that place unite in saying that Mr. Greener is the most highly respected of all the consuls there. His usefulness has been demonstrated on many occasions. He is courteous, sane and tactful. He has proved himself a born diplomat.

Greener is a finely educated man, being the first colored graduate of Harvard college.

He is a lawyer of profound ability, having practiced at the Washington bar and for five years served as dean of the law faculty of Howard university. Later he practiced law in New York and served several years as municipal civil service examiner.

Mr. Greener's successful career offers a refutation of the generally expressed belief that the Negro is lacking in the higher order of ability.

CURTAIN PRIVILEGES OF NEW SOLDIERS.

Colonel Thomas in command at Ft. Des Moines, deciding that the boys in blue will not be allowed to become a bore to the citizens, has issued orders compelling them to "turn in" at 8 p. m. and allowing a certain number permission each day to come up town. The issuance of the order is the result of criticism on the part of certain individuals regarding the behavior of the soldiers. Colonel Thomas is determined the post and the soldiers shall gain the respect of the citizens of Des Moines.

The privates are a bit sore at the parties who brought about the condition of affairs. They argue that they have just returned from the Philippines where they seldom saw white people and ought to be allowed a free rein for a little while until they got back in touch with humanity. They declare their records in Des Moines and wherever they have served is a matter of regimental pride and they should not be censured.

Pacific railway. The train was composed of three Pullmans, a third having been attached to accommodate the Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama representatives, a day coach, a baggage and dining car. A large party of friends and relatives were present to see the party off. Mr. F. E. Batters, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Southern Pacific, was to be found in the ticket office, on the train, on the platform, or in the waiting room, giving directions and making such adjustments as he thought would add to the comfort and pleasure of the party. At about 12:30 the train pulled out on its journey of 2,000 miles. At Houston, Tex., a fourth Pullman car was attached for the Texas and Arkansas representatives. So far as we know this was the first time in history that such a large party of Negroes ever crossed the continent in a special train of Pullman cars.

MILITARY MUSIC AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

St. Louis, May 9.—Four crack bands of the United States army have been detailed for service at the World's fair. Concerts take place

REV. JOHN W. BOWEN, of Atlanta, Ga.



A probably newly elected Bishop at the M. E. Conference in Los Angeles, California.

ed for failings generally attributed to the soldier. They all admire and respect Colonel Thomas and say they will show the people of Des Moines they are entitled to leniency.—Sunday Register and Leader.

And they are white soldiers. Company L and C of the Twenty-fifth Infantry was here for several months, and their commanding officers never had to issue any such orders, and just to think, the white boys have not been here two weeks yet and have made themselves very obnoxious.

TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

From the Southern Christian Recorder.
On Friday morning, April 29, when the New York limited pulled into New Orleans over the Louisville & Nashville railway there were attached to it two special Pullman sleeping cars which were occupied by delegates and visitors from our Eastern and Southern conferences, enroute to the General Conference at Los Angeles.

As soon as the train came to a standstill the party alighted, leaving their hand-baggage in the car in charge of the porters. There were stretched out in line at the depot seventeen of the finest carriages of the city, in which the visitors were to take a drive during the four hours intervening before the train was to start on its long Western journey. The carriages were provided by prominent Methodists of the city and a few of their friends. The party stopped long enough to take a hurried breakfast at Watkins' Restaurant and then went to New Orleans University and other points of interest. Just before noon they reached the Union depot whether their cars had been transferred and embarked on a special train for Los Angeles, via the Southern

SAVES HIS WIFE'S BODY FROM THIEF.

Unknown parties were interrupted routed last Saturday morning in an attempt to steal the dead body of Mrs. P. Ousley, a colored woman who died Friday at her home at 981 West Second street.

She was lying near an open window, covered by a sheet, and the only person near the body was the husband. At a moment when the man's back was turned he heard a noise near the window. He started in that direction and a young man, hearing his approach, dropped from the sill to which he was clinging into the yard below. With his head ducked and his hat over his face he darted across the lot and had disappeared almost before the old colored man realized what was occurring. He was sharp enough, however, to get a glimpse of the face and he will know it if he sees it again.

Mr. Ousley told of the incident to friends, and in view of circumstances preceding the discovery of the tres-

passer, he is positive that he interrupted a carefully laid plan to steal the body of his wife virtually from beneath his eyes, and sell it to a medical school for dissection by students and surgeons.

So positive in this belief is he that he yesterday decided not to inter the remains of his wife in a Des Moines cemetery. The interment will be made in another Iowa burial ground.

The nature of the illness of Mrs. Ousley and her condition during the ten days preceding her death, were such as to make the body a desirable specimen for carving in the cause of science. For more than a week prior to her death, she lived without food, and physicians had no hopes of her recovery.

Three months ago, it was stated yesterday, she underwent an operation in Mercy hospital for cancer of the stomach. The operation is said to have been successful, and the effect of this ordeal had nothing to do with her death. She died because of a complication of diseases.

There has been no parallel of this case in Des Moines. It is a fact that is given no more circulation than possible, that there is a place for any dead body in any institution where the science of medicine and surgery is taught, and it is said that in greed for learning along this line, extreme measures are often taken for procuring the "stiffs" as they are called, within the halls of science.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

This month every quadrennial seems to be noted for the meeting of Methodist general conferences. This year the great Methodist Episcopal general conference is being held in Los Angeles, Cal., while the A. M. E. church is holding theirs in Chicago, Ill., and the A. M. E. Zion in St. Louis, Mo. Each session is attended with the full number of delegates, besides each gathering has an unusual large number of distinguished and able visitors from among the laity in attendance of their daily meetings, watching these great law-making bodies of the largest protestant religion in America.

Upon the action of these bodies depend the future development of Methodism, among both colored and white. Millions of the subjects of this creed depends on the actions of these bodies, therefore it is indeed very important that good and wise laws are made for the government of these organizations. Their strongest, oldest and most influential workers of the church are there. Then another thing that confronts all the general officers who will operate the organization for another four years. At the Los Angeles meeting a very grave and serious question confronts the Methodist—the electing of some colored man to the bishopric to represent the 300,000 colored followers. The probability is that one may be elected. Four years ago a colored man came within a very few votes of being elected bishop, and that man was Rev. J. W. E. Bowen of Atlanta, Ga., whose cut we run this week. Among the various aspirants at the Chicago conference are Rev. J. M. Henderson of Indiana, Dr. H. T. Johnson of Pennsylvania, Dr. H. P. Parks of Tennessee, Rev. Geo. W. Gaines of Illinois, and Dr. Connors. At the St. Louis conference, Rev. W. H. Chambers is one of the leading candidates for bishopric.

The eventful session commenced at 8 p. m. Welcome service, Bishop Henry M. Turner, D. D., LL.D., presiding. Welcome address on behalf of the state, Gov. Edward Yale. Welcome address on behalf of this city by the representative of his honor, the mayor, Carter H. Harrison, Dr. Howard S. Taylor.

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Sir Robert Walpole held the unbeaten record of having been prime minister of England for, in all, twenty-one years.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH IS HOLDING FORTH IN QUINN CHAPEL.

The general conference of the A. M. E. church began its sessions in Quinn Chapel Monday, May 2nd, 1904. This was a memorial day for African Methodism throughout the world, for the presentation of this mass of human souls coming from every quarter of the globe, out of every clime, 500 delegates strong, laymen, ministers and bishops.

At 9:30 a. m. the peal of the organ was heard sounding her beautiful notes of welcome to that event in history. The clapping of the hands of a delegate emery called the attention of the members that their presence was wanted in the lecture room below. When the hour of 10 a. m. arrived the bishops counsel, led by Bishop H. M. Turner, senior bishop of the church, D. D., LL.D., and Bishop W. J. Gains, D. D., LL.D., Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., LL.D., and Bishop B. T. Tanner, D. D., LL.D., Bishop A. Grant, D. D., and Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D., LL.D., Bishop M. B. Salter, D. D., and Bishop J. A. Handy, D. D., LL.D., Bishop W. B. Derrick, D. D., and Bishop E. Tyree, Bishop C. S. Smith, Bishop C. T. Shaffer, and Bishop L. J. Coppins.

Gov. E. B. Parks, D. H. O'Jett and Rev. H. B. Parks, D. D., R. H. T. Johnson, D. D., E. W. Layton, W. D. Chappelle, D. D., H. T. J. King, Prof. J. R. Hawkins, B. F. Hawkins, G. E. Taylor, D. D., and B. W. Arnett, Jr.

Following these were ministerial and lay delegates from every state in the union and the Isles of the sea. By the rap of the gavel by Bishop H. M. Turner this gigantic machinery moved in progress.

The conference was opened by singing "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Hymn, led by Bishop H. M. Turner, Before Jehovah's Awful Throne. Prayer by Bishop W. J. Gains, D. D. Scripture lesson, Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D., LL.D.
Hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive," led by Bishop C. S. Smith, D. D.
Ritualistic exercises conducted by Evans Tyree, D. D.

Prayer, H. B. Parks, D. D. All persons assembled were requested to worship with Dr. Parks upon their knees by the senior bishop. The prayer of Dr. Parks was so pathetic, until silence burst forth with spiritual fervor. So effective was his divine interrogations until a sister was heard to exclaim, "That was as good as a sermon." Quinn Chapel Choir, led by Mrs. Marlon Adams, sang with pathos "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

At 11:25 a. m. His Grace, Bishop M. B. Salter, D. D., preached the quadrennial sermon, which was masterly and forensic, timely, needful, hopeful and historic. His subject was "The Church." He portrayed the conditions the advance, the sacrifices, persecutions and blessings, from its birth, up to the present. What he wished to convey and lastingly impress upon the African Methodist ministry was works and faith together would save the world and his church for Christ. Of all God's church African Methodism seem to have suffered from the master prejudice's prescription and falsehood.

In speaking of the M. E. church some 120 years ago, he said that African Methodists were not permitted to partake of the Lord's supper, and her children were driven by merciless proscription. Branded as inferior race, Bethel's awakening inspired by Bishop Allen withdrew from the M. E. church and are now sitting upon our own prejudice we have succeeded, we take pride, that our church government is invested in an itinerant ministry, we have 6,643 traveling preachers, 800,354 members, 800,000 followers, with 1,106,031. In educational nurseries we hold no mean place—Willbefore of Ohio. Paul Quinn, Morris Brown, etc. The first and oldest negro book concern in the world. On the very spot where the Sunday School Union has built and erected a building upon the very spot where was once the auction block. He spoke of the Southern Christian Recorder and its struggle and concluded with the text: "And, lo, I am with you always, even until the ends of the earth."

Celebration of the holy communion conducted by Bishops B. T. Tanner, D. D., and L. J. Coppins, D. D. recess was taken until 3 p. m. to complete organization as per discipline.

Roll call by the Rev. L. H. Reynolds, D. D., secretary of general conference.

Bishop Turner by the rap of the gavel called the vast assembly to its feet, and said: "Let us see if you have the pass word. The delegates answered with a response to the apostles' creed."

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