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CITY NEWS.

[N. B. If you have relatives or friends visit you in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us; we solicit all your local news—Ed.]

A new club called "Smart Set Club" has just been organized by some of the young society people.

Miss Electa Lewis of Fayette went home this week to spend the holidays with her parents.

W. H. Milligan G. M of Iowa Masonic Lodge passed through our city yesterday enroute to Enterprise Ia.

Mrs. P. Woodson, the well known chef, is assisting at Mrs I M. Jones' restaurant during the holidays.

Mr, and Mrs. Tom. Trail of Omaha, Nebr. spent Christmas in the city visiting Mrs. Trail's parents Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blagburn on 817 12th street.

Mrs Joseph LaCour and children left Wednesday afternoon for Carroll to spend the rest of the holidays with Mr. LaCour.

Mr. Jesse Graves who has been in Minneapolis for several months is in the city this week, ane with his brother Thornton they called at our office.

Mr E T Banks spent Thursday and Friday in Buxton looking toward the organization of a Chapter and Commandery in that city,

Go to Mrs. Vina Murrell for good rooms and accommodations, 118 E. 5th street, Davenport, Ia.

The H. B. S. Reading Circle will meet next Thursday with Mrs. W. H. Warricks. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. Peter Hudlin of Davenport is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in this city. Mr. Hudlin will spend part of next week here.

Alma Turner the little girl who has been staying with Mr. and Mrs L. J. Shelton has been very sick, but is improving at this writing, her mother Mrs. Mary Turner of Kansas City was called here she is now in the city.

Robert Watkins of Buxton was in our city a few days this week spending Christmas with his relatives and shopping. He says Buxton is a great town to make money for all who wants to work, he left wednesday morning.

Miss Luella Franklin of Oskaloosa spent part of this week in the capital city She arrived in time to attend the ball that was given last night at Cycling Hall.

A diamond ring makes a nice Xmas. present, or at least that is what one young lady thinks who lives between Sixth avenue and Eleventh street. We surmise that cupid will be a visitor in that locality before many months.

When in Macon, Mo., go to the Macon Restaurant for good meals or short orders; also good rooms. 208 North Rubey street.

M. J. G. Lafayette from Regina Sask, Canada, spent four days in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. O. A. Johnson. He left Monday for Oskaloosa to visit his father and mother.

Mr. Henry Williams and Miss Jessie Welch, both of Saylorville, were married in the Burns' M. E. church parsonage December 15, '06, Rev. O. A. Johnson officiating.

Mrs. George Curtley and daughter, Miss Bertha, who have been visiting in Spokane, Wash, for several months returned home last week.

The Misses Alice Dameron and Cora Brown of Iowa City spent last Saturday and Sunday in our city They were enroute to Creston to spend the holidays.

The dancing party that was given by the Lotus club at Cycling hall last night was attended by a large crowd Mr T. S Witson is president of the club and and he is making it one of the successful social club.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown of this city has recently been appointed District Superintendent of S. S. for the Des Moines District, recently created by the last annual conference of the A M E. church, and will enter upon her new duties the first of the year.

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Mr. C. B. Woods spent last Tuesday with his family.

Rev. T. L. Griffith left Thursday night for Kansas City, Kans., to attend the meeting of the Board of the Western Baptist Conventian of which he is president.

The Domestic Economy reading club meet with Mrs. George Patton on 25th street, they adjourned after an interesting topic to meet with Mrs. Mary Mease of 1042 B street next Saturday.

Union congregational Church Dec. 30th. Regular preaching service morning and evening. Men's League at 3:00 p m. The public is invited to all services. There will be an open house on New Years day, all members and friends of the church are invited to call.

One of the largest christmas tree parties given this year was the one given last Monday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lee of 119 West Locust street. The tree was laiden with many fine and costly presents, about forty guest were present and each had something for each other The Oriole Mandolin club furnished the music assisted by Miles Taylor on the piano. Those present report an enjoyable evening.

Wm Ganaway of Chicago, Ill., a traveling salesman for Murphy Brothers Clothing house, was in the city a few days last week. He was just from Buxton, Iowa where he and some other young colored men are organizing a Merchantile Company to operate similar to the Murphy Brothers with headquarters in Chicago. He made our office a pleasant call.

On last Wednesday December 19, at the residdnce of Mr. and Mrs. Attrus Brown, 824 Small street, occurred the wedding of Mr. Benjamin J. Hack and Mrs Francis F. Baldwin, in the presence of a host of friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. O. A. Johnson. A great many useful presents were given the happy couple An elegant luncheon was served

The following is the program for the entertainment of Grand Master W. H. Milligan at Masonic hall Monday evening, December 31st, in the form of a basket picnic: Toastmaster, J. L. Thompson, W. M.; invocation, H. W. Porter; song; welcome address by J. H. Shepard; quartette; remarks by Dr. W. S. Brooks; song by the members; remarks by Rev. T. L. Griffith; remarks by Rev. O. A. Johnson; solo by Mr. Geo. I. Holt; remarks by Rev. H. W. Porter; response by Grand Master W. H. Milligan.

The Corinthian Baptist Church Announcement.

The services will be held as usual Sunday morning and evening Dec. 30.

At 3 p. m. we have our baptismal services at the First Baptist church, Cor. Eighth and High streets.

Watch Night services Monday Dec. 31st. On Tuesday, New Years days, there will be services at 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. That day there will be a dinner specially for the members of the church. It is hoped all members will present. No charge for the meal.

Members of the congregation and friends are invited to dine at 3 p. m.

T. L. Griffith, pastor.

The address by Wm. Coalson before the David and Jonathan League at the Union Congregational church last Sunday at 3:30 p m on what he observed while in the south with the Governor's was very interesting and well delivered, after graphically speaking of the wealth of the Negro in that portion of the country he then spoke on the moral and social condition of the race. He made it very clear that one of the greatest needs is to raise their moral standard and purify their social society as near as can be by separating the better element of the Negro from the criminal classes. The League was well attended and the address well received.

The semi-annual meeting of the executive committee of the Iowa State Afro-American Council will be held at Burns' M E. church on Monday, January 1st, and pursuant to the proclamation of the president of the National Council the Local Council will celebrate the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation by appropriate program at the same place in the evening of the same day. Several prominent speakers from out of the city are expected to be present, but the full particulars of the program will be announced later.

A most brilliant social function was the Christmas dinner given by the young gentlemen of the Smart Set club to their young lady friends. It was given at the home of Mr. Tony Franklin. In the parlor a large Xmas. bell hung suspended from the cealing. In the dining room the club colors, blue and red were suspended from the chandlier and reached the four corners of the table. The table decorations consisted of tiny Xmas trees and the center-piece was a bowls of red carnations. The menu which was very elaborate consisted of boullion, turkey and accessories, assorted salad and waffers, ice cream, cake and coffee, The evenwas spent in games, dancing and cards. At a late hour the guests left the young gentlemen entertainers.

Emancipation Proclamation Day will be celebrated the first of January by the citizens of Des Moines under the auspices of the local and state Afro-American Council. Attorney Geo. H. Woodson president of state council will be present and preside part of the time. Attorney S. Joe Brown local president will preside mostly. Prof. Gilliam of Buxton will be present and will make the chief address. All the members of the council should be present. Everybody invited "you come." The meeting will be held in the Burn's Methodist Episcopal church 12th and Crocker streets, commencing at 10:30 A. M. to 12 A. M. adjourned for dinner Meet again at 2:30 adjourn at five, will meet again at 8:00 P. M. at which time Prof. Gilliam will speak; Proclamation of Emancipation read by Mrs. J. W. Brown; Supplimentary, Miss Addie Wilkinson, Song Let the banner wave but never over a Slave, Rev. O. A. Johnson.

Christmas parties is in full away this week, we have had more Christmas parties then we will be able to mention, but one of the finest and most up to date christmas parties was that given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blagburn of 817 12th street. They served an elaborate dinner at 12 o'clock noon at which table was seated all of his daughters Mesdames Joe LaCour of this city, P. Hudlin of Davenport and Thos. Trail of Omaha, Neb. and in the evening nearly forty people responded to the beautiful invitation with their presence. The rooms were beautifully decorated with flowers, palms, evergreen, holly mistle-toe, and Christmas bells, and in the dining room each table held five candelabrum exquisitely arranged Music was furnished by the Williams Mandolin Club, after midnight Miss Lillian Fields played on the piano and Mr. L. Shelton the violin. The supper menu was as follows chicken patties with lettuce sandwiches and jellaton, ice cream, cake and coffee, salted nuts and reception sticks; after spending the night in pleasure and amusements, a very delightful 5 o'clock breakfast was served to the party of twenty who remained over night, the menu consisting of fried chicken, hot biscuits, gravy ham, cake coffee and ice cream, all served in first class style, after which all departed bidding these entertaining host and hostess a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This party is long to be remembered.

Smart Set Entertained.

One of the largest social events of the past week was given last Friday night by the Twilight Social club at the residence of Mr. and Mrs George Lee, 119 W. Locust street, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. S H. Dudley and other leading members of the Smart Set Theatrical Co. Singing, dancing and whist were the pleasures of the evening. Music was furnished by the Oriole Trio Mandolin club. Members of the Smart Set Company in attendance were:

Mr. S. H. Dudley and wife, Misses May York, Emma Bayard, S T Whitney, and Sadie Mears, Messrs. J. Homer Tubb, Chas. Gilpin, James Burrus, Miss Florence Smiley, Pewee Williams.

Mrs. Lee was assisted in serving by Mesdames George Powell and Emma Washington. A good time was reported by all The members of the club are Geo. Lee, N. Shininghouse, Ora Hayes, Fred Houston, Miles Taylor and C. Shull.

WE WISH YOU

A happy New Year.

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Would make and execute good resolves.

Would all try this year to raise a higher our moral status.

Would pay all the back dues you owe the Iowa State Bystander.

Would pay more attention in raising and training your children.

Would quit lying, pay your honest debts and deal square

We Wish

Some of our people would quit laying around the depots and on steets when you have no business.

That more of our young children remain in public and High Schools.

To see more of our boys and girls in the Iowa colleges next year.

Our people would read more good literature and less trash

To see more of our people enter the field of skilled labor.

Our ministers would have the christian manhood to do the right thing all the time, and speak against those who do not do right

To see more of our people buy farms and become independent

To see more of our people save their money and get a bank account.

Every man would live up to the old golden rule.

All our colored journals a prosperous and successful year.

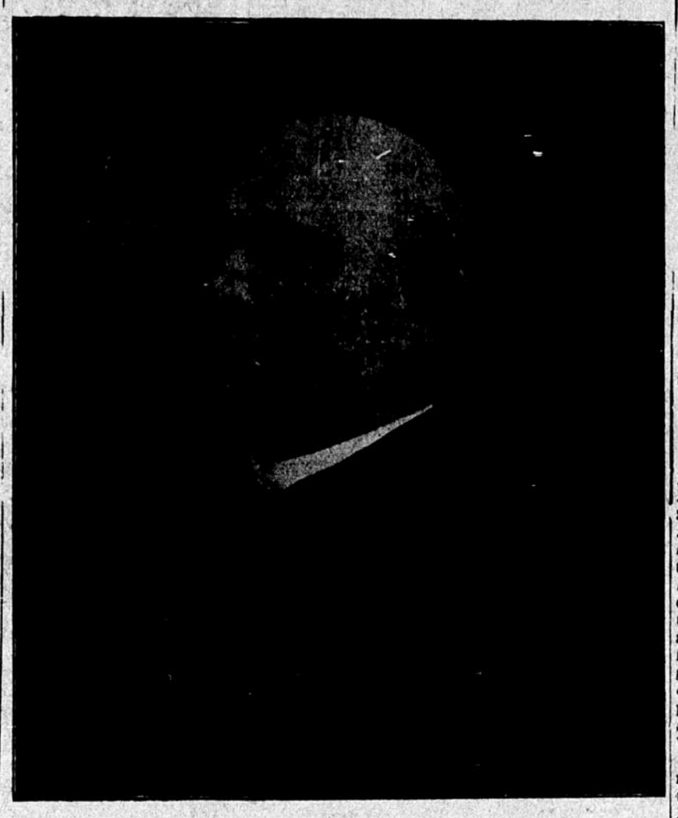
Our secret societies and social clubs would do more to elevate the character and right living of our race:

Our race, as a whole, would not shield the wrongs and crimes of our race, but condemn them.

Lastly, all newspapers and every creature a prosperous and successful New Year

Chivalry.

The chivalry of Europe is, in great measure, a product of the Saracen chivalry which entered Europe in two streams flowing through Constantinople and through Spain.



It is our pleasure, through the courtesy of Prof. Rufus Logan, editor of the Professional World, in Columbia, Mo., to present the cut of Prof. J. H. Garnett of Lincoln Institute, at Jefferson City, Mo., who was installed December 13th as president of the Western College at Macon, Mo. He comes highly recommended as an advance educator and thinker and a high-minded gentleman.

Catholic Negro Bureau.

The Washington Star is authority for the statement that at the meeting of the Archbishops of the United States held in that city recently, plans were made for the establishment of a Catholic Negro Bureau similar to the Catholic Indian Bureau, directed by Rev. William Ketcham.

At the head of the new Negro bureau, it is said, will be Rev. Father Burke, pastor of one of the largest churches in the United States—St. Benedict, the Moor New York City. He is highly regarded by the prelates, especially for administrative ability, and his great success in New York.

While the establishment of a Negro bureau has been the subject of discussion among the prelates for some time, those most earnestly at work on the enterprise have been Archbishop John M. Farley of New York, and the bishops of Mobile and Nashville. They have felt, it is said, that the Negro in America was not receiving the attention he deserved at the hand of the church, and are desirous of aggressive pushing missionary work among these people.

There are eleven millions of the colored race in the United States, of whom less than 2 per cent are Catholic. This has been food for thought of the Catholic church, and it is felt that the church must "be up and doing." Thus spoke Rev. T. J. Duffy of the Josephites at the recent missionary conference. "So far," he said, "the Negro has not stood before the world an object of justifiable pride to Catholics, and it behooes us to be up and doing if we are to fulfill the destinies that, in the plan of divine economy, has been mapped out for the Church in the United States.

"Far be it from me to belittle the efforts of those who since emancipation have labored and toiled for the regeneration of the Negro race; far be it from me to make light of the zeal and piety, the charity and self-sacrifice that inspire men and women to devote themselves to the evangelization of the Negro, yet how few are they of the many millions who glory in the name of Catholic. We might turn back the leaves of time and read thereon the story of the Negro in America, but there are some things over which it may be well to draw the curtain of forgetfulness and instead grapple with the problem as it is at present."

Father Duffy's discourse was one of the most widely commented on of any at the conference. He is a member of the Josephites, who have a seminary in Baltimore and with missionaries scattered over nine southern states. This society, along with the Holy Ghost Fathers, will doubtless be the principal agancies through which the new Catholic Negro bureau will work.

When approached about the project, Rev. A. P. Doyle, D. D., rector of the Apostolic Mission House, expressed himself as much pleased at the determination of the hierarchy, as well as with the selection of a head for the bureau, Father Burke. Among other things, he said:

"I have been working during the past few months down in the lower counties of Maryland, where the colored people are almost entirely Catholics, and where the have been under the influence of the Catholic church for three generations or more, and in these counties one hears nothing of any Negro problem. The colored people there are a law-abiding and self-respecting people.

They attend church services eagerly and go to confession regularly. They are Catholics, and good Catholics. They are remarkably virtuous and love domestic virtue."

MR. GRAVES OF MANILLA IN OUR CITY.

Mr. Thornton Graves from Manila, P. I., was in our office yesterday. He left his home in Moulton, Iowa, April 9, 1899, going to the Philippines via San Francisco. Mr. Graves' parents have been residents of Moulton for the past thirty years, and was the first Negro family to settle in that city. Mr. Graves occupied the position of checker for vessels going from and entering the port of Manilla, being an employe of the United States government. On the return trip Mr Graves came home by way of Singapore, Colombo, Aden, Suez canal, Port Said and Gibraltar to Newport News, Virginia.

Mr. Graves said: "The islands are rich and afford splendid opportunities in a business way. I found the Negro residents comparatively few in number, but they are prosperous—some are engaged in business and some are following various occupations. They are well received by the natives. The only trouble between them was caused by American prejudice, and public schools are driving this prejudice away, and the Filipino is learning the truth. There are no Negro school teachers in the islands because the United States has refused to send them. I know that such teachers would be more acceptable to the natives than white American teachers. There was no distinction made at any of he places a which I stopped. Hotels, restaurants, places of amusement and every public convenience or accommodation was open to all. There were 500 white passengers and nine Negroes on this trip and there was no distinction made in foreign lands. Objections to Negroes made by Americans are looked upon as silly, and are resented in some places as an insult. After traveling 13,000 miles to see my parents, good old Iowa and my native land, it remained for me to face again race prejudices I landed upon the American soil at Newport News, beneath the stars and stripes. After spending a few months with my parents, I shall return to he Philippines. I have learned the Spanish language and many of the dialects in the islands, so I will feel at home there."

FT. MADISON, IOWA.

Special to Bystander.

THE DISCHARGING OF THE NEGRO TROOPS.

It would be unfair to my race if I would remain silent, when my heart bids me speak in the defence of my race. I speak for a race that for more than two centuries was held in bondage; a race striving to reach the heights attained by other races, but each day presents some new injustice that is done to us.

The most recent injustice is the dismissal of the colored troops by President Roosevelt. I do ont doubt that every Negro in America is in sympathy with the dismissed soldiers. I do not condone the offense of the few who committed the murder, for the whole affair is deplorable. It was not the duty of the comrades to turn the guilty parties over to the authorities. Had it been that the soldiers had been white and the persons wounded were Negroes, I have not the least doubt, but that affairs would have taken quite a different turn and there is nothing to prove that the white soldiers would have told who he guilty parties were. Would the president have dismissed in disgrace the whole battalion as a punishment? It is quite true that the innocent will suffer with the guilty, but why in this particular case any more than any other case? Have the men who took part in the many riots and burning suffered? No, a thousand times, no; even the guilty have not suffered they have gone unharmed. President Roosevelt has never been known to cry out against mob violence of any sort as all of these were affairs of states. Was not this an affair of Texas' and did not the President intertere He may have acted with authority, but this demanded Federal interference, how much more do the burning of Negroes and Atlanta riots demand Federal interference, when the future of the whole race is engendered by the prejudice aroused by these riots.

The soldiers must take their medicine, although it is bitter, for perhaps the whole truth of the affair will never be known. There will come a time, however, when the nation will need the "black regiment." No one can tell but that another San Juan Hill will confront this country, but there will be no Negro soldiers to save the day. The day may not be far distant when the wrongs of these soldiers shall be redressed.

Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.

At a meeting of Eureka Lodge No. 20 A. F. A. M. the following officers were elected I. L. Brown, Wm. Calvin Wheeler, Secretary; D. F. Brown, J W. G, A Johnson, Treasurer; Albert Walker Secretary.

The Dunbar Club meet with Mrs. Flipping and they reported ten dollars from the proceeds of the bazar which was voted to the club.

Albert Walker is getting his house in shape. Come girls get busy.

Well cold weather is here and the great number of strangers that was in the city Tuesday left a streak behind that points straight South.

W. D. Crawford is working at the packing house

We have the interurban line for sure this time.

The Dunbar Progressive Club will meet with Mrs Gilmore Thursday Dec. 20th when arrangements will be made for a fair to be given Jan. 15, 1907 this is going to be the event of the season. M. G. M. W H. Milligan and others will be present.

Sometime in the near future a play will be presented by the Amateur Dramatic Club, more later.

Mrs I L. Brown and daughter Gracie Ruth and master Karl spent Christmas with her sister Mrs. S. W Green of Toledo, Ohio.

Samuel Robinson of Indianapolis was a Christmas visitor.

Miss Mattie Walker is spending the holidays with her brother and sister.

The above cut represents some of the buildings of the Western College and campus grounds. This college is located at Macon, Mo., and is one of the four large institutions of Missouri for the education of our colored youths. It is the school that Prof. Enos L. Scruggs worked so hard for many years to set up the light and hold it. He recently resigned and the board selected Prof. J. H. Garnett, that great and beloved educator, from the Lincoln Institute, to become Prof. Scruggs' successor The college is located upon the highest point in Macon, a beautiful level tract of thirty acres of land in the northeast part of the city. The college has several hundreds of scholars enrolled this year.

WOODSON CASE DISMISSED.

Disbarment Proceedings are Thrown Out of Court.

Albia, Iowa, Special to Bystander—The disbarment proceedings against George H. Woodson, the colored attorney who was charged with inducing witnesses sometime ago to leave the country is set free. It seems the state relied upon the depositions and when they were knocked out the state found itself unable to get the witnesses in time to preceed with the case and was compelled to dismiss it. It was a great victory for Mr. Woodson as this disbarment cloud had been hanging on him nearly six months. He has an extensive practice in Mahaska, Monroe, Wapello, Jasper and Polk counties. His partner, S. Joe Brown was the chief counselor for the defense, assisted by W. W. Epps, ex county attorney of Ottumwa. J. T. Davett and W. R. Lacey of Oskaloosa. This case was watched by the bar and ten judges were present Wednesday morning when the case was called. Those present were Honorables Robert Sloan, Frank Ikerbel, C. W. Vermillion, John P. Scott, Byron W. Preston, W. C. Clements, L. C. Blanchard, Benj. McCoy, J. C. Mitchell and Rev. A. Cato Caye, his minister, pastor of the First Congregational church, Oskaloosa, Iowa. Mr. Woodson is well known in political circles. He is a good speaker and a strong leader in his party.

There are always two parties to a contract, and yet in a majority of cases but one is expected to carry it out.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOTES.

Mt. Olive Lodge No 17 A F. and A. M. is preparing for their annual entertainment which will be held on the 23rd, of January 1907. The nature of the entertainment will be announced later. A grand time is anticipated.

By order of a New York court a mother gave her seventeen-year-old girl who had attempted suicide a spanking with a hair brush. The fall from the sublime to the ridiculous might be more spectacular, but never more complete.