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CITY NEWS.

If you have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us so we can send you a local news item.

Miss Walker of Marshalltown is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warlicks.

Mr. Lewis Blagburn left this week for Omaha to visit with his daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson and daughter attended the wedding at Enterprise Wednesday.

Mrs. Pearl Christmas of St. Joseph, Mo. is the guest of Miss Alice Morton this week.

Mr. A. E. Richardson will deliver an address to the members of the Corinthian Sunday School Sunday the 28.

Mr. Philip Simpson who has been indisposed for the past week is better at this writing.

The Union Congregational Sunday School picnic was well attended Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. John Wilkerson left this week for a two week's visit with relatives and friends in Chillicothe, Mo.

The Corinthian Baptist Sunday School will hold their annual picnic at Union Park, Thursday Aug. 1st.

Mr. J. C. Williams has been transferred to Bird's school, which position carries an added remuneration of \$12.50 per month.

For Rent—Six room cottage, 818 Park street; gas, city water and toilet; will repair and put in good shape.

E. Tracy Blagburn, City Eng's Dept.

Mrs. Ida E. Wright of St. Louis, Mo., will arrive in the city Saturday morning, and will be the guest of Mrs. A. L. Smith during the K. P. Grand Lodge session here next week.

The U. S. civil service employees of the carriers department have had raised their salaries to \$1,000 per annum. Messrs. Holt and Hughes are wearing the smiles that went come off.

Mrs. W. H. Hubbard who has been doing so nicely since leaving the hospital caught cold, and is not feeling so well at this writing.

Old Settlers annual picnic will be held next Thursday Aug. 1st, at Union Park. Everybody invited, churches and Sunday Schools especially. There will be several addresses by local speakers. Be sure and come early and bring a full basket.

Rev. J. M. Harris, pastor of Burns' M. E. church, has moved from 846 W. Twelfth to 1214 Crocker street. He would be glad to have the members and friends to note the change and govern themselves accordingly. Iowa phone 1632-J.

Mrs. Lulu M. Jackson, field Missionary of the Woman's National Baptist Convention, will speak at Corinthian Baptist church Sunday morning and at 3 p. m. Everybody ought to hear Mrs. Jackson.

One of the grandest affairs of Enterprise this week was the marriage of Miss Sophia Hunter to Mr. Percy E. Jackson, Wednesday July 24. There were about 150 present; many from our city and attendance. The presents were many and useful. We join with their many friends in congratulations.

The Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Co. will hold a public mass-meeting at Corinthian Baptist church, Fifteenth and Linden streets, Rev. T. L. Griffith pastor, Thursday evening Aug. 1st. Among the speakers will be Dr. J. Dain, Rev. T. L. Griffith, and Luther Smith of New York, general agent of the Metropolitan Mercantile Co. Admission free.

The Colossian Industrial club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. E. Elliston, 518 Thirteenth street, with the president Mrs. Elliston in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by the chaplain. The members responded to roll call with quotations from the Bible. Brief remarks were made by Mrs. Mable Phelps and Mrs. C. C. Christian. The club closed its meetings until September 12th. The club will hold its second annual picnic Aug. 1st at Union Park.

The Cosmopolitan Art club met at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Cannaday Wednesday evening. The delegate read her report, and after the program was rendered refreshments were served. The club is resuming its work after a vacation and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Miss Electa Lewis; Vice President, Miss Alice Morton; Treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude Cannaday; Secretary, Miss Tabitha Mash; Reporter, Mrs. Lizzie Walker. Miss Blanch Lewis

will entertain the club next Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Tabitha Mash.

Miss Marie Bell left Thursday for Colfax, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Eldora Heimes for a week or ten days.

Mr. Luther H. Smith, agent of the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Co. of New York, will address the David V. Jonathan League Sunday, the 28th. Subject, "A Practical and Theoretical Help of the Negro."

Supt. S. Joe Brown and wife entertained Wednesday evening in honor of the winners in the athletic contests at the county Sunday school picnic last week. Those present besides the victorious young athletes and the members of the Sunday school board were Miss Jessie Walker of Marshalltown, Miss Nellie Leffler of Buxton and Mr. Jesse Graves.

Dr. W. S. Brooks of St. Paul, A. M. E. church left Thursday for Chicago for a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Lizzie Cowens of Denver, Colo., who has been in our city for the past ten days looking after her property on the West Side and visiting her mother, Mrs. Mahala Williams, returned home Thursday.

The next regular meeting of the Intellectual Improvement club will be held at the residence of Miss Mary Montague, 1317 Jay street, on Friday evening, August 2, at which time the subject of dress reform will be discussed. All members are invited to be present, accompanied by their escorts. By order of Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Pres. Miss Martha Leffler, Sec.

Attorney S. Joe Brown and wife are in receipt of an announcement of the marriage of Prof. P. C. Parks to Miss Sophia Mereda Parker, which occurred at Morris Brown college at Atlanta, Ga., on the 17th inst. Prof. Parks will be remembered by many Des Moines people as the young Negro who graduated at the State Agricultural college at Ames a few years ago and who has since been holding the position as director of applied agriculture at Tuskegee, Ala. The announcement further states that Prof. and Mrs. Parks will be "at home" at Clark university, Atlanta, Ga., after August 15th, which would seem to indicate that the professor will probably be engaged in that institution after that date.

WANTED—A good girl or woman for general house work. Steady employment to right party. Good price. For full particulars write Mrs. J. Jones, 616 E. By, avenue, Moline, Ill.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Whereas it has pleased the All Wise Creator in His divine providence to call from labor to reward, the beloved mother of our esteemed treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Erickson.

Be it Resolved, That we the members of the Intellectual Improvement club do hereby express to her our heart felt sympathy in this her hour of bereavement, and commend her to Him who giveth and who taketh away and who doeth all things well.

Be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this club, a copy be sent to our esteemed treasurer and a copy to the Iowa State Bystander.

Mrs. James Woods, Miss Tabitha Mash, Miss Mattie Leffler, Committee of the Intellectual Improvement club, Des Moines, Iowa.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS GRAND LODGE.

Opens its Annual Session in Des Moines July 30, 31 and August 1.

Tuesday July 30.

11:00 a. m. Opening exercises. Welcome address by Sir W. Sampson Brooks, pastor of A. M. E. church. Response by Rev. E. Roey, Marquetteville, Iowa. Roll call and report of committee on Credentials.

Noon. Reports of committees. Appointments of special committees. Report of G. C. and G. K. of R. and S.

Evening. Bonferring of the G. L. Rank on applicants.

Wednesday July 31.

9:00 a. m. Opening exercises. Reading of Grand Chancellor's address. Addresses by other Grand Officers. Reports of committees.

1:30 Afternoon. Reports of committees. Parade to St. Paul A. M. E. church where the memorial services will be conducted by the Rev. Sir W. Sampson Brooks.

8:30 Evening. Reception at the New Gibson Hall, 609 Locust street. Good music.

CALL AT THE CLEAN CLOTHES SHOP

310 West Grand Ave.

O. S. RIVERS, PROPRIETOR.

Dry Cleaning, Dyeing and Pressing of Ladies' and Gents' Clothing.

REPAIRING NEATLY DONE.

Programme.

Salutary Address, L. W. Williams, G. C.

Piano solo, Miss Lillian Fields. Auctioneer quartette, Mrs. E. B. Elliston, Mrs. D. G. Miller, Mr. D. G. Miller, Mr. E. B. Elliston.

Address, Rev. Samuel Bates, Colfax.

Solo, bass, O. B. Rivers. Vocal solo, Mrs. Ruth Keens. Foundation of Pythianism, Col. Robt. Johnson, Omaha, Neb.

Solo, tenor, Lyle C. Jackson. Duties of Pythian, Rev. Capt. O. A. Johnson, Independence, Mo.

Instrumental solo, Bertha Allen. Vocal solo, Miss Margaret Fields.

Thursday, August 1st.

9:00 a. m. Opening exercises. Reports of committees. Nomination and election of Grand officers.

2:00 Afternoon. Opening exercises. Unfinished business.

Evening Session at Cycling Hall. 8:00 p. m. Installation of Grand Officers.

Speeches of acceptance. 9:00 p. m. Grand Ball. Kromer's full orchestra. Admission \$1.00 per couple.

Mr. Cannon did not discuss the Negro question in any of his speeches in the South, and made no allusion whatever that could be twisted into an endorsement of the Southern policy of the disfranchisement of the Negro.

Mr. Cannon's position on this question has been well known for many years. He was one of the committee who investigated the Ku-Klux outrages in Alabama in 1875, and he supported the Butler Federal Election Law, which was based on the reports of outrages in a number of the Southern States.

In the Fifty-first Congress he was a member of the committee on rules, and reported the rule in favor of the Lodge Federal Election law, which was passed by the House at that time but failed in the Senate.

BURLINGTON ITEMS.

Editor J. L. Thompson was in our city last week on business. Mr. Thompson is much pleased with the patronage of our people and is endeavoring to meet the demands. Persons wishing news published will please ring up 508 X, old phone, or address Mrs. J. E. Johnson, 619 S. Main street.

Ellie Folks has returned from the Grand Lodge, which convened in Des Moines, and gives excellent reports. Sam Cook and John Trent are at Yellowstone Park for an indefinite stay.

Mr. Henry A. Martin, Dubuque's delegate to the Grand Lodge in Des Moines, stopped over in our city for a few days as the guest of Mr. J. E. Johnson.

Rev. Moore is rejoicing over his quarterly meeting, having added two more names to the church roll, both being young people that will be of great service to the church.

Mrs. J. F. Trent left Tuesday for St. Paul, where she will be the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Paul Owens.

The excursion given by the City Federation was a decided success. They cleared \$28, which is to be used for the benefit of the sick and needy. The club is doing a great work.

Mrs. Clara Young is visiting in Quincy, Ill., the guest of Miss Bessie Earle.

Rev. Williams has returned to Davenport, after spending two weeks with his family and friends. His health was improved.

The Doctor Away from Home when Most Needed.

People are very often disappointed to find that family physician is away from home when they most need his services. Diseases like cramp colic and cholera morbus require prompt treatment, and have in many instances proven fatal before medicine could be procured or a physician summoned.

The right way is to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. No physician can prescribe a better medicine for these diseases. By having it in the house you escape much pain and suffering and all risk. Buy it now; it may save life. For sale by all druggists.

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Mr. Downey is able to be out again, after a serious illness.

Sunday was quarterly meeting. Miss Stella Fowler died last Friday night at 10:45, after a prolonged illness. She leaves her grandmother, one sister, a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She was buried Sunday. To know her was to love her, as all will testify. In Stella we have lost one whose place in our hearts will ever be filled with the memory of a bright young life, full of promise, but who has been called to work in her Father's kingdom, where all his love and sorrows never come.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson are the proud parents of a daughter.

Mrs. Barbara Carter died Sunday morning after a two years' illness of consumption. She was buried Tuesday. Mrs. Carter was a lady whose charming personality and rare tact had won many friends. Although her death was expected, yet there is a

sadness over the hearts of her friends and deep sympathy is extended to her mother, Mrs. Gilbert, and her only surviving sister, Mrs. Mary McElroy.

Mr. James Hagston and daughter, Mrs. Smith of Des Moines, were in the city and attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Carter.

Rev. McDowell of Mt. Pleasant attended the Carter funeral.

Mrs. Mary Davis is visiting her daughter, Miss Bernice Davis, in Mason City. Miss Davis is occupying the position of piano player in M. C. Whittier's band.

She went immediately after her graduation from the Ottumwa high school with the class of 1907, in which she and Edna Martin were the only colored students in the class of fifty-six members.

Mrs. William Ross is very ill. Mrs. Arthur Henderson is ill. Little Thelma Osborne has been ill, but is very much better now.

MINNEAPOLIS BUDGETARIAN.

This is our busy day—Federation week.

Mrs. Geo. Barnett entertained at a white bear August 14th. They expect to lose their home by the last Saturday night. It is thought that lightning was the cause of the fire. Everything was destroyed.

Mrs. Mary L. Joyce has returned from a six weeks' visit to Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Martha V. Webster of Louisville, Ky., visited with Mrs. H. W. Richardson Tuesday evening.

Misses Daisy and Hattie Settles have returned from a pleasant visit in Missouri.

Mrs. Henry Page and little son of Springfield, Ill., are visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Colquitt.

Misses Mabel and Clara Tarver and Daisy Settles spent Sunday in Rock Island.

Class number three of St. Paul's A. M. E. church gave a concert at the church Friday evening. The program was as follows:

Song by congregation. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Searcy. Vocal solo by Miss Beatrice Kelso. Recitation by Elizabeth Searcy. Solo by Miss Clara V. Tarver. Reading "Yankee in Love," by Mr. C. B. Walkup.

Duet by Misses Beatrice Kelso and Sarah Davis. Recitation by Etta Searcy. Solo by Miss Mabel G. Tarver, with violin obligato by Mr. R. Wilson.

Journal by Miss Daisy E. Settles. Madames Thompson, Tomlin, Owsen, Misses Quiley, Messrs. Tomlin and Jones of Muscatine, Iowa, attended the Tri-City Sunday school picnic last Wednesday.

Miss Bradshaw and Mrs. Murphy were callers on the South Side Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Walkup entertained a large number of friends at dinner Sunday.

The Household of Ruth and the Odd Fellows will give a lawn social Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood.

Mr. John Curd has begun to run a boarding house and restaurant on Fourteenth street and Fourth avenue. We wish Mr. Curd great success in his undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Phoenix entertained Miss Bradshaw and Mrs. Murphy at dinner Tuesday evening.

LOST RELATIVE.

Please assist me to find a lost relative whose name is Abraham Shepard. He left Mt. Pleasant, Ia., the fall of 1896 with Sells Bro. circus, as cook in the laboring men's tent. He was about 74 years old, mixed dark gray hair, a mustach, brown skin, and about six feet tall. When last heard of he was in Warrensburg, Mo., with a lady named Amanda Offert, 1897. Any information as to his whereabouts will be gladly received by his only son.

John Shepard, 502 Lee street. Pastors will please read this notice in your church.

GALESBURG, ILL.

Mrs. Rowena Johnson is ill at her home on Cedar street.

Mrs. Bullard of Indianapolis is in the city for a few days.

Mr. Thompson, editor of The Bystander, was in Galesburg last week. The many friends of Mrs. Mattie Gregory were pained to learn of her death early Sunday morning, July 21.

Dr. E. A. Lee

DENTIST.

Ninth and Park Sts.

Seamless Gold Crowns.

Bridges and Plate work a Specialty.

EXAMINATIONS FREE.

Mrs. Gregory was returning from Shelby, Mo., where she had been called to attend the funeral of her aunt and grandmother. She was taken seriously ill on the train and died before she could reach Galesburg. To survive her death she left her husband, Mr. Bryant Gregory, and two children, Mrs. Walter Glover and Burley Gregory, besides other relatives and a host of friends. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the A. M. E. church, preached by Rev. Phillips. The household of Ruth, of which she was a member, attended in a body.

Madames Burns and Greover and Miss Hattie Jabine of Canton spent a few days in Galesburg last week, the guests of Mrs. Charlie Anderson.

Mr. Reed, the blind musician, gave a recital in the Methodist and Baptist church. Mr. Reed is a very sweet singer and his music was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Charles Williams has returned from Shelby, Mo.

Mrs. Pauline Anderson is able to be out again, after being confined to her home by illness.

DAVENPORT ITEMS.

Mrs. H. M. Hughes and daughters are in Chicago visiting.

Rev. P. S. Irvin of Charleston was in the city several days visiting his daughters at the S. O. home.

Rev. D. A. Holmes is out of the city on business.

Mrs. Geo. Todd is in Chicago visiting her husband.

Madames W. L. Baker and Ella Ely of Davenport and Mrs. Chas. Windsor of Rock Island leave for Denver and Colorado Springs in a few days on a pleasure trip.

Mrs. A. D. Sumlin has gone to Evanston to visit her parents.

Mrs. Benj. Crowe is at home from Hutchinson, Kans., where she was called by the sickness of her mother, who passed away recently.

The Bishop Wayman Mite Missionary society of the A. M. E. church was entertained by Miss E. Shelton at her residence on Monday afternoon. After the usual routine of business the members were served with delicious ice cream and cake. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. W. B. Hill August 2d, at which time a subject will be discussed, "Does the hope of reward or the fear of punishment have the greater effect on the human race." Discussion opened by Mrs. S. V. Beah.

Mrs. L. E. Williams of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting at the residence of Mrs. C. H. Marshall on Eastern avenue.

Mrs. S. V. Bean, district superintendent of the St. Louis, Mo. District Sunday School Convention, has returned to Davenport, after having attended the convention at Booneville, Mo., and visiting at Marshall, Washington and St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Sadie Houston entertained Mr. and Mrs. Barnett of Harris street, and Mrs. H. C. Marshall and Mrs. Ben Hopkins at 5 o'clock tea.

The Twentieth Century club will give an outing at Watch Tower on the 25th inst. Miss Ella McGaw, president; Master Allen Bean, secretary.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

Muscatine.

Writing these observations this morning in Galesburg, Ill., after a silence of three weeks, we do not know our last thought and he stopped off while writing up Moline, Ill., in the absence of the paper which contains these observations. However, we will begin with Muscatine, Iowa. This quiet little city of about 10,000 people, nestled in the bend of The Father of Waters, is noted the world over for its large, splendid water melons and large lumber mills and its famous oyster shell buttons. From here is shipped hundreds of cars of melons and millions of tons of lumber and many millions of buttons to all parts of the United States. The button industry is of new origin, having been developed only about ten years. There are hundreds of shell hunters in little boats dipping up the shells, taking them to the many factories along the bank of the river and selling them. We have about 500 Afro-Americans living here and those who are industrious are doing well. Mr. Seay owns some valuable bottom land and raises many acres of melons and other vegetables; he having been here so long that a branch of the railroad runs to his farm, and he ships melons. He is well to do. Mr. I. P. Johnson is still farming and gardening. He owns valuable farm just outside of the city limits and his wife has hundreds of chickens. He has some nice hogs. Mr. A. O. Memley owns his nice little farm and says that he is doing well. He is a single man. Girls, look this way. Mr. Full is one of the early pioneers here. He owns valuable city property and also a ten acre farm just without the city limits. Mr. Nelson Carr is doing well in his beautiful farm. He is a true type of race man and a pleasant gentleman to meet. Also Mr. Parker, who owns a very beautiful farm adjoining Mr. Nelson's farm, is doing well. His crops are very good and he has a nice family, and is educating them. He has lots of fruit on his farm. With out doubt he will be colored many in Muscatine county is Mr. Greenway, who lives in town and runs a first class tinsmith shop. His two young sons, William and Leo, who recently attended the musical college in our city, assist him. In addition to the shop they run a dairy. They have from fifteen to twenty head of thoroughbred cows and the boys have charge of these cattle and sell their own milk. They own a twenty acre farm within the city limits. They also own a beautiful nine room home on the corner of Fifth and Pine streets. They have just added a large porch and painted the house. They have two large barns to house the cattle and own several other houses and lots. They are highly respected and have lived here for more than forty years. Lee is a violin cellist and plays in the large orchestra. They affiliate with the Congregational church. Dr. P. Tumbly is at the same

place attending to the aching feet. He is doing well. Mr. Tomlin's folks are still here and doing nicely. Rev. M. Payton is pastor of the only colored church, the A. M. E. He is a Christian gentleman.

Washington.

Into the quiet little town of Washington, where we have written so often, and so much about in former write-ups, I will not go into details. However, we might note that Mr. J. D. Daniels still has the city contract for sprinkling and cleaning. He is a fine specimen of what an ideal Afro-American can do. He has several rooms and men under his charge and a lovely and industrious wife and three children, and a beautiful home in the down town district. Rev. B. R. Penn is the pastor of the A. M. E. church and this bright young minister is doing nicely. Mr. Nate L. Black is still foreman in the composing room of the Washington Journal. He is one of the best all round men in Iowa. His wife runs a elegant hair dressing parlor. Messrs. G. W. Black and Jas. Redd run a barber shop at the old stand. A. L. Hall is on a farm just out of the city limits. Daniel T. Ilyanos has sold one of his valuable homes and now lives in another one that he owns. He is quite feeble. Mr. Moss is doing business at the same old stand. His son, Leon Moss, graduated this summer from the high school with special high honors. He is quite an athlete and Iowa will yet hear from him.

Oskaloosa.

Our next stop was the Quaker town of Oskaloosa. Here we find about 700 colored people, where one time more than a thousand lived, but many have migrated. Here we find two churches, the Methodist Episcopal, pastored by Rev. W. A. Lee, recently from Mission, Mo. He is doing well. The A. M. E. church is pastored by Rev. T. B. Stovall. He, too, seems to be doing well, and like his co-worker is a new man in Iowa. We wish them both a success. Mr. A. Hardy says that he has taken The Bystander ever since it started fourteen years ago and he likes it better each year. He is a good race man. Wm. Heart was busy out upon his farm, so we did not see him. Yet his useful wife said that their crops were doing nicely. E. E. Jones is working at the same place. Mr. G. H. Jones is still in the barber shop and doing nicely. Miss Hannah Williams still runs the boarding and rooming house and seems to have a flourishing trade. Attorney Geo. H. Woodson, one of the oldest and best colored lawyers in Iowa, lives here. He is not at home much, but owns a nice home. Hon. John F. Lacey, for many years a member of congress from this district and a prospective candidate for congress here next year, lives here and is now practicing law with his brother. The major is a true friend of the colored people and says that he is delighted to note the constant and true progress that the race is making in general. He affirms that Senator Wm. Allison of Dubuque will be a candidate to succeed himself next year.

Marshalltown.

This beautifully located prairie town is growing steadily and firmly. The 300 colored people are showing good signs of real progress. The man making the fastest financial gain is Albert Walker, who is manager of Mr. Richard Wright's barber shop. He has just finished a beautiful nine-room completely modern house, costing \$2,500. It is very expensively furnished and perhaps one of the best furnished houses owned by our race in Iowa. He owns some valuable farm land just outside of the city limits and is raising hogs. Albert is a hustler. He is a single young man and his two sisters keep his house in fine shape. He is fast solving the race problem by action. I. L. Brown is still at the same place. Warren and family have moved to the country on a farm. A good step. Mr. Geo. L. Sultor is working the city as engineer at the city water power house. Richard Wright is not well—unable to be at his shop. Many of our men are working at the making house. The town of Albion is an old town, with a colored population of about 200. The census of Mr. Moore count, where fully 6,000 colored people live. Mrs. Wilkins runs a restaurant and boarding house near the Burlington depot. Rev. D. T. Coles has moved here from Buxton. John Thomas still drives the bus line. Mrs. Mary F. Ward is doing well. She is one of the hard working women and is constantly improving her home. Her lot is full of fruit. Chas. O. Parker and brother are working for Mr. Burger, the baker and ice cream man. The A. M. E. church is doing nicely. Mr. G. W. Holingworth is still farming on his farm just west of town.

Ottumwa.

Our next stop was Ottumwa. Here dwell more than 1,000 colored population. There are two churches, one Baptist and a Methodist. Each seems flourishing. Joseph Hopkins, who for more than sixteen years has been in the employment of the Morrell Packing Co. as a clerk, has severed his connection and was appointed one of the United States meat inspectors under the new pure food bill. He with ten others took the United States civil service examination and was one of the four who passed and was appointed. He has charge of the United States state custom department at the Morrell Packing Co., with an increase in salary. We congratulate Mr. Hopkins. He is a very worthy young man. He owns some valuable land in the city limits. Mr. Z. Taylor is still driving the city express wagon and collecting rents from his homes. James Johnson is porter at the Ballingall hotel. He has moved from the city thence back to his nice home. J. H. Weeks is still improving his home, as is Mr. Bailey. Wells Fowler is improving his houses and lots, filling and leveling up the lots and painting the houses. He is still with the Vapello club. C. T. Gooch works at the packing house. He is doing well. S. A. Heral is working for the Ottumwa Courier office. A. B. Kennedy and H. Harper are doing nicely. They are industrious. James Robinson, who is a brother to our Jake Robinson, is

doing well. Eugene Anderson is the only blacksmith. He is working for a large firm. H. O. Elliott is running a lunch stand out at the Caldwell park and says he is starting out nicely. Mrs. Gilbert is still running the restaurant and chop house. Mrs. Carter, her daughter, is very sick. Rev. S. W. Batchelor is the new Baptist preacher. Mrs. Wyatt Smith, one of the old and highly esteemed citizens, is conducting a hair dressing parlor at 124 Main street, and he has a large trade. She has been in the business for more than ten years and enjoys a big trade. She has a nice suite of rooms and is doing very well. She is a race woman.

Mt. Pleasant.

We were soon on route for Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where about 900 of our race live, and many of them are doing well. Most of them are old citizens and nearly all own their own homes. Another thing is very noticeable. Mt. Pleasant has more handsome young ladies in proportion to size of population than any town that we have visited. In fact nearly all of them are highly educated, most from the high schools and from Mt. Pleasant college, very few young men so we would suggest to the young men to look this way. Mr. S. McCrackin is still in the barber business. D. G. Fiddler has moved to Fairfield and is working for B. J. Fuller. Mr. E. A. Hackley is running a shop and taking a course in theology at the college. T. L. Burnett has also moved to Fairfield and is running a barber shop. His garden, Rev. M. C. Howell, has charge of the A. M. E. church and is doing well. He has just had the church and parsonage painted and things look nicely there. Emerson Jones still works at the bakery and is doing well. Joseph Thornton is still busy. Mr. L. Richmond is still running the second-hand store and auctioneer. He has the only second-hand store in the city and he employs a colored lady clerk, a Miss Harris. Her sister, Miss Nora Harris, will handle the quilt and be our correspondent for the ensuing year. Mr. Chas. Austin is attending to his crop of fruit and garden. He owns a beautiful home. Mr. Mason and folks are doing well. His garden is looking well. He owns a nice home. I. W. Burroughs is well fixed, although he is still working. Adam Smiley is working away, although he is in good circumstances. He has all the back copies of The Bystander preserved for many years back. Mr. Adams is doing well. He owns a good home. Mr. Coalson is doing well. He is quite well off and owns a nice home. He is a brother to our Wm. Coalson. Mr. J. M. Nunley is doing well. Harry Burroughs is employed at the coal chute. He is doing well. John W. Harrison is still working at the same place. The Baptist church is doing nicely. Mr. Carter has a nice garden. G. W. Green and Wm. Clay are real race men and hard working. From hours we landed in Burlington.

(Continued Next Week.)

ALBIA NEWS.