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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 solicit all your local news—Ed.]

Dr. A. G. Edwards of Omaha is visiting in our city for a few days.

Mrs. E. B Elliston will leave Saturday for St. Louis, Mo., New York City and other eastern cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph La Cour have just treated their cottage with a new coat of paint.

Mr, A. G. Carey, D. D. of Chicago will arrive in our city Wednesday. He will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson while in the city.

The Mite Missionary Society will meet Saturday at the residence of Mrs. W. Sampson Brooks, 731—9th street.

Mr. Geo. Hudson. one of our popular young men left Thursday morning for New York City, where he will try to locate his sister whom he has not seen for nearly 30 years.

Dr. A J. Carey of Chicago, one of the most emminent ministers of the A. M. E. Church will be in the city next week and speak Wednesday evening.

Mr. C. H Lewis of Los Angles, Cal., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hyde at dinner Sunday. Mr. Lewis formely lived in our city.

Mrs. David Bowmer received word Thursday from her mother that she is quite ill at her home in Mt Pleasant. She in company with her daughter Miss Ethel left Friday morning for Mt. Pleasant.

The beautiful residence of Mr. and Mrs Will McGruder, on 17th and Carpenter Ave., is nearly completed and when finished it will be one of the niest modern seven room house owned by our people in the city.

Dr. W. Sampson Brooks will deliver a special address next Sunday night at the A. M. E. church, upon the subject: "The Negro, His Alleged Crime and The Remedy.,,

The Misses Louise Petty and Pearson of St. Joseph, are expected in our city soon to attend Highland Park College Both these young ladies are teachers in the yublic schools of St. Joseph.

When in Albia, Iowa, call at Z. M. Hindsman Lunch Room for good ice cream and lunches, fruits, tobacco and cigars, also ladies rest room. Two doors south of C. B & Q. depot on A street, No. 217.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bryant, Misses Bertha Curtley and Lula Jackson returned Monday from Osceola where they spent Sunday visiting friends.

The Des Moines Negro Lyceum Association was entertained last Tuesday by Miss Pearl Tolliver. On Tuesday evening June 9th the Association will give a reception in honor of the Misses Adah Hyde, Letta Carey, May Tolliver and Bessie Reeves, the four colored graduates of the city. also in honor of the high schools and college graduates.

At the meeting of the Sunday School Board of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, Wednesday evening Miss Letta Cary was elected delegate to the Des Moines Dist. S. S. Convention and Normal Institute which will be held in Buxton June 18th to the 20th.

Monday evening Miss Mable Magee entertained informly in honor of Miss Adah Hyde, one of the young ladies who graduated from west Des Moines High school last week. The serving of refreshments concluded a delightful evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mackay on May 29th a bouncing baby girl. Both child and mother are doing well. Mr. Mackay was formally of our city and recently moved to Louisiana, Mo.

Mr B Hyde who is a student at the State Argiculture College at Ames, has returned home where he will spend his summer's vacation. He speaks very highly of the great college, and the work he is doing is indeed commendable. We wish Mr. Hyde success.

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The Bystander office will be the headquarters for tee Arefs Association, the day sessions will be held in the New Court House the welcome reception will be held at the Union Congregational church Wednesday evening and the banquet will de held there also unles otherwise announced.

The reception given by Mrs G. A. Cleggett last Friday in honor of her sister Mrs H. H. Lewis, who will soon leave for N Y., was a very deligetful affair. The young ladies were received in the forenoon from 9:30 to 12 m., and the married ladies from 2 to 6 p. m., a most magnificient luncheon was served which was thoroughly enjoyed by. Mre. Cleggett is a capital entertainer.

At the Corinthian Baptist Church on Thursday evening a reception was terdered to the four young ladies who graduated from the Des Moines High schools the past week, Misses Adah Hyde, May Tolliver, Bessie Reeves, and Letta Cary: and Mr. R. H. Woods a graduate from the schools of Louisville Kentucky. A most excellent program was rendered. This reception for the graduates is tendered annualy by the Corinthian people and Rev. Griffith and his congregation should be commended for this noble step they are taking in expressing their appreciation for the efforts of members of our race to accomplish something for them selves and the race. Mr. Elbert Hall presided at this meeting.

One of the most noticeable new features of the Memorial Day parade last Saturday was the battallion of Negro boys representing the colored soldiers who fell in our recent wars. This battallion consisted of a drum corpe under the direction of Mr. Chas. Floyd, with Howard Griffen and John Mitchell as drummers and Lloyd Walker as color sergeant' and a junior marching club, composed of Rufus Jackson, captain, Jid Crews, color sergeant and Spencer Elliston, Chester Woods, Earl Bundy, Jas. Bundy and little Arthur Wilson. The marching club wore dark suits with blue caps and red white and blue sashes and each carried an American flag, which made them the best uniform battallion in the procession and brought forth rounds of applause from the crowds along the line of march.

Rev. H W. Porter of Union Congregational church is making an extended tour through the state in the in the interest of his work, and he has he has spoken with power and effect to many; who hear him gladly He will be absent from his pulpit on Sundays for the month of June, filling appointments already made. His pulpit will be filled each Sunday morning by in June by the Rev. E. C. Moulton of Des Moines. Hear Rev. Moulton, he is one of our strong ministers and a friend to the colored people. Sunday School and Men's League will go on at the usual hours. All friends are invited to the services; and our doors are especially open to those who have no church home to come freely and abide with us and we will do you good.

## OFFICIAL CALL.

Colorado, Springs, Colo.
May 10th., 1908.

To the Press:

Pursuant to the Regular Appointment under the Provisions of the Constitution.

The Western Negro Press Association of the United States of America is hereby called to convene at Des Moines-Iowa, in its twelfth annual session June 10th., and 11th., 1908. Proprietors, Editors, Managers and Correspondents west of the Mississppi river are eligable to membership in said association and are urged to be present.

We cordially extend an invitation to the members of the fraternity and the friends of the Newspapers in general throughout the country to meet with us at Des Moines to consider those questions so vital to the welfare of the race in the United States of America. We also extend and expect all ministers and college professors, business men and professional men and women to join us in this meeting.

Recent developments show the need of action on the part of the intelligent and thoughtful members of the race and the press with the aid assistance of the clergy, must undoubtedly take the lead.

W. H. Duncan, President,
Porter S. Simpson, Recording Sec'y.
Nick Chiles, Chairman Executive Committee.

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## FREDERICKS WAS DISMISSED BY COURTS

Lamont Frederick the young Negro accused of the brutal assault and robbery of Mrs. W. S. Risser, is a free man.

The charge against him was dismissed and he was released from custody by order of Judge McHenry with the consent of Attornery De Graff in the criminal court after all the evidence in his case had been taken and the lawyers were preparing for their arguments to the jury.

The sudden termination in the case resulted from an absolute failure of the authorities to connect the young man in any way with the horrible crime. The dismissal of the case came as a complete vindication but there was no doubt as to the defendents innocence from the preponderence of evidence introduced to show it. The country attorney realized it and said afterward that he could not have conscientiously faced the jury and ask the twelve men to convict the Negro. The judge concurred in this asserting that he was convinced in his own mind that the authorities had made a mistake and got the wrong man.

S. Joe Brown attorney for Fredericks, grasped the hand of the prosecutor and exclaimed, "you certainly have shown yourself a man by your conduct in dropping this case, especially when you are right in the middle of a political campaign. I assure you it will not injure you in any way with the colored people of Des Moines."

## IOWA CLUBS OF COLORED WOMEN

### Held Their Annual Session In Buxton.

The sixth annual meeting of the Iowa Colored Women's Clubs convened in Buxton. In was in very many respects quite interesting to the visitors, there was a goodly number in attendance, and the improvement in each department was indeed encouraging.

The Iowa Sate Federation of Colored Woman's Clubs convened in Buxton on Monday afternoon May 25th., 1908.

The session was opened with a Social Purity meeting in the Mt. Zion Baptist church, Mrs. Gertrude Culberson the State President called the meeting to order. Mrs. C. B. Lewis of Davenport, chairman of the Social Purity committee submitted her report, papers were read by members of the clubs from Buxton, Davenport, Ottumwa and Des Moines on Social Purity. The papers were all very interesting and were generally discussed. The meeting adjourned until 7:45 p. m., when the Federation opened its session with remarks by Rev. C. H Mendenhal. the welcome address was made by Mrs Phoebe Cook of Buxton, response by Mrs. Adelaide Perkins, of Cedar Rapids; Mr. Leroy Tucker spoke in behalf of the citizens of Buxton. A beautiful trio was rendered by Mrs. Alice Thompson, of Muscatine, Sheffy Taylor of Buxton and Cyrene Trent of Burlington, the state orchestra composed of ladies from the different clubs of the state furnished music for all of the sessions. Adjourned.

The morning session convened in the A. M. E. church, the session was opened with the club song, "Iowa Beautiful Land", the committee on credentials made their report. The President named the following committees: On rules and regulations, Mesdames S. Joe Brown, Jennie Johnson and Kate Carter; on finance, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Tucker, and Jessie Walker: on resolutions, Mrs. DeMond Misses Mattie Green, and Murda Beeson: on courtesy Mrs. W. H. Reeves, Mrs. Lizzie Mitchell, and Lydia Moss: Press, Mrs. C. B. Lewis, Mrs. Sumlin, and Gertrude Canady: Obituraries, Mrs. I. L. Brown, Mrs. Q. B. Taylor, Mrs Fowler.

Reports from the clubs were read and adopted. Solos were sung by Madames Trent and Elliston. on Tuesday afternoon session opened with a selection by the orchestra: officers and committees made their reports, a paper was read by Mrs. James H. Woods, "What do we derive from club work?" the paper was gernerally discussed. The obituary committee made a report and remarks were made by the delegates.

Greeting were read from friends and co-workers.

Tuesday evening, the State president deliveree her annual address.

Wednesday morning session opened the regular order of business, the president named the nominating committee. At the regular business the committee reported after which followed the election of officers. Mrs C. B. Lewis of Davenyort having the largest number of votes was elected president; Miss Jessie E Walker of Marshalltown, vice president: Mrs. Lizzie Mitchell of Burlington, second vice president; Mrs. James H. Woods of Des Moines, recording secretary; Mrs. A. L. DeMond, of Buxton, corresponding secretary: Mrs. Alice Thompson, Muscatine, treasurer, and Mrs. E. B. Elliston, Des Moines state organizer.

On Wednesday morning the Buxton band furnished music for the reception tendered the delegates by the City Federation of Buxton.

The new officers were installed and the president named her chairmans for the ensuing year. The body adjourned to meet with the clubs of Ottumwa in May. 1909

The Art exhibit, under the direction of Mrs. Geo. Wells, of Des Moines, is worthy of special mention. The exhibit was artistically arranged in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. The exehibits consisted of hand painten china, hedebo embroderv, Mt. Mellick work, eyelet embroidery shadow work and battenburg work. The Buxton Clubs art exhibit under the direction of Mrs. Tucker attracted quite a bit of attention and was indeed comendable

Miss Leulla C. Franklin was born in Iowa in 1888 was educated in the common and high schools of our State, for the past eight years her parents have lived in Oskaloosa. She has studied both vocal and instrumental music, and is a very amiable young lady.

The above cut is Miss Mayme E. Richardson, of Galesburg, Ill., who has been reared in that state, she attended the common and public schools there is an active worker society.

Miss Mabel C. Tarver, one of the accomblished young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tarver who is highly respected in Moline, Ill. She was born and reared in Illinois educated in the public schools graduated from the high school a few years ago as also did her sister. She is quite a Sunday school and church worker.

## Douglass' Portrait.

On Saturday afternoon June 20 there will be exercises in the Art Department in the Hall of History at the Historical building, which is near the State Capitol, a very unique and interesting exercises for many reasons. First, it will be the placing and unveiling of a colored man's picture in that great Art Hall; which is the first instance of the kind in the northwest. The fine oil painting of the Hon. Frederick Douglass, which now hangs in the Governor's office, after it has been finished more than a year at the cost of many hundred dollars will on Saturday afternoon be placed in its final resting place.

The Iowa Legislature appropriated $250.00 upon the purchase price of this painting. The succes of securing this picture is due to Mr. Wm. Coalson, who conceived the notion of having the picture of a distinguished colored man in the capitol building. He organized an association in 1896, known as the "Douglass Clark Portrait Commission." The articles of the association read as follows and signed by the names following the article of association.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF THE
DOUGLASS-CLARK PORTRAIT
COMMISSION.

We, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves together as a Board of Commissioners for the purpose of raising five hundred dollars for the purchas of oil-pain ing of Hon. Frederick Douglass and Hon. Alexander Clark: the portraits to be presented to the Historical Department of the State of Iowa on or before the twenty-second day of September, A. D., 1897. Said commission shall consist of six members who from their own number shall elect a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer. For the present these officers are: President, Jefferson Logan; vice president, Henry Clay: secretary, Horace H. Lewis: treasurer, Charles W. Henry.

In testimony whereof, witness our hands this 10th., day of December, 1896.

Jeff Logan,
H S. Clay,
Wm. Coalson,
C. W. Heury,
Horace H. Dewis,
John Walker.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above person all of whom are to me personally known, this 10th., day of December A. D., 1896.

F. W. Meyers,
Notary Public in and for Polk County, Iowa

Subscribed and sworn to before me by John Walker, Dec. 12th., 1896.

C. T. Jones, Clerk.
Supreme Court.

After organization failed to raise any amount another was organized and finally that failed, but through Mr. Coalson's zealous work, he has finally succeeded in securing the portrait of Mr. Douglass. Most of the money has been raised by subscription contributed mostly by white people; yet it is the duty of every colored man to be over at the Historical building on that afternoon and hear the exercises that will be rendered.

Miss May Davis of Albia, is in point of service the oldest correspondent the Bystander has. She is an Iowan, a graduate from the Albia high school with honor, she is an active christian worker and will be on the program during the Press Association.

### WELCOME TO THE PRESS.

The Iowa State Bystander most earnestly and sincerely extend a hearty welcome to the Western Negro Press Association, its editors, reporters and its representatives, and were you not welcome the Bystander would not have asked the Association to meet here. Therefore we welcome the Press Association and all of the other visitors to the greatest city, in the greatest state in galay of the Union. with the lowest per cent of illiterey probably in the known world, less than 1½ per of the people unable to read and write with the best school system with a good christian liberty, loving loyal hearted people, the first State in the Union to wipe the Black laws off her statute books with her broad praries filled with homes of a contented people we wish for you while here a good and profitable session and a pleasant visit while in our Bailiwick and commonwealth.

Miss Adah Hyde is another one of the younger young ladies who graduated last week with honor from the West side high school. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Robert N. Hyde, his son B. N. graduated from the West high last year and his oldest daughter graduated several years ago. Miss Adah is a very lovely and exemplary young girl, and a credit to her parents and our race.

Miss Frances M. Walker, is the Bystander stenognapher and city reporter who will be the Press official stenographer who was born in Osceola, came to Des Moines with her parents when a mere child, was educated in the city schools, graduated from the East side high school with honor to herself and credit to. She is one of our leading and exemplary young ladies.

## SPARKS FROM THE ANVAL.

Greetings from the Bystander repatorial staff from different town. We are sorry that all of our correspondents have not sent in their sparks from the anval sor this special occasion. It is but proper and right that we should show our appreciation for these Negro Journalists and to encourage them onward. Below we publish these sparks for they are supposed to represent the real sentiment of their community.

Clinton, Ia., May 26th, 1908

To the officers and members of the Western Negro Press Association, in annual session June 10th-11th., 1908.

Greeting:

It is with the greatest imaginable regret that I am compelled to be absent from your convention. I feel that your presence within the borders of our state, and the ideas which will be advanced by you, will tend to make our race more prominent in the business and social world of the future. Wishing for you a pleasant time. I remain ever

Your for the Press,
A. A. Bush.
Correspondent for The Iowa State Bystander.

Galesburg, Ill., May 25th., 1908.

To the Western Negro Press Association:

Your work is commendable may it add much in knowledge for the betterment and upbuilding of our race.

Mayme E. Richardson,
610 S. Henderson St,
Galesburg, Ill.
Bystander Reporter.

Albia, Ia.

To the Western Negro Press Association:

Striving to uplift your race and do good to humanity we extend you a welcome and may success be yours.

May F. Davis,
Correspondent from Albia.

Oskaloosa, Ia., May 19th., 1908.

Editor The Bystander,
Des Moines, Ia.,
Dear Sir:

As your correspondent and representative in Oskaloosa and Mahaska County, I extended the greetings and the hearty welcome of your many readers in this section of Iowa, to the members of the Western Negro Press Association, who convene in you city June 10-11. Intelligent and progressive educators of our people may this influence continue to spread and then subscription books continue to grow until a Negro News paper will be found in the house of every Negro in the land. Hoping to be with you on the above date, I remain

Yours Truly,
Luella E Franklin.

GREETINGS TO THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Washington, Ia.,

May the meeting be a most pleasant and most interesting one, and its deliberations be as such to become a part of Iowa history. As a citizen of Iowa, I welcome the Association to the best State in the union,

W. L. Black.

## WESTERN NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION.

### Its Early History And What It Stands For.

Next week Iowa and the people of Des Moines will have an opportunity to become more acquainted with the men and women who are editing and managing the colored Journals of the great West. The early struggles to run a newspaper have indeed been hard and in fact it is no easy matter yet, but as in most all other struggles in life. It is a battle. Many will be the story told and printed about the opportunities the suppression, the censorship of the press next Wednesday and Thursday at the 12th annual meeting of the Western Negro Press Association. which originally was called the Northwestern Press Association, later enlarged its territory and called itself the Western Press Association including all reliable Colored Jonrnals west of the Mississippi River and now the Association has grown until there may be a movement on foot to merge into the National Press Association as Mr. Gurley Brewer, of Indianapolis, Ind., is already a member of the Association.

The Western Negro Press Association is 12 years old, having been founded by Editor Harry R. Graham and Isaac Frederick, in 1896. After considerable personal correspondence and agitation through the columns of the St. Joseph Mirror, these gentleman issued a call for a convention to be held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, at Kansas City, Mo., July 14th., 1896. The convention notice was copied and published by other journals and resulted in the first meeting being a success. A permanent organization was formed as follows:

H. R. Graham, of St Soseph Mirror, president: T. W. H. Williams, of Kansas City, Mo., chief first vice president; J. E. Page, of Topeka Call, second vice president; J. L. Fleming, of National Protest, third vice president; Geo. L. Fouche, inter-national secretary; W. H. Monroe, of New Missouri, assistant secretary; and J. Silas Harris, of New Missouri, treasurer. The first executive committee was as follows: John L. Waller, of American Citizen, chairman; R. E. Lee Bailey of Baptist Union; J. D. Russell, of St Loius Eagle; J. Dallas Bowser, of Kansas City and Israe Frederick, of St. Joseph.

The following resolutions offered by J. C. Chastine, was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved that the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby extended to Hon. Isaac Frederick for his successful efforts in working up and effecting this organization of Afro-American newspaper men of the West."

The second session, in 1897, was held in the First Baptist church, Kansas City, Kas. At this session the following officers were elected: H. H. Hackley, of the Denver Statesman, president; J. Monroe Dorsey, of The Blade, Parson, Kas, was elected secretary John L. Thompson, of the Iowa State Bystander, Des Moines, Ia., treasurer and Wm. T. Vernon, of the Western Christian Recorder, was elected chairman of the executive committee.

Since that time the sessions have been held yearly in various parts of the West, Colorodo Springs, Colo.; St. Joseph, Mo; Muskogee, I. T, and Kansas City.

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