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## CITY NEWS.

Mr. B. I. 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.)

Mrs. Nettie Davis is improving from her recent fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Collier lost their little infant child last week.

Wanted A no. 1 barber. Answer quick. L. J. Shelton, 217 5th St.

The Golden Rule club was entertained Thursday evening at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. S. Bates

The W. H. and Foreign Missionary Society will meet Friday at 2:30 with Mrs. C. Cox, on 16th street.

The Faith, Hope and Charity club meet Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Walker Hill 1629 Walker St.

Mrs. T. L. Griffith, wife of Rev. Griffith went to the hospital for an operation Wednesday. We hope for her speedy recovery.

After a pleasant visit of two weeks in the city the guest of Mrs. E. T. Banks, Miss Jessie Walker returned to her home in Marshalltown.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, parents of Mrs. J. W. Johnson of west 16th street left Sunday evening for Kansas City, Mo., to make it their future home.

Mr. Miller Williams of So., 4th, street was found dead in bed Wednesday morning, he has been ill for a number of weeks.

Rev. T. L. Griffith received a second call to the pastorate of the Baptist church in Denver, Colo., but owing to the condition of his wife's health had to decline it.

Mrs. R. N. Blackwell who has been quite sick for the past 10 weeks at the home of her daughter Mrs. E. T. Hicks 1314 Buchanan street seems to be improving at this writing.

Mrs. J. O. B. Winbush, wife of Rev. Winbush, has been seriously ill for about ten days at their home on 1437 Buchanan street. At this writing Mrs. Winbush is reported much improved.

Mr. John S. Spencer the cement and concrete contractor of Grinnell was a business caller in our city Tuesday in search of cement finishers and other men to work for him this year. He has been awarded the city of Grinnell contract this year.

A delightful surprise party was given at the residence of Rev. S. Bates March 2nd on his (?) birthday, quite a number of friends were present. After receiving many useful presents a delicious luncheon was served and an exceedingly pleasant time was reported by all present.

The Des Moines Negro Lyceum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hughes Wednesday evening in a business meeting, they will meet on next Wednesday evening with Miss Pearl Hammit 1409 Crocker street, a very interesting program will be rendered. All of the members are requested to be present.

Rev. Jas. Bowles, pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist church of Enterprise has been quite ill for one week. He is somewhat improved at this writing but it will probably be several days before he is entirely well. He is at the residence of Mr. C. Muller 1107 S. 14th, street across the covered bridge on the Army post car line.

The Callanan club was royally entertained at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts out in Chesterfield Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Roberts was much impressed with the club and enrolled her name, Mrs. Bell Morris also enrolled her name. A very good program was rendered but we expect to have a better one at our next meeting next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Adam Dixon. Mrs. P. E. Lynch, of Omaha, Neb., was a visitor.

Through Humane Officer Eckles the Rev. H. W. Porter will be appointed as guardian to Mrs. Mary Spencer, who was recently found in a helpless condition by the Humane Society. Mrs. Spencer is at present at the Rescue Home on 12th street and is being well cared for. Through their thrift and economy Mr. and Mrs. Spencer saved their money in their younger days and at the death of Mr. Spencer sufficient means were left to take care of Mrs. Spencer as long as she lives. There is no need of her suffering.

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A double wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sanifur, 1128 Pacific street street Monday afternoon when Miss Mary Jeffers of Des Moines became the bride of Mr. Louis Holmes of the same city and Miss Anna Allen of Buxton, became the bride of Mr. Henry Erwin Hill of Des Moines. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Albert Williams.—Enterprise, Omaha, Neb., Feb. 26, 1909.

The M. C. T. club met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Chas. Turner, 1038 14th street. Election of officers took place and resulted as follows: president, Miss Marie Bell; vice president, Mrs. J. L. Thompson; secretary, Mrs. J. B. Rush; treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Mackay; critic, Mrs. Bessie Stewart-Hughes. Following the election of officers a musical program was rendered after which dainty refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Bell. The next meeting of the club will be held Wednesday evening March 8th, with Mrs. Wm. Shackelford, 731 9th street.

## EDITORIALS.

### ROOSEVELTISM.

Yesterday witnessed the passing of Theodore Roosevelt as president of the United States for seven years, he has held the ship of state and turned the office over to his predecessor without one word of mistrust while the Roosevelt rule has been somewhat stormy at times but out of this stormy time there came some good results and today our country is in a better condition financially, commercially, intellectually and morally than ever before. While Mr. Roosevelt has made some mistakes yet he has aroused the public conscience to the great abuses and applied the remedy he has enlarged the sphere of the Negro and opened the door of opportunity to him as never before his door of hope, the Indiana post office episode; the Dr. Crum collectorship; the Booker T. Washington dinner affair and his letters of defense in those matters are a great innovation toward equal justice and will be pointed to by future ages, while he erred in the Brownsville affair, yet more than 14,000 Negroes are darling more than \$8,000,000 that he has employed in governmental service which is twice more than any other administration ever had, ought to be an offset for the mistake, however the Rooseveltian reign has been a success for Americans, thus we bid farewell to Mr. Roosevelt and welcome Mr. Taft.

### ASSAULT.

Within the last few weeks the wave of criminal assaults upon women in our state has been sweeping over our state. We are astonished most of these are committed or alleged to be committed by colored men. In Ottumwa, Ia., within two weeks time two of the most shocking and brutal crimes that can be committed was done on women, the first crime was the brutal killing of a young lady who sang in the choir of the Swedish Lutheran church, her body was found in a cellar, her slayer is a Negro named John Junken who has a bad character, had just gotten out of the penitentiary a few days prior to this act; the other was a traveling man's wife, who, she claims a Negro entered her house at night and nearly killed her the outcries of her little 6 year old child saved her life. These infamous brutes white, black, red or yellow ought to be given the greatest punishment under the law, the death penalty is too good for such villains, no person ought to extend a word of sympathy or aid to such persons. We must let the world know that we earnestly and resolutely condemn those guilty without any reservation.

**JAS. SCHOOLCRAFT SHERMAN.**  
James Schoolcraft Sherman, Vice-President of the United States is a member of Congress, and by profession a lawyer.  
A graduate of Hamilton College, near

his home at Utica, N. Y., in 1878, he received the degree of doctor of laws from that institution. He was admitted to the bar two years after graduation, practiced in his native city and was elected mayor of Utica in 1884. He was elected to Congress in 1887, and except an interval of two years 1891 to 1893 has been continuously re-elected since that time. Mr. Sherman has been a consistent friend of the Afro-American even since his entrance into public life, and in his public utterances he has made many strong pleas for the advancement of the race along all lines of human endeavor.

### TAFT IN MINIATURE.

Born, September 15, 1857.  
Graduate, Yale University, 1878.  
Graduate, Law school, Cincinnati, 1880.  
Law Reporter, Cincinnati papers, 1880-1881.  
Assistant Prosecutor Hamilton County, Ohio, 1881-1882.  
Judge, Superior Court, Ohio, 1887-1890.  
Solicitor General, United States, 1890-1892.  
United States Judge, Sixth Circuit, 1892-1900.  
President United States Philippine Commission and Civil Governor of the Philippines, 1900-1903.  
Secretary of War, 1903-1908.  
Elected President November 3, 1908.  
Inaugurated President, March 4, 1909

### THE TAFT CABINET.

Secretary of State, Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania.  
Secretary of the Treasury, Franklin MacVeagh of Illinois.  
Secretary of War, Jacob M. Dickinson of Tennessee.  
Attorney General, George W. Wickham of New York.  
Postmaster General, Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts.  
Secretary of Navy, George von L. Meyer of Massachusetts.  
Secretary of Interior, Richard A. Ballinger of Washington.  
Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson of Iowa.  
Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Charles Nagel of Missouri.

### The Training of Ministers and Physicians for the Negro Race.

By Wilber Thirkield, LL. D., President Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Any adequate treatment of the relation of moral and religious education to the life of the Nation, will not leave out the Negro race. Negroes constitute one-eighth of the population. They have to do with the character and history, the political life and social well-being of the Nation. History must take account of the Negro, for, as now conceived, history records the development of races and nations; the education and life, the achievements, the welfare and progress of all people.

Political economy must consider him. He is a part of the body politic, and sooner or later must be counted as a potent factor in the political life of the republic. Economics must keep the Negro in view; for the study of economics no longer means simply a broad survey of the nature and causes of the wealth of the nation, but looks to the condition of all the people, their poverty or wealth, their progress or decline; their moral and religious status. These elements make for economic efficiency and constitute the strength or weakness of the nation.

Social philosophy cannot ignore the Negro. He cannot be set off by himself. For weal or woe, white and black are bound together. His condition affects society. Just as Edom was constant menace and curse to Israel, so today any degraded people drag down their neighbors. In short, every comprehensive movement in America, in church or school, looking to the general religious and moral uplift of the people must have the Negro in view.

A most effective and permanent force available for the uplift of the family and the moralization of the social life the Negro, is the trained physician. The urgent call for efficient men in this profession is emphasized by prevailing physical conditions in the Negro race. The startling fact of a death-rate twice as great as that among whites; a death-rate from tuberculosis three times as great; and with physical conditions in some sections worse than under slavery, give emphasis to the call for the trained physician.

Under slavery the sick Negro was, as a rule, given prompt medical attention; he was required to live by rule; his food was coarse but wholesome and nutritious; he was kept up to the highest degree of efficiency; his life was in the open; the health, vigor, and long life of a slave were an asset which was safeguarded. Unhealthy and defective persons were often forbidden marriage. As a consequence, the death-rate in certain sections of the south before the war was less than that for the whites. In Charleston, S. C., from 1822 to the beginning of the war, the average white death-rate was 25.98 per thousand; for the black 24.05 per thousand.



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

But from 1865 to 1894 the average mortality for whites in Charleston was 26.77 per thousand, for blacks, 43.29 per thousand. The outcome shows the inevitable cost of freedom. It is a struggle for the survival of the fittest. Through ignorance, improvidence, and hard conditions the majority of the race, perhaps, is poorly housed, underfed, and inadequately clothed. Their power of resistance to the ravages of disease is thus weakened. Their homes in cities are often in insanitary sections—in alleys or low-lying flats. So also in the country, where imprities drain into their wells and sources of water supply. There is slight appreciation of the laws of health, typhoid and malarial fevers hold sway among them. Contagious diseases and epidemics find easy victims. Because of low moral standards, lack of knowledge and loose family discipline illegitimacy is common among the lower classes. The effects of diseases, not to be named, on infant mortality is marked.

The scourge of to-day is tuberculosis—that "ghastly tragedy of a race." On high authority it is stated that of the seventy-five million living Americans, at least eight millions must inevitably die from this cause. It is the greatest drain on the nation's resources. Among the slaves consumption was so rare that physicians even declared that the Negro was immune from its deadly power. It is now the scourge of this race. The death-rate among the Negroes from tuberculosis is (at the present time) more than three times that of the whites from the same disease. Since the one prevailing source of tuberculosis is through infection, and the races, in the South especially, are closely bound together, the menace to the health of the nation is serious. In the South the Negroes are, and will continue to be, helpers in the homes. They cook the food, nurse the children, care for the sick and wash the clothes mostly in their own unsanitary cabins. It is evident that if trained physicians are not available for the instruction of the people in hygiene and sanitation, and for the arrest of this infectious plague, the results must be in the future even more alarming than to-day.

In some cities even at the North, the Negroes are dying off faster than they reproduce themselves. Dr. Furniss, the noted colored physician of Indianapolis, gives statistics showing that in no month in the last ten years has the birth-rate in that city equalled the death-rate. When the proportion should be one to eight, tuberculosis is the cause of half the total deaths of Negroes in Indianapolis. The fact that consumption mortality in New Orleans is three and one-third times greater for colored than for white, and in St. Louis and Chicago over three times as great, should sound the alarm.

In view of these conditions, peculiar significance attaches to statistics as to the training of the colored physicians. In 1907 the total number of medical students in the United States was 24,276. The total number of graduates was 4,960,—the smallest number since 1890.

There are seven medical school for colored people—Howard University School of medicine at Washington, Meharry at Nashville, and Leonard at Raleigh, being most prominent and fairly well equipped. The total number of professors and instructors in these schools for 1907 was 143, students 691; graduates 167. On the basis of seventy million whites and ten million blacks in the United States, there is one student in medicine to every three thousand whites, and one to every fourteen thousand blacks.

### CEDAR RAPIDS NOTES.

Last Sunday evening at Bethel A. M. E. church was observed as commemoration of Payne's anniversary. A large and appreciative audience was present. The program consisted of a history of the founding of Wilberforce by the Rev. Bruce W. Saylor; biography of Daniel A. Payne by Mrs. A. M. Boyd; The Negro and education by Mr. S. L. Terry. The Masons will hold their annual winter picnic next Tuesday evening. One of the most unique entertainments given in the city for sometime



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was held in the city Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Gentlemen's Quartette, in the form of a melodrama—A Woman's Love, with Miss Irene Maude Moore as leading lady. Every character was impersonated in a very realistic manner and the musical numbers were so enthusiastically enjoyed that several dollars in small change were thrown on the stage to the different participants.

The young folks who played are to be highly commended for so nobly assisting the church.

Instrumental music was furnished by Mr. A. Jackson as clarinetist and Mrs. W. L. Warren as pianist.

Mrs. F. J. Hawkins entertained the W. M. M. Society last Tuesday.

The musical given by the J. S. Y. Culture ladies was fairly well attended last Monday evening. The inclement weather hinder many.

### CLINTON NOTES.

Mrs. M. O. Culbertson was called to Chicago recently because of the illness of her mother.

The following program was rendered at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday evening Feb. 21st, in memorial of Bishop Allen, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln: Song, America;

Duet, Mrs. Plummer and Mrs. Williams; Scripture reading; selection, Choir; paper on Lincoln, Mrs. Stewart; solo, Mrs. Williams; paper, "Douglass and the slave," Miss Ida Taylor; selection, choir; paper, Allen as a Bishop and founder of the A. M. E. church, Mrs. Emerson; duet, Mrs. Plummer and Mrs. Dozier; paper on Lincoln, Miss Bush; quartette, Mrs. Plummer, Mrs. Williams, A. A. Bush and H. Henderson; paper, Douglass as a man, T. G. Dozier; selection, choir; paper on Lincoln, Miss Dozier; offertory; remarks, Rev. Hirt doxology.

Jas. W. Cooper spent Sunday in Clinton from his duties in Morrison.

Rev. W. T. Alexander who has been holding a postin with the Lafayette Hotel company for several months past left Monday for Chicago where he will enter the employ of Olney & Jerman wholesale druggist who are removing to that city from here he will pastor a church.

Messrs Scott and Robinson are moving with their families to Lyons where they will make their future home.

E. W. Mann who has been a valued employe at the Lafayette hotel in this city for some time past left Sunday for Chicago where he will enter the employ of the Only & Jerman Drug Co.

Mrs. Mattie Watts of Chicago is the guest of her father W. A. Emerson. A most enjoyable program was rendered Sunday night at Bethel A. M. E. church in honor of Bishop Payne the program consisting of music and paper on the life of this great man.

### SIOUX CITY ITEMS.

Hail, March, which on reflection appears like a safe salutation.

Mrs. Anna Roberts gave a surprise on her husband Tuesday evening at their residence 1014 Myrtle street it being his 50th birthday, quite a number of friends enjoyed the evening, departing at a late hour wishing him many such birthdays.

Cecilia May the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Green has been quite ill with appendicitis but is much improved at this writing, an operation was thought of for awhile.

Mr. Daniel Whidden one of our old citizens having been in our midst for twelve years is sick at the St. Vincent hospital.



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DES MOINES.

Mrs. T. H. Sturgis wife of Mr. T. H. Sturgis one of our mail carriers who has been ill with a cancer for several months is sinking daily not any hope for her is entertained, the family has our sympathy.

Rev. M. G. Newman, father of our local paper the Afro-American Advance has resigned his position on account of his time taken up with other duties and has turned his work over to other members of the staff.

The Young Men's Merry Makers club will meet Thursday evening in the church parlors.

The ladies Art Club met with Mrs. Lee Friday afternoon there was a guessing contest Mrs. J. C. Reid won the first prize, a sweeping cap and apron and Mrs. Anna Norris won the second prize a lemon. The hostess served a nice one course luncheon. The ladies departed voting Mrs. Lee a good entertainer.

Mrs. Mary Kinner, of Milwaukee, Wis., is in our city for a few weeks she is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. M. G. Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Neal have moved back to the city to reside.

The first quarterly demonstration of the Advance publishing Co. will be given at the Mt. Zion Baptist church Monday evening March 15th: The following program will be rendered: "The power of the lool newspaper," Mrs. Etta Grant; "Value of the Negro press," Mr. W. P. Shields; "Why we should read our race papers," Mrs. Lula Lee; "Our papers as a sentiment mouler," Miss Emma Burgess; "The great good achieved by newspapers," Miss Golda Hackley; solo Mrs. A. R. Morgan and Prof. Norris.

Corinet solo, Mr. S. E. Potts and instrumental duet Mr. and Mrs. Geo.

### MOJINE (ILL.) GREETINGS.

One of the most delightful events of the season among the young people, occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelson on 25th avenue last Friday evening when Miss Beatrice Kelson celebrated her 17th birthday anniversary. There were thirty of her young friends present, the evening was spent in playing games after which an elaborate birthday dinner was served by the hostess' mother. Miss Kelson was the recipient of many beautiful tokens, and at a late hour the great departed wishing Miss Kelson many happy birthdays.

Miss Alice H. Gorman departed Tuesday evening for Hawaitha, Kan., to spend two weeks with friends.

Mrs. Henry Wood is recovering very rapidly.

Mrs. John L. Jones is able to be up again.

The Tabernacle Baptist church closed their revival meetings Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Ritchie was a Davenport caller Monday.

Mrs. P. B. Robinson was a caller at L. B. Tarrow's residence Sunday.

Mrs. K. W. Pollard made sick visits in Rock Island Sunday.

### ALBIA NOTES.

Mrs. M. F. Ward is still on the sick list.

Mr. Mack Jeffers of Oskaloosa and his brother Sim Jeffers were Albia visitors Sunday.

There was quite a sensation in Albia the past week over the arrest of John Junkins, accused of the Ottumwa murder.

The A. M. E. Sunday School has commenced their Easter program for Easter.

The Sewing Circle club met at the home of Mrs. J. H. Bell on Monday.

### An Ideal Cough Medicine.

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### COLFAX NOTES.

(Special to Bystander.)  
Mr. C. Taylor was called to Evans Sunday on account of the sudden death of his daughter, Mrs. Emma Wright.

Mrs. Mack Banks, a guest at the Battles' home, is quite sick.

Mrs. Norris Bryant is confined to her home with the grip.

Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Broddus, who has been quite sick is able to be out again.

Mr. Walter Edgar has sold his beautiful home and is preparing to go to Dakota.

Mrs. Evv. Clark was out visiting the sick last week.

Mrs. Nelson who has been suffering with rheumatism is able to be out.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patilla died last Monday.

Mrs. Avery from Enterprise spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Bates Buttrum.

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