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## CITY NEWS

If B. I. you have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us; we will call at your local news—Ed.)

Mrs. Emma Harris continues to improve.

Christmas wagons at Dawson's Hardware.

Christmas gift to all of our subscribers.

Mrs. Mary Bryant of Osceola is in the city to spend the holidays with her sons—Samuel and Charley.

Mount Mariah Tabernacle No. 567 will give an Xmas entertainment at their hall, 8th and Mulberry on the evening of December 29th.

Mr. T. Edwards, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bryant, is improving and is able to be out again.

Remember the best and most appreciated Xmas present is to send us a \$1.00 and order the Bystander sent to your friend for one year for one dollar.

The Corinthian Aid society met last week with Mrs. Sperry after the general routine of business, the hostess served a lovely repast. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. Goggins, Friday evening.

Clothes wringers at Dawson's Hardware.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Coleman of Paris Ky., arrived in our city last week to stay indefinitely. They are relatives of Mr. J. Clifford Williams. They are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Wood, 1617 Vine St.

Rev. P. S. Irvin, wife and daughter, spent last Sunday, in Oranor and reorganized the Mite Missionary club, a combination of the Women of both Oranor and Carney, and they hold regular meetings Wednesday noon.

Blair and Post  
226 West Third street  
Luther H. S. Brown, Prop.

On next Sunday Mr. D. S. Patterson who has had several years of experience with the largest grocery firm in the city will speak on "The Negro in the Commercial World," and it is hoped that he will have an audience that is larger, but equally appreciative as that of last Sunday.

Mr. Geo. J. Wilson, our popular and highly respected headwater at the Kirkwood cafe; has been very sick the past three weeks. He was taken to the Mercy Hospital for an operation last week, and is doing as well as could be expected. He returned home last Monday. George is one of our most substantial citizens. He has been at the Kirkwood hotel for fully 16 years. He also owns a poultry farm in Southwest Des Moines.

Washing machines at Dawson's Hardware.

The Des Moines Negro Lyceum met last Tuesday with Mrs. S. Joe Brown, residence 1058 5th St. A goodly number was present and much enthusiasm and interest taken over the annual meeting of the Inter State Association to be held in Wichita, Kansas, Dec. 27-29; also the election of the Lyceum officers for the next six months; Refreshments was served. They adjourned to meet with Miss Hazel Cousins, 2316 Fourth St., Tuesday, Jan. 9th, at which time the following program will be rendered: Echoes from the Inter-State Literary and Installation of the following officers: Pres. Mrs. Hattie Warricks; Vice-Pres., Gus Durden; Sec. Miss Iva McClain; Asst. Sec., Miss Hazel Cousins, Treas., Atty. S. Joe Brown; Constitutional advisor, Atty. J. B. Rush; Critic, Mrs. J. B. Rush. Accompanist, Mrs. C. C. Johnson; Reporter, Ex. President, Arthur W. Branham, Executive Committee: Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Geo. H. Mason and Wm. P. Warrick.

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WONDERFUL RESULTS ON SHORT NOTICE

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Try Ford's Hair Pomade for harsh stubborn and unruly hair and Ford's Royal White Skin Lotion for the complexion. Ask your druggist for them. Be sure and get the genuine (Ford's) manufactured by the Ozonized Oil Refining Company, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. J. H. Shepard spent Sunday at Clive, Ia.

Mr. Wilhoite, of Culper, Va., arrived in our city last Wednesday to make the Capital city his future home. He came directly from Albion, Ia.

The Dramatic Art club presents the newest play out, Satan's Revenge, at Y. C. M. C. A. hall, Monday, Jan. 1st. There will be several visitors. Don't miss it.

The Dramatic Art club met Tuesday with Mrs. Avery. They meet next Tuesday with Roxana Durden, 1026 16th St. Continued Book VI of Paradise Lost.

Miss Lee of Clarinda, one of the high school graduates will spend the holidays in our city, the guest of Miss Bessie Reeves of Highland Park.

Mr. Geo. O. Terrell, of Colfax, Ia., was seen on the streets of our crowded city Tuesday en route to Enterprise, Ia., to attend to some matters about the I. O. O. F. of which he is the district grand master of Iowa Odd Fellows.

Mr. Chas. Stewart, the noted newspaper correspondent and lecturer spent two days in our city Sunday and Monday. Sunday he spoke at all the colored churches during the day and Monday afternoon at Maple St. Baptist church and in the evening in a lecture at the A. M. E. church. All of his meetings were well attended considering the snow storm which was the first of the year. He is a very able man and gave some splendid advice. Come again.

Y. C. M. C. A. NOTES.  
The address on Property Rights and Obligation by Atty. S. Joe Brown last Sunday afternoon was equivalent to a brief course in Commercial Law and was listened to with wrapt attention by the small but appreciative audience present.

Christmas skates at Dawson's Hardware.

CITY LITERARY NOTICE.  
All delegates and other persons desiring to go on the special car from Des Moines to Wichita, Kansas, to attend the Inter-State Literary meeting must purchase their tickets at the office of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co., at 315 W. 7th St., and report to Attorney S. Joe Brown on 507 Mulberry street, before 12 o'clock noon of Tuesday, Dec. 26, as the car will not be set in until report is thus received. The train will leave from the Union Station, Tuesday evening at 10:25. Fare for the round trip, \$17.20.  
By order of Des Moines City Literary Convention, S. Joe Brown, Chairman, Mrs. J. B. Rush, Secy.

Christmas carving sets at Dawson's Hardware.

CARD OF THANKS.  
We wish to thank our neighbors and members of the St. Paul A. M. E. church who so nobly help us save some of our things during the fire which destroyed our home. Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, Mrs. M. L. Davis and Mrs. Mary Howard.

Mr. E. T. Fanks has started out on his annual official Masonic visit of the local lodges of this state.

Mrs. Amanda Baldwin of Creston arrived in our city this week to visit her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Hack, who accompanied her from Creston, where she had spent a few days visiting.

The Kirkwood Social club will give their grand New Year's Ball, at Kromer's New Dreamland Hall, 6th and Locust streets, Jan. 11, 1912.

Mrs. J. E. Mathews will leave this week to spend the holidays at Avoca, the guest of Mr. Jackson, a farmer.

## Watches....

That you will be paid to carry and at prices that you can afford to buy.

Come in and see the wonderful showing we are making on

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watches. If you are thinking of buying a watch now—or later, your chance is here now. You will have no better opportunity this Spring. Come in now and pick it out.

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Sixth and Locust St.

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## FIRE DESTROYED THE HOWARD HOME.

The nice home of Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, the Evangelist located at 1607 Ohio street, was destroyed by fire early last Sunday morning and surrounded in mystery. There was but shrouded in mystery. There was but few of the household things saved, in fact the family, consisting of Mrs. Howard's mother and sister, Mrs. M. L. Davis, narrowly escape being burned. Mrs. Howard at the time was in Chicago, Ill., conducting revival meetings. However, she came home at once. It was insured yet it was a great loss to those people who had struggled to build up a nice home.

## Apply the Remedy.

In the last few weeks the attention of the reading public has been called to several more of these so called hold-ups committed by Negro women in Des Moines. No one deplors this unpleasant state of affairs any more than the respectable colored citizens themselves—but how can this evil be stamped out when the men of other races seek the association of these scarlet women who escort them to the nearest alley and while engaged in acts of lewdness, they relieve them of their money and make good their escape. After this, these men report the matter to the police department, admitting that they were committing an indictable offense at the time they were robbed.

If these men were prosecuted as every criminal would be and the woman when apprehended likewise, this would have a wholesome effect in wiping out this class of crime. One of the perplexing problems is to apprehend the woman in the case. Every honorable means should be employed to break up this nefarious practice which has a deterrent effect upon the colored people and an insult to decency which should be stopped.

## BUXTON BRIEFS.

The Self-Culture club suspended their meetings for two weeks and the next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Stewart.

Elden Steele of Moline, Ill., is visiting his mother Mrs. Ruth Steele of No. 10 Junction.

Rev. Butler visited his members at No. 10 Junction last week.

Mrs. Harry Gaines of Des Moines visited with Mrs. Lewis Gibson a few days week before last.

Jas. Foster Chestman, secretary of Mt. Zion B. Y. P. U. and a very manly young fellow met with an accident last Friday in which he received a broken leg. He was endeavoring to hold a loaded car of coal on an incline in No. 12 mine and the load proved too heavy for him and gave his leg a twist that resulted in a break. James is quite a favorite with nearly all who know him and him and his many friends are hopeful for his early recovery.

Mrs. Crawford of Ottumwa is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Buck Williams this week.

Mr. Frank Blakey and Miss Leatha Doyle were married last week. Rev. Woodard officiating.

Mr. Joe Sorrell is much improved. He is able to be out on crutches.

Mr. Adolph Jones received a very beautiful Christmas present last week. It was the form of a bride in the persons Miss Alice Graves. Adolph is a groom and his bride is barely 18, but they seem just as happy as old folks. We hope their happiness will continue through life.

Mr. Jas. F. Guy wishes to thank the friends for the many beautiful presents given to him Friday evening Dec. 8, the occasion being his 38th birthday. Jas. doesn't care how many years he remains on the earth as long as his friends are kind enough to come and see him on his birthday.

The ladies of the Household of Ruth gave a very nice surprise party Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Albert Rhodes. They assembled at Mrs. Amanda Lawson's and marched over to Mrs. Mary Miles, daughter of Mrs. E's, and with whom Mrs. Rhodes is visiting, and gave her a very pleasant evening, after which a two course lunch was served to those present.

The Executive Board of the Iowa-Nebraska State association met in the Mt. Zion Baptist church Dec. 12-14. Those present were Rev's Boling, Bates and Sanders, Burton and Woodard. Total amount of money raised during the quarter was \$138.00 of which \$77.33 was raised during the meeting.

The Executive Board of the S. S. Union met Monday evening, Dec. 13, to state its officers for the next six months, which are as follows: W. W. Jones, Pres., R. G. Potter, Vice-Pres., L. J. Parkey, Sec'y; Marshall Lowery, Treas.; James Grimes, Chaplain; Miss Tallie Cox, organist; and Miss Ruth Loery, Chorister. The officers will be installed the second Sunday in January. Don't forget the Boys reception to be given to all of the boys of the town between 10 and 18 years. Plenty of nice things to eat and coco and water to drink.

## OTTUMWA, IOWA.

Mrs. Anna Casen, Meadow street, has returned to her home after visiting her mother in Peoria, Ill.  
Mrs. R. Johnson, Oskaloosa, visited with Mrs. H. Spotts.  
Mr. McCarthy, of Eldora, was an over Sunday visitor.  
Mrs. Cort Jones, of Oskaloosa, is

visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Wilson, for a few days.

Mr. Levi Anderson entertained a number of friends last Sunday evening. The host served a delicious dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, of Fairfield, spent a few days with Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Henry Williams.

Mrs. Harry Horne, of Cedar Rapids, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Henrietta Horne.  
Mrs. Anna Dodd-Smith died very suddenly Saturday evening at 7:30. She was returning to her home in South Ottumwa and died on the steps before anyone heard her cries for help. She was a member of the A. M. E. church, Lily of the Valley and the O. E. S. chapter and Court of O. Rev. M. I. Gordon preached the funeral. The Eastern Star paid their tribute to their deceased sister at the church and the Court of C. paid their tribute at the cemetery. She leaves a husband to mourn her loss.

Quite a number of young folks from Oskaloosa were in town Wednesday evening.

About a dozen young people are planning to go to Fairfield Sunday afternoon. They will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, who reside on Briggs street.

Miss Margaret Putum was in Fairfield Sunday.

The Faithful Few will meet with Mrs. S. Gibbs Thursday evening.

Don't forget the Xmas tree and program at the A. M. E. church Monday evening.

Invitations are being issued for the wedding of Miss Mary Dean Beverly to Mr. George Jackson, two well-known young people of Ottumwa. They will be married January 1, 1902.

Rev. R. H. Hinchart visited friends in Albion last week.

Mrs. Wm. Smith, of Fairfield, returned to her home this evening.



## Miss Lessie Terrill.

IOWA GIRL MAKING GOOD.  
She is Instructor of Domestic Science. Miss Lessie Terrill is of Iowa's soil by birth, but a Missouri educational product by choice, having taken her Normal course at Lincoln Institute. When she graduated she bore President Allen's stamp of approval and has succeeded in measuring up to his expectations. Miss Terrill has been a member of Lincoln school faculty but one year and is beginning her second year, but her work in domestic science and sewing speaks for itself. She is one of the coming young teachers of Missouri, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Terrell of Colfax, Iowa, formally, he was justice of the peace of Buxton and now District Deputy Grand Master of the Odd Fellows of Iowa.

## A REVERIE.

I stood one even tide watching  
The sun set in the west,  
In the magnificence of its splendor,  
As the last rays sank to rest;  
The radiance of its grandeur  
Cast a crimson  
Hue against the crest  
Of the distant horizon.

I could hear the roar  
Of the cataract in the distance,  
As its waters dashed o'er  
The rocks in its course,  
Down the mountain side  
To the chasm below,  
Where they whirled and swayed  
As they onward go.

The birds had flown  
Amid the branches of the trees  
To their nest;  
The eagle had taken its flight  
To its nest;  
It had swooped and swayed to the  
bleat  
O the mountain's crest.

While I listened to the soft lowing  
Of the cattle on the hills,  
All nature seemed quiet and still;  
It had sunk into repose,  
And I stood alone amid the shadows.

My thoughts were carried back to  
childhood's years,  
Each hour and each moment,  
And my eyes filled with tears,  
As I counted them o'er and o'er  
again.

I thought of the little white cottage  
with its vine,  
Covered porch, amid its garland  
Of roses, as they entwined  
Themselves around the pillars,  
mingling with the verdant vines.

Creeping on and on, until  
They reached the eaves of  
The thatched covered roof still  
Creeping along.  
The hours I spent at the fireside  
Beside my mother's knee,  
The prayers I learned there  
Are still fresh in my memory.

I was a child again,  
Playing in the meadow  
Beside the brook,  
Tossing little pebbles  
Into the water to hear it splash,  
And to see the tiny billows  
Foam and dash  
As they would rise and fall.

And watch the little brook  
Wend its way, in and out  
Among the crovices of rock,  
O'er the shining sand;  
Rushing on to the river;  
Out to the ocean and  
Lost into the mighty deep.

## Special to the Iowa State Bystander.

Boone, Dec. 18, 1911.

Rev. W. H. Stark, pastor of the A. M. E. church of Boone, with the assistance of Sister Mae Addis, an evangelist and lady student of the Boone Biblical college, held a great meeting last Sunday evening in the A. M. E. church. Sister Addis brought the message, "Jesus Is Coming." At the close of the sermon two sisters from the college sang a duet. Sister Addis gave the invitation for mourners. Several came forward, and before the meeting closed six souls had found Jesus, and others were interested. May the good work go on.

Rev. Stark is a student in the same college for the winter term.

Brother C. R. Coleman, an old and well respected citizen of West Boone, is quite sick at this writing. We pray for his speedy recovery.  
Our people in Boone should thank the master for health and prosperity. They are a healthy lot of people.

## CLINTON.

Master Claude Heron is convalescing from an attack of tonsillitis.

Rev. C. Elias Winston, evangelist, who has held a series of meetings at Bethel A. M. E. church for the past two weeks, closed Sunday night with a stirring discourse. While the meetings were not largely attended, those who attended speak in the highest terms of the meetings as being full of interest. While in the city Rev. Winston made quite a favorable impression with the business men of the city with whom he came in contact. As a minister he proved himself capable, and as a speaker forceful and logical. He will remain in the city during the week, and on Friday evening, December 22nd, will give a recital at the Y. M. C. A. under the auspices of Bethel A. M. E. church, in an "Evening With Negro Poets."

We congratulate the Bystander on the exceedingly pleasing Christmas number recently from the press. It would have been well if it could have been possible to have had it in the home of every Afro-American in Iowa and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fine, of Rock Island, spent Sunday in Clinton, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thompson.

The annual Christmas exercises will be held at Bethel A. M. E. church Monday night by the scholars of the Sunday school, after which the presents will be distributed.

B. F. Cooper, of Buxton, was in Clinton last week visiting at the home of his mother. He is the same old Frank as of yore.

Why not when making your resolutions for the New Year, resolve to pay up that delinquent subscription? and you will have accomplished a good purpose.

## KEOKUK NOTES.

Miss Maude Jefferson, of Chicago, is at home for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Jefferson. Mrs. M. Davis has returned from Washington, Iowa, where she was called by the death of her sister, Mrs. Henry Campbell.

Mr. Jno. Wilson will leave on the 21st inst. for his old home in Thornton, Miss., to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Buckner, of Davenport, received the important message last week announcing their marriage, which occurred in that city on December 12th. The groom is quite well known here, being very prominent in society circles prior to his going to Davenport a few years ago. The bride has many acquaintances here, having visited here two years ago. We desire to extend to them our hearty congratulations.

The Sunday school at Bethel will have their Xmas tree entertainment the 2nd inst. A program will be rendered on Sunday night under the auspices of the Sunday Lecture club.

Miss Jennie Harper, of Ft. Madison, Ia., and Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, of Moline, Ill., were the guests of a few days last week. A party was tendered them last Friday evening by several members of the social set, games were indulged in, light refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

Miss Navin Harper, of Ft. Madison, Ia., will appear in song at A. M. E. church on New Year's night in connection with the Coleridge Taylor musical entertainment.

The Seventh Baptist church Xmas tree entertainment will be on Xmas night. A program suitable for the occasion has been arranged under supervision of Miss Imogene Wilson.

Rev. Dr. Saunders, of the First Baptist church (white), addressed the young men's Sunday Lecture club at Bethel last Sunday afternoon. In glowing terms the speaker eulogized the better class of our race for their endeavor to eliminate the many sources of evil that exist among us. Dr. Saunders referred to the many crimes we read of that are perpetrated in the South, he saying that they were not committed by people who live in the surrounding community, but by such persons of a degraded type that tramp from place to place. He reprimanded young men and women who congregate on the street corners using obstreperous language. He reiterated that the negro race was the only race that had ever lived side by side with the Anglo-Saxon race and maintained their life. In all, it was an address full of sentimental thought that brought forth much applause at intervals. It was highly appreciated.

The collector for the Bystander will be around sometime during the holiday week and visit all the delinquent members. Please be ready to pay your back dues, as the editor wishes to straighten the books for the year.

## MT. PLEASANT NOTES.

Mrs. Carrie Pickett, who has been sick for some time, is slowly recovering. Her many friends hope she will soon regain her usual health. Mrs. Morley Gates and children, of Ames, Ia., are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. McCrackin.

The Christian Endeavor was lead last Sunday evening by Miss Myrtle, a missionary journeying around the world. Mission in the West India. Mrs. Nora Burnham, Miss Myria Gatus spent the day last Wednesday in Burlington visiting at the homes of Madames King and Williams.

## WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.

(Last Week.)

The Misses Pearl and Una Cecile and Iota Phillips visited in Fairfield last Sunday.

Miss Nora Motts is home for a short stay from her duties as a nurse at Sigourney.

Harry Spencer came up from Eldon and visited over Sunday at the Horace Spencer home.

Mr. Howard Motts is in Fairfield, having charge of the shoe polishing parlor recently established by Walter Williams and himself. He reports doing nicely.

Mr. Horace Spencer and Mrs. Currie are home from their Thanksgiving visit at the parental Spencer home at Jacksonville, Ill.

Messrs. Harvey Spencer, Fred Williams and Roy McCallister is the trio that are running a pantatorium at Eldon. The boys are making good and everyone is glad of the start they have made.

Mrs. M. Davis who has been a guest at the Henry Campbell home since the death of her sister, Mrs. Henry Campbell, returned to her home at Keokuk Tuesday.

The trustees of the A. M. E. church have promoted a movement to build an addition or lecture room to the rear of the church; 25x26 feet are the dimensions. A good move in the right direction.

John Griffin of near Des Moines occupied the A. M. E. pulpit last Sunday night and gave a very interesting discourse. He left Tuesday forenoon for his home. He was here visiting his sister Mrs. G. W. Turner.

Dr. Daniel Haynes has been in poor health for the past few weeks, necessitating the assistance of a nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rhodes have moved into their new home in the northeast part of the city.

Mr. Samuel Hall, Sr., goes to Rock Island, Ill., shortly for a visit with his daughter and other relatives.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers, or as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all druggists.

## ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY!

PROF. O. W. FRANKLIN, the only living Negro Dog Trainer, will present his marvelous Dog Show entertainment at the Y. C. M. C. A. Hall, 9th and Park Sts. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Dec. 26th and 27th.

A Wonderful Troupe of educated Canines, each and every one possessing and showing actual human intelligence in their acts. Conceded by all animal experts to be the most phenomenal dog performance in the country.

## Hear Madam Sisseretta Jones

The greatest of all dog Prima Donas—  
She actually sings.

See them in their Minstrel First Part, Police Court, Church Services, Chariot Racing, Rope Jumping, Dancing Contest and Hurdle Racing.

Admission: Adults 25 Cents; Children 15 Cents.