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CITY NEWS.

Mr. L. P. Blegburn remains about the same.

Mr. Guy Miller who is very sick is not much improved.

Mr. S. Blakey on 14th and Crocker is very sick at this writing. Friends are much alarmed.

Mr. E. S. Morgan, one of our popular orators, is very sick but is reported somewhat improved at this writing.

Mrs. James James who has been at the hospital for an operation is improving, which is good news to her many friends.

Mrs. Dealia Mathews of 904 14th street Place was visited by her brother and sister-in-law, Mrs. Lizzie Toler of Buxton a few days this week.

The girls of the Wednesday Night bridge club entertained their friends at a masquerade dancing party on Monday evening at Elks hall.

Mr. R. N. Hyde has returned from William, Mo., where he attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Frances Groves.

Mr. Frank P. Johnson who was very sick is convalescing. He was able to talk out one day this week, which is good news to his friends.

The Dramatic Art club met with Mrs. B. Cottoms, 960 22nd street on Tuesday, study lesson being from the book of Esther, chapters 5, 6 and 7.

Mr. Albert Walker a successful business man of Marshalltown was in our city Wednesday to appear before the legislature in behalf of the Negro Exemption bill.

For Rent—4 room house, 1440 Main street. Call at 511 W. 3rd; Phone Red 5589

Mr. G. H. Edmonds one of our highly respected citizens, was arrested this week on conspiracy charge with the United Mine Workers in the Colorado trouble last year. Mr. Edmonds is one of the International officers of said association.

A. M. E. church Endeavor would be pleased to have as many young people as well as the old ones to meet with us and help the young officers to make the Endeavor a great success. Rev. S. B. Moore and others gave interesting talk on the subject, "Temperance."

Mr. T. H. Hunter of 1402 Fremont street, was very pleasantly surprised on his 48th birthday Monday evening, Feb 15th at his home by his wife and step daughters, Misses Hayes. A two course luncheon was served. Mr. Hunter received many useful presents.

Mr. E. J. Baldwin who has been operated upon at the Mercy hospital last week is improving nicely. Mr. Baldwin is one of our young successful farmers of Union county.

Mrs. Alex. Wilburn who has been very sick for several months was taken the Clarinda hospital for treatment. It is the sincere hope of her many friends that she will soon regain her former health.

The Corinthian Baptist Altar Guild met at the residence of Mrs. S. Campbell 229 Center street. After the usual business a two course luncheon was served. The next meeting will be Feb. 23rd with Mrs. B. Carr, 1329 school street.

Mrs. W. Woods, Pres.
Mrs. B. Carr, Sec.

THE LYCEUM.

The Des Moines Negro Lyceum held its annual Lincoln Day program Tuesday evening at the residence of Atty. and Mrs. J. B. Rush, Mr. C. P. Howard of East-High School gave a very unique review of the life and work of President Lincoln, and Miss Edythe Jones of North High School recited the Gettysburg oration. Miss Jessie Scott of West High School and Mr. Gus Durden of Chicago University were visitors present. The meeting next week will be at the residence of Atty. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown at which time a Geo. Washington program will be rendered, the life of Washington being given by Miss Beatrice Turner and a review of Washington's farewell address by Prof. W. H. Warricks.

Mary Church-Terrell

We take pleasure to announce to our readers that Mary Church-Terrell of Washington, D. C., the finest colored lady lecturer in America, will be in our city March 1st for her first time. Further announcements later.

INDOOR PICNIC.

The U. B. F. & S. M. T. will give an indoor picnic at the Knight of Labor

hall at Eighth and Mulberry streets Tuesday evening, February 23rd. A supper at 6 o'clock. A fine menu will be served, after which a splendid program will be given, among which will be a debate. Everybody invited to come. The menu follows:
Meats—Minced chicken, roast pork with brown gravy.
Vegetables—Snowbaked potatoes.
Salad—Cabbage salad with mayonnaise dressing.
Dessert—Marble cake with coconut icing. Ice cream. Tea biscuits. Coffee. Pie a la mode.

A Distinguished Pianist Coming

Iowa and Des Moines are particularly fortunate in being able to secure Miss Helen Eugenia Hagan, perhaps the greatest concert pianist in America. She will appear in our city Monday evening, March 8th.
Miss Hagan was born in New Haven, Conn., and the only colored person to win the prize in Yale University which gave her a scholarship in the great musical university at Berlin, Germany, where she has spent two years, and would be there this year were it not for the war. She is making her first American tour.

N. A. A. C. P.

The Lincoln-Douglass day celebration held at St. Paul's A. M. E. church last Friday evening, under the auspices of the Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was a decided success and was well attended, notwithstanding the fact that the drizzling rain from above and the slippery ice under foot made it impossible for one to go out without endangering both life and limb.

Mr. J. H. Fellingham, general secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., delivered an interesting address upon the life and work of Abraham Lincoln, who was an intimate friend of his father. Atty. Geo. H. Woodson, the pastor of the Iowa Negro bar, delivered one of the best addresses he has ever made in this city, dealing with the life and character of Frederick Douglass, who had been his personal friend and adviser when a youth in college and at whose funeral service he had served as one of the military guard of honor.

An interesting report of the work of the N. A. A. C. P., with special reference to the fight it is now making against the Jim Crow bills now pending in both the state and national legislatures, was made by Atty. S. Joe Brown, president of the Des Moines branch.
Among the other distinguished white citizens present were Hon. E. R. Harlan, curator of his state historical museum, and his uncle, Elisha T. Harlan, one of the pioneers of Van Buren county, both of whom are direct descendants of the late Justice Harlan of the U. S. supreme court, who wrote dissenting opinions in all cases decided during his term on the supreme court which upheld the Jim Crow laws of the southern states.

IOWA NEGRO EXPOSITION COMMISSION.

Last Wednesday the legislative committee of the Iowa Negro exposition committee appeared before the house committee to present the claims of the Iowa Negroes in behalf of an appropriation of \$5,000 for an exhibition of the colored race to be placed on exhibition in Chicago, where several other states will exhibit during the month of August. Those composing the said committee were John L. Thompson, S. Joe Brown, Mrs. J. B. Rush and Albert Walker of Marshalltown.

JIM CROW BILL AGAIN.

Again in this present legislature some narrow-minded so-called legislators by the name of Miller, the same man who introduced his same Jim Crow bill two years ago, has just introduced it again, the intermarriage bill. It is indeed a shame that the intelligence of this great state, with her free institutions, her high ideals, her good morals, her Christian sense of equal justice should be forced to consider the prejudices of some person. There is no demand for such legislation in Iowa, nor any other state of the union. The white women of Iowa are not asking for such a law. There is not 2 per cent of racial intermarriage in Iowa. This bill is designed to permit white men to prey upon the virtue of our innocent colored girls and then not be forced to marry or to make illegitimate what now under the present condition would be legitimate child. The better class of colored people have not, never have and never will want to intermarry, but we don't want any such black laws upon our statute books, for the black laws were wiped off of Iowa statute book about fifty years ago.

Recognized Advantages.

You will find that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has recognized advantages over most medicines in use for coughs and colds. It does not suppress a cough, but loosens and relieves it. It aids expectoration and opens the secretions, which enables the system to throw off a cold. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. It contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. For sale by all dealers.

A PROTEST AGAINST INTER-MARRIAGE BILL.

Keokuk, Iowa, Feb. 13, 1915.
Editor of Bystander: I notice that Mr. Miller has again introduced his bill in the house of representatives against the marriage of whites and blacks. A bill of treachery, shame and disgrace upon the great state of Iowa. Like one of old, we are made to say, Why should the heathen rage and the people imagine vain things. What object has Mr. Miller in this bill? Has not the Negro women suffered enough at the hands of some unscrupulous white men? We are not kicking about the substance of that bill, I am satisfied with my people, but I am not satisfied with the utterance of Mr. Miller. He must have seen a ghost somewhere in his nightmares that caused him to tremble with fear or some of his friends who are controlled by the Negro mistress. Fine. Let the lowest or the highest of his race go into our homes and destroy the character of our girls. The Negro women are unprotected. His would-be law says they shall not marry where there is one-eighth African blood in the race. Why is it he is so particular about covering up and trying to hoodwink the Negro. Do you not see that this law opens a flood gate to impose upon the Negro woman by other people? And when he is caught he can't marry because Mr. Miller's would-be law says no. If Mr. Miller wants to get a law that will protect womanhood and manhood, give us one that will protect the Negro child. Put a penalty that both shall learn. Of one blood created He all men. We can't lay this wholly to the democratic party, but the intelligent part of Iowa, both democrats and republicans, have outlived the small days of prejudice and are trying to lift the Negro up to make a man of him. Yet there are cranks, and political cranks, that haven't ground to stand on, and they want political offices, like Hoke Smith, Vertaman, Tillman, Jeff Davis and other would-be statesmen. They are not narrow-minded, but ignorant. Unable to give a reason for why they oppose the Negro. They appeal to the more ignorant prejudice and ride into power at the expense of the Negro. But, Mr. Editor, their political cackle has begun to flicker; they are staggering toward their last hope. The country is calling for men that know something, that can say something for the betterment of state and government. You need's be alarmed. His bill will be like a nine days' wonder. Iowa sends men to the legislature who have brains, such as Sawyer of Keokuk and Fraley of Montrose, and other brave men like our distinguished Gov. Clarke, who dare to do right. We need never be alarmed when our cause is in the hands of intelligent men. Ignorance is what I dread. In low places it is not to be dreaded, but in high places it is dangerous, and the race must raise to the occasion, by appealing to our friends to check the serpent before he throws his poisonous fangs.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

This month of February, although the shortest month in the year, yet some of the greatest American statesmen were born beneath her varied seasons. And one of those distinguished sons that we delight to honor is Frederick Douglass, who is supposed to have been born some time during this month near the 17th, in 1817, in Tuckahoe, Maryland, in adversity, misery and poverty, raised up among the dogs, cats in the degraded slave cabin, with no parents, no education, no churches. He had as far to rise to where the average American boy is born nowadays has to become a member of the American congress, but he arose up out of this mire to the average boy and then by his indomitable will power he marched onward and upward to become a great American orator, statesman and diplomat, honored by presidents, kings, princes and highest men of all civilized countries, a wonderful object lesson and inspiration to the American youth. Let us emulate the good qualities of this great statesman.

CLINTON, IOWA.

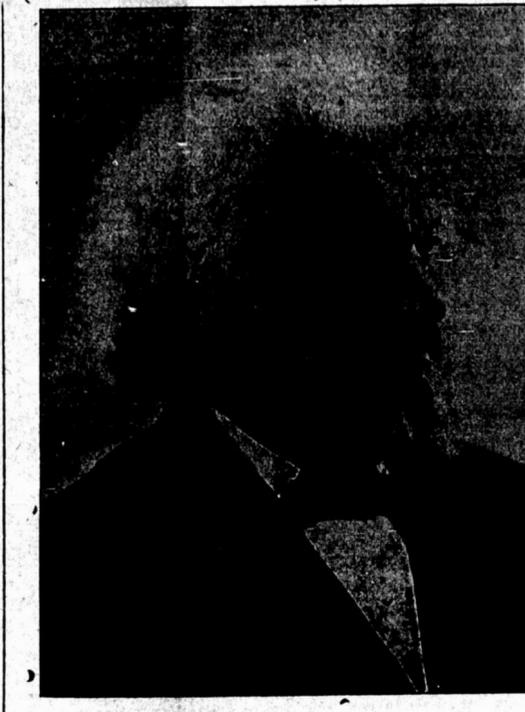
Mrs. F. F. Jackson of the Tenth avenue house was in Chicago last week transacting business.
At the annual meeting of the Second Baptist church, held recently, the following were elected trustees for the ensuing year: Geo. Guy, Dr. Thompson, Joe Robinson, Mr. Johnson and G. W. Martin.

Louie W. Martin of 422 Elm street was reported quite sick, but at this writing is much improved.
Mr. John H. Peterson, father of Mrs. F. F. Jackson, who has been confined to the house for several months, is able to be up and around. We will soon call on you for your arrears to the Bystander, so be ready when we call on you. We have been patient with you, but that does not pay the bills.
A very pleasing program was given at Bethel A. M. E. church Saturday night. One of the features was a contest on essays by four people. Subject, The Negro's Phenomenal Progress and Cause. Messrs. Fred Slater and Henry Judon carried off the honors. The event was given commemorating the birth of Lincoln and Douglass.

IOWA CITY, IOWA.

The Christian Endeavor has grown rapidly. Allen's anniversary was observed Sunday evening. Miss Valletta London was leader. Misses Graves and MacDavis sang a duet.
Mrs. Moore will entertain a number of out of town friends Friday evening. Evidently nobody "fucked out," for we miss none of our former friends.
The sad news of Guy Miller's low condition has reached us. We wish to extend our sympathy.
There were twenty-two out to Sunday school last Sunday.
The G. S. U. I. will meet with Miss London on Saturday. Review of the February Crisis.
Mr. Lowry, our senior dentist, has all the work he can do.

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ALBIA NEWS.

The Mite Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. E. H. Butler on Thursday afternoon. After the business hour the ladies took up their second study in the Life of Moses. Lunch was served by the hostess.
Mrs. Lula Miller was called to the home of her sister, Mrs. Carrie Griffith, in Des Moines on account of illness in the family.
Mrs. E. F. Butler entertained at a birthday party for her son, Lawrence, on Monday afternoon.
Mrs. Bessie Grayson at No. 3 mine entertained a company of eight on Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. E. Jeffers of Des Moines.
The musical recital given at the A. M. E. church by Miss Marjorie Holbert of Keokuk was highly praised by all.

Reason Enthroned.

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

GALESBURG, ILL., HAPPENINGS.

February 14 at 3 p. m. a lecture was given on temperance at Allen's A. M. E. church by Sister Eliza E. Peterson, national organizer of the W. C. P. U., and was appreciated by all those present. At this time she organized a W. C. P. U. society among our race. The following are the officers elected: Mrs. Suzanne Allen, president; Mrs. Mace, vice president; Miss Nettie Franklin, secretary; Mrs. J. O. Washington, treasurer.

WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.

The P. E. girls had a very successful Valentine social on last Friday evening in the lecture room of the A. M. E. church.
Rev. Boyd is again all right. One day last week when the ice and snow covered the earth, while going after a bucket of water, he slipped and fell, striking his head on the ice, from which injury he suffered greatly for a few days.
The Misses Nora and Helen Motts visited at the Wm. Taylor home in Rock Island last Sunday and with other friends.
Mrs. Rev. Boyd and Mrs. Aaron Howard are convalescing from their illness of last week.
Mrs. Estell is caring for Mrs. N. L. Black during her stay at the sanitarium.
Mrs. Laura J. Lewis of Des Moines is expected this week to visit at the N. L. Black home.

Last week one day Mrs. Eva Gwinn, while standing on a chair, fell and sustained injuries internally, which at first were thought to be small, but soon developed into a serious nature and required the attendance of a physician.

Mrs. Sarah Stokes, who has been staying at the Henry Campbell home the past year, will leave in a short time to take up her residence in Colorado.
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OTTUMWA, IOWA.

Miss Marjorie Holbert of Keokuk, Miss Marjorie Holbert of Keokuk, musical power, gave a recital at the A. M. E. church February 8th, under the auspices of B. F. L. M. M. society. The auditorium was packed and the M. M. ladies realized a neat sum.
Mrs. M. Grant and granddaughter, Marjorie Holbert were the guests of Mrs. H. Owens while in the city.
The Benevolent club met with Mrs. Cora Hennington on Fellows street last Thursday afternoon, February 11th, at which time the ladies surprised Mrs. L. Williams with a maternity shower. Among the gifts was a very elegant package from her sister, Mrs. Tina Abner, of Nowaka, Okla.
Mrs. H. Robinson entertained her class at her home Thursday afternoon. Light refreshments were served.
C. H. Owens, leader of class No. 4 of the A. M. E. church, entertained his class at the church Thursday evening. An excellent program was rendered.
The Benevolent club will meet with Mrs. C. Strothers on Thursday afternoon, at which time the ladies will engage in a peanut hunt. A prize will be awarded to the lady finding the most peanuts.
Mrs. L. Wagoner entertained a few ladies at dinner Thursday.
The men of the Second Baptist church gave an entertainment Monday evening. It was a success. Hurrah for the men.
Mr. Charles Owens is sick, confined to his bed with la grippe.
Eugene Bailey is suffering with a bad cold.
The Sunday school gave an entertainment at the A. M. E. church, at which time they also celebrated Valentine day. Mrs. L. Wagoner had charge of the postoffice and all received valentines. It was greatly enjoyed.
Collie Davis was called to Macon, Mo., by the death of his father.
Mr. J. Lewis of Albia was a Sunday visitor in our city.
Mrs. Allie Gilbert has been quite sick the past week.
Miss Jessie Renfro is sick, not able to attend school.
Mrs. Maud Milton was called to Cedar Rapids, her daughter-in-law being very sick.
The Faithful Few met with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson. A large attendance, with quite a few visitors. An excellent program was rendered, after which a delicious lunch was served.

KEOKUK ITEMS.

Mrs. Anna Holmes is confined to her home with la grippe.
Mrs. Naomi Mills Lear and son returned to her home in Canton, accompanied by her mother, who will spend several days with her.
Reliance lodge, G. U. of O. F., No. 1859, and Household of Ruth, No. 167, will give an entertainment and public installation at the Masonic hall on February 22nd. Music by Robbins' orchestra. Admission, 25 cents.
Mrs. E. L. Goins has made improvements on her home by having it artistically painted and papered.
The mission at St. Mary the Virgin closed Friday evening, which proved in every way a success.
Rev. J. A. Williams returned to his home in Omaha, Neb., Saturday, after conducting a ten days' mission at St. Mary the Virgin.
Mrs. A. J. Fields will have the first Lenten tea Thursday, February 25th.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Rev. J. A. Williams.

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church Sunday evening at 6 p. m., February 21.

Sunday, February 14, being Bishop Allen's 156th birthday, also the 15th anniversary of the Allen Christian League, a special program was rendered at the church. Miss Ella Allen, president.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

"Kid" Grayson in writing from Leavenworth, Kan., among other things says, I am training a young man down here, "Kid" Small, who fights next Monday night in this city, and I expect to make a world wonder out of him.
Mr. and Mrs. Prince McCaugh report the arrival of a son. Both are doing well and the boys are enjoying some cigars at the expense of Mr. McCaugh.
Mr. William Walker has accepted a position at the German-American bank as assistant messenger. Mr. Walker has been employed for several years at Hirschorn's millinery. He is a very frugal young man and we are glad to see him secure a position with such a large bank.
Mr. John Owens spent last Sunday at Hamilton with relatives and friends.
The following item appeared in the Daily Gazette last Thursday morning: James Wilson, one of the most successful Negro farmers and stockmen in the country, sold steers of his own feeding at the stock yards market yesterday morning. Wilson's cattle brought the top price of the market, \$7.70 a hundredweight. He comes from near Sabetha, Kas., where he is in charge of the McAllister & Wilson farm.
Miss Helen Eugenia Hagan, a "prize student" of the musical department of Yale university and a concert pianist, will give a recital Thursday evening, March 4th, at the Francis Street Baptist church, under the auspices of the U. B. F. and I. M. F. This is the first American tour of Miss Hagan, as she returned from Europe late last year, where she had been studying music since graduating from Yale, and from what the press in the east and south says where she has played she must be one of our best pianists. Some of the selected local talent will furnish a few numbers on the program that evening and all persons who enjoy good music should not miss that recital.
E. W. Potts spent last Sunday at Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. Wm. Washington, 202 North Twenty-second street, gave a birthday party for her husband last Wednesday. Only men were the invited guests, and as usual it was one of the pleasant "stag" parties of the year.
Prof. A. Marquess, principal of Summer high school, Kansas City, Kans., was the speaker at the Lincoln-Douglass meeting that was held under the auspices of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, held at the Ebenezer A. M. E. church last Friday night. His subject was "Frederick Douglass." He is an excellent speaker and his subject was very timely. All present were well pleased with such a masterly oration.

Ancient Uses of Bloodhounds.

Although the use of bloodhounds for tracking criminals still survives, another ancient use of these dogs seems to have died out. Bloodhounds were at one time often called upon to assist an army in the field, the forces with which the earl of Essex suppressed the Irish rebellion in the time of Elizabeth, for instance, being accompanied by 500 dogs. In the Scottish clan feuds and the wars between England and Scotland bloodhounds were regularly employed in tracking fugitive warriors, and both Wallace and Bruce were hunted in this manner. Wallace is said to have baffled his pursuers by killing a follower and leaving the corpse for the hound to find, while Bruce adopted the less cruel plan of wading some distance down a stream and ascending a tree which overhung the water.

Rare Washington Portrait.

A rare and curious mezzotint portrait of George Washington in the library of the late Lafayette S. Richardson of Lowell, Mass., was auctioned off last year in Boston. It is entitled "George Washington, late president of the United States of America, etc." and was published March 14, 1801, by J. Hinton Lindon. It is a small folio and is colored by hand. It looks as much like George III. as it does the Father of His Country. Baker, who wrote the "Engraved Portraits of Washington," says that only one impression of this mezzotint has come under the notice of the writer. It was in neither the Clarkson nor the Carson sale of Washington portraits.

Insist on Yellow Flour.

Charles Christodoro, an expert on flour and grains, sounds the keynote of the new situation brought about by the bleached flour decision when he says in a communication to the editor commenting on the bleached flour decision: "The housewife will now insist on yellow tinted or creamy flour, and will learn to realize that a natural flour very white can in no manner compare with the creamy or yellow flour so far as gluten and muscle building values are concerned."
"A flour 85 to 90 per cent of the large flour mills of the country were using this bleaching process, the decision is far-reaching."—National Food Magazine.