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Look for the Bystander collector please have your subscription money laid up waiting for him to call.

Miss Aurora Brooks is spending a few days in Marshalltown this week visiting friends.

Mrs. A. C. Payton, who underwent slight operation Tuesday in Dr. Cooper's office, is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Kilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Hines and Mrs. Harrison spent Sunday in Carney. They were served a delightful lunch by Mrs. Vaughn.

Our collector will be in Centerville on Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday in Albia, Thursday and Friday in Waterloo. Please take notice and pay up.

The many friends of Mrs. Sadie Breeden-Williams Hammond, formerly of this city, but now of Minneapolis, will regret to learn that word has been received here that she passed away in that city last Tuesday evening.

Miss Garnett McGhee, who has been visiting her relatives in this city for the past two weeks, has returned to Provident hospital, Chicago, to resume her studies in the nurse training department.

The Twentieth Century H. O. A. Arts and Crafts club will meet at the residence of Mrs. H. Taylor, 1108 N. Second street, with Mrs. S. Jeffries as hostess, next Wednesday, May 26.

Henrietta Calhoun, a little five-year-old girl living at 1306 Day street, was accidentally burned to death Wednesday. It is thought the child was playing with matches and set herself on fire, as there was no fire in the house at the time.

For Rent. Mrs. Calloway, nicely modern furnished rooms to let, with or without board. Call at 225 W. 17th street, Davenport, Iowa.

Dr. Guilford Sumner, secretary of the state board of health, state of Iowa, will deliver a lecture on the 2nd of June under the auspices of the educational committee of the N. A. A. C. P. at Union Congregational church.

The Triple H club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. H. E. Jacobs. Mrs. J. H. McDowell gave a demonstration in the canning of rhubarb. A three course luncheon was served. The club adjourned to meet next Tuesday with Mrs. Jones at 1628 Carpenter avenue.

Those who left Monday for Minneapolis, Minn., to attend Eastern Star annual meeting were Mesdames S. Joe Brown, Maude Wilkinson, John L. Thompson, J. H. McClain, C. Essee, C. R. French and C. B. Woods. Those who joined the party from here were Mrs. J. H. Kelles of Keokuk, Miss Francis Johnson of Gravity, Iowa.

We have just received word from Washington, D. C., that our good fellow townsman, Mr. Thomas E. Barton, was turned out of his shop by the democrats May 1st, but Mr. Barton has opened up a first class ice cream parlor and restaurant, an equal rights place. Give him a call when there.

The Eliza E. Peterson Union met on the 18th inst. at the home of Mrs. S. Joe Brown, 1058 5th street; after the regular opening exercises the first chapter in the book of Ruth was studied. The next meeting will be held May 27, at the home of Mrs. H. E. Jacobs. The second chapter of the book of Ruth will be studied.

There will be service Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Devotional service led by Rev. Childs and Deacon J. O. Neal. Preaching by Rev. G. E. Green. Everybody is welcome. Come and let us sing unto the Lord. All for Christ. Location of the church, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth on Maple street. Take Walker street car to Sixteenth street, come one block south, half block east.

The Young Men's Sunday School club will hold a business meeting on Sunday afternoon at 4:30. All members are expected to be present. By order of program committee.

Just as we go to press I received the news from Minneapolis that the Iowa grand chapter that the same officers were nearly all elected and that the next year's meeting will be held in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Mr. A. L. Donald of Chicago, Ill., who has been selected head waiter at the Kirkwood hotel, arrived in our city last week with three other men and has taken charge of that department. Mr. Donald is an intelligent and active young man, full of ambition, and we hope that he may succeed in our western city.

Miss Daisy Clay entertained her friends, Miss Mabel Johnson, of Gravity, Iowa, who was here over Sunday guest en route to the state meeting of the O. E. S. of Iowa, which convened in Minneapolis, Minn. Sunday afternoon was spent in receiving guests, and throughout the hours they were served punch and wafers.

Mr. James Windsor presided at the piano. The reception was held at the home of Miss Clay's sister, Mrs. Louise Gray, 1817 Day street. About fifty guests were present during the afternoon.

Twenty-five Negro business men were entertained at the Diport's Palace Sweet cafe Monday noon, under the auspices of the Negro Business League. A noonday luncheon was served. Prof. L. C. Jones of Piney Woods Institute was the principal speaker. Prof. Jones gave some valuable advice to the business men and impressed upon them the necessity of becoming more acquainted, and the importance of advertising. Responses were made by several of the participants, which resulted in a feeling of brotherhood to exist that shall ever be felt among the business men of Des Moines. The luncheon served by Mr. Dysart and his assistants is one that has destined the Palace Sweet to ever remain upon the hearts of the business men of Des Moines, if there is any such thing as touching a man's heart via his stomach.

This year the high schools and colleges are producing some colored young men who are making not only a record, but a good name and a high mark for the Negro race. In nearly every state in the north and west and east there are colored men holding the championship in the athletics.

Young Drew of California, who a few weeks ago won the championship of America at Philadelphia, Pa., in the relay races and now holds the world's record of 100 yard dash. Then with Solomon Butler of Rock Island, the high school champion in the relay, and with Desmond of Chicago, the colored star from that great university; with our own Collins of Cornell college at Cedar Rapids, and his brother of the Shenandoah high school holding the Iowa high school championship, what may we expect of our boys and girls if only given an equal opportunity.

A GREAT AND GOOD MAN GONE. On Sunday, May 9th, the news flashed from St. Louis, Mo., to Buxton announcing that B. F. Cooper, the druggist at Buxton, had died at 3:15 o'clock p. m. It came like a great shock to his many friends in Iowa and other states. It was only known to his close friends that he was a real side-man. Mr. Cooper was one of the most successful and broad hearted men of Iowa, either white or black. He was a self-made man, beginning life as an errand boy in a drug store in Clinton, the home of his parents, and working for 50 cents per day, and is now worth about \$50,000. He lived a bachelor until about two years ago, supported and cared for his blind mother, who is still alive, and his only sister. No person ever came to him in want but what they got assistance. Few there be like him. Our state mourns his untimely death and the race has lost a great oak. See biography elsewhere.

IOWA GIRLS MAKING GOOD. From time to time we receive the cheering news of some former Iowan making good. This week two Iowa girls received especial honors for musical talent. One was Miss Nellie Opal Kellis, formerly of Keokuk, but now of Lincoln, Neb., who is conducting a class in millinery which graduated there last week. A very fine program was rendered, of which Miss Kellis is not only a milliner but a pianist of rare ability. The other is Miss Edna Jones of Oskaloosa, Iowa, who is a student at the Western university, Macon, Mo., who gave a piano recital, assisted by Miss Lena Mosley and Mr. Wm. Fairfax, the latter a reader. A very fine program was rendered and Miss Jones made a hit. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jones of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

MASON CITY, IOWA. (Last Week's News.) Mattie Washinton of Minneapolis is visiting in the city at the home of Miss Nora Williams on East State street.

It was overlooked last week in the items that Mrs. Ruth Bright, the grand matron of Electa chapter of O. E. S., was the guest of Mrs. Fred Wright on East Eighth street while in the city.

Mrs. John Taylor gave a 6 o'clock dinner last Thursday evening complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Pease of Chicago, Ill. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis of this city. They all tendered their sincere thanks for the bountiful spread that was prepared by the host.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ewing of Marceline, Mo., are in the city for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Suiter, the mother of Mrs. L. E. Taylor, who is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Reeler, who has been quite sick, is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. J. D. Reeler entertained the Home Missionary society last Friday. The meeting was quite interesting. Mrs. Penny, who was matron of Piney Woods school, gave a synopsis of the work in the Piney Woods, which was very interesting to all who heard her.

Miss Marie Hall of Hampton, Iowa, arrived in the city Friday to visit over Sunday at the home of Miss Ariva Williams on East State street.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scott of 1431

Third avenue, the proprietors of the Mason City Catering company, have purchased a five-passenger automobile.

(This Week's News.) Mrs. Edith Moody entertained the Willing Working club at her home on Thursday afternoon. The election of officers was as follows: Mrs. Tolson, president; Mrs. Florence Garrett, vice president; Mrs. Moody, secretary; Mrs. L. Banning, assistant secretary; Mrs. Bradford, treasurer; Mrs. Ella Wilson, chairman of the membership committee; Mrs. Stratton, social committee; Mrs. Fred Wright, visiting committee. After the business was over light refreshments were served.

On Sunday Rev. Tolson organized the Busy Bee club among the primary children of the Sunday school, with

Mrs. Tolson as president. The Epworth League held a very interesting meeting Sunday evening.

Mrs. Burrell of Des Moines has been in Mason City the past week visiting with her sister, Mrs. Roy Bates, on East Ninth street. Rev. Tolson preached two rousing sermons Sunday and had three persons to unite with the church, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing of Missouri and Mr. Pease of Chicago. The Ladies' Aid society met at the church Friday afternoon. After the regular routine of business was over light refreshments were served.

For a burn or scald apply Chamberlain's Salve. It will allay the pain almost instantly and quickly heal the injured parts. For sale by all dealers.

## Yunker Brothers

This is Advance Notice of a Great Sale of Remnants and Odd Lots

beginning next Wednesday morning all through the store, including the

### ECONOMY BASEMENT

It's a bargain opportunity such as has not occurred this season. You'll be well repaid by attending.

## S. & K. Market

Buy Lard, Lard

No. 10 Pails	\$1.00
No. 5 Pails	.50
No. 3 Pails	.30

Pork Loins 5000 pounds to arrive Saturday---any size cut---all you want, Fresh, not frozen

Beef Roasts Choice Cuts

13C

Iowa Prime Bacon Lean sugar cured, one half or whole pieces only

14C

boiling Beef 9C

Smoked Picnic Hams 9C

Native Round Steak 15C



### Saturday--

## \$2.98 Trimmed Hats at 89c

Late Spring models of hemp, milan-hemp, rough straws, and silks, smartly trimmed with flowers and Ribbons, fancy feathers and quills.

There are small pokes and sailors, turbans and others that roll up at one side in the lot.

While they last Saturday--only 89c

HARRIS-DERRY'S BARGAIN BASEMENT

## EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS

### Racial Progress and Educational Advancement as Noted by John L. Thompson, Editor of Iowa State Bystander Des Moines, Iowa

Here is located the great state university, with her great buildings, her thousands of students from almost all parts of the world, with nearly all nationalities represented, with her palatial residences. When entering this little town one is reminded that he is ushered into an atmosphere of culture and refinement. Here we find students from nearly every civilized country on the globe, all nationalities and races one may meet, that is the cream of each race, for as a rule only those who are ambitious and worthy strive to secure the higher education. I am proud to report that my race has more students this year than ever before and all of them are a fine class of girls and boys, with high ideals. In fact the national meeting of the Greek letter chapter, Phi Beta Kappa, will hold its annual meeting next fall at this city as guest of the students. Below I publish a complete list of students as given me:

In the graduate college—Blyden Yates, A. B., Kansas City, Mo. In the College of Liberal Arts—Alexander Belfon (unclassified), Sauter, British East Indies. Lafayette ampbell (class of '18), Union, West Virginia. Milton F. Fields (class of '17), St. Louis, Mo. Alphonso A. Keene (class of '17), Iowa City, Iowa. Philip Hilton (unclassified), Farmerville, Va. Hubert H. London (class of '16), Buxton, Iowa. Douglass Miller, Jr., (class of '18), Des Moines, Iowa. Miss Minerva Graves (class of '16), Moulton, Iowa. Miss Iva J. McClain (class of '16), Des Moines, Iowa. Miss Valetta Lonodn (class of '16), Buxton, Iowa. Miss Ruth Southall (class of '17), Buxton, Iowa. Miss Mabel Morgan (class of '17), Sioux City, Iowa. Miss Muriel Fields (class of '18), Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In the College of Medicine—W. B. Duhe (class of '17), Laplace, La.

J. N. Wills (class of '17), Georgetown, British Guiana. In the College of Dentistry—Vernon J. Brown (class of '16), Salina, Kan. Clarence E. Cheeks (class of '16), Abington, Va. E. J. Cobb (class of '16), Denver, Colo. E. E. Graves (unclassified), Lincoln, Neb. W. H. Lowrey (class of '16), Institute, West Va.

In the College of Applied Science—Solomon S. Finlayson (class of '17), New Providence, Bahamas. In the College of Fine Arts—Miss Mary E. Perkins (class of '18), Des Moines, Iowa. Miss Ermoine Jones (class of '18), Leadville, Colo.

J. Wesley Thompson, liberal arts, (special), Iowa City, Iowa. Rev. B. F. Hubbard, liberal arts, (special), Iowa City, Iowa. They have a colored fraternity frat for boys. Mr. J. Wesley Thompson, who has charge of one of these frats, has re-entered the university and expects to soon finish his course. Mrs. Moore has a first class manicuring and hair dressing parlor in her home. She and her daughter, Mrs. Daisy, are doing nicely and wish to be remembered to their many friends. Mr. Chas. Alberts and Mr. D. Patterson, both living on Dubuque street, have improved and remodeled their homes. They are doing well. Mr. T. McDavis is cooking for a fraternity frat. Mr. and Mrs. Dunnegan are doing well. They are keeping student roomers. Rev. B. F. Hubbard is the A. M. E. minister now stationed here. He is taking the glorious opportunity of finishing his course. He is a busy man, as he preaches every other Sunday at Muscatine and here the other Sundays.

Our next stop was at Clinton, and as my stay was so short because the agent, Mr. A. A. Bush, had collected from most all of my subscribers, I did not observe much here. I understand that J. T. Culbertson has again re-entered the confectionery and ice cream business in the same place where he had spent eighteen years building up a trade, then sold out about six years ago. Now he is back again. One of the most successful businesses now operated by a colored man is a hotel, restaurant and barber shop just one block from the Northwestern and Milwaukee depot, a nine-room hotel, modern, owned by Mr. Jackson, who has been running it about two years. Mr. Jackson is a good business man, a cook himself. He belongs to our Masonic fraternity. Fully nine-tenths of his trade is white. He does not draw the color line. He welcomes the better class of the colored race. See his adv. in Bystander.

Our next stop was in Davenport, a city of 60,000 population, the second largest city in Iowa. This city is largely inhabited by Germans and Catholics, with a few Americans, and

about 1,000 Negroes. Of this number many are doing well. They have two churches, one Baptist, presided over by Rev. F. K. Nickolson, formerly of Chicago, Ill., a fine young minister with a good future. He has made a success here, for when he came two years ago he found a debt of \$1,200, which is now all paid but \$200. He has also bought a lot for a parsonage, all paid but \$50. He has also bought a ten-room house, which he will soon move on the lot. It also is all paid for but \$50. Mrs. Applegate, a true Christian lady, donated a part of one of her valuable lots to this church for a parsonage. The A. M. E. church, a beautiful new building is presided over by Rev. J. P. Sims, who was formerly pastor of Union Congregational church in Des Moines. This is his first year. He is doing well. He met with a very painful as well as a dangerous accident while riding his bicycle down a steep hill. Its coaster failed to work and he lost control of it, he falling into the curbing and striking his head just above the eye. Several stitches were taken. He had several painful scars. This church is in the midst of a rally. Mr. W. H. Green is in the feed and coal business on Harrison street. He is doing well. Mr. Eugene Green is still in the express and transfer business, doing nicely. He owns valuable property. His wife is the most noble governess of the Household of Ruth of Iowa. Mr. E. Green at 114 E. Fifth street is still in the restaurant business. He has also bought a pool hall next door to his restaurant. Mr. Green is a good business man, and with the able assistance that his wife gives him he is succeeding. Mrs. Rosa Corbin is one of the few successful business women. She has a hand laundry and employs several women. She also has a two-story flat that she rents. A widow, Mrs. F. Baker, and D. F. Johnson are working at the same place. They have nice homes. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard at 2130 Grand avenue own perhaps the most beautiful and valuable home of any person of color in this city. They are a credit to any race. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Allen own a beautiful home out at 2619 Davenport avenue, a white neighborhood. They are hustling young people. Mrs. Allen is a musician. Dr. R. S. Taylor, 1425 1-2 Harrison street, is the only colored physician. He has a fine business for the short time he has been here. He is an enthusiastic Mason and may look in on the grand Masonic lodge in session in Cedar Rapids. Mr. E. H. Hoskins is now able to be out and working at the arsenal. Mrs. Eugene Perkins, Della Marshall and Mr. Wm. Turner are all doing fairly well. Mr. John E. Bradford is still working at Davenport Power and Light Co. He holds a responsible place there. He is the W. M. of Hiram Masonic lodge. He and his good wife served a fine 6 o'clock dinner Sunday evening for 6

with us awhile. He was the guest of Eugene Green while here attending the Odd Fellows' thanksgiving sermon. Mrs. Ruth E. Bright, the W. G. M. of Electa grand chapter of the O. E. S., lives here. They own a nice home. Davenport is fast turning her attention to education and literary. They now have more colored children in high school than ever before. Here is a list of them: Hazel Busey, Marie A. Wilkerson, Louis Henry, seniors; Webster Busey, Rosa Hopkins, Aleatha Hopkins, Florence Faggert, Estella Faggert, Pearl Howard, Eugene Howard, H. Adams, Leroy Christinin, Henry Roberts. Mr. Chas. Bates owns a printing office. He has recently published a newspaper called the Tri-City Herald. We bid him welcome in the journalistic field. I observed a lady 100 years old in the person of Mother Elizabeth Lewis. The centenarian was born 100 years ago in Lewis county, Mo. She came to Pomona, Iowa, then to Denmark, then to Fort Madison, Iowa, where she has spent most of her life. She has lived to see five generations, her great, great, great grandson being only 17 months old, little Harold Neal Culbertson. Mrs. Leota Culbertson is her great, great granddaughter. Mrs. A. D. Rice is her granddaughter and Mrs. Proctor is her daughter. She was the mother of twelve children. Sam Lewis of Des Moines is one of her sons. Mother Lewis is spry now and her mind is clear.

THE LYCEUM. (This Week.) The Des Moines Negro Lyceum, together with the High School Girls' Glee club, will meet Tuesday evening at the residence of Prof. W. H. Warricks, 1006 Thirteenth street, at which time a literary and musical program will be rendered.

NOTICE. On account of the illness of Sir E. T. Banks, inspector, the annual inspection of King Solomon commandery has been postponed until Friday, May 28th, at which time all members are ordered to report at the asylum in full uniform. By order of S. Joe Brown, E. C.

## COOPER DEAD.

### One of Iowa's Generous and Successful Men Gone.

Benjamin Franklin Cooper, the pioneer druggist of Buxton, died Sunday at 3:15 in the hospital at St. Louis, Mo., while en route from Hot Springs to his home. He had gone to Hot Springs to regain his health, but became worse and started home. He telegraphed his valet, Mr. Geo. Neal, to meet him. Mr. Neal went to St. Louis, but before he met him Mr. Cooper had become so weak at the depot that he was taken to a hospital, where he passed away a few hours later. However, Mr. Neal reached him before he died. The remains were brought to Buxton on Tuesday morning, where he was laid in state six hours for his many friends to view the remains. During these hours a constant stream of both white and colored friends called from all parts of Mahaska and Monroe counties. Funeral services were held at the Mt. Zion Baptist church on Wednesday morning. Cedar Grove Masonic lodge had charge of the services, assisted by the Odd Fellows and Elks lodges, all of which he was a true member. He was also a member of the chapter of Eastern Star and the Ladies club of Buxton. The remains were taken to his old home in Clinton for interment Thursday. There were twenty-five people of Buxton accompanied the body to Clinton in a special car, representatives of the Masonic, Eastern Star, Odd Fellows and Elks. At Clinton Dr. E. A. Carter, W. M. of Buxton lodge, was master of ceremonies. Rev. S. B. Moore, P. E. of the Des Moines district, preached one of the finest and most touching sermons ever heard. Mr. W. M. Brown read an eulogy on behalf of the Elks lodge. Mrs. Sorrell read a paper on behalf of the Eastern Star. Hon. Geo. H. Woodson delivered an oration on behalf of the Odd Fellows. John L. Thompson, grand master of Masons, had charge of the funeral service, costing \$450, was laden with a solid mass of the most beautiful bouquets as tokens of appreciation. Mr. Cooper was born in Missouri 51 years ago, moved to Mt. Mariani, Ill., with his parents. Later he came with his parents to Clinton, Iowa, where he received a common school education and worked in a drug store for only 50 cents per day. Later he went to Omaha, Nebraska, and attended the medical college, from which he graduated. Coming back to Iowa he went to Muchakino and worked in the coal mines. Later he went into the drug store and when Muchakino was moved to Buxton he was the first drug store to open there in 1900. On September, 1913, he married Miss Lessie Terrell of Colfax, Iowa, one of the daughters of Geo. O. Terrell, a highly cultured lady, a teacher at Sedalia, Mo. To this union one child, a boy, was born October 3, 1914. Thus he leaves a loving wife, darling boy, a dear old mother nearly 80 years old, blind, a true sister, two brothers and a host of friends throughout to mourn his loss. He was one of the wealthiest colored men in Iowa. The Bystander extends to the widow its deepest sorrow and condolence in her very sad hour. We commend her to Jehovah for consolation.

MT. PLEASANT NOTES. (Last Week.) Sunday, May 9th, Mother's Day was observed at the A. M. E. church. A fine program was rendered in the evening to a large audience. Rev. Augustus and wife of Fairfield were present and took part in the program. Rev. Augustus sang a beautiful solo. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steward of Fairfield were also present and took part in the program.

Sunday was also Rally Day at the Second Baptist church. Rev. Burton filled the pulpit and preached two soul-stirring sermons. The rally was quite a success. The King's Daughters society gave their bazar at the A. M. E. church on Thursday night. It was a grand success. The deacons of the Second Baptist church gave a social at the home of Mr. Edd Reecer on Friday night. They realized a neat sum. The Kings Daughters society met at the home of Mrs. Clay Reed on Wednesday afternoon. A joyful meeting was held.

The Mission Circle of the Second Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Wiatt on Monday afternoon. A good meeting was held. Messrs. Edward Prentice, Harry Black and Charley Alden motored from Fort Madison up here last Sunday and spent the day. Miss Grace Harris has returned home from Buxton, where she has been teaching school, to spend her summer vacation. (This Week.) Sunday was Steward's Day at the A. M. E. church. A program was rendered in the evening, which was very good. A social was given at the Watts home Thursday evening for Rev. Eaves. It was quite a success. The Sunday school of the A. M. E. church will give a social Thursday night at the church. A social will be given Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Mollie Hughes for the indebtedness of the Second Baptist church. Rev. Jackson preached in Bear Creek, Iowa, Sunday.