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DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1916.

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Mrs. G. H. Griffith, 103 W. 13th and Mrs. E. A. Yeager spent last Sunday in Perry visiting the former's brother, Mr. A. Griffith and family.

Hello, hello, for 414 2d avenue East. Call for Mr. John S. Thomas, The Sea Food Merchant. Make shipment to any place. Patronage solicited. Address, Jno. S. Thomas, Albia, Iowa.

The Callanan club met Wednesday the 5th at the home of Mrs. P. Stewart. Mrs. Ewing of Centerville, Iowa, was club guest and gave a very brief and interesting talk. She is a cousin of Mr. Thornton and Amos Adams. The club adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Dr. Jefferson, 1322 Day street, on the 22d of this month.

Madam Robinson, Hair Dresser and Scalp Cleaner, of Hocking, Iowa, and agent for Madam Walker's treatment of the scalp, has practiced in Albia, Hiteaman and Hocking for the past year giving satisfaction to all. Write her, or give her a call. Hocking, Ia.

To the Worthy Matron and Members of Princess Zora Chapter, No. 10: We, your committee on condolence, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst one of our beloved and faithful sisters, realizing that the final destiny of all is in His hands, and to His sovereign will, we humbly bow. Yet it fills our hearts with sorrow and sadness to know that we have sustained the loss of one so faithful and true as our beloved sister, Julia Taylor, whose memory we cherish and whose death we lament.

Further than Princess Zora chapter No. 10, extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. Respectfully submitted,

Effie J. Watkins,
Dayse A. Jacobs,
Sister Mitchell.

BIRTHS.

Dr. Jefferson reports that Mr. and Mrs. James Knox of Carney, Iowa, are proud parents of a bouncing ten pound boy, born Tuesday, March 7th.

Mr. Jefferson is the purchaser of a new Chevrolet car, 1916 model, passenger. We are all glad to note this, as it shows success on the part of the doctor.

The A. M. E. Altar Guild will meet next Thursday at the home of Mrs. Chas. Smith, 1320 Park street.

Mr. Edward Mease, a student from Buxton in this city, was quietly married last week in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Miss Alline Robinson. Mr. Mease is a nephew of Mrs. E. L. Green of this city.

The P. L. D. club met at the home of Mrs. Jane Taylor, 1108 Second and Bluff streets. They will meet at the home of Mrs. Jares, Tenth and Park streets, Friday, March 10th.

Miss Lean Bass, who has been suffering with her eyes, was operated on at the hospital this week.

Mrs. L. J. Shelton is very sick at her home, 776 West Tenth street.

Mrs. S. Bates is still confined to her home, but is improving.

SAM ZION FOR COUNCILMAN.

Mr. Sam Zion, our business merchant, who is a candidate for councilman, has made a clean canvass, and is finishing very strong. He stands for the upbuilding of our city and he believes the people should rule and not an individual, and will enforce all the laws if elected. He will give all races and classes of people equal justice in all of his dealings. His friends are working for his nomination, and solicit your support next Monday.

The Triple H club will meet next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Louis Avery, corner of Eleventh and Park streets. The afternoon will be devoted to industrial work.

Mrs. C. M. Wilson was hostess to the D. W. Y. K. Art club Tuesday afternoon, at which time by vote of club the amendment to article 31 of State Federation by-laws was accepted. Mrs. Lillian Mitchell was enrolled as a new member. The hostess served a two-course luncheon and the club adjourned to meet next Tuesday with Mrs. Harry Allen, 1212 Crocker street.

COSSON ON SUFFRAGE.

"I believe in equal suffrage because I believe in democracy. The vote at the next primary which will determine whether women shall be permitted actually to participate in their own government is the culmination of a movement which commenced at the earliest dawn of history when the absolute authority of the monarch over the lives of his subjects was for the first time challenged. Step by step the people have been gaining—at first the lords, then the business men, then the farmers, then the laboring men, then the colored men, and now the women are asking for equal political rights."

Woman Voters, Home Keepers—Of the 7,350 women registered as voters in Topeka, 6,100 are home-keepers.

REMEMBER THE
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Big Chicken Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, March 13th
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had sick headache and dizzy spells. Chamberlain's Tablets were the only thing that gave her permanent relief. Obtainable everywhere.

N. A. A. C. P.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Monday evening Mr. Baker Dixon, winner of the first prize in the membership contest recently put on by the branch, was presented with a gold lined sterling silver loving cup, engraved with his name, the name of the branch and the date, which was the gift of the National Association to the individual bringing in the largest number of new members in said contest.

A communication was also read from the national headquarters complimenting the Des Moines branch for the splendid progress it has made, having during the first year of its existence attained ninth place in size among the sixty-seven branches, being second only to Chicago, larger than the two Kansas Cities combined and more than four times as large as the St. Joseph, Mo., branch, which was organized about the same time with the same number of members.

Mr. Jesse A. Graves made a report on "The Birth of a Nation" film as seen by the president and himself at Newton last week, and letters were read from Newton, Clarinda and Mason City, where the film was shown recently, in which it was testified that the evil effects of the exhibition were being felt already in those cities.

The president reported that the Crocker post of the Grand Army of the Republic had added its protest to that of Kinsman post, the City Federation of white women and other local organizations against the production of the play in Des Moines, but that no decision had yet been made by the city authorities.

A number of persons renewed their memberships for another year and Dr. J. Edward Kirby was elected as a new member of the branch.

CITY PRIMARIES.

On next Monday the voters of our cities, towns and villages will be called upon to nominate twice the number of candidates to be elected whose names will be put upon the official ballot to be elected at the regular city election to be held March 27th. Therefore we all should be very careful as to who we are to vote for at both the primaries and at the election. We have run and are running this week in brief the history and biography of each candidate that will announce their candidacy in our paper. Some of the candidates will not announce in our colored paper at all and yet will announce in their white newspapers. Those people are not asking for the colored man's vote, nor do they deserve it. Therefore do not vote for any man whose name is not printed in the Bystander. If they ask your support you ask them why they did not announce themselves in the colored newspaper.

KEEP OFF OF BELLIGERENT VESSELS.

The German empire has served notice to all civilized nations that after the first day of March this year she would sink without warning any of the allies' merchant vessels armed and that neutral countries should so warn their citizens who might go upon those vessels, and now the president is trying to secure a pledge from Germany not to molest those merchant vessels. We believe that in war if the other country arms her merchant vessels with guns it is the duty of the antagonist, if she can, to sink those armed ships. Let us, like a true patriot, warn our American citizens to keep off those armed ships of the allies. There are plenty of other neutral ships to ride on. Let nation. A word in time may save nine. Don't talk about dignity and freedom of the high seas when our lives are endangered. Away with such inconsistency.

JENNEY FOR COUNCILMAN.

Mr. J. W. Jenney, one of the well known men of North Des Moines, is a candidate for councilman. He has been in the grocery business for the last twenty years, except the few years he was chief of police, for four years he was head of the humane society. All of these experiences eminently qualifies him to be a good man for councilman. He is a true friend of the colored race, and solicits your support.

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CHARLES S. WILCOX

Candidate For Municipal Judge.

To the Citizens of Des Moines: I am a candidate for Municipal Judge. You know the importance of this position. I ask your support for two reasons: First, I believe in the modern, scientific, humanitarian, civilized view of crime and criminals. A man who thinks of crime and criminals in terms of ancient criminology is unworthy to sit on the Municipal or any other judicial bench. The old view considered the offense, giving little thought to the offender. All criminals were judged by fixed standards. Heredity and environment were disregarded. Youths and accomplished criminals were herded together. Reformation was hardly thought of. But the modern view interprets the crime in the light of a scientific analysis of the criminal, and then applies the remedy for both the protection of the people and the reformation of the offender. The individualization of penal treatment is the great truth for present day criminal justice. I am pledged to this modern, scientific, humanitarian, civilized view of crime and criminals. The judicial bench is a symbol of protection for the people, and it should also be a symbol of sympathy and help for the offender. I believe the individualization of penal treatment is one of the most important issues that can be brought to your attention.

Second, I believe that I am, especially prepared for municipal judge. I have practiced in the courts of Iowa for twelve years. I was selected by a committee of the legislature to compile the Supplement of 1913, containing all the general and permanent laws enacted in Iowa between 1897 and 1913. I also edited the Index to the Code of Iowa and Supplement. These works were authorized and published by the state of Iowa. In compiling and editing these volumes (which are used by all the lawyers, judges and public officials in Iowa), I became thoroughly acquainted with Iowa law—its letter and its spirit. My record is open, and I invite investigation.

I respectfully solicit your vote.
Charles S. Wilcox.

JOE MEYER FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGE.

Judge Joe Meyer is well liked by our people. They have a good many reasons for supporting him. They feel that Judge Meyer gives them a square deal without regard to color. No matter whether a man is rich or poor, he gets a square deal. The colored man has the same show always as the white man for that fact. We feel very thankful to the judge. Not only that, he is fair to everybody and he tries hard to help men and women. Judge Meyer has courage and he is firm where it is needed, but he believes in helping the man or woman who is down—believes in giving them another chance, and that is right. Men go to him for assistance and when it is in his power he helps them. He punishes the guilty just as he should. But he is a just judge in every way. His record as police judge is good. He is very popular in every part of the city and the colored people should feel very sure that Judge Joe Meyer is going to be one of the four judges elected. In all the straw votes so far he has lead the ticket.

To the Colored Voters of Des Moines: I thank you for your friendship. I ask you for your support next Monday. I will appreciate it very, very much. I have many good friends among your people and I want to meet as many of you as I can. But it will not be possible for me to meet all of you. I will sincerely thank you if you will find my name on the voting machine next Monday and vote for me. I certainly will thank you heartily. I do thank the many good colored people who have personally pledged me their support. I appreciate it and I take this means of getting word to them. Sincerely yours,
Joe Meyer,
Candidate for Municipal Judge.

J. M. LEONARD.

Just one thing sure, the people are finding out the real value of J. M. Leonard as councilman. He voted right on moral questions. In every way he has saved money for the city at every corner possible. He saved over half each year for heating the municipal hall, he saved a good deal over half in heating the municipal

building. He has improved the parks. He has a clean set of men as ever worked for any man in the cemeteries and parks. Always courteous, no drinking, no swearing, no grafting. Everything on the square and with the money he has had to work with he has accomplished a great deal. Mr. Leonard has plans for the parks and the cemeteries in the future that will mean a great deal if he gets the support of the people. We love our parks. They are beautiful. Mr. Leonard is greatly in love with his work. He knows what pleases the people of this city and he is trying very hard to please them. In addition he stayed with us on moral issues. Now let us give him a great big vote. We owe it to him.—National Prohibitor.



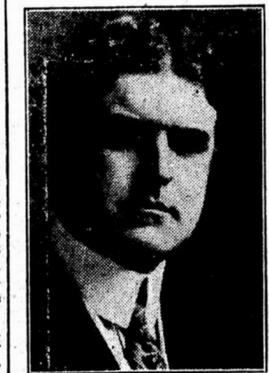
CONROY FOR COUNCILMAN.

To the Colored People: I have known J. M. Leonard for years. I know his kindly manner, his good heartedness and I know that he has always used the colored race well. I know his feelings towards your people. He is not a man to keep giving flattery that means nothing, but I have heard him talk on this subject, I know his views and I know you can trust him. I am well acquainted with many colored people. A great many of them are my friends because they know my attitude towards them has always been helpful and friendly. I ask you, my colored friends to vote for J. M. Leonard at the primaries.—C. C. Pugh.



FAIRWEATHER FOR COUNCILMAN.

The above cut is the true likeness of Thomas Fairweather, manager of the Des Moines Baseball association, and who is a candidate for councilman. Mr. Fairweather is a first class business man. While he has not had the time to meet all the voters as he would like because of his struggle to make a living, and that he has not formed any combination with any other candidates; neither has he a manager. He is working his own candidacy the best he can do alone. Depending upon his friends and acquaintances for his square dealing in business with those whom he has met to give him the nomination. He earnestly solicits your votes. He is a true friend of the colored people.



MACKINNON FOR SCHOOL TREASURER.

We present to our readers the cut of Gilger MacKinnon, president of the Mechanics Savings bank, who is a candidate for school treasurer of Des Moines, subject to election Monday, March 13th. Mr. MacKinnon is one of our successful business men of our city. Mr. MacKinnon is a 32d degree Mason, a Shriner, an Odd Fellow and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church. In fact he is the treasurer of that great church. He is associ-

ed with all movements for the good of and upbuilding of our city. He stands for honest and square dealing and efficiency in office, and would no doubt make an ideal treasurer if elected. He is a good friend of the colored people and solicits their support at the poles.

STEWART, T. M. WINFREY, W. B. BARNES.

For municipal judge—O. S. Franklin, Joe Meyer, Eskil Carlson, Ed Frisk, John Holland, Walter Irish, J. G. Meyer, J. B. Rush, H. H. Sawyer, Tom Sellars, Ed Thayer, Chas. S. Wilcox, James Wilson, H. F. Wood.



WINFREY FOR COUNCILMAN.

We present to our readers the cut of Mr. T. M. Winfrey, who is a candidate for councilman. Mr. Winfrey is one of the best known citizens of East Des Moines. He is considered the laboring man's candidate. He was born, reared and educated in Polk county. He is 42 years old, with 20 years of business experience, and at one time was justice of the peace of Four Mile township. He is one of the best qualified men who is seeking nomination. He will treat all classes and races fair if elected, and solicits the colored vote in his behalf Monday.

A. J. BADER FOR CLERK IN MUNICIPAL COURT.

We present to our readers the cut of Mr. A. J. Bader, who is a candidate for clerk of the municipal court. He is a young man, who is living in our city and a member of the cigar-men's union. He is a cigarmaker. Having worked with Mr. Cohen's cigar factory for sixteen years, he is a man of ability and of good moral character, and will reflect much good to the office if elected. His friends are working for him and ask that the colored voters support him in his candidacy.

TO OUR VOTERS.

Notice: On Monday, March 13th, you are all called upon to go to the polls and vote for one mayor and four city councilmen and municipal judges. There are some others, but these are the most important for us to consider. You have a perfect right to vote for whom you please, but we do hope you will vote for good men. There are plenty of them in the field and you need make no mistake in your selection.

For municipal judgeship we have one of our own race. One that has been with us for many years, but has been tried and proved. He is up for judge. You all know his name—Brother Rush. I need not urge you to cast your ballot for him, because you will do this anyway. Then among our old friends for councilmen we notice very conspicuously the name of Joe Myerly. A staunch friend of our race, one that has stood by us through thick and thin. We never have asked him for anything but what it was granted if it was within his power. Of course Mr. Myerly had the other members of the council to assist him, which are good men also, and he will not take all this credit to himself, but we speak of him particularly and we trust that you will assist him all that you can when you go to the polls. Mr. Myerly has had, as you know, a charge of the street department. A very difficult, vexing and perplexing place in the council, but nevertheless the city has made wonderful strides in its growth and beautiful development under his administration. Let us look for a few minutes at some of the things which have been accomplished since he has held this place.

First we notice the completion of the flood protection dam. This was a great undertaking and was completed at a cost of some \$200,000. The Seventh street bridge also was under his supervision, and this was also built. A beautiful structure at a cost of \$114,000, also the market house has been completed. This has been a great benefit to all of us poor people, and we shall always look upon this market house as one of his monuments. We also notice from his record that there has been 804,372 yards of paving and 1,356,500 square feet of sidewalk. A fine bridge has been built at Sixty-third street, at a cost of some \$20,000. They have added to our lighting system some 933 more lights, and these lights burn all night, instead of only a part, as handled previously, and it cost the taxpayer no more than it did when they burn only a part of the time. There are a host of other things we could mention, but we have not the space to mention them. Suffice it to say that he is well qualified; a man of strong personality; a genius in his department and one that we can trust and should not be ashamed of. His record is beyond reproach.

There is another one for councilman, a new man whose name is John Budd. Mr. Budd is well known by our people. He has been connected with the city engineering department for years, and on everything that has been accomplished we see the touch of his hand, which results in beauty. Now, brother voters, remember that he is not a wilting blossom on a bruised stem, but a strong, manly man, one whom all our people can support and unite in sending to the city hall. He is well qualified because of his skillful engineering in connection with this city, and of course you will vote for him.

Written by a Subscriber.



CONROY FOR COUNCILMAN.

We present to our readers the picture of James J. Conroy, who is a candidate for councilman. Mr. Conroy is one of our well known citizens, having lived in our city many years, and has worked in different capacities in the city. For six years he worked in the engineer's department, which familiarized him with all the duties of that work. While in that department he was street inspector and foreman of that department a while under John MacVicar. Mr. Conroy was

a candidate a few years ago and lacked only a few votes of being elected and his friends believe he will take first or second place Monday on primary day. He has dealt with all should have equal justice and fair consideration. He is a friend to the classes fair and agrees that everybody who should come before him colored race. He is a brother of John T. Conroy, who is a justice of the peace in Des Moines township. They will be very thankful to receive your support next Monday at the poles.



GREENLAW FOR COUNCILMAN.

Mr. Albert Erward Greenlaw, the great Canadian soloist, who is with Dr. Gordon, who is conducting evangelistic meetings at Plymouth Congregational church, is one of the finest

singers of our race. He will sing Sunday, March 12th, at Union Congregational church at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited to come out.

THAYER FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Mr. Edward F. Thayer is a candidate for municipal judge. He was born in 1880 in this city and has lived here for twenty years. He attended Drake university law department and has been practicing for the past ten years. He has never before asked for or held any office. He solicits your vote Monday.

For bailiff of municipal court—H. H. Beeghley, Guy Fish, Jim Jones, Dan McNeerney, Chas. Temple.

For school treasurer—W. E. Barrett, Gilger MacKinnon.

For clerk of municipal court—A. J. Bader.

KEOKUK NEWS.

There will be a St. Patrick's Day Market given by Eureka Temple, No. 35, at the home of Mrs. Wm. H. Dixon, 1529 Blondeau street, Saturday, March 18, 1916. Hours from 2:30 until 10 o'clock p. m.

Lunch will be served during the afternoon and evening.

We solicit the patronage of all members and friends.

Committee in charge—Mesdames Edna K. Albert, Ida Mitchell, Emma Teabeau, Susie Holmes, Fannie Armstrong, Lucinda Matthews, Emma Brown and Lulu Marion.

VOTERS! VOTERS!

Mr. Voter: Look, read and select your choice and vote for him next Monday. Below we publish a list of all the candidates who have announced their names through The Bystander. Clip this list out, carry it to the polls and vote for some one of these, because they solicited your vote.

For mayor—Lewis E. Royal.
For council—S. B. Allen, John Budd, James Conroy, Tom Fairweather, Harry Frase, Fred German, J. W. Jenney, Jake Leonard, Joe Myerly, Ben Wilcox, Ben Woolgar, Geo. Yeager, Sam Zion, D. M. Dillon, J. M.



DILLON FOR COUNCILMAN.

We present to our readers the cut of Mr. D. M. Dillon, who is a candidate for councilman. Mr. Dillon is a successful business man, living on the East Side. He is now manager of the Klondike Incubator company. He has lived in our city sixteen years. His practical knowledge of work and his business judgment in handling men would no doubt qualify him to be a safe man to trust our city government. He believes in equality and justice of all races and classes, and it is his desire to deal fair with everybody, and to put in city council Miss Lena Bass, who has been purely and business and honest methods. He believes in strict enforcement of law and order.