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DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1916.

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Wm. Wright left this week for Alberta, Canada, to be gone a few weeks.

The Mary Church Terrell club will meet Monday night with Mrs. McCree, 810 West Twelfth street. All members are requested to be present as examinations are to be held.

The Callanan club will meet May 31 with Mrs. Thornton Gams, 2621 Chester avenue. The president requests all members to be present, as it will be a very interesting meeting.

Mrs. J. H. Preston, 230 Arthur avenue, entertained at dinner last Sunday. A delightful three-course dinner was served. Covers were laid for ten.

WANTED—Two good roomers; man and wife or two ladies. Reasonable rates reasonable at 907 17th street.

Mrs. L. D. Abbie of Minneapolis, Minn., spent a few days in our city en route to the grand chapter. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wilkinson.

Tickets on sale at Olsen's drug store at Sixth and Locust and Model drug store, Eleventh and Center, for the great June musical festival at Central Christian church, Ninth and Pleasant streets, June 9th.

The deaconess of St. Paul's A. M. E. church held a spiritual meeting with Mrs. Mary Seymour at 809 Twelfth street on Wednesday at 3 p. m., May 24, after which a two-course lunch was served. Mrs. A. C. Payton, secretary.

WANTED. Place for colored boy 13 years old to work during summer and go to school during winter. Write Mrs. Ella Lee, Buxton, Iowa.

The mass meeting held at the Masonic temple on the 19th by the Negro voters was enthusiastic and a large crowd was present. Another meeting will be held Monday night, May 29th, at the same place, at which time further plans will be instituted for the primaries in connection. All Negro voters are requested to be present and line up.

The following program will be rendered Sunday evening from 6:30 until 7:30 at the Epworth League services of the Asbury M. E. church: Opening chorus, prayer by Rev. W. L. Lee, scripture reading by Mr. L. H. Smith, talk on lesson topic by Mr. Wm. Shackelford, solo by Miss Laura Brown, reading by Mrs. Iona Banks, solo by Mr. C. C. Johnson, duet by Miss Edna Alexander and Mrs. Coleman Jones, solo by Mr. Bertram

The Des Moines Chauffeur and Garage Men's club recently organized by the colored men of this city gave a smoker Thursday evening at the residence of E. G. Tymony, 2423 Ingersoll avenue. Mr. J. L. Edwards is president of this club and this was his first series of entertainment that are to be given this summer. There were papers read by many of the members and interesting talks by some friends. Lunch was served to about fifty guests and all returned home feeling very grateful over their first meeting.

Below we publish a list of ladies who attended the Iowa State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs at Buxton: Mesdames S. Joe Brown, Jas. B. Rush, J. H. McClain, James P. Hamilton, Frank P. Johnson, C. C. Johnson, John L. Thomson, J. L. Edwards, Gus Nichols, R. N. Hyde, Geo. C. Young, Mrs. C. Cottamus, Emma Pyree, Pearl Thompson, J. H. McDowell, H. W. Hughes, Gibbs L. Johnson, Mattie Warrick, Price Alexander, A. H. Armstead, Misses Myrtle I. Bell, Marguerite Roberts, Mildred Griffin, Edyth Jones, Magnolia Sears and Lulu Wright.

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EDITORIALS

TWO LETTERS.

There are two letters written especially to the Bystander for the colored voters to read and think about and tell all your friends about. One is by Atty. S. Joe Brown and the other is by I. M. Jones. It means a great deal to us secret society men.

OUR GRAND CHAPTER.

This was the first time that Ye Ediot visited the Iowa Grand Chapter. There are many things very disgusting to the intelligent, especially the way that some of the grand officers run around spending valuable time electioneering for re-election. It lowers the respect for the officer and the office, but one could see that there were a few true women who have really seen the star and have the correct idea. The time may come ere soon when the educated women will not be satisfied with such action.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Elsewhere will be found in this paper some reasons and facts as to the reason why women should vote. Those who are opposed to woman suffrage advance some of the most unreasonable arguments. One member of my race had the nerve to tell me that if woman suffrage should be granted that only white women would be allowed to vote and colored women could not because there was no provision for the colored women. I told him that he was grossly misrepresented, for up in Iowa we have no color line on our statute books and the law if passed granted the colored women the same right as any other women. We have always believed that taxation without representation is unjust. If the women are to help pay the bills for running this government they in all fairness should be permitted to vote.

REPUBLICAN VOTERS WAKE UP

We think that it is high time for our republican voters to arouse themselves from the lethargy of indolence and go to the primaries in every state of this union and vote for the candidates for republican nomination who will stand for equal manhood, right for all of her citizens, regardless of race, color or previous condition. Be sure to find out where he stands on those fundamental questions. Such questions of segregation, discrimination, Jim Crowism, etc. Ask him does he believe in closing the door of hope, of opportunity, of a fair chance in life upon a man because of color. Tell him to let merit, ability and efficiency secure its just dues, regardless of the man. If we will be careful who we nominate, when they get into office and the great test comes we will have true, honest, broad-minded men to make and execute our laws.

OBITUARY.

John White died Friday, May 19, at 816 Park street, aged 18 years. His remains were taken to Oskaloosa on Tuesday for interment. He was the son of Mrs. M. J. White. Tuberculosis was the cause of his death. Revs. Lee and Griffith conducted the funeral services. Quite a crowd was out.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to those who so kindly assisted and consoled us and for the many beautiful flowers during the sickness and death of our beloved husband, father and brother, Dr. C. M. Wilson. Mrs. C. M. Wilson. Gwendolyn. John Wilson. Ida Byrd.

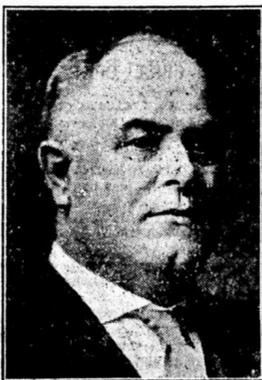
GARTON FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Hon. S. B. Garton, present member of the house of representatives, is a candidate for renomination for the second term. Mr. Garton is one of the highly respected citizens of Polk county, having moved here in 1870, and has been in the bakery business ever since until a few years ago. He is a true friend of the colored people and has helped them in many ways. He has always employed colored help and it was through his act rendered in the last legislature when the colored people were asking for an appropriation and he succeeded in having it pass the house of representatives. He is safe and absolutely honest and upright, and the colored people can make no mistake in supporting him for the second term, and his many friends are soliciting your support in his behalf, feeling that it will be more than a just compliment for services rendered.

SAMPSON FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Sampson Criticizes Social Conditions Clinton, May 4—During the course of his address in the Methodist church here last night, Henry E. Sampson, assistant attorney general, took occasion to say that the industrial conditions in the United States were not as they should be, else we would not find that over three-fourths of our male wage earners are earning less than \$600 per year, or that of the eight million women at work, two-thirds receive less than \$8 per week and one-half less than \$6 per week. He showed that the poor—85 per cent of the people—owned but 5 per cent of the wealth of this country, while the rich—2 per cent of the people—owned 80 per cent of the wealth. He

proved the vital connection between grinding poverty on the one hand and misery, suffering, sickness, disease, crime, revolt, anarchy, and the more dangerous form of social unrest on the other hand. Mr. Sampson said that if we were to build a greater Iowa, we must give more attention to the general welfare of all her people, which includes the wage earning classes. The state should give more thought to the problem of keeping all our able bodied men at work in some suitable and productive employment, and at a wage on which he can live with self-respect and educate his children so that they will become good citizens of this commonwealth. Germany, he says, is doing much more than we for its laboring classes, in the way of state labor exchanges, municipal savings banks, mortgage banks, strict regulations as to the guarding of dangerous machinery, workmen's compensation, old age and sick benefits, manual training in the schools and employment at all times. In that foreign country they are bent on preventing human waste in every form and human assets are conserved with the same universal solicitude that we conserve the machinery in our factories.—Cedar Rapids Republican.



BROWN AS STATE TREASURER.

Hon. W. C. Brown, the present state treasurer, will be on the republican primary ticket as a candidate for renomination. He has served our state well and is safe and highly conscientious and an upright man. And his many friends feel as though he should be re-elected this year. He stands upon his past record as an officer and solicits your support in his behalf in the coming primaries.



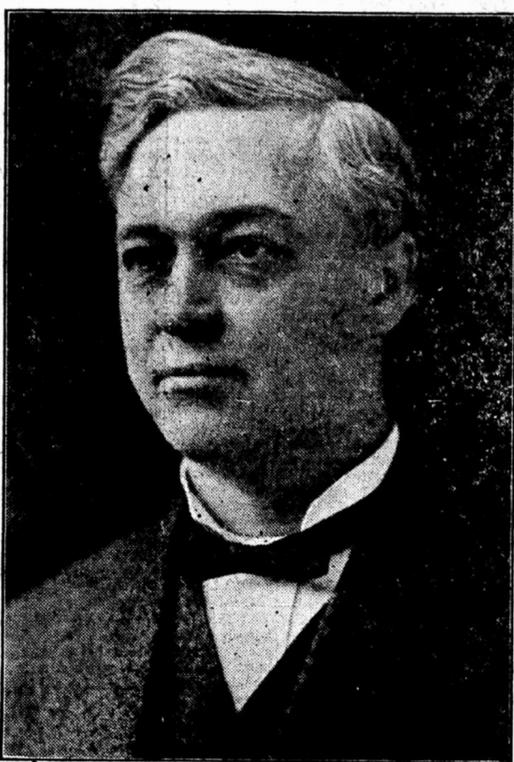
CARL H. NEIMAN FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

Carl H. Neiman is a candidate for state representative on the republican ticket, subject to the primaries on June 5th. He is a native born Iowan and has lived in Des Moines for twenty-five years. He attended Drake university and while in school took a prominent part in all the school's activities, being on the football and track squads, as well as being on the debating team. Since his graduation from the university he has been practicing law, and is at present so engaged, being a member of the law firm of Neiman & Neiman.

He is an energetic young man, who is red-blooded and strong-minded, a man who by reason of his association with people of all classes knows their wants. Efficient, honest and conscientious, Neiman is a safe man to place in the legislature.

O. E. S. GRAND CHAPTER MEETING.

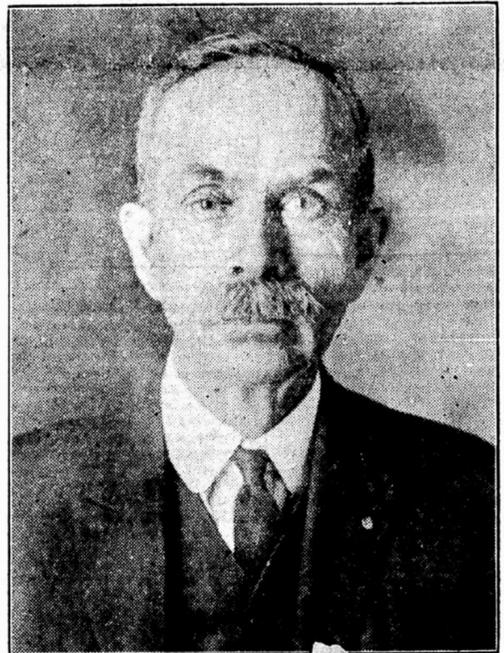
Oskaloosa, Iowa. (Special Reporter to Bystander.) The ninth annual communication of Electa Grand Chapter of the O. E. S. of Iowa and jurisdiction was held here May 16-18. Tuesday morning's session was called to order by the W. G. M. Most of the elective officers were present. Chapter was opened in hall of Esther, No. 6, Oskaloosa, Iowa, and the various committees were named. Morning session was devoted to preliminary arrangements. Afternoon session the W. G. M. read her address and other officers made their annual reports. Tuesday evening was public reception to the visitors and delegates, in which the local chapter rendered a splendid program. Wed-



ALLEN FOR GOVERNOR.

The name of Senator Jos. H. Allen of Pocahontas county will be on the republican ticket as candidate for governor, subject to the primaries June 5. The Bystander can say that we have Mr. Allen's public record and have examined it thoroughly and find that he has always stood and voted for laws that will be of benefit to all classes of people. He voted against the attempt to place the Jim Crow law in the statute books of our state, in which all the

colored people were interested. He also voted for the appropriation for the colored exposition which was before the senate last year. He has been a constant supporter of L. C. Jones' institute in Braxton, Miss., and has supported many other institutions operated by colored people. By his ripe age, his many years' service in the legislature, his bright ideals and true manhood he would make an excellent governor. And his many friends are urging your support in his behalf.



REYNOLDS FOR SUPERVISOR.

Our good friend, Mr. H. H. Reynolds, is a candidate for supervisor of Polk county. Representing West Des Moines district, subject to republican primaries in June, Mr. Reynolds was born on a farm in Iowa in 1856, came to Polk county in 1881, where he entered the lumber business and has been connected with the lumber company most all of the time. At present he is the manager of the

Jewett lumber company. He is an active republican, and a member of the University church, and stands for all that is honest, upright and high ideals of life. He is no doubt a true friend of the colored race and all struggling humanity. If elected he will give all the people equal justice in his department. He claims your vote and support. And we can cheerfully recommend him to the voters of West Des Moines.

nesday morning taking up the report of the various committees and reading the reports from the foreign jurisdictions. Also the code revision committee. Wednesday evening a lodge of sorrow was held in the hall, with an appropriate program. When the roll of the lodge was called and the lodge had lost a deceased member some sister of the lodge paid a beautiful tribute to their deceased member, and special music was rendered by local talent. After which the visitors retired, leaving only members of the grand chapter to transact some unfinished ritualistic work.

Thursday the finishing of the constitution and by-laws, also finishing up the reports of various committees. Introducing of visitors. In the afternoon election of officers, which resulted as follows: W. G. N.—Ruth B. Bright, Daventport, Iowa. Asso. G. M.—Eva Abbey, Minneapolis, Minn. Gr. Patron—Rev. John Garrison, Sioux City, Iowa. Gr. Treasurer—Maude Wilkin-

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, I feel it my duty to request space in the columns of your valuable paper in which to make public the fact that it was this same W. L. Harding, who, when a member of the lower house of our state legislature in the spring of 1909 introduced what is commonly known as the "Harding bill," but officially as house file No. 136 of the 33rd general assembly, which, had it passed, would have put out of business every Negro secret society in Iowa using the same name or a similar name or emblem with any such society of white people and would have included all Negro Masons, chapters of O. E. S., Odd Fellows, Pythians and Elks, and that it was only through the timely action of Mr. R. H. Hyde, a prominent Elk; Rev. B. S. Ervin, a prominent Odd Fellow, and Rev. A. Ford, Attorney S. Joe Brown, and other prominent members of the Masonic fraternity that this pernicious bill was killed in the committee room.

This is a fact that is noted by Hon. W. H. Milligan, then grand master of Iowa Negro Masons, in his annual address to the Masonic grand lodge at Keokuk in July, 1909, which address will be found on page 15 of the proceedings of 1909 of the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. and A. M.

Hence, while I have no malice against Lieutenant Governor Harding, but I believe that a candidate is justified in asking for the votes of the people upon the record of his past conduct, rather than upon promises for the future.

For the above reasons I would recommend Senator Joseph H. Allen as the most available candidate for the nomination for governor.

In order that the Negroes of the state may determine on the basis of record, past service and merit of the candidate which they should choose to support for governor, ask that you give space to the foregoing plain statement of facts, that the Negro voters of Iowa may become better acquainted with Mr. Harding's legislative record with reference to better enable them to decide whether they want to support him for the office of chief executive of the state.

Remember the constitution of the country in which we live guarantees to its citizens "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Yours truly, Ivory M. Jones, Dist. G. Sec'y. G. U. O. of O. F., 318 Third street, Des Moines.



BIDWELL FOR SHERIFF.

Mr. George E. Bidwell has announced his name as a candidate for sheriff of Polk county, subject to the republican primaries. Mr. Bidwell's platform is clean, honest and efficient administration. By his long residence and general acquaintance with the people of Polk county, together with the seven years as deputy U. S. marshal and two years special agent with the Iowa department of justice, all of which eminently fit him for the office. He is a true friend of humanity and will treat all classes fair and will show equal justice to all. His many friends are asking your support for him in the June primaries.

KULP FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

Hon. D. E. Kulp of Emmetsburg, Iowa, proprietor of the Suburban Farm of that city, is one of the active candidates for the republican nomination for railroad commissioner. Mr. Kulp by age and experience in public affairs is well qualified to fill the office of railroad commissioner. He is a member of the Iowa legislature and as a member he has introduced several bills which afterwards became a law, which was very beneficial to the people of Iowa. Among them was the law governing the leases of elevators, lumber yards, wire houses, etc., situated on the right of way. Also a bill known as the reciprocal demurrage bill and many other good bills. He also voted against the bill which attempted to place Jim Crow laws upon the statute books of Iowa, in which every colored man of Iowa was interested. He has always stood for equal rights for the colored people in everything that he has been interested in, and any class of people can feel safe if such a man should be elected. He therefore solicits your support at the polls primary day.

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HALLADAY FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

Mr. A. B. Halladay, whose cut and announcement we have run before, is making a fine canvass for representative for Polk county. He is at present chairman of the republican county central committee, and has been an active worker for the party for many years. By virtue of service he is entitled to their support as one of the two representatives to be selected at the primaries. He is a good friend of the colored people and solicits their support.



H. H. BARTON, Candidate for Treasurer.

SUFFRAGE ELECTION NOTES.

A great opportunity confronts the voters of Iowa on June 5. On that day all the women of Iowa are looking to all the men of Iowa to vote "yes" on the suffrage amendment so that their wives, mothers and sisters may have a voice in the making of those laws that govern the home and the environment of the growing children.

When Moses was distracted with doubt and fear God asked him, "What is that in thy hand?" So the mothers of the land cry out, "Is there some weapon near at hand for me which I can seize to safeguard all children, my own included? Is there a weapon for the hand of every mother? What but the ballot can do these things which I would do for the safeguarding of my home and family?"

At the close of a great suffrage meeting one of the leaders in prayer said, "I pray for the ballot." I am praying woman and I ask this gift from Thee. I read, "Why criest thou unto me? Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward." And does not that mean that we must move ahead ourselves and thus get the ballot; that we must work for what we need instead of lazily praying to have blessings dropped into our effortless hands? We must work out our own salvation. We mothers must work and vote as well as pray.

Now for fifty years the united womanhood of Iowa has been working as well as praying for the ballot for all the women of Iowa, and in the hands of the voters of Iowa is placed the responsibility of giving the answer to this earnest appeal on June 5.

Abraham Lincoln, the great leader, said, "I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing its burdens—by no means excluding women."

Twelve states now enjoy equal suffrage and in no state, not even in Wyoming, where it has been tried for forty-seven years, has equal suffrage been pronounced a failure. No homes have been ruined, no children have been neglected and no harmful laws have been championed by the women. The women have not sought office, rather have they given their efforts to electing the best man for the office.

ATTENTION NEGRO VOTERS.

There is a movement among some of the Negroes of this city to organize a permanent political organization for the purpose of unifying the political strength of the race. I am quite sure you will agree that we stand in dire need of such an organization. It is not intended to interfere with the local activities of any precinct or ward clubs. All local clubs may continue to act as they are now acting in so far as their local affairs are concerned. The object of the central organization is to unify our forces under the direction of a spokesman and an executive board, whose duty it will be to keep the local clubs and individual voters informed as to who are the candidates we as a race should support, and after careful investigation so inform just who to vote for and who to vote against. We plan to have precinct, ward and township representatives who will meet with the central organization from time to time and confer together. We propose, if possible, to make the organization self-sustaining, and we are looking to loyal race men to help make it so. I appeal to your race pride and manhood to help us to help ourselves as Negroes. So come out Monday night, May 29th, to the Masonic temple, Eleventh and Center streets, at which time we will elect officers and perfect permanent organization. J. CHY Williams, Temporary Secretary and Publicity Agent.