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EDITORIALS

Remember the ides of November on the 7th.

Saturday is the last chance to register.

In all cities that requires registration it is absolutely necessary that everyone must register.

Go to the polls next Tuesday and vote early. Then tell your neighbor to do likewise.

The Polk county voters have a good chance to vote for a colored man for judge of the district court to fill a vacancy by writing in the name of Atty. S. Joe Brown in the blank space under No. 33 in the machine.

A CHANGE IN SIZE.

Beginning with this week we have decided to change the size of The Bystander from a seven column folio to a six column folio and use all four of our pages with our own matter. We are doing this to cut down the almost daily increase in cost it now takes to print our paper. The extremely high cost of print paper, which has doubled the old prices, compels us to make this change because of the high cost of everything pertaining to the printing business makes it necessary for us to economize. We will endeavor to keep The Bystander up to that high standard of a first class newspaper, ever aggressive and progressive.

THE SHIP

U. S., to all honest voters regardless of color or creed: The time in the life of our republic has come. That in order to preserve our country's good name, its honor and its integrity and its finances, it is absolutely necessary to vote for the return of the republican party to the helm of the old ship. The democratic party has been tried and found incompetent to manage this great government of ours successfully. She has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. The present president is far below his party leaders as a statesman or a ruler, his narrowness, his prejudice against the colored race, his biased sectional interest, his early rebel training has never left him. It would be a dire calamity to re-elect Wilson for our country, our race and the American citizen. Therefore as the republican party is the safe old ship and all else is the sea, let us all in the name of God and humanity return the grand old republican party back into power by voting the republican ticket.

OUR LAST CALL.

My dear voters, before another issue of The Bystander is printed you will be called upon to exercise the right of your franchise at the polls on next Tuesday, November 7th. My last appeal to you, Mr. Voter, is to vote the republican ticket, thereby returning the republican party back into the offices again, for it was that party that has made our country grow and prosper. It was that party that gave to us that immortal Abraham Lincoln, that silent U. S. Grant, that scholar, James A. Garfield; that great statesman, Wm. McKinley; that foremost of all Americans, Theodore Roosevelt, and a host of other great and wise statesmen. This, my last appeal to you, at least to those of you who can vote to vote against Wilsonism, jim crowism, segregationism, color prejudice, rebel hating and sectionalism, vote against lynching and burning and against disfranchisement. Vote against all of the things by voting the republican ticket. This is our last call. Will your answer be that the republican party is elected in both branches of congress.

OUR COUNTY CANDIDATES.

Upon the regular republican ticket in Polk county will be found the name of Hon. C. C. Dowell, congressman from the Seventh district, candidate for re-election for his second term. He is a splendid good man and merits your support. For the legislature is the name of James B. Weaver, who is an able attorney at law, and the son of Gen. Weaver, all of them being a friend to colored people. His running mate is Otto Starzinger of East Des Moines and deserving republican. For clerk is A. E. Mahan, who is a candidate for re-election. He has a colored man as deputy in his office, Mr. H. Hughes. Sheriff John Griffin, present sheriff, has a colored man as one of the bailiffs. Mr. Griffin has never drawn the color line in his department and it will be but fair to re-elect him. Chas. Guth is on the ticket for recorder. He is an active republican worker. W. M. Hammill, first deputy treasurer, is a candidate for treasurer. He has one colored deputy in his office, and we feel assured that he will retain a colored man if elected next week. For auditor is F. J. Alber, who is a candidate for his second term. He is a big hearted republican. For county attorney is Ward Henry, a progressive, bright young man. For coroner is Claude Koons, candidate for second term. For supervisor of First district of West Des Moines is Chas. Saverdue. He is a splendid good man and will merit your support. For supervisor of the Second district of East Des Moines is John Stewart. He is a good man. For supervisor of the Fourth district is Frank Thornton.

MCLENNAN FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

Mr. John McLennan, one of our prominent lawyers, who was county attorney, has announced his name as a candidate for district judge to fill the vacancy. His name will not be on the regular ticket. In order to vote for him you will have to raise slide No. 33 and write in pencil his name on that roll. We have known Mr. McLennan for many years and found him to be fair and just with the colored people. His many friends solicit your support in his behalf.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

This year the candidates for justice of the supreme court of Iowa are on the non-partisan judicial ticket, and there will be two to elect and there will be three names on that ballot. So you can only vote for two of them. We are personally acquainted with Judge W. H. Evans, who is at present chief justice of Iowa, and is candidate for re-election. Judge Evans made a splendid judge while on the bench and is a credit to our state and judiciary. It might be of interest to the colored people to know that Judge Evans was the only dissenting judge in the famous Brown vs. Bell case, that was carried from Polk county to the supreme court. He was in favor of sustaining S. J. Brown's position in the civil right suit. His opinion is found in 160th Iowa report and should be read by every colored person. The other judge that we know is Hon. H. E. Deemer, who has been a member of the supreme court for many years.

He is a splendid specimen of a man and judge. He is of Quaker descent. Educated at Iowa State university, of long experience on the bench. He has had a large share in elevating the standing in the U. S. of the Iowa bar. Whatever be the claims of other candidates for this Iowa supreme court, Horace E. Deemer should be remembered at the polls.



OTTO STARZINGER One of the regular Republican nominees for the Legislature from Polk county.



JOHN GRIFFIN Candidate for Sheriff of the regular Republican ticket.

TWO NEW MAGAZINES.

Chicago seems to be fortunate for new magazines. The Champion Magazine is published by Fenton Johnson, author. Its October number is indeed a very fine number, illustrated with many cuts, with some good strong editorials. It just meets my idea about a magazine. The Chicago Mid-Western, 3708 Wabash avenue, is another new magazine just out. It, too, is finely illustrated by cuts, etc., with good reading matter, well edited. Mrs. C. C. Johnson of this city is agent for it. We wish both of these worthy race enterprises a good success. Mr. Binga is the business manager of the Champion Magazine and young Fenton Johnson is a brilliant poet and author.

Sioux City to make her home. Mr. Forbes of Shenandoah visited friends in Clarinda on Sunday.

Mrs. Ural Carlock and Miss Lida Long of Greenfield, Mo., came to Clarinda on Sunday evening, where they expect to stay and make it their home. Any news for the Bystander call Bell 339 R.

More Earthquakes in France. Toulon.—Slight seismic shocks occurred again Monday in Draguignan, and in Puy-Sto-Reparade. No damage is reported, but the residents were panic-stricken.

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NOTABLE CAREER OF EDGAR A. LONG

Tuskegee Graduate Ranks High as an Educator.

DISCIPLE OF WASHINGTON

Steps in the Life of Native Alabama Boy Who Rose From Messenger in Office of Tuskegee's Founder to Principalship of Large Normal and Industrial School in Virginia.

Christiansburg, Va.—Professor Edgar Allen Long, principal of the Christiansburg Normal and Industrial Institute in this town, is a native of Tuskegee, Ala. His father and mother were both unlettered, though they had a passion for the education of their children. Young Long first went to school in the old church building on Zion's hill, on which Dr. Booker T. Washington founded the famous Tuskegee Institute. With the advent of Dr. Washington into Tuskegee the whole course of Mr. Long's life changed. In those early Tuskegee days boys were taken from the model school to work in the office of Mr. Washington, and it was as a messenger in this office, coming into daily contact with the great leader, that fired young Long's ambition to try for the "heights by great men reached and kept."

In 1887, two years after the first class had graduated from Tuskegee, Mr. Long was carried with his family to Birmingham, the "Magic City" which sprang up in northern Alabama following the opening up of the coal and ore mines. But the seed had been



EDGAR ALLEN LONG.

sown, and Long could not remain out of school. At the death of his father in 1889, leaving his mother and two sisters, the support of which fell upon his shoulders, it was a question whether he should stay home and support them or return to Tuskegee and complete his education.

He wisely chose the latter course, and in December, 1891, he entered Tuskegee, his old home and school. Since he had no funds and no one to help him he set about to learn the printer's trade at Tuskegee, which he did in 1893. He had charge of the Tuskegee printing office during the summer months and was for several years business manager of the Student, the paper published by the school. Graduating from Tuskegee with second honors in 1895, he was immediately called to Birmingham, Ala., to take charge of the Alabama Publishing company that had been organized by the late Dr. W. R. Pettiford.

Mr. Long was also the assistant bookkeeper at the Alabama Penny Savings bank and private secretary to Dr. Pettiford. It was while serving in this capacity that the call came to go to Christiansburg.

Accepting this position, he entered upon his duties in the fall of 1897. He was gratified to take up his new work because there were several Tuskegee graduates there. The principal of Christiansburg, the late Charles L. Marshall, was a roommate, classmate and lifelong friend, and Anna Lee Patterson, who afterward became his wife, were classmates, and there were three other Tuskegee graduates at this school.

Because of his experience as bookkeeper at the bank in Birmingham Mr. Long was made treasurer of the school, which position he held until upon the death of Mr. Marshall in 1906 he was elevated to the principalship. Mr. Long says he regards all work that he had done previously as a preparation for his life work at Christiansburg. Much of what the school is today is the result of his own efforts. When he was made principal the school's property was valued at \$40,000, including land and buildings and equipment and an endowment of \$5,500. Today the buildings and equipment alone are worth \$75,000, and the endowment is \$68,000.

Mr. Long is prominent in educational circles. He is now and has been for six years president of the Virginia State Teachers' association. He is a vice president of the Negro Organization society, of which Major Moton is president, and is treasurer of the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools.

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