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CITY NEWS

Watch This Space.

Burlington
Route

The rates to Keokuk will be only \$2.50
for the round trip.

Keokuk has the finest Park in the
state.

Booker T. Washington on the
Keokuk.

Next Sunday evening at
E. church.

There is to be a moonlight picnic up
the river in the near future.

Miss Grace Graves left yesterday to
visit awhile with friends in Missouri.

Mrs. Wallace on East Fourteenth and
Maple streets is very sick this week.

It is estimated that 5,000 Afro Ameri-
cans will be in Keokuk on the 4th, of
August.

Congressman Hull is at his home,
this city, this week. He is receiving
many callers.

Mr. Fred Stanton went up to Minne-
apolis on the excursion, he reports a good
time.

Little Freddie Erickson left last
Saturday evening to spend the summer
with relatives in Missouri.

The committee of ladies that are pre-
paring useful articles for our soldier boys
are having wonderful success.

Miss Minnie weeks returned from
Denver, Colo., last Sunday evening,
where she has been for several weeks.

Miss Mattie Robinson left Monday
for several weeks visit with friends in
St. Joseph, Mo., and elsewhere.

Miss Hattie Rhodes, of Muchakinoak,
Ia., is visiting in our city, the guest of
Mrs. Frigo on Eleventh street.

The H. C. Porters will run an excu-
sion up the river to Camp Douglas
one evening next month.

Mr. Wm. Walker and Miss Maud
Williams spent last Sunday at Olive visit-
ing with Miss Della Richardson.

Mrs. Emma Nucker and her son Eddie
of Brookfield Mo., is visiting her brother,
Mr. Geo. Stanton at 1208 Pleasant Street.

Mrs. E. T. Banks will be taken to the
hospital to-morrow, where she will
have the care of experience nurses.

The committee, has arranged with the
rail-road company so that if any desire
to stay over and come up the next day,
your ticket will be good.

The colored people of Keokuk have
been preparing for weeks to receive,
entertain and make it pleasant for all
the excursionists who will take advan-
tage of the cheap rates, and attend
their Emancipation celebration. It
will be the largest gathering of colored
people in Iowa this year; as all the
colored churches of Keokuk are inter-
ested in it, and their programme and
amusements will be very interesting
and instructive.

There will be a large crowd to leave
next Thursday on the excursion, to
spend one day with the Gate city
people.

Miss Della and Master Elmer Rich-
ardson from Olive attended the Sunday
School picnic Thursday.

Mrs. Emma Morton left for Minne-
apolis last Saturday for an extended
visit with her mother, sister and friends.

Mr. Talbot Woods of Corning is in
the city visiting with sisters and broth-
ers, Mrs. Riley Bell, James and George
Woods.

The Paul Lawrence Dunbar Literary
will meet next Monday evening at the
residence of I. E. Williamson 1213 Mul-
berry street.

Messrs. R. N. Hyde and H. H. Hook-
er were the only colored delegates to
the Congressional convention held in
Knoxville this week.

Remember that the excursion to
Keokuk leaves here Thursday morning
early, over the Keokuk & W. Ry. Price
only \$2.50 for the round trip.

John H. Rogers one of our young musi-
cal men has entered the Des Moines
Musical Conservatory of which M. L.
Bartlett is director, and will take a course
in music.

Kenneth Hamilton, of the East Side
High School, taken part in the play,
"The Greek YOUTH," at the Chautau-
qua last Friday evening.

Miss Nina Hamilton after a very de-
lightful visit with friends in Ottumwa,
returned home last Friday, very much
elated with her visit in the Coal Palace
City.

Mrs. Wm. Tomlin left Thursday for
Glasgow, Mo., where she will visit her
old home and acquaintances. She ex-
pects to be gone several weeks, provid-
ed her children keeps well.

The two Misses Smiths of Kohoka,
Mo., arrived in our city to make the
Capital City their home indefinitely,
they are related to Mr. W. Scotts and
Craven's folks.

A young preacher named J. B. Porter
of our city, formerly of Lincoln, Neb.,
filled the pulpit Sunday morning at the
A. M. E. church; he held his audience
well, and they were highly pleased
with his sermon.

North Star lodge, A. F. and A. M.
will meet in regular meeting next
Tuesday evening instead of Thursday.
All members are expected to be present.

J. F. BLIGHURN W. M.
G. H. CLEGGETT Sec'y.

A very enjoyable Lawn sociable was
given at the pleasant home of Mr. and
Mrs. J. H. Davis 1017 3rd., Street
Thursday evening. Mr. Talbot
Woods of Corning Ia., the honored
guest, all spent a pleasant evening.

Those who attended the Republican
Congressional convention are, Jefferson
Logan, O. W. Henry and J. L. Thomp-
son of this city.

Mr. W. F. Oliver of Colfax Ia., made
a business trip to our city Thursday
and attended the picnic. Mr. Oliver
is manager of the Colfax Band which
will go to Keokuk on the excursion
next Thursday.

Rev. Felix Mayers of Peneto Chero-
kee Nation, Chief of the Cherokee tribe,
will preach at Burns' M. E. church
Sunday night. The doctor is a fine
speaker. Service at 8 p. m. All are
invited.

The Colfax colored band will parade
the principle streets of our city next
Wednesday evening. The band and
many of their Colfax friends will go
on the excursion Thursday morning.
The train will start at 5 o'clock sharp,
and all that intends to go should be at
the train promptly on time.

Invitations are out announcing the
marriage of Mrs. Rachel Wilburn to
Mr. Charles Jefferson, on next Wednes-
day evening August 3d, at the home of
her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Woods 1029
Crocker street.

A friend of this office is in receipt of
a letter from Phoenix, which says: that
our old friend, M. N. Bell is improving
in health, which will be received as
good news by his many friends.

Mrs. Sarah Lankford's house, 1118
Eighth street, caught fire last Tuesday
morning. The house as well as the
household goods were badly damaged
before the firemen could get control of
the fire. The loss will be quite hard
on Mrs. Lankford.

Mr. E. M. Huston and family have
moved from Ft. Dodge to our city and
are now located on 9th., and Chestnut
Street. Mr. Huston formerly lived in this
city and they are well known by the older
settlers, he has accepted a situation with
Samuel Lewis and company Tonsorial
Artist.

Subscribe for the Bystander

Rev. William Montgomery of St.
Joseph, Mo., is in our city looking after
the interest of the First African Baptist
church of this city, and intends to re-
main here if every thing is satisfactory
to him.

Miss Nellie Bird of Knoxville, Iowa,
came to our city to spend the summer
with relatives and friends. Mrs. Bird
will probably be here next week. Mr.
Bird is in the army at Camp Merritt,
San Francisco.

Farewell Reception.
The Dumas Society assisted by the
other musical people, will tender a
reception on next Tuesday evening at
the St. Clair's Music Parlors, in honor
of Prof. Geo. I. Holt, who will leave
Friday for New York City, to join the
Black Patti company. An elaborate
programme has been prepared, and
the Professor will be royally enter-
tained.

The Sunday School picnic was well
attended by the small children, fully
fifty of them went out in the street car
and they were joined later by several
of their friends. Dinner was served
between 12:00 and 1:00 o'clock. Were
it not for the rain there would have
been more present. Great praise
should be given to the Superintendent
and the teachers for their able manage-
ment in arranging the picnic.

Mr. Geo. G. Eldridge of the Iowa
Machine Novelty and Brass Works, 88
East Walnut street, has secured the
service of Mr. C. J. Perry as head elec-
trician of his shop. Mr. Perry has
proved to the satisfaction of all who
have had dealings with him that he
understands all the arts pertaining to
all electrical apparatuses. Mr. Perry
is strictly a business man and is sure
to succeed.

St. Paul's A. M. E. choir under the
direction of Prof. Geo. I. Holt, will
give a sacred concert at the church
Sunday evening, assisted by the Dumas
Choral society. The program will be
very interesting, as the choir is prepar-
ing to excel all their former efforts,
and as this will be the last one for
some time under the leadership of Mr.
Holt. He will soon leave the city; this
fact in itself will suffice to invite a
personal effort on the part of each
member to do their best. If we are to
judge this concert by those in the past,
then it will be one that all should
hear.

OUR CONGRESSIONAL
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The rival
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Des Moines colored people con-
demning him, and declaring him to
be an enemy of the race, and had
never done nothing for the colored
people at all. These unpleasant
things going out in public without
any cause. He just dropped the
whole matter at once.

CEAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.
Miss Ella Davis is expected home from
Davenport Saturday.

The A. M. E. choir accepted an invita-
tion to sing at the out door meeting of
the west side congregational church last
Sunday.

The Light House Society meets Friday
evening with Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Claire
of Kenwood.

Some of our people will give a Trolley
party in the near future, an excellent
time is anticipated.

Miss Sarah Bradford of Ottumwa is
visiting her grand parents Rev. and Mrs.
Rhinehart.

Dr. McCauslin of the 2nd., presbyter-
ian church preached an excellent sermon
at the A. M. E. church Sunday eve. We
are sorry more of our people did not hear
him.

Miss Detwiler came down from Iowa
City last week on business, she thinks of
making Cedar Rapids her home for a
while.

Some one says the way things are pro-
gressing on 10th., Avenue and 6th.,
street there will sure be a ringing of some
kind of bells very soon. We certainly
would not like to lose another one of our
young ladies, but our loss is Chicago's
gain.

Mrs. Yancy who was visiting her
daughter Mrs. Claire left last week for
Fairfield to be a guest of her daughter
Mrs. B. J. Fuller.

A merry surprise party was given on
Miss Sarah Bradford last Thursday by
the young ladies and lasses. Sarah was
sent down town and on her return was
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occupied by her friends. A pleasant
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A boat party is the topic of conversa-
tion here among the T. T. Club. They
will go up the river on a Parlor City
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Quite a number of our people went to
Davenport last Thursday on the excursion.
Why not subscribe for the Bystander
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every new party and second that if he is
in the country.

Now that Colonel Bryan is in the army,
it will make no difference whether he is
in this country or not, will be at liberty
to excuse himself and leave his regiment
to return to Iowa and stump the state in
the interest of Mr. Weaver, and at the
same time boom himself for the Presi-
dency in 1900. He may not be informed
as to the army rules or tactics very well
but he must know enough about army
service to know that a colonel of a regi-
ment cannot give himself a furlough, nor
is it to be supposed that his commanding
officer would grant him a leave of absence
to discuss political question, to say the
least it would be lacking in judgment.
It will not take Mr. Bryan long to con-
vince the people that he knows no more
about military evolution and war tactics
than he did about "John's Financial
School. It can not be supposed that he
will resign from the army to go and help
Weaver or any other man to deceive the
people, does he not owe it to his party as
well as his country that he should stay
with his regiment and the people of the
Sixth District are capable of looking after
their own matter and some one should
inform the distinguished Colonel that Mr.
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District to run against Major Lacy.

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Glorious Emancipation Celebration.

Colored Citizens of Keokuk Extend an Invitation to Ad- jacent Towns to Join in With Them.

Prof. Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee,
Ala., Geo. E. Taylor, of Oskaloosa and John
L. Thompson, of Des Moines are the
Orators From Abroad.

On August the 4th the colored citizens will hold one of the
largest celebrations, in commemoration of the emancipation of the
West Indies and our own liberation.

The celebration will be held at the beautiful Hubinger Park
grounds and Casino. The street parade will be led by Field's Military
Band of Keokuk, and the famous colored band of Muchakinoak. There
will be a Company of colored volunteers, of the U. S. army, Masons,
Odd Fellows, Knights of Tabor and other secret orders; also Sab-
bath Schools from each church, and twenty young lady drillers,
from the A. M. E. church at Quincy, Ill.

The programme will consist of orations by Prof. Booker T.
Washington of Ala., Geo. E. Taylor of Oskaloosa and John L.
Thompson, of Des Moines, Ia.; also speeches by Revs. J. W. Muse,
W. E. Helm, G. M. Tillman, G. G. Middleton, Hon. J. L. Root,
Mayor; all of Keokuk. There will be a base ball game between
Hannibal, Mo., and the Keokuk Giants, foot races, blindfold wheel-
barrow race, greasy pole climbing and a grand spectacular production,
afternoon and evening in the Casino of, "The South in Slavery" or
the marvelous "Progress of the American Negro" from 1863 to
1898. A grand chorus of 100 voices, special scenery, 150 people in
the cast.

A barbecued dinner served by the ladies of the A. M. E. church,
Pilgrim's Rest Baptist, Episcopal and the 6th St. Baptist church.
There will be excursion trains from Peoria, Quincy, Ill., Hannibal
Mo., Burlington, Centerville, Oskaloosa, Muchakinoak, Ottumwa,
Des Moines, and other small towns. All are cordially invited to
attend.

THE NEGRO "IN IT."

You may talk about the Negro,
You may name his faults infinite;
But you cannot turn a wheel
That the Negro isn't in it.

You may block his civil rights,
You may say you are "agin" it,
But before you turn around,
Some sharp Negro will be in it.

You may build you Chinese walls,
You may plan for every minute;
But with all your wily schemes,
Some few Negroes will be in it.

You may form your "lily whites,"
You may kill your bear and skin it;
When the pie is passed around,
Some shrewd Negro will be in it.

Be in high or be in low,
From the coo-pot to the senate,
There is not a place on earth
That a Negro isn't in it.

So my friend just stop your folly,
Draw this thought out now and spin it
God intends from first to last,
That the Negro must be in it.

You may try the plan of Pharaoh,
Kill the race out, try to thin it,
When the census rolls are called,
Negroes always will be in it.

If you keep on with your lynching,
Take this thought down and pin it;
When you reach the shores of sheol
You will find some Negroes in it.

You may reach the land of Benah,
If perchance you ever should win it;
Don't you emigrate my brother,
When you see some Negroes in it.

— K. C. Observer.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mr. C. G. Tolson spent Sunday at home
with his family.

Mrs. T. L. Griffith is quite sick at the
home of her parents; Rev. T. L. Griffith
spent a part of this week in our city.

Mrs. A. Ford officiated at the A. M. E.
church on Sunday evening.
Monroe County Normal will begin on
Monday July 25 we will have one colored
student in Normal this year.

Mr. S. Jones has been on the sick list
this week.

SIoux CITY ITEMS.

[Last Week's Correspondence.]
Mr. James Washington and T. H.
Sturgis returned last Friday from Des
Moines where they have been a tending
the Masonic Grand Lodge. They report
a pleasant time.

Rev. J. L. Thomas returned Monday
from Yankton where he has been looking
after the interests of the church.

The young people of Sioux City are
preparing to give a Grand Concert and
Children's Drill at the A. M. E. church
on Thursday evening July 28 1898, for
the benefit of the pastor.

outing office for enlistment.

BOONE DOINGS.

Mr. W. A. Washington play
ball in Madrid last Saturday.

Misses Lily Coleman and Bertha
took a trip to Luther Thursday.

Miss Bessie Coleman was visiting
the country last week.

Mr. Chas. Anthony is enjoying an out-
ing at the Ledges.

Mr. J. T. Washington was a Capital
City visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Robinson of Carroll is visiting
her mother Mrs. Terry.

Rev. Breckenridge was here Sunday but
as she was not expected until next Sun-
day and the attendance at church was
very small.

Mrs. Jas. Robinson has returned from
her visit at Ft. Madison.

Tuesday evening the ladies of the church
gave an ice cream supper at the residence
of Mrs. Brown.

Mr. Nelson Martin the man who shot
Miss Terry broke jail Friday night but
was captured. We are sorry to hear of
our young people departed as far from
the law as to be disciplined by the mayor.

BURLINGTON BRIEFLETS.

The annual excursion to Cappock will
be on next Tuesday and the usual large
crowd is expected to go for a days outing.

Mrs. Lydia Weldon and Mrs. Williams
left Sunday for a short visit in Chicago.

Mrs. Julia Holden who became so sick
last week that she had to be conveyed to
the hospital is fast improving.

Mrs. Lula Graham who has been visit-
ing in Des Moines for a short while is ex-
pected to be at home this week.

Elder Bundy preached two able ser-
mons at the St. John A. M. E. church
last Sunday.

A jolly crowd spent Thursday at Ca-
ppo Park.

John Ivy junior, is getting along nicely
and intends to hold third chair in the
basball shop some day.

Wm. Madlock a former Burlington
boy married at Omaha on the 27, to Miss
Clara Bell Johnson of that city.

Miss Estella Wilson arrived home on
Monday to visit relatives.

Mr. Peter Johnson saved a boy from
drowning on last Monday while fishing
on the raft, north of the city.

MISSOURI NOTES.
Miss Josie Morgan is reported to be
rapidly improving.

Ms Maud Wells of Anoka is visit-
ing Mrs. Shepard of the East Side.

Dr. Brown of Oskaloosa Ia., now
practicing here resides at 2918 Portland
Avenue.

Mr. Van Thomason has returned
from Kalamazoo, Mich.

Miss Lula Blair is ill again at home
on 17th., Street North.

Mrs. Albert Moss has changed her
residence to 345 E. Franklin Avenue.

Laying of the corner stone of the
State Capitol of Minnesota took place
Wednesday at St. Paul.

The W. C. T. U. met at the residence
of Mrs. Ryan Wednesday afternoon,
being their regular meeting day.

Miss Battery of Augusta Ga., is the
guest of Mrs. C. M. Turner.

St. James church will give a Barbe-
cue at Midway park on Aug., 11th.,
for the benefit of the church.

A WORD TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The months of June and July we
will begin our annual tour of collec-
tion as most of our annual subscrip-
tion list comes due, we ask every sub-
scriber that has not already paid to
please lay away the amount that you
owe for the Bystander so that when
our collector calls you may pay
your delinquent. Several failed to
pay their dues last year which makes
them owing for two years or more
We know that you like the Bystander
for its news, you know that you
owe for the Bystander and we need
the money very much, as we have
been moving and buying some type.
Therefore with this brief notice, we
hope to receive your dues by remit