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The Kansas legislature is discussing a civil rights bill.

The Democrats objected to Frederick Douglass lying in state in the national capital.

The Texas legislature has seated several Afro-American contestants. The last one is Mr. Haller.

Newberne, N. C., has a colored banker named Isaac H. Smith. He makes loans of \$10,000 without embarrassment.

There are about twelve avowed candidates for sheriff of Polk county. There are a few back townships to hear from.

Alderman McEldey: "I wrote the interpolation in the resolution with my little pen." Exit George Washington story of the "little hatchet."

The Missouri legislature has appropriated \$40,000 for the rebuilding of Lincoln Institute, which recently burned. It is patronized by the Negroes of that state.

Richard III. said to Richmond: "Down, down to hell, and say I sent thee!" It is all changed now, and Richmond says to his creditors: "Get off the earth."

The Afro-Americans of Ottumwa refused to listen to a speech by the Negro editor of the "Saloon and Brewery Directory." It is too bad that he is not respected at home nor abroad.

By nearly a unanimous vote of the council Mayor Isaac L. Hillis was vindicated from the charges preferred against him. There was nothing in the case at the beginning.

Ex-Senator Harlan, of Mt. Pleasant, is a candidate for governor. General Drake was announced some time ago. Iowa has plenty of good material for the governorship.

Interliner McEldey is in danger of being scolded. A petition is being circulated in the Third ward, asking him to resign from the council. Can't it be done without so much delay and trouble?

The Michigan senate, without a dissenting vote, resolved "that the people are to be congratulated that the tariff-tinkering, business-paralyzing, wage-reducing, pension-reducing administration is fast coming to a close." Short, but peppery!

Over forty years ago Frederick Douglass was ordained to preach, but he never entered into the work, for the good and sufficient reason that the churches were hostile to liberty. He preferred to free men's bodies instead of their souls.

"Thus sayeth the Lord, keep ye judgment and do justice; for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil."

A Des Moines minister says it is as much the duty of a good citizen to attend the caucus in his ward or precinct as it is for him to attend prayer meeting. The leading churches and ministers are discussing the questions of good government and morality of the people instead of "where shall we spend eternity."

Anderson Whitaker, a very aged colored man of Scott county, Va., served his master as a slave until 1888, when the master died. An old horse worth about \$30 was killed to him as pay for his services. Suit is now pending in the Supreme Court of Virginia to recover reasonable pay for the services of Whitaker from 1863 to 1893.

The Richmond Planet issued a supplement last week showing its office. It occupies a large building in the business portion of the city. It has a business office, composing and press rooms, stereotyping department, stock room and editorial sanctum. It was established in 1883 with a plant costing about \$500. It now has a plant requiring about sixteen employees to operate. It is a good and fearless paper and its watch word is "Lynch Law Must Go."

Common sense and law seem to be widely at variance in the Richmond case. Who is responsible for the loss of the savings of the men and women who deposited money in the Union Building and Loun association? Richmond seemed to be physically able to receive money from shareholders, and we understand is open to reception of money on shares to-day. Common sense should be substituted for law and precedent.

The attempt to suppress Col. Robert G. Ingersoll's lecture on "The Bible," in the city of Hoboken, N. J., was an attempt to suppress the right of free speech. Ministers should understand that while they are protected in believing the Bible a work of "inspiration," others are protected in believing it is not. This is one of the fundamental principles of our government. If they really want to stop men like Ingersoll they should get out into the broad road of progress and show by things actually accomplished that they have the best of the argument. When it comes to the question of slavery in the United States his acts are antipodal to the church and the ministers. But for the action of the churches on the slavery question under the cloak of religion, no doubt freedom would have been declared without the loss of so many lives. The question of slavery is one of the main arguments in Ingersoll's lecture, and he has a record on this point that would improve many ministers' chances Heavenward.

It is gratifying to note the fact that the Afro-American citizens of Ottumwa met and discussed the question of what part they should take in the city election, both before and after. We must organize to accomplish good and get employment which other men are sometimes asked to accept. As long as the people of Ottumwa counsel among themselves they may look for reasonable success in a reasonable length of time, but if they accept the counsel of Negroes who are traitors to the race, and who have been known to sell themselves for a few dollars, and who have no regard whatever for the confidence and respect of the old Afro-American residents of Iowa only so far as to ride over their back into prominence—such advice will be detrimental to the people of Ottumwa and Iowa. Let us organize in every city, town and hamlet for protection from wanton Negroes and the promotion of those who have lived here and gained the esteem and confidence of Iowa people.

The school election Monday brings to mind the fact that several years ago an Afro-American was on the ticket and defeated. We were a stranger in the city at that time, having been here only long enough to vote. While on

the way to the voting place we did not see half a dozen Afro-Americans about the polls or on the streets. No interest was shown by those present, and certainly not by those who were absent. Here was an opportunity to do good and effective work in placing a representative on the school board. The candidate was worthy and well qualified, having graduated from the schools of this city. There are some people who only become interested when they are seeking a place. If the Afro-Americans had been united, and shown the proper interest, we have no doubt the result would have been different. Every Afro-American voter should have been at the polls on that day for the purpose of doing all he could honorably do. Such matters have a future. There are too many occasions on which the Afro-American expects others to show more interest in his welfare and promotion than he himself shows.

A CARD OF THANKS.

DES MOINES, IOWA, March 7, 1895.—I feel it a duty as well as a pleasure to take this means of returning my heartfelt thanks to the American Order of Home Protection, through the kindness of its president, J. W. Kinsley, of Helena, Montana, for so kindly forwarding to me a check for \$100, being an advance on the salary of the beneficiary certificate of membership held by my late husband in the order. I also wish to express my gratitude to the members of Washington Council No. 1, American Order of Home Protection, for the careful attention and many favors shown me in my sad bereavement; for the earnest effort to properly present my claims before the national senate, and for promptly paying to me the money sent by the home office of the order. I shall ever cherish the warmest feeling for the order which has, through its members, so cheerfully responded to the needs of its members and their widows and orphans.

MRS. RILEY BELL.

Literary Concert, Tuesday evening, March 12, 1895: Opening address, T. E. Barton; comic songs, Mr. J. H. Rogers; declamation, Mr. E. G. McAffee; instrumental solo, Mr. Henry Warwick; Duet, Misses Bertie Hickie and Maude Walker; ten minutes' address, Wm. Foster; declamation, Mrs. Susie Lewis; solo, Miss Victoria Goodloe; declamation, Miss Nettie Wood; duet, Misses Maude McCraven and Sarah Porter; solo, Miss Eva Robinson; solo, Mrs. J. T. Blackburn; journal critic, by the journalist. All are invited to be present. Admission, 10 cents.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the district court of the state of Iowa, and for Polk county, April term, A. D. 1895, John Shea, plaintiff, vs. Mary E. Shea, defendant.

You are hereby notified that on or before the 18th day of March, A. D. 1895, the petition of plaintiff in the above entitled cause, will be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk county, claiming a divorce from you on the ground of desertion, on the 27th day of June, 1893, and that she lived with defendant as her husband until the 7th day of April, A. D. 1895, and that she was deserted by defendant, and remained absent from him ever since, and refuses to live with him as a wife should; for further particulars see petition, on file as aforesaid; and that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the 24th day of April, A. D. 1895, the said court, which will commence at Des Moines on the 1st day of April, A. D. 1895, default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon.

S. L. MASH, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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Mardi Gras Excursion via Chicago Great Western Railway.

\$30.50 for the round trip, Des Moines to New Orleans or Mobile. Tickets on sale February 18th to 24th inclusive; good to return March 29th, 1895. You may go via Chicago or Kansas City. For further information call on or address, F. W. Lott, G. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ills.; W. M. Lott, G. P. & T. A., 210 Fifth street, Des Moines, Iowa.

THE BANNER ROUTE

The Wabash is the line for cheap rates, quick time and comfort for passengers, and a splendid program and a sumptuous repast the club adjourned to meet with Miss Carvington Tuesday evening next, March 5th.

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OUR FRIENDS WRITE LETTERS

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

J. E. Mosely left Wednesday morning for Mt. Pleasant. He expects to go to Burlington and from there to St. Joseph, Mo., before he returns home.

Last Sunday was covenant and communion service at the Second Baptist church. The meeting was very good all day.

Last Sunday the A. M. E. Sunday school elected Miss Florence Page as delegate to the Sunday school convention which meets at Mt. Pleasant in May.

Miss Hattie Aliyan is on the sick list this week.

Died, at the home of her parents, on last Friday morning about 5 o'clock, Miss Virgil Hill, at 518 Center street, after several weeks' sickness. Funeral services were held at the home of her parents, on Saturday, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Watts.

Miss Norcissa Phillips, editor of the Optic of Moberly, Mo., visited in the city several days, the guest of Miss Ada Houston. She returned home Monday evening.

J. E. Woods, who has been sick for some time, is convalescing.

Rev. Lomax returned home from Quincy, Ill., Monday, where he has been on a revival meeting. He will return again this week.

Rev. N. N. Pharris, of Mystic, was in the city Wednesday evening. He left Thursday morning for Centerville.

On last Friday morning the colored people in attendance at the Court House to devise a plan whereby they might receive recognition by the city authorities, in the event of their election on last Monday. Quite a number were present. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Joseph Hopkins, and Mr. Lou Hall was elected chairman for the evening. Mr. Hopkins was the principal speaker for the evening.

After they had discussed matters a committee was appointed to wait upon the two candidates for mayor, to find out what they would do for the Negroes by way of giving them positions. On the committee were Lou Hall, E. L. Stow and Mr. Hopkins. They waited upon the gentlemen and of course fair promises were made, but promise is like pie-crust, easily broken. For this reason we don't believe that a single pledge will be carried out, though we will wait and see. Mr. Laforee, Republican, and Mr. Laforee, upon him falls the lot to hasten the gifts.

"Hon." Geo. E. Taylor, of Oskafoosa, came down last Friday evening to attend the meeting of the voters, but he was denied the right to speak as he was not a citizen of Ottumwa. Of course politics had something to do with it. The way of the Democrats is hard in Ottumwa.

On last Monday was the event of another triumph for the Republican party in this city. Almost the entire ticket was elected. Whenever the Negroes of Ottumwa get ready to sell out, they will let it be known, and it won't be for a long either, neither a glass of whiskey.

The Ottumwa Star Cornet Band gave a novel entertainment at Turner's Hall last Tuesday evening. They were greeted by a full house. A musical program was rendered, which was very tastefully done. After the program was over, a social hour was enjoyed, in which the main feature of the evening. There were a number of persons who entered the contest, but before it was concluded all but two couples were ruled off the floor.

Mr. Fox and Miss Ida Gan, and Mr. J. M. Bradshaw and Mrs. Mary J. Scott. They were graceful walkers and proved that they knew what they were doing. At the close the prize, a fine cake and a five dollar gold piece, was awarded to Mr. Fox and Mrs. Gan by the judges, but it was almost unanimously claimed by the audience that Mr. Bradshaw and lady were entitled to the prize.

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Geo. Mason has been a sufferer from neuralgia.

J. E. Mosely, now of Ottumwa, was here shaking hands with relatives, and friends Wednesday night. He is proud to say that he has a claim to this noble and intelligent young man and is glad to know that although his work calls him to other fields he shows his appreciation for the scenes of his childhood by making his appearance every once in a while. We welcome you gladly, Edward, and would that you could stay with us again.

The A. M. E. Sunday school teachers met at the home of Mrs. Doris Smith, Monday night. The superintendent, Rev. J. W. Brown, of Jackson, Mich., and Rev. J. W. Washington, of Lewis, of Mt. Pleasant, assisted.

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The G. U. O. of O. F. held their annual services at the A. M. E. church Sunday, March 3rd. All the members were present, and the program was very good. Organ voluntary. Opening remarks by the president; singing: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"; prayer by the chaplain; singing: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"; address by S. L. Tighe, ten minutes; singing: "Shall We Gather at the River"; responsive reading by order; the Lord's Prayer in concert; singing: "On, How We Praise Thee"; recitation, by Mr. Tommy Anderson; responsive reading by order; singing: "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"; the Odd Fellows sermon, by Rev. Alexander; closing hymn: "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"; benediction, by Mrs. Hattie Tighe, W. P.

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BURLINGTON BUDGET.

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The Olive Baptist Church have succeeded in securing a pastor in the personage of Rev. J. W. Washington, who was senior pastor of said church.

Rev. J. W. Washington, of Jackson, Miss., a noted evangelist, who is better known in the east as Black Spurgeon, is here holding a meeting with his evangelist ability. The church has grown with great interest. Christians are getting revived and sinners becoming greatly interested. This is the greatest revival ever held in Burlington.

Miss Hessa Carroll, of Monmouth, Ill., passed through here from Keokuk on her way home.

Mrs. B. Brook, entertained at dinner Monday Miss H. Carroll, of Monmouth, Mich., and Rev. J. W. Washington.

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