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CITY NEWS

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The changeable March weather has come—the forerunner of Spring.

Little Estella Stanton is quite sick at her home 1209 Pleasant street.

Mrs. Sadie Breeden has been ill the past week, but is convalescent at present.

Mrs. N. D. Valentine left this week to join her husband at Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Birney entertained at dinner, Sunday Mrs. C. H. Conley of Webster City, Ia.

The Iliad Furniture House, 8th and Walnut give the biggest bargains in Furniture this week. Call and see them.

Call or telephone to the Champagne and Son Laundry and try our work. Phone 171. No. 816 and 818 W. Grand ave. if

Mr. and Mrs. P. Hulin, of Chicago, Ill. arrived in our city Tuesday to visit friends and relatives. Mrs. Hulin is a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Blagburn.

Did you see the special sale in the Iliad Furniture rooms, W. 9th and Walnut sts. The sale of Furniture and Curtains this week are cheaper than ever.

Mr. Levi Riley who is working in the Capital City Commercial College has been drawn as a Petit Juror for the April term. He is the only colored man that was drawn. Mr. Riley is well known; he lives in the fourth ward, second precinct.

Mrs. J. Manley of Denver, Col., stopped over in our city last Wednesday, she was enroute for Farmington, Ia., to visit her old home. She at one time lived here and will visit here on her return from Farmington to her home.

Rev. W. E. Wilson presiding elder of the M. E. church conducted quarterly meeting last Sunday, a large crowd was present. He left for his home in Onasha, this week.

Mr. Chas. B. Woods one of our substantial citizens has resigned his position at the Savory House where he has been a faithful worker for nearly four years, to accept his new position as one of the janitors of the new building. His appointment meets general approval by the colored people as it is a compliment to the good work he has done for the G. O. P. Mr. Woods is the only colored janitor in the postoffice and we wish him success.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Dora A. Snipes, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams, Wednesday morning, March 10th, after a lingering sickness of several months. The deceased was born in Holt county, Mo., April 25th, '65, being thirty-one years and ten months and ten days. She moved with her parents to our city when she was eight months old, educated and married here, but her home now was in Omaha, Neb. She leaves two children, Maudie, aged 16, and Fannie, aged 14, her husband, father and mother and sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Lillard. Funeral will be held at the A. M. E. church, Sunday at 2 o'clock. Her last words was a beautiful prayer to heaven.

The King's Daughters met at the home of Miss Ella Jones last Tuesday evening. On account of the President being absent no business was transacted. We adjourned to meet Miss Ella Jones' next week. All members are requested to be present. Miss Della McKnight, President; Miss Josephine Rivers, Sec'y.

The Helping Hand will give a supper at the A. M. E. church, Thursday evening March 18 from six to eight. The supper will consist of Bread and butter, Baked Pork and fried potatoes. Ham and eggs, Pickles, Slaw, Ice cream, Cake, Coffee and Tea for 15 cents. Mrs. Smith Pres. Mrs. J. T. Blagburn Sec. We solicit your patronage as this is for the benefit of the pastor.

Mrs. E. Davis and daughter (Miss Hannah) invited a few of their friends to dine with them last Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Weeks, Chas. Harris of Ottumwa, E. W. Thompson, of Decatur, Roland Weeks and J. L. Thompson. A very pleasant time was had.

Several of the Carbondale people was in town Saturday to attend the trial in Justice Silvaria's court. It was the State of Iowa vs Joe Elmore and Ed. Clay. Mrs. Henrietta Watson accusing the defendants of assault and battery. Attorneys Williamson & Foster represented the State and J. L. Thompson the defense. After the case was heard the court dismissed it with cost on plaintiff.

The H. B. S. R. C. met with Mrs. J. T. Blagburn. An interesting program was rendered: The following officers were elected, Mrs. Warrick, President; Mrs. Hamilton, Vice-President; Secretary, Mrs. M. H. Lewis; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Basfield, Treas.; Mrs. Holt; editors of the Oracle, Mesdames Wilburn and Palmer. History Day will be observed at Mrs. H. S. Clay's next Tuesday; Leader, Mrs. Palmer. Paper, Grecian. Art and literature, Mrs. Ada Lewis; Greek Mythology Mrs. Holt; A Day in Athens, Mrs. Wilburn; Grecian Wars, Mrs. Basfield; Queries, Mes. H. H. Lewis oracle, Mrs. Hamilton.

There will be a brief account of a certain employer's action to one of our respectable citizen in our next issue.

The A. M. E. Sunday School will elect a delegate next Sunday to attend the annual State Sunday School convention to be held in Cedar Rapids in May. Let all the students be present and select some good delegate as we have one of the largest Sunday School in Iowa.

Mr. Wm. Coalson, the only colored man who attended the Inauguration at Washington, D. C., last week from our city arrived home with the Governor's party Monday morning, feeling much pleased with his trip, having seen some of America's natural scenery in the Cumberland Mountains; also going through some long tunnels, and also the famous Rock City oil wells, which was awe-inspiring. He left here Monday night at 9:30, arriving in Chicago Tuesday morning at 8:20, taking the Chesapeake and Ohio Ry. in a special car, going through Indianapolis, Lexington and Cincinnati, by night, however. At the latter place he saw where the water had been in the depot from the recent heavy floods going through Virginia in day time and seeing the beautiful scenery, the bubbling from the mountain streams and sparkling rocks, and also the old-time log cabins on the plantations where once the slave lived and toiled—the old chimney and white-washed cabins was very interesting to him. Mr. C. formed the acquaintance of two intelligent young men, Mr. Skinner, who had charge of the car, and Elwood Knox, business manager of the Freeman. He also attended a well colored ball through the kindness of Edward E. Cooper of American Citizen. He was permitted to enter and sit in the gallery and watch seven-hundred of high Washingtonians waltz. He says some of the colored people are doing extra well, yet the colored prejudice is stronger there than here, especially as to public accommodations.

Mr. Leon H. Jordan, of Kansas City, Mo., is a candidate for Indian Agency. Mr. Jordan is a good business man and if selected will make a good agent. He is business manager of The New Missouri, and quite well known in his own State.



HON. JOHN L. WALLER

OF KANSAS FOR THE RECORDERSHIP OF DEEDS

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

A short time after the election of Major William McKinley to the Presidency, the BYSTANDER announced the name of Hon. John L. Waller, of Kansas, for the position of Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia. We did this despite the fact that we knew that there were a large number of candidates among our race for this position. We announced Mr. Waller because he is a man who deserves well at the hands of the republican party; he is competent, worthy and able. No colored man in the West has done more for republican success than Mr. Waller. He is not a later day republican, but republicanism with him is the principle of a life time. Born as he was only nine years prior to the declaration of secession which had for its purpose the destruction of the Union, and the perpetuation of Slavery, he was confounded by the Thirty Second Iowa Infantry, which was commanded by Col. John Scott, of Story county, in December, 1862, and brought to Iowa where he watched the great struggle for Freedom and National Union, as only a lad fresh from Slavery could watch such a contest. Mr. Waller has never supported other than the republican party during his life, casting his first vote in Iowa for General Grant, for the Presidency in 1872, since which time he has been found constantly in the republican ranks. Mr. Waller is a man of sound and pronounced views on all questions affecting the National welfare, and the good of the race. He is broad and unbiased, and tolerant in his views toward those who differ with him. Mr. Waller was admitted to the bar in Linn county, Iowa, in October, 1877, and went to Kansas in 1878, where he has since resided. In 1882 he published The Western Recorder, in that State, and every line written in that journal which may be found on file at the office of the State Historical Society in Topeka, will be found to have been written in the interest of the republican party and the race which Mr. Waller is a conspicuous member. He established The American Citizen, at Topeka, Kansas, in 1883, and pending the nomination of General Harrison at Chicago, in the year named, Mr. Waller made a vigorous fight through the columns of his paper for the nomination of Hon. John Sherman, of Ohio, now Secretary of State, for the Presidency. In 1884 Mr. Waller advocated the nomination of General Logan for the presidency, and Prof. John M. Langston for the Vice-Presidency. The columns of the old Western Recorder shows this.

THE NEW CABINET.

In another part of the BYSTANDER you will see the portraits of President McKinley's official advisers. They are all strong men of years of business and public experience. They are men that have made a success in this life, an honorable record, and Christian gentlemen. Hon. John Sherman, who is well known in public and political life for more than forty years; a leader in the United States Senate for twenty years; is too well known for our comment. The next and second important place in the cabinet is the Treasury portfolio. Mr. Lyman Judson Gage, who is called by the Chicagoans "the ideal citizen." He was unknown to the public and political world, but well known in the commercial and business world. He was born in the Empire state and raised on a farm. When a young man in 1846, taking Greeley's advice, he came west to Chicago, and worked as a restaurant boy. He soon entered the bank, his choice occupation, and has labored so long, until now he is the most successful bankers in the west, president of the largest bank in the west, also president of the Bankers Association, and was president of the World's fair in Chicago. He could have been Mayor of Chicago had he said yes. His bank's foreign business amounts to about \$50,000,000 per year, as all of their biographies is given on another page of this issue.

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Going from Iowa to Illinois at the request of the Republican State Central Committee of the State last named where the Battle Royal was fought for McKinley and sound money. Mr. Waller ingratiated himself into the hearts of the people where ever he spoke.

His effective work in Illinois is told in the following letter from the Chairman of the Executive committee of the Republican State Central Committee of Illinois: REPUBLICAN STATE CENT. COMMITTEE, Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, Nov. 9th, '96.

HON. JOHN L. WALLER, Topeka, Kansas: My Dear Sir—The Republican State Central Committee of Illinois desire to acknowledge its deep obligation to you for your able speeches made in our State during the late campaign. We appreciate highly your services, and are profoundly grateful to you for the same. I am, sir, very respectfully,

(Signed) CHAS. S. KANNELLS, Chairman Ex. Com.

Before the end of the campaign Mr. Waller was called home by the Republican State Central Committee of Kansas, where he addressed large meetings at Junction City, Salina, Lawrence, Topeka, Horton, Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas City, Mo. As we stated in the beginning of this article, no colored man in the West is more deserving at the hands of the republican party than Mr. Waller. His work speaks for itself, and while not arrogating anything to himself, never having posed as a leader in any particular sense, Mr. Waller is a man who has clearly demonstrated to every unprejudiced mind that he is the peer of any of the leading colored men of the country of today. The colored people of the West realize and appreciate Mr. Waller's worth, and will be pleased to know that he has placed on file at Washington, an application for the position of Recorder of Deeds, which is backed by a large number of the leading white and colored republicans of the West, and even from several of the Southern States. We have no idea whatever that any candidate West of the Alleghenies will be able to present an application backed by a more voluminous array of republican endorsements than Mr. Waller.

Unless some unknown change is brought about we predict the appointment of Mr. Waller as the next Recorder of Deeds to succeed Hon. C. H. J. Taylor. We shall therefore watch the contest with no little interest, while at the same time urging the whole Iowa delegation in Congress to use every honorable means to secure Mr. Waller's appointment.

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Grover Cleveland's administration is a thing of the past, and we now have three ex-presidents living.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher died this week; she lived a ripe old age. She was the wife of the great divine.

Mr. Cyrus Q. Adams, editor of the Chicago Appeal is a candidate for consularship to the Italian Mission. Mr. Adams is an able man, well qualified, having traveled a great deal. He is an ardent republican worker and conducts one of the best edited colored newspapers in the West. We think that President McKinley could make no better selection from the Northwest than Mr. Adams, and a credit to the race.

The prize fight which will soon come off in Carson City, Nevada, between Corbett and Fitzsimmons is attracting general attention from all parts of the sporting world. Seats are selling very fast at a great premium, special trains from all parts of America will bring thousands of eager people to see the great pugilists use their physical and fistie skill on one another.

BOONE ITEMS.

Mr. John Morgan has been appointed usher in the church.

At a meeting of the church members Mr. Simon Terry was elected delegate to the Cedar Rapids convention.

Thursday evening while Mr. Geo. Brown was in the postoffice, a team of runaway horses collided with his buggy and damaged it considerably.

At the entertainment given for the benefit of the school music fund, Master Henry Coleman delivered a recitation which was well received.

Rev. Johnson arrived in the city Wednesday, and has been holding meetings all week.

Presiding-elder Jason Bundy arrived Thursday and held quarterly meeting. Rev. Johnson assisted by Rev. Vedder, gave sacrament Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Turner is very low this week. Snowden & Miller's jubilee singers sang to a good house Friday evening.

Rev. Johnson departed for Des Moines Monday morning. He has held meetings every evening during the past week, and although he received no converts he is not discouraged.

Messrs. John and Simon Terry entertained a number of friends Saturday evening. The guests were well pleased and hope they will receive another invitation.

NEWTON NOTES.

Mr. A. F. Williams was slightly indisposed this week.

Paul Waldon spent Sunday in Grinnell with his best girl.

Miss Lizzie Hale is on the sick list.

Rev. Waldon will have charge of the work at Colfax, in connection with Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor left last Wednesday for Des Moines, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Wm. Moore accompanied by her daughter, Amber and grand-daughter, Lena Lucas, and Juanita Coates, are visiting Mrs. K. Weston, of New Sharon.

Mrs. Burton, of Colon, arrived in the city Monday, to make an extended visit at the parental home. Mrs. Burton was formerly Mrs. Hale. This is her first visit home in several years.

On Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Oia Cunningham occurred the marriage of Mr. Herbert Martin of this city to Miss Cora Smith, of Des Moines. Only a few of their intimate friends were present. Mr. Martin has lived in Newton all his life, and is an industrious young man. The bride is a stranger in our midst. Success and happiness may be theirs is the wish of their friends.

Mrs. J. G. Coates departed this week for New Sharon, to visit her sister, Mrs. Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fine entertained the Symphony club Monday evening. On Tuesday evening they were entertained by Misses Eldora and Genevieve Green. A good time reported at both places.

OSKALOOSA BRIEFLETS.

Mr. Wm. Burge, of Evans, was in Oskaloosa, Tuesday, trading in the interest of the miners.

Mr. Walter Yates, of Colfax, is in the city visiting his old comrades.

Mr. Earnest Buckner and Lee Ford departed for Ottumwa, Thursday, to join a concert company.

Mr. Louis London, of Muchy, was among the many arrivals Saturday.

Little Eva Wain is in Knoxville taking a few days visit with her papa, J. C. Marshall.

Dr. Hattie Lowther arrived from Des Moines Tuesday, after an absence of two weeks.

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with the revival meetings, but owing to the disagreeable muddy weather it was postponed. There was a pound party given at the home of the Madam Rosie Samples, North A street, Tuesday evening, in honor of the Rev. Bruce and wife. It is rumored that the young people of the A. M. E. church are contemplating organizing a literary society soon. Rev. Wm. Williams, pastor of the A. M. church at Muchy was in Oskaloosa Tuesday to accompany the Rev. Taylor to Muchy. Rev. W. E. Wilson, of Omaha, presiding elder of the Methodist church, arrived from the West Saturday morning, but returned soon after in answer to a telegram from his sick wife. Attorney G. H. Woodson, of Muchy, was in attendance at District court this session on an important case which he handled with ability, proving himself to be a lawyer well versed in his profession. Mr. W. is all right, we are proud to say.

ALBIA NOTES.

The A. M. E. Sunday School organized a teacher's meeting in their Sunday School, to meet every Friday evening.

Rev. Harris is still continuing his revival meetings. He is very successful.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Tolson were presented last Thursday, 12:35 with a fine baby boy; mother and child are doing nicely.

There will be a box supper given at the Daughter of Tabernacle hall Saturday evening. All are invited to attend.

Mr. H. Bowman and Ollie Marshall are home from Colon.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler entertained a number of young people at her home Sunday evening.

Mrs. N. N. Pharris of Marshalltown has come to Albia to stay for the remainder of the conference year.

OMAHA NOTES.

Mrs. Mary E. Wilson is improving slowly.

A number of young people tendered the Rev. John Albert Williams a surprise party, Monday night.

Dr. M. O. Ricketts is seriously ill at his residence, 514 North Fourteenth st.

Inaugural exercises were held at St. John's church, Thursday night. A fine program was rendered, and a large audience in attendance.

Lizzie Rose, of Ft. Crook, Neb., spent Wednesday in the city.

The Hon. John L. Waller is one of the most popular lecturers on the American stage. His experience "In a French Prison," are thrilling, and their recital holds an audience in closest attention.

Mr. Granville Jackson has moved his family to 937 North 25th st.

Washington's 165th birthday was duly observed in this city. Business was suspended and the schools all closed in honor of the occasion.

The woman's Auxiliary of St. Philip's church, served an old fashioned New England dinner in connection with the bazar, Monday and Tuesday. The dinners were excellent, the sales good.

KEOKUK NEWS.

The Methodist church has closed their revival with good success—over fifty converts and backsliders were reclaimed. Rev. Thomas and wife departed for Monmouth, Ills., Wednesday, after spending a week helping Rev. Tilliam carry on the good cause.

Quite a good deal of sickness here at the present time.

There were two weddings in our city lately. Miss Ophelia Jackson and Mr. Lewis Wilson were married Wednesday. Attendance was large. Miss Ella Bettise and Mr. Jim Hailey, at Burlington, on Monday.

Mrs. McCracken died the last Sunday in February, and was buried on Tuesday afternoon with a large attendance.

Reverends T. W. CUNNINGHAM, Thomas officiating. S. S. Clinton Street, Chicago, Ill.

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