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CITY NEWS

Mrs. D. C. Bassfield has returned from Webster City.

J. L. Thompson received a telegram Friday to come home, his father was sick.

Miss Della Langford has come home from St. Louis, Missouri, to visit with her mother.

Mrs. James of the East Side has been quite sick, but at this writing she is much improved.

Chas. Comely and wife of Webster City are visiting in our city.

Mrs. H. Shelley, who was called to the sick bedside of her sister, will return this week.

Mrs. Chas. Greenway of Webster City, will visit in our city during the State Fair.

Mrs. Bell and her daughter of De Soto, Iowa, is visiting here during the fair. They are well known.

J. L. Thompson and J. R. Weeks run the only barber shop on the fair grounds. They will also serve dinner and meals to all who may come.

Mrs. Pennie Graham was a caller at the Bystander office, also Mrs. Julia Hudlin, Misses Gertrude Hyde, Sarah Porter and Mr. J. B. Rush.

The state fair opened yesterday, and if the weather is favorable it will be the best fair yet held. The city people are taking great interest in it.

Miss Lizzie Porter came up on the excursion Sunday and spent the day with her sister, Mrs. Warwicks, and returned that night to Kansas City, Kas., where she will teach this fall.

Mrs. A. Wilburn was recently selected as a delegate to attend the annual state meeting of the white W. C. T. U. at Creston. This shows that ability and not color will win.

Mr. J. H. Weeks of Ottumwa, has arrived in our city Wednesday and will remain during the State Fair. He is employed in the Thompson & Weeks' shop on the fair ground.

Miss Dellie Richardson, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Richardson, of Clive, Iowa, has come to Des Moines to attend school this year.

Mrs. Anna Richardson came from Savannah, Missouri, last Sunday, where she had been visiting her relatives. She will remain here until after the State Fair, when she will go to Cedar Rapids to visit her old home.

Mrs. I. E. Williamson, one of the most cultured and brained women of Des Moines is in our city this week the guest of Miss Lillian M. Jackson of 24th street, and Saint Joseph society has been much proud to honor and elaborately entertain her while here.—Saint Joseph Mirror.

E. T. Banks is able to be out again at his old post of duty.

John Wood of Chicago, Ill., has come to Des Moines, where he formerly resided about 8 years ago.

A. H. Jones has beautified his nice home on Park street by having it repainted by the Jennings Wall Paper Co.

Remember good meals will be served by Mrs. J. R. Weeks on the fair ground, near the barber shop. All invited.

Peter Hudlin has been employed by the Champagne Laundry Co. to solicit for them. He asks his friends to give him their orders.

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The sad news came last night of the accidental death of Mr. James Williams, who is well known here. It occurred in Illinois. At this writing we do not know the details.

Quite a large number of the St. Josephites took advantage of the last Sunday Excursion and spent Sunday in our city. Among those were Dr. J. R. Crassland, L. E. Perry, G. B. Washington, Mr. Green and Jones. The latter two are employees in a bank as bill filers.

Mrs. I. E. Williamson, our professional cateress returned last Sunday from several weeks visit in Kansas City and St. Joseph, Missouri, where she had a very enjoyable time, while at the latter place she was the guest of Miss Lillian M. Jackson. She was the recipient of many society parties while away.

Excursion Tickets to Boone, Via the North-Western Line, will be sold at reduced rates, September 8 to 11, inclusive, limited to September 12, on account of Veterans Association Meeting. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Ry.

Mr. Thomas E. Barton who is holding a position in the House of Representatives at Washington, returned home last Sunday to spend the vacation here. He is looking well and was glad to meet his numerous friends and especially his new son.

Mrs. Hastie Grey and her two daughters, Misses Dicy and Emma and her son, Moses, of Savannah, Missouri, took advantage of the last Sunday excursion, and visited in Des Moines. They are relatives of Mr. Jefferson Logan, and they had a very enjoyable visit for one day. Their son remained over for several days.

Mrs. J. A. Graham will leave for her home in Dimond, Iowa, this week. She has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hyde on Grand avenue. She reports having a very pleasant visit in the Capital City.

Excursion Tickets to County Fair at Algona, Via the North-Western Line, will be sold at reduced rates, Sept. 27 to October 1, inclusive, limited to October 2. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Ry.

Notice.

There will be special service at the Tabernacle Baptist church, on Eleventh street, between Crocker and School Sts., on next Sunday, Sept. 12th. The Rev. J. Dulin, M. D., of this city, will preach one of his able sermons at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Every person should be out to hear the doctor.

Cupid's Work.

Strange and surprising things are occurring every day, but society gasped last week when it was rumored that one of our young couple was married and had been for some time later developments confirmed that Mr. Tracy Blagburn and Miss Clara Sheppard was united in marriage last April, 15, at Nevada, Iowa. Like another one of our young couple, kept it a secret a long time; however those young people are so well and favorably known to Des Moines that we need not comment; yet we join in with their many friends in wishing them a happy and successful married life.

Prosperity will be harder for Mr. Bryan to handle this Fall than the crown of thorns was last fall.

We have opened a nice little restaurant at 312 Third street, and solicit your patronage. We also do decorating for churches at a per cent. Call and see us. Fields & Becton.

Excursion Tickets to County

Ogden, Iowa, Via the North-Western Line, will be sold at reduced rates, September 20 to 24, inclusive, limited to Sept. 25. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Ry.

The Golden Rule club tried to hold a meeting at Trades Assembly hall last Monday night. Those present were I. W. Robinson, J. Madison Pierce, A. L. Moss, Gabriel Devault, J. H. Tucker, J. M. Ruff, Edward Barnett, G. H. Dunn, H. K. Kirtley and H. H. Lewis. These are all that were at the meeting, notwithstanding the false report that was sent to the daily papers. To verify our statement we will refer to the five last named gentlemen who were there to attend the meeting. There was no business transacted, except what was done by the three that would like to dictate how the colored men should vote, and what the white candidates must do to get their influence. Think of what gross misrepresentation they are sending out. There was no resolution passed relating to the Bystander.

Remember the Champagne Laundry does good work on short notice. Prompt attention. No. 816 West Grand avenue. Phone 171.

Musical Concert.

But few of our people realize the rapid progress that the colored people are making everywhere, and especially in our own city. Surely no city west of the Mississippi river has such a variety of good and well trained singers as has the capital city now, and but few east. On last Thursday evening at the A. M. E. church a grand musical concert was given for the pastor Rev. Reeves, and was all that the most sanguine persons could expect from a musical standpoint. Prof. G. I. Holt, with his Dumas choral society, Prof. E. A. Moseley, with the A. M. E. church choir, were each at their best, and if we should be a judge it is hard to say who ever heard in the city, limbo or baggy of a high order, skitney and artistically rendered. Space will not permit but to mention a few of the best rendered. The trio by Johnson, Moseley and Hall, the contralto duet by Mesdames Coalsen and Birney, and a solo entitled "Bobolink," by Mrs. J. F. Blagburn, captivated the audience. "Swinging in the Grape Vine Swing," by Mrs. J. H. Shepard, was excellent; it caught the people. Solo by Prof. Holt, also solo by Mrs. Coalsen, and "Annie Laurie" by Mesdames Birney, Coalsen and J. F. Blagburn was fine. Each of the above pieces received encores. Several others were very good. We were sorry to see so few of our people out. They don't fully appreciate high grade music as we should.

We wonder if Mr. Bryan had his cross of gold at Denison?

Has any one heard from Fred White? Bryan could not find him when he was in the State. The state central committee promised the people that they would have him at Denison on last Saturday, but they could not find him. Where is the wanderer?

Mr. Bryan says that this prosperity is only spasmodic, and the rise in wheat and other products of the farm could have been advanced in price by free silver. He should tell the people of the good times in Mexico.

The old soldiers can never forget that William McKinley served in the ranks as a private soldier and carried a musket as they did. They are proud of their comrade, hero and President. Not only that they are equally proud of his noble wife, the first lady of the land, and their children.

Mr. Debs says: "The longer a man works the poorer he will get." When his party gets in to power he will have a law made to punish a man for working. He is a free trader and a free silverite.

Governor Drake was in the city on Tuesday to attend the meeting of the executive council. He is improving in health, but is far from being a well man.

Bryan stopped in Iowa long enough to tell Mr. White that the campaign can not be changed and that it must be free silver all the time.

Another new colored newspaper has reached our table, styled "The Republican Vindicator," published in Columbus, Ohio. Its first number is quite new and interesting. The Bystander hopes that it will continue to improve in usefulness.

Rev. F. Lomack of the "Iowa Baptist Standard" must be one of those ante-bellum day preachers, when he attacks the article of the "Observer" on the Negro race. We said then and now, that the Negro is a back number in the commercial pursuits of this country, and that representative men of our race with finance ought to do something to employ our girls and boys who are being turned out of school and colleges every year. Rev. Lomack must be one of those who are retrograding when he asks, "Where is the platform." We have Negroes who have a great deal of finance where they could help the race beneficially, but, instead, they put it to exchange in saloons and club rooms. Look out "Standard!" We will take it for granted you are a man of means and believe in our boys and girls returning to the cook kitchen and wash tubs.—The Kansas City Observer.

COLORED PERSS ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of the Northwestern Negro Press Association convened in Kansas City, Kansas, yesterday morning. All of the leading Negro papers printed in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa and Oklahoma were represented by their editors, among whom are some of the brightest colored men in the country.

A morning and afternoon session was held and in the evening the delegates were given a royal reception and banquet at Armour hall. The morning session was devoted principally to reading papers on various subjects and open discussions. One of the most interesting discussions that took place during the meeting was on "The Necessity of the Negro Press Organization." This question was thoroughly discussed by John L. Waller, ex-United States consul to Madagascar and editor of the American Citizen, of this city; Grant Lewis, editor of the Negro Advocate, of Kansas City, Mo.; Harry R. Graham, editor of the St. Joseph Mirror, and Rev. W. E. DeClaybrook, of this city. Alderman W. W. Morgan of Kansas City, Mo., was present at the morning session and delivered an encouraging to the colored editors. He spoke highly of the race and complimented the negro for the progress he has made since the bonds of slavery were removed.

The afternoon was taken up by discussions and the election of officers, the following officers being chosen for the ensuing year: President, E. H. Hackley, Denver; vice president, Judge G. N. Perkins, Guthrie, O. T.; second vice president, L. M. G. Spencer, Kansas City, Kansas; third vice president, T. W. H. Williams, Kansas City, Mo.; secretary, H. L. Dorsey, Parsons, Kansas; treasurer, J. L. Thompson, Des Moines, Ia.; chairman of the executive committee, G. F. Franklin, Omaha; assistant secretary, M. E. Ness, Kansas City, Missouri.—Kansas City Observer, of last week.

Half Rates to State Fair at Omaha,

Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold September 19 to 24 inclusive, limited to Sept. 25, at one fare for the round trip. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Ry.

Ex-Governor Altgeld's address delivered on Labor Day at Philadelphia, was more remarkable for what it did not contain than what it did. The fair inference is that he is not prepared at this advanced stage of prosperity of the country to say anything that would help the cause of free silver in 1900.

The Bystander does all kinds of Job printing. Give us a call.

NOTES FROM THE "HITWE CITY."

Monday was "labor day," and it was observed very elaborately here. In the morning there was a grand parade, in which thousands of men were marching, representing different trades. In the afternoon they retired to the parks where they enjoyed themselves until late in the evening.

There has been a colored stock company organized to go to the Klondike regions, they may start this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Johnson, of 2938 Dearborn street, gave a reception last evening (Thursday) in honor of E. W. Thompson, of Des Moines, Iowa. There was over sixty invitations issued and about forty responded, and all present said en masse, that Mr. and Mrs. J. were good entertainers.

Miss Gertrude Howard, of Indianapolis, Indiana, who has been visiting in our city the past month returned to her home this week.

The "Chicago Unions" are said to be the colored champion base ball club of America. They defeated the "Cuban's Giants" three times last week.

Miss Lizzie B. Noel of Minneapolis is the guest of Mrs. John Sweets, of 4996 State street.

Miss Nettie B. Miles will visit St. Louis, Missouri, some time this month.

Mrs. Maggie Taylor of Ottumwa, Iowa, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Peaterson of 3020 Dearborn street.

Mr. M. Bell expects to attend the Tuskegee Institute this fall.

Chas. Harding and Mr. Jones, former Des Moines boys are in the city. They may remain all fall.

It is expected that a large delegation will attend the A. M. E. conference which convenes at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, this month.

OSKALOOSA NEWS.

Peter Kings the popular tonsorial artist of Montezuma, was in the city Monday calling among his many friends and acquaintances.

Miss Londonderry who has been dangerously ill, caused by complication of diseases, is convalescing rapidly. She has been confined to her bed nearly two weeks.

Mayo and Earl Weeks of Ottumwa who have been guests of their uncle for a few days this week, have returned home.

Mrs. Jennie Jones is preparing a drama to be put on the boards in the near future. She will select her cast entirely from local talent, and will give a splendid entertainment. The title of the piece is "Strife."

Many of our people are planning to spend a day at the Great World's Industrial Fair at Muchakinock.

A number of our young men are thinking about starting an amusement club this winter. Ladies will be the principal members.

Muchakinock is trying to get a game of base ball out of Oskaloosa talents. Who will be the umpire?

The Afro-American Protective League meeting at Muchakinock the latter part of the month, is causing considerable discussion among those interested in the affair. There is every prospect of a hot time in that camp.

The "Donkey Social" at the A. M. E. church, Monday evening was very fairly attended considering the unusually hot weather. The plan of the evenings entertainment was like this: The drawing of a Donkey was pinned against the wall; he was a tailless animal, his caudal appendage having been extricated. A person is blindfolded and turned loose. The task is to pin the tail on the Donkey, and a prize is awarded those who come nearest to placing the tail where it belongs; one person is given a trial in the presence of all of the competitors. Some become so confused that they attach the tail to the opposite side of the room from that in which the drawing is placed. It affords unbounded amusement. Miss Davis of Keokuk won first prize, a handsome China cup. Geo. Taylor won second prize, a China moustach cup.

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MUCHAKINOCK NOTES.

Mrs. Lizzie Gains and her two children returned Friday last from Virginia where they had been visiting several weeks.

West Wood went to Ohio on business instead of Virginia as last reported.

The game of ball between the Evans and Muchy clubs was won by the latter—18 to 13.

Miss Lottie Burles returned Thursday to her home in Lexington, Mo., after an extended visit in our city.

Rev. T. L. Griffith and family were hurriedly called to Albia last week on account of his wife's brother, John Thomas, being shot. The bullet struck near the center of the forehead, but luckily glanced and did not enter the skull. The individual that did the shooting, claimed as a result of insanity.

Miss S. E. London of Albia, Mo., will leave the 13th to attend the State fair.

Mrs. Fielding Lewis is quite sick at this writing.

James Goins, the jovial shoemaker, will open a tonsorial parlor shortly.

No. 9 mine did not run Tuesday on account of the pump engine breaking.

Mrs. J. H. McDowell's pay school will commence Monday. All parents who desire their children to go to pay school will do well to send them to her, as her mode of teaching is excellent.

The grandest game of ball of the season was played Sunday between the Keb and Muchy clubs and was lost by the latter on account of careless playing. The same teams will play during our fair—16th, 17th and 19th.

ALBIA NEWS.

Little Willie Grayson is suffering from a severe cold received last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Snoddy, with their daughter Mattie, made a business trip over to Oskaloosa, Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Griffith, with young son Malehina and Miss Cora Thomas, of Muchakinock, were visitors at the parental home this week.

Mrs. Boals and son of Hiteman were in Albia on Saturday.

Mr. John Thomas, one of our young men, received a slight injury on last Tuesday from a riot among some young boys of the town. Just how it happened cannot be learned, but we are glad to report John is able to be about.

The Woman Suffrage Convention was held in Albia, Monday and Tuesday of this week. The convention was interesting and instructive. It consisted of speaking and essays. Rev. Mrs. Shaw spoke in the evening upon Woman Suffrage. She spoke of the Emancipation of the colored people; she was an able speaker and gave many good points upon the question.

Mrs. Marshall entertained at dinner Sunday, the following: Rev. White, Messrs. Grayson and Jones, Madam Pharis, Finks, Randolph and Jones.

Madam Tolson and Bartlett, and Miss Blanch Porter attended the camp meeting near Bussy, Sunday.

A number of our people contemplate attending quarterly meeting in Oskaloosa Sunday.

Miss Eliza Brown, one of our young ladies will leave Albia next week to attend High School at Clarinda. The young people will miss Eliza as she is always ready to take part in any of their enterprises.

A called meeting was held at the A. M. church, Tuesday evening to elect delegates to the Afro-American League to be held at Muchakinock, on the 21st and 22d of September. Mr. L. E. Franklin was elected president for the ensuing year and Miss May Davis, as secretary. The delegates and their alternates elected, were as follows: L. E. Franklin, U. S. Jones, H. Jones, A. B. Bartlett and Miss May Davis. Alternates: Mrs. A. Jones, Miss Della

Davis, Mrs. E. F. Butler, Mr. Burt Jones, and Miss Henrietta Jones.

The Monroe County Convention was held in Albia on Saturday, Sept. 4th. There was present six colored delegates, Messrs. L. E. Franklin, H. Jones, Randolph, Finks, Mines and Schoolfield.

Albia High School opened Monday morning with a large attendance in general. In the High School we have six colored students and about forty in the entire school.

DIAMOND IOWA.

Will you please allow a space in your paper for a few remarks.

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First and foremost woman is

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Second, because she is his wife; because without her he would be RUDE, rough and UNGODLY.

Because she can endure pain quietly and meet joy gladly; because she is patient with him in illness; endures his fretfulness; mothers him; because she teaches him the value of gentle words, of kindly thought and of consideration; because of her bosom he can shed tears of repentance and is never reminded of them afterwards; because she clings to a man through good and evil report, and always believe in him if she loves him; because where he is behaving like a fretful boy (and they all do you know, at times) with no reason in the world for it. Woman's soft word, touch or a glance will make him ashamed of himself, as he ought to be; because without her as an incentive he would grow lazy. There would be no work done, there would be no noble books written; there would be beautiful pictures painted; there would be no divine strains of melody; but this is the best reason of all—When the world had reached an unenviable state of wickedness the blessed task of bringing it a SAVIOUR for all mankind was entrusted to a woman—which was God's way of setting his seal of approval on her who is mother, wife and sweetheart, and therefore man's best friend.

J. A. GRAHAM.

The steamer Miranda went hunting for icebergs and found one somewhat in the manner of the historic man who hunted a bear and was sorry when he found him.

FRANKLIN SIMMONS, the American sculptor at Rome, has just finished and sent to the United States a statue of General Grant, which will be erected at the capitol at Washington.

The fact that the new Chinese plague microbe is said to originate in filth does not protect us. The cholera microbe prefers filth as an environment, but it does not hesitate to attack the most cleanly victims.

A BOA-CONSTRUCTOR which lives in the Adelaide zoological gardens, caught its fangs the other day in a rug. Being unable to disentangle itself, it proceeded to swallow the rug, which was seven feet by six in size.

