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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

CITY NEWS

Mrs. William Callender is quite sick at her home on Cherry street.

Mr. H. D. Woods who has been sick for the past week is able to be out again.

BORN.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Woods, a seven pound boy, mother and son are doing well.

Miss Cora Berry, after a pleasant sojourn in our city returned to her home in Keokuk, Missouri.

Miss Lizzie Reese left Thursday for her home in Oskaloosa for a short stay with her parents.

John L. Thompson of this office is on a tour through southern Iowa and northern Missouri.

Miss Mary Montague entertained a number of her friends last Thursday in honor of Mrs. Alma Hill and Miss Clara Whitfield of St. Joseph, Mo.

Miss Anna Smith formally from Muehakinok, passed through the city Thursday to Marshalltown to her future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coalson entertained Mrs. Hudlin, Mrs. C. F. Ruff, Misses Maud Williams, Carrie Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Young.

Mrs. Geo. Young left last Thursday for Indianapolis where she will join her husband and from there they will attend the county fairs in Albion and Ottumwa.

The H. K. S. Reading circle will meet with Mrs. Lizzie Palmer next Thursday afternoon. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. Harrison Gould returned home last Monday after an extended visit of several weeks in Iowa and Missouri with relatives and friends.

Miss Nora McKee returned to her home at Van Meter Monday after a very pleasant visit with Miss Mary Roy of 1223 Pleasant street.

Mr. William Hampton messenger for Judge Woolson of Federal Court is in Council Bluffs this week attending the session of the Federal Court.

Rev. Higgins who has been visiting his daughter Mrs. Lizzie Palmer returned to his new charge in Burlington Wednesday after a pleasant visit.

Mrs. J. H. Shepard entertained a number of young folks last Sunday afternoon. Rev. Underwood was the guest of honor.

All members of the P. L. D's are requested to meet at L. E. Williamson's office Monday evening. Business of importance. By order of President A. Pierson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Birney entertained at dinner last Sunday Mrs. Hudlin, Robt. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Young Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coalson and Mr. J. Slater.

Mrs. Wm. Buckner of Oskaloosa arrived in the city Wednesday to join her husband who preceded her here a few weeks. They intend to make their future home and have located at 762 10th street.

Mrs. E. T. Banks of 1046 Enos street entertained at six o'clock dinner Wednesday Mesdames Lewis Blagburn, C. S. Ruff, J. F. Blagburn, Julia Hudlin, Miss Carrie Owens and Mr. Robert Lewis.

We are in receipt of a beautiful invitation from the State University at Iowa City inviting us to be present at the inauguration of the Hon. George Edwin MacLean as President of that university, which will take place Friday evening September 29. A beautiful programme has been arranged for the occasion. The State University of Iowa is one of the leading institutions of the state.

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Moines.

The Silver Cross society will give a social and concert at St. Paul A. M. E. church Thursday the 28th.

The excursion under the auspices of the Lotus club to Shady Glen yesterday taken quite a number out to have a pleasant time on the beautiful picnic grounds. Some went prepared for hunting.

The Rev. A. S. Warlick lectured at the First African Baptist church last Tuesday evening and on Wednesday evening at the Baptist church on West Eleventh street. His subject was "The Needs of the Baptist Churches."

Visitors while in Omaha can find good rooms and board at reasonable rates, at Mrs. G. W. Blankenship No. 2301, 27th street. Take the 20th street car line at the depot and transfer at Lake street.

NOTICE.—There having been so many inquiries made of us for good girls from the leading families that a member of this company will undertake to secure good places for good girls. Wages from \$3.00 and upward. Address B. care of the Bystander.

Rev. James Higgins filled the pulpit at the A. M. E. church last Sunday morning his discourse was timely as well as interesting, the reverend belongs to that class of preachers who practice what they preach and his sermons always has good effect.

The wedding bells are to ring soon and before the Sep. 2nd week close the marriage knot will be tied, and the parties will be on their wedding tour. Chicago will be one of the places they will visit.

Miss Gertrude Neal Hawkins the phenomenal soprano singer, supported by a strong company of thirty-five good singers traveling with The Hotest Coon In Dixie, will appear at the Grand Opera house to night and tomorrow night with a matinee tomorrow afternoon.

According to the announcement in our last issue the Rev. Timothy Reeves preached his farewell sermon, at St. Paul's A. M. E. church on the eve of his departure. At an early hour the house was crowded and many were unable to get standing room. The sermon was very impressive. At the conclusion of the sermon and while the pastor was taking leave of his congregation, the scene was equally as impressive as his sermon. He has made for himself and the cause which he represents a host of friends.

ACCIDENT AT A MINE.

Mr. J. T. Hunter a miner who resides on East Locust street was seriously injured last Monday morning while working in the mine of the Des Moines coal and mining company at Marquetteville. Just how the accident occurred is not thoroughly understood, how the keg of powder was exploded whether from a spark from his lamp or from a match. His face, arms and chest were seriously and painfully burned, he presented a very frightful appearance, when first removed from the mine, his face being punctured with powder and his clothes almost entirely torn from his body. The physician regards his case quite serious but not fatal and with proper care he will recover he was removed to the Mercy Hospital.

Dr. Francis J. Peterson, the newly appointed pastor of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, will arrive in the city tomorrow and will preach his first sermon next Sunday. Dr. Peterson is considered by those who know him best to be one of the best educated ministers of the Iowa conference. The Doctor was stationed here several years ago, and he is said to his credit while here that he conducted one of the most successful revivals ever held in the city. Many of those who were members at that time will welcome him on his return to the church, and with a united effort on the part of each loyal member and the hearty support from the friends of the church they will easily maintain their standing as one of the leading churches of this conference.

United in marriage Thursday of this week Mr. Henry Vance to Mrs. Anna Scott both of east Des Moines. The most remarkable feature of this wedding is the age of the contracting parties. Mr. Vance is 73 years old and Mrs. Scott is 70, notwithstanding the advance age of both are very active. It is believed of the many old citizens that they are one of the oldest couples that have been married in Des Moines for a number of years. They will go at once to house keeping on Lyon St. The Rev. Holmes of Burn's Chapel officiated.

When in Muehakinok, Iowa stop at MRS. ADDIE JOHNSON'S RESTAURANT for good meals or short orders; also Ice Cream, Prompt attention given to all orders.

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AGENTS WANTED.—FOR "THE LIFE and Achievements of Admiral Dewey," the world's greatest naval hero. By Murat Halstead the lifelong friend and admirer of the nation's idol. Biggest and best book; over 500 pages, 8x10 inches; nearly 100 pages halftone illustrations. Only \$1.50. Enormous demand. Big commissions. Duff free. Chance of a life time. Write quick. The Dominion Company, 3rd Floor Daxton Bldg., Chicago.

Business failures in the United States, according to Bradstreet's, continue remarkable small. For the week ending September 7 they were only 123, against 131 last year, and 308 in the corresponding week of 1896, when Mr. Bryan was telling from rear platforms of the dire calamity in store for the country in case of the rejection of his free-silver proposition.

The money in circulation in the United States on September 1, was, according to the statements of the Treasury Department, \$25.41 per capita, against \$21.18 on July 1, 1896, just prior to the nomination of Mr. Bryan; yet Mr. Bryan and his associates, who are dictating the "principles" of the Democratic party, insist that free silver must remain the leading issue of the campaign of 1899 and 1900.

"The party which, by vicious leadership in 1861, was made to place itself across the path of freedom and progress, should take care not to follow the lead this year of men as lacking in sagacity as they are in patriotism. But we may take comfort in the reflection that no leaders can carry all their party into courses their judgement must condemn and their hearts reject. There are, than Good, many Democrats in Ohio, who do not desire the humiliation of their country nor the dishonor of their flag."—Secretary of State Hay in letter of Sept. 11, 1899.

The protective tariff does not seem to be so bad a thing after all. Democratic statesmen insisted, during the recent discussion in Congress, that it would reduce our foreign markets, yet we have gone on increasing our exports so that we are selling to the outside world a million dollars' worth of manufactures every day in the year, or twice as much as two years ago. To quote Secretary of State Hay, who from his position overlooking our commerce with the world, is especially able to speak with accuracy: "We have gone far toward solving the problem which has so long vexed the economists of the world—of raising wages and at the same time lowering the cost of production—something which no other people have accomplished in an equal degree. We pay the highest wages which are paid in the world. We sell our goods to such an advantage that we are beginning to furnish them to every quarter of the globe. We are building locomotives for railways in Europe, Asia, and Africa; our bridges can be built in America, ferried across the Atlantic, transported up the Nile, and flung across a river in the Soudan in less time than any European nation with a start of 4,000 miles can do the work. We sell ironware in Birmingham; carpets in Kidderminster; our bicycles distance all competitors on the continent, and Ohio send watch-cases to Geneva."

A Word to Mothers.

Mothers of children effected with croup or a severe cold need not hesitate to administer Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It contains no opiate nor narcotic in any form and may be given as confidently to the babe as to an adult. The great success that has attended its use in the treatment of croup and croup has won for it the approval and praise it has received throughout the United States and in many foreign islands. For sale by all Druggists.

MASSACRE AT CARTEVILLE.

The riot at Carterville, Ill., on last Sunday is another one of those cowardly attack upon a few helpless colored miners, notwithstanding the statement that was circulated by many of the leading newspapers that the colored men began the attack by shooting into a crowd of people. It looks almost impossible for intelligent people to accept such a statement of 12 or 15 colored men shooting into a crowd of white men and not a white man hurt. It is the same old way of trying to poison the minds of the people against the Negro. More than twenty lives have been sacrificed in attempting to work in the mines in Illinois during the past year, and about the same number wounded. At the time of the first out-rage Governor Tanner waited until the strikers had a chance to show the Negro of that locality that their lives were in danger if they tried to stay any longer and then he ordered out the troops to take charge of the town and the mines, during their stay peace and good order were maintained, but a few friends of these same strikers told the Governor that they would see that peace would continue if he would remove the troops. He did and so the massacre followed, and what has occurred is just what might have been expected, and what was intended on the part of those who made up the mob. It is to be hoped that the Governor will not listen to the entreaties of the same citizens and withdraw the troops from Carterville until peace and good order is fully restored. We have watched the actions of those who have the duty of protecting the lives and property and are fully satisfied that these colored miners have not had proper protection. It does not lie in the mouths of the American people to criticize the actions of the French people in the trial of Dreyfus while hundreds of colored citizens are being shot down and burned to the stake in the most brutal manner and nothing has been done in the way of bringing the guilty parties to justice, except as in this case and a few others where they have went through the formal process of a trial which does not and was not intended to reach the dignity of a court where justice prevail. Dreyfus had a trial. Out of hundreds of innocent colored men which have been disposed of by mobs and lynch law, not one have had a fair trial. We condemn the action of that mob as well as the action of the Governor and those in authority.

OBITUARY.

The many friends of J. H. Patterson of Stanberry, Mo., will learn with regret the death of his estimable wife, Marie Holmes Patterson, that occurred Monday, September 19th at 3:30 p. m. The deceased was a dutiful wife and an affectionate mother and a devoted christian. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. B. L. Thompson of the M. E. church at the residence, 7th and Alantush avenue, September 20th at 4 p. m., and was very impressive. The interment taken place at the High Ridge cemetery. There was a profusion of floral offerings from a large circle of friends. She leaves a husband and little daughter and a host of friends to mourn for her.

The thousands of employees of the great Southern Railway System, who are to be advanced the ten per cent, which was cut off from their wages during the 1895 Cleveland clammy period, are not likely to give much heed to the frantic appeals of the Democratic party.

Editor Bystander: I am indeed really surprised in regard to so many colored men who are so very wrongfully abusing the Hon. William McKinley, and even at the same time are clear sighted and intelligent men they cannot whatever give a just cause; thus for this doing so, and as myself who is true and faithful to the republican principle. I thus feel that it is my duty to say a few words which might be a benefit to these colored men who are now exercising very much the wrong idea in abusing Mr. McKinley for something which they know not. A good many colored men have said that Mr. McKinley is the blame for having allowed the Cuban war thus to become a bloody conflict with the American people and therefore they are not going to vote for him for President in 1900. They are

going to vote for W. J. Bryan. Well while it is true that this is a free country and that every man has a right to his own opinion. I consider that the idea and actions of these colored men are absolutely absurd, and I would most earnestly advise these colored men to pause for a moment thus inconsideration of the political bridge which has carried them safely over for the last 30 years and not be deceived and misled and be caught in a political snare.

JACOB HOWARD.

SIoux CITY ITEMS.

Rev. T. A. Clark of Des Moines has been assigned to Malone Chapel. He arrived Saturday and filled the pulpit Sunday, preaching two excellent sermons to a very fair audience, who expressed themselves as well pleased at their pastor. The reverend left for Des Moines Tuesday to make arrangements to bringing his family here.

Mr. Joseph Baker has arrived from Boston, Mass., where he has been stationed as a member of the Salvation Army, and will visit his mother for about two months.

Misses Salome Smith and Lettie Hurd of Yankton, S. D., are visiting friends in the city. The former returned Monday evening while the latter will be here a couple of weeks.

Much surprise was expressed when word was received that Rev. Fisher had been transferred. We sincerely hope that he will get a good change.

Miss Nina Thompson has returned from a week's visit at Canton, S. D.

Miss Myrtle Potter returned to her home at Atchison, Kansas Wednesday after a three weeks visit with her aunt Mrs. M. Thompson. Little Mary Thompson accompanied Miss Potter and will attend school at that place this winter.

Mr. R. Heins is still quite poorly. Mrs. Fisher and children will be in the city about a couple of weeks longer.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Rev. and Mrs. Rhinehart left for their new field of labor last week. Rev. Bass succeeded Rev. Rhinehart.

Owing to conflicting circumstances the celebration has been postponed until some other time.

Mrs. Geo. H. Wade was the happy recipient of a gold watch having been awarded her by a Chicago firm for acting as their agent for certain articles.

Mrs. Chas. Gable attended the conference at Chicago and reports a splendid time.

The Ladies Industrial Circle met last week with Mrs. Louise Perkins. Mrs. Jones after a pleasant visit with her niece, Mrs. Addie Perkins left Friday morning for her home in Des Moines.

Mesdames Fannie Hawkins, Addie Perkins, Jones and Mattie Wade attended the Carnival in Marion last Thursday evening.

The Sunday School board meets Thursday evening at the church. We are glad to note that O. B. Claire our ex-police man has accepted a position as janitor of the Tyler School.

Mr. Burrell returned home last week after an eight weeks absence on a business trip.

School has commenced with an increased attendance, out of about forty colored children in the schools and the following pupils in High School Misses Attie Price, Ella Martin and Nellen, Messrs Martin, Lewis and Searey. We trust they will stay in until they finish. Every one come out Sunday and hear Rev. Bass. The church should be crowded to the utmost capacity.

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OTTUMWA NEWS.

Rev. Searey was in the city last week visiting friends.

F. Winfrey left for his home at Mt. Pleasant to visit friends.

Mrs. Searey and children are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of South Ottumwa.

Rev. Peterson preach an excellent sermon at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening.

Rev. Alexander is our pastor for another year.

Mr. Hackley of Kansas City has opened a fine tenorial parlor on Main street consisting of five chairs.

Mr. Geo. Roberts of Muehakinok is in the city stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Downey on Jay street.

Mr. W. Terral of Oskaloosa was an Ottumwa visitor.

DAVENPORT REPORT.

Miss Estella Lyons of Galesburg Ill. was visiting in our city last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Bell and addressed Third Baptist Sunday School on the 17th street.

Misses Bell Hall and Mamie Taylor of Rock Island, Ill., has returned from a pleasant trip to Washington, Muehakinok and other cities in the State.

Rev. Smothers, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Mathews has returned from the association at Ft. Madison and report a good time.

It should be remembered in losing Rev. P. P. Taylor of the A. M. E. church lost a good honest and upright man and a noble speaker.

Tuesday night will be regular monthly meeting with Burska Lodge G. U. O. of O. F. and officers will be elected for

the last quarter in this year.

The Baptist denomination now has sixteen missionaries in Africa and Cuba and the Baptist educational board is educating six African boys and besides is helping struggling schools and colleges.

Remember just a few words from those who take the Bystander will cause others to subscribe then do your duty while it is day.

Mr. Applewhite of 106 Pleasant St. is some better then he was last week. The social given by the Second Baptist church Rock Island at Mrs. Taylor in South Sock Island was very nicely managed those who went from Davenport was J. F. Stewart and J. T. Mabry who went over on their bicycles.

Those who have not paid for their Bystander should remember it is time to pay up and end start in with the cold weather.

It has been along time since we have had a wedding but things seem somewhat favorable for one in the near future.

ALBIA NEWS.

Rev. R. H. Williamson returned to Albion Wednesday and visited a few days in the city then left Saturday afternoon for Muehakinok his appointment for this conference year.

There will be a social at the city hall on Saturday evening for the benefit of the A. M. E. church.

Lawyer Woodson of Muehakinok spent Sunday in the city.

Emancipation Celebration bills are out in the city for Sept. 22, all are cordially invited to attend. Good speaking and good music throughout the day and cake walk at night.

It is reported that Rev. Searey of Iowa City will be our minister for this conference year.

BURLINGTON BRIEFLETS.

Mrs. H. Arms and grandson Lee have returned from an extended visit at Hannibal and Quincy.

Mrs. Denney of Des Moines is the guest of Mrs. H. Cooper.

Mr. Walter Young of Portland Oregon is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. H. Woodard of Keokuk was a visitor in the city Tuesday.

Rev. Higgins and wife arrived here this week.

[Last Week's Correspondence.]

Mrs. Ellen Williams is visiting relatives in Chicago.

Mrs. H. Tyler is quite sick.

Among those who attend the association at Ft. Madison was Mr. and Mrs. Tiggs, Mesdames Kinney Edwards, Brooks and Misses Wilson and Morris.

Rev. Bell of Des Moines preached at the Baptist church Tuesday night.

Mr. T. J. DeCullen passed through Burlington Saturday enroute for Quincy, Ill.

Mrs. D. Joyce of St. Paul Minn. is the guest of Mrs. King on West Ave.

IOWA CITY BRIEFLETS.

Mrs. Bertha Doran returned to her home in Muscatine after a two weeks visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. J. L. Dameron and daughter Miss Helen are visiting relatives and friends in Muscatine.

Ben Berry and family of Ottumwa are moving here this week. Mr. Berry and son will run a barber shop on Dubuque.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Wright have returned to Iowa City. Mr. Wright will resume his study of law at S. U. I.

Mr. Edward A. Carter of Muehakinok who graduates from the Oskaloosa high school with honors last June has entered the collegiate department of S. U. I. He is a very deserving young man and we welcome him to our city.

Mrs. H. R. Wright spent Sunday in Muscatine the guest of her father Mr. Gomer.

Miss Marguerite Mason returned from a very pleasant visit in Muehakinok Monday evening.

Rev. Porter returned from Chicago, where he has been attending conference Tuesday evening. He reports a very pleasant and successful session. He will pastorate the Duluth, Minn., church this year, we regret losing him but our loss will be Duluth's gain.

Mr. Washington of Boston, Mass is in our city.

Mrs. Jesse Belle of Rock Island, Ill., is visiting in the city the guest of her mother Mrs. C. Bell on College street.

Mr. Thompson of Wapello Iowa has returned to S. U. I. after a three months vacation.

Miss Ora Brown has gone to Grinnell for an extended stay.

MARSHALLTOWN.

Presiding Elder Boyd and wife arrived in the city Saturday afternoon, he preached an excellent sermon Sunday.

Wm. Morgan has returned from St. Paul.

Mrs. Wheeler is quite well again.

There was quite a heated discussion at the Men's Meeting Sunday on the Temperance question.

Agnes Waldon will read a paper at the Men's Meeting Sunday.

Your correspondent must have got close to some one on the whiskey question the way they spoke at the Men's Meeting Sunday.

Every one should take the Bystander and keep up with the times.

Mrs. R. J. Wright has returned home.

KNOXVILLE NOTES.

Mrs. Emma Watson is visiting Mrs. W. P. Byrd.

Mrs. Francis Tomlin and children returned home from Huntville, Mo. Saturday.

Myrtle Cooper will leave Tuesday for Cedar Rapids to pursue her school studies.

Mrs. W. P. Byrd was taken very ill last Monday but is better at this writing.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Byrd intends to stay in Manila another year.

Miss Hallie Byrd will attend the Oskaloosa fair one day next week.

MUEHAKINOK NEWS.

Edward Carter left for Iowa City last week, to enter the State University.

Word has already been received from him to the effect that he is permanently located and has entered the collegiate department.

Rev. J. H. Williamson preached his initial sermon as pastor of the A. M. E. church of our city Sunday.

Rev. William Williams our former pastor has been appointed to Oskaloosa.

Mesdames Brooks and Garnett of Clarksville, Tenn. left on last Wednesday evening for their home via St. Louis.

Father Nelson Carr and wife, entertained at breakfast Friday morning. Messrs. Kennedy, Cooper, Woodson and Brown.

On last Wednesday evening occurred the marriage of Miss Neale Jones to Mr. Payton Reeves at the U. V. B. Baptist church.

Rev. T. L. Griffith officiating. After the ceremony a very pleasant reception was given at the residence of the bride's parents and some handsome presents received.

Sunday will be Rev. Griffith's last Sabbath as pastor of the U. V. B. church as he leaves the following week for his new field of labor in Richmond Va.

Attorney Geo. H. Woodson left Saturday evening on a business trip of several days duration in Monroe County.

Subscribe for the Bystander and get the news.

We are in receipt of a copy of the Vindicator, a students' publication of the State University in which we are pleased to note the name Muehakinok opposite that of Edward A. Carter. This is the first time that our city has ever been represented by a student at the State University. Let us see to it that it is not the last.

Miss Cora Thomas is preparing quite an elaborate musical piece which she expects to render early in next month, and prior to her departure for the East with her sister Mrs. T. L. Griffith. It may be expected that she will maintain her previously well merited reputation along that line in this last effort in our midst.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Mrs. Wesley Perkins and children of Farmington Iowa are visiting in the city at the home of her husband's uncle, Mr. H. Mosely.

Mrs. J. Burkes and her sister Miss Cora Owens have returned from a pleasant three weeks visit with relatives in Clarence Mo. and Quincy Ill.

Mrs. C. V. Dyer of Dyerville California is visiting her son Mr. Fred Knight.

Mrs. Blakes of Denmark Iowa is visiting her sister Mrs. M. White.

Our new pastor Rev. Rhinehart and wife have arrived in the city to begin on their new work. We hope they will be greatly blessed while here and that the church will grow steadily in grace.

Miss Edith Arbuckle of Ottumwa is visiting at home.

Rev. Peterson and wife have been sent to Des Moines this year.

Mrs. M. Mosely has had another bad spell.

SPAIN WILL NOT PAY.

She Wants the United States to Pay the Cuban Debt.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Washington says: The decision of the Spanish cabinet that the interest of the Cuban bonds must be paid by the Cuban government is virtually an announcement that Spain will not pay the interest and that the bonds are valueless. Involved in this announcement is the condition that there may be an attempt to entangle congress in a discussion of the responsibility of the United States government for the interest during the American occupation of the island. The action of the Spanish cabinet was referred to the state department, from which the following authoritative statement was obtained:

"The United States commissioners, at Paris, never at any time or in any degree agreed that the United States should become responsible for Spain's Cuban debt. There never was any understanding that any other party should be responsible for that debt than Spain herself. The reason the United States did not assume the debt, or any part of it, was that the debt was incurred almost wholly by Spain to crush the several insurrections. The United States might have assumed to guarantee this debt if the funds named had been expended in internal improvements in Cuba. This government, as is well known, consented to pay Spain \$20,000,000 in the case of the Philippine islands, solely on the ground that approximately that sum had been expended by Spain in improvement. The United States has assumed no obligations for and has no interest whatever in the declarations of the Spanish cabinet on debt of Spain or how they shall be paid. The present declaration looks like a repudiation of the debt, principal and interest."

The state department argues that when Spain relinquished her sovereignty in Cuba she relieved that island of debts contracted to keep her in bondage. This construction, it is held, is affirmed in the notes which passed between the two disputing commissions when the treaty was under discussion in Paris.

SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION.

Hostilities May Be Declared by the End of Another Week.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Despite all outward show of calm, Great Britain is in practically the same condition today as was the United States a few weeks before the opening of the war with Spain. Beneath the crust of diplomatic reserve the military officials are working night and day, preparing for the signal to begin hostilities, whether that comes or not. England is not going to be caught napping any more than the Transvaal. While Lord Salisbury is quietly at home in Hatfield house, Mr. Chamberlain is buried in work at the colonial office, and dock yards are straining every nerve to equip and transport troops to the Cape.

SLOW WATCH CAUSES A WRECK

Four Killed and Four Injured in a Collision Near Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 22.—Four men were killed and four others severely injured, one fatally, by a collision between passenger and freight trains on the St. Louis & San Francisco road at a sharp curve fifteen miles from here Wednesday morning. It developed that Freight Conductor Brownell's watch was thirteen minutes slow, causing the accident. All the victims but one were trainmen, the passengers being only badly shaken up. The names of the dead follow:

HARELSON, —, freight brakeman, Clinton, Mo.

REDDICK, B. F., freight engineer, Springfield, Mo.

RIDER, CHARLES, passenger fireman, Springfield.

UNKNOWN TRAMP.

The injured are:

Hallett, J. W., freight fireman, Springfield; legs injured and cut over eye.

Halleck, L. P., postal clerk, Springfield; head cut and bruised.

Lakes, Fred W., passenger engineer, Springfield; leg crushed, throat cut and body badly scalded; will die.

Saith, Fred A., express messenger, Springfield; head bruised, and hands and arms scalded.

U. S. Patent Office Business.

DES MOINES, Sept. 19.—In the list of 397 patents issued this week were for Iowa inventors: 3 for Nebraska; 11 for Minnesota; 5 for Kansas; 16 for Missouri; 37 for Illinois; 29 for New York.

Patents have been allowed our clients but not yet issued as follows: To J. M. Callender, of Des Moines, for a cabinet for holding and displaying packages. A hinged glass covered front is provided with vertically arranged compartments for packages such as apples. The lower one of any column of these packages may be removed without opening the cabinet.

To H. Willis, of Des Moines, for a separable collar button and necktie holder specially adapted to facilitate securing collars to shirts and maintaining neckties in proper position relative thereto as required to prevent the amputations incident to neckties becoming loose and displaced on the wearers neck.

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Expect poison from the standing water.

Without contraries is not progression.

To create a little flower is the labor of ages.

What is now proved was once only imagined.

He who desires but acts not breeds pestilence.

Listen to the fool's reproach. It is a kindly title.

If others had not been foolish we should be so.

Eternity is in love with the productions of time.

No bird soars too high, if he soars with his own wings.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

IOWA INSTITUTIONS GOOD.

With Those of Other States They Compare Favorably.

DES MOINES, Sept. 21.—The board of control and superintendents of Iowa state institutions held a session at the capitol. Most of the time was devoted to receiving the report of Judge Kinn and Superintendent Cass, of Davenport, on their recent trip in the east. They visited half a hundred of the best institutions in the country, and their report was a most flattering one to the managers of Iowa's institutions. They declare that Iowa's establishments compare well with those of any other state in the country. The committee was decidedly of the opinion that the Iowa plan of employing the labor of inmates is preferable to that now in vogue in most of the eastern states. The report of the committee was decidedly in favor of continuing the plan of manufacturing for sale in the open markets. It is pointed out that economically there is no difference between this and the plan of exchanging products among institutions; that there is no benefit in the wasting of labor, when the community by taxes must pay for the support of people who are not allowed to help pay their own expenses. Superintendent Cass read a paper on cold storage at institutions. He insisted that every institution ought to have a plant of this kind, and that the ammonia process, though more expensive, is the best in results and in the end the most economical. None of the Iowa institutions have this process at present, but use the old plan of putting up ice.

FAMILY FEUD AT CENTERVILLE

Farm Home of J. M. Wales, Near That Place, Burned.

CENTERVILLE, Sept. 19.—While Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wales were away from home their house and its contents were destroyed by fire. It is supposed to be another result of the famous Wales-Wakefield feud. Indignation runs high and more trouble is feared. The trouble began less than three years ago, and since then two of the Wales' residences have been burned and the product of grain and hay on one of the farms destroyed by fire, all of which was doubtless the work of an incendiary. There have been half a dozen hand-to-hand encounters and three shootings, in which blood flowed each time. Other neighbors are beginning to take sides and a reign of terror prevails in that neighborhood, more difficult being expected every day.

SHAW SENDS GREETING.

The Governor Wishes the Iowa Boys a Happy Voyage.

DES MOINES, Sept. 21.—Governor L. M. Shaw sent yesterday the greetings of the state of Iowa to the officers and members of the Fifty-first Iowa, who sail to-day on their 7,000-mile journey for home. The governor felt that it was his duty to let the boys know that the prayers of the citizens of the state were being offered up to them for their safe return to the land which they had so nobly honored in battle and in camp. The message read as follows: "Col. Loper, Manila, P. I.—Greeting to officers and men. The prayers of the state you have honored for propitious voyage and safe return. SHAW."

FATAL CROSSING ACCIDENT.

Three Killed and Another Will Die Near Albia.

ALBIA, Sept. 22.—While Jasper Beebe, son, daughter and two grandchildren were crossing the C. B. & Q. railroad tracks four miles east of Albia, a passenger train crashed into the vehicle. The following are dead: Jasper Beebe, aged 57 years; Mrs. Effie Johnson, a daughter, aged 31 years; George Beebe, a son, aged 7 years; Gertrude Johnson, a grandchild, aged 2 years, is fatally injured and will die.

Need 1,000 Serrano Girls.

DES MOINES, Sept. 20.—"At least 1,000 serrano girls are needed in Des Moines," said a North Des Moines man to a reporter. "It is practically impossible to get girls. There are twelve families in my immediate neighborhood who have been trying to hire some one to do this work for weeks and some for months. I believe that 1,000 girls could get steady work at good wages."

Steel Contracts Signed.

DES MOINES, Sept. 21.—Nine contracts for raising sugar beets have been sent in to D. B. Lyons, from Albert Stoll, the agent at Mount Pleasant, and many more are in sight there. These agents secure contracts from farmers to raise or cultivate from five to fifty acres of beets, and the company will see that the crop is all marketed; in fact, it agrees to buy all the beets raised, so the farmers will not lose a cent.

Hold Attempt at Robbery.

CLINTON, Sept. 20.—Three men attempted to hold up William Croake in his saloon. One went behind the bar and leveled a pistol at Croake and ordered him to throw his hands up. Croake opened fire on the man and a lively fusillade followed, during which the men escaped from the building and were lost under cover of darkness. Croake escaped unhurt.

Col. Loper Cables.

DES MOINES, Sept. 20.—Gov. Shaw has received a cablegram from Colonel Loper, of the Fifty-first Iowa, as follows: "The Fifty-first Iowa will sail on Thursday this week on board the transport 'Senator' for San Francisco."

Dr. Aborn Dead.

DES MOINES, Sept. 19.—Dr. E. S. Aborn, an old resident of this city, died suddenly in his office, in San Francisco, on the 9th. The news of his death did not reach Des Moines until yesterday. It is stated that the doctor was stricken with heart disease.

A Big Church Fire.

BURLINGTON, Sept. 21.—The First Congregational church was damaged to the extent of \$60,000 by fire yesterday. It is fully insured.

Killed by the Cars.

CLINTON, Sept. 20.—Martin Sheridan was killed by a car at Delmar. He was working on the track and stepped in front of the train. He was 50 years old.

A RECRUIT KILLED.

Ralph Lloyd Meets His Death On An Iowa Central Train.

MARSHALLTOWN, Sept. 20.—Four recruits for the Forty-fourth United States volunteers boarded passenger train No. 2, Iowa Central, at Rockwell, on their way to Fort Leavenworth. At a bridge across the Iowa river, a mile south of Union, three of them were standing on the steps of the coach, when one of them, Ralph Lloyd, was either knocked off by contact with a bridge, or as seems more probable in jerking back quickly in response to call of danger from one of the other boys, lost his footing and slipped off, going through the bridge to the river below, and was killed.

Shooting Affray at Fraser.

BOONE, Sept. 21.—A shooting affray occurred, at Fraser, which will probably result in the death of Alfred Phelon. Luther Davidson, who did the shooting, has been arrested and placed in jail at Boone. The affair grew out of the labor troubles at the mines. Phelon met Davidson and greeted him with the cry of "seab." Davidson drew his revolver, and in the excitement of the moment, fired, with the above result.

Heavy Damage Suit.

DURQUE, Sept. 22.—Mrs. Mary Bachus has commenced suit against the Chicago Great Western railway company for the recovery of \$10,000, which she claims is due her for the death of her husband, who was killed last year while coupling cars at Stanley. The petition alleges that the company is responsible for the death of Mr. Bachus because of carelessness in allowing cars to be loaded with lumber that projected over the ends.

Baby Scalded to Death.

LATIMER, Sept. 22.—A fatal accident occurred at the home of Charles Thompson, a farmer living five miles southwest of Latimer. Their youngest daughter, 2 years old, was playing around a washing machine, which was filled with boiling water, when in some manner the stopper gave away and the hot water poured onto the face and upper portion of the little one's body.

Foully Indicted.

WATERLOO, Sept. 22.—The grand jury has returned true bills against Lorenzo Foulk, of LaPorte City, who has been in the county jail for some time on the charge of trying to burn the city jail in LaPorte City while he was a prisoner therein. One indictment against him is for malicious injury and destruction of property, and the other with "settling fire with intent to burn a building."

Gen. Prime Gets Appointment.

DES MOINES, Sept. 21.—Gen. John R. Prime, formerly of Des Moines, but now of Chicago, has received and accepted an appointment as major of the Forty-second volunteer infantry now being recruited at Fort Niagara, N. Y. He expects to proceed to that place in about a week.

Winslow Held to the Grand Jury.

DES MOINES, Sept. 22.—The hearing in the case of the state vs. William Winslow, charged with the murder of Edward Tilton on the night of September 6, has been concluded. Winslow's case goes to the grand jury.

BRIEFITIES.

Glen Fox and Charles Williams, aged 10 and 12 years, sons of respectable families at Mt. Aetna, were arrested a few days ago by Deputy United States Marshal McNutt and taken to Council Bluffs, charged with burglarizing the Mt. Aetna postoffice ten days ago.

At Cedar Rapids recently, in the case of G. R. Payne against the Illinois Central, in the federal court, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant, after being out twelve hours. Payne was stealing a ride and lost a leg and an arm by getting under the wheels, at Tara Junction. He claimed that he was knocked off by a brakeman, and sued for \$50,000.

It is stated that Adjutant General Ryers has announced that the transportation arrangements for the delivery of the Fifty-first regiment will be made from San Francisco to Council Bluffs and that the break up of the regiment will be from Council Bluffs. In consequence, Council Bluffs is arranging for the only reception to be given the regiment in Iowa.

Mrs. B. F. Birchfield, a widow, of Des Moines, was recently fatally burned while lighting a gasoline stove on which to prepare supper. The gasoline did not explode. It is supposed that in turning it on she let too much of it into the burner before applying a light, and when the light was applied it caused a blaze which enveloped Mrs. Birchfield, setting her clothing on fire and resulting in injuries which caused her death two hours later.

Audubon dispatch: The decree in the case of W. H. Shipman, D. L. Harris et al., against J. J. Wieland, tried before Judge Macy, August 25, has been received. The question involved in the action of the board of county commissioners in refusing to allow 100 signers of a mule saloon petition to withdraw their names therefrom after the board of supervisors commenced the canvass, but before final action, Judge Macy held that a signer had the right to withdraw his name from the petition until final action, and reversed the action of the county commissioners. The withdrawal of the names reduced the petition below the required per cent. The effect of this will be to close every saloon in Audubon county.

Des Moines dispatch: The coroner's jury investigating the recent wreck, on the Rock Island near Iowa City, where two railroad men and two tramps were killed and property valued at \$100,000 was destroyed, has found dispatcher John Jones, of Des Moines, guilty of criminal carelessness in causing the wreck. The train crews were exculpated of all guilt, as they were proved to be running according to orders. Jones and his wife have disappeared. The coroner's jury tried to locate him, but failed. Jones has been in the employ of the Rock Island for fifteen years, and has been counted one of the most steady and reliable dispatchers on the road. The officials admit he has disappeared, but declare it is not through fear and that he will return.



CHAPTER V.—(Continued.)

It was Miss Branscombe. The hood of her light mantle was drawn over her head and face, and as she came swiftly on, with downcast head, she was unconscious of my presence until she almost touched me. At the first recognition she gave a little cry and started back, the next instant she had recovered herself, and something of the womanly dignity which I had admired in her at our first meeting returned to her bearing. She made no apology or excuse for her presence there on such a night and at such an hour; she merely bowed her head with a murmured "Thank you." As I threw open the door and stood back for her to precede me into the hall. She did not, as I half expected, try to excuse me, or account for her late walk, but with another bow she passed on and up the wide staircase. The light from a hanging lamp fell upon her face as she turned to mount the steps, and I saw that her eyes were swollen with tears and her cheeks deadly pale. She held tightly by the carved oak balustrade too as she went slowly up and out of my sight.

"And so," I said to myself, as, haunted by a spirit of unrest, I paced the floor of my room long after midnight—"so dies the last lingering remnant of my faith in womanhood." But it was dying hard; it was hydra-headed, apparently, and sprang into fresh life as fast as I set my heel upon the last quivering fragment; and at last, when I sought my bed, I knew that neither my faith, nor a mad love, as wild and impossible as the love of the wave for the star, was dead within me. I had found a hundred excuses, a hundred reasons, which left Nona Branscombe my pure sweet ideal still; and withal, I was the most unhappy man in the United Kingdom. Had Miss Branscombe been the penurious girl her friends and neighbors had prematurely declared her to be, there

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would have been neither presumption nor madness in the passion which had taken possession of me, for I was well-taken prospects were good, and I could have entered the lists fearlessly against all comers. But Miss Branscombe, the heiress, the owner of fifteen thousand a year, was separated from me by a barrier which I recognized as insurmountable. I groaned in spirit as I remembered that my own hand had helped to raise the barrier.

And then I fell into a short troubled slumber, just as the restless twittering of the little birds beneath my window told that the day was breaking.

CHAPTER VI.

Early as it was when I descended to the breakfast room that morning, Miss Elmslie was already down and in deep and anxious conference with the rector. They ceased speaking as I entered, and Mr. Heathcote came forward to greet me.

"I am sorry you are leaving Forest Lea this morning," he said, as Miss Elmslie bustled herself with the tea-tray. "These ladies need—er—in fact, some member of our sex sadly just now. I wish you could have remained."

"You are on the spot," I suggested, fighting with an impulse which tempted me to forget my duty alike to my firm and to myself, and to linger in the sunshine which could only scorch me.

"On the spot, yes; but not in the house," Mr. Heathcote answered gravely, accepting the cup of tea which Miss Elmslie offered him. "You are singularly destitute of male relatives, Miss Elmslie?" he added, addressing her.

"Yes," she sighed; "there is absolutely no one. The dear colonel represented our whole family, excepting—"

"Yes, yes!" interrupted the rector, hastily. "You are entirely unprotected, unfortunately. I wish it had been possible for Mr. Fort to remain with you until after the funeral; but it is a point I can hardly press, as he has been good enough to give us already so much of his valuable time."

"We should indeed be glad," said Miss Elmslie, looking appealingly at me.

So I was impelled by the irresistible force of fate into the current which could only bear me to disastrous shipwreck. "I could return," I said, answering the appeal of Miss Elmslie. And oh, what a rush of dangerous joy thrilled through my veins at the thought of

narrow escape she had made of missing the train, sprang lightly in and deposited herself in the vacant place by my side.

It had all happened so suddenly—my head had been turned away at the moment of the lady's appearance—that I had only time to draw my somewhat long limbs out of her path, and none to catch a glimpse of my new neighbor before she was seated next to me.

"Allow me," I said then, offering to relieve her of the small bag and large loose cloak which she held on her knees. "There is room for these here"—indicating the opposite seat, on which my own impedimenta reposed.

She thanked me with a bow and a few murmured indistinct words; and, as I took the two articles from her hands, I caught a glimpse of her face. It was covered with a thick gray gauze veil, such as ladies use at the seaside or for driving in the country; but the lovely hair that had escaped from beneath the large shady hat, and something in the whole bearing startled me with a wild impossible idea. Had I gone mad, or was the image of Nona Branscombe so imprinted on the retina of my eye that to me every woman must bear her likeness?

I darted another swift keen glance at my neighbor as I resettled myself in my place.

"They will be quite safe there," I said, pointing to her possessions, and then I stopped, breathless. It was no fond illusion of my love-sick fancy. It was Nona herself! The large limpid eyes, which even the thick gauze veil could not hide, looked into mine for an instant with a warning deprecating expression. The graceful head moved with the scantiest, most distant acknowledgment of any courtesy, and then turned resolutely away. Evidently Miss Branscombe did not choose to recognize me further.

I sat for the next ten minutes stunned and bewildered, watching the meadows and trees as they flew by in endless succession, and trying to steady my mind sufficiently to grasp the situation. Miss Branscombe here alone, unattended—she who had hitherto led such a carefully protected life—traveling alone; and whither? I was certain that neither the rector nor Miss Elmslie had known of her projected journey—the morning's conversation quite precluded the idea. How had she reached the station without being seen by us—the rector or myself?

(To be continued.)

EDUCATING SILKWORKERS.

Means Taken to Make Them Do Beautiful and Perfect Work.

In a pamphlet on agriculture, recently issued by the state department, United States Consul Brunot, at St. Etienne, gives an interesting account of the French method of cultivating silk worms, says the Manufacturer. He says: "The term 'education' comprises all the care bestowed on the silk worms from the moment they are hatched to the completion of the cocoons. The life of the insect is divided into five periods, or ages, of five or six days' duration for the first three or four, while the fifth is from ten to eleven days, each period being marked by a molt. Six light repasts are given each day during the first two periods—the first in the early morning and the last late at night—while four abundant meals are considered sufficient for the two following periods, increased to six in the fifth period. The French cultivators believe that the number of repasts is important for the quality of the silk. About 1,600 pounds of leaves are necessary for 5,000 silk worms produced from one ounce of grain. The 'education' lasts from twenty-eight to thirty-two days, but many silk-worm raisers cut this period short two or three days by maintaining an increased temperature of between 63 and 77 degrees Fahrenheit. The person entrusted with the care of the worms is obliged to remain in the room night and day, so great is the degree of impressionability of the insect. A storm, a gust of wind, a sudden lowering of the temperature, a repast given with dew-dampened leaves or some other apparently trifling accident, would be sufficient to destroy in one moment the most brilliant expectations. In order to prevent overcrowding by the worms, the custom is to lay on them sheets of clean paper perforated with a series of holes corresponding to the size of the insects, the food being placed on top of the paper. The worms pass through the holes and climb up on the leaves. When a sufficient number is collected in this way the paper is removed to one of the vacant shelves. The same operation is begun again and repeated until all the worms have been removed from the place they first occupied, when the shelves are cleaned of the debris. The latter operation is also repeated after each molting period. About the sixth day of the fifth or last period the attendant commences to line the spaces between the shelves with twigs of briar, broom or oak, placing them in an upright position at a distance of about a foot apart, and disposed in the form of an arch or a vine trellis. On the ninth day the silk worms climb up these branches in large numbers and choose a place for spinning their cocoons, which they complete in four days. The cocoons are collected the seventh day after the worms have climbed the briars. In order to be certain that they have finished their work and have undergone the transformation into chrysalids, a few cocoons are taken up in the hands and shaken. If a shock is felt the chrysalids are formed and the branches are removed. The following day the loose silk is taken from the cocoons, an operation styled here 'debavage.' The cocoons are then ready for market. The maximum amount of cocoons which one ounce of grain, comprising 5,000 worms, furnishes, is 130 pounds, but a return of 80 pounds is considered very satisfactory. From 625 to 1,100 cocoons are required to make one pound of silk. The total amount of cocoons produced annually in France is about 20,000,000 pounds.

For several years the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal church has furnished aid for the erection of two churches a day.

Evidently Crooked. "There was a queer thing about that prize fight last night."

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