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IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

CITY NEWS.

Wm. Walker spent last Wednesday at Cliva.

RAY & HARKINS, 1007 Center St. is the best place to buy coal.

Winter is here, and from all appearances will stay a few days.

It is reported that there will be several visitors here during the holidays.

Miss Della Richardson who is sick at her home is a little better also her mother.

Read Younker Bros Ad., in this issue and take the advantage of their special sales in all lines.

Every one should get the holiday number of the Bystander and send it to their friends.

Our holiday number will be the largest and best Negro paper ever published in the state.

NOTICE TO OUR AGENTS—Please send your items in for the holiday week not later than Tuesday December 19.

Geo. Logan who has been visiting his relatives in Savannah, Mo., during his vacation is expected to return home this week.

Mrs. G. W. Wells is expecting a young lady from Missouri to spend the holidays with her.

Mr. McClain's two little sons are door keepers at the Younker's department store during the holidays.

Those who have local news for our next week's issue, please send them in Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mr. W. H. Birney has been sick and is confined to his bed, but at the last report he is a little better.

"Bell" the noted Iowa prize fighter from Marshalltown is in our city this week stopping at Mrs. Hall's Boarding house.

Younker Bros has the largest, best and cheapest stock to select Christmas presents from.

Correspondents, remember that your articles must reach our office by Tuesday evening, as we will go to press Wednesday or Thursday.

Miss Anna Logan received a box from her parents in New Bloomfield, Mo., which contain a nice large turkey and a ham, Sunday was her birthday.

Mrs. A. Forbes who has been quite sick for the past two weeks is not much better, she will leave this week for her old home in Keokuk, Mo., her sister-in-law will accompany her.

The United States Senatorial contest is waging quite warm in Iowa there are only two candidates and each one settled on a candidate for speaker of the house which if they can elect speaker will organize the house.

The Sunday's Men meeting was well attended last Sunday. The paper which was read by J. L. Thompson on the history and life of Judge D. Augustus Straker of Detroit was much discussed. Next Sunday there will be a paper on the life of Robt. Small by C. B. Woods. Address by Rev. F. J. Peterson, then a discussion of a question.

Wesley Fields who operates the elevator in the Marquardt block met with what might have been a very serious accident if presence of mind had not been used. The elevator caught power valve gave out when it was on the third floor and started to fall at a terrific speed. Held by the cable so tightly that it broke the cable but the flesh was not hurt.

The Younker's large department store looks like some art palace or national Bazaar this week.

Our holiday number of the Bystander will only be five cents a copy please send in your orders at once.

Xmas candles 15 cents to 75 cents a pound at Gus Rehkopf, druggist four doors North of waiting room.

GRAND MUSICAL

entertainment at Burn's M. E. church 218 Des Moines street, Thursday Dec 21st. Some of the leading talent in the city will take part. Admission 10 cents.

Blotchy Bros., is the place to get holiday goods.

The A. M. E. Sunday school will have their Christmas tree on Christmas evening, they will also present a musical and a literary programme before the presents are distributed.

Dr. Peterson will preach a special sermon to the young men next Sunday evening and everyone should hear what this learned divine has to say to the young men.

The best Xmas present for us that we can think of is for each colored man and lady to send us \$1.00 for the Bystander and also for us to receive the back subscription due the Bystander.

Buy your friends nice gloves for a Christmas present at Cornie glove sale.

Get your winter coal at 1007 Center street. Iowa Phone 255.

WANTED—Competent colored girl for general housework one that can come well recommended. Call at 1531 Eleventh 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.

Moershell's is offering special bargains in holiday goods see his Ad.

The wedding invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Daise Ambros Hannan, to John R. Lemme both are of Rock Island Illinois, Dec. 25th. Miss Hannan is well known in the social circle here.

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

Subscribe for the Bystander while it is only \$1.00 per year.

BYSTANDER HOLIDAY RATES. From now until January 1, 1900 we will send the Bystander to any address in America or Canada for only one dollar (\$1.00) the entire year. Remember the money must accompany the order, nor do we give any commission on these rates to agents.

The H. B. S. met with Mrs. L. J. Lewis last Thursday, after a short programme the hostess served lunch.

The H. B. S. will meet with Mrs. Newton Dec. 21. The following programme will be rendered: Quotations from Chas. Dickens; Pickwick Papers, Mrs. Biagburn; Music, Mrs. Denney, Current Events, Mrs. Wilburn; Reading from Dickens, Mrs. Hamilton, Progress of the Race, Mrs. Banks; History, Mrs. Lewis; Oriole, Mesdames Lewis and Wilburn; Lecture.

NEW DISCOVERY. O. K.

Danduff Cure and Hair Renewer. It will positively turn gray hair back to original color. Price 50 cents per bottle. I also keep the Burnett's Pile Cure, a great wonder, price 50 cents. G. W. BLACK, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

WANTED—SEVERAL BRIGHT AND honest persons to represent us as Managers in this and close by counties. Salary \$6.00 a year and expenses. Straight bona fide, no more no less salary. Position permanent. Our references, any bank in any town. It is mainly office work conducted at home. References. Can be self-addressed stamped envelope. The DOMINION COMPANY, Dept. 3, CHICAGO.

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Cures all diseases, mental and nervous trouble, laches pains and swelling. Restored sight. Write for book, sent free. Worth its weight in gold.

Summary of Mileage of the Chicago & North-Western Railway System. C. & N. W. R. Y. (proper)..... 5,327.31 C. & N. W. R. Y. (improper)..... 1,537.76 F. & M. V. R. B. and S. C. 1,407.05 F. & M. V. R. B. and S. C. 1,407.05 Total mileage of the North-Western system..... 8,272.03

Mr. W. L. Tomlin, was drawn to serve on the January term of the district court. Mr. Tomlin will be the only representative that we will have on the jury.

Miss Lillian Stetson, teacher of the piano in the Des Moines College, gave a recital in the chapel last Thursday evening, showing the work of her advanced pupils, Mrs. J. H. Shepard played "Minuet" by L. Boccherini, in a very creditable manner.

WANTED SEVERAL PERSONS FOR DISTRICT OFFICE MANAGERS in this state to represent me in their own and surrounding counties. Willing to pay yearly \$500, payable weekly. Desirable employment with unusual opportunities. References exchanged. Address: If addressed stamped envelope. S. A. Park, 330 Caxton Building, Chicago.

(Special to the Bystander)

The following are the assessments of the several charges of the St. Paul District for the General Conference Delegates expenses:

St. Paul, Minn.	\$15.00
Des Moines	10.00
Keokuk	6.00
Muchakinoch	5.00
Ottumwa	3.00
St. Paul, Minn.	8.00
Clinton	3.00
Oskaloosa	3.00
Burlington	3.00
Davenport	3.00
Newton	2.00
Cedar Rapids	3.00
Muscatine	2.00
Albia	1.00
Chariton	1.00
Clarinda and Bedford	2.10
Oseola	1.00
Duluth	1.00
Iowa City	1.00
Sioux City	1.00
Yankton	1.00
Dubuque	1.00
West Superior	1.00
M. Pleasant	1.0
Making a total of	\$78.00

It being to have a ready response and thanking you before hand for the same, I am. Very truly yours,

REV. T. REEVES, 1528 Morgan street Keokuk, Ia.

COLORED MUSICIANS OF IOWA ATTENTION!

An effort is now on foot to bring together in one Grand State Assembly all of the most talented and artistic colored vocalists and instrumentalists of the state of Iowa. This proposed affair will be for the benefit of the new Auditorium, situated in the city of Des Moines, being the most capacious as well as the most convenient convention and entertainment hall in the state, and one of the most commodious in the west, it should be regarded with much pride by all Iowans as a great credit to their state. Besides assisting in such a truly praiseworthy undertaking, these entertainments will also bring to ether the best colored talent of Iowa and will quite convincingly demonstrate to the public the quality, the amount and extent of the development of such talent, thereby affording the colored artist a recognition among the musicians of the state, which heretofore he has not enjoyed. Of course, only the best and most artistic are expected to apply for place on the program of these entertainments which will be held in the new Auditorium and shall probably continue for three or four afternoons and evenings. Each applicant must send press notices or "bona fide" recommendations from recognized professor of music, or both. All applications must be filed on or before January 1900. The round trip railroad fare and hotel expenses while in Des Moines will be furnished each participant. This enterprise will be conducted by some of the leading business men of this city and of the state and bids fare to be the grandest event in the history of the talented colored men and women of the state of Iowa. For further particulars address B. H. B., care of IOWA STATE BYSTANDER.

The scientists and mathematicians say that the new century will not begin until January the first 1901, but most of the people will claim that the new century will begin two weeks from next Monday night.

DAVENPORT REPORT.

At this writing the weather is very disagreeable, the ground being white with snow. Rev. M. J. Burton, State Missionary of the Iowa Baptist Association is here in response to a telegram sent him by J. T. Mabry the church clerk and he filled the pulpit Sunday morning and evening to the satisfaction of all present.

Sunday was rally day for the Third Baptist Sunday School and \$4.50 was raised for the Superintendent and school which to thank the public very much.

Hirman Lodge number 19 A. F. and A. M. will give a grand entertainment in Armory Hall Dec 20th for benefit of the order. Every one should come out and help them along. The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows are getting along very nicely, they have two applicants now before them for membership. Sunday was rally day at the A. M. E. church, it should be understood that Rev. Christy their new pastor is quite a hustler. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moss has moved into one of Mr. Corbin's flats on 10th street. The citizens of Davenport have an invitation to attend a musical recital at Moline, Ill. Sunday the 17th at the A. M. E. church as many as possible should go it will be at three o'clock. Those who owe for the Bystander should be ready by next Saturday as the agent will be around. Rev. M. J. Burton left Wednesday for Centerville to meet the Executive board of the Iowa Baptist Association. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Parker moves this week into one of Mr. Corbin's flat on 10th street.

CLINTON ITEMS.

Clinton is rapidly taking on the appearance of Christmas. Messrs McNeil, Hisebeck and Culbertson are showing some very fine goods in the line of confectionaries they anticipate a good business.

Aunt Lizzie Fairfax has left on her annual visit to Chicago to spend the winter.

Mrs. S. Holly has returned to her home in Cedar Rapids to remain indefinitely, the K. K. and she will return soon.

J. A. Culbertson has associated himself with his brother A. L. Culbertson of Cleveland Ohio, they will conduct the confectionery under the firm name of Culbertson Brothers they have the best wishes of all for success.

Elder Bundy is making an earnest effort to make a date for the appearance of America's leading colored eloquist, Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis in Clinton, just now chances look very unfavorable for a date soon.

MUSCATINE NEWS.

On Thursday evening Nov. 30th occur the marriage of Mrs. Eliza Harris and Dr. Peter Townley at the A. M. E. church. The church was beautifully decorated the ceremony was performed by Rev. Gordon under a large floral bell in an impressive manner, the wedding march was played by Mrs. Alice Maxwell of Moline, Ill. The ushers being Messrs William Schaeckford and Kenyon Moore. Immediately after the ceremony there was a grand reception at the A. M. E. parsonage. A great many of Dr. Townley's friends including some of our most influential white citizens were in attendance, an elegant supper was served, music was furnished by Mrs. Maxie, Miss Cora Phoenix and Mr. Wm. Schaeckford. Dr. Townley is one of our best citizens he is the only Chiroprapist in the city. His bride is a highly respected lady of Moline. Mr. and Mrs. Townley received many presents. Four of the Dr's' friends presented him with five dollars each. They will reside at the A. M. E. parsonage for the present. The guests from abroad were Mrs. Maxie and Mrs. Foy of Moline, Ill. and Mr. Wiley Morton of Rock Island.

Mr. Charles Clay after a short visit with his mother Mrs. Annie SeaBrooks returned to his home in Oskaloosa Friday morning.

Miss Gertrude Lee was pleasantly surprised at her home on Washington Ave. Monday evening by a party of friends who came to remind her of her twenty-second birthday, games were played intermixed with music a beautiful supper was served the guests taking their departure at a late hour voting the evening an enjoyable one. Th. D. Y. W. Y. K. club met at the home of Miss Florence White Tuesday evening, being the first Tuesday in the month it was a business meeting the club purposes to have an entertainment first of January at Stein's Hall.

Mrs. Emma Boyd delightfully entertained a number of her friends Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Conway West Second street, in whose service she has been for six years, A delicious supper was served, parlor games and music was in order and an enjoyable time was had by all. Rev. Gordon went to Iowa City Saturday to hold services, I. P. Johnson filled the pulpit in his absence. Mr. Geo. W. Pearson read cook at the Commercial hotel both hands severely burned with hot grease last week.

ALBIA NEWS.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Maggie Marshall of Albia to Mr. Gordon of Hocking on Dec. 20th.

Mrs. Josie Meadows returned Saturday evening from Muchakinoch where she has been for the last week.

Mr. U. S. Jones has been quite sick at his home for the past week.

Rev. W. A. Searcy made his usual trip to Coalfield Sunday.

Preparations are being made at the present time for a Christmas entertainment.

EVAN'S NEWS.

Rev. Willson preached at the M. E. church Sunday morning.

Rev. Tate preached at the Baptist church Sunday.

NOBBY GLOVES

In giving Xmas presents make no mistake by giving goods that are not practical. Nothing is better than a pair of "COWNIES BEAUTIFUL GLOVES."

Monday and all Next Week. Glove Boxes FREE. Beginning Monday we will give with each pair of gloves a handsome box free.

We have dress gloves in ladies' and gents', at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

The glove store is the place to get your gloves—every pair guaranteed.

J. H. COWNIE GLOVE CO 308 SEVENTH STREET, First door north of Younker's new store.



The Brightest Gift.

No one thing lends so much to the pleasure of Christmas as perfect Laundry.

Our work gives brilliance to any occasion, makes the wearer conspicuously clean looking and pleases in many ways. Pave the way for a perfect Christmas by sending your laundry to us.

Perfectly Cleaned in Washing—Perfectly Polished in Ironing. CHAMPAGNE & SON.

ment Saturday evening, it was well attended.

The colored men of our city took the butchering fever and butchered twenty-two hogs Thursday and they all had a hog killing time.

Mr. Frank Johnson, Misses Maud Jackson, Maude Steele were Sunday callers on Mrs. Maggie Jones.

Mr. Frank Brown was in the city Sunday.

I hope the young people will succeed with their Christmas cantata.

FT. DODGE LETTER.

Mrs. John Toller will give a Bufty lunch Wednesday in honor of her husband's 28th birthday.

Little Earle Davis has been on the sick list, but is better at this writing.

Mrs. John Toller's voice has improved wonderfully since she has taken vocal lessons.

Miss Carrie Davis entertains a number of young friends at her Aunt.

Mrs. L. Buckner will entertain a number of friends Thursday evening.

Mrs. A. M. Kennet expects to leave for Kansas City soon where she will join her husband Mr. Kenne.

The Second Baptist church is preparing for a Christmas tree.

Mrs. Lida Buckner and children expects to leave our city for Omaha in the near future, we are sorry to have Mrs. Buckner leave our city.

Mrs. Lida Buckner entertained a few friends in honor of Mrs. Myrtle Kennet who will leave soon for Kansas City.

Mr. W. H. Jamerson expects to give a possum supper in the near future for the benefit of Z. Davis who was paralyzed by a fall of slate while working in the Lehigh mines. They want to send him to Chicago so as to have an operation performed.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Only a few days more and we will enjoy the many Christmas celebrations, the Christmas tree and exercises at the A. M. E. church will be held Monday Christmas day, be sure and bring your presents for the tree Santa Clause will be there to wait upon you.

The sacred concert at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening rendered by the choir was well carried out, every one seemed well pleased. The concert was conducted by Geo. H. Wade assisted by Mrs. Flora Roberts.

Mr. S. V. Holly has returned home after an absence of several weeks. Cedar Rapids is coming to the front with new subscribers to the Bystander, every lover of race should by all means be a reader of this paper, when I say reader I mean subscriber and not a borrower. So many people say to the Agent they do not like the paper, and yet they borrow it from their neighbors to read it. Be honest and have your own paper.

Rose McDonald of Texas is in the city to spend the winter with her sister Mrs. T. J. Sadler.

Mr. Short of Iowa City was a Sunday visitor to our city the past week.

Mrs. Ben Hawkins's rendition of the Thiel on the Cross Sunday evening at the sacred concert was all that could be wished for. Cedar Rapids can boast of several Afro-American personages along the educational line the Rapids is up to date in every way with one exception and that is not enough of our people take the Bystander.

Your Agent has been entertaining the head-ache for three days in succession she finds its company very disagreeable.

Quite a number of our young ladies sang at the Sunshine Mission a couple of Sundays ago through an invitation from the President Christian Temperance Union.

The A. M. E. choir members are rehearsing some excellent music for Christmas.

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Rare Birthdays.

A birthday is a rare thing for people born on the 29th of February, but they will now have the uncommon experience of doing without one for no less than eight years. In the ordinary course next year would have been leap year, but it becomes necessary every four years in order to keep the dates and seasons correct. Hence there will be no Feb. 29 next year, and so those who last had a birthday in 1896 will have to wait till 1904 for another.

Pope Leo's Daily Fare.

It seems that his holiness Leo XIII. in the matter of eating and drinking is most frugal. A correspondent at the vatican states that the pope's breakfast consists of a cup of goat's milk with a dash of coffee in it. At his dinner he consumes a basin of broth and one plate of roast or boiled meat, followed by an orange—the latter at all seasons of the year. For supper he takes a basin of broth and a boiled egg.

First Thanksgiving Day in England.

Though Thanksgiving day is not now a national institution in England, special days of national thanksgiving have been from time to time appointed after great victories or other deliverances from national peril. The first of these days, which is the first day of national thanksgiving recorded in English history, was that celebrated a Sept. 8, 1588, after the destruction of the Spanish armada.

Cyclist in France.

Everybody in Paris will soon be running on wheels. There are in France—chiefly in Paris—over half a million registered bicyclists. In 1894 the number was 203,026 and last year 341,414. Each one pays a tax and carries a license. The above number does not include motor-cycles and motor-ars.

Big Libraries in China.

The great libraries of Pekin contain volumes of books numbered by the hundreds of thousands. In the archives the government are still to be found ancient predictions of eclipses with great accuracy, together with works on astronomy which show fair knowledge of that science.

To Prevent Electrolysis.

An Ohio man has patented a device to prevent electrolysis in pipes and conduits, formed of a non-conducting material to fit between the ends of the pipe with one end of the collar angled to prevent the ends of the pipe from coming in contact.

Many Editions of German Books.

Germany is a more bookish country than either Great Britain or the United States. The historical novel, "Eckhardt," is now in its 146th edition, and here's "Trompeter Von Sakkingen" its 237th.

South Africa's Mounted Police.

The mounted police of Cape Colony have the high reputation of their corps. The force of picked men, used to fight and proud of it, consists of 2,000 mounted men and sixty-eight officers.

Collegians in Various Lands.

In Germany one man in 213 goes to college; in Scotland, one in 250; in the United States, one in 2,000; and in England, one in 5,000.

Ben Nevis and Its Observatory.

In the current number of Knowledge Mr. Bruce gives an account of "Ben Nevis and Its Observatory." The object of this observatory is to study the height of clouds, their speed, direction and constitution, and to learn as much as possible regarding temperature, winds, etc. It is a true scientific instinct that leads us to sound, as it were, upward, just as we sound downward and explore at the bottom of the sea. The reasons why Ben Nevis, of all places, was most suitable were: (1) Because it was the highest mountain in the British Isles, rising to 4,406 feet; (2) its summit was in close horizontal proximity to a sea-level station at Fort William; (3) it was situated in the track of the southwest storms, which influence so greatly the weather of Europe, especially in autumn and winter.

Buffalo Intelligence.

New York Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch: A big bull buffalo had an injured leg, and it was operated on with cocaine and antiseptics, a few days ago. It was not an easy task for the veterinary surgeons, because a buffalo is a powerful animal, and he does not like any one to take liberties with him. But the operation was performed and the buffalo evidently felt better after it. Now the great creature goes willingly to the side of his cage when the surgeons approach. He knows them and remembers that they relieved him, and there is no sign of anything but pleasure on his part when he sees them.

Photographic Rock.

On the ranch of Paul Miller at Bradley Flat, near Hot Springs, S. D., is a ledge of rock which seems to possess all the properties of a photographic plate. When the rock is moist it will show after a thunder storm a clear photograph of the surrounding trees and bushes. Gradually pictures so taken seem to fade out, being renewed by each new thunder storm, though the same objects are not always reproduced. The rock seems to be a combination of flint and sandstone and is of a dirty red color.

Studying Aesop in Central Africa.

Probably Aesop is not as much read in our own country as he used to be, but there is a chance for him yet in central Africa. The report of the London Missionary society relates that at Kaximbe an "Aesop class" is conducted by the native teachers on Sunday afternoons. "Sometimes," says the report, "the teachers draw a very good and helpful, and contain more Christian teaching than the fables themselves would warrant."—Birmingham Post.

A Big Price for Stirrups.

A pair of iron stirrups were sold for \$15,000 at the Forman sale in London. They were made for Matthias Corvinus, king of Hungary, and are partly plated with silver, parcel gilt and chased, each of the outer edges having an exquisite border of translucent cloisonne enamel on gold, six inches high and six inches wide. The work is Italian of the end of the fifteenth or the beginning of the sixteenth century.

Big Salaries.

New York Press: Speaking of big salaries, the biggest on record was paid to George C.uld. For ten years' work his father gave him \$5,000,000. The amount went down as "for services rendered." That was at the rate of \$500,000 a year. The highest salary ever paid a railroad president was \$75,000 a year that went to Sir William C. Van Horn when he was president of the Canadian Pacific.

Heavy Fire Losses of a Year.

The losses by fire in this country and Canada continue to be very heavy as compared with last year. In October the total loss was \$12,946,000, a little less than in September, but \$4,500,000 greater than in October, 1898. For ten months the aggregate losses make the enormous total of \$111,654,000, or \$15,000,000 above those of 1898 and nearly \$20,000,000 more than in 1897.

Island Without a Taxgatherer.

Louds island, on the coast of Maine, near historic Pemiquid, in the Lincoln county town of Bristol, is one of the few places on earth where there are no taxes. This

