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CITY NEWS.

Mrs. C. T. Williams left yesterday morning for Davenport to spend Xmas.

The Iowa State Bystander one year for \$1.00 for thirty days only.

Joseph LaCour arrived in the city Monday to spend the week with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hughes entertained at Christmas dinner all the relatives of the family.

Mrs. A. Boley of Denver, Colo., is spending the holiday with her daughter Mrs. L. Courtney.

Mrs. Lewis Bagburn has gone to Mobile, Ala., for several weeks visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. McNeill and son of Mt. Pleasant are visiting their son and brother, Mr. S. B. Miller of West Park street.

Mrs. J. H. Shepard entertained at Christmas dinner Miss Gertrude Rogers and Mr. E. W. Thompson.

Mr. Geo. Young of Boone spent Christmas day in the city, returning home this morning.

Mrs. James Reese and son Alec left Wednesday for Canton, Mo., their old home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Jennie B. Wilkerson has come home to spend the holidays. We wish her a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mrs. W. T. Jones of Montezuma is in the city and will spend the holidays visiting at the parental home and with other relatives.

DIED—Thursday night, at the home of her parents, 300 Fulton avenue, little George Bradley, age 13 years. He was born in Ft. Dodge, Ia.

Rev. T. L. Griffith was in Ottumwa last week to attend a meeting of the board of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bryant and son Roy and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bryant arrived in our city to spend the holidays with their son, Charles Bryant, 100 West Eighth street.

About thirty-five couples of young people availed themselves of the invitations sent out by Messrs. E. Williams and Claude Caw Thursday evening, December 18, for a dancing party. Interpersed between the numbers delicious ices were daintily served by two charming young ladies, lending taste and piquancy to the joyous merriment. On the stroke of one a. m. all departed happily, manifest in their praise for their evening's pleasure.

The Bystander Publishing company has just printed the annual proceedings of the Iowa Baptist association for this year.

The courtesy of Rev. Griffith that we secured for this year. It is a very beautiful and neatly arranged minutes and reflects credit to our job department.

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DIED—Master Eddie Butts, at the home of his parents on Eleventh street this morning, age 9 years and 11 months. He was born in Kansas City, Mo. Funeral services Sunday at 2 p. m. from the Corinthian Baptist church, conducted by Rev. T. L. Griffith.

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PLEA FOR EQUAL LAWS.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Emory Speer, judge of the United States court for the southern district of Georgia, was the guest of the Independent Club at its second annual dinner. Two hundred guests, including Mayor Knight and other prominent men of the city, listened to an address by Judge Speer on the subject, "The Solid South."

It is undeniably true, the speaker said, that the political attitude of the southern people toward the government is directly ascribed to the swift bestowal by the reconstruction acts of unlimited manhood suffrage upon the members of the African, which, he asserted, was no part of Lincoln's plan for the restoration of the union. The solution of the race problem, said Judge Speer, will be found in the enactment of impartial laws for white and black men alike, which will admit to the franchise the intelligent, upright and the virtuous, and exclude the venal, the ignorant and the worthless.

The fear of an impossible supremacy is the only obstacle. The remedy seems to be as obvious as just. It is to be found in the enactment of impartial laws for white and black alike, which will admit to the franchise the intelligent, upright and the virtuous, and exclude the venal, the ignorant and the worthless. And such measures need not be confined to the southern states. The polyglot vote of our great cities, because more effective, seems not infrequently no less dangerous to same government than the massed votes of the ignorant blacks.

A danger in the welfare of the southern states is the possible reduction of the existing number of representatives apportioned upon millions of this population whose men of voting age are by state action denied the suffrage. This may any day startle the country, as nothing has been done since the reconstruction era. A majority of congress, under the provisions of the fourteenth amendment, have the power if they have the will.

No measure, however stringent, will be effective for good government or stable prosperity if it engenders the universal hostility of a resolute people. But it is at least timely to stimulate to us may profound political thought among our people, which may avoid the necessity of a measure so drastic. To stimulate such thought I understand to be the mission of the Independent Club. Would that there were such an organization in every southern community, an association of high-minded and disinterested men whose love for country and humanity prompts the consecration of their powers to the promotion of independence.

The Literature and Embroidery club met Thursday afternoon, December 18, at the residence of Mrs. Early, Lake Park. The next meeting of the club will be at Mrs. Anna Hiers' January 1, 1903. Business of importance is to be transacted and all members are requested to be present. On New Year's night there will be an exchange social given at the home of Mrs. Goggins. Refreshments will be served and a good time is expected. Come one and all.

Emmie Morris, Secretary.

ISAAC E. WILLIAMSON.

The subject of this sketch was born a slave in Arkansas, near Russellville, in 1852. He spent his early life on the old plantation until freed by President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation in 1863. He was carried away a few months later by a detachment of soldiers from the 18th Iowa Infantry Regiment, and remained with Company G of that regiment as the captain's cook until it was mustered out at Davenport in 1865. On coming north he secured a place in the family of a member of the company of the discharged regiment on a farm near the little village of Park City, Iowa.

But soon found that his complexion was objectionable and he soon afterwards had to seek a home elsewhere. It was no easy task to get a place to stay, and to make it still harder the little money that he had given the soldier to keep for him, it would be well to say, he is still keeping it, as Mr. Williamson never received any part of it back. He remained upon the farm a summer and working for his board and attending the country school during the winter seasons, until after reaching his majority. Having a great love for books he read everything that came within his reach. Being fond of debate he gradually overcame much of the local prejudice, and he soon became the authority upon all points in parliamentary usages in the neighborhood, and the champion of the country spelling schools for miles around.

Finding himself greatly handicapped, owing to the disadvantages confronting him by reason of his color alone, he came to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1876 to take a complete course of schooling from its excellent schools and colleges. He was first led to take the step by applying at a lawyer's office in an effort to get an advertisement for an office boy, by that gentleman declining to give him the place, declaring that the young man was worth more money than he was able to pay. "Young man," said the grim old disciple of Blackstone, scanning his applicant with a voice softened by the earnestness and disappointment of the honest country boy before him. "You ought to take up the study of the law. Your people need just such a man as you are to advocate their cause." Conscious of his lack of thoroughness in education, and his natural aversion to public school, he entered the public schools, graduating from the West Des Moines High School in the class of '81, with the honors of his class, being the first colored person to graduate from the Des Moines High School.

During all the time that he was in the schools he did much to build up the lycums and the Sunday schools, and to create a healthy interest among the people along literary and musical lines. He was immediately offered a position in the Des Moines postoffice as janitor after graduation, which he

accepted, but was soon afterwards advanced to a clerkship, and remained a faithful employee of the office for 14 years as janitor, clerk, head-distributor, superintendent of carriers, time-keeper and a letter carrier. During that time, by hard study he succeeded in completing a law course from the Iowa College of Law, graduating in the class of '95 with the degree of L. L. B.

We regret much that we are unable to print a cut of Mr. Williamson, as he has one some place. He left last week for Washington, D. C., to join his wife who is employed in Secretary Shaw's home. Mr. Williamson will secure a clerical place as soon as he arrives there. Mr. Williamson is the oldest colored practitioner at the bar in Iowa. He is a thorough race man and will be heard wherever he goes.

ALBIA NOTES.

The Mite Missionary society entertained at the home of Mrs. Ed Butler Friday evening.

Mr. I. E. Williamson of Des Moines spent a few hours in town Friday, while on his way to Washington, D. C.

Quite a few strangers in town this week.

Rev. Waldon from Bussey preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday night.

Mrs. Josie Meadows returned home from Buxton Saturday of this week.

Grandma Burton has been quite sick the past week.

May Davis.

WORDS OF CHEER.

Editor of Bystander: Des Moines, Ia. The season of the year has come again when everybody wants money, even the editor of a weekly newspaper; therefore I am going to take the advantage of you this time and send you One Dollar for your valuable paper for another year. It is small but it is worth a great deal to us. Some times it is late reaching us, but the news is just as good as if we received it on time. It has not failed to reach us but once this year, which speaks well for the manager.

The colored man or woman who takes the paper and then don't pay for it ought to be set down a dead beat and set back. I am proud of the paper if it is small and hope the day is not far off when it will be enlarged. I remain yours for success.

PAUL COLEMAN, 310 State street, Boone, Iowa.

Lucas, Iowa, Dec. 24.—Dear Sir:—seeing that the Iowa State Bystander's special subscription rate is One Dollar I enclose One Dollar (\$1.00) postal order for the paper for one year.

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WIT AND WISDOM.

The best time to marry is some other time.

Many a man gets groggy over nothing stronger than a pipe dream.

A young girl married in the hope for the future, the widow to forget the past.

A critic is a moral butcher who will cut into, and cut up, and cut out anything.

There is a lot of incense burned on the altar of love that goes up in smoke.

Tact is the art of making people think they are right when you know that they are all wrong.

I admire the fellow who succeeds in borrowing all that he wants. He has the nerve that converts itself into hard cash.

They say that a giraffe's tongue is long enough to go around a woman's waist, but a woman's tongue will waste even more than that.

Women worship money, but the man who stands for it gathers the foggy incense to himself and smiles a self-satisfied, hard cash smile.

When a woman speaks of her husband as being such a domestic man you can gamble on it that he is always hanging around when he is not wanted, and "poking" his nose into everything.

When a man proposes to a girl he should be extremely modest. A woman likes to think it a lovely piece of condescension on her part to accept any man, even though she may be dying for him (or his bank account, his auto or his yacht—but what on earth am I talking about, anyhow?).—Kate Thyson Marr.

MEMORY.

You are not only what you are now; you are everything you have ever been.

Whoever lives entirely in the present does not know the meaning of sympathy.

Your childhood is in you; your youth is in you; every hour of your life is still being lived.

Consider, then, the importance of the present time, which in its turn shall form a part of the future.

Bring back your youth—it is thus you shall understand youth, with its laughter, its gaiety, its enthusiasm.

Live again your childhood—it is thus you shall understand the intensity of every childish joy and trouble.

Bring back your hours of trial, the dark hours of suffering, and no one shall come to you in vain for consolation.

Somewhere in your life the experience has been that shall give you a fellow feeling for every happiness, for every sorrow.

Among my fellow men I see too many who are prisoners of the present. They shut themselves out from the past. Now and then the memories force themselves upon them. They sigh and shake their heads and turn away.

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Degraded for Religious Purposes.

An Austrian officer, the Marchese Tacoli, declined a challenge on account of religious scruples two years ago. He was not only degraded from his rank, but has been ordered to serve out his time as a private in the ranks.

Women Guides in Maine.

Of the 1,800 registered guides in Maine only three are women and only one of the trio is regarded by the men as thoroughly competent. This is Mrs. J. S. Freese of Riverton, who has shot every kind of game to be found in the Maine woods. She is also an expert at tanning skins and has in her home some beautiful specimens of her handiwork. Mrs. Freese hunts all through the winter, spend weeks in camp during the coldest of weather.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE NOTES.

The substantial addition to the Slater Armstrong Memorial Trades building for boys, is rapidly nearing completion, and will accommodate all of the trades not housed there now.

The Tuskegee football eleven was again victorious in a hard fought game with the Atlanta Baptist Seminary eleven December 13. It was the best game of the season, and the score was 5 to 0 in Tuskegee's favor. Tuskegee has lost but one game this season, to Walden University, Nashville.

The work on the C. P. Huntington Memorial building is going on nicely. The brickmasons are hurrying it as much as possible.

A conduit has been laid down from the reservoir to Rockefeller's hall and the boys' bath room by the Brickmasons and Machinist Devision.

COULD NOT USE SIDE SADDLE.

Old-Fashioned Woman Turned Down by Livery Keeper.

"It is hard these days," says a popular actress, "to be an old-fashioned woman even with the best intentions. I was resting at a rather fashionable little place not long ago and wanted to get some horseback exercise, of which I am very fond. So I went to a pretentious looking livery stable and applied for a horse. The proprietor inquired how I intended to ride. 'As a woman should ride a horse, with a side saddle, of course,' I answered. 'Then you can have no horse of ours,' was the verdict. 'A side saddle unites the best of horses for any other use. It's an invention of the devil and as injurious to the woman as it is to the horse.' All my wiles were powerless to overcome the horse owner's objections and I was forced to forego equestrian pleasure."

APHORISMS.

Generosity is the flower of justice.—Hawthorne.

Avarice is always poor, but poor by its own fault.—Johnson.

Children have more need of models than of critics.—Joubert.

A man of integrity will never listen to any reason against conscience.—Home.

The more one speaks of himself the less he likes to hear another talked of.—Lavater.

Flattery is a base coin which gains currency only from our vanity.—Rochefoucauld.

We cannot control the evil tongues of others, but a good life enables us to despise them.—Cato.

Contentment with the divine will is the best remedy we can apply to misfortunes.—Sir W. Temple.

It depends on education to open the gates which lead to virtue or to vice, to happiness or to misery.—Jane Porter.

He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper; but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstances.

NEW USE FOR ELECTRICITY.

Entire Restaurant Service Supplied in a Novel Manner.

Niagara Falls has a restaurant in which the service is supplied by electricity, and the description as given in the Great Round World is very interesting: "The scheme was installed in the restaurant at a cost of about \$50,000 by a natural food company. There are 500 tables. Five hundred little electric cars serve the dinner to each table in a silent and satisfactory manner. Each table is equipped with an electric car, a menu and a small desk. Lying on each desk is an order pad. The guest fills out the order and places it on the car. When a button is pressed the electric servant glides away to the kitchen. After the meal is prepared, the car comes flying back with the dinner aboard. By means of a mechanical arrangement on the bottom of the cars, each throws its own switch and leaves the main track for the hundreds of other trains. The entire restaurant is run by one young man at a switchboard. It would almost seem as if the testy servant problem might be solved by Niagara Falls and the lightning."

A Bad Estimate.

The spirits of a young man were considerably dampened on a recent Sunday evening while he was out walking with a young lady. The evening was rather cool, and the girl was very lightly clothed, so, thinking to add to her comfort, the young man took off his coat and placed it about her shoulders.

As they walked along he kept thinking of his gallantry, likening himself to Artagan, Sir Walter Raleigh and various other cavaliers, until he heard a passing woman say to her companion:

"H'm. That's all we're good for—to have men hang their coats and hats on us."

Cat Was Only Drunk.

A pastry cook in the Avenue Gambetta, Paris, who was troubled with rats, borrowed a large Angora cat and left it in his shop while he went upstairs to dinner.

An hour later he heard terrible cries proceeding from below, and on going down found the cat bounding up and down in a most peculiar manner. Thinking the animal mad, he called in a policeman, who shot it with his revolver.

A veterinary surgeon who examined the body stated, however, that the cat was not mad, but drunk, having consumed a large dish of sweet "babas" steeped in rum.—London Express.

PAY THE CURRENT PRICE.

My young friend, Jimmy Banks, was married a little over a year ago. He had previously spent twelve months in the most furious courtship. The girl at first had not cottoned to Jimmy very much, but he moved heaven and earth so vigorously that she at last consented. Now, the other day who appears before me but Jimmy, with a long face and makes a complaint that the baby keeps him awake nights. "Good gracious! Jimmy," I said, "didn't you know that babies all ways do that? A baby has to have some relaxation. Go home and be thankful that it isn't twins." There is the reverse side to every joy. You can't have the advantages of back-hood and married life at the same time. You buy everything with price—leisure, family, office, learning, wealth, fame, position. Nothing is free. Be sure you want the article, pay the current price and enjoy your possession.—Cosmopolitan.

CHINAMAN WINS YALE HONOR.

Bartlett G. Young, the year's president of the Yale University Banjo club, is of Chinese parentage, though born in this country. His father, Dr. Young Wing, graduated from Yale in 1854 and later married a Miss Kellogg, member of a prominent Connecticut family and a famous beauty in her day. He lived in Hartford for many years, being on intimate terms with Mark Twain, Charles Dudley Warner and other notable literary persons, and only returned to his native country on the death of his wife a few years ago. At the time of his boy's birth Dr. Young was a special envoy of China in Washington, and therefore the young man is held to be a Chinese, though born in this country.

Escapes Autograph Hunters.

Gabriele D'Annunzio, the distinguished Italian writer, has been receiving during the last few months so many requests for his autograph from collectors and admirers not only in Italy, but throughout Europe, that he has at last grown tired of signing his name and has adopted a novel method of notifying the public that he is unable to comply with any such requests in future. In the hotel at Bologna where he is staying this notice may now be read: "Gabriele D'Annunzio's right hand is injured and therefore he regrets to say that he cannot write his name in albums or on postal cards," etc.

Bleichroeder to Leave the Turf.

Though his new American jockey, Foster, won several races for Baron Bleichroeder of late, the latter is determined to give up his racing stables. He says he can't stand the jockey-jockeying any longer, and if he loses Foster he will have to begin all over again. The Baron intends selling his yearlings from the Romenhof stud in the fall by auction, but will take his time about getting rid of the older horses. Bleichroeder has been the most generous patron of the German turf for twenty years.

Monument to Gallant Frenchman.

The anniversary of the arrival of the French troops at New York during the revolutionary war was observed by the laying of a corner stone of a monument to be erected in Trinity churchyard to the memory of Admiral De Torny, who rendered efficient service to the patriot cause during the war with Great Britain.

But you—you shall live your life again and again. All the wealth in the world shall not buy you the rapture of a single chosen memory. The sunshine of the past shall pour upon you, flooding your footsteps with a golden light.

THE CYNICAL GIRL SAYS.

If a man is a failure he is sure it is some woman's fault.

If all men were wise all women would seem sensible.

Women value dress because men value it so much more.

Women don't idealize men, for they never have a chance to.

For New Summer Resort.

Charles M. Schwab of the Steel trust is said to be at the head of a syndicate of wealthy New Yorkers who have in view the establishment at Great Neck, L. I., of an exclusive summer resort similar to that founded many years ago at Tuxedo by Pierre Lorillard. The buying of shore front property at Great Neck has been going on for months big prices being paid in some cases and ere long the little hamlet will have been replaced by splendid summer cottages. Five thousand dollars an acre was paid for an estate of 105 acres.

Clever Female Politician.

Miss J. N. Strong, private secretary to ex-Congressman Hawley of Texas, is credited with being the cleverest female politician ever seen in Washington. She is conversant with every county in Texas, knows every man of prominence in the state and attends to nearly all details of federal patronage there. It is related of her that she once went to see a cabinet officer in regard to a place for a Texas constituent. The official was not disposed to give the place to her applicant, but in a pleasant and courteous manner said: "I am sorry to disappoint you after looking into such pretty brown eyes." "It seems to me then," was the quick answer, "that the eyes ought to have it." The cabinet officer was so pleased with the retort that he made the appointment.

Church Laws of Olden Times.

The Bethel Primitive Methodist chapel at Burney, Lancashire, recently observed an important anniversary, and issued a souvenir hand book containing copies of old records. A minute passed in 1834 reads: "That we do not allow young men and young women to walk in the street together arm in arm at any time; neither do we allow them to stand at street corners chatting together." By another resolution the chapel authorities forbade girl choristers "wearing bows in their bonnets."

GREW ON THE SABBATH.

Little Girl Feared Plants Might Be at Fault.

John Phillip Sousa sat listening the other evening to the history of the pier, now called the Steeplechase, on which he is playing his Atlantic City engagement. Among other things he was told of the fume that resulted when the authorities there fined a manager for giving a Sunday performance two years ago, although Sunday is the day when the crowd of visitors and amusement seekers is the largest.

"Incidents of the kind," said Sousa, "always recall to me the story of a little country girl who, very early one Monday morning, took a basket of freshly picked, dew-glistening raspberries to her family's minister. He was delighted, and said so; but he added, doubtfully:

"'Er—I hope you didn't pick them yesterday—the Sabbath—my child!'"

"Oh, no, sir—this morning!" she hastily said. But her face grew serious as she falteringly explained: "But—but they was a-growin' all day yesterday."

HEARD HE HAD A GOOD TIME.

Heard Policeman Tell Judge About It in the Morning.

"Down in Tennessee one day," said Senator Carmack of that state, "I met a person whom I knew slightly, and who was of convivial habits. He had all the symptoms of a 'left-over.' In fact, as he came down the street he had so close a resemblance to a man who had surely been imbibing the previous night that I stopped and said to him:

"'Did you have a good time last night?'"

"'I did,' he chirped, with a cheerful grin. 'I had a magnificent time. It's a funny thing, though, Senator; he added confidentially, 'I was out all night, and yet I can't remember a single thing that occurred after nine o'clock.'"

"'You can't?' I said. 'Then how on earth do you know that you had a magnificent time?'"

"'Because,' he explained, 'I heard the policeman telling the judge about it in the morning.'"

Vegetation on Rome's Monuments.

The monuments of Rome are now under observation, not only by foreigners, but by the Italian government. It has been discovered that parasitic plants grow at the top of most of the Roman monuments. At the top of the white marble column in the center of the Piazza di Santa Maria Maggiore there was till a few days ago a thriving plant of a wild fig tree. It was beginning to eat away one of the top-most ornaments of the column. But it has now been removed. Twelve figs were found on the plant. The monument is now under repair. The affair has caused quite a little flutter and the Piazza has been crowded with people to watch the uprooting process. This column is the only one left of Constantine's first church in Rome.

Accurate Delay.

Many stories are told of the lack of punctuality upon railroads in the southern states. It is said that when a New England man found his train, advertised to leave at 11 o'clock, starting at exactly that hour, he complained the conductor.

"Just on time, I see," he said, generally. "All this talk I've heard of the lateness of your trains is without foundation, I've no doubt."

The conductor smiled at him gently.

"This train, sir," said he, without a trace of embarrassment, "is not today's eleven o'clock train, sir. It is yesterday's eleven o'clock. To-day's will probably not get here from 'way down until to-morrow, sir.'"

Wanted a Change.

When the Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, pastor of the Park church, Elmira, died the difficult problem of filling his place confronted the trustees of the church. The choice finally settled upon the Rev. Annie Ford Eastman, one of the few women who have made a success of the calling.

An enthusiastic admirer took a friend of his to hear Mrs. Eastman several Sundays ago. At the conclusion of the sermon the friend was asked how he liked it.

"The sermon was all right," was the reply, "but I hear a woman preach six days in the week, and on the seventh I prefer to hear a man."

A Strange Coincidence.

Three events occurred recently at the same moment in one house in Washington, near Vienna. These events were a baptism, a wedding and a funeral. While the family of the deceased, an iron molder, Albert Hruschke, were bemoaning their loss, Anton

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

RACE ECHOES.

Mr. A. H. Cabell is the race's oldest leading and most successful merchant and real estate dealer in Henderson, Ky.

The Jim Crow street car law of New Orleans has been declared unconstitutional.

Mr. Frederick D. Bonner, a young colored man, is teaching in the Philippines. He is a graduate of Yale and is making much success.

The publishing house of the Baptist is in Nashville, Tenn., and is doing a business of \$800,000 annually.

The Negroes of Philadelphia have tied up in banks, trust companies and other white concerns over \$2,000,000.

Charity Wiggins, the mother of blind Tom, the famous musician, recently died at Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. Wiggins was 102 years of age.

The Baptist Printing Company, in Augusta, Ga., pays \$8,000 annually to its employees and does a business that averages \$567 a month.

Mrs. E. Lewis, now of Chicago, has been in the hair dressing business 26 years. Within that time she has taught her trade to 50 persons and saved \$25,000.

T. A. Curay of South McAlister, I. T., is the only Negro railroad contractor in the Southwest, and probably in the United States. He works from 200 to 300 men and operates his own commissaries, has his own clerks, secretaries, paymasters and stenographers.

Colored men own in the United States 230 rated drug stores with an investment of something over half a million dollars. Business Professional Men's League, with 523 members, has invested, not including real estate, \$120,000.

During the year of 1900 there were 220 persons who suicided in the United States, and only ten of whom were colored. According to the twelfth United States census ending May 31, 1900, it shows that 5,343 whites had suicided, 104 colored, 13 Indians and 23 Chinamen.

Mrs. Josephine B. Bruce widow of the late Senator Bruce, is said to be an expert in cotton production, and owns a big plantation near Josephine, Miss., a town named in honor of Mrs. Bruce.

W. H. Smith of Wagoner, I. T., does the largest business of any colored man in the Indian Territory. He employs four regular clerks. His goods are bought in car lots. He is also a heavy cotton buyer.

Negroes in Virginia have invested in business \$14,426,536; own \$15,000,000 of property, is assessed at \$17,442,227. The taxes paid amount \$422,870 60 per annum.

Mound Bayou a Negro town in Mississippi has a town and rural population of 2,300. This village has several sawmills, four public schools, five churches, merchant, blacksmith, photographers, druggists, doctors, printers, brick dealers, land agents, log and timber contractors.

EXCURSION RATES TO DES MOINES, IOWA.

Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at reduced rates December 20, limited to return until January 2, 1903, inclusive, on account of State Teachers Convention. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western R'y.

BURLINGTON ROUTE EXCURSIONS.

Christmas and New Years Holiday Rates. Rate one and one-third fare for round trip to all points on the Burlington System within a radius of 200 miles from selling station. Tickets sold Dec. 24th, 25th and 31st, also January 1st good to return until and including January 2nd. The Burlington Route will sell excursion tickets to students and teachers of educational institutions on dates such institutions close and day after, but earlier than December 15th or later than December 20th, upon presentation of certificate, signed by proper officer of the institution with which applicant is connected such tickets good to return date institution opens, but not later than January 9th.

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