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CITY NEWS.

Mr. E. T. Blagburn was on the sick list last week he was unable to be out with his choir Sunday.

Rev. H. W. Porter is out over the state in the interest of his church, last Sunday he was in Sioux City.

Mrs. E. B. Elliston sang a solo at St. James A. M. E. church last Sunday in St. Paul, Minn., and sang once more Tuesday night for the Oxford Club and was received with much applause.

We received a very interesting communication from Rev. J. M. Harris last week of Mexico, Mo., the former pastor of Burns M. E. church, he reports a good field to work in and he is meeting with success, they are well.

We received a beautiful invitation to attend the 27th anniversary exercises of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, at Tuskegee, Ala., May 24 to 28 inclusive. Hon. Charles W. Anderson, Collector of Internal Revenue at New York will deliver the annual address.

The Odd Fellows were out in full uniform last Sunday afternoon at the Burns church at their annual sermon. They also held an opening reception Monday evening at their new hall on 9th and Park streets, it was largely attended.

The Negro Polk County Republican Club will hold its regular monthly meeting in the rear of 607 Mulberry street upstairs, Thursday night May 21st. The meeting will be open to the public, and all candidates for the Republican nomination, June 2nd, are invited to be present. And all present will be given an opportunity to speak in behalf of their candidacy whether for the County State or Congressional positions. By order of

S. Joe Brown, Pres., James C. Williams, Sec't.

The Intellectual Improvement club met last Thursday evening with Mrs. H. W. Hughes. This time had been set apart by the chairman of the State Committee to hold a Dunbar meeting. The club was opened by repeating the Lord's prayer; instrumental solo, Mrs. H. W. Hughes; roll call responded to by quotations from Dunbar; biography of Dunbar, Mrs. J. B. Rush; reading, "My Lady of Castle Grand," Mrs. J. R. Erickson; Dunbar as a poet, Mrs. L. J. Lewis; reading, "In the Morning," Mrs. James H. Woods; Dunbar's merits, Mrs. Harvey Brown; reading, "The Colored Soldier," Mrs. David Basfield; reading, "When Malinda Sings," Mrs. S. Joe Brown; "Iowa Beautiful Land," by the club. Remarks were made by Attorney J. H. Rush and S. Joe Brown, Mr. H. W. Hughes and Mrs. Cleggett. After the program the members served refreshments of the season. On this occasion the ladies of the club entertained their husbands and a few friends. The club met this week with Mrs. David Basfield with a lesson on "Child Study."

Rev. O. A. Johnson of Independence, Mo. was called to this city Thursday to preach the funeral of David Fielding.

Song service will be given Sunday evening at St. Paul's church, by the choir, under the leadership of Prof. Geo. I. Holt.

Mrs. Brooks will entertain the Missionary society at her home, Saturday afternoon. A program will be given.

We received a very beautiful commencement invitation of the Gravity High School to be held May 22, in the Presbyterian church at Gravity, Iowa.

Mr. Allen Jones of Buxton, is a capital city visitor this week to attend the factory day celebration. He is one of the successful young men of Buxton, working at his trade, blacksmithing.

The Hope, Faith and charity club gave a musical entertainment at the Maple street Baptist church, last Monday evening.

The Stewardess Society of St. Paul's A. M. E. church will give a social at the home of Mrs. R. M. Hyde, on 13th street, Tuesday evening.

Mr. Wm. Hamilton, our veteran U. S. Federal court bailiff of Red Oak, is in our city attending the district court session. He is looking well.

Mrs. E. J. Smith who was called to St. Joseph last week, on account of the illness of her sister, has returned home.

Mr. Clayborn Gould of Kirksville, Mo. who is enroute home from Kansas City, is spending a few days with his brother, H. Gould, Jr.

Miss Cassie Spears was hostess to the Ioula Club last Sunday afternoon. A very enjoyable time was had by all present.

The K. P. and the Calanthe Court, held memorial services last Sunday morning at the Maple street Baptist church in honor of their Supreme Chancellor, S. W. Starks of Charleston, W. Va.

The Social Betterment Glee Club met at the home of Mrs. A. Dixon Tuesday evening, May 12. The club has decided to give a May festival at St. Paul's A. M. E. church, May 25th.

The Des Moines Negro Lyceum Association, will meet at the home of Mrs. M. Warrick, 1006 13th St., Tuesday evening. The program which was to have been given at Mrs. McDowell's, will be given, which is as follows: solo, Jessie Bell; recitation, Lillian Fields; solo, W. H. Warrick; paper, "Need of Literary Training," Mrs. H. W. Hughes; select reading, Zephia Heckady; paper, Pearl Hammitt.

Mr. Hayes Bell and Captain Amos Brandt held a political meeting at Enterprise last Thursday evening. More than 100 voters were present and Capt. Brandt made a good speech, as he is a true friend of the colored man. Mr. Bell spoke briefly about Judge Prouty and Governor Cummins' candidacy. They have a strong Cummins' club there.

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MORE HATRED THAN REASON OR FACTS.

There appeared in last Saturday Evening Post, May 9th a communication entitled "The Dwindling Black Ballot" by one Harris Dickson. No doubt a Southern man either by nativity or instinct because he was very free with use of his adjectives, epithets, criticisms vulgar phrases and bitter epithets, perhaps with him the law of good rhetoric and pure diction, was not called into use. He writes a very long article in defense of what the South is doing to restrict the Negro suffrage. He begins on March 27th, 1867, which by military proclamation all of the state conventions were called to establish a constitution and civil government loyal to the Union, this brought out what he calls the Black and Tan conventions, the black and tan carpet baggers got the legislative and state officer plundered the already ravaged South. He then goes through the nervous struggles and states that the white South resorted to beat the Negro at the polls and their final success. Then he concluded in the following language: "The ultimate argument of the whole solution comes back to this: The Negro has ceased to take an active part in politics because he realizes that in some way, some how, by some method beyond his conception the white man is going to run the Government. The Negro has no stomach for a losing fight. On whatsoever land the Anglo-Saxon plants his foot. Of that land he is master or there he finds his grave." Mr. Dickson like all other men of his type finally found his hobby, that the white man must rule. In his argument for educational qualifications it now only disqualifies 49 per cent as the other 51 per cent read and write, and of the property qualifications 35 per cent of the school tax is now paid by Negroes. If such a showing has been made in the past 40 years with odds and prejudices against us what may you expect in the next 40 years. In wealth and education the Negro will be ahead and then do you think for a moment that he will not exercise his right of franchise. Then again you white South ought never to boast of your wealth when you stole it from the brawny hands of the slaves, you are thieves robbers and rogues, you stole the labor of my ancestors for 250 years in paying in nothing but a piece of bacon and lots of hell. If I were of your stock I could never look a black man in the eye and say honesty, purity and love without apologizing for the gross wrong and monster injustice. Some day the black man will have his ballot or else this Republic will be like bygone Roman Republics sunk in oblivion or crumble to ashes.

Our Evening Papers Sow Seed Of Race Incendiaryism. Last week Mrs. Risser a white lady was attacked by a colored or an alleged colored man and was assaulted and robbed, the next day a colored man was arrested taken to the lady and identified as the party. The next day the three daily evening papers came out in their editorials with threats incendiary and words of warning to the Colored people etc. It is just such burning editorial as these that keep up race feeling and hatred. Such editorials seek to widen the breach between the two races and thereby causes trouble and prejudice, these papers use the expression big burly Negro when in fact the party arrested is only a boy 18 years old. One paper the Capital said while we are a friend to the Colored people, we warn them that if they don't stop this they must suffer the consequences. How can we stop it any more than you white people can stop your white assaults, while of course we detest a fiend be he black or white that does such a horrible act, yet are we to become a Don Quixote or an officer to hunt down such rascals among our race any more than you do among yours. If such be your ideas or pretended friendship, please do not attempt such rot on the public, away with such so-called friendship.

CUMMINS RALLY. At the big Cummins Republican Rally Monday evening the Colored Cummins Progressive Club will take an active part. The advisory committee has authorized the following announcement. All Colored Clubs in the city and coming from out of the city to assemble near The By-stander office, on 7th and Mulberry streets at 7 o'clock prompt. They will march north on 7th, led by the Colored band and the Drum Corps to join the main body, fully three hundred colored voters are expected to march in line to show our respect for our own distinguished townsman and fellow citizen. At this meeting Gov. Cummins, Ex Gov. Larrabee, Lieutenant Governor Garst, Attorney General, Byers, Judge S. F. Prouty, Ex-Speaker Geo. W. Clarke and D. C. Chase of Webster City, will make short speeches. Of the 250 vice presidents, the following Colored have been selected: J. H. Shephard, Harrison Gould, Chas. S. Ruff, R. N. Hyde, J. H. McDowell, Jesse Graves, John L. Thompson, Lucian Brown, Hayes Bell, E. T. Banks, Thad. S. Ruff, J. B. Rush, E. Tracy Blagburn, John Walker, Attruss Brown, I. Gus Watkins, J. Emanuel, M. Jones and Wm. Wilkinson.

General Conference News. The 23rd, Quadrennial meeting of the A. M. E. church, met May 6th, at Norfolk, Va., and is in full blast now, the town is full of visitors, prelates and able divines here to assist in doing the work for their denomination, more than 500 delegates are now there with nearly as many visitors. The senior Bishop J. Milad Turner, of Atlanta, Ga., was sick and could not be present to open the great convention, so the quadrennial address was delivered by Bishop William B. Derrick, which was able and thoughtful. Their reports show for last year, 12 bishops; 320 presiding elders; 3,306 traveling deacons; 1,257 licentates; 230 superannuated preachers; 8,377 local preachers; 6,018 exhorters; 106,273 probationers; 800,200 lay members; 2,000,000 adherents; total money raised, \$2,738,761.06, a very good showing.

NOTICE.

There will be a general mass meeting of the Negro citizens of Des Moines at the Corinthian Baptist church, corner 15th and Linden streets this evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of forming a vigilance committee of Negro citizens to co-operate with the committee of white citizens recently organized to assist the Department of Public Safety in the enforcement of the laws. All Negro citizens who are in favor of law and order are urged to attend. By order of S. Joe Brown, Pres. Des Moines Afro-American Council; R. N. Hyde, Des Moines Negro Business League; Rev. T. L. Griffith, Pastor Corinthian Baptist Church, Des Moines, Ia., May 15th., 1908.

Noted Events for 1908.

Colored Women Iowa State Federation, Buxton, May 25-26-27. Prohibition National Convention, Columbus, Ohio, May, 1908. General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, Baltimore, Md., May, 1908. General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church, Norfolk, Va., May, 1908. General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, Philadelphia, Pa., May, 1908. Iowa Primary Election, Tuesday, June 2, 1908. Negro Press Association at Des Moines, Ia., June, 10-11, 1908. Republican National Convention, Chicago, Ill., June, 16, 1908. Iowa Republican State Convention to nominate State officers, at Waterloo, June, 24, 1908. The National Negro Business Mens League in Baltimore, Md., Aug., 16th. National Democratic Convention at Denver, Colorado, July, 7, 1908. The Grand Masonic Lodge in Buxton, July 14-15-16. Grand Army of the Republic, National Encampment, Toledo, O., Aug., 31, 1908.

GRAND MASONIC CENTENIAL CELEBRATION.

The most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M., of Massachusetts, will hold their centennial celebration at Boston, Sept., 10-11-12-13. The Masons of old Prince Hall which is the mother of Negro lodges in America are making great preparations, and it promises to be one of the greatest events in the history of Colored Free Masonry. The Governor, Curtis Guild, the Mayor Geo. A. Hibbard and the citizens are lending all possible assistance to make this affair a success. Souvenir badges and buttons are now out. For information, address R. W. Wm. L. Reed, Sect'y., State House, Boston Mass.

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AKERS FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

The above cut is a true likeness of Mr. C. E. Akers, who has announced himself as a candidate for County Supt., of schools. As he is now the present County Superintendent by appointment only to fill the vacancy. Mr. Akers was born in Davis County, Ia., in 1868 attended the common and public schools, later Parsons College and last at Drake University where he graduated in the class of 1907. He is an experienced school teacher, having taught in the rural and small village schools, also principal of some of the schools, namely the High School, Normal Institute, he has taught summer schools, he was Superintendent of the Oak Park Schools of this city at the time of the consolidation. He has never held any office before. He is a gentleman and courteous to all and the best qualified candidate running and merits your support. His friends are working hard for his nomination June 2nd.

MR. NESS FOR SHERIFF.

We present to our voters the name of Mr. Benjamin Ness the present Deputy Sheriff who is a candidate for Sheriff subject to the Republican primaries. Mr. Ness is a self made young man eminently qualified when the call came to go, in the Spanish-American War, he offered his services and went to war serving honorably. He has never before asked or held any office, but has always been an active Republican worker, he is sociable and agreeable to meet, treating all classes with due consideration.

MONEY FOR EX-SLAVES.

Washington, D. C., for nearly forty years the unpaid claims for colored and sailors who lost their lives at war some of them deposited all of their earnings at that time in the Freedman Bank, this bank was to carry these peoples money but soon failed, and the government

has now voted to pay those claims to the survivors or their legal heirs. Congress has voted \$1,000,000 for this purpose, it has already passed the Senate and reported favorably by the House committee on currency and banking. We are glad of this appreciation, for it is a just and worthy step.

POLITICAL NOTES.

A vote for Cummins is a vote for a Republican who is your friend.

Hon. J. A. T. Hull will soon return with his Washington helpers, then he will go after Judge Prouty's scalp so his friends say.

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MT. PLEASANT NOTES.

The concert that was given last Thursday evening the 7th at the A. M. E. church by the stewardesses under the leadership of Mrs. Sarah Trimble, was a great success. The house was packed to its capacity. The program was fine and heartily appreciated by the large audience. A neat sum was realized.

Mrs. Ollie Watts of Kewauke Ill., is in our city for a few days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Carter of Burlington, came up Saturday to spend Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. James Wicks.

Misses Grace Harris and Ruth Hedge gave a floral party last Friday night at the former's home in honor of Miss Carrie Patterson of Aurora Ill. The rooms were profusely decorated with flowers of the season. Misses Iona Fidler and Winifred Hedge received the guests at the door. A two course luncheon was served, consisting of peanut sandwiches, fruit salad on lettuce, leaves, pickles and coffee and orange delight cake and mint. The evening was spent in games, the principal one being a "Floral love Story." About 23 guests were present. All departed at a late hour reporting a most enjoyable time.

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KEOKUK NOTES.

Mrs. Mamie Burns of Omaha Neb., is quite ill at the home of her daughter Mrs. Crystal Fry, 1229 Morgan street.

Miss Ella Ware who resides at 1853 Morgan street is quite ill with rheumatism.

Mrs. Bellasene, of St. Paul Minn. returned home Sunday evening, after a visit of a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bland. Mrs. Bland is recovering slowly from a very serious illness.

Mrs. Nancy Rhinbart who resides at 1017 Fulton street has suffered with a stroke of paralysis, and is in a critical condition.

Mr. W. E. Steel has been confined to the house for two weeks with rheumatism.

Extensive preparations are being made to entertain the Grand Confr H. of J., which convenes in this city the 10-11-12 of June, 1908.

Electa Chapter No. 46 are making arrangements for the observance of Esther day which occurs the first Sunday in June.

The Most Common Cause of Suffering

Rheumatism causes more pain and suffering than any other disease, for the reason that it is the most common of all ills, and it is certainly gratifying to sufferers to know that Chamberlain's Pain Balm will afford relief and make rest and sleep possible. In many cases the relief from pain, which is at first temporary, has become permanent, while in old people subject to chronic rheumatism, often brought on by dampness or changes in the weather, a permanent cure cannot be expected; the relief from pain which this liniment affords is alone worth many times its cost. 25 and 50 cents sizes for sale by all druggists.

SAYLOR, IOWA.

Rev. G. E. Green conferred the rite of baptism to six candidates Sunday, and the meeting is still going on and the outlook is bright.

Joseph Bryant was ordained deacon of the Mt. Zion Baptist, Sunday.

Rev. Jas. Holland and Bro. A. Lee were visiting in Saylor, Sunday.

Rev. L. M. Lomack of Des Moines was visiting Saylor, Sunday.

The Mt. Zion Baptist church of Saylor have the following new deacons: H. Madden, Jas. Bryant, A. Colman, W. Branch, J. H. Williams, W. S. Burrell and H. Collins.

Fourteen members received the right hand of fellowship Sunday night after which the communion was administered.

The K. P. lodge had their memorial sermon preached Sunday at Saylor No. 2. Rev. G. E. Green officiated.

Mrs. H. Madden entertained Rev. Green and wife at dinner Sunday.