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CITY NEWS.

Mrs. Wm. Fletcher, is visiting her relatives in St. Joseph Mo., this week.

Mrs. C. H. Richardson, is improving nicely at this writing.

Mrs. Harrison Gould, who has been detained in the detention hospital as supposed to have had the small pox, was discharged yesterday, her husband will be discharged Saturday.

Attorney J. B. Rush went to Davenport last Monday evening to deliver an address before the Odd Fellows society.

S. G. Gray and wife of Omaha visited a few days in our city. Mr. Gray was formally of Des Moines and thought our city had made rapid improvement since he left about seven years ago.

Miss Bessie Stewart is among those reported to be on the sick list.

Mrs. Geo. J. Wilson who has been in California the past four months visiting with relatives, will return home next week. Mrs. Wilson is a lover of the garden state it being the home of her childhood.

Ray Bryant, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bryant of Osceola will graduate from the high school this spring. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant are highly respected there and have had several of their sons to complete their course in the High School of Osceola.

Mr. J. H. Shepard, the lay delegate from the Iowa conference, made a brief report of the work of the General Conference which recently held its session in Columbus Ohio to the church last Sunday, by a vote it was ordered printed in the Bystander, it will be found in another part of this issue.

Mr. B. J. Holmes, leader of class No. 1 of the A. M. E. church, will give an entertainment at the church Friday, June 15. All invited.

J. L. Thompson, one of the census enumerators for Des Moines commenced work today in the 77th district which includes the north one-half of the 2nd precinct of the 3rd ward.

Next Friday there will be a ball game at the Ball Park west of the Auditorium, between Des Moines and Pueblo teams, James J. Jeffers the champion heavy weight pugilist of the world will umpire the game.

Mr. Beverly Clark, of East Side High School and Miss Blanche E. Renix, of the West Side High School graduated with honors this week.

The Grand Court of H. J. will hold its annual session in Ottumwa commencing June 12th the Ottumwa court are preparing to give their visitors a royal reception.

The H. B. S. E. C. met at Mrs. Banks. Quite an interesting meeting was held and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. Cleggett. All members are requested to be present, as it is election of officers, and business meeting.

Rev. T. A. Clark of Sioux City was in our city this week visiting his family and to attend the High School commencement, in which his son Beverly will graduate.

The entertainment given by Miss Zella Davis, last Tuesday evening was well attended and Miss Davis realized a nice profit to defray her expenses to Keokuk to attend the Sunday School Convention.

Mrs. Wilson Hughes, left last Sunday morning for a visit with relatives in St. Joseph, Mo., Elwood, Wathena, and Atchison Kansas.

Mr. Augustus Clark, the principal of the Troy school in Missouri, arrived in our city last week to visit a few weeks with his parents Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Clark. Young Clark is a graduate from Wilberforce University in Ohio and is a very intelligent and unassuming young man. There are three teachers in his school and 150 pupils. He will return soon to attend the Teachers Institute which will be held in St. Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Williamson entertained the members of the H. B. S. Reading Circle at a five o'clock dinner last Saturday, complimentary to Mrs. A. J. Murry, of Washington, D. C. The floral decorations in the parlor were pink and yellow roses. The table decorations were American Beauty roses. Eleven course dinner was served. Congress topics were discussed. Aside from the guest of honor, there were present, Mrs. S. Davis, and the Misses Zella Davis, and Sarah Porter.

NOTICE.—All the ladies married and single, who are interested in the Mother's Club, and the Kindergarten work are requested to meet the President, Mrs. H. H. Lewis, at the home of Mrs. C. S. Ruff, 1202 Park street, Wednesday afternoon, June 6th, at 3 o'clock. She is very desirous to have all those who met Mrs. Murray when she was here to come, and as many others as will. MRS. H. H. LEWIS.

J. V. Heath, one of our deserving veterans of the civil war has received an increase in his pension, from \$10.00 \$17.00 per month as a reward for his bravery. When his leg was shot and broken he continued to carry the message on to the proper officers and delivered it, and then went back to have his wound dressed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jacobs, are preparing for an extended visit with Mr. Jacobs relatives at the old home in Richmond Mo., they will also visit with relatives and friends in Kansas City and St. Joseph before returning home.

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

Our new Auditorium has been transferred into a beautiful theater and was opened this week with good attractions, but next week there will be special artists each evening and matinees will be given Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. Next Monday night is the "Messenger Boy" by Clara Bell; next "In Town on Business", then "Vinnie DeWitt", the marvelous Cornetist and Vocalist. Miss Carrie Spott, then Arthur Loftus; then Ziska, the famous Oriental magician and last is Allen Schrock, the great Trick and Fancy Bicycleist. Price 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents. This theater is under the sole management of W. P. Chase, our well known young business man.

The call issued for a mass meeting of the colored voters to organize a colored league met and effected a temporary organization by electing W. R. Foster chairman and I. E. Williamson secretary; after much discussion a committee on resolutions, constitution and by-laws was selected, consisting of Chas. S. Ruff, J. L. Thompson, C. B. Woods, W. R. Fraiser and John Rodgers, and they then adjourned to meet Monday evening, and did meet and adopt constitution and resolutions, which we will print next week. The permanent officers elected are president, W. R. Foster; first and second Vice-presidents, Rev. F. Lomax and A. Pearson; Rec. secretary, W. R. Fraiser; Cor. sec'y and organizer John L. Thompson; Treasurer, W. H. Hubbard; Chairman executive com., Chas. S. Ruff. The next meeting is Monday evening, at the court house, June 4th.

Would Not Suffer So Again for Fifty Times Its Price.

I awoke last night with severe pains in my stomach. I never felt so badly in all my life. When I came down to work this morning I felt so weak I could hardly work. I went to Miller & McCurdy's drug store and they recommended Chamberlain's Cough Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It worked like magic and one dose fixed me all right. It is certainly the finest thing I ever used for stomach trouble. I shall not be without it in my home hereafter, for I should not care to endure the sufferings of last night for fifty times its price.—G. H. WILSON, Liveryman, Burgettstown, Washington Co., Pa. This remedy is for sale by all Druggists.

EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN.

In our city, this year, we can say that there are more young ladies and men in the high schools and colleges than at any time in the history of Des Moines which to us is very encouraging and gratifying. As we have never named them before, we will now name them: Kenneth Hamilton will soon graduate with thorough business course from the C. C. C. College, he only liked a few months last year of graduating from the East Side High School; Percy Townsend, of Colorado is in his second year in the Pharmacy Department of Drake University; Rollen Weeks, in the C. C. C. College. Those in the West Side High School are: Miss Blanche E. Renix, class of 1900; Misses Tibatha Mash and Gertie Hyde, in class of 1901; Miss Mary Mash, in class 1902; Misses Alice Williams, Mable Hall, Alice Morton, Gertie Gravens, and Archie Perry are all in the Freshman year. In the East Side High School, are Bevely Clark, in class 1900; Miss Fannie Walker, in class of 1901; the others are Miss Addie Wilkerson and Bertie Clark; Misses Nina Hamilton and Ethel Wells, has been in high school until a few months ago, when falling health compelled them to stop, we hope they will be able to re-enter next fall and even more than these.

DECORATION DAY.

Decoration day has become one of our festival days either by custom or the statutes of the states has made it a holiday, when men will cease the busy cares of their daily pursuits and join the few remaining comrades of the civil war, to strew flowers and decorate the graves of the sleeping soldiers and to sing the sweet anthems of patriotic music, also to eloquently picture in speech and poetry the heroic achievements of those comrades. It is right that all the American citizens should pay homage to the saviour of our nation and liberator of mankind, because the civil war liberated the white man from that narrow sectional prejudice and emancipated an enslaved race. We should teach the coming generation what loyalty and true patriotism means as laid down by Webster, Sumner, Lincoln and Grant, and do not allow ourselves to recede from those sacred fundamental principles that has made our nation so great and strong teach them to love cherish, and protect and ever be willing to extend a tear for the dead and a cheer for the living.

WHAT MUST WE DO?

Those Afro-Americans who sneer at honest political activity do not know or read of what is going on in the political world. The positions fought for, and maintained by Grant and Lincoln, are in the balances—the constitution of the United States is being nullified, anarchy prevails in some parts of this fair land—the supreme court of the United States is handing down decisions that are burdensome and unjust—Afro-american government officials are murdered and the perpetrators are set free—an oath to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States has been ruthlessly broken, and slowly are the Afro-americans' rights and privileges as citizens and a time-tried defender of the flag slipping away from him. It is no time for silence or apathy. It is a time for activity—courageous and intelligent activity. No worthy citizen should shrink this duty.

OUR GRADUATES.

This is the season of the year when we are given the exalted privilege of listening to the sweet girl and gallant boy graduate. Did you ever think of what an event this is in a small town where every one is an accumulation of atoms? It has been our pleasure to note the interest in the lesser cities of Iowa. No one, no matter how humble or of what complexion, graduates in a class but who is given a token of friendship and esteem for the first and essential beginning in what may be an honorable and long career. We have seen this occur where there was only one colored graduate in the class or in the community. This brings us to the thought that it is in order for the colored citizens of the various communities in the state to attend the exercises and give some token of esteem and to also cheer by presence

on these occasions. It would seem fitting that those who have been recipients in previous years should lead in the events of this year. Too much can not be done to plant the worthy motives of a laudible ambition. The expense of the gift is not the chief valuable to be attended thereto.

We received an invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Negro Democratic League of Missouri, to be held in St. Joseph Mo., June 26 to 28 inclusive. While the promoters claim that it is not altogether for the democrats, yet we think that the head lines alone Negro Democratic League is tinged to much with democracy to meet our sanction or approval.

COALFIELD NEWS.

Permit me through your excellent paper to state to your many readers of this broad land, the news as follows:

Last Friday night Rev. W. A. Searcy from Albia, was with us; class meeting and love feast combined, led by Rev. Searcy. The meeting was largely attended.

Rev. J. M. Haggard filled the pulpit Sunday, and it was a beautiful day, and his remarks were excellent. Large attendance morning and evening.

The Sunday school is progressing real nicely. We wish them success.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Richard, of this place was in Oskaloosa, Monday on individual business.

Mr. J. H. Long, general agent for the National Protective society, of Bay City, Michigan, was in Eddyville, Ia., Friday, on business for said society, and the above name is meeting with great success.

Mrs. L. Walfskell left here Monday with her husband, for Keb, Ia., where they will reside an indefinite period.

The mine is running steady at this writing.

Mr. H. M. Williams was in Oskaloosa with his Mason friends visiting and reports a lively time.

While in our city, Sunday, call on Mr. G. W. Stewart, for the best ice cream on High street.

Mr. G. W. Smith is on the sick list.

Mrs. J. J. Roach is on the sick list.

May 28, 1900, the total eclipse of the sun, which was real visible in North America, was quite interesting to some of the young people of this city.

Several gentlemen from Hocking were Coalfield visitors, Sunday.

Success to the Bystander.

DAVENPORT REPORT.

Attorney Rush, of Des Moines, stopped off in our city, May 29th, on his way home from Chicago. He took luncheon at Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Corbin's on West Tenth street.

Invitations are out announcing a grand reception to be given by Mrs. H. C. Humphrey, Friday night, June 1st, in honor of Rev. F. T. Walker, the former pastor of the Third Baptist church here.

The Young People's concert at the Third Baptist church, Monday, June 4. Everybody is invited to come.

Rev. F. T. Walker, of Pittsburg, Pa., arrived in the city, Saturday, May 26th, and preached at the Third Baptist church, for Rev. Burton, both morning and evening. He is a former pastor of the Baptist church here, and showed to his former members and his many friends that he was still a great and powerful man, spiritually, by preaching two noble sermons. His many friends were glad to welcome him back and are doing everything possible to make this short stay here a pleasant one. He expects to attend the Sunday school convention in Des Moines, June 14-17. He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chesterfield, of Cherry and High sts.

Plov City lodge 4707, Moline, Ill., (G. U. O. of O. F.) will run a trolley party to Black Hawk Watch Tower, Thursday, June 7th.

Rev. M. J. Burton has the Baptist church in a flourishing condition, and they are preparing to remodel at once.

Owing to the fact that as many colored people do not know just what is causing the English to fight the Boers in the Transvaal. We shall present the views of Davenport, in a paper to the Bystander in next week's issue.

Miss Nellie McClelland had prepared to leave last Thursday, May 24th, for her home in Ft. Madison, but as her many friends persuaded her not to go (one in particular), she is still in our city, yet and if it is left to Mr. Parker of Rock Island. She will remain here indefinitely.

The Bethel A. M. E. church is holding a fair at the band boys hall on Brady street.

Why not subscribe for the Bystander instead of borrowing some one else's? If you only knew it you are imposing on good nature.

Miss Liza Payne and Miss Fannie Stanspent Sunday afternoon with Mrs.

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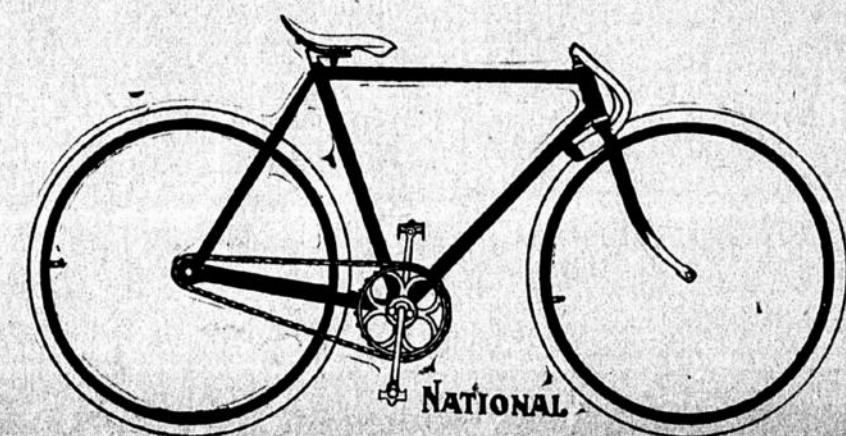
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OSKALOOSA NEWS.

Special to Bystander.

The band concerts were formally opened on last Saturday evening, giving us an opportunity to see many from whom we gather much news. Every one seems to be doing well, and we hear no complaint of hard times.

Mr. Geo. E. Taylor is making extensive improvements on his North D street home.

Mr. Jordan Wilson met with the sad misfortune of having his house destroyed by fire. It is said he had some insurance on it.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams will begin the erection of a new building on their Westside property in the near future, having removed to old building.

Mr. Franklin, of Colon, has purchased a home on North Fifth street.

He made a good hit and got home before the census enumerators caught him.

The census report will show that out of a possible five hundred in number—men, women and children, there are more than sixty owning and paying for property in this city.

Rev. Johnson, of Wesley chapel, is a hustler. He says he does not intend to be skeptical this year, but he will actually baptize twelve persons in Skunk river, next Sunday.

Rev. Williams, of Shorter chapel A. M. E. church was unable to attend church last Sunday. Sickness the cause.

The members and friends of Shorter chapel rejoice in the fact that they have made the final payment on the sidewalk debt.

The hours of the Sunday school, has been changed from 12 m to 2:30 p. m.

The young ladies of the church gave a successful entertainment at the church, last Thursday evening, the title of which was a John Brown social.

Mrs. Jennie Jones and her army of Junior Endeavors had an outing last Friday. A good time was reported.

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Mr. Will Robinson who has been the guest of Mr. Joseph Baker for the past two weeks, has returned to his home at Yankton, S. D.

The social given by the young ladies of the church last Monday evening was well attended.

Mr. J. Baker has gone to Le Mars, Ia. The Young People's Christian Club was well attended on last Sunday afternoon, and the meeting was quite interesting. It is hoped that much good may be derived from these afternoon meetings. The following officers are elected: President, Miss Mary Blais; Vice President, Miss L. Askew; Secretary, Miss M. Rosa; Treasurer, Mr. G. Washington; Organist, Miss F. Hawkins; Chorister, Proteau, assisted by Miss Askew. The newly elected officers promise something new and interesting every Sunday afternoon. The topic for discussion next Sunday will be "Consecration."

Rev. Clarke has gone to Des Moines to attend the graduating exercises of the East Side High School, as his son, Beverly graduates from that school with the class of 1900. The correspondent with a number of others who were the recipients of an invitation from Mr. Clark, send their congratulations, and wish that young man success in his future life.

Mrs. Clark who has been an invalid for nine years, died Saturday evening and was buried Sunday afternoon from the undertakers. Rev. Clark officiated.

Rev. Clark has appointed two lady ushers for the A. M. E. Church. Those chosen are Misses Blair and Proteau.

Mr. James Washington will preach to the children next Sunday morning at nine o'clock.

The sewing circle will meet with Mrs. John Morgan next Thursday evening.

The married ladies are going to organize a social club.

Quite a number had smoked glasses and were out on the morning of the 23th, to see the eclipse.

ALBIA NEWS.

The C. B. & Q. Depot caught on fire last Sunday, but was partly saved by the fire department.

Mrs. James of Des Moines, is visiting Mrs. Anna Jones.

Mrs. Carter of Hocking, who has been here for some time, died last Sunday.

Miss May Davis is visiting with her sister in Garden Grove.