

or probably 20 years. It was originally by Mrs. Bradwell. In part of the State a drunken husband owed a saloon keeper a mor. The debtor's wife was a young woman, who did washing for the support of the family and some money due her for this work, and the saloon keeper sued for garnishment and seized her pay the husband's liquor bill. To the courts the matter came to Bradwell's attention. She was that the laws of this State permit such an outrage and she desired to have it corrected, and out of the termination came the statute law. Since its enactment women have a legal right to their own earnings.

a remarkably persistent worker and a good manager, and could accomplish more than almost any other person. That after the adjournment of the Legislature the lawyers in the courts are almost always at sea and can learn just what laws have been enacted and how they affect or modify existing statutes. Accordingly it was her business years past to secure copies of bills as fast as they were approved by the Governor, and to have them put in his office in Chicago. Then, a few days after the adjournment of the Legislature she would go to the State Capitol, and as bills were approved, make copies of them herself and have them compared with the originals.

A few hours after the Governor signed the last bill, she would have a copy on the way to Chicago. Generally in a week after the Governor signed the last bill, Myra Bradwell's collection of the session laws would be as complete as the official edition which always came later, in all the offices and courts of the state. Her clerical work at the State offices, the Supreme and Appellate court rooms or the office of the court reporter, was without more difference than she. It was her relation to see her seated in a room with lawyers and court officers in the Court Clerk's office and to hear and participate in the discussions that went on. Finally she proved to be the best story-teller in the company, and when the subject turned to be law literature everywhere ready to defer to her, because her profession was her business and she was a library in herself. There

the nominations and elections to positions on the college paper, met recently and elected officers. Hicks was elected president and Miss Forbes secretary. Braucher, Holston and Carmack were appointed to draft a constitution and set of by-laws.

The Civil Engineers' club has been holding interesting meetings every two weeks this year. The next one will be held Saturday, in Prof. Baker's room. Mr. Beach will read some notes on railway construction, Mr. Pierce has a paper on the Zempoala aqueduct, and Mr. Chipman one on methods of depositing concrete under water.

COLORED MASONS.

A Consistory Instituted Among Them in Champaign.

A consistory was instituted in the colored Masonic lodge in this city last night, a number of the brethren receiving the work. The instituting officers were John G. Jones and J. H. Shreve of Chicago, and Gus Hill, of Bloomington. A number of other visitors were present from surrounding cities. Following the work the members went to the Champaign opera house, where they sat down to a banquet. Nearly an hour was consumed in eating and listening to short speeches. Work was resumed at 2 o'clock this afternoon and will be completed this evening.

A HANDSOME SHOW.

A Photographer Attracts the Attention of the Whole Population to His Work.

Stafford, the Main street photographer, has placed a new show case at the entrance to his establishment and hereafter patrons will have no trouble in finding his place of business. It is a nice piece of furniture and so great in its dimensions that a man can stand erect in it. He has arranged in it hundreds of samples of his latest work and it has been the attraction of Main street since it was set up, some of his neighbors are objecting to its size on the ground that it obstructs their view, but it has not encroached on the sidewalk.

Don't waste time, money, and health trying every new medicine you may see advertised in the papers. If the cause of your trouble is in the blood, liver, stomach, or kidneys, take Ayers Sarsaparilla at once, and be sure of a cure. Take no other.

The Interest of Sunday School Workers.

Has Cured Others, Will Cure

Railway Time Table

U. & C. ELECTRIC STREET RAIL
 Cars leave Urbana, 6:35 a. m., 7, 7:30 and each hour, 20 and 40 minutes thereafter.
 Cars leave College, west, 6 minutes thereafter.
 Cars leave College, east, 5 minutes thereafter.
 Cars leave Gazette corner same time as above.
 Cars leave west end of road 6:30, 6:50 and each 20 minutes thereafter.
 All cars running west will run either on Church streets.
 Cars start Sunday at 8 a. m. and run every week days.
 Last Regular Cars leave Urbana 10:00 and Gazette at 10:20 p. m.
 Special cars can be had at any hour by applying to General Superintendent
 B. F. HARRIS, JR., H. J. PEPPER
 Pres't. and Gen. Mgr. Gen.

TIME TABLE



CHAMPAIGN BRANCH	
WESTBOUND.	
81 arrives at.....	11
82 arrives at.....	8
EAST BOUND	
80 departs at.....	11
82 departs at.....	5
Mail trains pass Sidney	
EAST BOUND.	
No. 42 Vestibule limited.....	11
No. 44 New York Express.....	1
No. 46 Cannon Ball.....	7
WEST BOUND.	
No. 48 Vestibule limited.....	2
No. 45 St. Louis Express.....	2
No. 41 Cannon Ball.....	7
Please take notice 80 connects at Sidney 44 and 45, and 82 connects with 41. Can train arriving in Kansas City at 9:20 a. m. — sleeper and chair car arrangements and 46 have reclining chair cars (seats between Toledo and Kansas City through change. Nos. 44 and 45 have coach reclining chair cars (seats free) between and St. Louis and a sleeper between and Buffalo. F. Chandler, G. P. & M. A. SMITH Agt., Cham	

ILLINOIS CENTRAL
 Free Chair Cars.
 GOING NORTH.

Black lodge gets new home

Ground broken on North First Street project

By PAUL WOOD
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CHAMPAIGN — The Lone Star Lodge has seen better days, but the best may yet be coming.

And all of North First Street could benefit along with it.

Lodge and city officials broke ground at 208 N. First St. this

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morning for the construction of Lone Star Masonic Lodge 18, which could serve as an anchor for the renewal of the oldest commercial area in the city.

"This should show the community that the city is serious about its talk of renewal," said John Lee Johnson of the Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement, who helped facilitate the project.

"People have been trying to get this project off the ground for six years," said Karen Stonehouse, Champaign's principal

planner.

The lodge's history goes far further back than that.

Johnson, whose father was a member of the African-American Lodge, said Lone Star has been around for 100 years in Champaign, about 50 of them at the First Street location.

The Lodge will also house Eastern Star, the women's counterpart, and a social club, High Twelve.

Johnson was hired by the city

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to help move projects along on First Street.

The city is providing the lodge with a \$296,000 loan, about half what it needs for the \$550,000 project to rebuild its building.

The lodge demolished a weathered, two-story building to make way for a new, one-story, 6,000-square-foot building that would also occupy two vacant lots to the north. The building is designed so that a second floor could be added.

Lodge members are also contributing more than \$100,000 in sweat equity, Johnson said.

"This place is being built with chewing gum and nails," he joked.

The Lodge is the second groundbreaking in six or seven months, Stonehouse noted, after the Rose & Taylor Barber Shop and Beauty Parlor's \$255,000 project to build a new building at 124 N. First St. The city is contributing a \$107,000 grant toward the work.

"It's absolutely good for the community," she said. "It will draw more traffic to the area. People are trying to get off the ground with a new restaurant. We're getting more and more calls asking about city incentives."

The city is not alone in helping rebuild North First Street. The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission Community Development Commission and the Small Business Development Center also are connected with the project.

Severns Reid and Associates serves as architect. John Severns has been instrumental in rethinking the architecture of North First Street, historically a minority-owned business district, Johnson said.

The city first adopted the North First Street Redevelopment Plan in April 1996 in an attempt to revive the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of the street.

LONE STAR MASONIC LODGE - LONE STAR