

one capable of taking the initiative in a new State, where so much was to be done in formulating legislation and establishing customs and precedents in government. Many useful laws still upon the statute books, or crystallized in the codes, were originated or introduced from older regions by Mr. Sells. He enjoyed the warm friendship and confidence of such distinguished men as James W. Grimes, James Harlan, George G. Wright, Ralph P. Lowe, James F. Wilson, Caleb Baldwin, and many others prominent in his day. He has resided many years at Salt Lake City, but is still well remembered in Iowa.

A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS.

There has come to be quite an accumulation of very excellent and valuable historical articles, written for THE ANNALS, in excess of our ability to publish them promptly. Then our little magazine, as a medium through which to reach the public, is rather slow, containing only eighty pages and appearing but four times a year. We are of course very glad to receive these kind favors, gratefully appreciating them as most valuable aid to the work of the Historical Department, and only regret our inability to publish them earlier. But for the historical purposes for which they are intended it will matter little whether they see the light now or some months hence. Sooner or later all will be given in these pages, and in most cases with one or more appropriate illustrations. We hope that this explanation will be accepted as satisfactory by the many excellent friends whose articles have not yet been printed. It is our intention that nothing which they have done in this direction shall be lost or forgotten.

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