

perplexing. If this item should meet the eye of any party who is likely to be interested in such a publication, we trust that our suggestion may be borne in mind.

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### COLONEL GEORGE W. CROSLEY.

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From the pen of this well-known soldier and citizen of Iowa we publish an account of General Lauman's disastrous charge at Jackson, Miss., on the 12th day of July, 1863. No man could be better qualified to write of that event, for Colonel Crosley commanded his regiment, the gallant 3d Iowa Infantry, in that affair. The article possesses great historic value, from being the narrative of an eye-witness and actor in the dreadful tragedy.

Colonel Crosley was born in New Haven, Huron county, Ohio, March 4, 1839. Four years later his parents removed to the vicinity of Bloomington, Ill., but in 1856 came to Iowa, settling on a farm near the present town of Ames. He assisted his father in improving the farm until the spring of 1861, when he enlisted in Company E, 3d Iowa Infantry. His military history is that of the regiment. At the outset, he was appointed First Sergeant of his company, and subsequently First Lieutenant. Later on he was promoted to the position of Major, in which capacity he served until the command was reduced by the vicissitudes of war to the merest skeleton. At the end of his three years' service he was transferred to Hancock's First Veteran Corps, in which he served till the end of the war, receiving the brevets of Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel. His military record is a proud one. He participated in the battles of Blue Mills, Shiloh, the Siege of Corinth, the Hatchie, the Siege of Vicksburg, the battles around Atlanta, and many small engagements and skirmishes. In civil life his record has been most useful and honorable. He served two or three terms as Sheriff of Hamilton county, and six years as Warden of the penitentiary at Fort Madison, everywhere enjoying the highest degree of public confidence. Such a man may well print his recol-

lections of the great campaigns in the southwest, "all of which he saw, and part of which he was."

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HON. JOHN M. BRAINARD.

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This Iowa pioneer editor and publisher writes in our pages most intelligently and clearly of the great snow storm—the veritable "blizzard"—of December, 1856, which was the cause of wide-spread suffering and the loss of many lives in the north half of our State. In addition to his own experiences he gives accounts of losses in other neighborhoods, all of which will be read with interest. Mr. Brainard is one of the oldest journalists in Northern Iowa, having commenced his work at Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo County, in 1859. He was connected with *The Story County Ægis* in 1860, and with *The Nonpareil*, at Council Bluffs, in 1868-9. Since the last date he has published *The Boone Standard*. His journalistic work has extended continuously through 35 years. He was chosen a member of the State Board of Education in 1859, but that body soon afterwards ceased to exist, at least, no session was held after his election. Mr. Brainard edits his paper in an old-fashioned sort of way, the matter for its columns having always been largely put in type at home. But it is one of the very best country journals in Iowa—brave and outspoken, the advocate of progress, education and good morals—and always reliable. His bound files for the past 30 years have found their way into the State Historical Department where they are highly prized.

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A FAITHFUL RECORDER.

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We have often had occasion to note the thoroughness with which Rt. Rev. William Stevens Perry, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Iowa, attends to the publication, not only of his sermon and addresses upon anniversary or other special occasions, but of all official papers and matters of current church history. In the art of editing, in the supervision of books,

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