

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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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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