

efforts at doing things in addition to talking and writing about them. The proportionate interest of persons, the locality and the state may not always be discernible. Indeed the proportion of sentimental interest may not be the same as the pecuniary interest of the respective parties, for that would be assuming that sentiment is defined in money value; that a gravestone, for instance, or even a grave has only a money measure, which is absurd. But it is not absurd for all who are concerned in doing any of these worthy things to plan together. Nor will it be unfair nor unpleasant for the Historical Department to contribute more proportionally toward the realizing on a prospect of interest historically, but remote from centers of settlement, than to such as are within the thickly populated portions of the State.

The legislature received these ideas with favor, and assigned to the use of the Historical Department certain small amounts to be used in stimulating co-operative interest. It is not much money, but no more was requested. For the purpose of an effort of the next two years it is adequate.

We would appreciate suggestions as to what areas are thought to have sufficient interest to be reserved and marked; what persons, societies, institutions or public officers would welcome the co-operation of the Historical Department in authenticating historic or scenic areas or establishing markers at historic sites.

ORIGIN OF THE TERM "NEWSPAPER."

In Haydn's Dictionary of Dates it is stated that news is not, as many supposed, derived from the adjective "new." In former times (between the years 1795 and 1830) it was the prevalent practice to put over the periodical republications of the day, the initial letters of the compass, thus: $E \begin{smallmatrix} N \\ + \\ S \end{smallmatrix} W$, importing that these papers contained intelligence from the four quarters of the globe, and from this practice is derived the term "newspaper."—Keokuk, *Rickey & Allyn's Real Estate Bulletin and Commercial Advertiser*, Sept. 2, 1867.

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