

and which, by the way, ought to be found in every public library in the State, Prof. Parker presents (pp. 105-108) a clear and concise history of this curious affair. This account is illustrated with a fac-simile of the address, which we understand to have been approved by President Grant, an exact copy of which will be found in this number of *THE ANNALS*. He also printed a similar article in *The Iowa Historical Record*, Vol. II, pp. 123-128. The errors which appeared in this address upon its first publication were made wholly unintentionally, late at night, or rather "in the small hours," by reporters who were worn out with hard work. Then came the somewhat acrimonious controversy, some people claiming one construction, and some another, of the President's simple remarks. As printed, they were of such a nature, owing to very slight changes, as to seem to be an attack upon the idea of public education higher than the common schools—something never entertained by their author. He was little given to correcting or challenging the truth of statements regarding himself, and so the matter went on until his attention was called to it by Gov. Kirkwood, as stated by Prof. Parker. In printing from type the revised pages for insertion in *THE ANNALS*, we have followed the President's manuscript as closely as possible, making only some very slight changes in unimportant words, which seemed to be necessary.

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In another place we print a Message of Gov. Robert Lucas to the territorial legislature which convened in extra session at Burlington, July 14, 1840. It may possibly have appeared in some territorial newspaper of that day, but if so we have been unable to find it. The probabilities would be in favor of its having been so published, but at this time we know of no copy save that in the official manuscript of the legislative journal which was filed in the office of the Secretary of State. The journal of that extra session has never yet been published—the only instance of a neglect of that

kind since the organization of Iowa Territory. We therefore treat it as an unpublished public document, which ought to be found in print in the public libraries of this State. It will not only interest the reader at this time, but it throws much light upon the condition of things in Iowa Territory fifty-seven years ago. It shows the watchful care and keen interest taken by our earliest Iowa Governor in securing not only a penitentiary in which criminals could be confined and punished, but a capitol for the convenience of the various public offices. He also considers the matter of the sale of lots in Iowa City, the proceeds from which were to come into the treasury of the Territory. The question of the admission of the Territory as a State was also a prominent one before the people, and this also was discussed by the Governor. Incidental to this he expresses his regret that he has not been able to procure a statement of the number of inhabitants of the Territory. He had no doubt, however, that the number was sufficient to entitle it to be enrolled in the list of States. This paper, on many accounts, is one of much historical interest.

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#### AN IMPORTANT ACQUISITION.

During the years 1838-44 there was published in the city of Philadelphia, in three volumes, folio, a unique work entitled "History of the Indian Tribes of North America, with Biographical Sketches and Anecdotes of the Principal Chiefs. Embellished with 120 portraits from the Indian Gallery in the Department of War, at Washington. By Thomas L. McKenney, late of the Indian Department, Washington, and James Hall, Esq., of Cincinnati." Each of the three volumes had a large frontispiece, representing respectively, "A War Dance," "Hunting the Buffalo," and "Encampment of Piekan Indians near Fort McKenzie." This work has long been out of print, only occasionally coming to light in the catalogues of dealers in second-hand books. A fine edition in three volumes, royal octavo, with some minor changes in the engravings, was also issued in

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