

OLD SETTLERS MEETING.

The old settlers of Johnson County, held their annual meeting in March, and elected their officers for the ensuing year. Several new names were added to the Society. The book in which these names were entered, is a thing of interest. For the preservation of the names of the members, a very elegant and durable blank-book has been prepared, in which is written the name of the member, the time of signature, the date of birth, the place of nativity, the place and time of settling in the State, changes of place and date, and other facts. Beneath these entries is kept a space, for some other hand to fill in the date of that other event which all dread, and any other facts which kindness may dictate, or the truth of history require. When one by one, these old settlers have all gone, and there are no more of their numbers to make the last record, or its pages have been filled, this book becomes the property of the State Historical Society, and is to be kept for reference for those desiring facts concerning the pioneers of the county. We trust it will be a long time before this book comes into the possession of the Historical Society.

OFFICIAL CHANGE.

D. FRANKLIN WELLS has been appointed by Gov. STONE, Superintendent of Public Instruction, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. ORRIN FAVILLE, whose failing health has compelled him to suspend his duties in that position.

Prof. WELLS has been for a long time identified with the educational interests of the State. He was uninterruptedly at the head of the Normal Department of the State University, from 1856, until the last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, in June, 1866, when, by their action, that Department was practically abolished. During those ten years the Professor was an intelligent and industrious worker, and did much for the schools of the State, in the preparation of thorough teachers, and in the practical development of our school system, which may be regarded as inferior to none.

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