

## NOTES

Mrs. Sarah Sharp of Danville, Des Moines county, Iowa, who died July 29, 1912, was the oldest inhabitant of that county, having been born March 14, 1811, in Washington county Pennsylvania, removing with her husband to Burlington in 1845 and in 1846 to a farm near Danville, which he purchased at \$5.00 per acre and which remained her home thereafter.

Mr. W. C. Kennedy of Des Moines has presented No. 40 of Vol. II, and No. 18, Vol. V, October 21, 1886, and June 5, 1889, respectively, of the *Birmingham (Iowa) Free Press*. The editor of the first was George Warrington, of the other W. L. Enlow, and with both J. N. Norris was associate editor. He was a physician of wide acquaintance and professional success, who practiced in Birmingham and who was the leader in Iowa during almost the whole of the Anti-Masonic movement. The *Free Press* was founded and largely maintained for the purposes of that party.

A. N. Harbert, now of Drakes Branch, Virginia, formerly of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and a strong supporter of Mr. Aldrich in the early struggles for the establishment of the State Historical Department, has suffered the loss of his father, a pioneer of Benton county, who died September 14, 1912.

Captain F. S. Hird of the Iowa National Guard won the gold medal for individual competition for miniature rifle shooting in the Olympic games at Stockholm, Sweden, July 4.

From the wreck of the "Maine" the city of Red Oak has received a number of relics suitable to commemorate the loss to the city and State of the life of Assistant Engineer Darwin R. Merritt by the historic misfortune. The remains of Engineer Merritt have been recovered and were interred with appropriate ceremony at Red Oak on August 18th, 1912.

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