

in charge at the place known as Hill's Retreat or sanitarium.

These particular documents were never made use of as the pages are uncut. Some of them were issued by a Union Executive Congressional committee, of which Senator James Harlan was the treasurer. The interesting ones include the following:

Abraham Lincoln, speech at Cooper Union, Feb. 27, 1860, which gave him standing in the east.

Wm. H. Seward, speech at Auburn, Sept. 3, 1864, on the fall of Atlanta.

James Harlan, speech on the Constitution.

Charles Sumner, the "Crime Against Kansas."

Daniel S. Dickinson, speech on Duty of Loyal Men.

Carl Schurz, on "Dougalism Exposed."

Henry G. Stebbins, on "Paying for the War."

Sherman, Hooker and Grant letters.

Geo. Bancroft and James Wadsworth letters.

J. G. Barnard, on the Peninsular Campaign.

Prof. Laborlaye, on the Presidential Election.

Vallandigham, Sup. Com. "Sons of Liberty," expose of "Copperhead Conspiracy in the Northwest."

"Shall We have an Armistice?"

Francis Lieber, on "Lincoln or McClellan," (German and English).

"English Tories and the Election."

Soldiers on Their Right to Vote.

"Leave Pope to Get Out of His Scrape."

"The Submissionists and Their Record."

"Sherman vs. Hood."

Correspondence Lydia Maria Child with Governor Wise and others on John Brown.

Report Judge Advocate General on "Order of American Knights" or "Sons of Liberty," a Western Conspiracy.

These documents tie in with those in the department files accumulated during the years following the close of the Civil war era, and still fresh in minds of Iowans in the eighties and nineties.

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#### USE OF CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE PROFITS

The Iowa Centennial committee closed its activities with the issue of a very fine report summarizing a year of intense work. This was prepared by Edith W. McElroy, the executive secretary, and Lester Milligan, the

chairman of the committee, on whom devolved much of the detail work of furthering celebrations and kindred things relating to Iowa's first hundred years as a state. The committee had of state funds \$16,000 and left of this a balance of \$2,145.44 unused. From the sale of the Iowa commemorative half-dollar coin there was realized about \$195,000 profit, which will go to historical purposes. A permanent committee of three has been named by Governor Robert D. Blue to determine the historical purposes to which the fund will be devoted, as designated by the act of congress. The members of the committee are Judge Frederic M. Miller, former supreme justice of Iowa, Dean Martin L. Tollefson, of the law school of Drake University, both of Des Moines, and Dean Mason Ladd, college of law of the State University of Iowa.

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#### IOWA'S MEDIUM LAKE RENAMED

Lake Five Island at Emmetsburg, in Palo Alto county, is the new name for Medium lake, heretofore so well known. The change was determined upon locally in 1946 and recommended by the state conservation commission. Now the United States division of geography, at Washington, made the designation official as of August 10 last. Hereafter all state and Federal maps and documents will bear the new name. The lake is a quarter of a mile to a mile wide, and extends northeast from Emmetsburg five miles.

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The new "Book of Des Moines" by Ilda M. Hammer, published by the City Board of Education, contains much assembled material of a historical nature concerning Des Moines and Iowa, attractively presented, representing data gleaned from a wide number of sources by the author. The volume will have especial value as a text book in Des Moines public schools and will be found in many private libraries. A most valuable feature is the group of suggestions following the close of each chapter for the class use and treatment of the subjects included. It is profusely illustrated from authentic photographs.

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