

Board of Trade, the sum of \$5,000 as a nucleus with which to prepare for a proper exhibit for Iowa. We learn that superintendents of the several departments into which the exhibit is to be divided, will soon be appointed, and that an assistant commissioner will be designated for each county. We are glad to learn that the project is booming in Iowa. We hope our people will bestir themselves to see that the resources and products of the State are presented at New Orleans in good shape.

We are glad to see that the Iowa Commissioners are at work, and to learn that the press and people of the State are encouraging them, for, with the small amount of money which is at the disposal of the Commissioners, it will be hard work, unless other aid is given, to make a display creditable to the State. In a short time the names of the Superintendents of the several departments into which the work of the State has been divided will be announced as also the names of the Commissioners for each county. The veteran Father Clarkson, one of the Philadelphia Centennial Commissioners writes recently, in his *Register* Farm department, as follows:

Last winter we urged the Legislature to make an appropriation to aid the Commissioner of Iowa to make a fair representation of the State at the New Orleans International Exposition. When the Legislature adjourned without doing anything, we supposed that neither the Commissioner nor the citizens would make an effort to be represented. But the Commissioners of the Exposition have concluded to aid such States and Territories as had not the means or enterprise to have a fair show. So we see it announced in the papers, and presume it is reliable, that the Commissioners at New Orleans have placed to the credit of H. S. Fairall, the Commissioner for Iowa, \$5,000 as a fund with which to prepare an exhibit for Iowa. It is understood that Mr. Fairall will now go into the work in earnest, and appoint an assistant in each county in the State. And it is hoped all the aid possible will be extended to our Commissioner.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE are under obligations to Hon. B. F. Gue, of Des Moines, for the excellent article published elsewhere, in which the famous prison pen of Andersonville is described. To the *Iowa State Register* also should be given the credit of inducing Governor Gue to prepare for its columns this sketch. We learn that all of the copies of the *Register*, and many hundred extra copies besides, were disposed of within a week after being printed. The preservation of the article in this magazine is there-

fore specially desirable. Governor Gue visited Andersonville in person, and gave a great deal of time and attention to securing data for the article, and its accuracy is a matter of no doubt.

REV. SAMUEL STORRS HOWE, the first editor of *THE ANNALS* (old series) has at last succumbed so far to the infirmities of a ripe old age that he finds it impossible to give both editorial and business attention to this magazine, and has therefore concluded to relinquish the latter entirely and to only give what attention he can to the former. The magazine from this number on will be in charge of a company of well-known citizens of Iowa City, who will endeavor to make such a magazine as the field it aims to occupy shows a demand for. Judge Fulton, whose articles have been so valuable in past numbers, has been invited to continue his contributions, and Prof. T. S. Parvin and other writers of note in this and other States, have promised to lend their assistance. One feature of the publication hereafter will be the attention given to matters connected with the State Historical Society under the shadow of whose building it is issued. While this Society does not feel able to assume the publication of *THE ANNALS*, its officers are anxious to have this Historical Quarterly succeed, and will give it all possible aid and encouragement. We hope that every person interested in preserving the early history of Iowa will take an interest, not only in furnishing information for this magazine, but also in the way of subscribing for it liberally and assisting in extending its circulation. The low price at which it is furnished ought to build up a large subscription list, and we hope that in every county an effort will be made to form clubs to which special rates are given.

THE old settlers of Cedar county held their Thirteenth Annual Meeting at Tipton, on June 11th. The attendance of truly "old settlers" was larger than at similar meetings for years past. Mr. John W. Brown presided, and announced the death of sixteen members during the past year. Mr. Robert G. Cousins, of Red Oak, a native of Cedar county, delivered the annual address, after which interesting reminiscences were given by James Jennings, Samuel Yule and others. Mr. Cousins' address was a very valuable one, and if space will permit hereafter we hope to lay it entire before our readers. These annual meetings of the old settlers should not be overlooked and we should be pleased to have accounts furnished us of such gatherings.

An instance of how a young man can succeed in Iowa, when industry and honesty of purpose are combined with a good mind, is furnished in the case of Hon. J. H. Sweney, who although not yet in the prime of life, has already made his mark upon the pages of Iowa's history. At the age of 16 he enlisted in the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry and served through the war, after which he graduated from the law department of the State University with high honors, and then became a practitioner at his home in Mitchell county, where he was chosen, last

fall, to represent his district in the State Senate. Although without any previous experience in legislative affairs, he left behind him a record of which any young man might be proud. As the *Dubuque Times* says: "He is one of the rising young men of the State and will be heard from in the future."

WE publish elsewhere in this magazine a sketch of the celebrated Red Polled cattle embodied in the advertisement of General L. F. Ross, of Iowa City. From the fact that Gen. Ross was the first person to introduce this stock into Iowa, the appearance of such an article in this publication is a matter of historical interest, and as *THE ANNALS* depends somewhat upon its advertising pages for support, it is also of pecuniary interest to the publishers. While Gen. Ross speaks modestly of the advantages of this breed of cattle, we take pleasure in adding further testimony to its excellence. There are but comparatively few of the breed in the United States, Gen. Ross' herd being, we understand, the second one in size. The picture in the advertisement will give a fair idea of the appearance of Red Polled cattle, and from the many testimonials furnished us from persons who have had experience with them, we cannot but conclude that they are the coming cattle of the country. Persons visiting Iowa City should not fail to examine Gen. Ross' herd, especially as he will soon have it upon his beautiful farm recently purchased from Mr. Carey R. Smith. Additional particulars in regard to this stock can be obtained by addressing Gen. Ross.

THE removal of the State Historical Society from its old and insecure building to a large and fire-proof structure more nearly the central part of the city of Iowa City, has caused a greatly increased attendance of visitors, who seem to take great pleasure in examining the many curiosities embraced in the collection. In addition to the people immediately around Iowa City, many strangers visit the Society and go away both entertained and instructed by what they have seen and heard. The veteran librarian in Col. S. C. Trowbridge, takes great pains to explain the relics and other curiosities, and the arrangement of books and other articles is such that every person who cares to do so can examine them and be informed of their history. The Historical Society, we are frank to say, is not what it should be. The State of Iowa has not done its duty by this immediate branch of the State Government. The appropriations have been very small and the Society has been unable to secure historical relics, books and pamphlets such as should adorn its shelves. We hope to be able through *THE ANNALS* to awaken renewed interest in the Society and have it placed upon the footing which its importance demands. In future numbers we shall describe something of the contents of the Society's hall, and have something to say in regard to the men who are engaged in caring for it and advancing its interests.

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