

## ALEXANDER CLARK'S ADMISSION.

(From the *Muscatine Journal*.)

But the *Journal* has one word more to say upon Alex. Clark's admission to the Bar. Here is a colored man, who, at the age of fifty seven suddenly resolves to make himself acquainted with the spirit, structure and history of Law. With only a limited common school education he enters the Law Department of the State University, and acquits himself with an intelligence and industry, that win for him the coveted diploma of the best Law School in the west. Judge Brannan, with a life graced with courtesies to others, has done few more honorable and graceful acts than in moving as he did for the admission of Alex. Clark to a profession of which the mover is so distinguished a member.

In reference to Mr. Clark's admission to practice, it may be added that his diploma from the University Law School, admits, him to practice in all the Courts of the State, including both the Supreme Court of Iowa, and the Circuit and District Federal Courts.

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**IOWA AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.**

Active preparations are being made to have Iowa represented at the World's Fair, that opens in New Orleans next December, and continues six months. The following article from one of the newspapers of the State gives an idea of the progress of the movement to have Iowa represented in the Exposition:

The preparations for the World's Fair which opens in New Orleans, December 1st, next, is attracting the attention of the entire country. The indications are that it will be of even greater magnitude than any Exposition ever held, not excepting the great Centennial at Philadelphia. Congress has appropriated \$1,000,000 as a loan, and it will soon give a half a million of dollars more to pay the expenses of a government exhibit. Owing to the late appointment by President Arthur of Mr. Herbert S. Fairall, of Iowa City, as Commissioner for Iowa, the matter of an appropriation by the Iowa Legislature was not presented in time and no funds were secured from this source. However, the World's Fair management have placed at the disposal of Commissioner Fairall, and his assistant John S. Ely, President of the Cedar Rapids

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.

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#### 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-

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