

## HISTORICAL FRAGMENTS.

## HISTORICAL GROUNDS.

(From the Council Bluffs *Nonpareil*.)

It may not be known to the younger population that two regiments of infantry rendezvoused at this city and left by steamboat for St. Louis in 1861 to engage in the war for the preservation of the Union.

The first to go was the fourth Iowa infantry under Col G. M. Dodge. The evidences of their camp, called "Camp Kirkwood," are still to be seen just north of the residence of Rev. G. G. Rice, on his fruit farm, and the other was the twenty-ninth Iowa company under Col. Thos. H. Benton. They were camped near the residence of J. B. Rue upon his land. Their camp was called "Camp Dodge" in honor of the colonel of the Iowa 4th. Quite a number of the citizens of our own city and county as well as from adjoining counties, now living, fought under the flags of these regiments. Let them be remembered and honored.

## TWO PROMINENT IOWANS.

(From the Sioux City *Journal*.)

The death within a year of two honored Iowa men, both prominent leaders of the Iowa Democracy, recalls a pleasant incident in the history of both. The story was told by Wesley C. Hobbs himself in a speech a year ago at the semi-centennial celebration at Burlington, General A. C. Dodge being present on the platform. Mr. Hobbs described in pathetic terms a boy seeking an education in Burlington, who was forced to the severest struggle with poverty, and earned the means of support while at school by such odd jobs as he could find. General Dodge, then a man of national reputation as a Democratic leader, had found the boy in his drudgery, taken him to his own home treated him as a son, and helped him to satisfy his hunger for an education. "That boy," said Mr. Hobbs, "is the speaker who stands before you." The incident, showing the generosity of the one and the sensitive gratitude of the other, is illustrative of the character of the two men.

## 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

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