

BANKS AND BANKERS IN IOWA.

THE OLDEST BANKERS IN THE STATE.

The Territory of Iowa, and the State also, under Democratic, hard money rule, declared against all banks, requiring even the Miners' Bank of Dubuque to close its issues. But later, under Whig administration, the State Bank was legislated into existence, with several branches, the State Bank office being at Iowa City, with Elihu Baker, of Cedar Rapids, as Secretary and signer of the bills. This system gave way to the United States First National Banking System, now in vogue. Meanwhile many private banks were started, and among these John Weare, Esq., of Cedar Rapids, opened one, now being Cashier of the First National Bank of Cedar Rapids. Mr. Weare is the *oldest continuous banker in Iowa*, still hale and hearty.

THE SYNOD OF IOWA.

The Synod of Iowa will convene at Des Moines, the Capital of Iowa, on the third Thursday of October (the 19th), at 7:30 o'clock P. M., in the Central Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. John B. Stewart, D.D., is the Pastor, and also the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

This Synod, as constituted by the General Assembly, comprises the whole State, and consists of the Presbyteries of Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fort Dodge, Iowa City, and Waterloo.

The stated Clerks of these eight Presbyteries are requested to send corrected rolls to their Synodical stated Clerks, viz., to Rev. Alexander S. Marshall, D.D.; and to Rev. Dr. Craig, of the Synods North and South, now constituted one by the action of the General Assembly.

SAMUEL STORRS HOWE,

Iowa City, September 29, 1882.

Convener of the Synod.

Our old friend, the Rev. Samuel Storrs Howe, of Iowa City, is doing a good historical work in the issue of a neat pamphlet quarterly, entitled ANNALS OF IOWA. It sweeps the whole field in the department of distinguished local biography. The July number has a memoir of Col. Wm. G. Coop, by A. R. Fulton; the address of James F. Wilson at the dedication of the Bloomer Public School building at Council Bluffs, etc. By way of frontispiece a score of artotype likenesses are grouped on a single page, including those of two ladies, viz., Susan F. Smith and Phœbe Scofield. One dollar a year in advance.—*Extract from the N. Y. Evangelist.*

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