

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"*Scott County as Usual.*"—Our respected Muscatine cotemporary *thus* speaks of the contents of the January number:

Come let us reason together Mr. Courier. Muscatine organized her Old Settlers' Society two years before Scott did hers—this was her first and last move toward "collecting the material for the history of our State," until we rescued her Constitution from an old portfolio and published it in the Annals.

Scott county has just (see this number) held her *Eighth* Anniversary, always an occasion of historical interest. One of her citizens, an old settler of whom the State is justly proud, furnished us the first and best county history. (Who will prepare one for Muscatine?)

Scott county furnished the Annals a long list of paying subscribers. Muscatine not a single one, till we made an urgent appeal to their local pride, when we elicited a few, very few.

We are disposed as this number will testify to do ample justice to any and every county that will do herself justice. They cannot expect we shall write their histories, organize their Associations, or write them into notice.

Let some one qualified, in each county, come to our aid, and we may make the Annals what it should be, a work of interest to all in our State.

Davis County.—The foregoing notice would be incomplete without an allusion to this county.

We have now devoted four numbers, 16 pages each, to the history of Davis county, by one of her most learned men, and our subscription list in that county includes only two names, (both personally solicited by ourself to become subscribers,) and even the county paper, instead of commending us, sent us a most contemptible letter, charging us with having copied the history from his paper. The honest truth is, that we never saw a copy of his paper in our life, and never wish to, unless

it has more courtesy than its editor has charity. The history was sent to us by Capt Horn in MS., stating in its introduction that it was greatly improved and revised from that which had originally appeared in a paper (the name of which we have forgotten) published at the county seat of Davis county.

Hereafter we will not publish the history of a county, that will not furnish us a respectable list of subscribers.

Another Correction.—Harpers' Pictorial History of the Great Rebellion, page 236. In speaking of the assault on Ft. Donaldson, the writer says: "The regiments, (the Second and Seventh Iowa and the Twenty-Fifth Indiana,) engaged in it (the assault) were not surpassed by any in the service. It was at the head of the *Second Iowa* that General Lyons charged and fell at the battle of Wilson's Creek. After the fight had lasted an hour at the right of the entire Confederate line, this (Second Iowa) regiment made an onset and gained a position of the rifle-pits."

Gen. Lyons, according to Maj. O'Conner's History of Iowa First, charged and fell at the head of the First, not Second, Iowa Infantry, who were three months' men, while the Second was three years' men, and were not in the field at the date of the battle of Wilson's Creek. We believe, however, from other evidence, that he fell at the head of the "Second Kansas." Col. James Tuttle led the Second Iowa in the memorable charge at Ft. Donaldson, and won his Star which he honorably wears.

Black Hawk's Bones—The following note to Capt. Horn's History of Davis county, page 404 (which see) was omitted in the January number:

The editor has good reason to believe that "The Old Chief's bones" were *not* consumed by the fire, which destroyed the valuable collection of the "Hist. and Geol. Society," at Burlington some years since. We are credibly informed that they were at the residence of an officer of said Society, and thus escaped that catastrophe. We hope that such is the case, and that a proper disposition may be made of them.

County Historical Society's.—Our friends of *Chickasaw County* recently held their Sixth Anniversary, and elected the Hon. J. H. Powers, of New Hampton, President.

Woodbury County—has lately organized a Society at Sioux City, of which our Correspondent, N. H. Levering, Esq., is Secretary.

We wish these organizations all success in their enterprise in collecting and preserving the early history of their localities.

Iowa Colonels and Regiments.—Our brief notice has called out Capt. A. A. Stuart, of Ottumwa, who has in press a work with the above title, which “contains a biographical notice of Iowa General Officers and Colonels, a history of every Iowa Regiment, with the exception of those of the one hundred days’ service. It is, also, embellished with magnificent steel plates, mezzotint portraits of officers. In it is given a description of every battle in which Iowa troops have participated; and where an officer or enlisted man has distinguished himself his name is given. The book has (we see) received flattering endorsements from many prominent men at home and abroad. We hope soon to see it upon our table.

This with the forthcoming work of Ingersoll will, no doubt, prove valuable acquisitions to our War Literature.

Gov. Lucas’ Portrait—executed by our townsman now of New York City, GEO. H. YEWELL, Esq., now adorns the Hall of the Society. We think the artist has succeeded well in catching the features of the old Governor.

The Society has heretofore invited Governors Briggs, Hempstead, Grimes, Lowe and Kirkwood to furnish theirs so as to complete as far as may be the Portraits of all of our Governors.

Joseph T. Fales Esq.—On the 20th ult., this Old Settler, now of Washington City, dropped into our sanctum, looking as hearty as of yore. Mr. F. came to Iowa in 1836, when a District of Wisconsin, and located in DuBuque, was an officer of the U. R. of Wis., at the Belmont session, and Clerk of the

first; H. R. of Iowa Territory. Upon the Organization of the State Government, was elected Auditor, and to his method that Department owes much of its efficiency. Mr. F., though not a printer, set type in the Office of the DuBuque Visitor, (edited by John King,) the first paper published in Iowa, as there was then but one printer in the District. We recollect an anecdote in connection with his name worth repeating. At the Session of the Legislature, at which Mr. F. was Clerk of the House, B. F. Wallace, (who is referred to by Old Settler as one of the Candidates for Congress, page 449) was Secretary of the Council (Senate.) One day in reading a bill concerning "jeofails," a law term signifying an oversight in pleading, read it "concerning Joe Fales," the nick name by which our friend was then called.

Dodge—Langworthy.—The Biographical Sketches of Hon. Henry Dodge, first Governor of Wisconsin and Iowa, and of Hon. E. Langworthy, an Old Settler of DuBuque, were received too late for insertion in this number. We are thankful to their authors and shall insert them in due time.

Criticisms.—Several of our exchanges have justly criticised the appearance of the January number.

We hope our publishers have remedied the defects pointed out, in this number, for truly "it would be for the credit of the State to produce such a periodical in the best mechanical style.

Our Thanks—are due and cordially extended to Hons. Laurel Summers, of Le Claire, and E. Langworthy, of DuBuque, for some of the "Old Documents" advertised in previous numbers.

Wanted—by the editor, Council Journal, Wisconsin Territory, 1836.

Council Journal, Iowa Territory, 1840.

Journal, Constitutional Convention, Iowa, 1846.

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