

furnish us facts, statistics, incidents and anecdotes, such as will be proper to become component parts of a History of Delaware county, which we will file away as they come to hand, and when the contributions shall be complete, we will compile and arrange them in proper order, and then the publication will begin.

Let energetic persons in each township take the matter in hand at once—*obtain the particulars of the first settlement made in that particular township, by whom made, who followed, the progress from year to year, (be particular with dates,)* describe the general face of the country, estimate the amount of prairie and also timber land, the price thereof as near as may be, the number and names of streams and their courses, the soil, the average amount of various kinds of grain grown to the acre, the amount of uncultivated land, general statistics, future prospect, and everything that would be of general interest. Give us these, and we will furnish you a readable history that you may not be ashamed of.

Shall the work begin? We are ready to do our part. Who will assist us? We will wait and see.

PATRIOTISM OF IOWA—A BOOK FOR EVERY FRIEND OF IOWA SOLDIERS.

The undersigned, (formerly editor of the Dubuque *Times*, and other Iowa Journals,) is collecting materials for a History of the part taken by the State of Iowa in the war for the suppression of the Great Rebellion now happily near its end. No State has been rendered more illustrious by the valor of her sons in the field, than has Iowa. The people of no State have more honored themselves by the moral and material support they have rendered their sons and brothers in arms.

The facts need but a proper setting forth, to form a record of enduring fame.

The proposed History will include the following subjects :

1st. A short sketch of the origin of the Rebellion.

2d. An account of all official State actions, whether Legislative or Executive, responsive to the demands for troops to suppress the Rebellion.

3d. A short account of each regiment furnished by the State with the battles and marches in which it participated.

4th. The name of every Iowa soldier, by Regiments and Batteries designating those killed or wounded in battle, or who died, or became disabled from any cause while in service.

5th. Incidents illustrative of the valor and heroism of our soldiers, both dead and living.

6th. The contributions made by the different townships, cities and counties in the State, in aid of volunteering, and for the support of the families of soldiers.

7th. A full account of the efforts of the patriotic people of the State, through the agency of Aid Societies and Sanitary Fairs, to promote the welfare of the soldiers in the field.

8th. An account of the operations of the State Military Agency, and such other means as have been employed to benefit our soldiers, whether in sickness or health.

9th. A sketch of the organization of the Home for the Orphan Children of Iowa Soldiers, and a list of the contributions for its support.

Every effort will be made to render the proposed work a perfect memorial of the bravery and patriotism of the men and women of Iowa, as exhibited in the great struggle for the suppression of rebellion, and the establishment of the National authority in the rebellious States. The co-operation of every Iowan in this labor is earnestly invited. Persons having a knowledge of facts or incidents suitable to be embodied in the proposed work, are particularly requested to communicate them to the undersigned without delay. Letters from soldiers

to their friends narrating occurrences of interest, will be especially valuable, and copies of all such are solicited. When parties prefer, the original letters may be sent, and they will be carefully preserved and returned, if desired. Returned soldiers will be able to render valuable aid to the undertaking by communicating interesting facts within their knowledge, or furnishing information where such facts may be obtained. Persons in the service, both officers and privates, are invited to contribute to the objects of the proposed History, as far as their opportunities will permit.

The work will be completed in one volume of large size, and will be issued from the press at the earliest date consistent with a proper degree of completeness.

A. P. WOOD.

Dubuque, April 8th, 1865.

THE NAME OF ILLINOIS.

The Chicago Post says the name of the State of Illinois originated in this manner :

A party of Frenchmen set out upon an exploring expedition down the river, which they afterwards named, providing themselves with bark canoes, and relying chiefly for their subsistence upon the game. They found at the confluence of this river with the Mississippi an island thickly wooded with black walnut. It was at that season of the year when the nuts were ripe, and this party of explorers, encamping upon the island, greatly enjoyed the luxury of this fruit. From this circumstance the 'Island of Nuts'—or in French, '*Isle aux Nois*'—which was given to the river which they explored, and thence to the Territory and State. This explanation of the 'Illinois' more fully accords with the orthography of the word, which has certainly a French termination—and the rapid pro-

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