

heretofore appeared in our pages were directed more especially to his career as a jurist. They are now admirably supplemented by these most interesting chapters by Mr. Yewell. Altogether they present a record of public services, of loyalty to country, and of warm sympathy for those needing encouraging words and assistance in the path of youthful effort, of which Iowans will always be proud.

TRANSPORTATION IN WAR TIMES.

In his article on "The Battle of Athens," which appeared in the last ANNALS, Gen. Cyrus Bussey referred to Mr. Joseph Shepard, assistant general manager of the western division of the United States Express, who aided him in his hurried distribution of arms. This reference brought a letter from Mr. Shepard from which we extract the following:

No doubt Gen. Bussey refers to a shipment from Keokuk to Council Bluffs, Iowa, for the Fourth Iowa Infantry. I had charge of this business from Keokuk, and at Eddyville the entire shipment was transferred to the Western Stage Company's coaches and transported through from there via Des Moines. The time consumed was from four to five days, and there were eighteen coach loads of arms. I was superintendent of our company during the war, and everything in Iowa that went by express was carried on the stage company's coaches. I remember Gen. Bussey very well, and remember making a trip with him across Iowa about that time, when he was on his way to join some regiment in the south.

This was a still later shipment of arms, which had been sent by Gen. J. C. Fremont to take the place of those which had been appropriated by Gen. Bussey to arm the companies along the border. Owing to the unsettled condition of that section of the country no effort was made by Gen. Bussey to have the arms returned. Col. D. B. Hillis, who succeeded him as aide-de-camp to the governor, took charge of them.

Mr. Shepard is still actively engaged in managing the large affairs of the U. S. Express Company at Chicago, though he is not far from 73 years of age. Forty years ago few pioneers in Iowa were more widely known. He could

count among his personal friends such names as those of Gov. Kirkwood, Gen. G. M. Dodge, Judges George G. Wright and Caleb Baldwin, and other leading men of that day. When he left the old farm in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., where he was reared, he started to learn the trade of a printer. He was a clean, well-behaved country lad, his heart overflowing with kindness and good humor, bright and jovial, seldom or never at variance with his juvenile associates in the little old-fashioned country printing office. His raiment, however, was after a style which the effusive reporter of these days would describe as "'way back." The shirt, for instance, was made of home-grown wool, by no means remarkable for fineness, colored "madder red," with a wide turn-down collar. But in those days "we boys" were glad to get those stout woolen shirts, spun and woven by our good mothers, even when we went to the county seat to learn to be printers. He wrought at his trade for several years, becoming widely known as a rapid pressman. He could print "a token"—240 sheets—on a hand press, in much less time than any other man in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua or Erie counties, N. Y., or in Erie county, Pa. One traveling in that region may even now hear aged printers speak of "Joe Shepard," the fast hand-pressman of fifty years ago. He "still lives" thereabouts in the legends of the craft. But he gave up printing for a humble place in the employment of the U. S. Express Co. From this starting point, through industry, undivided attention to business, and fidelity to the interests of his employers, he rose steadily step by step until he became the assistant general manager of the company's western department.

"RED DOG" MONEY—ANOTHER WORD.

The two following paragraphs were accidentally omitted from our comment on Maj. Sherman's article on the State Bank of Iowa, which appeared in the last number of THE ANNALS. We print them here because they contain certain

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