

THE MANUSCRIPT DIVISION HAS ACQUIRED ADDITIONAL stagecoach records, as well as broadside material relating to 1932 state political campaigns, and further circus records.

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THE LAST WEEK IN OCTOBER THE DEPARTMENT WILL be represented at the annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists, meeting in Richmond, Virginia, and also at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for State and Local History, which meets the same week in the same city. The Department has been asked to participate in the program at the latter meeting discussing the general problem: "Should an historical society expand or curtail its activities during war time?" The Department believes war time places even greater responsibilities upon an historical department than it does in times of peace, and hence will affirm that while strictest economy should be practiced, services should wherever possible expand to fill the need.

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THE MUSEUM DIVISION HAS RECENTLY INSTALLED IN the "Davenport Room" the elegant silverware collection of Emerson Hough, well known author of the first part of the century. Housed in two splendid glass cases, with solid walnut frames, the silverware of Georgian and Sheffield pattern exhibit their good design and fine execution. The two glass cases were the gift of Younker Bros., Des Moines.

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