

EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENT

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With the January number of the Annals of Iowa there was issued a supplement, or supplementary part, which contained a reprint of the notable series of articles embodying the letters and reminiscences of the late Dr. William Salter. This report had two purposes: namely, to put the whole in one convenient volume instead of scattered through six numbers, and also to correct some errors which unfortunately crept into the same when first published. This is a worth-while publication, as these letters and other writings of Doctor Salter are among the finest historical material relating to early Iowa statehood and the social and religious life of the pioneers.

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This number is given over largely to a report of the proceedings of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers. Formerly this report was published separately but some years ago the plan was adopted of having the same placed in the Annals of Iowa, because always there was so much of genuine historic interest in the proceedings. That part of the proceedings which took place in the afternoon joint session of the General Assembly will await a later publication.

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The U. S. S. Iowa IV, launched at the New York Navy Yard August 27, 1942, was placed in commission February 22, 1943. Governor Bourke B. Hickenlooper attended the ceremonies. Various Iowa organizations are preparing to present the battleship with an athletic outfit, medical first aid and a library. All matters relating to the movements of the vessel since the launching are kept secret during the war.

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Herbert Hoover, former president, visited Des Moines for a conference with midwest governors on the problem

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