

Jones do go to the town of Dubuque, in Michigan Territory, with the said John King, and there, for the term of one year as aforesaid, do faithfully perform the duties of foreman in the printing office of the said John King, and likewise such other duties in superintending the publication of the newspaper as may be required.

“‘[Signed.]

JOHN KING.

WM. CARY JONES.’”

The *Dubuque Herald* is the successor, through the *Iowa News* and the *Miners' Express*, of the *Dubuque Visitor* of 1836.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

— THE verses entitled “The West,” written by Mr. R. B. Groff, of Marengo, though not historical in character, appear in our pages, in respectful response to urgent requests to this effect, made by several gentlemen of literary taste in different parts of the state.

— THE old settlers of Tama county perfected an organization to perpetuate pioneer memories, at Toledo, on October 17th. All persons who were actual settlers of Tama county September 28th, 1856, are eligible to membership. The second Wednesday in June was fixed as the time, and Toledo the place, for their annual meetings. Anthony Wilkinson was elected chairman, Frank Davis treasurer, and D. D. Applegate secretary for the present year.

— IT is from the October number of the *Iowa Progress* that we copy the article entitled “Early Historical Sketch of Iowa,” though it does not seem to have had its origin in that monthly.

— THIS number, like several that have preceded it, is late in making its appearance, but it is not so far behind time as some of its contemporaries. For instance, the February (1872) number of the *New York Historical Magazine* is just out.

— THE *Louisa County Safeguard* has recently been publishing sketches of the early settlement of portions of Louisa county. They are written by the editor, Mr. Moore.

— WE are indebted to the press of the state generally for kindly notices of THE ANNALS, but the *Adair County Reporter* and the *Tama County Republican* always place us under special obligations to them in this direction.

— MR. DANIEL CONNELL, an old settler of Tama county, writing from Buckingham to the *Toledo Republican*, suggests a plan for procuring a history of that county. Let the history be written, and sent to THE ANNALS for publication.

— THE *Burlington Hawkeye* says that John A. Latty, of that place, claims to be the first born white citizen of Iowa who is now living within her boundary, he having been born in Des Moines county, June 11th, 1835. This "tolls" out Mrs. Ann Byrns, of Whitewater township, Dubuque county, who, by her "next friend," Mr. O. McCraney, avers she was born where Dubuque now stands, January 10th, 1833, making her more than two years older than Latty, or "Talty," as McCraney calls him. This is perhaps the first authentic instance of a woman claiming precedence, even by proxy, on account of seniority. And, by the way, which is the right name of the Des Moines county pioneer — Latty or Talty?

— DR. GRAHAM, an old citizen of Kentucky, has given to the public library of Louisville the rifle owned by Daniel Boone when he went to Kentucky from North Carolina, in 1767. The shot pouch, powder horn, hunting knife, and calf-skin vest of the old pioneer are also part of the gift.

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