

EDITORIAL NOTES.

—THE portrait of Judge Miller, of the State Supreme Court, which forms the frontispiece of this issue, will be recognized as a faithful delineation of the genial and benign features of our most excellent Chief Justice. It is a steel engraving, wrought by the cunning hand of Buttre of New York.

—THE "Old Settlers' Poem," published in this number, was written by Mrs. Rebecca S. Pollard, of Keokuk, whose sparkling contributions to the Gate City Press, under the *nom de plume* of Kate Harrington, often lightens the dark political passages between the two partizan editors there. Her verses contain many lines of superior merit, unfortunately detracted from, however, by localisms liable to be unappreciated because not understood.

—THE boundary line between Virginia and Maryland is still undefined. Commissioners on the part of Virginia for its settlement (of whom Ex-Governor Henry A. Wise was one), made a report on the subject as late as last January (1874), for a copy of which the Historical Society are indebted to Hon. Thomas H. Wynne, of Richmond, Va.

—MRS. N. SANFORD, of Marshalltown, a former contributor to this work, an entertaining writer and industrious collator, has published her lively "Sketches of Polk County," in a neat book.

—THE Old Settlers of Wapello county had a reunion at Ottumwa, September 19th, on which occasion the Hon. H. B. Hendershott delivered an eloquent address.

—MESSRS. Toole and Negus disagree as to the origin of the name of Louisa county. Mr. Toole thinks the name was borrowed from that of a county in Virginia. Mr. Negus, on the other hand, has set forth (*Annals of Iowa* for April, 1869, pp. 141-3), that it was named in honor of Miss Louisa Marsey, who had avenged her brother's murder in Dubuque in 1839, by shooting his assassin.

—DANIEL S. DURRIE, the librarian of the State Historical Society, of Wisconsin, has published a pamphlet entitled, "The Early Out-Posts of Wisconsin," giving a history of Green Bay for two hundred years.

—THE histories of many of the counties of Iowa have been published in their respective local papers. Last year the Chariton *Leader* gave that of Lucas county, written by the editor, Mr. D. M. Baker. We would be glad to receive a copy of each history of the kind, whether in manuscript or print, for permanent preservation and ultimate publication in the *Annals*.

—WE are obliged to apologize for the slow and interrupted manner in which the publication of the "Campaign against Price," appears in this work. To those who are tired of seeing installments of it, we would say that the end is near at hand, and that when completed it will form a very perfect history of important military events, to be found nowhere else but in the files of the War Department.

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