

EDITORIAL NOTES AND NOTICES.

This issue completes the second year, and all who have not paid for two years will take notice and remit, as small sums can now be sent by three-cent postal notes.

Why may not Howe's ANNALS become as famous as Nile's *Register* was in its day?

Iowa has escaped all tornadoes this year, while they have been very destructive in other States north and south. But it is to be observed that not every violent wind is a whirlwind, as some editors call it, in great ignorance of meteorological changes. The common usage is to call every high and destructive wind a tornado, or a cyclone, or whirlwind, even a hailstorm, but it is a gross blunder. It is properly called a hurricane, such as may occur at any season in the year.

The twenty-ninth annual fair of Johnson County here, and the last State fair at Des Moines were very successful. The Secretary of the State fair advertises that all debts of the Society, if audited by the Board, will be at once paid. All Iowa State and County fairs make too much of fast horses, offering extravagant premiums, putting too much reliance on running and trotting horses. It were better if, as in England, all fairs were made out for the sale of cattle and horses, and other articles and products.

The semi-centennial celebration at Burlington, Iowa, occurred in the editor's absence at the Northeast. He well remembers the interview he had with Governor Lucas, in 1839, the first Territorial Governor of Iowa, before the seat of Government was changed to Iowa City.

H. S. Fairall's Manual of Iowa Politics for 1883 is a valuable collection of statistics relating to Iowa, and it is having a wide sale and circulation. He has changed his address to Des Moines, Iowa, being no longer connected with the Iowa City *Republican*, but edits the *Iowa State Republican* there, a well filled newspaper.

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