

## SOME PUBLICATIONS

*A Short Constitutional History of the United States.* By FRANCIS NEWTON THORPE, A. M., Ph. D. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company. 1904. Pp. vi, 459.

This latest volume from the pen of Dr. Thorpe is based upon the materials consulted in the preparation of his larger works (*A Constitutional History of the American People* and *The Constitutional History of the United States*) and combines some of the distinctive features of each. It deals with the constitutional history both of the Union and of the States, emphasizing the common basis of American local and general government. In a book of small compass, the author has thought it sufficient to relate "(1) the origin of our civil system; (2) the principles on which it is founded; (3) the adaptation of the plan of government to public needs, by amendment and construction; and (4) the interpretation of the principles of the government . . . by the courts." He has kept well within these self-imposed limits.

A brief opening chapter traces the movement toward union down to the meeting of the Philadelphia Convention of 1787. This is followed by very satisfactory chapters on the work of that convention, the exposition and defence of the proposed Constitution in the *Federalist*, ratification and early amendments, the contest between the liberal and the strict constructionists, compromises growing out of the slavery controversy, and the course of reconstruction and amendment consequent upon the Civil War. At intervals throughout the book are inserted chapters entitled *Interpretation of Principles*, and others headed *The Commonwealths*; the former deal with important Supreme Court decisions of the last century, the latter summarize the work and indicate the characteristics and tendencies of State constitution-making at various periods since 1776. Appre-

ciating, as perhaps no other writer has done, the significance of State constitutions and constitutional conventions as reflectors of popular opinion and as "records of serious attempts to adapt the written form of government to the immediate needs of the people," Dr. Thorpe has made these "commonwealth" chapters one of the most noteworthy features of his book. As an appendix are printed the text of the Federal Constitution, the fifteen amendments, citations of cases bearing upon the interpretation of each article and section, and a full and careful index of the Constitution.

The volume is well-proportioned, suggestive, fair, and thoroughly readable. It is based on far-reaching research and is the result of years of study and reflection. It traces our constitutional experience briefly down to the present day. It will prove of interest and service alike to the student and to the general reader. But recognition of the merits of the history as a whole should not stay a few words of criticism and suggestion. A more complete index and a select bibliography would perhaps add to the utility of the work. The style, generally clear and effective, is, we believe, marred now and then by seemingly obscure expressions. The author's statement of the Monroe doctrine as promulgated by Monroe is inadequate (p. 153); and his view of Congressional Reconstruction after the War is decidedly charitable, even laudatory! Finally, it seems a matter of regret that the author has confined his attention almost exclusively to the formulation and interpretation of constitutions, and has given so little space to the practical working of our federal system—to such matters as impeachment, the war power of the executive, the electoral college, the growth of cabinet offices, the choice of senators, and the practical operation of the fifteenth amendment.

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*Iowa Geological Survey.* Volume XIV. Annual Report. 1903. With Accompanying Papers. Des Moines: Published for Iowa Geological Survey. 1904. Pp. xi, 664. Plates.

The subject matter of this report is composed mostly of a scientific discussion of clays and clay industries of Iowa and, therefore, will be known as the clay report in contradistinction to the second volume of the survey which is known as the report on coals. Coal and clay are abundant in Iowa and only await a diffusion of technical knowledge and modern methods of working in order that they may give to the Commonwealth the full possibilities of the gifts so richly lavished upon it by nature. The volume at hand bids fair to do its full share towards the development of the clay industry which is so well adapted to the State since the supply of raw material is inexhaustible.

The first six pages of the volume comprise the twelfth annual report of the State Geologist. This is followed by a chapter on *Mineral Production of Iowa in 1902* written by S. W. Beyer. Twelve million dollars in round numbers is the estimated valuation of Iowa's mineral output for the year mentioned. The minerals considered are coal, clay, stone, gypsum, and lead. Pages 29-318 contain a treatise on the *Technology of Clays*, by S. W. Beyer and I. A. Williams. The definition, origin, classification, and the chemical and physical properties of clays are ably discussed in the order mentioned, followed by a chapter treating of the processes in the manufacture of clay wares, properties of clays and the manufacture of wares, the methods of drying, burning, and types of kilns used. Pages 319-345 treat of the *Chemistry of Clays*, the paper being written by J. B. Weems. Pages 347-376 contain a paper on *Selection, Installation, and Care of Power Plants*, by G. W. Bissell. Pages 377-554 take up the discussion of *The Geology of Clays*, by S. W. Beyer and I. A. Williams. Though not indicated by the title the subject matter of the paper is limited to the geological distribution of the clays and shales of Iowa. Pages 555-620 give the *Tests of Clay Products* made by A. Marston. Pages 621-641 include a *Directory of Iowa*

*Clay Workers* compiled by S. W. Beyer and I. A. Williams. Pages 642-643 contain the usual acknowledgments. Pages 645-655 give the *Mineral Production of Iowa in 1903*, by S. W. Beyer. The total output is stated to have a valuation of fourteen and a half million dollars, an increase of two and a half million dollars over the value of the output of the preceding year. Pages i-xi give the information concerning the organization of the survey and the list of illustrations; while pages 657-664 conclude the volume with an index.

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*Historic Highways of America*. By ARCHER BUTLER HULBERT. Cleveland: The Arthur H. Clark Company. 1904. Vol. XI, *Pioneer Roads and Experiences of Travelers*, vol. 1. Vol. XII, *Pioneer Roads and Experiences of Travelers*, vol. 2. Vol. XIII, *Great American Canals*, vol. 1. Vol. XIV, *Great American Canals*, vol. 2. Pp. 201, 202, 231, 234.

Pioneer roads and great American canals are the important topics treated in volumes XI-XIV of the *Historic Highways* series.

Volume XI takes up the history of roadmaking and traces the evolution of the highway from the thread-like, winding Indian trail to the macadamized road, with the Lancaster turnpike—the first macadamized road in the United States—as a type. The author shows how the blind Indian trails grew gradually broader as the pioneers blazed their way through the dense forests and the pack horses, more and more heavily loaded, widened them into bridle paths which became the predecessors of the modern highway. The remainder of the volume gives accounts of the experiences of travelers on the pioneer roads which were still in the transition stage.

Volume XII is devoted to a study of the two lines of pioneer movement through Virginia and New York. The Northwestern Turnpike of Virginia is fully treated in a chapter showing the forces at work which demanded a highway and the legislative history which

created it and in the two chapters relating the experiences of travelers in this region. The pioneer movement through Central New York was by the famous Genesee Road, which is dealt with in chapter four, with a chapter following on a *Tour to Niagara Falls, 1805*, over the Genesee Road, and one on the Catskill Turnpike which gives considerable information on early road building in Central New York. In the last chapter we are taken with Dickens over American roads by means of quotations from his *American Notes*.

By the great American canals, Mr. Hulbert means the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Pennsylvania, and the Erie canals, and to these he devotes volumes XIII and XIV, showing the importance of the last named by giving to it an entire volume.

After tracing briefly, in the introductory chapter of volume XIII, the invention and adoption of the canal lock and its influence upon trade, and the early project for the improvement of the rivers which rise in the Alleghenies, Mr. Hulbert takes up the history of the Potomac Company, which, with Washington as its leading spirit, strove to secure for Maryland and Virginia, through the Potomac River, the trade of the rising empire west of the Alleghenies. The successor of the Potomac Company was the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, which found a bitter rival in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. These companies were "organized within the same states, to operate in exactly the same territory, and both seeking the same carrying trade." From this point in the narrative the birth and development of the two great railroad routes which follow the canals — the Baltimore and Ohio and the Pennsylvania — are given side by side with the history of the canals. The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, which was a financial failure, still has a steady traffic; but the Pennsylvania Canal, though built without the vexatious delays and opposition of the other, became of less and less importance as the success of the Pennsylvania Railroad grew, and it was finally purchased by the railroad and closed.

"The honor of originating the plan of a canal from the Great Lakes to the Hudson will forever lie with the brilliant, visionary

Gouverneur Morris." His plan was taken up by the commissioners appointed by the State of New York. Their work, Clinton's memorial — which is given in its entirety — the celebration of its completion, together with the influence of the canal and the canal fund, are all treated in the fourteenth volume of the series.

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Mr. John A. Kasson is the author of a volume of 273 pages entitled *The Evolution of the Constitution of the United States of America and the History of the Monroe Doctrine*. The book was published by Houghton, Mifflin, & Co., in 1904.

*History of the Library of Congress*, volume I, 1800–1864, by William Dawson Johnston, an illustrated octavo volume of over five hundred pages, issued by the Government Printing Office, was distributed during January, 1905.

Volume I of *A History of the Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania, 1638–1820*, from the original sources, by Theodore Emanuel Schmank has recently been issued by the General Council Publication House of the Lutheran Church, Philadelphia.

A well illustrated volume of nearly six hundred pages entitled *The State of Missouri, an Autobiography*, edited for the Missouri Commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, by Walter Williams, was distributed during December, 1904.

The *Guide to the Archives of the Government of the United States in Washington*, recently issued by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, purports to be little more than a general survey of the United States archives. Nevertheless its 207 pages of information contain suggestions of the greatest practical value to the special investigator who goes to Washington for historical data. Prepared by Charles Halstead Van Tyne and Waldo Gifford Leland, the volume is issued under the editorship of Professor Andrew C. McLaughlin.

Francis P. Harper, publisher, New York City, has issued in four volumes the *Life, Letters and Travels of Father Pierre-Jean De Smet, S. J., 1801-1873*, by H. M. Chittenden and A. T. Richardson. The work treats largely of the Indian tribes met with by Father De Smet in his journeys, as a missionary, over the country from St. Louis to Puget Sound and the Athabasca. It has been edited from the original unpublished manuscript journals and letter books and from Father De Smet's printed works and is annotated throughout.

G. P. Putnam's Sons announce that volume one of *The United States, 1607-1904, a History of Three Centuries of Progress in Population, Politics, Industry, Commerce and Civilization*, by W. E. Chancellor and F. W. Hewes, has been issued. The book covers the period of colonization, 1607-1697. The work will be completed in ten volumes. Another work announced to be completed in three or four volumes is *The Writings of Samuel Adams*, collected and edited by Professor H. A. Cushing.

The Arthur H. Clark Company, Cleveland, Ohio, is issuing an interesting series of books on the *Philippine Islands*. The work, to be completed in fifty-five volumes, will contain such accounts of the explorations made by early navigators, descriptions of the islands, the inhabitants, their customs, commerce, and religious conditions during the years 1493-1898 as may be obtained from contemporary books and manuscripts published or written in various languages. The editing and annotating is being done by Miss Emma H. Blair and Mr. James A. Robertson, with the assistance of Professor E. G. Bourne and others. By the same company there is being issued a series of annotated reprints entitled *Early Western Travels*, of which ten volumes have already appeared. This series, edited by Reuben Gold Thwaites, will contain the more important and rare narratives of travelers in the region of the Middle West during the period 1748-1846. The company announce also as ready September 15, 1904, an edition of *Gass's Journal of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, reprinted from the edition of 1811, with an introduction by James K. Hosmer.

Dodd, Mead & Company announce the early publication of the original journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition which are being edited by Mr. Reuben Gold Thwaites. This publication will contain the original journals of Lewis, Clark, Floyd, and Whitehouse, carefully edited and annotated. There will be an atlas of about fifty maps, the originals of which were prepared by Captain Clark. Biddle's narrative has been for a long time considered the official report; but it now appears that he used the official record books only as a source from which he took such material as he chose with which to construct his narrative. The new work will also contain other documents which have a bearing upon the expedition. It is announced that there will be three forms of issue—the regular edition in eight volumes, a large paper edition, and an edition *de luxe*, the two special editions being limited and of fifteen volumes each.

The Library of Congress has sent out copies of the *A. L. A. Catalog* which was recently issued and placed on exhibition at the Universal Exposition at St. Louis. It is, to all intents and purposes, a new edition of the 5,000 volume *Catalog of A. L. A. Library* prepared by a committee of the American Library Association and exhibited at the World's Columbian Exposition. This catalog, which was issued in 1893, was without notes and was necessarily incomplete. The present catalog contains nearly 8,000 titles suitable for a public library, and is arranged in two distinct parts—the one is a class list according to the decimal classification with the addition of a classified list of such public documents as are most useful in a public library, and a subject index; the other is a dictionary catalog with both the decimal and expansive classification numbers given. The publisher and price are appended to each author entry in both lists. The catalog contains explanatory notes throughout, as well as bibliographical data and evaluation. It was prepared by the New York State Library and the Library of Congress under the auspices of the American Library Association Publishing Board, with Mr. Melvil Dewey as editor in chief and Miss May Seymour of the New



York State Library and Mrs. H. S. Elmendorf of the Buffalo Public Library as associate editors.

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The set of *Iowa Documents* for 1904 in eight volumes has been announced as ready for delivery on January 1, 1905.

*Words of Life for 1905* is the title of a book of quotations selected and arranged by the venerable Dr. William Salter, of Burlington, Iowa. It is for sale by A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago.

*From Iowa to the Philippines—A History of Company M, 51st Iowa*, by Joseph I. Markby, has been published by the Thos. D. Murphy Co., Red Oak, Iowa.

A quarto publication of fifty-nine pages containing the proof and argument presented by Albert B. Cummins, Governor of Iowa, in the matter of the controversy between the Shiloh National Military Commission relating to inscriptions upon the regimental monuments of the 15th and 16th Iowa Volunteer Infantry is a choice bit of Iowana published in 1904.

*In Memoriam—General C. W. Irish*, a pamphlet of eight pages with portrait was issued in December, 1904.

*The Middletonian*, volume V, number 1, published by the students of the College of Medicine of the State University of Iowa, was issued from the press early in December, 1904.

*The Semi-Weekly Iowegian*, published at Centerville, Iowa, issued a thirty-two page edition for December 16, 1904. This number is well illustrated with portraits of pioneers and with views of buildings and improvements made during the past year. A number of interesting historical accounts are found in its columns.

The December, 1904, number of the *Iowa Medical Journal* closes the tenth year and volume. The magazine is a monthly published at Des Moines, Iowa. Dr. E. E. Dorr is the editor and proprietor.

*Address to Army Associations and Miscellaneous Papers Relating to Civil and Spanish Wars* is the title of a ninety-five page pamphlet by Major General Grenville M. Dodge.

The *Solon Economy* of December 22, 1904, contains two historical articles entitled, *Reminiscences of Solon and its Surroundings*, and *Early Settlement of Cedar Township*, respectively.

*The Iowa Alumnus* is now issued as a monthly publication. The numbers for October, November, and December, 1904 (being numbers 1, 2, and 3 of Vol. II), have appeared. Volume I, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 appeared as a bi-monthly during the year 1903-1904. The publication is now the official organ of the alumni of The State University of Iowa. Professor H. G. Plum is the managing editor, and the Alumni Bureau of Information is the publisher.

The October number of the *Quarterly of the Iowa Library Commission* contains a report of the St. Louis meeting of the Iowa Library Association, a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Iowa Library Association, and an account of the Iowa Summer Library School for 1904.

*The State Board of Health Bacteriological Laboratory* is the title of an article, by Professor Henry Albert, which appears in the December, 1904, number of the *Iowa Medical Journal*.

*Riverside Echoes*, by Herbert J. Metcalf, editor of the *Lansing Mirror* and author of *The True Garden of Eden*, is the title of a pretty volume of verse and illustrations issued in 1904.

*Boulder Lodge Sanatorium*, an illustrated pamphlet of sixteen pages, is being sent out by Dr. J. W. Kime of Fort Dodge.

*American Hydroids, Part II, The Sertularidae*, by Professor C. C. Nutting, was issued by the Smithsonian Institution as a special bulletin during 1904. The publication is a folio of 325 pages including 41 plates.

*The Forestry Manual of the Iowa State Horticultural Society*, written by H. W. Lathrop and published in 1881, has been a very scarce pamphlet for many years. The remainder of the edition, over seven hundred copies, was recently found and the title of possession passed to The State Historical Society of Iowa. The publication is an octavo of thirty-two pages.

Of recent issue may be noted *The Alumni Register of The State University of Iowa*, 1856-1904, a book of 284 pages. This register is the result of efforts of the statistics committee of the Alumni Association and is issued as *Bulletin No. 91* of the publications of The State University of Iowa.

Volume four of the *History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*, 1872-1890, written and compiled by President Joseph Smith and Heman C. Smith, has been issued from the church publication house at Lamoni, Iowa. This volume is a book of nearly eight hundred pages and completes the series.

*A Biographical Sketch of James Bridger, Mountaineer, Trapper, and Guide* is the title of an appreciative life story of a noted frontiersman recently issued in pamphlet form by Major General Grenville M. Dodge.

*Bulletin from the Laboratories of Natural History of the State University of Iowa*, Volume V, Number 4, appeared in December, 1904. This bulletin, numbered *New Series, No. 92*, contains about one hundred and sixty pages and about fifty plates and completes volume five. The papers are:—I, *Actinometra Iowensis*, by Frank Springer; II, *The Flora of the St. Peter Sandstone in Winneshiek County, Iowa*, by B. Shimek; III, *The Discomycetes of Eastern Iowa*, by Fred J. Seaver; and IV, *Loess Papers*, by B. Shimek.

*An Atlas of the State of Iowa* published under the direction and supervision of Mr. Huebinger by the Iowa Publishing Company, Davenport, Iowa, appeared in November, 1904. This is the first general atlas of Iowa issued since 1875 when *Andreas' Atlas* was issued. In make up, general character, and scope, the two atlases are quite similar, although the new atlas shows the results of progress in the arts of the printer and publisher. The *Atlas* is a folio of three hundred and sixty pages and ninety-nine plates. A full page topographic map is given of each county. There is also some historical and descriptive matter concerning Iowa; the *Geology and Geological Resources of Iowa*, by Professor S. Calvin; *Climatology*

of Iowa, by John R. Sage; *Iowa in the War*; *Public Institutions of Iowa*; the *State University of Iowa*; the *State Normal School*; the *Iowa College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts*; *Forestry*, by Professor Pammel; and a general write up of each Iowa county. The plates comprise views of institutions, places of interest, portraits, etc.

*Some Rare Iowa Documents*

In the Iowa collection of books in the Iowa Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids is a volume of pamphlets, collected by the late T. S. Parvin, which contains a number of interesting and rare Iowa documents. The bibliographic titles of the more important ones are as follows:

Rules | of | practice, | in the | supreme & district courts, | for the | territory of Iowa, | adopted at the July term, 1839. | — | Clarke & M'Kenny, Printers. | — |

Pamphlet, 12mo in size, pp. 1-5.

Communication | from the | secretary of the territory, | made in compliance with a resolution of the house of | representatives, | on the subject of the | liabilities of the territory. | — | Read Nov. 12, 1840—200 copies ordered to be printed. | — | Burlington: | J. H. M'Kenny, Pr. | — | 1840. |

Pamphlet, octavo in size, pp. 1-6.

Rules and forms | in | bankruptcy. | — |

Pamphlet, 12mo, pp. 8, issued in 1842.

Rules | of | practice | in the | supreme court, | for the | territory of Iowa, | Adopted at the Jan'y Term, | 1843. | = | Iowa City. | printed by Hughes & Williams. | — | 1843. |

Pamphlet, 24mo in size, pp. 1-8. Inner and cover titles are identical.

Rules | of the | district court | of the | United States | for the | district of Iowa, | adopted at the January term, A. D. 1848. | = | Iowa City: | printed by Abraham H. Palmer. | ::::::::::: | 1848. |

Pamphlet, octavo in size, pp. 1-28. The cover and inner titles are practically identical.

Rules of practice | in the | district courts | of the | second judicial

district | of | Iowa. | — | Dubuque: | printed at Wm. A. Adams' book and job office. | 1854. |

Pamphlet, octavo in size, pp. 1-15. The cover and inner titles are identical.

Rules of practice | in | the district courts | of the | first judicial district | of | Iowa. | — | Keokuk: | J. B. Howell & company, printers. | (Daily Gate City printing establishment.) | 1856. |

Pamphlet, octavo in size, pp. 1-16. The above is the cover title, the inner title omits the second line from the end of the title.

Debates | and | Speeches | in the | legislature of Iowa, | during the session of 1856-7. | — | Published by Request. | — | In a Periodical Form, | And subject only to newspaper postage. | = | printed at the Iowa City book and job office. |

Pamphlet, octavo in size, pp. 1-32. The inner sub-title reads:

Iowa City Journal | of | debates. | = | Vol. I. Iowa City, Jan. 6, 1857, No. 1. | = |

Compiled by S. Storrs Howe. This is not a state document but is quasi-official.