

## NOTES AND COMMENT

### MISCELLANEOUS

With the July, 1905, issue the *American Monthly Magazine* enters upon its twenty-seventh volume.

An excellent "Iowa program" has been arranged by the Civic Club, of Greene, Iowa, for the ensuing year.

Dr. Reuben Gold Thwaites conducted a course of lectures at the 1905 summer session of the University of California.

A life-sized statue of the late George W. Wakefield was unveiled at Sioux City, Iowa, on October 1, 1905.

After a period of forty years of faithful service as librarian of Yale University, Mr. Addison Van Name retires and is succeeded by Mr. J. C. Schwab.

Volume III, No. 1, of the *University of Toronto Studies in History and Economics* contains a contribution by Lucy E. Textor on *A Colony of Émigrés in Canada, 1798-1816*.

The American Anthropological Association met at San Francisco, August 29-31, 1905. This was the first meeting of the Association held west of the Missouri River.

The Association of American Universities will hold its next meeting at the University of California and at Stanford University, April 12-14, 1906.

The Essex Institute, Salem, Massachusetts, secured during the fiscal year ending May 1, 1905, 2,399 volumes and 10,409 pamphlets.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Iowa State Bar Association was held at Des Moines, July 13-14, 1905. The officers chosen for the ensuing year are: W. H. Bailey, of Des Moines, President; H.

M. Towner, of Corning, Vice-President; Charles M. Dutcher, of Iowa City, Secretary; and Jesse F. Stevenson, of Des Moines, Treasurer.

Some of the recent announcements of The Macmillan Company are: *International Civil and Commercial Law*, by F. Meili, translated by Arthur K. Kuhn; *Lectures on the Relation Between Law and Public Opinion in England*, by A. V. Dicey; also by the same author, *Introduction to the Study of the Law of the Constitution*.

In connection with and as a part of the program of the meeting of the American Historical Association to be held at Washington and Baltimore in December there will be another round table conference of historical societies. Following the program of last year the topics for discussion will be on the problems of State and local historical societies. Dr. Thomas M. Owen, Director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, will preside as chairman of the conference.

The report of the librarian of Yale University for the year ending July 31, 1904, shows the acquisitions to be by purchase 6,334 volumes, by gifts 4,435 volumes and 13,360 pamphlets. The benefactions for the year amounted to nearly \$300,000.

Mr. Thomas W. Mitchell, formerly of The State University of Iowa and late of the University of Pennsylvania, has contributed an article on *Stockholders Profits From Privileged Subscriptions* to *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*. Mr. Mitchell is now connected with the New York University as Secretary of the School of Commerce, Accounts, and Finance.

The Arthur H. Clark Company announce the issue of *Magellan's Voyage Around the World*, by Antonio Pigafetta. The publication is in two volumes, and the Italian and English page-for-page texts are given.

The Macmillan Company will soon issue a twelve volume edition of *Hakluyt's Voyages* which is a reprint of the edition of 1598-1600 as revised by Richard Hakluyt. This work was first issued in 1589.

There is a London edition of 1809, and one of Edinburgh of 1885. Of the present reprint there will be an English edition of one thousand copies and an American edition of five hundred.

Articles of interest in *The United Service* for September, 1905, are: *Strategy and Tactics of the Russo-Japanese War; Captain Pierre de Landais, Commander Continental Frigate "Alliance,"* by H. D. Smith; *The Contest for Sea Power—Germany's Opportunity,* by Archibald S. Hurd; and *The Modoc War—Its Origin, Incidents and Peculiarities,* by James Jackson.

Of the articles in the September, 1905, number of the *Political Science Quarterly*, mention may be made of *Treaties and Executive Agreements,* by J. B. Moore; *Contested Congressional Elections,* by C. H. Rammelkamp; *Direct Legislation,* by W. R. Peabody; *The Cost of Life Insurance,* by Allan H. Willett; *Pending Problems in Public Finance,* by Edwin R. A. Seligman; *Jeffreys and the Law of Treason,* by D. L. Patterson; and *British Administration in Egypt,* by Sidney Peel.

*The Quarterly Journal of Economics* for August, 1905, contains papers on *The Coöperative Coopers of Minneapolis,* by G. O. Virtue; *The Probable Increase of the Negro Race in the United States,* by W. F. Willcox; *Suggestions on the Theory of Value,* by Ludwig Kotany; *The Establishment of the Gold Exchange Standard in the Philippines,* by E. W. Kemmerer; *Wool-growing and the Tariff Since 1890,* by C. W. Wright; and *The Hibernia Fiasco: Recent Efforts of the Prussian Fiscus to Acquire Coal Lands,* by Francis Walker.

*The American Journal of Sociology*, July, 1905, contains papers on *A Decade of Sociology; Studies in Eugenics,* by Francis Galton; *Sociological Construction Lines (III),* by Edward C. Hayes; *A Psychological Theory of Revolutions,* by Charles A. Ellwood; *Introduction to Sociology (xv),* by G. de Greef; *The Relation of Municipal Government to American Democratic Ideals,* by L. S. Rowe; *Sociology in Some of its Educational Aspects,* by V. V. Branford;

*Crime in Relation to the State and Municipalities*, by Eugene Smith; and *The Political Situation in France*, by A. and H. Hamon. This issue begins volume XI of the *Journal*.

The *University Studies*, volume I, number 10, University of Illinois, is a brochure of seventy-nine pages. The first seventy pages contains a thesis on *Labor Organization Among Women*, by Belva Mary Herron. The last nine pages contain a list of the books and articles published by the corps of instruction of the University of Illinois during the last scholastic year.

Volume VI (No. 1) of the *Publications of the Michigan Political Science Association* is devoted to *Papers and Addresses on Primary Reform* read at the annual meeting of the Michigan Political Science Association held at Ann Arbor, February 9 and 10, 1905. The contents are: *Direct Primaries in Kent County*, by Roger W. Butterfield; *Forty Years of Direct Primaries*, by Ernest L. Hempstead; *Direct Primaries in Minnesota*, by John A. Fairlie, David F. Simpson, William A. Schafer, and Frank M. Anderson; *The New Primary Law in Wisconsin*, by Howard L. Smith; *The New York Primary Law*, by Henry A. Bull; *The Bronson Primary Law in Ohio*, by A. H. Tuttle; *The Chicago Primary System*, by Charles E. Merriam; and *Constitutional Limitations on Primary Election Legislation*, by Floyd R. Mechem.

Contributions to the *American Anthropologist* for April-June, 1905, are: *Ceremonial Objects and Ornaments from Pueblo Bonito, New Mexico*, by George H. Pepper; *Notes on the Antiquities of Jemez Valley, New Mexico*, by W. H. Holmes; *The Shasta-Achomawi*; *A New Linguistic Stock, with Four New Dialects*, by Roland B. Dixon; *Two Ancient Mexican Atlats*, by D. I. Bushnell; *Some Virginia Indian Words*, by William R. Gerard; *Traditions of Precolumbian Landings on the Western Coast of South America*, by Adolph F. Bandelier; *A Kekehi Will of the Sixteenth Century*, by Robert Burkitt; *Excavation of Indian Graves in Western Massachusetts*, by Harris H. Wilder; *Social Organization of the Chingalee*

*Tribe, Northern Australia*, by R. H. Mathews; *The Chamorro Language of Guam*, by W. E. Safford. The supplement number contains an *Essay on the Grammar of the Yukaghir Language*, by Waldemar Jochelson.

#### HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Efforts will be made to secure a large attendance of representatives of historical societies and departments of history at the Round Table Conference of Historical Societies which will be held in connection with and as a part of the meeting of the American Historical Association in December, 1905.

*The Origin and Use of Post-roads in New England*, by Ellery B. Crane, is an interesting illustrated paper in volume xx, number 3, of the *Proceedings of the Worcester Society of Antiquity* for the year 1904.

Volume v (seventh series) of the *Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society* was distributed during August, 1905. Its four hundred pages are devoted almost entirely to the publication of *The Heath Papers*.

The *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* at the annual meeting held in Worcester, October 21, 1904, have been recently issued as part 3, volume xvi (new series) of the Society's publications.

*The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* for July, 1905, contains, *Correspondence Between Henry Laurens and His Son, John, 1777-1780*; *Records of the Regiments of the S. C. Line, Continental Establishment*; *John Alston*, by A. S. Salley, Jr.; *South Carolina Gleanings in England*; and *Historical Notes*.

A monument to the memory of Col. Thomas Cox, a pioneer law-maker of Iowa, was unveiled at Maquoketa, Iowa, July 4, 1905, with appropriate ceremonies under the auspices of the Jackson County Historical Society, and the Maquoketa Valley Pioneers and Old Settlers Society. Rev. Wm. Salter, of Burlington, who deliv-

ered the funeral oration of Col. Cox sixty-one years ago was present and took part in the exercises.

The *Journal of The Presbyterian Historical Society* for September, 1905, contains an installment of the *Diary of the Rev. Michael Schlatter*, edited by Professor Wm. J. Hinke; also *Early Attempted Union of Presbyterians with Dutch and German Reformed*, by James I. Good; and a *Record of New Publications Relating to Presbyterian and Reformed Church History*.

The *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute*, July, 1905, contain *A Biographical Sketch of Rev. William Bentley*, by J. G. Waters; *An Address on Rev. William Bentley*, by Marguerite Dalrymple; *English Notes About Early Settlers in New England*, by Lothrop Withington; *Salem Town Records*; and *Ship Registers of the District of Salem and Beverly, 1789-1900*.

Leading articles in the July, 1905, number of *The American Historical Review* are: the *History and Materialism*, by Alfred H. Lloyd; *A Continental Congressman: Oliver Ellsworth, 1777-1783*, by W. G. Brown; *The Indian Boundary Line*, by Max Farrand; and *William Walker and the Steamship Corporation in Nicaragua*, by W. O. Scroggs. This number closes volume x with nearly a thousand pages of printed matter.

The March, 1905, number of *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* includes *The Higher Significance in the Lewis and Clark Exploration*, by F. G. Young; *The Story of Lewis and Clark's Journals*, by R. G. Thwaites; *Dr. John Scouler's Journal of a Voyage to N. W. America*; and *Sketch of a Journey to the Northwestern Parts of the Continent of North America During the Years 1824-25-26-27, III*, by David Douglas.

Articles of interest in the September, 1905, number of the *Register of Kentucky State Historical Society* are: *Sketch of Governor John L. Helm*; *Sketch of Governor John J. Crittenden*; *Kentucky's First Immigrants from Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North Carolina*, by William Crowe; *The Early Courts of Kentucky*, by Rear-Admiral

C. C. Todd; *Something About Col. Dick Johnson's Indian School in Scott County, Ky., 1833-40, with Letters from Indian Territory; and Sketch and Picture of Mrs. Sophia Fox Sea.*

The July, 1905, number of the *Annals of Iowa* contains, *Recollections of the Old Capitol and the New*, by Peter A. Dey; *Congressional Medals of Honor and Iowa Soldiers*, by Charles A. Clark; *The Simon Cameron Indian Commission of 1838*, by Ida M. Street; and *Steamboating on the Des Moines*, by C. F. Davis. An original steel portrait of Peter A. Dey is published as a frontispiece; and portraits of M. L. Fisher, John G. Foote, and David Ryan are also given. The number includes a plate of the Old Indian Agency situated near Agency City, Iowa, and a facsimile of a bill of sale for a mulatto boy.

The *Topeka Daily Capital* of September 7, 1905, contains a communication from Mr. Geo. W. Martin, Secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society relative to John Brown's status in Kansas. He says: "We have looked through a hundred letters and manuscripts pertaining to that time and John Brown's connection with affairs, and nowhere is there to be found a single claim of Brown or anyone else that he, Brown, owned land or cabin, or that he paid money or secured money from anyone for a squatter's right to land, and nowhere is to be found a statement of title to any property in his name."

The April, 1905, number of *The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association* completes volume VIII of the Association's publications. This number contains only one formal article, namely, *The Municipal Government of San Fernando De Bexar, 1730-1800*, by M. A. Austin. Articles of note in the July number are: *The Diplomatic Relations of England and the Republic of Texas*, by J. L. Worley; *John H. Reagan*, a life sketch, by W. F. McCaleb; and *A Chapter in the History of Young Territory*, by Fannie M. Clarke.

Volume VIII of the *Publications of the Buffalo Historical Society* was issued during the month of August, 1905, and has been distrib-

uted. The book contains 578 pages and is edited by the Secretary of the Society, Mr. Frank H. Severance. *Relations of the United States to the Canadian Rebellion of 1837-1838*, by O. E. Tiffany; *History of the Abolition of Railroad Grade Crossings in the City of Buffalo*, by R. B. Adam; *The Dobbins Papers; Social Life of Buffalo in the '30's and '40's*, by Martha F. Poole; and the *Proceedings* of the Society are the principal papers.

The leading articles in the July, 1905, number of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* are: *Some Letters from William Hamilton, of the Woodlands, to his Private Secretary*, by Benjamin H. Smith; *The Log of Dr. Joseph Hinchman, Surgeon of the Privateer Brig Prince George, 1757*, by William M. Mervine; *The Early Years of the University Barge Club of Philadelphia*, by John B. Thayer; *Letters of James H. Watmough to his Wife, 1785*; *Pennsylvania Gleanings in England*, by Lothrop Withington; *David Edwin, Engraver*, by Mantle Fielding; *Some Correspondence of Dr. James McHenry*, by Bernard C. Steiner; *Genealogical Records of the Marshall Family of Lewes, Delaware, 1737-1839*, by C. H. B. Turner; *Letters of John Paul Jones, 1780*; *Wiltbank Family Record*; and *Rev. John Martin Mack's Narrative of a Visit to Onondaga in 1752*, by John W. Jordan.

The *Proceedings and Collections of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society* for the years 1902-1903 (volume VIII, imprint 1904) contain the following papers: *The Atlantosaur and Titanotherium Beds of Wyoming*, by F. B. Peck; *The Buried Valley of Wyoming*, by Frederick Corss; *A Day at Asylum*, by David Craft; *The "Gravel Creek" Indian Stone*, by H. E. Hayden; *The Stone Age*; *Remains of the Stone Age in the Wyoming Valley and along the Susquehanna River*, by Christopher Wren; *Jesse Fell's Experimental Grate*; *Testimony of an Eye Witness*, by J. M. C. Marble; *Count Zinzendorf and the Moravian and Indian Occupancy of the Wyoming Valley, 1742-1763*, by F. C. Johnson; *The Reminiscences of David Hayfield Conyngham, 1750-1834, of the Revolutionary House of Conyngham and Nesbitt, with Introduction, Biographical*



*Sketches and Annotations*, by H. E. Hayden; *Reminiscences; Wyoming Valley Marriages, 1850-1894*, by H. H. Welles; and Biographical Sketches of Deceased Members. The Volume is distributed from the Society's headquarters, namely, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Volume VIII of the *Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society* bears the imprint 1904, although the preface, signed by the Secretary, F. L. Riley, is dated February 24, 1905. The volume is of octavo size and comprises 606 pages. The contents are: *Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society*, by F. L. Riley; *Alleged Secession of Jones County*, by Goode Montgomery; *Index to Campaigns, Battles, and Skirmishes in Mississippi from 1861 to 1865*, by Stephen D. Lee; *A Sketch of the Career of Company B, Armistead's Cavalry Regiment*, by R. C. Beckett; *Details of Important Work by Two Confederate Telegraph Operators, etc.*, by Stephen D. Lee; *The Hampton Roads Conference*, by Frank Johnston; *Some Unpublished Letters of Burton N. Harrison*, by J. E. Walmsley; *Confederate Cemeteries and Monuments in Mississippi*, by R. W. Jones; *The Confederate Orphans' Home of Mississippi*, by Mary J. Welsh; *Recollections of Reconstruction in East and Southeast Mississippi*, by W. H. Hardy; *Reconstruction in Wilkinson County*, by J. H. Jones; *Some Effects of Military Reconstruction in Monroe County*, by R. C. Beckett; *Life of James T. Harrison*, by J. A. Orr; *The Public Services of Senator James Z. George*, by Frank Johnston; *The Ante-Bellum Historical Society of Mississippi*, by Z. T. Leavell; *Mississippi's Primary Election Law*, by E. F. Noel; *A Note on Mississippi's Population, 1850-1860*, by Edward Ingle; *The Cotton Oil Industry*, by W. D. Shue; *The State of Louisiana versus the State of Mississippi*, by Monroe McClurg; *Cartography of Mississippi in the 16th Century*, by William Beer; *Choctaw Land Claims*, by F. L. Riley; *The Removal of the Mississippi Choctaws*, by J. W. Wade; *Early History and Archæology of Yazoo County*, by Robert Bowman; *Autobiography of Gideon Linccum; Choctaw Traditions About Their Settlement in Mississippi and the Origin of Their*

*Mounds*, by Gideon Linsecum; *Chickasaw Traditions, Customs, etc.*, by Harry Warren; *Some Chickasaw Chiefs and Prominent Men*, by Harry Warren; and *Missions, Missionaries, Frontier Characters and Schools*, by Harry Warren.

## THE GERMAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS

The Deutsch-Amerikanische Historische Gesellschaft von Illinois held its regular annual meeting on February 13, 1905, in the rooms of the Chicago Historical Society. The program consisted of an address by Professor J. Franklin Jameson on *The Origin of Political Parties in the United States*, and a paper by Bernhard Ziehn on *Theodor Thomas*. At the business session all of the old officers were reelected, namely, Wm. Vocke, President; Max Eberhardt, 1st Vice President; Dr. O. L. Schmidt, 2d Vice President; Alex. Klappenbach, Treasurer; and Emil Mannhardt, Secretary.

In addition to the many interesting articles which have appeared in the *Deutch Amerikanische Geschichtsblätter*, the Society has in preparation a "Chronology of German-American Religious Societies in Illinois."

A number of valuable books and pamphlets have recently been received from the Rosenthal's library.

## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

The Historical Society of Montana, which was incorporated by an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Montana in 1865, became a trustee of the State by an act of the legislative assembly of the State of Montana in 1893. At the same time the miscellaneous division of the Montana Library was transferred to the library of the Historical Society of the State of Montana. Thus the historical library seems to have become a State institution, which, according to an act approved March 13, 1895, is placed under the control of five trustees appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The publications of the Society appear under the title of *Contributions to the Historical Society of Montana*, five volumes of which

have already been issued. Volume v, which was issued in 1904, contains material on the Louisiana Purchase; Montana at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition; and History and Biography. Volume vi is now in the course of preparation and will be issued during the coming year.

The Historical and Miscellaneous Department of the State Library now receives from the State \$2,500 for maintenance. It also has a gift of \$1,300 from Senator Clark for the purchase of Indian collections.

#### ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Largely through the influence of the Illinois State Historical Society, the legislature of Illinois at its last session passed a law requiring the teachers in the public schools of the State to pass an examination in Illinois State history.

At the suggestion of Mr. Robert T. Lincoln, the Union Pacific Railroad has presented to the Illinois State Historical Library a sofa and a chair which were in the car which conveyed the remains of Abraham Lincoln from Washington City to Springfield, Illinois.

The historical exhibit on Illinois State history and the life of Abraham Lincoln in the Illinois State building at the Portland, Oregon, Exposition, which has attracted much attention, was prepared by Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, Secretary of the Illinois State Historical Society.

The Illinois State Historical Library has begun the publication of bulletins on the early history of the State of Illinois. The first of the series is entitled *Illinois in the XVIII Century*, and is the result of the examination of the earliest papers in the Court House of St. Clair County, Illinois, situated at Belleville. Professor C. W. Alvord of the University of Illinois made the examination of these early records and his report has been published by the Library as the first number of the proposed series of bulletins.

## STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI

Mr. F. A. Sampson, Secretary of the State Historical Society of Missouri, made a report to the State Press Association at its late meeting at St. Joseph, covering the period since January 1, 1905. During that time the Society received 1,072 bound volumes, 8,555 pamphlets, and 578 serial numbers—a total of more than 10,000 publications. In addition to these there were many volumes of newspapers, atlases, maps, broadsides, and articles for the museum.

The most important manuscript contribution was from the grandchildren of Brig. Gen. Thomas Adams Smith. Gen. Smith entered the army in 1803, and after the war of 1812 was in command of the 9th Military Department with headquarters at Fort La Bellefontaine near St. Louis, and having under him the forts at Ft. Smith, Ark., (which was named for him) and at Prairie du Chien, Des Moines, Rock Island, and other western points. The collection contains seven volumes of letters and orders written by him, and hundreds of letters and reports received by him. The collection is a very valuable one and should be published.

The Society now receives 760 periodicals of Missouri regularly. It had 928 bound volumes of Missouri periodicals of 1903 in its exhibit at the World's Fair at St. Louis, and also more than 1,500 publications of Missouri authors. For these exhibits it received a Grand Prize and its Secretary a silver medal.

The Society has for distribution the copies of the book *Missouri* that remained on hand at the close of the Fair, and will send it post-paid for thirty-five cents per copy.

The legislative appropriation made to the State Historical Society of Missouri for the current biennial period is \$7,500.

## THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

At the September meeting of the Board of Curators an informal report was made upon the Mu-sqau-kie Indians at Tama, Iowa, by Dr. Duren J. H. Ward, who for some weeks had been engaged in making a preliminary inquiry into the conditions surrounding the

remnant of the most interesting tribe of Indians in the local history of this State. The investigation will be continued under the auspices of the Society.

Through a member of the Board of Curators, the Society holds the Secretaryship of the Round Table Conference of Historical Societies for this year.

Professor Isaac A. Loos, member of the Board of Curators, is preparing a *History of Banking in Iowa*.

The Society was represented at the Portland Historical Congress and Conference of Historical Societies by Benj. F. Shambaugh, who read a paper on the *Work and Organization of Historical Societies West of the Mississippi*.

In July the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Peter A. Dey, President; Isaac A. Loos, Vice President; Lovell Swisher, Treasurer; and F. E. Horack, Secretary.

Miss Eliza Johnson, of Iowa City, has been appointed Accession Clerk, and Miss May Crane will continue to serve as Stenographer.

President Peter A. Dey's address on *The Old Capitol and the New*, which was given at the home of Professor Benj. F. Shambaugh in February, 1904, appears in the *July Annals*.

The *Twenty-Fifth Biennial Report* of the Board of Curators to the Governor was forwarded to the Executive Office, September 15, 1905. In it the Board recommends: first, that \$7,500 be added to the permanent annual support fund of the Society; second, that a special appropriation of \$4,000 be made for an industrial history of Iowa; and third, that a special appropriation of \$4,000 be made for an investigation of the Mu-squa-kie Indians.

#### A NOTABLE HISTORICAL CONGRESS

An Historical Congress was held, August 21-23, 1905, at Portland, Oregon, under the joint auspices of the Committee on Congresses of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, the Oregon Histor-

ical Association, and the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association. The first session of the Congress was held on the evening of August 21st, Hon. Wm. D. Fenton, President of the Oregon Historical Society, presiding. Hon. Harvey W. Scott, Editor of the *Oregonian*, read a paper on "The Unity of History." This was followed by a paper on "The Pacific Coast as a Factor in our Great National Crises," by Professor Edward G. Bourne of Yale University. Professor James K. Hosmer, of Minnesota, concluded the program of the evening with an address on the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The general subject of the Congress on August 22d was the "Organization and Development of Historical Activities on the Pacific Coast," Professor Reuben G. Thwaites, Secretary of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, presiding. At the forenoon session Professor Benj. F. Shambaugh, of The State Historical Society of Iowa, discussed the "Organization and Work of Historical Societies West of the Mississippi River;" and Professor F. G. Young of the State Historical Society of Oregon discussed the "Functions of the Oregon Historical Society in the Life of the Oregon Commonwealth." The formal discussion was followed by reports on the organization and development of historical activities in the States of the Pacific Coast. The afternoon session was devoted to a round table conference on "Coöperation among Historical Societies, with special reference to the problems in the States of the Pacific Coast."

The session of August 23d was conducted under the auspices of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, President Clyde A. Duniway of Stanford University, presiding. A paper on the "Location of the Sources of the History of the Pacific Coast," was presented by Professor Joseph Schafer of the University of Oregon. Professor Clyde A. Duniway read a paper on "Slavery and the Negro Question in California."

The Congress, which concluded with a dinner at the American Inn on the evening of August 23d, was in every way worthy of the effort put forth by those who conducted these meetings. Hon. Wm.

D. Fenton and Professor F. G. Young, of the Oregon Historical Society, and Professor Clyde A. Duniway, of Stanford University, were largely responsible for the success of the undertaking. The Congress may possibly lead to significant results, especially along the line of coöperation among the historical societies and organizations of the Pacific Coast States. If there was any one conclusion arrived at in the discussions it was that each State should organize and develop a State Historical Society, and that these societies should coördinate their activities through the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association and thus coöperate with the American Historical Association.

## THOMAS COX

The *Jackson Sentinel* (Maquoketa, Iowa) for June 8, 15, and 22, 1905, contains a short sketch of Hon. Thomas Cox, by Mr. Harvey Reid, and sketches of the early history of the Cox family by Thomas E. Nichols and S. B. Cox. It is stated that Col. Cox was a pioneer of five Territories. He was born in Kentucky in 1787 before its admission into the Union. In 1809 he emigrated to Illinois; later he went to Wisconsin while it was a part of Michigan Territory and remained there until it became Wisconsin Territory. Subsequently he removed to Jackson County, Iowa, where his last years were passed. He was buried east of Bridgeport in Maquoketa Township, Jackson County, Iowa. According to the narrative Col. Cox "was intimately associated with Hon. Ninian Edwards, Governor of Illinois Territory, 1809 to 1818, and one of the first United States Senators from Illinois, and was appointed to office by him in 1810. From 1818 to 1820 Col. Cox was State Senator from Union County, Illinois. In 1822 he, with two others, acquired ownership of the town site of Springfield, then a small collection of log huts. In 1823 he was appointed Register of the U. S. Land Office at Springfield and served four years. When a youth he studied surveying, and afterwards surveyed large tracts of government land in Illinois, Iowa, and Arkansas. In 1833 he moved to Missouri and lived near St. Genevieve. In 1837 he went to the lead mines at White Oak Springs,

Wisconsin. In 1838 he moved to Iowa and took up a farm. He surveyed Iowa City, and was elected to several Legislative Assemblies of the Territory. He was spoken of for Governor of the new State, and would doubtless have been elected had he lived." The journals of the Legislative Assembly testify that Mr. Cox "received votes for Speaker at every session in which he sat and was elected at the Third Assembly without opposition; that he received votes for President of the Council at the Fifth Assembly and was elected at the sixth." Mr. Cox died November 9, 1844.

## A LETTER FROM DR. WILLIAM SALTER

PROF. BENJ. F. SHAMBAUGH,

IOWA CITY, IOWA.

*Dear Sir:—*

I thank you for your kindly notice of my *Iowa, 1673-1846*, in THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS and for your criticisms.<sup>1</sup> Permit me to say as to the latter, that however it may be that Radisson and Groseilliers were upon some of the head waters of the Mississippi before Marquette and Joliet entered it, and sailed down it for a thousand miles and more, and described and mapped its course, there is no evidence that they (Radisson and Groseilliers) were upon any portion of it which touches Iowa, and consequently they have no place in Iowa History.

Marquette's placing "Moingouena" as the name of an Indian village upon the river where he first found human beings ("Illinois") seems to me decisive that it was the river known as the De Moine from the earliest times, and so mentioned by Charlevoix and others, who call it "Moingouena." Parkman thought the distance from the Wisconsin River given by Marquette would indicate a river farther north. Judge David Rorer, who gave a good deal of attention to the matter, thought it might be Skunk River. Professor Weld makes it the Iowa River, and Port Louisa the place.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> July, 1905, number, p. 465.

*The Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, Vol. I, p. 16.



Willard Barrows (*Annals of Iowa*, 1863, p. 32) imagined Davenport the spot. Parkman says, "Perhaps it was the Des Moines." For the reason stated, it seems to me more than a "perhaps."

You will please allow me to ask you to examine the context of the letter in the *Wisconsin Historical Collections* (Vol. x, p. 127) to which you refer. You will see that it was written by an old British trader, who had fought the Americans. (He is the Lieutenant referred to in my book, p. 96—the only British officer who ever fired a gun against the United States from the shores of Iowa.) He says that "They [the Iowas] report;" and, after rehearsing their story, he concludes thus: "All this is only conjecture, and I give it to you word for word as I had it." A "report" and "conjecture" hardly deserve historical consideration, but in this case they may possibly be explained by the Iowas confounding some of the men who had previously been in Julien Dubuque's service with Julien. As a matter of fact Julien Dubuque had no sons, but many employes whom the Iowas may have associated with his name and described or "reported" of them under it.

As to the two persons by the name of William H. Starr, in Burlington, 1837, referred to on p. 393 of *THE IOWA JOURNAL*, it may explain them, if I state that not long afterward, one, to avoid confusion in correspondence and business, took the name of Henry W. Starr. He is the one who was associated with Mr. Grimes as attorney for John Wilson, and afterward became law-partner with Mr. Grimes. He was a graduate of Middlebury College, Vt., learned in the law, and an eloquent advocate. The other W. H. Starr was a graduate of Yale, Prosecuting Attorney, 1st District, Iowa Territory, 1841-2, and contractor with Charles Hendric for building the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad from Burlington to Skunk River.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM SALTER

BURLINGTON, AUGUST 5, 1905

## THE COUNTY FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Twenty-ninth General Assembly of Iowa passed a law making it mandatory upon the county auditors to prepare in January of each year a financial report. The requisite materials composing this financial report are itemized at length in the law which was approved, April 12, 1902.<sup>1</sup> Outside of the required materials great latitude was allowed in the selection of other material. The law further made it mandatory upon the County Board of Supervisors to have the financial reports published.

Some counties were publishing financial reports before the passage of the law, as will be seen in the schedule of the reports issued. Many counties readily complied with the law; others fell into line later; while a few counties have totally disregarded its provisions.

An examination of the file of the reports issued shows considerable diversity in the compilation of the reports and in their publication. Some of the reports are of a few pages only—barely complying with the law—while others are well illustrated publications of over a hundred pages and contain historical or other matter of general interest along with the fully compiled financial statements.

Considerable effort has been made to gather a complete file of the reports so far issued. The result is indicated below by a schedule which gives the names of the counties and the years for which a financial report has been issued:—

Adair—1904	Buchanan—1902, 1903, 1904
Adams—1902, 1903	Buena Vista—1903
Allamakee—1902, 1903, 1904	Butler—None published
Appanoose—1903, 1904	Calhoun—None published
Audubon—1902, 1903, 1904	Carroll—1903, 1904
Benton—1902, 1903, 1904	Cass—1902, 1903
Black Hawk—1902, 1903, 1904	Cedar—1903
Boone—1903	Cerro Gordo—1902, 1903, 1904
Bremer—1902	Cherokee—1902, 1903

<sup>1</sup> *Acts and Resolutions of the 29th General Assembly*, pp. 12, 13.

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Chickasaw—1902, 1903, 1904	Johnson—1902, 1903, 1904
Clarke—1903	Jones—None issued
Clay—None issued	Keokuk—1903, 1904
Clayton—1902, 1903	Kossuth—1902, 1903, 1904.
Clinton—1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904	Lee—1902, 1903, 1904
Crawford—1903, 1904	Linn—1903
Dallas—1903	Lucas—1904
Davis—1902, 1903, 1904	Lyon—1902, 1903, 1904
Decatur—None issued	Madison—1902, 1903, 1904
Delaware—1902, 1903, 1904	Mahaska—1903
Des Moines—None issued	Marion—1902, 1903, 1904
Dickinson—1902, 1903, 1904	Marshall—1902
Dubuque—None issued	Mills—1902, 1903, 1904
Emmet—None issued	Mitchell—1902, 1903, 1904
Fayette—1902, 1903, 1904	Monona—1903
Floyd—1902, 1903, 1904	Monroe—1903, 1904
Franklin—1902, 1903, 1904	Montgomery—1902, 1903, 1904
Fremont—None issued	Muscatine—1902, 1903, 1904
Greene—1902, 1903, 1904	O'Brien—1902, 1903
Grundy—1902	Osceola—1902, 1903, 1904
Guthrie—1902, 1903, 1904	Page—1902, 1903, 1904
Hamilton—1902, 1903	Palo Alto—1902, 1903
Hancock—1904	Plymouth—None issued.
Hardin—1902, 1903, 1904	Pocahontas—1903, 1904
Harrison—1902, 1903, 1904	Polk—1867, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903
Henry—None issued	Pottawattamie—None issued
Howard—1902, 1903, 1904	Poweshiek—1903, 1904
Humboldt—1902, 1903	Ringgold—1903, 1904
Ida—1903, 1904	
Iowa—1902, 1903	
Jackson—1903, 1904	
Jasper—1903, 1904	
Jefferson—1902, 1903, 1904	

Sac—1902, 1903, 1904	Warren—1902, 1903, 1904
Scott—1902, 1903, 1904	Washington—1903, 1904
Shelby—1902, 1903, 1904	Wayne—None issued
Sioux—1903, 1904	Webster—None issued
Story—1903, 1904	Winnebago—1903
Tama—1902, 1903, 1904	Winneshiek—1902, 1903, 1904
Taylor—1902, 1903	Woodbury—1902, 1903, 1904
Union—1902, 1903, 1904	Worth—1902, 1904
Van Buren—1902, 1903, 1904	Wright—1902
Wapello—1902, 1903, 1904	

The file of county financial reports as here given may be found in the library of The State Historical Society of Iowa.

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1899	31	31	31	31	123	31	31	31	31
1900	31	31	31	31	123	31	31	31	31

