NOTES AND COMMENT

A home coming of the Old Settlers of Madison and Warren counties took place at St. Charles, Madison County, on August 14, 1907.

A small circular has been issued by the State University of Iowa containing a description and numerous cuts illustrative of the work in Engineering at the State University.

The annual meeting of the Iowa Library Association will be held in connection with that of the Nebraska Association. The joint session will be at Council Bluffs, October 8–11, 1907

On October 17 and 18, 1907, there will be a conference of representatives of historical societies at Lincoln, Nebraska, upon the invitation of the State Historical Society of Nebraska.

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the Iowa State Bar Association occurred at Davenport on July 11–12, 1907. The headquarters of the Association were at the Davenport Commercial Club building and the sessions were held at the Scott County Court House. Besides the reports and addresses the program included a steamboat excursion on the steamer "Columbia" on Thursday, July 11, and a banquet at the Outing Club on the evening of Friday, July 12.

A prospectus has been issued announcing a new fortnightly publication under the title *Midland*, devoted to the Middle West. The magazine will be published at Cincinnati, Ohio, and its immediate field will be the States of Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky; but the entire midland section will receive attention. The content of the magazine will include midland literature, music and art, historical and nature sketches of a general interest, and a limited proportion of poetry and fiction.

Among the flags in possession of The State Historical Society of Iowa is a large Confederate flag. A letter recently received from D.

W. Wood, of Newark, Ohio, states that it was taken from the flag staff on the State House at Columbia, South Carolina, and makes the assertion that it was the first secession flag ever made and floated. The account given by Mr. Wood is substantially as follows:—The acquisition was effected by himself and Thomas Elder. The State House was then incomplete and Mr. Wood was forced to climb a ladder to get into the place where the rope was fastened. Then he released the flag and threw it down the open space to Elder who ran out into the hall with it. Here Captain William H. Goodrell, of Iowa City, Iowa,—a member of General Schofield's staff—took the flag from Elder and afterwards sent it to Iowa.

The city of Burlington celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding by special exercises during "Old Home Week" beginning on Monday, September 9, 1907. The program was carefully prepared, the events typifying the traditions of the early settlers, and the Mississippi River was made use of for the purpose of water carnivals. Thousands of invitations were sent out to all parts of the United States and every effort made to re-gather former residents of Burlington for this occasion.

In 1837, three quarters of a century ago, the legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, which then included what is now Iowa, moved the Territorial Capital from Belmont to Burlington. In the following year the Territory of Iowa was created and Burlington constituted its first seat of government. Since that time the city has taken a prominent part in the history of the Commonwealth.

The death on June 12, 1907, of Miss Mary Louise Dalton, Librarian of the Missouri Historical Society, comes as a great loss to that institution and to the historical and genealogical interests of the State. Always keenly interested in the subject of State history and in genealogical research, she put into her work a spirit and diligence that made her an authority in these lines. Born and educated in Missouri she spent several years in stenographic work, then turned to journalism. In April, 1903, she became Librarian of the Missouri

Historical Society and took charge of the preparation of the World's Fair exhibit of the Society. In the past five years she has been a prominent factor in the activities and in the success of that organization. Enthusiastic and intelligent workers in the field of State history are by no means numerous, and the loss of such an one as Miss Dalton will be keenly felt.

JOHN H. CHARLES MEMORIAL TABLET

During the past summer there was placed upon the Floyd Monument at Sioux City, Iowa, a bronze tablet in honor of the late John H. Charles. The monument was erected in 1900 by the Floyd Memorial Association in memory of Sergeant Chas. Floyd, a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Of the Floyd Memorial Association, Mr. Charles was the organizer. He served as its President from 1894 to December, 1904.

At the time of the dedication of the shaft in 1901 it was remarked by Hon. Charles Aldrich and others that Mr. Charles's labors should have received some recognition on the monument, since everyone acquainted with the facts knew that the beautiful memorial was more the result of his tireless energy and leadership than of all other causes combined.

During his life, Mr. Charles would not consent to receive any recognition. He died December 1, 1904. The Floyd Memorial Association took the matter up, with the result that there was recently placed upon the south face of the monument the bronze tablet above referred to. The inscription reads:

JOHN HERR CHARLES
PRESIDENT FLOYD MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
1894–1905
BUT FOR HIS PERSISTENT EFFORTS WE SHOULD
NOT HAVE THIS MONUMENT

The members of the committee of the Association which secured the tablet and put it in place were Hon. C. R. Marks, Prof. H. C. Powers, and Hon. Mitchell Vincent.

The Floyd Memorial Association will perpetuate its existence. Its chief object in the future will be to care for the Floyd Monu-

ment and the grounds surrounding the monument. At its last annual meeting, held August 20, 1907, the following officers were elected:—President, Hon. Geo. D. Perkins; Vice President, Prof. H. C. Powers; Secretary, Mrs. Frances N. Davis; and Treasurer, D. A. Magee.

THE CARE OF THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES

By an act passed by the Thirty-second General Assembly, the appropriation for the preservation of the Public Archives was increased from $2000 to $6000 annually and several other changes were made in the law passed by the preceding General Assembly. The new law is as follows:—

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred forty-two (142) laws of the Thirty-first General Assembly, and increasing the appropriation for carrying its purposes into effect.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Repealed—transfer and delivery of public archives. That section 2 of said act be repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"SEC. 2. That the several state executive and administrative departments, officers or offices, councils, boards, bureaus and commissioners are hereby authorized to transfer and deliver to the executive council for arrangement, classification, labeling, filing and calendaring, and then to the state library and historical department for preservation such of the public archives as are designated in section one (1) of this act except such as in the judgment of the executive council should be longer retained in the respective offices."

[SEC. 2.] Repealed—state library and historical department authorized to receive archives. That section 3 of said act is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"SEC. 3. That the state library and historical department is hereby authorized and directed to receive from the executive council such of the public archives as are designated in section one (1) of this act as rapidly as the same are properly arranged, classified, labeled, filed and calendared."

[SEC. 3.] Repealed—appropriation—how expended. That section 5 of said act is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"SEC. 5. That for carrying out the purposes of this act there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of six thousand dollars ($6000) annually for two years beginning July 1, 1907, to be expended under the direction of said executive council."

Approved April 13, A. D. 1907. [1]

The most important change, as will be noted, is that under the new law the work of arrangement, classification, etc., is entrusted to

[1] *Laws of Iowa*, 1907, p. 155.

the Executive Council instead of to the Board of Trustees of the State Library and Historical Department. The material, however, when arranged and classified will ultimately be turned over to the State Library and Historical Department for preservation. The general supervision of the work has been placed in charge of the Secretary of the Executive Council, Mr. A. H. Davison.

THE PRESERVATION OF LOCAL HISTORY

The following law passed by the last General Assembly will be of interest to local historical societies. It is hoped that this coöperation between historical societies and public libraries may be realized throughout the State.

AN ACT authorizing the board of trustees of free public libraries to unite with any local county historical association for the preservation and protection of articles of a historical or educational nature gathered by such association and to expend money for the proper care of such collection. [Additional to the law as it appears in section seven hundred and twenty-nine (729) of the supplement to the code.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Powers of library trustees. Whenever a local county historical association shall be formed in any county having a free public library, the trustees of such library are hereby authorized to unite with such historical association and to set apart the necessary room and to care for such articles as may come into the possession of said association; said trustees are also authorized to purchase necessary receptacles and materials for the preservation and protection of such articles as are in their judgment of a historical and educational nature and pay for the same out of the library fund.

Approved March 27, A. D. 1907.[1]

COLONIAL DAMES PRIZE ESSAY

For several years the Iowa Society of the Colonial Dames of America has offered a prize for the best essay on a subject in early Iowa history. The prize, which has been fifty dollars, has been increased this year to seventy-five dollars. The following is the announcement as issued by the Society:

The Iowa Society of the Colonial Dames of America offers a prize of seventy-five dollars for an essay on early Iowa history, written by any undergraduate of an Iowa university or college. The writer may choose any subject of Iowa history before 1860.

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[1] *Laws of Iowa*, 1907, p. 26.

The essay must be signed by a fictitious name and be accompanied by an envelope containing the subject of essay, the writer's real name and a certificate from the president of his college or university that he is an undergraduate of said college or university.

Each essay must be accompanied by an index and bibliography.

The essays must be sent to Mrs. J. G. Berryhill, Des Moines, Iowa, Chairman of the Historical Committee, before May 1st, 1908.

The Professors of History in the State University, Iowa College, and Cornell College have kindly consented to act as judges.

The committee reserves the right to withhold the prize if the essays are not satisfactory.

The essays should have no less than 1,500 and no more than 5,000 words. Three typewritten copies must be made and sent to the Chairman of the Committee.

Will you kindly make announcement of this prize and see that it is otherwise brought to the attention of the undergraduates of your institution? It is probable that the prize essay will be printed.

Mrs. J. G. Berryhill
Mrs. Nourse
Mrs. Peter Musser
Miss Alice French
Mrs. Emlin McClain
Historical Committee

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THE TORCH PRESS BOOK SHOP

In connection with The Torch Press, conducted by Mr. Luther A. Brewer and Mr. William H. Miner, at Cedar Rapids, there has been established The Torch Press Book Shop, having for its object the buying and selling of books, particularly those which are rare and out of print. Mr. Miner comes to the work in Iowa with a broad experience in the book business, having been connected with the Arthur H. Clark Company, Lowdermilk (Washington), and other book houses. The special field of The Shop is Western Americana and books relating to Iowa, as well as unusual or scarce works on printing, bibliography, and general literature. Already two catalogs have been issued, showing a large number of rare items. The Torch Press Book Shop acts as selling agent for The State Historical Society of Iowa and has arranged to act in a like capacity for the following institutions: Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul; Department of History of South Dakota, Pierre; Historical Department of Iowa, Des Moines; and Linn County Historical Society, Cedar Rapids.

OIL PAINTINGS BELONGING TO THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

SUBJECT OF PORTRAIT	POSITION	ARTIST	DONOR	DATE OF PRESENTATION
Samuel Calvin	Professor, S. U. I.	Felix Schurig	Alumni	1907
Amos N. Currier	Professor, S. U. I., and Acting President, 1898–1899	Felix Schurig	Class of 1905, College of Liberal Arts, S. U. I.	1905
John W. Harriman	Professor, S. U. I.	Felix Schurig	Students of College of Medicine, S. U. I.	1905
Nathan R. Leonard	Professor, S. U. I., and Acting President, 1867–1868, 1870–1871	Felix Schurig	His sons: Levi Leonard Charles Leonard Frank Leonard	1907
Thomas H. Macbride	Professor, S. U. I.	Felix Schurig	Class of 1886 College of Liberal Arts, S. U. I.	1907
John C. Shrader	Professor, S. U. I.	Felix Schurig	Faculty of College of Medicine, S. U. I.	1907
Christian W. Slagle	President, S. U. I. 1877–1878	Charles A. Cumming	His daughter, Mrs. James G. Berryhill	1903
Samuel F. Smith	Author of "America"	F. H. Morse	His son, S. F. Smith	1901
Oliver M. Spencer	Professor, S. U. I., and President, 1862–1867	Miss Nicholls	His sons: R. R. Spencer, A. O. Spencer	1906

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