

NOTES AND COMMENT

Municipal Leagues, similar to the one in Iowa, have been inaugurated recently in Minnesota and Nebraska.

It is expected that Professor Frederick Starr, who is conducting anthropological researches in Japan, will return to America in June.

Professor Allen Johnson, formerly of Grinnell College and now of Bowdoin College, has accepted a chair of history at Yale University.

It is announced that a biography of Stephen A. Douglas, by Frank E. Stevens, author of *The Black Hawk War*, will be published during the summer.

Frederick J. Turner is the author of a text-book on the history of the United States, which has been published by Henry Holt and Company in a new series which has been inaugurated.

A collection of military papers of General Lew Wallace has been donated to the Indiana State Library, by Captain John I. Henderson, who was at one time a member of Wallace's staff.

It is expected that *Writings on American History, 1908*, the bibliography compiled by Grace Gardner Griffin, will be issued from the press of The Macmillan Company in the near future.

An International Congress of Archivists and Librarians will be held at Brussels August 28-31, 1910, immediately following the International Congress of Bibliography and Documentation.

The Iowa Association of Southern California held its annual picnic at Eastlake Park, Los Angeles, on February 22. Ninety-nine county headquarters were established and thousands of former Iowans gathered and recalled scenes and events in their life in the Hawkeye State.

At the last session of the General Assembly of Illinois an act was passed providing for the appointment of an Illinois Park Com-

mission. It is the duty of this Commission "To make an investigation of Starved Rock and its contiguous territory, to ascertain its adaptability for the purposes of a State park, and the value of the property; also to make, at their discretion, a comparative study of other State parks within Illinois, and the manner in which they are organized and maintained." This act is a distinct step in the right direction and its example should be followed by other States.

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