

NOTES AND COMMENT

The North Central History Teachers' Association held a meeting at Indianapolis on December 28, 1910.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Iowa Library Association was held at Davenport, October 11-13, 1910.

Dr. W. F. Dodd, formerly of Johns Hopkins University, is now a member of the faculty of the University of Illinois.

The second annual meeting of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology was held at Washington, D. C., on September 30 and October 1, 1910.

The newly appointed General Secretary of the Archaeological Institute of America is Professor Mitchell Carroll, who has been connected with the Institute for several years.

July 26 to 29, 1911, are the dates set for an International Congress dealing with the problems arising in the relations between the West and the East. London will be the place of meeting.

Professor Herbert E. Bolton, formerly of the University of Texas and now of Stanford University, has accepted the professorship of American History in the University of California, to take effect July 1, 1911.

The sum of twenty thousand dollars has been presented to Harvard University, with the stipulation that the income shall be applied to research work in historical archives. It is preferred that these researches shall be along the line of American history, and especially that the work shall be carried on in the Spanish archives.

The seventh annual meeting of the American Political Science Association was held at St. Louis, Missouri, from December 27, to 30, 1910. Besides the general sessions on national and international problems, there were programs and conferences devoted to such subjects as judicial organization and procedure, primary elections,

municipal government, taxation, and political theory. The American Association for Labor Legislation, and the American Statistical Society held their meetings at the same time and place and there were a number of joint sessions.

It has been announced by Mr. Dunbar Rowland, Director of the Department of History and Archives of the State of Mississippi, that the calendar of manuscripts in the French archives relating to the Mississippi Valley is nearly ready for publication. The work of preparing the calendar has been done by Mr. Waldo G. Leland. The various historical agencies in the Mississippi Valley are acting in coöperation in supporting this work.

The Manuscripts Division of the Library of Congress has recently acquired the Madison papers and the Polk papers, including the Polk diary, which have heretofore been in the possession of the Chicago Historical Society. La Harpe's valuable journal dealing with the establishment of the French in Louisiana has also been secured; and the Pickett papers containing the official correspondence and records of the Confederate government have been transferred from the Treasury Department.

NATHAN PHILLIPS DODGE

Mr. Nathan P. Dodge, a member of The State Historical Society of Iowa, died at his home at Council Bluffs on January 12, 1911. Mr. Dodge was born at South Danvers (now Peabody), Massachusetts, on August 20, 1837. In 1854 he came to Iowa City, where he joined his brother, Grenville M. Dodge, who was at that time directing the survey for the Rock Island Railroad across Iowa. During the following spring he took up land on the Elkhorn River in Nebraska, but on account of Indian troubles he soon moved to Omaha and later to Council Bluffs, where he spent the remainder of his life, devoting himself to banking and real estate business.

Mr. Dodge took a keen interest in western history, and was especially well informed on the local history of Council Bluffs. He wrote numerous valuable historical articles which were published in the local newspapers, the last one being on the subject of

Woman's Aid and Sanitary Commissions During the Civil War.
He was beloved by all who knew him, and his death will long be deeply mourned.

JONATHAN P. DOLLIVER

Johnathan Prentiss Dolliver was born near Kingwood, Preston County, Virginia (now West Virginia), on February 6, 1858. He graduated from the University of West Virginia in 1875, and taught school for two years at Sandwich, Illinois, at the same time studying law. In 1878, in company with his brother, he removed to Fort Dodge, Iowa, and opened a law office. His political career may be said to have begun with his speech as temporary chairman of the Republican State Convention in 1884. From that time until the date of his death his abilities as a public speaker made him a powerful factor in political campaigns, National as well as State.

In 1888 Mr. Dolliver was elected Congressman from the Tenth District, which position he held by successive terms until 1900. In July of that year the death of Senator John H. Gear left a vacancy in the United States Senate, and Governor Shaw appointed Jonathan P. Dolliver. In this capacity he was retained, through elections by the legislature, until the date of his death, which occurred at Fort Dodge on October 15, 1910.

Senator Dolliver was recognized as a leader in the Senate. His long experience in Congress, his habit of making a careful study of all legislative problems, and his eloquent and convincing powers of debate, gave him an influence which was felt throughout the Nation.

JOHN A. KASSON

John A. Kasson was born at Charlotte, Vermont, on January 11, 1822, and died in Washington, D. C., May 19, 1910. After graduating from the University of Vermont in 1842 he studied law and in 1845 was admitted to the bar in Massachusetts. Soon afterward he removed to St. Louis, Missouri, where he practiced his profession until 1857 when he came to Iowa and located at Des Moines. From the beginning he took a prominent part in politics as a Republican.

During his long public career he served as a member of the General Assembly of Iowa, as a Representative from Iowa in several sessions of Congress, and as Minister to Austria and Minister to Germany. He represented the United States in a number of international conferences, and performed various other diplomatic services for his country. He was a member of several learned and scientific societies and was prominent as a writer on political subjects.

HARVEY REID

At a regular meeting of the Iowa Soldiers' Roster Board, held in Des Moines, on the 20th day of December, 1910, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS: Soon after the organization of this Board, and its adoption of the plans submitted for the prosecution of the work, upon the recommendation of Honorable Charles Aldrich, Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa, Harvey Reid of Maquoketa, Iowa, was authorized by the Board to prepare that portion of the work pertaining to the early military history of the State, and,

WHEREAS: The work thus committed to the hands of Mr. Reid involves much careful and painstaking research, and has been prosecuted to successful completion by him, notwithstanding he was in such feeble health during a considerable portion of the time he was engaged upon it, as might well have discouraged one possessed of less fortitude and courage, and,

WHEREAS: Only a few weeks after completing and delivering his manuscript into the hands of Adjutant General Logan, Mr. Reid was stricken by the hand of death, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That in the death of Harvey Reid, we recognize the passing from earth of another of the brave defenders of the Republic, who went forth in the vigor of his young manhood, to serve his country in her hour of greatest need.

RESOLVED: That we hereby express our high appreciation of the faithful and capable manner in which he performed his part of the great work of preserving the history and records of Iowa Soldiers. In his death the State has lost one of its most intelligent and useful

citizens. To his bereaved widow and family, we extend our sincere condolence.

The Secretary is hereby instructed to spread the foregoing resolutions upon the minutes of this meeting, and to transmit a copy of the same to Mrs. Harvey Reid, to the Superintendent of the State Historical Society, and to the Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa.

CONTRIBUTORS

CLIFFORD POWELL, Member of The State Historical Society of Iowa. Won the Colonial Dames Prize for the best essay on a subject in Iowa History in 1909. Born at Elliott, Iowa, on December 14, 1887. Graduated from the Red Oak High School in 1906. Graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1910.

JOHN HOWARD STIBBS was born at Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, March 1, 1840. In 1861 he was in business for himself at Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa. The news of the firing on Sumter was received there on Sunday morning following the bombardment, and within thirty minutes after the receipt of this news, Mr. Stibbs was parading the street, carrying a banner, and calling for recruits to save the Union. During the week following he organized a company, which became Company K, First Iowa Infantry Volunteers. He declined a commission in the Company, and was made Orderly Sergeant. On May 9, 1861, he was mustered into the United States Service, and was honorably discharged by reason of the expiration of his term of service on August 20, 1861. His service was with General Lyon in Missouri, and he participated with him in the Battle of Wilson Creek, Missouri, on August 10, 1861. For his service on that day he received honorable mention.

On his return to his home, Mr. Stibbs was authorized to recruit a company for the three years service. He organized Company D, Twelfth Iowa Infantry Volunteers, and was mustered into the United States Service as its Captain on October 26, 1861. The regiment was sent to St. Louis, Missouri; thence to join General Grant's forces at Paducah, Kentucky; participated in the capture of Forts Henry and Donelson; and at Pittsburg Landing he fought in the "Hornets' Nest" as a member of Tuttle's Brigade of General Wm. H. L. Wallace's Division. At 5:30 P. M. on Sunday, April 6th, the remnant of the regiment remaining on the field was captured, and

Mr. Stibbs was held a prisoner for more than six months. He was paroled at Richmond, Virginia, on October 13, 1862, and exchanged five weeks later. When the regiment was reorganized in the winter of 1862-1863, a very large majority of the line officers joined in a petition for his promotion to Major, and he was commissioned as such on March 23, 1863, and was mustered July 30, 1863. In April, 1863, his regiment joined General Grant's army at Duckport, Louisiana, and participated in the Vicksburg Campaign and subsequent movements of the Army in that vicinity.

On August 5, 1863, Mr. Stibbs was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel, and mustered as such on September 5, 1863; and from that time until January, 1865, he was almost continually in command of the regiment.

In November, 1863, Colonel Stibbs's regiment was sent up the river to Memphis, and thence to Chewalla, Tennessee, where it remained until the last of January, 1864. While there a very large majority of the regiment reenlisted as veterans.

In February, 1864, he went with General Sherman back to Vicksburg, and in March following was sent home on veteran furlough. He returned to duty at Memphis, Tennessee, on May 2, 1864, and two weeks later was sent with six companies to establish a post at the mouth of the White River, Arkansas, where he remained four weeks. When General A. J. Smith returned from the Red River Expedition on June 10, 1864, Colonel Stibbs's regiment was assigned to its old place in the Third Brigade, First Division, 16th A. C., and was with him in all the subsequent movements of his command. At Tupelo, Mississippi, on July 14, 1864, Colonel Stibbs's regiment bore the brunt of the fight. On December 1, 1864, at Nashville, Tennessee, all commissioned officers of his regiment, except five, were mustered out, and when he went into the battle there two weeks later, his companies were all commanded by non-commissioned officers. However, the work of his men proved so satisfactory that he was brevetted Colonel United States Volunteers, to rank from March 13, 1865. His commission dated April 5, 1865, and reads "for distinguished gallantry in the battles before Nashville, Tenn."

On February 11, 1865, he was commissioned Colonel of his regiment, but as it had fallen below the minimum, he could not be mustered until November 11, 1865. The War Department, in response to a special request of the Governor of Iowa, issued special order No. 594, ordering his muster as Colonel to date September 11, 1865.

While at Eastport, Mississippi, early in January, 1865, General Stibbs was ordered to Iowa and thence to Washington, D. C., on official business, and while in Washington was assigned to special duty and retained there until his final muster out, April 30, 1866, on which day his commission as Brevet Brigadier General was issued, to take effect from March 13, 1865, for "meritorious services during the war".

From the middle of April, 1861, to the first of May, 1866, his entire time was devoted to the service, either in service or in raising and organizing companies. He was actually in the service for a period of four years, nine months, and fifteen days.

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