

## SOME PUBLICATIONS

*Travel and Description 1765-1865.* (*Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library, Vol. IX.*) By SOLON JUSTUS BUCK. Springfield: Illinois State Historical Library. 1914. Pp. xi, 514. Portrait, plates. Writers of the early history of Illinois will find this bibliography of great value. The first two hundred and fifty pages are occupied with a list of books or items containing accounts of travel in Illinois, geographies, guide-books, and gazetteers — six hundred and sixty in all — covering the period from the occupation by the English down to the close of the Civil War. Explanatory annotations accompany the various items, making it possible for the reader to determine in general what the item contains, while the libraries where the items may be found are indicated in all cases. The value of the works here listed for historical purposes needs no comment; and it will be recognized without question that Dr. Buck has rendered an important service in preparing the exhaustive bibliography. Furthermore, the value of the work does not apply solely to Illinois, for many of the books listed deal also with the surrounding States. For instance, at least fifteen guide-books and other items which contain material relating to Iowa are listed.

Following the list of works of travel and description there is a bibliography of county histories, arranged alphabetically by counties and coming down to date. Then comes a list of the volumes of session laws, compilations, codes, and revisions of the State of Illinois. An excellent index completes the volume.

*The West in the Diplomacy of the American Revolution.* (*University of Illinois Studies in the Social Sciences, Vol. II, Nos. 2 and 3.*) By PAUL CHRISLER PHILLIPS, PH. D. Urbana: The University of Illinois. 1913. Pp. 247. This monograph deals definitely with a subject of vital importance in the history of the West which hitherto has been discussed only incidentally or in certain phases.



American, British, French, and Spanish diplomats were engaged in the contest which eventually resulted in placing the western boundary of the United States at the Mississippi River. The twelve chapters of the book deal with the origins of the problem, Vergennes and Spanish diplomacy, the question of the West, the French alliance, Florida Blanca and the convention with France, the development of a Congressional policy toward the West, Vergennes and the allies of France, Luzerne and the pretensions of Spain, the triumph of the anti-Gallican party, the close of the war, Vergennes and the negotiations for peace, and the treaty of peace. A bibliography of sources and an index complete the contents.

Dr. Phillips in this monograph has made a distinct contribution to the history of the West, and throws much new light on the struggle of the nations to gain or retain control of the Mississippi Valley. The work was written with painstaking care largely from original sources.

*Masters of the Wilderness* ("Fort Dearborn Series", published by the Chicago Historical Society). By CHARLES BERT REED. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. 1914. Pp. 144. Plates, maps. This attractive little volume contains three papers. The first, bearing the same title as the book and occupying fifty pages, consists of a concise and very readable account of the history of the Hudson's Bay Company from its origin down to modern times. The establishment of the great fur trade monopoly, the secrecy maintained by the company, the enormous profits of the enterprise, the picturesque life and hardships of the traders, the relations with the Indians, struggles with rivals, and the final decline of the company — all these are clearly and interestingly set forth. The second paper, headed *The Beaver Club*, discloses another phase of the same subject, namely, the social aspects of the fur trade as shown in the life of the partners and chief factors at Montreal, Fort William, and other central points.

The third paper, entitled *A Dream of Empire*, turns from the frozen lands of the north to the region of the lower Mississippi Valley and tells of the heroic adventures of Henry de Tonty — the man with the iron hand — and especially of the period after the



murder of La Salle. A brief bibliography closes the volume, which will serve a useful purpose in giving its readers a good, general idea of the subjects which it covers.

*John Brown, Soldier of Fortune: A Critique.* By HILL PEEBLES WILSON. Lawrence, Kansas: Published by the author. 1913. Pp. 450. Portraits. John Brown will doubtless long continue to be an attractive subject for the biographer and the historian, although he is a man about whom it is extremely difficult to write dispassionately and without prejudice. The attitude of the writer of the volume under review may be judged from a few quotations. On page 401 he says: "The years of Brown's life were a constant, persistent, strenuous struggle to get money. As to the means which should be employed in the getting of it, he was indifferent. In his philosophy, results were paramount; the means to the end were of no consequence. A stranger to honor, he violated every confidence that should be held sacred among men; and in his avarice trampled upon every law, moral and statute, human and Divine." In his closing estimate the author declares that Brown will live, not as one who has "wrought for humanity and for righteousness", but "as a soldier of fortune, an adventurer. He will take his place in history as such; and will rank among adventurers as Napoleon ranks among marshalls; as Captain Kidd among pirates; and as Jonathan Wild among thieves."

In view of the fact that historical literature is so full of the spirit of hero worship in dealing with John Brown perhaps the cause of history will be served by a book which goes far toward the opposite extreme. At any rate the volume is a contribution of much value. It contains considerable documentary material and numerous references to sources, both primary and secondary. In fact, the author's avowed purpose is to offset the work of such biographers as James Redpath, Frank B. Sanborn, and Oswald G. Villard who, he says, "have misinformed and misled the public concerning the true character of this figure in our national history; and have established instead a fictitious character, which is wholly illogical and inconsistent with the facts and circumstances of Brown's life."



In the April number of the *Columbia Law Review* there is, among other things, a discussion of *States' Rights and the Webb-Kenyon Liquor Law*, by Winfred T. Denison.

Charles Scribner's Sons are the publishers of a volume of *Readings in American History*, compiled by James Alton James of Northwestern University.

Roland G. Usher of Washington University at St. Louis is the author of a volume on *The Rise of the American People*, which has been published by The Century Company.

The D. Appleton Company has brought out the first volume of a three-volume *Cyclopedia of American Government*, edited by Albert Bushnell Hart and Andrew C. McLaughlin. Iowans whose names appear in the list of contributors are Jesse Macy, Irving B. Richman, and Benj. F. Shambaugh. It is expected that the entire set will be off the press by the end of the summer. A more detailed notice is therefore deferred until the complete work appears.

In *The American Political Science Review* for May there appears a discussion of *The Judicial Bulwark of the Constitution*, by Frank E. Melvin; Bernard Moses writes on *Government in Spanish America*. The subject of an article by Louis A. Frothingham is *The Removal of Judges by Legislative Address in Massachusetts*. Finally, *Some Neglected Factors in Law-Making* are pointed out by Ernest Bruncken. Among the *Legislative Notes and Reviews* are notes on legislative investigations, changes in legislative procedure in 1913, bill drafting, the initiative and referendum, the public health council in New York, and constitutional amendments.

The March number of the *American Labor Legislation Review* contains the proceedings of the seventh annual meeting of the American Association for Labor Legislation. Various phases of administration and industrial relations, sickness insurance, and working hours in continuous industries are discussed in the different papers. The May number of the *Review* contains the proceedings of the First National Conference on Unemployment held in New York City on February 27 and 28, 1914.



*State Regulation of Public Utilities*, a subject of widespread current interest, is the general topic of discussion in the May number of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. The various papers are grouped under seven headings: legislation as to State public utility commissions, State regulation and municipal activities, uniform accounting and franchises, public control over securities, valuation of public utilities, electric and water rates, and standards for service.

## WESTERN AMERICANA

A monograph on *The Beginnings of Spanish Settlement in the El Paso District*, written by Anne E. Hughes, occupies a number of the *University of California Publications in History* published in April, 1914.

The proceedings of *The Celebration of the Centenary of the Supreme Court of Louisiana* on March 1, 1913, have been printed in pamphlet form.

In volume ten, number six of the *University of California Publications in American Archaeology and Ethnology* there may be found some *Notes on the Chilula Indians of Northwestern California*, by Pliny Earle Goddard.

*The Agrarian Revolution in Georgia, 1865-1912*, is the subject of a thesis by Robert Preston Brooks which appears as a recent number of the *Bulletin of the University of Wisconsin*.

A. L. Kroeber and J. P. Harrington collaborated in the preparation of a brief monograph on the *Phonetic Elements of the Diegneno Language* which was published in April in the series of *University of California Publications in American Archaeology and Ethnology*.

A phase of western military operations during the Civil War is discussed in the May number of the *Journal of the United States Cavalry Association* in an article by George B. Davis on *The Cavalry Operations in Middle Tennessee in October, 1863*.

Volume eleven, numbers five and six of the *Anthropological Papers of the American Museum of Natural History* consist of discus-



sions of the following subjects, respectively: *Dancing Societies of the Sarsi Indians*, by Pliny Earle Goddard; and *Political Organization, Cults, and Ceremonies of the Plains-Ojibway and Plains-Cree Indians*, by Alanson Skinner.

A two hundred and sixty page monograph on *Slavery in Missouri 1804-1865*, by Harrison Anthony Trexler, constitutes a recent number of the *Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science*. Missouri slavery as an economic system; the slave before the law; the social status of the slave; the slavery issue in politics and in the churches; Senator Benton and slavery; Missouri and Kansas; manumission, conciliation, and emancipation, are the subjects treated in the seven chapters of the study.

An article on *Syndicalism and Socialism and their Meaning*, by Frank L. McVey, occupies first place in *The Quarterly Journal of the University of North Dakota* for April. *A Statistical Study in the Influence of Environment* is presented by George R. Davies. James E. Boyle describes the *First Case Under Canada's Combines Investigation Act — The United Shoe Machinery Company*; and John Morris Gillette discusses *The Organic Concept and Society*.

*The Different West*, by Arthur E. Bostwick, Librarian of the St. Louis Public Library, is a book published by A. C. McClurg & Co. which contains a sympathetic account of life in the West "as seen by a transplanted Easterner". The "West" of the volume is made up of the States bordering on the Mississippi. Among the subjects treated in the thirteen chapters of the book are the East's misunderstanding of the West and the West's misunderstanding of the East; the political and economic unrest in the West; education, literature, science, art, and society in the West; the sources of the population of the West; and the speech and manners of the West. The book is written in a very readable style and should help to destroy misconceptions concerning this region.

A monograph on *The Development of Banking in Illinois, 1817-1863*, by George William Dowrie, constitutes volume two, number four of the *University of Illinois Studies in the Social Sciences*. The monograph is divided into five chapters dealing respectively



with the monetary situation in Illinois previous to the establishment of banks, the Territorial banks, banking as a State monopoly, banking and internal improvements, and the free bank system of Illinois.

*The Vanishing Race: The Last Great Indian Council*, written by Joseph K. Dixon, is a handsome volume brought out by Doubleday, Page and Company. The book would be well worth while if it were only for the eighty beautiful photogravures of Indian chiefs and Indian life. The motive prompting the preparation and publication of the volume is the need and duty of students and investigators to study and record the life, manners, customs, and traditions of a "vanishing race". The first thirty-five pages are taken up with a discussion of *Indian Imprints*. Then follow a number of stories told by various chiefs, stories told by the surviving Custer scouts, the Indians' story of the Custer fight, and a description of the "Last Great Indian Council" on February 22, 1913.

A carefully prepared thesis on *The Mining Advance into the Inland Empire*, written by William J. Trimble, appears as a recent *Bulletin of the University of Wisconsin*. It constitutes, as is indicated on the title page, "a comparative study of the beginnings of the mining industry in Idaho and Montana, eastern Washington and Oregon, and the southern interior of British Columbia". The monograph is divided into four parts, the first of which deals with the history of the mining advance into the Inland Empire from 1855 to 1870. The economic and social aspects of the movement are covered in parts two and three, respectively; while part four is concerned with law and government. The monograph gives evidence of careful preparation; and it is well worth while not only as a study of the beginnings of mining in the region covered, but as a treatment of one phase of the settlement and early government of the great Northwest.

#### IOWANA

Charles Philip Hexom is the writer of a pamphlet of over seventy pages on the *Indian History of Winneshiek* which has been published by A. K. Bailey & Son of Decorah.



The *Autobiography of Elder Alma Booker* is begun in the April number of *Autumn Leaves* and continued in the May number.

Continuations of biographical and autobiographical material occupy the pages of the April number of the *Journal of History* published at Lamoni, Iowa, by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Walter A. Jessup is the writer of an article on *School Administration and Secondary Schools*, which appears in the June number of *Midland Schools*.

A statement concerning the resignation of John G. Bowman as President of the State University of Iowa, and a biographical sketch of ex-President Josiah L. Pickard are to be found in the April number of *The Iowa Alumnus*.

In an article entitled *An Old Timer*, which appears in the May number of *The Iowa Engineer*, R. H. Porter gives a brief history and description of the oldest steam engine now in use in Iowa.

Two bulletins which have been published by the Extension Division of the State University of Iowa, under the editorship of O. E. Klingaman, are: *Street Lighting*, by A. H. Ford; and *Rate Making for Public Utilities*, by William G. Raymond.

A. F. Dawson discusses the question *Shall State Banks Enter the System?* in the May number of *The Northwestern Banker*. In the June number there is an article on *The Financial Growth of Clinton, Ia.*

Three articles which appear in the April number of *Iowa Factories* are: *Labor and Wages*, by Gerald Stanley Lee; *The New Road Law*, by T. H. MacDonald; and *Some Results of Agricultural Extension*, by K. G. Smith. In the May number J. Will Perry discusses *An Engineering Service Bureau*.

Brief biographical sketches of a number of Iowa men appear under the heading of *Stories of Agricultural Alumni* in the April number of *The Alumnus of Iowa State College* and under the heading of *Science Alumni in Many Fields* in the May number.



In the latter number John E. Brindley discusses *Applied Science and Social Service*; and Louis B. Schmidt writes on *Applied History*.

E. C. Hurd is the writer of a paper entitled *Vitalizing Municipal Economics* which appears in the May number of *American Municipalities*. Another article worthy of special attention is one on the *City Manager Plan for Iowa*, by Charles P. Chase. In the June number there are, among other things, notes on *Municipalities and the Iowa Compensation Act*, and *State Commissions and Municipal Ownership*; and a discussion of *Seattle's New Charter*, by H. A. Brauer.

## SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY IOWA AUTHORS

Adams, Ephraim Douglass,

*New Light on the Civil War* (Dial, April 1, 1914).

Aurner, Clarence R.,

*History of Township Government in Iowa*. Iowa City: The State Historical Society of Iowa. 1914.

Bailey, Edwin C.,

*Winneshiek County, Iowa, Past and Present*. Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co. 1914.

Botsford, George Willis,

*A History of the Ancient World*. New York: The Macmillan Co. 1914.

Carver, Thomas Nixon,

*Plague of Sociological Gossip* (Nation, March 26, 1914).

Catt, Carrie Chapman,

*Survival of Matriarchy* (Harpers, April, 1914).

Cooley, Roger William,

*Handbook of the Law of Municipal Corporations*. St. Paul: West Publishing Co. 1914.

Devine, Edward Thomas,

*Widows' Needs* (Survey, April 4, 1914).

Fletcher, Robert Huntington,

*Principles of Composition and Literature*. New York: The A. S. Barnes Co. 1914.



- Hancock, Ellery M.,  
*Allamakee County, Iowa, Past and Present.* Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co. 1914.
- Hexom, Charles Philip,  
*Indian History of Winneshiek.* Decorah, Iowa: A. K. Bailey & Son. 1914.
- Hillis, Newell Dwight,  
*Noble Thoughts.* New York: Barse & Hopkins. 1914.  
*The Story of Phaedrus: How We Got the Greatest Book in the World.* New York: The Macmillan Co. 1914.
- Hughes, Rupert,  
*What Will People Say?* New York: Harper & Bros. 1914.
- Hume, Thomas Milton,  
*Hume Produce Code, 1914.* Burlington, Iowa: Published by the author. 1914.
- Hutchinson, Woods,  
*Nature's Mothers' Pensions* (Good Housekeeping, April, 1914);  
*Simple Surgery* (Good Housekeeping, May, 1914).
- James, James Alton,  
*Readings in American History.* New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 1914.
- McCulla, Thomas,  
*History of Cherokee County, Iowa.* Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co. 1914.
- Richardson, Anna Steese,  
*Better Babies and Their Care.* New York: Frederick A. Stokes Co. 1914.
- Roberts, George Evan,  
*Distribution of Surplus Incomes* (Review of Reviews, April, 1914).
- Ross, Edward Alsworth,  
*Celtic Tide* (Century, April, 1914); *Germans in America* (Century, May, 1914).
- Tilton, John Littlefield,  
*Outline for the Study of Meteorology.* Indianola: Record Printing House. 1914.



Quick, J. Herbert,

*Good Old Rebel* (Collier's, April 4, 1914).

Russell, Charles Edward,

*These Shifting Scenes*. New York: George H. Doran Co. 1914.

SOME RECENT HISTORICAL ITEMS IN IOWA NEWSPAPERS

*The Register and Leader*

Sketch of the life of Josiah L. Pickard, March 31, 1914.

Sketch of the life of John Koenigsberger, April 5, 1914.

Billy Sunday's High School Class at Nevada, Iowa, Thirty Years Ago, April 5, 1914.

Indian Burial Customs, April 11, 1914.

Sketch of the life of Samuel B. Tuttle, April 14, 1914.

Sketch of the life of John F. Dillon, May 6 and 10, 1914.

Judge Weaver at Home, May 14, 1914.

Diamond Jubilee of Congregationalists at Dubuque, May 17, 1914.

Fiftieth Anniversary of "Little Brown Church", May 24, 1914.

John Langstaff, Veteran of Mexican War, May 24, 1914.

Birthdays of Famous Iowans (brief biographical sketches appearing from day to day).

Paper Printed by Iowa Soldiers During Civil War, May 31, 1914.

Some of the Historical Spots Surrounding the Capitol, June 7, 1914.

Recollections of Franc B. Wilkie Among Iowa Veterans of War, June 21, 1914.

Mount Pleasant, the Mother of Clubs, June 21, 1914.

Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Little Brown Church, by Nelle E. Gardner, June 21, 1914.

*The Burlington Hawk-Eye*

In Old Burlington. (In each Sunday issue.)

An Army Execution During the Civil War, by Robert J. Burdette, April 26, 1914.

Race of the Robert E. Lee and the Natchez in 1870, May 17, 1914.

Reminiscences of Early Days, by W. P. Elliott, May 24, 1914.

G. A. R. Week in Burlington, June 14, 1914.



*Miscellaneous*

- Douglas Township, Madison County, the Land of Poetry, by W. H. Lewis, in the *Winterset Madisonian*, April 1, 1914.
- Old Marion County, running in the *Knoxville Express*, April-June, 1914.
- Des Moines is Growing Rapidly — Old Landmarks, in the *Des Moines Plain Talk*, April 2, 1914.
- The Story of Quaker Divide, running in the *Redfield Review*, April-June, 1914.
- Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wright of Keota — Log Cabin their First Iowa Home, in the *Muscatine Journal*, April 4, 1914.
- Diary of the Civil War, running in the Sunday issues of the *Cedar Rapids Republican*.
- Historic Spots of Interest in Davenport, in the *Davenport Democrat*, April 5, 1914.
- The Spirit Lake Massacre, by Abbie Gardner Sharp, running in the *The Spirit Lake Herald*, April-June, 1914.
- Reminiscences of the Early Days in Liberty Township, by S. L. Thompson, running in the *Mount Ayr Record-News*, April-June, 1914.
- Sketch of the life of John Wallace Clatterbuck, in the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, April 8, 1914.
- Hotel Clerk Tells of Pioneer Days, in the *Sioux City Tribune*, April 9, 1914.
- The Memoirs of Mary E. Fobes, running in the *Dows Advocate*, April-June, 1914.
- John Brown's Last Letter is Found in Iowa, in the *Cedar Rapids Leader*, April 10, 1914.
- Remains of Early Indians, in the *Keokuk Constitution-Democrat*, April 10, 1914.
- Abner Peeler, Webster County Inventor, in the *Fort Dodge Messenger*, April 11, 1914.
- Adventures of a Pioneer Trapper in Northwestern Iowa, in the *Sioux City Journal*, April 12, 1914.
- Johnson Brigham Recalls Night of Abraham Lincoln's Murder, in the *Des Moines Capital*, April 14, 1914.



Sketches of the lives of Alonzo Abernethy and W. H. Fleming, in the *Iowa City Republican*, April 15, 1914.

Early Times at Keokuk, in the *Keokuk Gate City*, April 12, 1914.

Events in the Early Life of the Pioneer, by C. D. Childs, in the *Manson Journal*, April 15, 1914.

Pioneer Waterloo Woman Tells of Hardships Endured in the Fifties, in the *Waterloo Courier*, April 16, 1914.

Oakland in the Pioneer Days, in the *Oakland Acorn*, April 16, 1914.

Page of Hancock County History, in the *Britt News*, April 16, 1914.

First Pullman in this Section, in the *Mason City Globe-Gazette*, April 16, 1914.

Sketch of the life of O. H. Mead, Early Stage Driver, in the *Waverly Democrat*, April 16, 1914.

Sketch of the lives of Judge and Mrs. Henry C. Caldwell, in the *Keosauqua Republican*, April 23, 1914.

Reminiscences of Some Early Settlers, in the *Glenwood Opinion*, April 23, 1914.

H. E. Carpenter, Pioneer Station Agent, in the *Nevada Journal*, April 24, 1914.

Early Indian Raids in Northwestern Iowa, in the *Le Mars Sentinel*, April 24, 1914.

Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, an Oskaloosa Boy, in the *Oskaloosa Herald*, April 25, 1914.

Copy of First Newspaper Printed in Keokuk, in the *Keokuk Gate City*, April 26, 1914.

Iowa and Dubuque in the Mexican War of 1846, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, April 26, 1914.

Sketch of the life of Archibald Harvey, in the *Washington Democrat*, April 29, 1914.

Early Days of Rockwell City and Vicinity, by C. D. Childs, in the *Jefferson Bee*, April 29, 1914.

Seventy Years in Iowa County, in the *Williamsburg Journal*, April 30, 1914.

Locating the County Seat of Boone County, in the *Boone Democrat*, April 30, 1914.

Incidents of Early Times, in the *Anamosa Eureka*, May 14, 1914.



- Pioneer Experiences of Frank McMillin in Wapello County, in the *Ottumwa Courier*, April 30, 1914.
- Tax Receipt of the Year 1845, in the *Columbus Junction Safeguard*, April 30, 1914.
- Judge Henry Clay Caldwell Recalls Early Days at Ottumwa, in the *Ottumwa Courier*, April 30, 1914.
- Four Lineville Men Killed by Indians While Crossing the Plains in 1865, in the *Leon Journal*, April 30, 1914.
- Iowa Counties Were Named for Illustrious Men, in the *Des Moines Capital*, April 30, 1914.
- Reminiscences of Pioneer Days, by Mrs. D. D. Paine, in the *Eagle Grove Gazette*, May 6, 1914.
- Some Early History of Boone County, in the *Madrid News*, May 7, 1914.
- John Shuey, a Knoxville Hero, in the *Knoxville Journal*, May 7, 1914.
- Brother of Admiral Fletcher was Early Wall Lake Settler, in the *Wall Lake Blade*, May 7, 1914.
- Diamond Jubilee of Congregational Church of Dubuque, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, May 10, 1914.
- Land Grant Paper of Year 1818, in the *Corning Union-Republican*, May 13, 1914.
- Sketch of a True Pioneer — Jeremiah Roser, in the *Lansing Mirror*, May 15, 1914.
- Stories of a Pioneer Trapper, in the *Sioux City Journal*, May 17, 1914.
- Dr. J. Wooden, Veteran of the Mexican War, in the *Centerville Iowegian*, May 19, 1914.
- Incident in Life of the late John F. Dillon, in the *Des Moines Capital*, May 19, 1914.
- Buffalo in Iowa, in the *Fairfield Ledger*, May 20, 1914.
- A Des Moines Centennial in 1876, in the *Des Moines Plain Talk*, May 21, 1914.
- A Tribute to Abbie Mitchell, in the *Mitchellville Index*, May 21, 1914.
- Memories of Pella, in the *Pella Chronicle*, June 4, 1914.



Fred Hacker, Mexican War Veteran, in the *Waterloo Courier*, May 29, 1914.

Some Old Landmarks in Nashua, in the *Nashua Reporter*, June 4, 1914.

Sketch of the life of John Nollen, Pioneer of Pella, in the *Pella Chronicle*, June 4, 1914.

Sketch of the life of Jedediah Lake, in the *Mason City Times*, June 9, 1914.

Mill History of Hamilton County, in the *Webster City Freeman-Tribune*, June 9, 1914.



## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

### PUBLICATIONS

*Bulletin No. 3* issued by the Michigan Historical Commission contains *A Sketch of Historical Societies in Michigan*, prepared by George Newman Fuller.

An index to the collection called the *Kie Oldham Papers* has been issued by the Arkansas History Commission as *Bulletin of Information, No. 5*.

The most recent number in the series of *Original Narratives of Early American History*, reproduced under the auspices of the American Historical Association and published by Charles Scribner's Sons, contains *Narratives of the Witchcraft Cases, 1648-1706*, edited by George Lincoln Burr.

Moses W. Mann writes on *Medford Artillery*, and there is a brief sketch of the *Medford Branch Railroad* in the April number of *The Medford Historical Register*.

The first fifty pages in the April number of the *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* are occupied with the *Journal Kept in Quebec in 1775* by James Jeffry, annotated by William Smith. Sidney Perley is the writer of an article on *The West Field, Salem, in 1700*.

The *First Annual Report* of the Michigan Historical Commission contains an account of the work of the Commission for the period from May 28, 1913, to December 31, 1913.

Among the contents of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* for April, in addition to continuations, may be mentioned a *Letter from John Rolfe to Sir Thos. Dale* and a biographical sketch of *Captain John Harris of the Virginia Navy*, by Walter Drew McCaw.



Dunbar Rowland is the editor of *The Official and Statistical Register of the State of Mississippi* for the year 1912, which has been issued by the Department of Archives and History of Mississippi.

The eleventh in the series of articles on *The Baronies of South Carolina*, by Henry A. M. Smith, dealing with the Raphoe Barony, appears in the January number of *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*. Here may also be found a paper on *Wilton's Statue of Pitt*, by D. E. Huger Smith; and a continuation of the *Order Book of John Faucheraud Grimké*.

An illustrated account of a *Prehistoric Shell Necklace from Nebraska*, written by Robert F. Gilder, opens the March-April number of the *Records of the Past*. Louise Phelps Kellogg contributes a brief appreciation of the late *Reuben Gold Thwaites*. Other articles are: *Cayuga Indemnity*, by Grace Ellis Taft; *An Onondaga Festival*, by the same writer; and *Man and the Mammoth in America*, by George Frederick Wright.

*A Grave in the Wilderness*, by Byron R. Long; *The Birthplace of Little Turtle*, by Calvin Young; *Robert Yost His Book*, consisting of a diary of the War of 1812; and *Rev. Paul Henkel's Journal: His Missionary Journey to the State of Ohio in 1806*, edited by Clement L. Martzoff, are contributions in the April number of the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly*.

Besides the usual proceedings of meetings and lists of officers and members, the *Year Book of the Holland Society of New York* for 1914 contains an account of *The Founding of Jersey City to and Including the Incorporation of the Village of Bergen*, by Dingman Versteeg; a brief description of *The Peter Stuyvesant Statue at Bergen*; and a list of *Marriages in the Village of Bergen in New Jersey Beginning 1665*.

Herbert E. Bolton is the writer of a carefully prepared monograph on *The Founding of the Missions on the San Gabriel River, 1745-1749*, which is published in the April number of *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*. William Edward Dunn presents a



scholarly study of *The Apache Mission on the San Saba River; its Founding and Failure*; and there is a tenth installment of *Correspondence from the British Archives Concerning Texas, 1837-1846*, edited by Ephraim Douglass Adams.

An interesting and valuable article on *Fort Orleans, the First French Post on the Missouri*, by M. F. Stipes, opens the *Missouri Historical Review* for April. L. T. Collier relates a few *Recollections of Thomas H. Benton*. There is a second paper by David W. Eaton under the heading *Echoes of Indian Emigration*; and W. O. L. Jewett is the writer of an *Historical Sketch of Shelby County, Missouri*.

*The Journal of John Work, June-October, 1825*, edited with introduction and notes by T. C. Elliott, occupies the leading position in *The Washington Historical Quarterly* for April. Anna Sloan Walker presents, in brief outline form, the *History of the Liquor Laws of the State of Washington*; while Ralph R. Knapp treats in a similar manner of *Divorce in Washington*. Under the heading of documents there is printed *A New Vancouver Journal*, with introduction and notes by Edmond S. Meany.

*Rear Admiral James E. Jouett, a Distinguished Kentuckian and a Heroic Naval Officer*, by George Baber; an account of the *Unveiling of a Monument* to commemorate the founding of the city of Louisville, Kentucky, by Ella Hutchinson Ellwanger; and *Coal Mining and its Bearing on Local History*, by Otto A. Rothert, are among the contents of the May number of *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*.

Among the contents of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* for April are: a biographical sketch of *William Theophilus Rogers Marvin*, by Mrs. Elizabeth E. M. Wood; and some *Records of the Society of Friends at Vassalborough, Me.*, communicated by Henry Sewall Webster. A supplement contains the *Proceedings of the New England Historic Genealogical Society* at the annual meeting on February 4, 1914, together with the exercises at the dedication of the new building of the Society on March 18, 1913.



*The Explanatory Element in the Folk-Tales of the North American Indians*, by T. T. Waterman, is the subject of a paper which opens the January-March number of *The Journal of American Folk-Lore*. Reed Smith writes on *The Traditional Ballad in the South*. Two other contributions are: *The Crow Sun Dance*, by Robert H. Lowie; and *Some Aspects of the Folk-Lore of the Central Algonkin*, by Alanson Skinner.

An interesting paper on *Andrew Craigie and the Scioto Associates*, by Archer B. Hulbert; an account and list of *The Papers of the Johnson Family of Connecticut*, by Max Farrand; and an extensive and valuable *Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820*, compiled by Clarence S. Brigham, are contributions in volume twenty-three, part two of the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*.

An extended account of *The Meeting of the American Historical Association at Charleston and Columbia* occupies the opening pages in the April number of *The American Historical Review*. Then follows an article on *The Stages in the Social History of Capitalism*, by Henri Pirenne. *The Children's Crusade* is discussed by Dana C. Munro. Inna Lubimenko describes *The Correspondence of Queen Elizabeth with the Russian Czars*; and Ulrich B. Phillips presents a paper on *A Jamaica Slave Plantation*. Under the head of *Documents* may be found *A New Plan to Govern Virginia, 1623*, contributed by Arthur Percival Newton.

The greater part of volume fourteen of the *Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society*, edited by Franklin L. Riley, is taken up with an extensive monograph on *Mississippi and the Compromise of 1850*, by Cleo Hearon. Two shorter papers are: *Barksdale's Mississippi Brigade at Gettysburg*, by J. S. McNeily; and *County Seats and Early Railroads of Washington County*, by Henry T. Ireys.

Much valuable material is to be found in volume eight of the *Papers of the New Haven Colony Historical Society*. Among the papers are: *Connecticut in Pennsylvania*, by Simeon E. Baldwin; *Eli Whitney Blake, Scientist and Inventor*, by Henry T. Blake;



*The Battle of Lake George (Sept. 8, 1755) and the Man Who Won It*, by Henry T. Blake; *Robert Treat: Founder, Farmer, Soldier, Statesman, Governor*, by George Hare Ford; *The Fundamental Orders and the Charter*, by Samuel Hart; *British Prisoners of War in Hartford During the Revolution*, by Herbert H. White; *The Fenians of the Long-Ago Sixties*, by Lawrence O'Brien; and *The New Haven of Two Hundred Years Ago*, by Franklin B. Dexter.

An account which could be practically duplicated in most of the western States is furnished by Ernest V. Shockley in an article on *County Seats and County Seat Wars in Indiana*, which appears in the March number of the *Indiana Magazine of History*. Alma Winston Wilson presents a biographical sketch of *An Early Indiana Surveyor—Lazarus B. Wilson*. Under the heading of *Autobiography of a Noted Pioneer* there are related some experiences of E. W. H. Ellis. Mrs. Elinor H. Campbell is the writer of a short article on *The Town of Bethlehem, Clark County, Indiana*.

Among the contents of the July, 1913, number of the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society*, may be noted a brief paper on *The Election of Congressmen from New Jersey*, by William Nelson; and a list of *New Jersey Soldiers in the Revolutionary War who later settled in Clermont County, Ohio*, prepared by A. S. Abbott. The October number, which comes out in somewhat more attractive dress, contains among other contributions an account of *Shane's Castle*, by John Clement; and *The School Census for 1832 and 1834 for Egg Harbour Township*, by Emma G. Steelman.

Carlos E. Godfrey tells of the *Organization of the Provisional Army of the United States in the Anticipated War with France, 1798-1800*, in the opening pages of *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* for April. Some *Letters of General John Armstrong to Thomas Wharton, President of Pennsylvania, 1777*; a number of *Excerpts from the Master's Log of His Majesty's Ship "Eagle", Lord Howe's Flagship, 1776-1777*, edited by William M. Mervine; and a letter relating *Some Incidents of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793*, contributed by Miss Etta M. Knight, are among the documentary contributions.



Volume one of the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the Year 1911* contains the following papers, among others: *American-Japanese Intercourse Prior to the Advent of Perry*, by Inazo Nitobé; *Colonial Society in America*, by Bernard Moses; *French Diplomacy and American Politics, 1794-1795*, by James Alton James; *The Tariff and the Public Lands from 1828 to 1833*, by Raynor G. Wellington; *The "Bargain of 1844" as the Origin of the Wilmot Proviso*, by Clark E. Persinger; *Monroe and the Early Mexican Revolutionary Agents*, by Isaac Joslin Cox; *Public Opinion in Texas Preceding the Revolution*, by Eugene C. Barker; and *The Genesis of the Confederation of Canada*, by Cephas D. Allin. This volume also contains the bibliography of *Writings on American History, 1911*, prepared by Grace Gardner Griffin. Volume two is devoted to *The Correspondence of Robert Toombs, Alexander H. Stephens, and Howell Cobb*, edited by Ulrich B. Phillips.

Volume thirteen of the *Proceedings and Collections of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society*, published at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, contains some excellent papers and monographs. *Some Features of the Quaternary Deposits in the Wyoming Valley Region* are presented at considerable length by Nelson Horatio Darton. William Griffith furnishes *The Proof That Pennsylvania Anthracite Coal was First Shipped from Wyoming Valley*. John L. Stewart sets forth *Some Modern Views of the Federal Constitution*; Oscar Jewell Harvey describes *The Beginnings of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania*; and a brief paper entitled *Echoes of the Massacre of Wyoming* is written by Horace Edwin Hayden. The remaining contribution, ninety pages in length, is *A Study of North Appalachian Indian Pottery*, by Christopher Wren.

Volume ten, parts one and two of the *Annual Publications of the Historical Society of Southern California* has recently appeared. The volume opens with a brief sketch of the history and activities of the Society, by S. H. Hall. The Society has been in existence more than thirty years. Among the many interesting contributions in the volume are: *Juan Flaco's Ride: An Incident in the Conquest of California*, by J. M. Guinn; *The Events Leading to the Chinese*



*Exclusion Acts*, by Mildred Wellborn; *Some Recent Observations in Mexico*, by Leslie F. Gay, Jr.; *A California Calendar of Pioneer Princes*, by Rockwell D. Hunt; *Drake on the Pacific Coast*, by James Main Dixon; *Anti-Japanese Legislation in California, and the Naturalization of the Japanese*, by Ray Malcolm; *The Attitude of California to the Civil War*, by Imogene Spaulding; and *Arizona's Admission to Statehood*, by Archa Malcom Farlow.

## THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW

Volume one, number one of *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* appeared in June. The new quarterly is of the size usually followed in publications of this character, contains one hundred and sixty-four pages in addition to a few pages of advertising, and is printed in good clear type on a medium quality of book paper. The board of editors of the *Review* consists of the following persons: Benjamin F. Shambaugh, Frederick L. Paxson, Archer B. Hurlbert, Walter L. Fleming, James A. James, Orin G. Libby, Eugene C. Barker, and Claude H. Van Tyne; while the Managing Editor is Clarence W. Alvord. The subscription price of the *Review* will be two dollars to members of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, of which the periodical is an organ, and three dollars to non-members. The printing is done by The Torch Press of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the magazine will be mailed out from that place.

The opening contribution in the June number is an article on *The United States and Mexico, 1835-1837*, by Eugene C. Barker. An extended *Review of McMaster's History of the People of the United States* is written by Carl Russell Fish. *Louisiana as a Factor in American Diplomacy* is the subject of a paper by James Alton James. *Historical Activities in the Old Northwest and Eastern Canada, 1913-1914*, are discussed by Solon J. Buck. In the succeeding numbers of the *Review* historical activities in other sections of the Mississippi Valley will be similarly treated by different writers. Under the head of *Notes and Documents* will be found notes on the lost Burr papers and the newly discovered George Rogers Clark material, a letter from George Washington to his



brother Charles, and some letters from the correspondence of Lyman Trumbull. Then follow book reviews which occupy nearly fifty pages, and finally there is a section devoted to *News and Comments*.

#### ACTIVITIES

Under the auspices of the Jefferson County Historical Society a patriotic entertainment was given at Fairfield on May 8th to secure funds for the improvement of the Old Settlers' Park.

The recently organized Scott County Archaeological Society plans to explore and excavate the mounds of southeastern Iowa.

At the annual business meeting of the Texas State Historical Association on March 2, 1914, Z. T. Fulmore was elected president; Charles W. Ramsdell, corresponding secretary and treasurer; and Eugene C. Barker, recording secretary and librarian.

At a meeting of the Missouri Historical Society (St. Louis), on April 23, 1914, Hon. Frederick W. Lehmann delivered an address on *The Missouri Compromise: A Line in American History*.

The Oklahoma Historical Society has secured the records of the opening of the Kiowa-Comanche reservation in 1901. These records will be of great value to future writers of Oklahoma history.

A portrait of Martin Luther, presented by the Lutherans of Iowa, has been installed in the portrait gallery of the Historical Department of Iowa at Des Moines.

A collection of letters and papers of Sidney Breese, United States Senator from Illinois from 1843 to 1849 and later Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, is among the recent accessions of the Illinois State Historical Library.

At the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society held in New York City on December 31, 1913, Pliny Earle Goddard was elected president; G. L. Kittredge, first vice president; J. Walter Fewkes, second vice president; and Franz Boas, editor of the *Journal* of the Society.



The New England Historic Genealogical Society is now located in its magnificent new building at No. 9 Ashburton Place, Boston. At the seventieth annual meeting of the Society on February 4, 1914, Mr. James Phinney Baxter was reelected president.

Rear-Admiral Alfred T. Mahan will serve for several months as a Research Associate of the Department of Historical Research in the Carnegie Institution of Washington. A guide to the materials for American history to be found in the archives at St. Petersburg and Moscow is being prepared by Professor Frank A. Golder of Washington State College.

The *Annual Report* of the American Historical Association for the year 1912, which has not yet appeared, will contain, among other things, reports on the archives of Louisiana and Montana. A branch of the Association has been established in London and plans are on foot for the establishment of another in Paris for the purpose of aiding American historical workers in those cities.

The Minnesota Historical Society is making plans for a fine new building, which will house not only the collections of the Society, but the Supreme Court of the State and the State law library. As soon as a site for the building is definitely determined on it is expected that work will begin and it is hoped that the building will be completed in 1916.

The Wisconsin Historical Society has recently acquired thirty-six volumes of the *London Gazette* which make its file of this paper practically complete from 1768 to 1840. Among the manuscript accessions is a collection which is of especial interest to Iowans, namely, the correspondence of the late Luman H. Weller of Nashua, Iowa, who was known several years ago as "Calamity Weller". His correspondence and papers are valuable for any study of political history. The Society has just occupied a new wing of its magnificent building.

At the semi-annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society on April 8, 1914, the following were among the papers read: *Early Indian Migrations in New England*, by Roland Burrage Dixon; and



*Poinsett's Career in Mexico*, by Justin Harvey Smith. The Society has recently acquired a large collection of tradesmen's currency of the Civil War period.

The American Anthropological Association and the American Folk-Lore Society held a joint annual meeting in New York City, December 29-31, 1913. Among the papers and addresses presented at this time were: *The Horse and the Plains Culture*, by Clark Wissler; *The Cultural Position of the Plains Ojibway*, by Alanson Skinner; *Notes on the Social Organization of the Fox Indians*, by Truman Michelson; *The Relation of Winnebago to Plains Culture*, by Paul Radin; *The Crow Sun Dance*, by Robert H. Lowie; and *Notes on the Folk-Lore and Mythology of the Fox Indians*, by Truman Michelson.

#### THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The seventh annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Association was held at Grand Forks, North Dakota, on May 26, 27, and 28, 1914; and there were joint sessions with the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Among the papers read at the general sessions were *Explorations and Surveys of the Minnesota and Red Rivers*, by Warren Upham; *The Soldier, the Advance Guard of Civilization*, by Henry Hale; *Montana as a Field for Historical Research*, by F. H. Garver; *Stephen A. Douglas, and the Split in the Democratic Party*, by Oliver M. Dickerson; *The Westward Movement in the Upper Mississippi Valley During the Fifties*, by Dan E. Clark; *The Hudson's Bay Company Fur Trade Monopoly in the Red River Settlement, 1821-1850*, by Chester V. Martin; *Contemporary Opinions Regarding the Mississippi Valley During the American Revolution*, by Paul C. Phillips; and *German Migration to the Mississippi and Missouri*, by Marion D. Learned.

Two sessions of the teachers' section were held, the principal topics of discussion being the use of supplementary reading in the teaching of history, and the training of teachers. On Tuesday afternoon there was a session at which papers on sociological subjects were read, among the most interesting being the one by R. W. Craig of Winnipeg on *Some Legal Aspects of Correctional Work*.



On account of illness the president of the Association, Professor James Alton James of Northwestern University, was unable to attend the meeting, and so Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh was chosen to preside at the meetings. And in place of the presidential address on Tuesday evening Professor Marion D. Learned of the University of Pennsylvania delivered an address on the subject of *European Immigration to the United States*.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of Professor Isaac J. Cox as president; Professors Guy S. Ford and Frederic L. Paxson as first and second vice presidents, respectively; Mr. Clarence S. Paine as secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Milo M. Quaife and Mr. William E. Connelley as members of the executive committee.

Three very pleasant social occasions were provided for the entertainment of the visitors. On Tuesday evening a reception was tendered by President and Mrs. McVey of the State University. A banquet was given on the following evening by the Commercial Club at the University Commons, at which place the guests were also entertained at supper on Thursday evening. But perhaps the most interesting feature of the entire meeting was the historical pageant of the Northwest presented in the open air on Thursday evening by the University Sock and Buskin Society. Events in the careers of Radisson, La Salle, the Vérendryes, and in the Lewis and Clark Expedition (the principal figure in the latter being Sacajawea, the Bird Woman) were depicted in an admirable manner.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

At the annual meeting of the Society on June 22, 1914, the nine resident Curators who have served during the past year were re-elected.

A history of Shelby County, Iowa, is being prepared by Mr. E. S. White of Harlan, a member of the Society. Mr. White spent several days at Iowa City in June gathering data in the library of the Society.

The first volume of a comprehensive *History of Education in Iowa*, written by Dr. Clarence R. Aurner, is now in press. It is ex-



pected that three volumes of this work will be published during the coming year.

Dr. John C. Parish of Denver, Colorado, formerly Assistant Editor in the Society, has been appointed professor and head of the department of history in Colorado College.

Mr. John Wilson Townsend of Lexington, Kentucky, a member of the Society, is the author of a volume on *Kentucky in American Letters, 1784-1912*, printed by The Torch Press of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There is an introduction by the novelist, James Lane Allen.

Dr. Henry Albert, a Curator of the Society, is joint author with Dr. Mildred E. Scheetz of a description of a *Model Laboratory for the General Practitioner* which has been reprinted from the May number of the *Journal of the Iowa State Medical Society*.

The Society is indebted to the Rev. James L. Hill of Salem, Massachusetts, for a number of booklets and articles dealing with the history of the Congregational Church in Iowa, including especially the Iowa Band and Grinnell College. Mr. Hill was born at Garnavillo, Iowa, and his father gave the first dollar to found Grinnell College.

Mrs. Bernhardine Wachsmuth of Burlington, a member of the Society, died on January 19, 1914. She was the widow of the late Charles Wachsmuth, a distinguished geologist and an authority on the subject of fossils.

Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick of Bethany, Nebraska, a member of the Society and who formerly occupied the position of Collector, has recently acquired an excellent copy of Albert Miller Lea's rare little volume entitled *Notes on Wisconsin Territory*, in which there is the inscription: "Hon. Geo. W. Jones, Sinsinawa Mound from the author".

At the regular June meeting of the Board of Curators provision for research work during the summer months was made by the appointment of the following persons as Research Associates: Dr. F. E. Haynes of Morningside College; Dr. F. H. Garver of the



Montana State Normal at Dillon, Montana; Dr. Henry J. Peterson of the Iowa State Teachers' College; and Mr. O. K. Patton of the State University of Iowa. Furthermore, Mr. John E. Briggs was appointed Research Assistant, and Miss Ruth Gallaher as Library Research Assistant for the coming year.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mrs. F. M. Bagley, Anamosa, Iowa; Dr. W. L. Bywater, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. John A. Cavanagh, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. J. Robert Cornell, Winterset, Iowa; Mr. Charles D. Huston, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. O. D. Peterson, Stratford, Iowa; Hon. George E. Roberts, Washington, D. C.; Mr. John Boeynik, Sioux Center, Iowa; Mr. Royal H. Holbrook, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Lee Shillinglaw, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The State Historical Society of Iowa was represented at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Grand Forks, North Dakota, during the last week in May by the Superintendent, Benj. F. Shambaugh, and the Assistant Editor, Dan E. Clark. In the absence of the president of the Association the former was chosen to preside at the meetings as president *pro tempore*; while the latter read a paper on *The Westward Movement in the Upper Mississippi Valley During the Fifties*. Dr. F. H. Garver, Research Associate in the Society during the present summer, also appeared on the program with a paper on *Montana as a Field for Historical Research*.



## NOTES AND COMMENT

John Nollen, one of the pioneer Hollanders of Pella, Iowa, and a man who has exerted a strong influence in the community, died on May 31, 1914.

Jedediah Lake of Independence, a member of the Ninth General Assembly of Iowa, and Lieutenant Colonel and later Colonel of the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry during the Civil War, died on June 7, 1914.

Histories of the following Iowa counties are reported as in process of preparation: Audubon, Buchanan, Des Moines, Harrison, and Shelby.

*Sitting-Bull-Custer*, an out-door Indian drama, written by Aaron McGaffey Beede, was presented on June 1st, on the campus of the North Dakota Agricultural College at Fargo.

The War Eagle Memorial Association of Sioux City has located the site of the grave of the chieftain, War Eagle, and a tablet will be erected to mark the spot until sufficient funds can be secured for the erection of a monument.

The seniors of the East Des Moines High School on May 15th presented a pageant depicting the coming of the white man to Iowa and the building of Fort Des Moines.

The magnificent private library of Clarence M. Burton of Detroit which has been used by many historians, has been donated to the Library Commission of that city.

Professor Frederic Austin Ogg has been appointed to an associate professorship in political science at the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. E. Dana Durand is in charge of the work of the Minnesota Efficiency and Economy Commission, which is preparing a plan for the reorganization of the State government.



A spot on the capitol grounds at Des Moines has been chosen by the Allison Monument Commission for the erection of the Allison memorial. It is expected that work on the memorial will proceed as rapidly as possible.

Mr. E. W. Tallmon and W. W. Gardiner of Davenport both have in their possession large collections of pictures of Mississippi and Ohio River steamboats, past and present. These collections will be of much value to anyone interested in the history of river transportation.

Among the cities of some size which have recently adopted the commission plan of government are San Antonio, Texas, and Saginaw and Marquette, Michigan. The plan has also virtually been accepted in Seattle, Washington. The city-manager plan is meeting with favor in various parts of the country, especially in the smaller places.

On May 2, 1914, occurred the death of Professor N. H. Winchell, whose work in the geology and early history of the Upper Mississippi Valley is well known. During the twenty-eight years from 1872 to 1900 he conducted the Minnesota Geological Survey. He founded the *American Geologist*, and was its principal editor from 1888 to 1905. From 1906 to the time of his death he had charge of the Department of Archaeology of the Minnesota Historical Society.

The forty-third annual reunion of the Old Settlers' Association of Cedar County was held at Tipton on June 10, 1914, this being the seventy-fourth anniversary of the first settlement of the county. Twenty-two persons who came to Cedar County before the close of the year 1850 were in attendance at the reunion.

The historic home of Josiah B. Grinnell at Grinnell, Iowa, has been purchased and torn down to give place to a more modern residence. The house was built during the fifties and had an interesting history. Many notable persons, including John Brown and Henry Ward Beecher, were visitors at the Grinnell home, which was one of the centers of anti-slavery sentiment in Iowa. Numerous fugitive slaves were hidden away in the house from



time to time while on their trip to Canada over the Underground Railway.

The Nineteenth International Congress of Americanists will be held in Washington, D. C., October 5-10, 1915. President Wilson will be the official patron; while Hon. John W. Foster is the president of the organization. An excursion in connection with the meeting will include a visit to the Davenport Academy of Sciences at Davenport, Iowa.

The death of W. S. Wilkinson, who came to Madison County, Iowa, in 1848, occurred on June 4, 1914. Mr. Wilkinson has been a frequent contributor to the knowledge of the history of that county, both through his own writings and through information willingly given to others.

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Territory of Montana and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the admission of the State into the Union. A number of celebrations are being planned at various points; while an unusually large amount of material in the way of reminiscences is appearing in the newspapers of the State.

An effort is being made in Marshall County to form an association composed of natives of the county who are over fifty years of age. About one hundred invitations to persons having these qualifications were issued for a picnic which was held on June 25th.

On June 16th occurred the death of John Harlan, an early settler of Van Buren County, Iowa. He was born in Indiana in 1821 of Quaker ancestry, and came to Iowa in 1875. He was the grandfather of Edgar R. Harlan, Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa, and a distant relative of James Harlan, former United States Senator from Iowa.

On May 12 and 13, 1914, there was held in New York City a National Conference on Universities and Public Service, the call for which was issued by Mayor John Purroy Mitchell. The conference was held under the auspices of the committee on practical training for public service of the American Political Science Association,



composed of the following members: Charles McCarthy, Albert Bushnell Hart, Benj. F. Shambaugh, William F. Willoughby, and Raymond G. Gettell, with Edward A. Fitzpatrick as executive secretary. The main topics of discussion were: the upbuilding of governmental administration, the greatest need of American democracy; public service as a career; the municipal university; public service activities of universities — a record is what is being done; the national university; and the question, should universities give credit for work in governmental bureaus and other agencies as outlined by the committee on practical training for public service.

The Harris Political Science Prizes, established by Mr. N. W. Harris of Chicago, were awarded to the following persons for the year 1913-1914: the first prize of \$250 to Willits Pollock of the University of Wisconsin for an essay on "Municipal Home Rule and the Wisconsin Commissions"; the second prize of \$150 to Ivan O. Hansen of the University of Minnesota for an essay on the "Relation of the State to the Municipality with Special Reference to Minnesota"; and the third prize of \$100 to Clark P. Currier of Beloit College for an essay on "Judicial Review of Administrative Decisions". The prizes are offered again for the year 1914-1915 and the contest is open to undergraduates of all the colleges and universities in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. The subjects for essays for the coming year are the reorganization of State government, the city manager plan of municipal government, the Monroe Doctrine, and the public regulation of wages. Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh of Iowa City is the Iowa member of the committee on the Harris prizes and further information may be secured from him.

JOHN FORREST DILLON

In the death of Judge John F. Dillon in New York City on May 5, 1914, the State of Iowa lost one of its most famous sons. Although Judge Dillon was born in New York in 1831 he came to Davenport, Iowa, in 1838, the year in which the Territory of Iowa was estab-



lished; and thereafter he lived in Iowa continuously for more than forty years.

Judge Dillon was during his youth attracted to a career in the practice of medicine. With this end in view he entered the Davenport Medical College, from which institution he graduated in 1850; after which he practiced for a few months and was one of the founders of the Iowa State Medical Society. But soon he began the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1852, soon afterward entering into partnership with John P. Cook of Davenport. As prosecuting attorney of Scott County from 1852 to 1858 he displayed such ability that in the latter year he was elected Judge of the Seventh Judicial District, a position which he held until 1863, when he was chosen as a justice of the Iowa Supreme Court. After one term of six years in this capacity he was appointed by President Grant as Judge of the United States Circuit Court for the Eighth District. Ten years he remained in this federal position and then resigned to accept a position in the law college of Columbia University.

Since 1882 Judge Dillon was engaged in legal practice in New York City, being counsel at various times for some of the largest corporations in the country and gaining an enviable reputation. Moreover, he is widely known for his many books and other writings on legal topics. Without doubt Judge Dillon's name will always be found among those of the greatest lawyers which the State of Iowa has produced.

GEORGE DOUGLAS PERKINS

George D. Perkins, the veteran editor of the *Sioux City Journal*, died on February 3, 1914. He was born at Holly, New York, on February 29, 1840, and during his boyhood his parents came west, finally locating at Baraboo, Wisconsin, where Mr. Perkins learned the printer's trade. In 1860, in partnership with his brother Henry, he established the *Cedar Falls Gazette*. He enlisted in 1863 in Company B., Thirty-first Iowa Infantry, but after a brief service in the field he was taken seriously ill and did not recover for many months. After acting as agent for the Northwestern



Press Association at Chicago for three years, in 1869 he established the *Sioux City Journal*, of which newspaper he remained the editor down to the time of his death.

Mr. Perkins took a prominent part in Iowa politics. He was a member of the State Senate in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth General Assemblies. From 1882 to 1885 he was United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa. Then in 1891 he was elected as Congressman from the Eleventh Congressional District of Iowa, an office to which he was twice reëlected. In 1906 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the nomination for Governor; and many times he was a delegate from Iowa to the national conventions of the Republican party.

As an editor, as a public servant, and as a private citizen, Mr. Perkins always held the confidence and respect of the people of Iowa, and his name deserves a high place in the list of Iowa's greatest citizens.

## JOSIAH L. PICKARD

Dr. Josiah L. Pickard, who was known and loved by many Iowa people, died at his home in Cupertino, California, on March 27, 1914, having just passed his ninetieth birthday. He was born on March 17, 1824, at Rowley, Massachusetts. In 1844 he was graduated from Bowdoin College, and two years later he removed first to Elizabeth, Illinois, and later in the same year to the Territory of Wisconsin, where he became the Principal of Platteville Academy. After remaining in that position for nearly fourteen years, he was State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Wisconsin from 1860 to 1864. In the latter year he accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools of the city of Chicago, where he remained until 1877.

It was in 1878 that Dr. Pickard began his long period of service to the people of Iowa as President of the State University. The nine years during which he held this position witnessed a steady growth in the size, strength, and prestige of the University. He resigned as President in 1887 but remained at the University for two years as a lecturer. For nineteen years, from 1881-1900, he



was President of The State Historical Society of Iowa. His declining years have been spent in California.

Dr. Pickard ranked high among the pioneer leaders in the movement for higher education in the West, and he was the writer of numerous valuable articles on educational topics. He also took a keen interest in local history, as is indicated by his long official connection with The State Historical Society. He made many contributions to the literature of Iowa history, including the best historical sketch of the State University of Iowa that has thus far been written, and some very interesting reminiscences entitled *A Retrospect of Sixty Years*. He was a man who will long be cherished in the memories of those who knew him.

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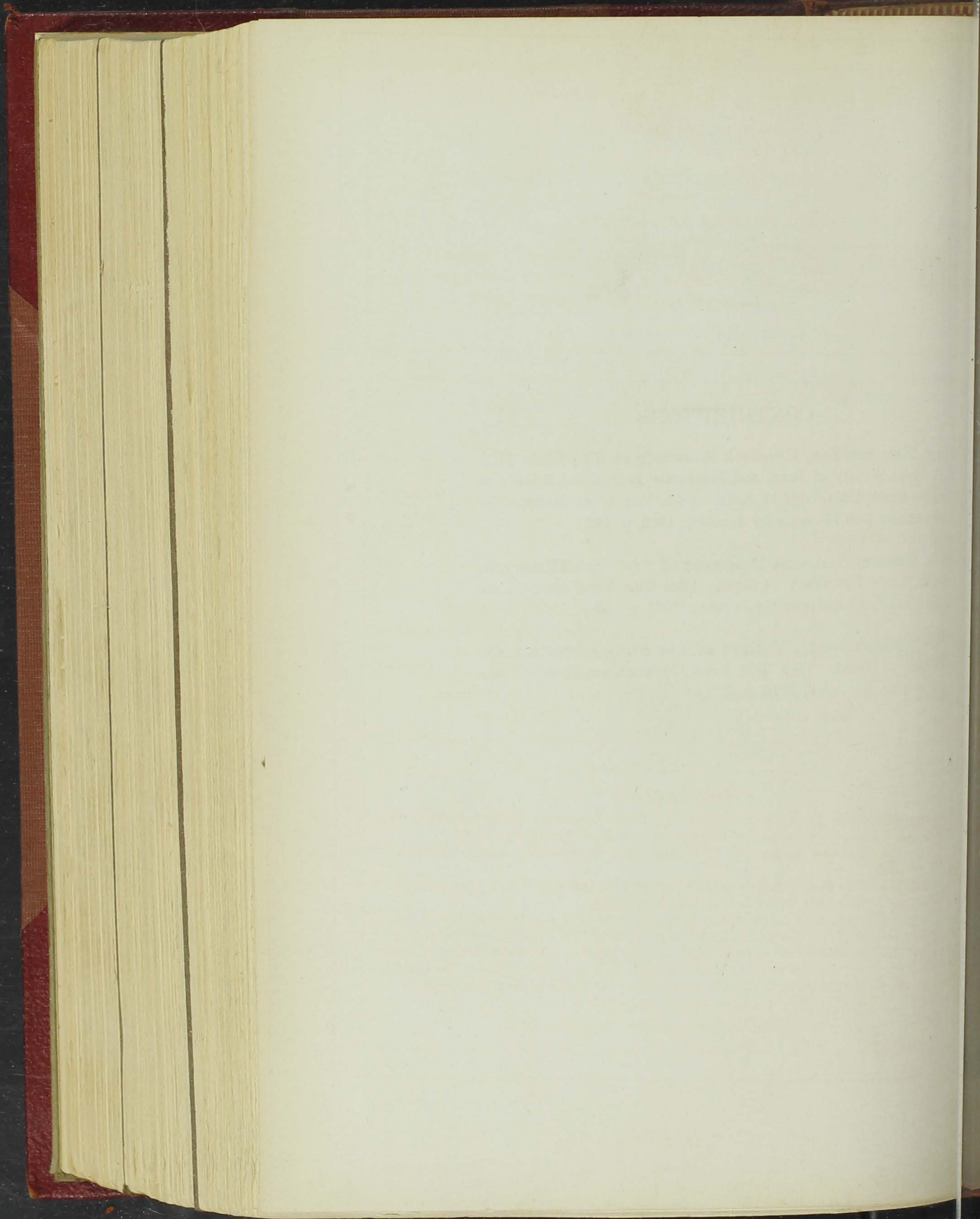
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