

## NOTES AND COMMENT

A monument to Daniel and Rebecca Boone was unveiled and dedicated at Marthasville, Missouri, on October 29, 1915.

The Burton Historical Library at Detroit has recently acquired about four thousand photostatic copies of papers in the archives of various offices at Washington relating to the early history of Michigan.

The annual meeting of the Swedish-American Society of Iowa was held at Des Moines on March 9th. The immediate object of this organization is the securing of funds with which to erect a monument to John Ericsson, the inventor, on the capitol grounds at Des Moines.

At a meeting of the Pioneer Club of Des Moines early in January a resolution was adopted asking the Executive Council to erect on the capitol grounds a suitable monument to the memory of the late General Grenville M. Dodge. The election of officers resulted in the choice of George B. Hippee as president, William Lowry as vice president, and Craig T. Wright as secretary-treasurer.

On January 11, 1916, at Toledo, Iowa, occurred the death of Centenary B. Bradshaw, who from 1907 to 1914 was judge of the Seventeenth Judicial District, composed of Marshall, Tama, and Benton counties. He was born in Ohio, but moved to Iowa during his youth and received his education at Cornell College, being in attendance at that institution at the outbreak of the Civil War, in which he served for more than three years.

The program for the third annual municipal day held at the State University of Iowa on March 28th under the auspices of the Extension Department included addresses and discussions by Professor Charles E. Merriam of the University of Chicago; Mr. J. M. Switzer of Dayton, Ohio; Professor A. R. Hatton of Western Re-



serve University; Mr. O. K. Patton of the State University of Iowa; Mr. H. B. Vollmer of Webster City; and Mr. E. L. Marriage of Iowa Falls.

#### OLIVER PERRY SHIRAS

Oliver Perry Shiras, who died in Florida on January 7, 1916, was often referred to as the most distinguished citizen of Dubuque, Iowa, in which city he resided for nearly sixty years.

Judge Shiras was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 22, 1833. After attending the public schools of Pittsburgh he continued his studies at the original Ohio University, and in the law school of Yale University. Turning to the West in 1856 for a promising location in which to enter upon the practice of the law, he investigated the prospects in Indianapolis, Chicago, and St. Paul, with the result that he practically decided to locate in Chicago. But by mere chance he visited friends at Dubuque on his return journey from St. Paul to Chicago, and finding conditions there attractive he decided to make Dubuque his home. He was a member of the staff of General F. J. Herron during the Civil War. It was in 1882 that he was appointed United States Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, and he continued to serve, with distinguished ability, in that capacity until 1903, when he retired.

#### HENRY WALLACE

On February 22, 1916, at Des Moines, occurred the death of Henry Wallace, one of Iowa's best loved and most widely known citizens.

Henry Wallace was born near West Newton, Pennsylvania, in 1836. His collegiate education was received at Geneva Hall and Jefferson College, and after his graduation from the latter institution he taught school for a time in Kentucky. Later, however, he attended two different theological seminaries and in 1862 entered the ministry of the United Presbyterian Church. One year afterward he came to Iowa and was pastor of various churches in this State until 1878, when he was forced to abandon the ministry on account of ill health.

He now took up his abode at Winterset and at the same time pur-



chased a farm in Adair County, in the management of which his health was restored. During this period he became interested in journalism and acquired a part interest in a newspaper at Winterset. From 1883 to 1895 he was connected with the *Iowa Homestead* at Des Moines. Retiring from that paper, in partnership with his sons he established *Wallace's Farmer* in 1897. Throughout the long period of his editorial labors he was always alert to promote the interests and protect the rights of the farmers of Iowa, who owe much to his efforts. His election to the National Conservation Congress, and his appointment by President Roosevelt as a member of the Country Life Commission were honors which indicated the high esteem in which he was held throughout the country.

#### WILLIAM PETERS HEPBURN

William Peters Hepburn was born at Wellsville, Ohio, on November 4, 1833. When he was eight years of age the family moved to the Territory of Iowa and settled on a frontier claim not far from Iowa City, then the capital of the Territory. He was for a time a student in the institution known as Mechanics' Academy. Later he became a printer's apprentice in the office of the *Iowa City Republican*. After three years he took up the study of law in the office of William Penn Clarke and was admitted to the bar in 1854. He was married to Miss Malvinia A. Morseman in 1855 and in the following year moved to Marshalltown, where he soon became prosecuting attorney of Marshall County.

Mr. Hepburn served as clerk of the House of Representatives during the last session of the General Assembly held at Iowa City and the first session held at Des Moines. He was elected district attorney of the Eleventh Judicial District in 1858 and held that position until he resigned at the outbreak of the Civil War to enter the army. In the meantime he was a delegate from Iowa to the Republican National Convention in 1860. Beginning as captain of Company B, Second Iowa Infantry, he was successively promoted to the rank of major and lieutenant colonel.

After the close of the war Mr. Hepburn moved to Clarinda, Iowa, which remained his home until the time of his death. Here he took



an active interest in politics, and in 1880 was elected Congressman from the eighth district. With the exception of three terms, from 1887 to 1893, he served continuously in this position until 1909, when he was defeated for election to the Sixty-first Congress by William D. Jamieson. During this time he established for himself a firm place in the respect of his colleagues and in the confidence of his constituents. He was especially noted for his abilities as an orator and debater. He died at Clarinda on February 7, 1916.



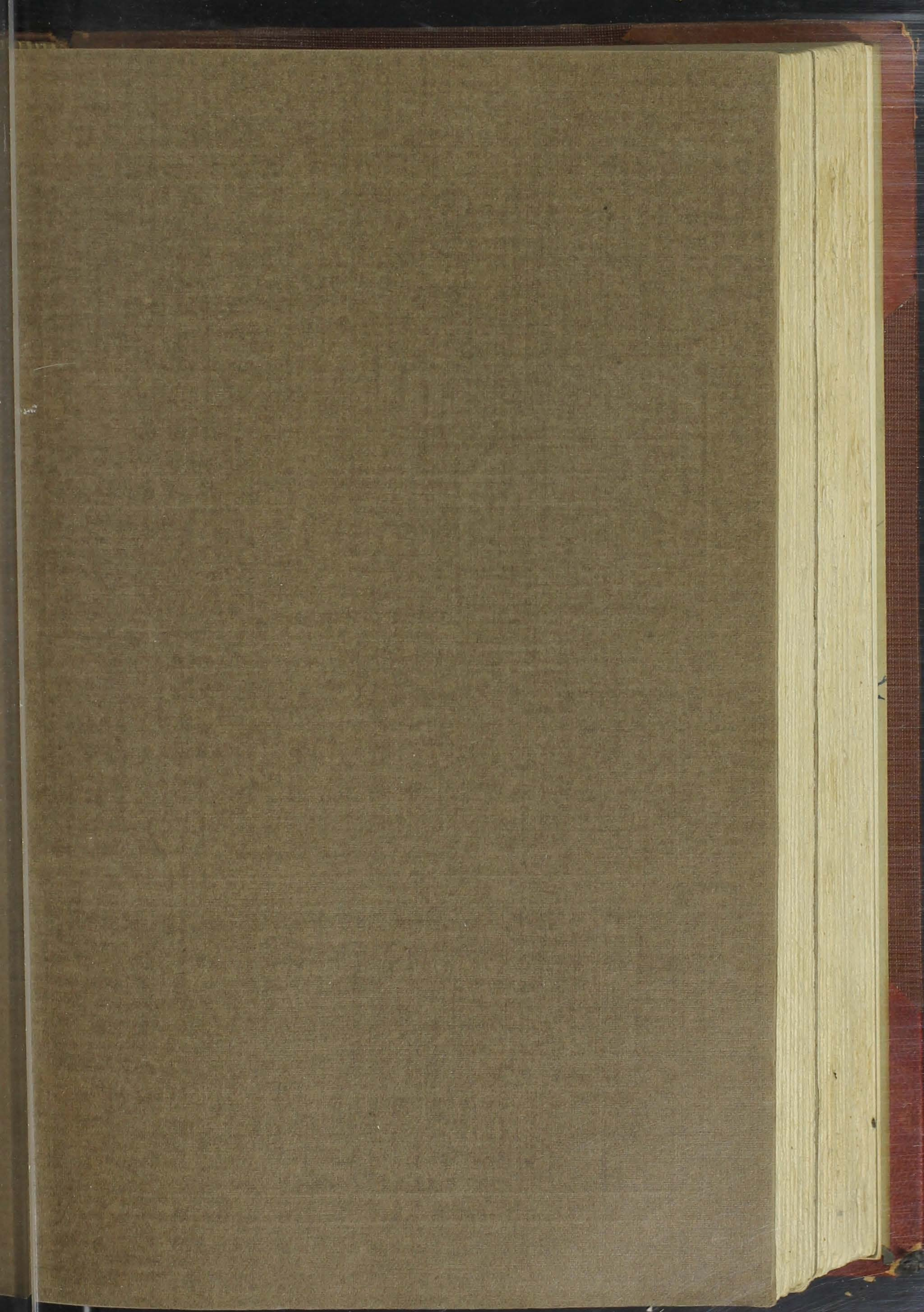
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