NOTES AND COMMENT

A "pioneer park" of about twelve acres at Champoeg, Oregon, where the provisional government was established in 1843, has been purchased through private funds and donated to the State. A memorial building will also be erected on the site out of funds appropriated by the State legislature.

Franklin Paine Mall, head of the department of anatomy at Johns Hopkins University and one of the most eminent anatomists of the country, died late in November, 1917. Dr. Mall was born at Belle Plaine, Iowa, on September 28, 1862.

A newspaper item indicates that a seventh edition of Mrs. Abbie Gardner Sharp's *History of the Spirit Lake Massacre* will be published in the near future.

Bernard Murphy, who was editor of the *Vinton Eagle* for more than forty years, passed away on February 28, 1918. He was born in Massachusetts on September 24, 1847. From 1901 to 1906 he was State Printer of Iowa.

It is said that a farm bureau has been organized in each of the ninety-nine counties of Iowa, and that county agents have been employed in about two-thirds of the counties.

William Battin, who was one of the six county judges of Marshall County, died at his home in Marshalltown on February 8th. Mr. Battin was born in Ohio in 1832, came to Iowa in 1856, and in 1859 he was elected to the position of county judge which he held during a stormy period in the history of Marshall County.

The Hawk-Eye Natives, an association of pioneers, held its annual reunion at Burlington on February 22nd, with Mr. W. H. Grupe as the presiding officer.

Voltaire P. Twombly, who was Treasurer of State of Iowa from 1885 to 1891, died at his home in Des Moines on February 24, 1918. He was born near Farmington, Van Buren County, Iowa, on February 21, 1842. He served with bravery during the entire period of the Civil War, and is best known as the color-bearer of the Second Iowa Infantry. In that capacity he had the honor of carrying the first Union flag across the ramparts of Fort Donelson.

Following the precedent established last year "Foundation Day" was celebrated at the State University of Iowa on February 25th. The principal address was delivered by President Laenas G. Weld of Pullman Institute, Chicago. There were also brief addresses by President Walter A. Jessup, Professor Benj. F. Shambaugh, Captain Percy Bordwell, and Professor Arthur C. Trowbridge.

James A. Smith of Osage, who had a long record of service in the General Assembly of Iowa (two sessions in the House of Representatives and eight sessions in the Senate), died in Pasadena, California, early in January. Senator Smith was born in New York State on February 4, 1851, and came to Iowa at the age of eighteen. After being engaged in civil engineering for several years he went into the mercantile business, and later took up the lumber business in which he was very successful. During his legislative career he always gave his support to progressive measures. For several years he was a trustee of Grinnell College.

HENRY SABIN

The following data relative to the life and services of the late Henry Sabin was furnished by President Homer H. Seerley of the Iowa State Teachers' College:

Henry Sabin was born in Pomfret, Windham County, Connecticut, on October 23, 1829; and died at Chula Vista, California, on March 22, 1918. He was the son of Noah Sabin, a farmer, and Betsey Cleveland-Sabin. He prepared for college at Woodstock Academy, Connecticut, and at eighteen entered Amherst College, graduating in 1852. Soon afterward he took up teaching as a life work. He was in charge of the Union School at Naugatuck, Con-

necticut, for five years, and then became owner and principal of the Collegiate Institute at Matawan, New Jersey. In 1864 he became principal of the Eaton Grammar School in New Haven, Connecticut; and he came to Clinton, Iowa, as superintendent of city schools in 1870.

Mr. Sabin at once assumed leadership in the solving of problems of public school education in Iowa, being prominent on the platform and through his executive work rendering notable service in the common schools of the State. He was President of the Iowa State Teachers' Association in 1878, and gave an address on that occasion that was long the model of educational addresses from the standpoint of literary form and masterly eloquence. Among his addresses was one on "Education and the State" and another on "The Children of Crime", that were notable contributions to educational literature. From 1888 to 1892 and from 1894 to 1898 he was the highly esteemed Superintendent of Public Instruction for Iowa, during which eight years by addresses in Iowa and throughout the Nation he established a reputation that made Iowa notable in educational thought, practice, and development.

He was president of the department of superintendence of the National Education Association in 1895, and was an effective member of the National Council for many years. His most notable contribution to educational progress was his report as chairman of the Committee of Twelve on Rural Schools. This report is still the compendium on rural education problems and practice in the United States and thus far it has no successor or superior in its vision, scope, or conclusions. This report he edited and much of it he wrote from his own experience and judgment, giving to the State much distinction through his identification as a citizen and chief educational officer.

After retiring from the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, he organized and maintained a reliable teachers' exchange in partnership with his elder son; wrote books; delivered addresses; and carried on an extensive personal correspondence, writing nearly all of these professional letters of friendship and good-will in his own hand. His best known books are *The Making*

of Iowa, an historical treatise prepared in connection with his younger son; and *Talks to Young People,* consisting of advisory and affectionate addresses originally given to the high school boys and girls of Clinton, Iowa.

Mr. Sabin married Esther F. Hutchins in Naugatuck, Connecticut. Four children were born to them, of whom two are living: Elbridge H. Sabin, author, lawyer and ranchman; and Edwin L. Sabin, author — both residents of California. He was a devoted member of the Episcopal Church and was a man of sterling character and unchallenged faith in truth and righteousness. To have known him personally was a constant blessing and to be his friend and correspondent was a benediction of inspiration and confidence. His years were full of realizations and noble aims and his conceptions of life in his active years were always the highest and best.

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