

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

PUBLICATIONS

The November number of the *Minnesota History Bulletin* is devoted to *Ole Rynnings True Account of America*, edited with introduction and notes by Theodore C. Blegen.

The *Indiana Magazine of History* for March opens with an article on *Topenbee and the Decline of the Pottawattomie Nation*, by Elmore Barce. There is also a continuation of J. Edward Murr's interesting study of *Lincoln in Indiana*.

Bulletin No. 9 issued by the Michigan Historical Commission contains the prize essays written by pupils of Michigan in the local history contest for 1916-1917.

The Historical Society of New Mexico has published a pamphlet containing a *Historical Sketch of Governor William Carr Lane*, together with a diary of his journey from St. Louis to Santa Fé in the summer of 1852, with annotations by Ralph E. Twitchell.

Some Anthropological Misconceptions, by John R. Swanton; and *The American Zodiac*, by Stansbury Hagar, are among the articles in the October-December number of the *American Anthropologist*.

Number twenty-eight of the *Filson Club Publications* consists of a monograph on *The Kentucky River Navigation*, by Mary Verhoeff. Following an introductory chapter the subject is discussed under the headings of river commerce, the beginnings of river commerce, commerce in its relation to river improvements, and mountain traffic. The work is illustrated by numerous cuts which add much to the interest of the volume.

An appreciation of *Hon. Joseph Hodges Choate*, by Charles E. Rushmore, and a more extended biographical sketch by Josiah C.

Pumpelly, may be found in the January number of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*.

Some *Notes on Zuni*, by Elsie Clews Parsons, are published in two parts in the July-September and October-December numbers of the *Memoirs of the American Anthropological Association*.

In the January number of *The Wisconsin Archeologist* there is an illustrated account of the *Indian Remains in Door County*, by J. P. Schumacher.

Numbers twenty-one and twenty-two of the *Bulletin of Information* published by the Arkansas History Commission are combined, and are devoted to an *Outline of Constitution Making in the United States* with bibliographical notes. There is also a list of references arranged alphabetically by authors.

Among the papers in volume eleven of the *Historical Records and Studies* published by the United States Catholic Historical Society are the following: *American Catholic History and Religion*, by Richard H. Tierney; *The Beginning of Notre Dame*, by Matthew J. Walsh; *Catholic Signers of the Constitution*, by John G. Coyle; and *The "Marcus Whitman Myth" and the Missionary History of Oregon*, by Louis A. Langie.

The Lenni Lenape or Delaware Indians is the subject of an address by Edwin Robert Walker which is printed in the October number of the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society*.

Mrs. Sallie Ward Downs, by Mrs. Ella Hutchison Ellwanger; an address by Rev. William Stanley delivered before a reunion of Confederate veterans in 1908; and *Annapolis*, by R. S. Cotterill and Eloise Somerlatt, are among the articles in the January number of *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*.

The October-December number of the *Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* contains the annual report of the society. In the January-March number may be found some *Selections from the William Greene Papers*, edited by L. B. Hamlin.

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An article by T. C. Elliott on *The Log of H. M. S. "Chatham"* is the initial contribution in *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for December. *The Pioneer Characters of Oregon Progress* is the title given to some selected writings of the late Harvey W. Scott, who for forty years was editor of the excellent newspaper known as the *Oregonian*, published at Portland, Oregon. Finally, there is an appendix to Fred W. Powell's study of *Hall Jackson Kelley — Prophet of Oregon*.

Some documents relative to *The Library Company of Baltimore* occupy the opening pages in the *Maryland Historical Magazine* for December. Some interesting advertisements of the year 1792 are printed under the heading of *Professional Publicity*. Other documentary material is to be found in the remaining pages.

Constitutional Convention of 1868, by Eugene Cypert; *Narrative of a Journey in the Prairie*, by Albert Pike; *The Constitutional Convention of 1874 — Reminiscences*, by J. W. House; *The Arkansas History Commission — A Review of its Work*, by Dallas T. Herndon; *John Pope — An Unfinished Sketch*, by U. M. Rose; *What was Hernando de Soto's Route Through Arkansas?*, by Ada Mixon; *Price's Campaign of 1861*, by N. B. Pearce; *Arkansas and the Jesuits in 1727 — A Translation*, by W. A. Falconer; and *Arkansas Mounds*, by Edward Palmer, are among the contributions in volume four of the *Publications of the Arkansas Historical Association*, edited by John Hugh Reynolds.

The Egyptian Ushebtis Belonging to the New-York Historical Society are described by Caroline L. Ransom in the January number of the *Quarterly Bulletin* of the New-York Historical Society. There is also a biographical sketch of *Thomas J. Bryan — the First Art Collector and Connoisseur of New York City*, by John E. Stillwell.

H. A. Trexler contributes the first of a series of articles on *Missouri-Montana Highways* in the January number of *The Missouri Historical Review*. The Missouri River route is discussed in this paper. There is a continuation of *Gottfried Duden's "Report"*

1824-1827, translated by William G. Bek. There is another article by Floyd C. Shoemaker on *Missouri and the War*; while in the third article in his series on *Missourians Abroad* Ivan H. Epperson sketches the dramatic career of George Creel, who is at present Chairman of the National Committee on Public Information.

A new periodical, known as the *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*, was launched in January by the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. Among the contributions is an article on *The Trial of Mamachtaga, a Delaware Indian, the First Person Convicted of Murder West of the Alleghany Mountains*, by Hugh H. Brackenridge. There is also a note concerning the records of the Pittsburgh Sanitary Fair of 1864.

The opening contribution in *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly* for January is a study of *The Government of Austin's Colony, 1821-1831*, by Eugene C. Barker. *The Residencia in the Spanish Colonies* is the subject discussed by Charles H. Cunningham; and Florence E. Holladay writes on *The Powers of the Commander Trans-Mississippi Department, 1863-1865*. Eugene C. Barker is the editor of the *Minutes of the Ayuntamiento of San Felipe de Austin, 1828-1832*.

Lafayette's Visit to New Orleans, is the title of a short paper by Henry Renshaw which occupies first place in *The Louisiana Historical Quarterly* for September, 1917. About seventy pages are devoted to *Notes bibliographiques et raisonnés sur les principaux Ouvrages Publiés sur la Floride et l'Ancienne Louisiane*, prepared by L. Boimare, with an introduction by Grace King. Of special interest is a lengthy paper on *General James Wilkinson*, by his great-grandson, James Wilkinson.

Nevada — Historic and Prehistoric, by Robert L. Fulton; *Nevada in History and Prophecy*, by George Wharton James; *Mementos of Nevada's Olden Days and the Work of the Nevada Historical Society*, by Jeanne Elizabeth Wier; *Mark Twain's Relation to Nevada and to the West*, by Jeanne Elizabeth Wier; *A Faithful Account of the Last Indian Uprising in Nevada*, by Fannie Mayer

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Bangs; *Special Legislation in Nevada, as Illustrated by the Laws of 1913*, by Clara Q. Smith Beatty; and *Religious Development in Nevada*, by Alice Frances Trout, are among the contributions in the *Nevada Historical Society Papers, 1913-1916*.

Among the papers in the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association* for the year 1915 are the following: *Economic Causes of International Rivalries and Wars in Ancient Greece*, by William S. Ferguson; *East German Colonization in the Middle Ages*, by James W. Thompson; *America and European Diplomacy to 1648*, by Frances G. Davenport; *The Social Revolution of the Eighteenth Century in South America*, by Bernard Moses; *Sea Power: The Decisive Factor in our Struggle for Independence*, by French E. Chadwick; *Some New Marshall Sources*, by Albert J. Beveridge; and two papers on *Nationalism*, by Edward Krehbiel and William T. Laprade.

Carl Schurz in Michigan, by Edward G. Holden; *Indian Legends of Northern Michigan*, by John C. Wright; *History of the Equal Suffrage Movement in Michigan*, by Karolena M. Fox; *Coming of the Italians to Detroit*, by John C. Vismara; *Father Marquette at Michilimackinac*, by Edwin O. Wood; *Congregationalism as a Factor in the Making of Michigan*, by John P. Sanderson; *Historical Sketch of the University of Detroit*, by William T. Doran; and *The Factional Character of Early Michigan Politics*, by Floyd B. Streeter, are articles in the January number of the *Michigan History Magazine*.

Volume eight of the *Contributions to the Historical Society of Montana*, published at Helena by the Montana Historical and Miscellaneous Library, contains much valuable material relative to the history of that State and the surrounding region. Nearly half of the volume is taken up with portions of the *Bradley Manuscript* which contains short discussions of Indian affairs, the fur trade, and early settlements, the longest article being a description of the *Yellowstone Expedition of 1874*. Among the numerous other articles and papers which the volume contains are the following: *Holding up a Territorial Legislature*, by Martin Barrett; *Mon-*

tana's Pioneer Courts, by W. Y. Pemberton; *Pioneer Lumbering in Montana*, by A. M. Holter; *Captain Townsend's Battle on the Powder River*, by David B. Weaver; and *Montana's Early History*, by Mrs. W. J. Beal.

The opening contribution in *The American Historical Review* for January is the presidential address on *The Editorial Function in United States History* read by Worthington C. Ford before the American Historical Association at Philadelphia last December. *American Rule in Mexico* is the subject of an interesting paper by Justin H. Smith. *The Newspaper Problem in its Bearing Upon Military Secrecy During the Civil War*, by James G. Randall, is another article of special pertinence at the present time. Finally, *The End of the Alliance of the Emperors* is the subject discussed by Serge Goriainov. The documents in this number consist of some letters from Andrew J. Donelson, American Minister in Berlin, relative to the revolution of March, 1848.

An interesting article on *Alaska Whaling*, by Clarence L. Andrews, occupies the opening pages in *The Washington Historical Quarterly* for January. There is another installment of the journals describing *David Thompson's Journeys in the Spokane Country*, edited by T. C. Elliott. Victor J. Farrar presents his annual survey of the *Pioneer and Historical Societies of the State of Washington*. There is also a continuation of Edmond S. Meany's valuable study of the *Origin of Washington Geographic Names*. Among the documents there is a letter written by Governor Isaac I. Stevens in 1853, relative to government land surveys in Washington Territory.

In the *Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society for the Year 1916* there appear the following papers: *The First Two Counties of Illinois and their People*, by Fred J. Kerr; *The Development of the Veto Power of the Governor of Illinois*, by N. H. Debel; *The Indian History of Illinois*, by Ralph Linton; *Oddities in Early Illinois Laws*, by Joseph J. Thompson; *Early Presbyterianism in East Central Illinois*, by Ira W. Allen; *Sixty Years in Chicago*, by William J. Onahan; *Slavery or Involuntary Servitude*

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in Illinois Prior to and After its Admission as a State, by O. W. Aldrich; and *The Fox River of Illinois*, by J. F. Steward.

Among the papers in *The History Teachers' Magazine* for January are the following: *America's Debt to England*, by Lucius B. Swift; *The War and the Teaching of History*, by Howard C. Hill; *The Power of Ideals in History*, by Daniel C. Knowlton; and *The United States and World Politics, 1793-1815*, by Theodore C. Smith. There is also a very useful *Topical Outline of the War*, prepared by Samuel B. Harding. In the February number among the contributions is a paper on *The Monroe Doctrine and the War*, by Carl Becker. The March number contains the following articles, among others: *The Bases of Permanent Peace*, by Carl C. Eckhardt; *The International Mind in the Teaching of History*, by Mary Sibley Evans; *Celebrating Memorial Day*, by Eugene Barker; and *The Interaction of European and American Politics, 1823-1861*, by Evarts B. Greene. In this number there is also *A Selected Critical Bibliography of Publications in English Relating to the World War*, by George M. Dutcher.

The latest volume of the *Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society*, edited by Dunbar Rowland, is the first volume in a new series to be known as the *Centenary Series*. About two-thirds of the volume is occupied by a monograph by J. S. McNeily entitled *From Organization to Overthrow of Mississippi's Provisional Government, 1865-1868*. Another lengthy contribution is a history of *Walthall's Brigade*, by E. T. Sykes. Shorter articles are: *Mississippi Colonial Population and Land Grants*, by Mrs. Dunbar Rowland; *History of Company "C" Second Mississippi Regiment, Spanish-American War*, by James Malcolm Robertshaw; *Colonel George Strother Ganis and Other Pioneers in Mississippi Territory*, by George J. Leftwich; *James Lockhart Antry*, by James M. Greer; and *Some Main Traveled Roads, Including Cross-sections of Natchez Trace*, by George J. Leftwich.

The Wisconsin Magazine of History for December opens with an address by Carl Russell Fish entitled *The Frontier a World Problem*. George Manierre presents some *Early Recollections of Lake*

Geneva (Big Foot Lake), Wisconsin. Ole Knudsen Nattestad's *Description of a Journey to North America*, originally published in 1839, is here reprinted, with a foreword by Rasmus B. Anderson. Among the answers to queries printed in this number are notes on Daniel Webster's Wisconsin investments, the discovery of Lake Superior, and the Indian tribes of Iowa. The March number contains the following articles: *A Wisconsin Woman's Picture of President Lincoln*, by Cordelia A. P. Harvey, who describes her interview with President Lincoln in the effort to secure northern hospitals for the wounded soldiers in the western armies; *The Dutch Settlements of Sheboygan County*, by Sipko F. Rederus; and Lucius G. Fisher's *Pioneer Recollections of Beloit and Southern Wisconsin*, edited by Milo M. Quaife.

President Lincoln and the Illinois Radical Republicans is the title of an article by Arthur C. Cole which opens the March number of *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. Lawrence H. Gipson is the author of a paper on *The Collapse of the Confederacy*; Homer C. Hockett discusses *The Influence of the West on the Rise and Fall of Political Parties*; and Theodore C. Blegen describes *A Plan for the Union of British North America and the United States, 1866*. In a brief discussion of American historical periodicals Augustus H. Shearer makes the following statement: "To the west belongs the credit of the first state magazine of history, and to the newer west, too. This was the Iowa state historical society's *Annals*, which began in 1863." There is also a letter written by W. S. Gilman in 1837 describing the Alton riot.

In Memoriam — Clarence S. Paine is a brief tribute by John L. Webster which is appropriately given first place in volume eighteen of the *Publications of the Nebraska State Historical Society*, edited by Albert Watkins. The volume contains the proceedings of the Society at its annual meetings from 1909 to 1916, inclusive. Besides biographical sketches of James B. Kitchen, Jefferson H. Broady, and Lorenzo Crouse, there are the following brief historical papers: *Acknowledging God in Constitutions*, by William Murphy; *Nebraska Reminiscences*, by William M. D. French; *The*

Rural Carrier of 1849, by John K. Sheen; and *Trailing Texas Longhorn Cattle Through Nebraska*, by James H. Cook. Three more extensive monographs occupy about one-third of the volume, namely: *Neapolis, Near-Capital*, by Albert Watkins; *Controversy in the Senate over the Admission of Nebraska*, by John Lee Webster; and *How Nebraska was Brought into the Union*, by Albert Watkins. In the last two articles there are numerous references to the attitude of James W. Grimes, Samuel J. Kirkwood, James Harlan, James F. Wilson, and other Iowa men in Congress.

ACTIVITIES

The Oregon Historical Society has recently moved into fireproof quarters in the new Auditorium of the City of Portland.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association will be held at St. Paul on May 9th to 11th. It is planned that the formal dedication of the new building of the Minnesota Historical Society will take place at the same time.

Dr. Clarence W. Bowen, who for over thirty-three years was treasurer of the American Historical Association, retired from that office at the annual meeting of the Association last December.

The State Historical Society of Missouri held its annual meeting at Columbia on January 8th. Especial interest was attached to this meeting because it was on January 8, 1818, that Missouri's first petition for statehood was presented in Congress.

Among the interesting documents in the possession of the Madrid Historical Society is an order dated at Iowaville, May 14, 1853, entitling one Seth Graham to two shares of stock in the Des Moines Steam Boat Company. The president of this company was A. E. D. Bousquet, and the secretary was George W. Hoover.

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Dr. Ivan L. Pollock, formerly a member of the research staff of the Society and the author of several monographs published by the

Society, took up a position with the War Trade Board in Washington, D. C., early in February.

A volume on *Old Fort Snelling, 1819-1858*, written by Marcus L. Hansen, will be distributed to the members and official depositories of the Society in the near future.

Mr. Thomas Teakle, the author of a number of monographs which have been published by the Society, read a paper before the Abigail Adams Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Des Moines early in April. His subject was "The Romance of the History of Iowa".

Two pamphlets in the series entitled *Iowa and War* which were published in February and March, respectively, are: *The State University of Iowa and the Civil War*, by Mrs. Ellen M. Rich, reprinted from *The Iowa Historical Record* for January, 1899; and *The Black Hawk War*, by Jacob Van der Zee.

Mr. Cyril B. Upham, who has been a member of the research staff of the Society during the past two summers, left Iowa City early in April to enter upon a course of training in connection with the aviation service. Mr. Upham has recently completed the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the State University of Iowa.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Mr. H. E. Bowman, Little Rock, Iowa; Mr. Wm. M. Deacon, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. S. R. Ingham, New York City; Mr. Carl E. Nord, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Frank A. O'Connor, New Hampton, Iowa; Hon. T. J. Steele, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. J. R. Weber, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Harry T. Hedges, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. E. M. Warner, Muscatine, Iowa; Mr. C. F. Chambers, West Union, Iowa; and Dr. L. L. Myers, Iowa City, Iowa. Mr. Henry S. Nollen of Des Moines, Iowa, has been enrolled as a life member of the Society.