

## NOTES AND COMMENT

Henry Adams, one of the best known and distinguished of American historians, died on March 27th. He was born in 1838.

Among the recent accessions of the manuscripts division of the Library of Congress is the diary of a journey from Dakota across the Rocky Mountains made in 1853 by John Evans.

Hubert Howe Bancroft, the foremost historian of the Pacific Coast States, died near San Francisco on March 2, 1918, at the age of eighty-six.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Iowa State Bar Association was held in Des Moines on June 27th and 28th.

On March 13, 1918, at Los Angeles occurred the death of William Wick Cotton, one of the most prominent lawyers of the State of Oregon. Mr. Cotton was the son of Aylett R. Cotton and was born at Lyons, Iowa, in 1859. He went to Oregon when thirty years of age.

William H. Fahey of Perry, who was a District Judge in the Fifth Judicial District from 1911 to the time of his death, died on May 15th. He was born in Des Moines on July 31, 1872.

The thirty-second annual convention of the Iowa Bankers' Association was held on June 19th and 20th at Dubuque.

On May 5th occurred the death of W. W. Moore of Des Moines. Mr. Moore had been a continuous resident of that city for seventy-one years, or since 1847, when he reached the future capital of the State with only fifteen cents to his name. He is perhaps best known as the builder and owner of Moore's Hall, which was the scene of some of the most prominent theatrical and political events in the history of Des Moines.

A newspaper item states that at the next session of the General Assembly of Iowa an effort will be made to secure pensions for the surviving members of Captain Henry B. Martin's company of Frontier Guards, which was stationed in northwestern Iowa during 1858 and 1859 for the purpose of protecting the settlers against depredations by the Indians.

Mrs. Tacitus Hussey, who has been a resident of Des Moines for sixty-one years, died on May 19th. She was born in New York State in 1836.

Anson D. Bicknell, who for forty-one years has been one of the leading citizens of Humboldt, Iowa, died at his home in that city on April 20th. Mr. Bicknell served in the lower house of the Eighteenth General Assembly of Iowa, and was twice mayor of the city of Humboldt. He was born in Westmoreland, New York, in 1836.

A memorial fountain in honor of the late Mrs. Ellen C. Colby is to be placed in Taft's Park at Humboldt, Iowa.

Alfred N. Hobson of West Union, who has been a District Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial District for many years, died on April 11th, at the age of seventy years.

The annual picnic of the Old Settlers' Association of Mills, Pottawattamie, and Fremont counties was held at Tabor on July 4th.

Stephen Harris Taft, the founder both of the city of Humboldt, Iowa, and of Humboldt College, died in California on April 22nd, at the age of ninety-two. It was in 1862 that he came to Iowa and laid out the town which was later called Humboldt.

The history and literature section of the Ames Woman's Club, of which Mrs. L. B. Schmidt is chairman, is taking a great interest in the collection and preservation of materials relating to the history of Story County. Questionnaires have been sent out to a large number of the early settlers of the county in the effort to locate such materials and learn whether the possessor of such materials would be willing to donate or deposit them in some public depository within the county.



William E. Fuller of West Union died in Washington, D. C., on April 23rd at the age of seventy-two. Mr. Fuller received his education at Upper Iowa University and at the State University of Iowa. He was a representative in the Sixteenth General Assembly of Iowa, and was Congressman from the Fourth District of this State from 1885 to 1889. From 1901 to 1908 he was Assistant Attorney General of the United States.

Periodically the claim is made that a certain person was the first white child born in Iowa. It has recently been asserted that this distinction belonged to Mrs. Emily Morgan Hackett, who passed away late in May at Madison, Wisconsin. She was born in Dubuque County on October 16, 1834.

James S. Clarkson, one of the best known and most influential newspaper editors in Iowa history, died in Newark, New Jersey, on May 31st. From 1869 to 1891 he was editor of the *Des Moines Register* and in that capacity achieved a national reputation. He removed to New York in 1891. From 1902 to 1910 he was Surveyor of Customs in New York City, and for many years he has been a member of the national executive committee of the Republican party. He was born on May 17, 1842, in Brookville, Indiana.

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