

## NOTES AND COMMENT

The thirty-third annual reunion of the Linn County Veterans' Association was held at Lisbon on September 24 and 25, 1918.

Dr. Byron D. Halsted, formerly professor of botany at the Iowa State College of Agriculture, died on August 28, 1918. He was born in Venice, Cayuga County, New York, on June 7, 1852, and received his collegiate education at the Michigan Agricultural College and at Harvard University. From 1880 to 1885 he was managing editor of the *American Agriculturist*. At Ames he was professor of botany from 1885 to 1889; and from that time until his death he served on the faculty at Rutgers College.

The Thirtieth Iowa Infantry held its annual reunion at Fairfield on September 11 and 12, 1918.

The name of La Fayette has been given to the new national park which is to occupy the lands of the Sieur de Monts National Monument on Mount Desert Island. Here in 1613 the first French missionary settlement in America was established, and later this territory was included in the grant to Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, the founder of Detroit and governor of Louisiana.

In response to a suggestion from The State Historical Society of Iowa, a committee of Buena Vista County residents met with the Board of Supervisors on June 21st to discuss the ways and means of preserving records of the soldiers, sailors, and nurses of the county. The work is under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Walpole of the Storm Lake Public Library.

A meeting of several of the committees of the Iowa Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held at Lake Oko-boji on July 30th to consider the purchase of the Gardner cabin. But on account of the price and because the building is being well cared for, it was decided not to make the purchase at the present time.

The Historical Department at Des Moines is keeping a record of the Iowa men in military service in the present war, with the rank, branch of service, and similar information concerning each.

The annual reunion of the Boone County Veterans' Association was held at Boone on August 22, 1918. Allen Secor was the speaker, and music was furnished by the 163rd Depot Brigade Band from Camp Dodge.

The Twenty-fourth Iowa Regiment held its eighteenth biennial reunion at Tipton on September 18 and 19, 1918.

The annual meeting of the Veterans of Black Hawk County was held at Waterloo on September 11, 1918.

Five hundred persons took part in the historical pageant of Clay County presented on September 25th at Spencer, Iowa. The pageant, which was directed by Miss Etta Smith, represented five scenes from as many different historical periods. Among the scenes were representations of Indian life, the arrival of the pioneers, agriculture in early days, present day scenes in Clay County, and Clay County's part in the Great War.

The Third Iowa Cavalry held its twenty-ninth annual reunion at Bloomfield on September 18th and 19th.

The possibility of establishing a national park at McGregor was one of the subjects discussed at the meeting of the Iowa Conservation Association held at that place on July 13-16, 1918.

John Herriott, State Treasurer of Iowa from 1895 to 1901 and Lieutenant-Governor from 1902 to 1907, died at his home at Stuart, Iowa, on September 25, 1918.

The State of Illinois celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the adoption of its constitution on August 26th. Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, the chairman of the Centennial Commission, Governor Frank O. Lowden, and ex-President Theodore Roosevelt were the speakers at the meeting held at the State fair grounds at Springfield. After the speaking, *The Masque of Illinois: A Symbolical Dramatization of the 245 Years of Illinois History*, written by Wallace Rice, was presented. Some weeks later, on the fifth and sixth of October,



there were further exercises celebrating the centennial anniversary of the meeting of the first State legislature and the inauguration of the governor. It was hoped that President Wilson might be able to attend but this proved to be impossible. A statue of Abraham Lincoln, by Andrew O'Connor, and one of Stephen A. Douglas, by Gilbert P. Riswold, were unveiled. The ceremony closed with the laying of the corner stone of the Centennial Memorial Building.

On September 17, 1918, occurred the death of Roderick A. Smith, one of the pioneers of the northwest and a member of the famous Spirit Lake Relief Expedition from Fort Dodge in March, 1857. Mr. Smith served as Clerk of the District Court; and in 1868 was elected Representative of Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, and Palo Alto counties in the General Assembly. In 1894 he was appointed by Governor Jackson as a member of the commission authorized to erect a monument to the victims of the Spirit Lake Massacre. Mr. Smith was the author of a *History of Dickinson County*.

#### HIRAM PRICE DILLON

Hiram Price Dillon, a son of John F. Dillon, the noted jurist, and a grandson of Hiram Price, died at Chicago, Illinois, September 2, 1918. He was born at Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, on February 27, 1855, and graduated from the Law College of the University of Iowa in 1876.

Beginning his career at Topeka, Kansas, he formed a partnership with A. L. Williams which continued until the death of Mr. Williams. Later Mr. Dillon maintained an office with N. H. Loomis and afterwards with R. W. Blair. During part of this time he held the position of master of chancery of the Federal Court.

On November 5, 1878, Judge Dillon married Miss Susie Brown of Jacksonville, Illinois, who survives him. For many years before his death Mr. Dillon was a member of The State Historical Society of Iowa.

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