

NOTES AND COMMENT

A volume of *Historical Reminiscences of Early Des Moines* is soon to be published by Tacitus Hussey.

The meeting of the Iowa Library Association, announced for October 23-25 at Des Moines, was indefinitely postponed on account of the quarantine.

Mrs. C. W. Crim, recently elected historian of the Emmet County Chapter of the War Mothers of America, is collecting data relative to the men from Emmet County in the service of the government. It is hoped that this material may be published in book form.

Arthur H. McKechnie, editor of the *Nevada Representative*, is compiling a history of the part taken by the boys and girls of Story County in support of the war.

The thirtieth annual reunion of the Eighteenth Iowa Infantry was held at Chariton, October 8 and 9, 1918. At the same time the Lucas County Veterans' Association held their annual meeting and the two organizations held joint sessions.

The Daughters of the American Revolution arranged a historical festival at Storm Lake on the twelfth of October, 1918. Scenes in Buena Vista County in early days were presented as part of the parade.

An attempt is being made to collect material for a biography of Grover Cleveland, twice president of the United States. A request that persons having letters or other papers of historical value communicate with Mr. William Gorham Rice of Albany, New York, has been sent out by Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, formerly Mrs. Cleveland.

The Webster City Chamber of Commerce has undertaken the work of listing the men who have gone into war service from Hamilton County. Relatives and friends of enlisted men are urged to

report the name, company, regiment, place of enlistment, and location of the men in service.

The eighteenth biennial reunion of the Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry was held at Tipton on September 18 and 19, 1918. An address by Robert G. Cousins was the chief feature of the program.

The Iowa Executive Council has purchased twelve hundred acres of land in the northwestern corner of Delaware County at an expense of \$60,000. This tract will be converted into a State park. Other locations are being considered by the Council.

Dr. W. S. Pitts, the author of "The Little Brown Church in the Vale", died at Brooklyn, New York, on September 25, 1918. Dr. Pitts was born in New York in 1830 and came to Chickasaw County, Iowa, in 1857, beginning the practice of medicine there ten years later.

Horace Boies, Governor of Iowa from 1890 to 1894, recently celebrated his ninety-first birthday in California, where he now resides.

The city of Des Moines is planning a memorial in honor of the soldiers who have lost their lives during the war. This monument will take the form of a memorial art institute to be erected on the east river front between Walnut and Locust streets at a cost of some \$600,000. The Greater Des Moines Committee and the city council are coöperating in the work.

JOHN HERRIOTT

John Herriott, Lieutenant Governor of Iowa from 1902 to 1907, was born in Herriottsville, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1844, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His father died when the boy was eight years of age and the loss deprived him of even the ordinary opportunities of education but this handicap he found time to overcome in later years by extensive reading.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Herriott left his blacksmith's shop and, although under age, succeeded in enlisting in the First Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving with this regiment for three years and participating in some seventy-three engagements. It was dur-

ing this period that the young soldier became acquainted with books when he was detailed to guard the library of a Virginia mansion.

After his discharge from the army unwounded but with greatly impaired health, Mr. Herriott settled at Stuart in 1872, where he entered in a partnership with J. R. Dosh in the management of a drug store. His political career began soon afterwards by his election as county treasurer in 1876. In this office he distinguished himself by his efforts to secure the payment of delinquent taxes.

After an unsuccessful campaign for State Representative in 1880, Mr. Herriott became the Republican candidate for State Treasurer in 1894 and was elected, serving three terms in that office. His chief public service in this capacity was his struggle for equalization in the taxation of railroads. As a result of his fight against the railroad corporations he was proposed as a candidate for Governor in 1901 but was given second place on the ticket instead, serving as Lieutenant Governor from 1902 until 1907. He died at Des Moines, on September 24, 1918.

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