

## NOTES AND COMMENT

The Iowa Academy of Science held its annual meeting at Iowa City, April 23 and 24, 1920. A portrait of Samuel Calvin, a charter member of the Academy, was presented to the Historical Department of Iowa. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: president, Nicholas Knight; secretary, Jas. H. Lees; and treasurer, A. O. Thomas.

John C. Parish, Associate Editor of the State Historical Society, delivered an address on "The Story of Iowa" before the annual meeting of the Madison County Historical Society at Winterset, Iowa, on April 27, 1920. Mr. Parish was one of the nine charter members who organized the society sixteen years ago.

Professor Clarence W. Alvord, for many years Professor of History at the University of Illinois and Editor of the Illinois Historical Collections, has accepted a position as Professor of American History at the University of Minnesota and takes up his new work in the fall of 1920.

A movement for the marking of historic sites at Ames and in that vicinity is under the direction of Mrs. Louis B. Schmidt who is a member of the State historic spots committee of the Iowa Conservation Association.

George W. Guye, who died at Winterset on May 18, 1920, was one of the early settlers of Iowa. He was born in Tennessee in 1826 and came to Madison County in 1846, entering the first tract of land in that county. Mr. Guye was also one of those who voted on the Iowa Constitution of 1846. He was a life member of the Madison County Historical Society.

At a meeting of the Iowa Press and Authors' Club held at Des Moines, June 5, 1920, the following officers were installed: Esse V. Hathaway, president; Mrs. James D. Le Cron, first vice president; Verne Marshall, second vice president; Blanche Wingate, secretary; and W. B. Kerr, treasurer.

A picnic for old settlers and their friends was held at Hawarden on June 18, 1920. The address was given by W. D. Boies. Mrs. David Brunskill was chosen president for the ensuing year and J. E. Gearhart was named secretary.

The Division of Anthropology and Psychology of the National Research Council has announced the appointment of committees for the year beginning July 1, 1920. The Committee on the Archaeological Survey of the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Missouri is composed of R. B. Dixon of Harvard University, Berthold Laufer of the Field Museum of Natural History, and C. E. Seashore of the State University of Iowa. One thousand dollars has been assigned to this committee for the expenses of the organization and supervision of the project.

A portrait of Jonathan Chapin Hall was presented to the Iowa Supreme Court on May 4, 1920. W. W. Baldwin made the presentation and the portrait was accepted by Judge Benjamin I. Salinger. Judge Hall was born at Batavia, New York, in 1808, and came to Iowa in 1839 and began the practice of law. He was a member of the constitutional conventions of 1844 and 1857 and was a member of the State Supreme Court during 1854-1855. He was also a member of the Eighth General Assembly. He died in 1874.

The Navy Appropriation Bill which recently passed Congress, directs the Bureau of Navigation to furnish to the various States and Territories, statements of the service of all persons who served in the Navy during the World War, from these States and Territories, and an appropriation is made to cover the expense of this work. This is the result of a vigorous campaign made during the past year by those interested in the history of the World War. Particularly conspicuous in the effort to obtain this legislation was Lieutenant Colonel Frank E. Lyman, Secretary-Director of the Iowa Roster Commission who was chairman of the committee appointed with this end in view by the National Association of War History Organizations.

JOSEPH W. RICH

Joseph Warford Rich, for many years a patron of educational and historical interests in the State, died at his home in Iowa City,

on June 12, 1920. He was born at Marcellus, New York, on September 21, 1838, but came to Iowa early in life. In October, 1861, he enlisted as a private soldier in Company E of the Twelfth Iowa Infantry and with this volunteer regiment served during the spring and summer of 1862 in various engagements. The most notable of these was the Battle of Shiloh in which the Twelfth Iowa was one of the four regiments which held the ground designated by the Confederates as the "Hornet's Nest". On Christmas day, 1862, he was discharged from the hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on a surgeon's certificate of disability.

After recovering his health he taught school for some time and during the years 1867 to 1870 was a student at the State University of Iowa. Here he was a pupil of Miss Ellen Moore, whom he married in 1868. In 1871 he became editor and part owner of the *Vinton Eagle* and for about sixteen years continued as its editor. From 1886 to 1892 he was a member of the Board of Regents of the State University of Iowa, and in 1892 became Librarian of that institution, serving in this capacity until 1898.

The scope of his interests is somewhat indicated by the fact that for a long period of years he was a Director of the Iowa City State Bank, a Trustee of the Public Library of Iowa City, and a Curator of the State Historical Society of Iowa. The latter position he occupied from 1903 to 1920 and interested himself in all phases of the work of the Society.

He was an indefatigable student of Civil War history and contributed numerous articles to the IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS. In 1911 his book on *The Battle of Shiloh* was published by the State Historical Society of Iowa. It was the product of a long and careful study of the engagement, and historians and military critics have pronounced it to be the "best published account of that dramatic conflict".

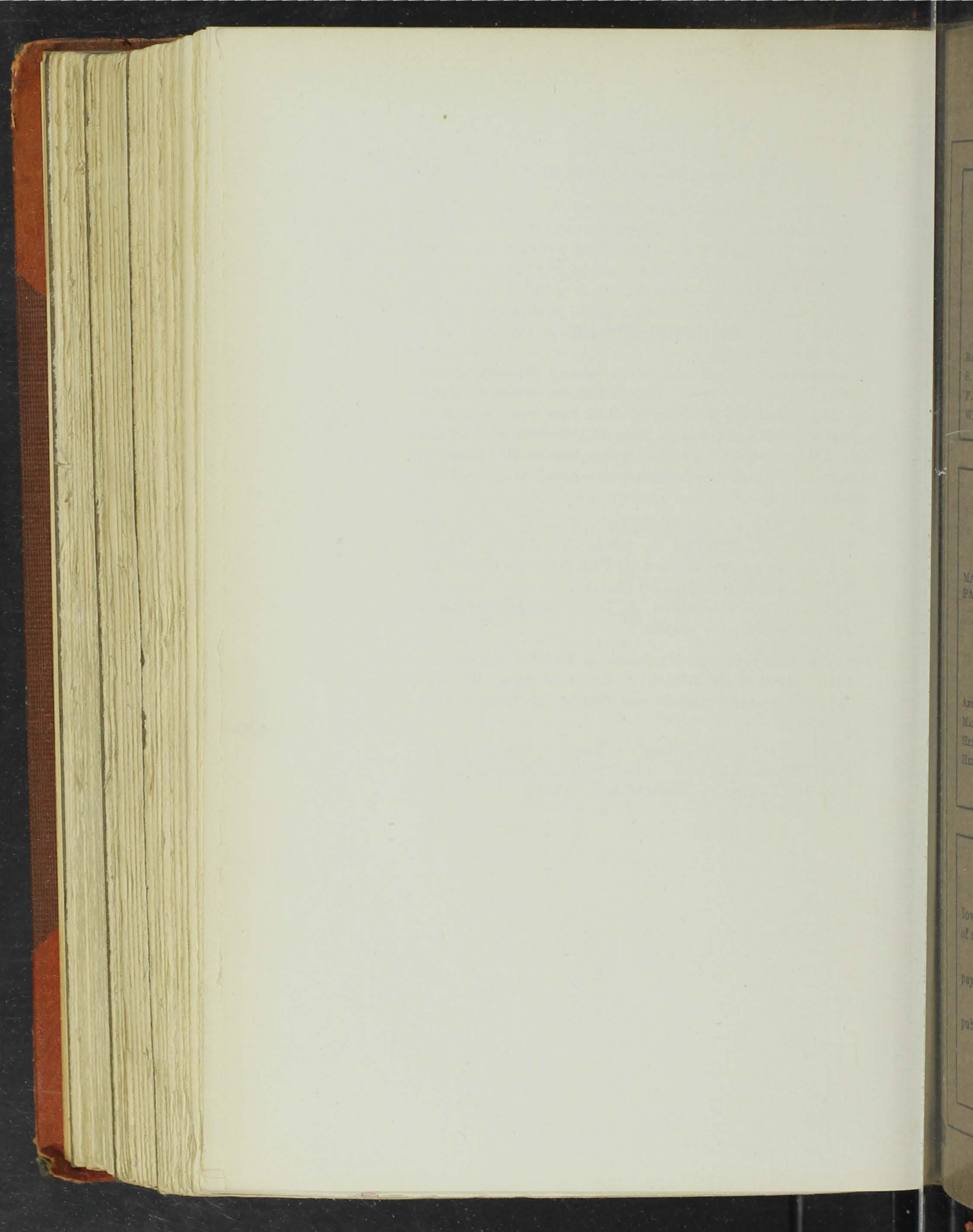
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