

NOTES AND COMMENT

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the League of Iowa Municipalities was held at Clinton on August 15th to 17th, 1922.

A meeting of old settlers of Buena Vista County was held at Storm Lake, on October 9, 1922. An exhibit of relics was a feature of the assembly which was under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Tama County old settlers' association met at Oak Park on September 4, 1922. Addresses were made by H. O. Pratt, Fred W. Ingersoll, W. A. Dexter, J. B. Tims, C. E. Walters, and A. E. Jackson. The following officers were elected: John N. Lichty, president; Mrs. Gazelle Rogers, secretary; and E. A. Benson, treasurer.

Preliminary plans have been made for the organization of an old settlers' association of Emmet County. The temporary officers are G. C. Allen, president; A. O. Peterson, secretary; and E. H. Hanson, treasurer. One of the aims of the founders of the association is the preservation of Fort Defiance which still exists some twelve miles from Estherville.

The Vicksburg National Military Park Commission desires a bronze statue of Samuel J. Kirkwood, Iowa's war Governor, as a monument to him and to the Iowa soldiers who participated in the Vicksburg campaign and siege. The statue, if provided, will be placed in the Vicksburg National Military Park.

Efforts are being made by the Daughters of the American Revolution of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, to preserve the remains of old Fort Crawford established in 1816.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Iowa Library Association was held at Cedar Rapids on October 23-25, 1922. Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart spoke on "The Campaign against Illiteracy";

Edwin Ford Piper gave an address on "Recent Poetry"; J. G. Mitchell spoke on "County Libraries"; and Irving B. Richman talked on the subject "The Newer Treatment of History". The president's address, by William F. Riley, is printed in the *Iowa Library Quarterly* for October-December, 1922. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Grace Shellenberger, of Davenport, president; Mrs. H. W. Spaulding, of Grinnell, first vice president; E. Joanna Hagey, of Cedar Rapids, second vice president; Ruth Gibbons, of Cherokee, secretary; and Mae C. Anders, of Des Moines, treasurer.

As a part of the celebration of its seventieth anniversary, the Rock Island Railroad, on October 10, 1922, planted memorial trees at various places along its route in honor of seventy of its former employees — all classes being represented from president to section laborer. The Rock Island line entered the State of Iowa in 1853, as the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad, though it was not until January, 1856, that the first railroad train crossed the State from Davenport to Iowa City. Of the seventy memorials, twenty-six are located in Iowa; and two of these honor the men who surveyed the line across Iowa in 1853 and 1854 — Peter A. Dey and Grenville M. Dodge. The Dodge memorial is located at Council Bluffs; that for Mr. Dey and one for Dr. Wm. D. Middleton, chief surgeon, are at Iowa City. Upon the bronze tablet near each tree is an inscription with the name of the employee for whom the tree was planted. That for Mr. Dey may be given as an example:

"1852	ROCK ISLAND LINES	1922
	Seventieth Anniversary	
	October Tenth	
	The memorial tree planted nearby	
	is Dedicated	
	By the Rock Island in affectionate	
	memory of	
	Peter A. Dey	
	Who by his industry, courage and loyalty	

through every vicissitude signally aided in the development of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway into a great transportation system DEVOTED TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE."

Mr. Dey was for nine years the President of The State Historical Society of Iowa.

JAMES RUSH LINCOLN

James Rush Lincoln was born in Frederick County, Maryland, on February 3, 1843, coming to Iowa in 1868. Having served in the Confederate army during the Civil War, he was interested in military affairs and in 1883 he became the head of the military department at the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Ames, a position he held until his death on August 4, 1922.

He served during the Spanish-American War as a brigadier general and after the reorganization of the Iowa National Guard he commanded the Fifty-first Regiment of the Iowa National Guard, later the Fifty-fifth Iowa Infantry. From July 5, 1908, until January 1, 1914, he was brigadier general of the Iowa National Guard.

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