

NOTES AND COMMENT

James L. Hill has a collection of some two thousand Indian curios which he has promised to donate to Grinnell College.

An historical pageant of Jones County was given at Anamosa on July 3 and 4, 1923. Episodes in the history of the vicinity were portrayed by a large cast.

Thomas F. Dawson, Historian and Curator of the State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado was killed in an automobile accident in June, 1923.

The annual memorial service of the Hawkeye Natives was held at Burlington on June 3, 1923. Thomas S. Pool of Mt. Pleasant gave an address on the history of Iowa from the time Burlington was the capital down to the present.

On the 14th of June, 1923, the Daughters of the American Revolution at Dubuque placed a large boulder of Galena limestone as a marker of the grave of Julien Dubuque and the spot where Zebulon M. Pike unfurled the American flag on his visit at Dubuque's Mines on September 1, 1805.

Early settlers of Sioux City met at a dinner on April 10, 1923, as the guests of Georgia Barnard Brown who arrived in the city forty-two years ago. C. R. Marks spoke on "The First Sioux City I Knew" and Kate Hubbard described "The Sioux City My Father, A. W. Hubbard, Knew".

The annual meeting of the Pioneers of Cedar County was held at Tipton on June 9, 1923. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Peter McNee; vice president, Charles Swartzlender; secretary, F. L. Sheldon; and treasurer, J. W. Reeder. Talks were given by M. Grether and Albert M. Sheldon.

The Iowa Press and Authors' Club held its annual meeting at Des Moines on May 7, 1923. Lewis Worthington Smith was elected president; Detliv Tillisch and Fred Pownall, vice presidents; Mrs.

Jansen Haines, secretary; Margaret Walker, treasurer; Mrs. Fred Wertz, librarian; and Mrs. James Le Cron, historian. Arthur Davison Ficke was chosen honorary president. Members of the executive board in addition to the officers are Harriet Macy, Johnson Brigham, Lafe Young, Sr., Mrs. J. M. Tomlinson, and J. B. Weaver.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ARRIVAL OF JOLIET AND MARQUETTE IN IOWA

The State Historical Society of Iowa sponsored an historical celebration and pageant from June 17 to 27, 1923, in commemoration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of Iowa by Monsieur Louis Joliet and Father Jacques Marquette. Ben Hur Wilson of Mount Pleasant was the general chairman. Cities along the eastern border of Iowa assumed responsibility for different features of the celebration: Burlington provided a replica voyage down the Mississippi River; Fort Madison, Keokuk, Mount Pleasant, and Montrose united on an all-day program on June twenty-seventh; and the cities of McGregor, Guttenberg, Dubuque, Bellevue, Clinton, Davenport, Muscatine, Oquawka, Burlington, Fort Madison, and Montrose welcomed and entertained the 1923 voyagers with appropriate ceremonies.

On the replica voyage C. W. Bond, Secretary of the Greater Burlington Association, interpreted the character of Louis Joliet, while Bruce E. Mahan, Associate Editor of the State Historical Society of Iowa, enacted the rôle of Father Marquette. Young men from the United States Naval Training Unit at Burlington depicted the French boatmen, and representatives from *The Burlington Hawk-Eye*, *The Burlington Gazette*, *The Des Moines Register*, and the Pathé moving picture corporation accompanied the modern explorers in a motor launch.

Leaving Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, on the afternoon of June 17th, the voyageurs paid a short visit to McGregor, Iowa. The official start began at the mouth of the Wisconsin River late that afternoon. A stiff south wind and high waves made progress in the canoes almost impossible and an accident to the launch delayed the

arrival at Guttenberg until late at night. A cordial welcome by hundreds of people at the water front presaged a series of friendly greetings throughout the two hundred and fifty mile journey.

At every stop the modern explorers took part in a program of speeches, were feasted and shown places of interest in the vicinity, then were wished a *bon voyage* at their departure much in the same spirit as the original travellers were greeted by the Illinois Indians on the Iowa shore two hundred and fifty years ago.

Finally, in a large park at Burlington a pageant enacted by a cast of more than two hundred people before a vast audience depicted the meeting of Marquette and Joliet with the Illinois Indians, and an address by Father Christopher Kohne of the Jesuit Order was an eloquent tribute to the discoverers of Iowa. This program was under the auspices of the Women's Catholic League with Mrs. J. J. Fleming as chairman.

On the next day the celebration at Montrose began with the erection of a marker by the Fort Madison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the grave of Ka-la-we-quois three miles north of Montrose. With R. N. Johnson presiding, Miss Carmen Brown read Mrs. Sigourney's poem, "The Indian Girl's Burial", and J. P. Cruikshank told the story of Ka-la-we-quois.

Later in the forenoon the Women's Civic Club of Montrose erected a marker at the site of the barrack's well of Fort Des Moines, No. I, on the Montrose water front. J. P. Cruikshank presided, the Keokuk Municipal Band rendered a medley of patriotic airs, and Benj. F. Shambaugh, Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Iowa, delivered an address, Judge William Hamilton of Fort Madison being unable to be present.

A reception to the replica voyageurs at the water front near the site of Fort Des Moines No. I was followed by a picnic dinner at Bluff Park.

In the afternoon Benj. F. Shambaugh presided at the program. J. P. Kennedy of Montrose delivered an address of welcome and the response was made by U. S. Smith, President of Iowa Wesleyan College. Father A. J. Zaiser of Fort Madison praised the deeds of the original discoverers of Iowa and John Hammill, Lieutenant Governor of Iowa, made the principal address of the afternoon.

There followed a concert at the Park by the Keokuk Municipal Band and then students of Iowa Wesleyan College produced a pageant on the water front depicting the landing of Joliet and Marquette and their visit to the Indians.

Late in the afternoon the Keokuk Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a marker at the site of the first school in Iowa, taught by Berryman Jennings in 1830 at Nashville (now Galland Station), two and one-half miles south of Montrose. Mrs. Elizabeth Ballinger presided. The Keokuk Band played "Iowa Beautiful Land" and G. W. Sampson of Cedar Falls appeared for Miss May E. Francis, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and read her address. A "Pageant Petite" was given by school children under the direction of Mrs. Leonard Matless of Keokuk.

The following committees coöperating with the State Historical Society of Iowa had charge of various details of the ten day celebration:

CENTRAL COMMITTEE: Ben Hur Wilson, Mount Pleasant, General Chairman; Mrs. Clare Beard, Montrose; John Ely Briggs, Iowa City; Edward F. Carter, Keokuk; J. P. Cruikshank, Fort Madison; John Downs, Fort Madison; Mrs. J. J. Fleming, Burlington; Joshua Tracy Garrett, Burlington; Fred C. Huebner, Albia; H. E. Jaques, Mount Pleasant; John G. Scott, Keokuk; Benj. F. Shambaugh, Iowa City.

ON PROGRAM: Fred C. Huebner, Albia; Benj. F. Shambaugh, Iowa City; Ben Hur Wilson, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. J. J. Fleming, Burlington; Miss Anna Stewart, Fort Madison.

ON GROUNDS: (Montrose Project) John G. Scott, Keokuk; Walter Phillips, Tracy; J. P. Kennedy, Montrose; F. O. Wilcox, Montrose; Mrs. Kathryn Buck, Montrose.

ON MARKING HISTORIC SITES: (Fort Madison Project) J. P. Cruikshank, Fort Madison; Rollin B. Carswell, Fort Madison; E. H. Pollard, Fort Madison; R. V. Jones, Fort Madison; Malcolm McFarland, Fort Madison.

ON REPLICA VOYAGE: (Burlington Project) Joshua Tracy Garrett, Burlington; J. J. Fleming, Burlington; E. W. Jackson, Burlington; Fred K. Minor, Burlington; C. W. Bond, Burlington.

ON ENTERTAINMENT: (Montrose Project) Mrs. Clare Beard, Montrose; Mrs. Isadore Duty, Montrose; Mrs. Cora A. Wahrer, Montrose; Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, Montrose; Mrs. Dorcas Kennedy, Montrose.

ON BAND MUSIC: (Keokuk Project) Edward F. Carter, Keokuk; Vernon R. McKay, Keokuk; W. H. Bowers, Keokuk; L. J. Wolf, Keokuk; Thomas F. Wettstein, Keokuk.

ON HISTORICAL PAGEANT: (Mount Pleasant Project) H. E. Jaques, Mount Pleasant; Ira G. Morrison, Mount Pleasant; G. C. Archer, Montrose; Miss Mary Pool, Mount Pleasant; Charles W. Mountain, Mount Pleasant.

ON PUBLICITY: John Ely Briggs, Iowa City; Bruce E. Mahan, Iowa City; Frederic C. Smith, Keokuk; Leon Brown, Des Moines; Bernard Glaha, Fort Madison.

ON EXHIBITS: John Downs, Fort Madison; Mrs. Sarah Casey, Fort Madison, Wm. Reibold, Nauvoo, Ill.; T. W. McMillan, Mount Pleasant; Edgar R. Harlan, Des Moines.

HORACE BOIES

Horace Boies, twice Governor of the State of Iowa and the only Democrat to hold that office since Stephen Hempstead whose term expired in 1854, died at Long Beach, California, on April 4, 1923. He was born at Aurora, Erie County, New York, on December 7, 1827. After a trip to Wisconsin when he was sixteen years of age he returned to Erie County where he studied law and was admitted to the bar.

In 1867 Mr. Boies came to Iowa and located at Waterloo. Although he had been a Republican in New York, Boies was opposed to the attitude of that party on the prohibition question in Iowa and he joined the Democratic party. In 1889 he was nominated

for Governor and elected, although Iowa was overwhelmingly Republican. Two years later he was reëlected but was defeated by Frank D. Jackson in a campaign for a third term.

Governor Boies was also considered as a candidate for President by two national Democratic conventions. When President Cleveland was making up his second cabinet Boies was offered the place of Secretary of Agriculture but refused it on the rather unusual ground that he felt himself to be unfitted for the position.

The funeral of the ex-Governor was held at Waterloo on April 11, 1923.

CONTRIBUTORS

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