

## NOTES AND COMMENT

Irving B. Richman delivered an address at the meeting of the Marshall County Historical Society on October 24, 1923, on the subject "Have We Still an American Tradition?"

An old settlers' picnic was held near Hampton on October 5, 1923. A feature of the celebration was the dedication of a marker locating the site where the first settlers of Franklin County camped in October, 1852.

### JOHN POWELL IRISH

John P. Irish, who died at Oakland, California, on October 6, 1923, was born at Iowa City, Iowa, on January 1, 1843. In 1864 he purchased the *Iowa City State Press*, a Democratic newspaper, which he edited with ability and success for eighteen years.

Mr. Irish served as a member of the House of Representatives in the Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth General Assemblies, and was for several years a member of the Board of Curators of The State Historical Society of Iowa. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the State University of Iowa and was influential in the establishment of the College of Law and the College of Medicine at that institution.

Politically Mr. Irish was a Democrat. He was three times a candidate for the office of Congressman — twice in Iowa and once in California, but was defeated. In 1877 he was the Democratic candidate for the office of Governor of Iowa.

After his removal to California in 1882 Mr. Irish became the editor of the *Oakland Times*. Later he went to San Francisco as editor of the *Alta Californian*, the oldest newspaper of that city. During the second administration of President Grover Cleveland he was appointed naval officer of customs at the port of San Francisco, a position he held for nearly twenty years. He also served as national commissioner of the Yosemite Valley and was one of the founders of the Home for the Blind at Oakland.

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