

NOTES AND COMMENT

The Glenwood Woman's Club gave a "pioneer day" program on November 16, 1925. Kathrine Rhoades gave a talk on "Early Day History of the Glenwood Schools" and Mrs. Jas. A. Swope and John Y. Stone gave reminiscences.

The old settlers' association of Mahaska County held a meeting for the purpose of reorganizing on October 22, 1925, at Oskaloosa. Judge Chas. A. Dewey gave the principal address. Oliver H. Vance was elected president; A. R. Hellings, vice president; and G. W. Shockley, secretary-treasurer.

William S. Allen, Secretary of State from 1913 to 1919, died at Fairfield, Iowa, on December 6, 1925. Mr. Allen was born in Henry County, Iowa, on August 26, 1857, and attended Denmark Academy and the State University of Iowa. He was a member of the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth General Assemblies.

Paul F. Peck, professor of history at Grinnell College, died at Evanston, Illinois, on November 20, 1925. He was born at Grinnell on July 15, 1873, and received his B. A. degree from Grinnell College. In addition Mr. Peck spent a year in the law school of the State University and received his Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago. At the time of his death Prof. Peck was teaching Latin-American history at Northwestern University,—having been granted a year's leave of absence from Grinnell.

Charles H. Babbitt, formerly a resident of Council Bluffs, died at Washington, D. C., on December 3, 1925. Mr. Babbitt served as a Union soldier during the Civil War and at its close returned to Council Bluffs where he was associated with his father in the publication of the *Council Bluffs Bugle*. In 1874 he moved to Washington, D. C., where he was connected with the Government Printing Office, the Adjutant General's office, and later with the General Land Office. He was also known as a newspaper writer and as an author. In 1916 he published *Early Days in Council Bluffs*.

CONTRIBUTORS

HERMAN CLARENCE NIXON, Assistant Professor in the Department of History and Political Science at Vanderbilt University. Born at Merrellton, Alabama, on December 29, 1886. Graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute and of the University of Chicago from which institution he received a Ph. D. degree in 1925. Became assistant professor at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, at the beginning of the school year, 1925-1926. See also *THE IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS*, for July, 1923, p. 504.

THOMAS PETER CHRISTENSEN. Born near Ulsted, Denmark, on May 25, 1880, coming to the United States at the age of thirteen. From 1900 to 1909 he was a student at Grand View College, Des Moines, and at the Iowa State Teachers College. Taught in the public schools and from 1919 to 1922 was principal of the high school department at Grand View College. Received the Ph. D. degree from the State University of Iowa in 1924.

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