

## HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

A celebration is being planned in honor of the sesquicentennial anniversary of George Rogers Clark's capture of Vincennes in 1779.

The annual meeting of the Missouri Historical Society was held at the Jefferson Memorial on April 30, 1926. A bust of Judge J. Gabriel Woerner, by Victor S. Holm, was presented by his children. The address was given by Charles W. Bates. A memorial address on John H. Gundlach was given by J. Hugo Grimm.

The Minnesota Historical Society sponsored another historic tour in connection with the State Historical Convention held at Mankato on June 17th and 18th. This pilgrimage to places of interest in Minnesota history left St. Paul on the morning of June 16th, visiting Mendota, Castle Rock, Northfield, Faribault, and Madison Lake. A talk by Frank E. Balmer on "The Farmer and Minnesota History" was one of the features of this tour.

On April 6, 1926, the anniversary of the entrance of the United States into the World War, the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society dedicated the Memorial Wing of the Museum and Library Building. The dedicatory address was given by Theodore E. Burton. Governor Vic Donahey, Benson W. Hough, and Ralph D. Cole also spoke. More technical were the address by Alexander C. Flick and the papers by Wallace H. Cathcart, Charles T. Greve, and Lucy E. Keeler.

The Great Northern Railway is making plans for what is known as the Columbia River Historical Expedition of 1926. The party is being organized under the leadership of the Governors of Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, and the historical societies in these States. The expedition will leave Chicago on July 15 and visit such points of interest as St. Paul, Fort Union, Fort Benton, Glacier National Park, and Astoria. About two weeks will be spent on the trip.

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and the Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society were held at Springfield, Illinois, May 6-8, 1926. At the same time the Teachers' Section of the former organization held its annual session and contributed one section of the general program. Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh, Superintendent, and Bruce E. Mahan, Associate Editor, represented the State Historical Society of Iowa at the meeting. Professor Louis Pelzer of the history department of the State University of Iowa read an interesting paper on "The Shifting Cow Towns of Kansas", and Dr. Winfred T. Root, head of the department, led the discussion at the section devoted to the consideration of the topic "The Literary Motive in the Writing of History". Mr. Root also served as the chairman of the resolutions committee. Dr. Fred A. Shannon of Iowa State Teachers' College read a paper on "The Life of the Common Soldier in the Union Army 1861-1865"; and Dr. Erik McKinley Eriksson of Coe College discussed "The Federal Civil Service under President Jackson". Dr. Shambaugh presided at a dinner session and introduced Carl Sandburg and Senator Albert J. Beveridge as the speakers of the evening. In addition to the academic and literary part of the program, a series of luncheons, dinners, receptions, and excursions to Lincoln's home, the Lincoln tomb, and to the restored village of New Salem were interesting features of the meeting. Dr. Otto L. Schmidt of Chicago was elected president; Mrs. Clara S. Paine of Lincoln, Nebraska, secretary-treasurer; E. Merton Coulter of Georgia, Donald L. McMurry of Iowa, and Fred A. Shannon of Kansas, members of the executive committee; and A. C. Krey of Minnesota, and Miss Bessie L. Pierce of Iowa, members of the executive committee of the Teachers' Section. The executive committee selected Beverly W. Bond, Jr., of Ohio, William E. Connelley of Kansas, and R. S. Cotterell of Kentucky as members of the board of editors.

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Johnson Brigham, State Librarian, gave an address, "The In-

fluence of Pioneer History Upon Iowa", at a meeting of the Marshall County Historical Society on April 27, 1926.

On April 3, 1926, *The Washington Evening Journal* issued a special edition commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the paper. Much interesting material concerning the present and past of Washington was included.

The Worth County Historical Society has recently acquired a number of relics, pioneer tools, and Indian implements. These articles were contributed by Peter Larson, A. J. Arneson, and C. G. Mellem.

A meeting of the Pella Historical Society was held at the city hall on May 17th. The officers elected are as follows: president, H. F. Johnson; vice president, Y. T. Van Niewaal; curator, Mrs. Kate Beard; treasurer, Mrs. A. N. Vander Linden; and secretary, Mrs. B. H. Langerak.

A "log cabin day", arranged by some of the teachers and superintendents of Dickinson County, was celebrated at Arnold's Park on May 8th. The chief purpose was the presentation to the school children of the incidents of the Spirit Lake Massacre.

A monthly meeting of the Howard County Historical Society was held at Cresco on April 12, 1926. A. E. Bents gave a talk on pioneer conditions, including the story of Treaty Point, two miles northeast of Cresco. Mrs. Albert Culbert was the speaker at the meeting on May 10th.

On June 23, 1926, *The Cascade Pioneer* celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. The paper was established by Charles H. Monger when Cascade was an unincorporated village. During the last forty-nine years, the paper has been edited and published first by Isaac W. Baldwin, and then by his son, C. D. Baldwin. The anniversary number contains a fac-simile of the first paper and many interesting items of local history.

An historical pageant portraying events in Winneshiek County was given at Decorah on July 4 and 5, 1926. The production was

managed by the Thurston Pageant Company of Chicago. A similar pageant, depicting the history of Clayton County will be given at the Elkader Fair on July 14 and 15, 1926.

The Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa has received two collections of documents and articles illustrative of Iowa history. One, containing materials concerning Charles Mason, was donated by Charles Mason Remey, a grandson of Judge Mason. The other relates chiefly to David W. Kilbourne and was the gift of Mrs. Emma Kilbourne Wright.

On June 8th the South Bethel Methodist Church, a rural church near Tipton, Iowa, presented a pageant portraying the history of Cedar County. The production required one hundred and seventy-five characters and was in four episodes — the passing of the red men, the coming of the pioneers, John Brown in Cedar County, and a pioneer wedding. Rev. Earl E. Welch, the pastor of the church, wrote the lines and directed the pageant.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Madison County Historical Society was held in the court room at Winterset on April 27, 1926. G. W. Samson, of the State Department of Public Instruction, gave the chief address on the subject, "History, the Great Teacher". Biographical sketches of O. B. Bissell and Caleb Clark, prepared by Judge W. H. Lewis, were read. M. C. Leinard presented a paper on "Some Early Reminiscences of Lincoln Township" and H. A. Mueller read a paper on Madison County prepared by A. J. Horsington. H. A. Mueller was reelected president; E. R. Zeller, vice president; and Mrs. Jean Scott, secretary-treasurer.

#### THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Bruce E. Mahan, associate editor of the State Historical Society of Iowa, delivered the Memorial Day address at Bedford on May thirty-first.

The State Historical Society of Iowa has recently received from J. W. Murphy of Platteville, Wisconsin, a volume of Harper's

*Pictorial History of the Civil War.* The sketches which appear in this volume were prepared originally by a Mr. Alex Simplot who identified in this volume the places shown in the illustrations.

The following persons have been appointed by Governor John Hammill to membership on the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa for the biennium beginning July 1, 1926, and ending June 30, 1928: Mrs. Lillian Clark Cary, Dubuque; Mrs. Frank Cook, Marengo; Mrs. C. W. Britton, Sioux City; Mrs. H. H. Carter, Corydon; Mrs. W. L. Harding, Des Moines; Miss Merta Mitchell, Keokuk; Mr. Wm. G. Kerr, Grundy Center; Mr. C. F. Clark, Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Dorothy Houghton, Red Oak.

The following persons have recently been elected to membership in the Society: Dr. Grant Augustine, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. J. F. Boeye, Mason City, Iowa; Mr. Warren N. Churchill, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Ira H. Coyne, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. L. J. Derfingler, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Wilmont F. Dunn, Boone, Iowa; Mr. R. R. Hufstader, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. T. C. Hutchinson, Decorah, Iowa; Mr. C. F. Littell, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Mr. C. K. Munns, Corning, Iowa; Mr. C. M. Stephens, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Theodore H. Thomas, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. Charles Wright, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Mabel S. Young, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. P. S. Junkin, Fairfield, Iowa; Mr. James C. Murtagh, Waterloo, Iowa; Miss Dorothy Schaffter, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. G. W. Thomas, Carroll, Iowa; Mr. Geo. S. Tracy, Burlington, Iowa; Mr. Dwight E. Crawford, Gladbrook, Iowa; Mrs. John A. Greenlee, Richland, Iowa; Mr. F. H. McCabe, Logan, Iowa; Dr. J. E. Rock, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. V. H. Warfield, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Chas. S. Worth, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Harry F. Evans, Davenport, Iowa; Mr. Francis E. Hess, Bedford, Iowa; Mr. Tom Keefe, Jr., Ottumwa, Iowa; and Mrs. R. J. Wylie, Eddyville, Iowa. Mr. Harry T. Hedges of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been enrolled as a life member of the Society.