

NOTES AND COMMENT

The Greater Iowa Commission, of which Otto S. Muntz is chairman, has issued a number of bulletins and pamphlets on Iowa. The report for 1936 is entitled *Iowa, the Future Inland Empire*.

The Hydraulics Laboratory of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City has installed a collection of old water wheels illustrative of the mills of Iowa. The oldest of the wheels came from the Terrill mill on the Iowa River north of Iowa City and was installed in 1841.

The seventeenth annual history conference was held at the State University of Iowa on February 5 and 6, 1937. The speakers included James T. Shotwell of Columbia University, Nelson V. Russell, formerly of Coe College, now chief of the reference division of the National Archives, Elmer Ellis of the University of Missouri, Harry R. Gideonse of the University of Chicago, Robert C. Brooks of Swarthmore College, and Kirk H. Porter of the State University of Iowa.

The State University of Iowa celebrated its ninetieth anniversary on February 24, 1937, by holding an educational conference in the afternoon and a dinner in the evening. The speakers in the afternoon were President Eugene A. Gilmore of the State University of Iowa, President Lotus D. Coffman of the University of Minnesota, and President James Bryant Conant of Harvard University. Speakers at the dinner, at which President Gilmore presided, included Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, who gave a brief but dramatic sketch of the historical background, Governor Nelson G. Kraschel, President Charles E. Friley of the Iowa State College of Agriculture, President Orval R. Latham of the State Teachers College, President Harry M. Gage of Coe College, and President Walter A. Jessup, of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Portraits of George T. Baker, a member of the State Board of Education since 1909, and president of the Board

since 1925, and William R. Boyd, chairman of the Finance Committee since its organization, were presented to the University.

George W. Clarke, former Governor of Iowa, died at his home in Adel on November 28, 1936. He was born in Shelby County, Indiana, on October 24, 1852, and four years later removed with his family to Davis County, Iowa. As a youth he worked on the farm and attended school as opportunity was afforded. He attended Oskaloosa College, where he was graduated in the class of 1877. The following year he was graduated from the law department of the State University of Iowa. He located for practice at Adel in Dallas County. In 1900 he was nominated and elected to the Iowa House of Representatives where he served four terms, for two of which he was Speaker of the House. He then served for two terms as Lieutenant Governor of the State. In 1912 he was elected to the office of Governor, where he served for two terms. During these years he resided in Des Moines. After leaving the Governor's office he served for one year as Dean of the College of Law at Drake University. He then returned to Adel to re-enter the practice of law. During the later years of his life he was active in social and fraternal affairs, and was always interested in the political activities of the State.

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