

NOTES AND COMMENT

The Society of American Archivists held its second annual meeting at Springfield, Illinois, on October 24-26, 1938. The Illinois State Archives Building was dedicated at that time.

Clifford Powell delivered a speech on the "Dodge Light Guards" at Council Bluffs on May 14, 1938, which was printed in the *Congressional Record* for June 16, 1938.

The Bennett Church featured the life and poems of Grace Noll Crowell at its annual homecoming on September 11, 1938. Mrs. Crowell was formerly a resident of that vicinity.

The Madison County Old Settlers' Reunion and Homecoming was held at Winterset on September 30 and October 1, 1938. An historical parade on the first day was one of the entertainment features.

The Cody family held a family reunion at Hanford, California, on October 8 and 9, 1938. William F. Cody, perhaps the most widely known member of the family, was born in Scott County, Iowa, in 1846.

Miss Mary Ann Baker of Davenport was elected President of the Iowa State Teachers Association at its annual meeting at Des Moines on November 3-5, 1938. At the close of 1938 Miss Agnes Samuelson will replace Charles F. Pye as Secretary of the Association.

The Iowa Conservation Commission has prepared a three-reel motion picture film showing various scenic, historical, industrial, and governmental aspects of Iowa. The film was produced for the Commission by Burton B. Jerrel and will be shown in Iowa theaters and at the San Francisco and New York fairs of 1939. M. L. Hutton of the Commission was in charge of the work.

The School of Journalism of the State University of Iowa celebrated the tercentenary of the setting up of the first printing press in America on December 12-14, 1938. Douglas C. McMurtrie spoke at the dinner. A display of early printing was exhibited from the collection of T. Henry Foster of Ottumwa and from the University and State Historical Society libraries.

Frank Darr Jackson, Governor of Iowa from 1894-1896, died at his home in Redlands, California, on November 16, 1938. Previous to his election as Governor, Mr. Jackson had served as secretary of the State Senate, 1882-1884, and as Secretary of State, 1884-1889. Mr. Jackson was born on January 26, 1854, in Arcade, New York. He attended the Iowa State College of Agriculture for four years, and received an L. L. B. degree from the State University of Iowa. Governor Jackson's administration was marked by labor troubles and by the passage of the mullet law. After his term as Governor he became president of a life insurance company at Des Moines, retiring therefrom to live in California.

Irving Berdine Richman, historical writer, died in Muscatine, Iowa, on December 6, 1938. Iowans perhaps know him best for his book *Ioway to Iowa*, published by the State Historical Society of Iowa in 1931. Mr. Richman also wrote *John Brown Among the Quakers and Other Sketches, Rhode Island, California Under Spain and Mexico*, and a number of other historical studies. Mr. Richman was born in Muscatine, on October 27, 1861. He received the A. B. and A. M. degrees from the State University of Iowa, and honorary degrees from Brown University and Grinnell College. He served in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1889-1893, and also as temporary chairman of the Iowa State Democratic Convention in 1889. He was for five years United States Consul General at St. Gall, Switzerland. Although a lawyer by profession, Mr. Richman devoted his time chiefly to historical study and writing.

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