

SOME PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Justice Miller. By Charles Fairman. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press. 1939. Pp. 456. Plates. This volume, attractively printed and bound, tells the story of Samuel Freeman Miller (the only Iowan to serve on the United States Supreme Court) and the political activities of his associates. One chapter deals with Miller's early life and the years of his practice as a physician in Kentucky. The second chapter deals with the period of his law practice at Keokuk, Iowa, covering some twelve years. The remaining sixteen chapters deal with his service and associations on the Supreme Court of the United States on which he served from 1862 until his death on October 13, 1890. For the most part the volume is a study of Justice Miller's contribution to political and economic thought during these years. Extensive footnotes, a table of cases, and an index add to the value of the work.

The Log Book of A Young Immigrant. By Laurence M. Larson. Northfield, Minnesota. Norwegian-American Historical Association. 1939. Pp. 318. Plates. This volume is an autobiography of a man who was born in Norway and came to Iowa as a two-year-old child in 1871. After a boyhood spent in Winnebago County, Laurence Larson taught a country school for some time and then went to Des Moines in 1888 to attend Drake University and after graduation went to Portage County, Wisconsin, as principal of Scandinavia Academy. In 1899 the young Norwegian-American went to the State University of Wisconsin as a graduate student and there took work with Charles H. Haskins and Frederick J. Turner, both in the field of history. After receiving his Ph.D. degree, Dr. Larson found a place in the Milwaukee High School and in 1907 went to the University of Illinois as Associate Professor of History, later serving as head of the department and president of the American Historical Association. These are the bare facts of a life, but the volume includes a remarkable analysis of the steps

by which an immigrant Norwegian boy made his way from an Iowa farm to the head of a department of a great State University and of the more intangible changes by which he became an American. The volume includes a bibliography and an index.

The Smithsonian Institution has published as Bulletin 125 of the Bureau of American Ethnology, *Ethnography of the Fox Indians*, prepared by William Jones and edited by Margaret Welpley Fisher.

John Filson in Pennsylvania, by Samuel M. Wilson; and *The Filson Club's "Keyed-Bugles"*, by Charles Thruston Johnson, are two articles in *The Filson Club History Quarterly* for October, 1939.

A continuation of *The Presbyterian Church on the Wisconsin Frontier*, by Charles J. Kennedy, is one of the articles in the *Journal of The Department of History of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.*

Napoleon in Review, a volume by the late George Gordon Andrews, has been recently published by Alfred A. Knopf of New York City. Professor Andrews, then located at the State University of Iowa, died at Iowa City on March 29, 1938.

Serrated Shells of the Winnebago, by R. N. Buckstaff; *Winnebago Land Legends*, by Nile Behneke; and *Myths, Legends and Superstitions About Copper*, by Charles E. Brown, are three articles in *The Wisconsin Archeologist* for September, 1939.

The Legal Crisis in the Jesuit Missions of Hispanic America, by W. Eugene Shiels; *The Route of De Soto: Delisle's Interpretation*, by Barbara Boston; and *Mlle. De Roybon D'Allonne: La Salle's Francie?*, by Jean Delangley, are the three articles in *Mid-America* for October, 1939.

Beginnings of the Chicago Fire of 1871, by H. A. Musham; *John Boyle, First Governor of Illinois Territory*, by Douglas C. McMurtrie; and *Recent Museum Developments*, by L. Hubbard Shattuck, are three short articles in the *Bulletin of the Chicago Historical Society* for October, 1939.

Conserving Pennsylvania's Historic Past is the title of a pamphlet recently issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction as Bulletin No. 773. Among the historic sites briefly described are the Daniel Boone birthplace, Old Economy, Fort Augusta, and Cornwall Furnace.

The Pennsylvania Historical Commission has recently published as Bulletin No. 774 a *Guide to Depositories of Manuscript Collections in Pennsylvania*. This was compiled by the Historical Records Survey of the Federal Works Progress Administration and was edited by Margaret Sherburne Eliot and Sylvester K. Stevens.

The October, 1939, number of *The American Historical Review* contains the following four articles: *Humanist Views of the Renaissance*, by Wallace K. Ferguson; *Fishing and Plantation*, by Richard A. Preston; *The French Jesuits in the Age of Enlightenment*, by Robert R. Palmer; and *Dewey and the Germans at Manila Bay*, by Thomas A. Bailey.

F. H. Hodder's "Stephen A. Douglas", an editorial introduction by James C. Malin; *The Third Book on Kansas* (an interpretation of J. Butler Chapman's *History of Kansas and Emigrant's Guide*), by Cora Dolbee; and a continuation of *Letters of John and Sarah Everett 1854-1864* are articles and papers which make up the August, 1939, issue of *The Kansas Historical Quarterly*.

The September, 1939, number of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* contains the following articles: *Books in a Pioneer Household*, by Clara Martin Baker; *The Pullman Strike: A Study in Industrial Warfare*, by Harvey Wish; *Hazelwood, its Master and its Coterie*, by Frank E. Stevens; *The Southern Influence in the Formation of Illinois*, by John D. Barnhart; and *Frontier Sketches: The Schoolmistress*, by C. C. Carter.

History of Electric Lighting in Michigan, by James W. Bishop; *Pictures of Michigan Lumbering*, by Carl Addison Leech; *Carl Johnston, Indian Interpreter*, by Alice B. Clapp; *Lights and Shadows of the Moravian Mission*, by Nancy E. Scott; *A Page from Pioneer Politics*, by Sister M. Rosalita; and *Memories of Libby*

Prison, by Daniel N. Reynolds are articles and papers in the Autumn 1939 number of the *Michigan History Magazine*.

A National Agricultural Center as a Focal Point, by Russell H. Anderson; *A National Museum of Agriculture: the Story of a Lost Endeavor*, by C. A. Browne; *Peter Kalm's Description of How Sugar Is Made from Various Types of Trees in North America*, translated by Esther Louise Larsen; and *Memoir 6 of the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture*, by Carl R. Woodward, are the articles and papers in *Agricultural History* for July, 1939.

The Missouri Historical Review for October, 1939, includes the following three articles: *Propaganda and the Kansas-Missouri War*, by Lloyd Lewis; *The Labor Movement in St. Louis Prior to the Civil War*, by Russell M. Nolen; and *Frontier Economic Problems in Missouri, 1815-1828, Part 1*, by Hattie M. Anderson. Among the items labeled *Missouriana* is a pioneer poem on *The Honey War*, which was printed in the *Palmyra Missouri Whig and General Advertiser* for October 26, 1839.

The September, 1939, number of *The Wisconsin Magazine of History* contains the following articles: *Unofficial Beginnings of the Milwaukee Catholic Diocese*, by Peter Leo Johnson; *Wisconsin Republicans and Reconstruction, 1865-70*, by Helen J. and Harry Williams; *The Earliest Map of Galena, Illinois*, by Glen T. Trewartha; *The History of Potosi*, by Elda O. Baumann; and *Early Wisconsin School Teachers*, by Belle Cushman Bohn. Under *Documents*, there is *The Abner Morse Diary: River Falls, 1859-61*, by Bayrd Still and William Herrmann.

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The Bily Clocks, by Blanche Martin Beall, is a short article in *Midland Schools* for December, 1939. This is one in a series of articles on places of interest in Iowa.

English Grants-in-Aid, by Howard R. Bowen, has been published by the State University of Iowa as number one of Volume XI of the *University of Iowa Studies in Social Science*.

The Fairfield Daily Ledger issued a special historical edition in

honor of the centennial anniversary of the town. Much valuable material concerning Fairfield and Jefferson County is included in the edition.

The Methodist Church of Rowley celebrated its seventieth anniversary on August 20, 1939. A booklet issued in honor of the occasion contains an article on *The History of Methodism in Rowley*, compiled by R. J. Hekel.

An Industrial History of Scott County, Iowa: The Pioneer Period 1833-1865, by Thomas P. Christensen, and a continuation of *A Duffle Bag Diary of an American Red Cross Worker in France*, by Ellis E. Wilson, are the articles which make up the October, 1939, issue of the *Annals of Iowa*.

Notes on Certain Raptures in Allamakee, Clayton and Dubuque Counties, Iowa, by Oscar P. Allert; *The Prothonotary Warbler Nests at Burlington*, by Edith Ferguson La Force; and *The Summer Habits of the Ruffed Grouse in Iowa*, by Emmett B. Polderboer, are short articles in *Iowa Bird Life* for September, 1939.

The AAA in Iowa in 1939, by Walter W. Wilcox and C. W. Crickman; *Land and Man*, by Roland Welborn and Herbert G. Folken; *Farm Cooperatives in Iowa*, by Sam H. Thompson; and *Non-Commercial Farming in Iowa*, by L. K. Macy and Fannie Gannon, are some of the articles in the *Iowa Farm Economist* for October, 1939.

Our Church During One Hundred Years is the title of a pamphlet issued by the Methodist Church of Iowa City in honor of its centennial anniversary. In addition to the program of the celebration and a list of members, the booklet contains a short history of the church, by Mrs. Grace B. Weber, a granddaughter of one of the founders of the church.

Wapello Chief: A Tale of Iowa, by Francis Roy Moore, was published by the Torch Press in 1938. This volume, according to the author's preface, is a "combination of history, biography, and fiction". It deals with the history of Iowa, but centers around the city of Ottumwa—and the county of Wapello. The material is

presented in five parts: The Indian Period; The Pioneer Period; The Civil War Period; The Industrial Period; and Today. There are four appendices — Black Hawk's Speech to His Warriors; an editorial on Abraham Lincoln; an address on the Louisiana Purchase, by Henry Clay Dean; and Black Hawk's Lament. In addition to historical narrative, letters and much imaginary conversation are used to present the viewpoint of the pioneers. There is also much material about persons, chiefly those in Wapello County and vicinity.

SOME RECENT HISTORICAL ITEMS IN IOWA NEWSPAPERS

The Keosauqua Centennial Celebration and the new river bridge, in the *Keosauqua Republican*, July 27, and the *Keokuk Gate City* and the *Des Moines Register*, July 31, 1939.

"Old Hotel Building", landmark of St. Charles, destroyed by fire, in the *Winterset News*, July 27, 1939.

Eye witness tells of Jim Jackson raid, in the *Bloomfield Democrat*, July 27, 1939.

On changing the name of Skunk River to Chiquaqua, in the *Knoxville Express*, July 27, 1939.

Lyon County was Buncombe County in 1860, in *Wallaces' Farmer*, July 29, 1939.

Old Dodge home in Council Bluffs is demolished, in the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, July 30, 1939.

The story of Des Moines's first newspaper, the *Register*, in the *Des Moines Register*, July 30, 1939.

Story of Jay Norwood Darling ("Ding"), in the *Des Moines Register*, July 30, 1939.

Journalism among the pioneers, in the *Des Moines Register*, July 30, 1939.

Account of founding of Keosauqua, by George G. Wright, in the *Cantril Register*, July 31, 1939.

- Pioneers used many kinds of barriers for fencing, by E. F. Pittman, in the *Cantril Register*, July 31, 1939.
- Lansing celebrates homecoming, in the *Waukon Republican and Standard*, August 2, 1939.
- How Nashua got its name, in the *Nashua Reporter*, August 2, 1939.
- Sketch of the life of Charles Blanchard, in the *Wapello Republican*, August 3, 1939.
- Old book found in West Branch reveals interesting prices, in the *West Branch Times*, August 3, 1939.
- Artist's drawing of Nashua, 1870, in the *Nashua Reporter*, August 3, 1939.
- Pioneer pow-wow and homecoming, in the *Eddyville Tribune*, August 3, 1939.
- The Honey War, by Nora B. Burrier, in the *Van Buren Record (Bonaparte)*, August 3, 1939.
- Sketch of the life of Charles J. W. Saunders, one-time Indian scout with Buffalo Bill and later mayor of Dubuque, in the *Dubuque Telegraph-Herald*, August 6, 1939.
- Historic Chatsworth railroad wreck of August 10, 1887, in the *Keokuk Gate City*, August 9, 1939.
- Golden jubilee of the Keokuk County fair, in the *What Cheer Patriot-Chronicle*, August 10, 1939.
- Map shows Swan Lake City was once county seat of Emmet County, in the *Storm Lake Pilot Tribune*, August 10, 1939.
- Mrs. Lucy Sprague Brooks, centenarian, came to Iowa in 1856, by Roy McHugh, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, August 13, 1939.
- Recent excavations in Missouri River bluffs give picture of prehistoric Iowa homes, in the *Des Moines Register*, August 13, 1939.
- Pottawattamie County Historical Society museum has interesting exhibit, in the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, August 13, 1939.

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Ole Johnson, 104, is believed oldest man in Iowa, in the *Spencer Reporter*, August 14, and the *Storm Lake Register*, August 15, 1939.

Narrow gauge railroad reached Adel sixty years ago, in the *Adel News*, August 16, 1939.

Christopher Latham Sholes, inventor of the Sholes typewriter, was circuit court reporter at Audubon, in the *Audubon Advocate-Republican*, August 17, 1939.

Pictures and story of the Herbert Hoover birthplace restoration, in the *Des Moines Register*, August 20, and the *Red Oak Express*, August 31, 1939.

F. L. Van Voorhis tells of Indian life as revealed from excavated villages, in the *Storm Lake Register*, August 22, 1939.

Iowa State Fair — how it got its start, by Harvey Ingham, in the *Des Moines Register*, August 23, 1939.

Col. Fred Smith opens new museum in West Union, in the *West Union Union*, August 24, 1939.

Northern Iowa pathways, by Ora Williams, in the *Spirit Lake Beacon*, August 24, 1939.

Death of George W. Tabor, former State Senator, in the *Des Moines Register*, August 25, 1939.

Picture and story of early "iron horse", in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, August 27, 1939.

Sketch of the life of Reyburn L. Rutledge, former legislator, and State inspector of county homes, in the *Fort Dodge Messenger*, August 28, 1939.

Norwegian-American Historical Museum in Decorah is seen by 11,000 visitors during year, in the *Decorah Public Opinion*, August 29, 1939.

Story of the first newspaper in Warren County, in the *Indianola Tribune*, August 30, 1939.

Pictures of O'Brien County's first and present courthouses, in the *O'Brien County Bell* (Primghar), August 30, 1939.

Prominent men of Iowa owned mines at Coalfield, in the *Albia Republican*, August 31, 1939.

Buxton had interesting history as mining town, in the *Albia Republican*, August 31, 1939.

Historic homes on Clear Lake, in the *Des Moines Register*, September 10, 1939.

Steamboat days on the Des Moines River, in the *Waverly Journal*, September 14, 1939.

Emory A. Smyth, Cromwell Civil War veteran, is 100 years old, in the *Creston News Advertiser*, September 16, 1939.

Some Guttenberg history, in the *Elkader Register*, September 20, 1939.

Some "firsts" in Iowa history, in the *Des Moines Register*, September 24, 1939.

Avery family of Burlington began "Orchard City" tradition, in the *Des Moines Register*, September 24, 1939.

Tipton artisan keeps old guns, by Carl Dueser, in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, September 24, 1939.

Guy R. Ramsey compiles list of old postoffices in Humboldt County, in the *Humboldt Independent*, September 26, 1939.

Grave of Willson Alexander Scott on the State Capitol grounds, in the *Des Moines Tribune*, September 26, 1939.

Record of first meeting of Wayne County Commissioners in 1851, in the *Corydon Times-Republican*, September 28, 1939.

Civil War memories, by Mrs. Ada Gray Bemis, in the *Marion Sentinel*, September 28, 1939.

Table on which Constitution of Iowa was written is preserved, in the *Des Moines Register*, October 1, 1939.