

## NOTES AND COMMENT

Dr. James H. Rodabaugh has been named supervisor and secretary of the Ohio War History Commission, taking the positions left vacant by the resignation of Professor Francis P. Weisenburger as supervisor and Dr. William D. Overman as executive secretary. Both men will remain on the Commission. One of the activities of this Commission is the promotion of the collection of war materials.

Dr. Russell David Cole was inaugurated as president of Cornell College on April 25, 1944. The program included an address, "College Administration — A Science and an Art", by Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, the charge to the new president, by Bishop J. Ralph Magee, presentation of the charter and keys, by A. L. Killian, president of the board of trustees, and the presidential address by Dr. Cole, on "Liberal Education for Christian Culture".

Walter H. Beall of West Union, a member of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa since July, 1941, died at Rochester, Minnesota, on May 3, 1944. Mr. Beall was born at Mt. Ayr on October 20, 1871, and was educated at the public schools and at Simpson College. He began newspaper work at Mt. Ayr in 1893 and became editor, owner, and publisher of the *West Union Argo* in 1910. Later this became the *Argo-Gazette*. In the first World War, Mr. Beall served with the Y. M. C. A. He was interested in many civic activities, including the Izaak Walton League, the Masonic Lodge, and the Methodist Church. He was a long-time member of the Historical and Literary Club of West Union and wrote a history of the club which was published in *The Palimpsest* for March, 1942. Mr. Beall's membership in the State Historical Society dates from August, 1913.

Byron W. Newberry, one of the well-known citizens of Iowa, died at his home at Strawberry Point on March 17, 1944. He was born at Brownhelm, Ohio, on September 1, 1853, and came to



Clayton County, Iowa, with his parents in 1855. He taught in the rural schools, was graduated from Upper Iowa University in 1875 and from the College of Law of the State University of Iowa in 1876. He began the practice of law at Strawberry Point and maintained an office there until his death. Mr. Newberry served three terms in the State Senate, 1904-1908, and 1917-1924. He was an active supporter of education and of laws fixing purity standards for foods, paint, seeds, and stock foods. From 1907 to 1915 he was a member of the Better Iowa Schools Commission. In addition to his activities in community affairs, Mr. Newberry was interested in parks. He served on the State Conservation Commission from 1926 to 1932, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Backbone State Park near Strawberry Point. In May, 1909, he became a member of the State Historical Society of Iowa and was elected a life member in July, 1925. From 1911 to 1920 he served as a member of the Board of Curators of the Society.

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