

NOTES AND COMMENT

A collection of the original manuscripts of James Norman Hall, the author who was born in Colfax, Iowa, has been donated to the library of the State University of Iowa.

The Missouri Archaeological Society held its annual meeting at Columbia on October 8, 1947. Dr. Waldo R. Wedel gave the main address on the Missouri River Basin surveys.

Medium Lake at Emmetsburg in Palo Alto County has been re-named Lake Five Island. The change was made locally in 1946; now the United States Division of Geography has made the change official.

The first sheet of the George Washington Carver commemorative stamps was purchased by Postmaster-General Jesse W. Donaldson at Tuskegee at memorial services in honor of the Negro scientist on January 5, 1948, the fifth anniversary of his death. Carver, a graduate of Iowa State College, was born on the Stratton Shartel farm, near Diamond, Missouri.

The famous Cardiff Giant has recently been given a final resting place and put on permanent exhibition in the Farmers' Museum, maintained by the New York State Historical Society at Coopers-town, New York. The "giant" was carved from a huge block of Iowa gypsum, buried on a farm near Cardiff, New York, dug up in October, 1869, and exhibited for several years as a "Petrified Man". Even scientists were fooled by the hoax. Finally, however, the mystery of its discovery was made public and it ceased to attract visitors. The New York State Historical Society acquired the three thousand pound statue from Gardner Cowles, Jr., editor of *Look*. A brief account of this hoax is given in an article written by Ruth A. Gallaher in *The Palimpsest*, September, 1921. A pamphlet describing the Farmers' Museum written by Louis C. Jones, the director, has recently been published.

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