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been for years an idea. He gave the idea shape and actual existence. Its accomplishment was the great object of his public life, and his last act was in its behalf. To-day the locomotive whistles half way from the Missouri to the Rocky Mountains, calling in vain for the Pathfinder of civilization who marked its track over the wide and desolate plains.

The General who never suffered defeat is laid low.— The generous gallant soldier, the kind genial friend of all who knew him, sleeps peacefully his last sleep. The soul of a true christian gentleman has gone from us, let us hope, to dwell with his martyred soldier son and others dear to him, in unending heaven.

“ Thus star by star declines,
Till all are passed away,
As morning high and higher shines,
To pure and perfect day;
Nor sink those stars in empty night—
They hide themselves in heaven's own light.”

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MILITARY HISTORY OF IOWA FROM 1861 TO 1866.

This work, now in process of preparation by A. P. Wood, Esq., promises to be of rare merit, and to supply a want very much felt, that of a minute and accurate history, and embracing in one volume, all the transactions of the State concerning the war, the action of the State government, and of the people and organizations of the people within its borders, and of its troops in the field.

Most of the books written about the war have been rapidly and hastily written, and consequently with a want of full and accurate material. For this reason have occurred omissions of facts unobscured, yet important in their relation to others of greater significance, thereby rendering the record more or less incomplete. A comprehensive, reliable work, that shall contain all the truths of the services of the men and organizations of the State that were given to their country

through those troublous times, is what is required, and we trust that this desideratum is about to be supplied in the work under consideration. The author seems to have been not anxious to rush into print, but to have labored faithfully for years to put himself in possession of all available facts and statistics. It is now, as we are informed, nearly ready for the press. It will contain 800 large, closely printed pages. We wish the author success in his laudable undertaking.

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At the annual meeting of the State Historical Society held at Iowa City Dec. 5th, 1866, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

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The first white man who visited the site of the present Iowa City, was undoubtedly Col. S. C. Trowbridge, who, with a trader's permit or pass, to be used with the then jealous Indian tribes, made his way to this point, prospecting, lunched and blazed the trees upon the spot where now stands the State University building,—(old State Capitol.)

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