

Old Soldiers

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ity, in Dakota Territory, got involved in difficulty with the Indians at that point, and consulting their own safety, descended the Missouri River to where Sioux City now stands, where they stopped for a few months, leaving again for various points. In 1853, the county was organized for judicial and revenue purposes, and the county seat located by an act of the legislature at Thompson town.

In the spring of 1854, Dr. John K. Cook, an Englishman by birth, had a contract from the government to sectionize most of the counties in north-western Iowa, came up from Council Bluffs, where he then resided, for the purpose of prosecuting his work. The Dr. was not long in discerning the natural beauty and advantages in this point for a town. Accordingly he and some of his party staked off claims preparatory to laying off a town. Amongst those who made claims, were Hiram Nelson, S. W. Chamberlin and Dr. F. Wixon. The following winter of 1854-5, a town was laid out and called Sioux city, after the Sioux Indians, who had been the former occupants of the country.

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“He who preaches war,” said the Hon. Horace Mann, “is a fit chaplain for the devil.”

Whether the distinguished educator was correct, judge ye. One thing is certain, that ever since Satan “raised impious war in heaven,” mankind have been engaged in sanguinary conflict. But of all wars of the past, we Americans look back with patriotic pride on the heroic deeds of our forefathers, especially those who fought the battles of the revolution and war of 1812. Of the latter war, there resides in the town of Le Claire, Scott County, the following old soldiers: James Haskell, seventy-five years of age, was a member of the United States Light Artillery, under Gen. Wilkinson. Mr. Haskell had a son, George, who was killed in the war of 1862, in Missouri. Henry Stone, seventy-six years of age, one of the “Green Mountain boys,” fought at the battle of Plattsburgh. He is the father of the Dr. Stone whose name was

suggested to the late Republican State Convention of Iowa for Lieut. Governor. David Hawthorn, seventy years of age, a "fine old gentleman." Chas. Fisher, eighty-one years of age, lost the sense of hearing, was severely wounded in one leg, and slightly wounded in one hand, at the battle of Plattsburg, September 11, 1814. Mr. Fisher receives full pension.

There are several other old veterans residing in Le Claire, of whom I might mention the following: Prof. Mihaling, teacher of the German school, served a number of years in the Austrian army, a portion of the time as Captain. He is fifty-two years of age. Thomas James, about forty years of age, fought the Mexicans under Gen. Sterling Price. Duerk Kroanaboldt, seventy-one years of age, was at the battle of Waterloo, where

"There was hurrying to and fro,
And gathering tears and tremblings of distress,
And cheeks all pale.

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And there was mounting in hot haste; the steed,
The mustering squadron, and the clattering car
Went pouring forward with impetuous speed,
And swiftly forming in the ranks of war."

CORRECTIONS OF THE APRIL NUMBER, 1869.

Page 191, middle of the page, note, for was, read were.

Page 192, second paragraph. The names of the officers of the Joint Stock Company for building dam across the Iowa River at Iowa City in 1843, should read as follows, to-wit: *Directors*—Chauncey Swan, Augustus E. McArthur, Ferdinand Haverstraw, Thomas Snyder and A. I. Willis.

Page 194, note: Washington Galland instead of William Galland.

Mr. Washington Galland, of Bolivar, Mo., sends us the following corrections of the orthography of Indian words found in the Treatise on the INDIAN TRIBES OF THE WEST, &c., to-wit: Page 199, 15th line, Pe-ke-ton-oak instead of Pe-he-ton-oak.

Page 199, 17th line, Pe-ke-ton-oak-sepe instead of Pe-ke-ton-o-sepe.

Page 199, Skutah instead of Shutah. (Sauk word for fire).

Page 200, Mis-sku-tah instead of Mis-sku-tak.

Page 201, 11th line from the bottom, Mis-sku-ten instead of Mis-shu-ten.

It will be observed that the above errors all occur in mistaking the letter k for h; a mistake justified by the ambiguity of the manuscript as we find on examination.

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