

Editorial Notes

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believe these officers would again embarrass my operations were they acquainted with the circumstances. I hope, therefore, my order to Colonel Benteen will receive your approval and that of General Rosecrans.

“Your dispatch informing me that General Rosecrans is ordered to pursue Price to the Arkansas, does not, as I suppose, relieve me from concurrent duty implied by your former dispatch, expressing to me the desire of the Lieut. General.

“S. R. CURTIS, *Major General.*”

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

EDITORIAL NOTES.

—MR. C. CHILDS, of Dubuque, one of the most competent persons in the state for the task, proposes to write and publish a “History of Iowa Newspapers,” and by his suggestions has set half the papers of Iowa to publishing their autobiographies. Mr. Childs is a pioneer newspaper man of Dubuque, and is constantly giving the readers of one or the other of the two excellent daily journals of his city valuable historical sketches, and has promised to furnish an occasional article for the ANNALS OF IOWA. His papers, “Names of Iowa Newspapers,” and “Corrections of Indian History,” the first of which was published in the Dubuque *Herald*, and the second in the *Times* of the same city, have been widely copied by the Iowa press, and would find a place in the ANNALS but for the pre-engagement of our pages for original contributions.

—MR. E. BOOTH, editor of the Anamosa *Eureka*, who writes better than he talks, and whom we gladly welcome as a collaborator, besides his “Reminiscences of Twenty-seven Years Ago,” printed in the present number, is under verbal bonds to us to furnish a paper for our next on the preliminary steps taken to organize the “Iowa Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.” It cannot fail of interest, since, aside from the curiosity that all benevolent readers will have to know the particulars of the inception of that noble and well administered state institution, it promises to treat coincidentally of such illustrious personages as the late John C. Calhoun.

—“NOTES on the Early History of Pottawattamie County,” the first part of which, published in the April ANNALS, was so well received, will be continued in the October number.

— WE have a short paper on "Old Soldiers," from a former contributor, F. Snyder, esq. (lately a resident of Iowa, but now living in Nodaway county, Missouri), which will appear in the next issue, but is crowded out of this.

— THE early settlers of Dubuque, at a late meeting, passed resolutions looking to the erection of a monument and the publication of memorial sketches of the lives of the late John King and William Carey Jones, the first editors, and Andrew Keesecker, the first compositor, of the *Dubuque Visitor*, which was the first newspaper published in Iowa, its initial number having been issued May 11th, 1836. At the same meeting a citizen of Dubuque offered to donate a suitable lot in Linwood Cemetery for the proposed monument.

— THE *Annual of the Iowa Agricultural College* for 1871 is a nice pamphlet of one hundred and twenty-five pages, well printed by Mills & Co., of Des Moines, and embellished with a good engraving of the main college building. The *Annual* contains the names of the professors, tutors, and officers of the college, and of the Board of Trustees, together with those of the two hundred and eighteen students, male and female, who were enrolled in its classes last year. It also gives a complete but concise history of the organization of the institution, the texts of the acts of congress making donations of lands for its support, the several laws of the general assembly of Iowa, touching its government or making appropriations of money to it, a complete exhibit of the funds received and how expended, and the full proceedings of its Board of Trustees, which look as if its managers were not ashamed of their doings, and is in direct and pleasing contrast with the dark-lantern ways of the regents of the State University, whose minutes never see the light of official publication. Any one who wants to know all about the Iowa Agricultural College, predestined to be the greatest educational institution of the state, for the reason that it was born of modern wants, and not modelled after the educational necessities of the middle ages, aims to promote and elevate the chiefest and best occupation of our people,— the tillage of the soil,—and does not attempt to impart knowledge which it has not and can not have the facilities for illustrating, should send to the secretary of the faculty, Charles E. Bessey, Ames, Story county, Iowa, for a copy of this pamphlet.

— WE have had it in mind for a long time to make a full and generous notice of that worthy and able educational periodical, the *Iowa School Journal*, but as the last number published has failed to reach our desk, we defer saying more at present than that the numbers we have examined give abundant evidence of hard work, watchful care, scholarship, and superior tact and talent on the part of its editorial managers, and that a practical Iowa school teacher has no more business to be without his *School Journal* than a minister in the pulpit would to be without his Bible.

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