

## The Historical Department at St. Louis

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Gregory, President of the Old Settlers Association. Some further exercises were held, consisting of music and remarks by different gentlemen present. Dr. Salter delivered a brief address containing interesting reminiscences of his life in Maquoketa, and of the circumstances connected with the death and burial of Col. Cox.

The idea of thus honoring the memory of this distinguished pioneer originated with Mr. Harvey Reid, of Maquoketa, whose indefatigable researches were rewarded by obtaining a complete historical account of the life and public services of Col. Cox, both in Illinois and Iowa. He was assisted in this work by Mr. J. W. Ellis, Secretary of the Jackson County Historical Society. This was a most important day in the history of that city and county, for a splendid beginning has been made in placing upon record the early history of that region. Mr. Reid intends to publish a pamphlet containing a full account of the life of Col. Cox, the removal of his remains and the dedication of the monument. He will also prepare an article for this magazine which will be illustrated with a portrait of the pioneer lawmaker.

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#### THE HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT AT ST. LOUIS.

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Suggestions came from many quarters that the Historical Department should make an exhibit at St. Louis. A concurrent resolution was passed by the legislature which authorized the Executive Council "to prepare for shipment to St. Louis such articles as they may decide to be suitable for an exhibit from the historical department of Iowa." Upon investigating the matter it was found that only a limited space could be secured for this purpose. The items enumerated below were therefore selected and forwarded by express under the immediate charge of Mr. Charles A. Cumming, a well known artist of Des Moines. Quarters for the exhibit had been secured in a fire-proof building in the care of W J McGee, the distinguished chief of the department of an-

thropology. Mr. Cumming superintended the hanging of the portraits and the arrangement of the books, manuscripts and maps. The exhibit attracted much attention and was safely guarded by Prof. McGee and the Iowa Commission, to all of whom much credit is due. The "Jury of History", made the following awards, which were confirmed by the "Superior Jury:"

To the State of Iowa, a grand prize for its exhibit of historical objects—a medal and diploma.

To Charles Aldrich, Curator of the Department, a collaborator's gold medal and diploma.

Also to the same a bronze medal and diploma for the exhibit of a ceremonial grooved axe.

To Charles A. Cumming, a collaborator's silver medal and diploma, awarded to him for his services "with the Iowa State Historical Exhibit."

The following is a list of the articles sent to the St. Louis Exposition by the Historical Department of Iowa:

#### OIL PORTRAITS..

*Governors of Iowa Territory.*—Robert Lucas, John Chambers, James Clark.

*Governors of the State of Iowa.*—Ansel Briggs, Stephen Hempstead, James W. Grimes, Ralph P. Lowe, Samuel J. Kirkwood, William M. Stone, Samuel Merrill, Cyrus C. Carpenter, Francis M. Drake, as Brig. Gen.

*Other Portraits.*—William B. Allison, Gen. G. M. Dodge, James Harlan, Samuel F. Miller, Charles Aldrich.

#### PUBLICATIONS OF THE HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT OF IOWA.

Annals of Iowa, 3d series, 5 volumes, bound in three-quarters red levant, 1893-1903.

Six Biennial Reports of the Historical Department of Iowa, bound in one volume, 1893-1903.

Iowa Territorial Laws, 1838-39, 1839-40, 2 volumes, republished.

Richman, Irving B. "John Brown among the Quakers and Other Sketches."

First Census of the Original Counties of Dubuque and Des Moines, 1836, 2 pamphlets.

Shambaugh, Benjamin F. "History of the Constitutions of Iowa." 1902.

Legislative Journals, extra session, 1840, now first published.

#### IOWA BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS.

Journal of the Convention for the Formation of a Constitution for the State of Iowa, 1844.

Journal of the Convention for the Formation of a Constitution for the State of Iowa, 1846.

Journal of the Constitutional Convention of the State of Iowa, 1857. Larrabee, Governor William. Original manuscript, first inaugural address, 1836.

Tuttle, James M., Correspondence of, during the Civil War.

Letters of the Territorial Governors of Iowa, 2 volumes. The official copies.

Street, Gen. Joseph Montfort, illustrious friend of the Indians, correspondence of, 1806-1834.

Carpenter, Ex-Governor Cyrus C. Address at the unveiling of the Spirit Lake tablet at Webster City, also sketch of Maj. William Williams. The original manuscripts.

Clarke, William Penn, Reporter of the Supreme Court of Iowa, correspondence of, 3 volumes, 1844-1866.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPTS.

Crabbe, Rev. George, English Poet, Manuscript Sermon.

White, Rev. Gilbert, author of the "Natural History of Selbourne." Manuscript Sermon.

Forman, Maj. Samuel S. Original manuscript, "Narrative of a Journey Down the Ohio and Mississippi in 1798-90." By Lyman C. Draper of Wisconsin.

Aldrich, Thomas Bailey. Original manuscript, "Two Bites at a Cherry."

Audubon, John James. Original manuscript, "Habits of the Wild Turkey."

Cleveland, Grover. Original manuscript (17 pages) speech before the New York Charities Aid Association, 1891.

#### FOURTEEN EARLY MAPS AND MAPS INCLUDING IOWA.

Extrait d'un globe terrestre le Pere Le Grand de Dijon 1720 (Said to be earliest map including what is now Iowa.)

Facsimile of an autograph map of the Mississippi or Conception river drawn by Father Marquette at the time of his voyage.

Map of part of Wisconsin territory, compiled from Tanner's map, 1836.

Map of Wisconsin territory. Published by Henry J. Abel, 1838.

Sectional map of the Black Hawk Purchase, with a part of Illinois and Wisconsin, by L. Judson, 1838.

Map of Iowa published by J. H. Colton, 1839.

Hydrographical basin of the Upper Mississippi river from surveys and information by J. N. Nicolle, 1836-40. Reduced and compiled in 1843. Galland's map of Iowa. Compiled from the latest authorities, by Dr. I. Galland, 1840.

Map of the surveyed part of Iowa Territory, exhibiting the location of Iowa City, the seat of government as established by the Commissioners, 4th of May, 1839. Published by John Plumble.

Map of the western part of the U. S., shows Fort Des Moines, in Iowa.

New map of Iowa accompanied with notes by W. Barrows. Cincinnati, 1845.

Map of Iowa by L. Matzinger, 1850.

#### AN IOWA STONE AXE.

This axe was found near Columbus Junction, Louisa county, Iowa. Its weight is 31¾ pounds.

No effort was spared by the Executive Council of Iowa, in providing for the selection and safe shipment to and from St. Louis of the articles above enumerated. Every item was returned in as good condition as when it left the Historical Building.

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