

The Rending of Virginia, a History

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is still living in Webster City, Iowa, though he is a stricken invalid, whose recovery from a painful disease is doubtless out of the question." In addition to his newspaper work he served his county two terms in the Iowa House of Representatives, where he was the author of a bill foreshadowing the later enactment providing for the present board of control of State institutions. Messrs. Junkin and Parrott are dead. Mr. Junkin resided for quite fifty years in Fairfield, where he was one of the founders of *The Ledger* of that city, and one of the most efficient promoters of its public library. Mr. Parrott, in addition to founding *The Waterloo Reporter*, was a conspicuous and highly useful man in public life. He served two terms as State Binder, a four years' term in the Senate, and as Lieutenant Governor, narrowly missing a nomination for the Governorship of the State.

These are excellent portraits of pioneer Iowans who were well known and influential in their several fields of usefulness.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The Rending of Virginia, A History, by Granville Davisson Hall. Glencoe, Ill., 1902, pp. 622.

This is a thorough representation and elucidation of one of the most unique and important events in American history, the organization of the State of West Virginia and its separation from the original State of Virginia. The time was critical. Making West Virginia free was of the same momentous consequences as making Kansas free. The preservation of the Union depended upon both. They were the beginning of the end of slavery. The author, a native of West Virginia, bore a strenuous part in the work. He gives a full and accurate history of the acts and proceedings by which, when the "Old Dominion" lapsed from the Union, another star arose in our national firmament. Speaking of Virginia under the slave regime, he says: "The breeding of negroes was more lucrative than breeding of cattle, or raising tobacco, and not so exhaustive of the soil. There was a good deal of cross-breeding, and a large percentage of the human stock shipped to the Gulf States bore the best blood of the F. F. V." p. 49.

Poccalito, A Tale of Telegraph Hill, by Eugenie Kellogg. San Francisco, Cal., 1903, pp. 130.

The story of a little Italian child, whose father got his living upon the fishing-grounds about the City of the Golden Gate, is here told in an inter-

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