

## Beginning of Official Register

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Fifty-second regiments of Iowa Volunteers, Spanish-American War, were mustered into the United States service with only sixty-five enlisted men per company. On the second call for volunteers the companies were ordered to be filled up to the maximum strength of one hundred men to a company.

"Sergeant Glenn Haynes, now Colonel Haynes, came to Bloomfield and enlisted the following named persons:

"John E. Black, Oliver W. Boatman, Charles H. Chaffee, Alva Caswell, John M. Games, Edmond W. Greenleaf, Orlando Hummell, Jesse Kennedy, Charles D. Lane, Ira M. Prevo, T. Foster Paris, Albert D. Penny, Elijah K. Pirtle, George H. Sax, Cyrus Turner and Henry Warrington. Most of the above were members of the company."

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Charles Aldrich, curator of the Historical Department, has unearthed a small pamphlet of but a few pages in paper cover printed in 1881, when Captain J. A. T. Hull was secretary of state, which gives a list of all the officers of the state and some other information. The pages are about three by three and a half inches. Mr. Aldrich believes it was the forerunner of the Official Register. The first Official Register was published in 1886. While Mr. Aldrich was clerk of the House many years ago when the state was young, he offered to gather the material without compensation if the legislature would appropriate a sum sufficient to print an official register. The legislature refused and the appropriation was never secured until 1886. Now the Official Register is recognized as one of the most valuable of state documents, and if it had been issued in that early day Mr. Aldrich believes would have preserved information now unobtainable almost. Four early volumes of the Official Register, those of 1880, 1887, 1888, and 1890 are now very rare and hard to obtain.—*Marshalltown Times-Republican*, November 1, 1906. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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