Letter of Lieut. Col. John Shane
souri." He has a very unmilitary cap, coat and shirt, with no vest, and a face unshaven; altogether, a loafer or rowdy-looking character. But he is said to have had a liberal education at Princeton, N. J., from which he turned aside to this irregular warfare against the Union. His portrait is surrounded by a highly respectable group of Union men, Gen. Dodge, Gen. Tuttle and Gen. Herron, with the portraits of the late Col. Dewey, of Maj. Love, of Lieut-Col. Small and others, enough to keep good watch and ward over the rebel Chief.—Editor.]
old. It is in good English type, well bound, in two large folio volumes; and is one of the richest trophies of the war.—Editor.]

LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA., March 15, 1863.

Hon. S. J. Kirkwood:

Dear Sir,—I send you, by Major Wilson, for the State Historical Society, “a copy of Domat’s Civil Law,” not only a very rare, but a very valuable work. And, what adds very much to its value as a curiosity, it is one hundred and forty [one] years old; and was found by me, amongst the ruins of the deserted and abandoned library of Gen. Edward Sparrow of Louisiana, who is now a member of the rebel Confederate Senate. Please present the books to the State Historical Society; and, with them, my best wishes for its success.

I remain very respectfully yours,

JOHN SHANE,
Lieut. Col. Commanding the 13th Iowa Infantry.

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LETTER OF THOS. J. JONES, CHIEF ENGINEER, U. S. N.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 17, 1863.

To the President of the State Historical Society of Iowa:

Sir:—You will be pleased to accept, for the State Historical Society of Iowa, some curiosities I gathered on the coast of Africa from the natives, during a cruise in the U. S. S. Sumter.

To Hon. Charles Mason of Burlington, I am indebted for the knowledge of your Institution. And should what I have sent by Express be of any value, please acknowledge the same to him, since he is my regular correspondent. Mean while, should you desire a collection I may make, in my future journeyings and travels, he will inform me; and I shall ever be pleased to gather what I can for your State.

Being, as I am a citizen of Iowa, with my father interred on the banks of the beautiful Des Moines, I have more than an interest in Iowa, while I remember, with pride, the third dwelling erected in your city; and I now recall, with pleasure, my associations
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