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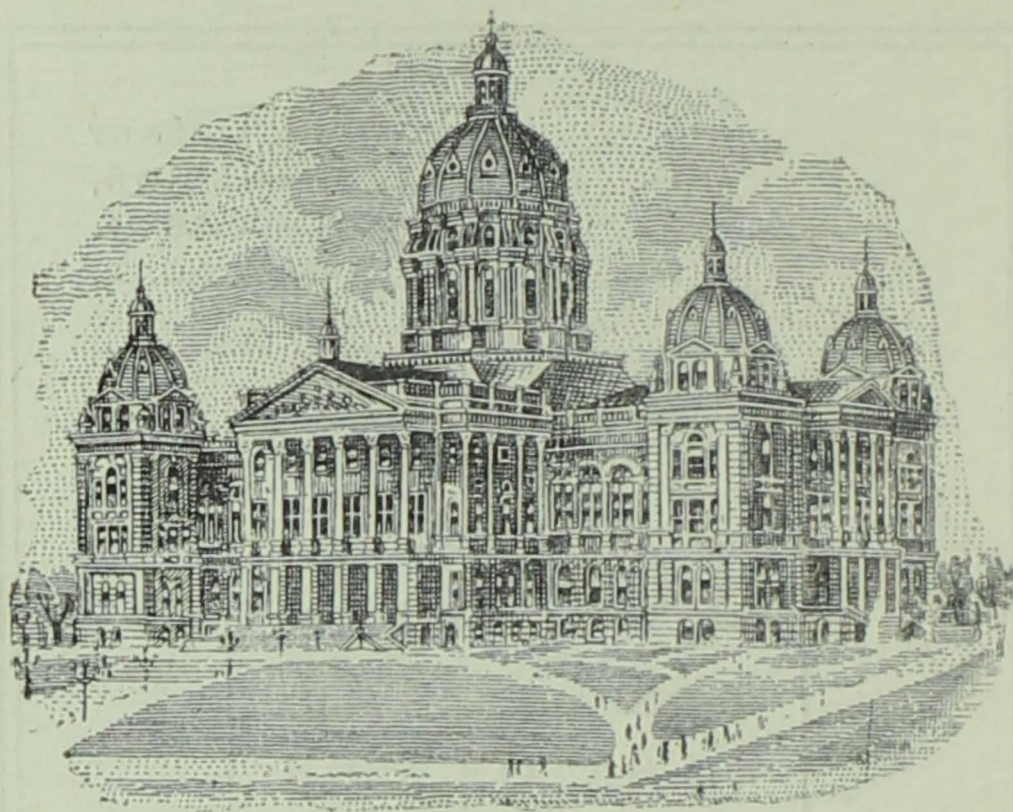


A FEW BOOKS
ABOUT IOWA



"THE AFFECTIONS OF
HER PEOPLE, LIKE
THE RIVERS OF HER
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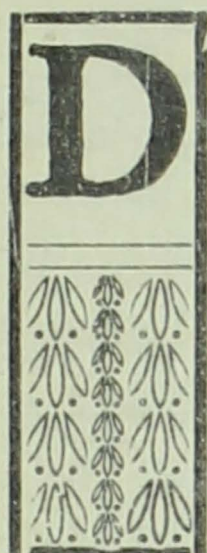
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DECEMBER 28, 1846, is an eventful date in Iowa history, for on that date an act of Congress was passed admitting Iowa to the Union. Her citizens may well rejoice in the wonderful progress that has been made since her modest entrance into the sisterhood of states, and it is fitting that the anniversary should not pass unnoticed.

Inasmuch as the public library stands for good citizenship and intelligent patriotism, books regarding our state and its government should have a place on the shelves of all our free libraries. A few representative books about the state can easily be brought to the attention of the people at this time. The librarians can attract the attention of library visitors, particularly the young people, to Iowa literature by means of picture bulletins, comprising views of state buildings, portraits of Iowa men prominent in the state and nation, and pictures of historic places and buildings. These should invariably be accompanied by lists of books and magazine articles on Iowa, or by Iowa authors; or, better still, the books themselves should be placed near the bulletin for convenient use.

Librarians are urged to make use of state documents. These should be carefully ex-

amined on their receipt to see what the contents are and how the books may be made useful to students and patrons of the library. Most of the state publications are valuable and worthy of careful preservation, and some of those issued in numbers, which come unbound, should be preserved and bound; *e. g.*, the quarterly numbers of the Annals of Iowa are rich in material regarding the early history of our state and the bound volumes will be a valuable possession to any library as the years pass, the earlier volumes being already out of print. The same is true of the Iowa Historical Record, which has recently been discontinued. The reports of the Iowa Geological Survey, in volumes, are a valuable addition to the reference collection, and those issued in numbers by counties can be secured, as far as issued for the particular county in which you are interested. The publication of Iowa Documents (bound in sheep), which contain the reports from very nearly all the state departments, makes it unnecessary to attempt to collect the reports of the various departments bound separately. The Iowa Documents are to be obtained of the Secretary of State and every library in the State is entitled to these. The reports of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Horticulture and the Iowa Geological Survey are not included in these and should be obtained directly from those departments.

The publications of the State Historical

Society of Iowa City are sent to members of the society and any library in the state may be enrolled as a member upon application and the payment of an annual fee of \$1.00.

The Iowa Journal of History and Politics, published quarterly, will be sent free to all members. Address the Secretary, State Historical Society, Iowa City.

Complete sets of the Iowa Historical Record, now discontinued, and other publications bearing on the early history of Iowa, may be obtained from the State Historical Society. The Messages and Proclamations of the Governors of Iowa, 4 vols., will be of especial interest.

Pictures of Iowa scenery may be obtained from the railroad companies which traverse the state. Illustrated pamphlets containing Iowa matter, may be obtained for postage by writing to the general passenger agents of the following railroads: Chicago & Northwestern; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and Illinois Central. These will be useful both for bulletins and in geographical work in the schools.

The origin of the name "Hawkeye State" may be made the subject of a picture bulletin, which will not only bring the state history to the attention of the boys and girls, but also give them an interesting chapter in Indian history relative to Black Hawk, the Indian chief. The Chicago and Northwestern Railway has issued an attractive little book entitled "The Indian and the Northwest" which will

be sent to any Iowa librarian who encloses five cents for postage. The frontispiece is a portrait of Black Hawk.

Suggestions regarding bulletins are given in Leaflet No. 4, on "Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events."

Young people should be taught to know the state and to love it, and if the tact and ingenuity of the librarian can, through picture bulletins, reading lists and personal talks, lead them to know more of its history and to have a pride in its men, its institutions, industries, products and scenery, the work spent upon these will not have been lost.

BOOKS ABOUT IOWA.

The following selected list of books about the state should be found on the shelves of all our libraries. No attempt has been made at an Iowa bibliography; our purpose is to call attention to the best and most available books that may be obtained at a reasonable price.

Adams, Ephraim. The Iowa band. Bost. Pilgrim Press, 1902. \$1.00.

Byers, Maj. S. H. M. Iowa in war times. Large 8vo. illust. Des Moines, 1888.

This book should be in every library in Iowa. A few copies can be obtained only of the author in Des Moines, at \$2.00 postpaid (reduced from \$3.75). This is a rare opportunity to secure the book as it can not be obtained of the trade.

- Chandler George.** Iowa and the Nation. Chic., Flanagan, 75c.
- Grinnell, J. B.** Men and events of forty years, 1850-1890. Bost. Lothrop. 1891. \$2.50.
- Guthridge, Walter.** Our state and Nation. Chic., Welch, 85c.
- James, J. A.** Constitution and admission of Iowa into the Union. (Johns Hopkins Univ. studies) 25c.
- Lathrop, H. W.** Life and times of Samuel J. Kirkwood, Iowa's war governor. Published by the author, Iowa City 1893. \$3.75.
- Macy, Jesse.** Iowa government textbook. Bost., Ginn, 40c.
- Institutional beginnings in a Western state. (Johns Hopkins Univ. studies) 25c.
- Magoun, G. F.** Asa Turner and his times. Bost., Cong. Pub. Co. 1889. \$1.75.
- Parker, L. F.** Higher education in Iowa. U. S. Bureau of Education. (Circular of Information, No. 6, 1893)
- Richman, I. B.** John Brown among the Quakers and other sketches.
Students of early Iowa history should be especially interested in this. It can be obtained only of the author, Hon. Irving B. Richman, Muscatine, Ia., at \$1.50 postpaid.
- Sabin, Henry & E. L.** Making of Iowa. Chic. Flanagan, \$1.00.

Salter, William, D. D. Life of James W. Grimes, governor of Iowa, 1854-1858. N. Y. Appleton, 1876. \$3.00.

Seerley, H. H. & Parish, L. W. History and civil government of Iowa. Chic. Werner Co., \$1.00.

Shambaugh, B. F. History of the constitutions of Iowa. 1902.

To be obtained of the curator of the Historical Department of Iowa, Mr. Charles Aldrich, Des Moines. Distributed free to the public libraries of the state. A nominal price of \$1.00 to others.

Weaver, S. M. Iowa: its constitution and laws. N. Y. Maynard, 40c.

STATE PUBLICATIONS are for free distributions to the public libraries of the state. Among those most useful are:

Annals of Iowa; ed. by Charles Aldrich, Curator of the Historical department of Iowa, Des Moines, and published quarterly.

Librarians should have at least a complete file of the 3d series, which is now in its 6th volume, and should have them bound.

Iowa Board of Control of State Institutions.

Bulletin published quarterly, now beginning 5th volume; also Biennial reports.

Iowa—Geological Survey. Annual reports 11 vols.

These are sent to the public libraries as issued. Vols. 10 and 11 can still be obtained free; the earlier volumes can be secured at nominal price, and the single numbers by counties can also be secured as far as issued.

Iowa Historical Record. 18 vols. bound in 6 vols.

To be obtained of the State Historical Society, Iowa City, for \$18.00.

Iowa—Department of Public Instruction.

Special day exercises; including Flag day, Arbor and Bird day, Memorial day, Thanksgiving day. 1901 and 1902.

———List of books for school district libraries of Iowa. 1900.

———Supplementary list of library books. 1902.

Iowa—Railroad Commissioners. Map of Iowa: counties, congressional districts and railroads. Mounted for wall use.

Iowa—State Library. Biennial reports.

These are sent free as issued to the libraries of the state. Those desiring to complete sets should write to the State Librarian.

Iowa—Department of State. Official register. Annual. Containing statistics, revised each year, regarding the state.

———Annotated code of Iowa. 1897.

Distributed by the secretary of state free to all public libraries of the state.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE IOWA LIBRARY COMMISSION.

Bulletin; published quarterly. Mailed free to all public libraries in the state, and upon request to persons interested in library extension.

Leaflets:—

- No. 1. "Shall a free public library be established." Contains text of free public library law and library commission law, and suggestions as to how to make a beginning.
- No. 2. Iowa day, and a few books about Iowa.
- No. 3. Periodicals: their value and use with information concerning the Periodical "clearing house."
- No. 4. Birthdays, anniversaries and events: how to observe them in the library.
- No. 5. Free Traveling Library of Iowa: its purpose and how books may be obtained.

Other leaflets on practical subjects will be issued from time to time.

100 Good books for Girls and boys. A few representative books, the list being merely suggestive in character.

Iowa Summer School for Library Training.
Announcement of course at State University, Iowa City.

Handbook of Library Organization and Management; ed. by the Minnesota State Library Commission. Issued in co-operation.

Suggestive List of Books for a Small Library;
ed. by the Wisconsin Free Library Commission. Issued in co-operation.

RECENT MAGAZINE ARTICLES.

Characteristics of Middle Western literature (J. Brigham). Review of R., Mch., 1899 (19: 329-33).

Charity Legislation in Iowa. Charities. July 5, 1902 (9:3)

Iowa and Tariff Reform. Nation, Aug. 7, 1902. (75:104)

Iowa to the Front. World's Work, March, 1902, (3:1809).

Iowans (R. L. Hartt). Atlantic, Aug. 1900. (86: 195-205.)

Literature of Iowa History. (J. Brigham). Iowa Journal of History and Politics. Jan. 1903, (V. 1: 92).

Political Lead of Iowa. (R. L. Hartt) World's Work. April 1902 (3: 1989-91).

Regeneration of Rural Iowa. (N. A. Weeks). Outlook, June 8, 1900 (65: 357-9).

Saloon in Iowa. Independent, Feb. 15, 1900 (52:405).

State Board of Control. Annals Amer. Acad. Sept., 1900 (16: 321-2). Charities, May 4, 1901 (6: 374). Charities, March 1 and May 3, 1902 (8: 207 and 397).

State Historical Collections (J. Brigham). Forum, Jan., 1900 (28: 561-3).

State University. Book Reviews, Jan., 1900 (8: 17); Sept. 1900 (8: 281); Jan. 1901 (9 22-23).

With Iowa Farmers (W. A. Wycoff). *Scribners*, May, 1901 (29: 525-36).

BOOKS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Garland, Hamlin. Boy life on the prairie.

——Main traveled roads.

——Prairie folks.

——Spoil of office.

——Member of the third house.

Harris F. B. Road to Ridgeby's.

A recent Iowa story.

Thanet, Octave, *pseud.* Stories of a Western town.

——Heart of toil.

——Missionary sheriff.

——Otto, the Knight, and others.

——Trans-Mississippi stories.

Wycoff, W. A. The workers: West