

## EDITORIAL

### ARIZONA HISTORICAL REVIEW IS WELL RECEIVED

The office of the State Historian is much pleased at the manner of the reception of the first number of the ARIZONA HISTORICAL REVIEW, which was mailed on April 1.

The press of the state was liberal in space given for announcements of the first appearance of the publication and generous in commending its excellence. Individuals, both by letter and orally, have given words of praise of the ARIZONA HISTORICAL REVIEW.

A few of the highly appreciated press comments are here given:

(From the Arizona Daily Star)

"For a long time Major Geo. H. Kelly, State Historian of Arizona, has been threatening to turn magazine editor, and now he has just turned out the first number of the 'Arizona Historical Review,' a quarterly published in Phoenix. The April issue is a credit to the state where it is published, and to the fearless democrat who edits the magazine. It is illustrated with a number of photographs. What is desired are stories telling of the establishment and progress of all the enterprises and creditable features of the state, according to Major Kelly. Arizona has long needed a periodical publication devoted exclusively to historical subjects. Major Kelly's new magazine fills the need admirably. All of us wish the new Review and its genial editor a long and happy life."

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(From the Arizona Gazette)

"The first copies of the new ARIZONA HISTORICAL REVIEW, to be issued quarterly by the Arizona State Historian's office, were being mailed out today (March 27). Nearly 200 copies have been mailed to paid-in-advance subscribers, and State Historian Geo. H. Kelly stated that arrangements were being made to have the new publication placed on sale at leading news-stands and book-tsores throughout the state. The first issue contains 110 pages replete with vivid and interesting glimpses into the historical past of early Arizona, along

with a number of illustrations. The Review is bound in magazine form; is prefaced by an article by its editor and publisher, Major Kelly, explaining the purpose of the publication, its aims and objectives.

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(From the Phoenix Messenger)

"The first number of the ARIZONA HISTORICAL REVIEW, a quarterly historical magazine, has been received by the Messenger. The first issue contains 107 pages, filled with interesting stories telling of the earliest days of this country, including the various expeditions of the Spanish Conquistadores four hundred years ago, the coming of the Kearney Military Command, which established United States authority in New Mexico and California. Another article tells of the efforts which finally resulted in cutting Arizona away from New Mexico and converting it into a territory. The late Hon. Edward D. Tuttle writes an interesting story about conditions and incidents which featured the First Arizona Territorial Legislature, which was held at Prescott, the first territorial capital, in 1864. Several other interesting stories are in this first issue."

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(From the Douglas Dispatch)

"There has come to hand Volume 1, Number 1, of the ARIZONA HISTORICAL REVIEW, a quarterly publication which has just been launched by Maj. George H. Kelly, Arizona State Historian.

"From both a literary and typographical standpoint, the publication shows evidence of a new venture well worth while.

"As a text book on the romantic history of the state, which entertains as well as instructs, Major Kelly is to be congratulated on the success that has attended his initial effort.

"The HISTORICAL REVIEW is opened by a clear-cut and concise recital of the high spots in the state's history, prepared by Major Kelly.

"It seems that the Historical Review has a place in every public school in the state, as supplemental reading to text book studies of the history of the state.

"Major Kelly has set himself a high standard to maintain in subsequent numbers of the Review, but judging

from the first number, the historical fount of Arizona is capable of pouring out a rich stream of interesting and instructive facts with no danger of a drouth intervening.

"The high character of the articles contributed show that Major Kelly, in conceiving the quarterly Review, fills a long felt want of the patriotic citizens of the state, who may say with the poet:

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said,  
This is my own, my native land'."

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(From the Coconino Sun)

"The first edition of the ARIZONA HISTORICAL REVIEW, published by Major Geo. H. Kelly, state historian, has been sent out from his office. The HISTORICAL REVIEW will be published quarterly. The first edition is good and we believe it will grow in value as a historical record very rapidly as it is brought to the attention of the pioneers of the state."

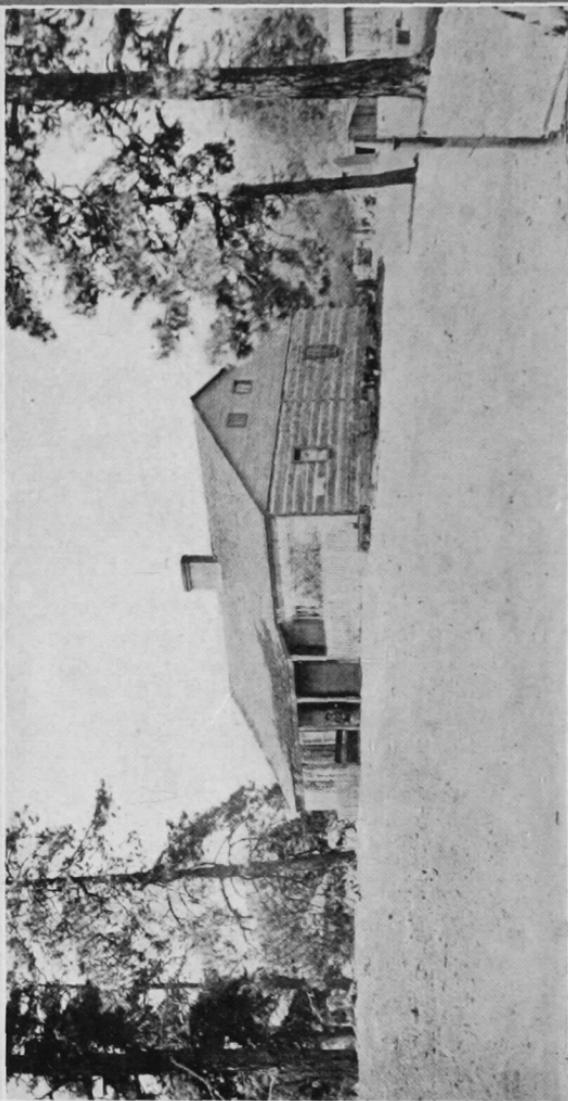
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The article in this issue, entitled "Geronimo," was written by John P. Clum and appeared in the New Mexico Historical Review on January 1, this year. It is reproduced in this publication by consent of Mr. Clum, a man who is quite capable to recount Indian history in Arizona and who has made a study of the character of Geronimo, for years leader of a desperate band of renegade Apaches. Another and continuing story of "Geronimo" by Mr. Clum will appear in the October number of the Arizona Historical Review.

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Hon. W. H. Stillwell, 79 years old, died in the St. Joseph hospital, Phoenix, on Tuesday, May 8th. Judge Stillwell was an honored pioneer of Arizona, having resided in the territory and state 47 years. He was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, in 1849. He arrived in Arizona in 1881, as an appointee of President Hayes, to the position of associate Justice of the Supreme Court. In that year he organized the district courts in Graham and Cochise counties, they both having been created by the territorial legislature that year. After his term on the bench, Judge Stillwell, 35 years ago, removed to Phoenix and began the practice of law, which he continued to the end of his life. Both as judge and lawyer

he was successful. At all times he devoted his energies to the growth, development and welfare of Arizona, and his death brought regret from a large acquaintance throughout Arizona. During the Spanish-American war he offered his service to his country and was commissioned a major in one of the Arizona regiments.



OLD GOVERNORS' MANSION, PRESCOTT

## THE OLD GOVERNOR'S MANSION

The "Old Governor's Mansion," at Prescott, is being brought into service again, by no less a personage than Miss Sharlot M. Hall, well known historian and writer of poetry, descriptive of Arizona habits and scenery.

Miss Hall, having recently come into possession of this historic building, is now engaged in clearing away the accumulation of dirt, lodged there during many years of desertion. Writing to the State Historian, recently, Miss Hall, during a breathing space from her scrubbing activities, said: "I am working on this old house to make it habitable again—and that is a job which makes me glad that I can use a broom, shovel, hoe, wheelbarrow and mop; the dirt here undoubtedly dates back to 1864 and I doubt if it has ever been cleaned out in all the years since the first governor moved in."

Isn't that splendid! This old mansion was built to house Governor John N. Goodwin, the first executive of the Territory of Arizona, after the territorial capital had been located there at Prescott, with the beginning of that frontier town. In this mansion Governor Goodwin entertained the members of the first territorial legislature and met with committees having under consideration more important matters of legislation.

Miss Hall is filled with enthusiasm over the possession of her new home and we understand it to be her intention to feature it with everything possible which will be typical of Arizona, her beloved state. Here she will have her already important Arizona historical library and within and on its walls will be displayed articles to remind those who view them of all ages in this country—pre-historic, ancient and modern; sands of the Painted Desert, specimens from the Petrified Forest; relics from the Hopi and Moqui pueblo Indian villages; specimens of desert growth, animal and vegetation.

No one is more capable of selecting adornments typical of Arizona than Miss Hall, and when she has the Old Governor's Mansion furnished to her liking it will be something worth while as a keepsake of this state.

Readers of the HISTORICAL REVIEW will be interested to know that Miss Hall has promised a manuscript, dealing with the "Old Mansion," for future use in its pages, also a manuscript telling of some of the pioneer women of Arizona.

## PIONEER REUNION

The 1928 reunion was held in Phoenix on April 17-18, and scored a record attendance of Arizona Pioneers. This annual reunion of those who have resided in Arizona for thirty-five years, is sponsored by the Arizona Republican, that paper paying all the expenses for badges, barbecue, etc. Two bands donated their services in providing music, and several hundred automobile owners in Phoenix this year turned out to carry the pioneers from the Republican office to Riverside Park, where there was a program including singing, music and speaking.

The speakers included Governor Geo. W. P. Hunt; President Chas. M. Clark, of the reunion association; Uncle John M. Orme, ex-president of the association; Miss Sharlot M. Hall, Arizona historian and poet, and Mrs. George Kitt, secretary of the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society, of Tucson. All the speakers were introduced by Dwight B. Heard, head of the Republican organization, who presided.

Governor Hunt spoke of the pioneer spirit, which he commended in the highest terms; "A spirit," he declared, "that made it possible for later-comers to enjoy homes and prosperity in Arizona," and a spirit, which could be depended on to fight for the rights of Arizona now, in what he declared as the greatest crisis that ever confronted Arizona, meaning the present controversy over the development of the Colorado river. He extended a cordial welcome of the pioneers in Phoenix, as governor of the state, and expressed the hope that they might all be spared for a long time to continue to enjoy life in the state where they had done much to plant civilization, industry and prosperity.

Miss Hall spoke of the pioneer women of the state, and painted a vivid picture of the hardships which were encountered and overcome by early-comers, who assisted their fathers, brothers and husbands in protecting the home and winning a livelihood in the new country. Miss Hall is a pleasing speaker, with the faculty of reciting facts and firing them with graceful eloquence. She told about having acquired the old governor's mansion, in Prescott, and of her intention and efforts to

make of it a comfortable home, where she will preserve the historical feature and add as many more as possible by collecting Arizona relics.

Chas. M. Clark, president of the reunion association, was most earnest in his welcoming words for the pioneer. He spoke in behalf of the Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society, with headquarters and origin in Tucson, saying that this society was entitled to a more liberal support by the state, and urging each pioneer to make it his duty to impress this righteous need on every member of the legislature which will be convened next winter.

Mrs. Kitt spoke words of welcome for the pioneers, and acquitted herself well in relating many historical incidents and in recounting the hardships endured by the Arizona pioneer women. Mrs. Kitt, as secretary of the Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society, has, during the past two years, done much to revive and stimulate interest in that society. She is continually urging pioneers to write an account of their experiences and about interesting incidents in the early days, of which they have knowledge.

After the speaking program, the hundreds of pioneers present were led to the barbecue tables where great quantities of well cooked beef, frijole beans, pickles, bread and coffee awaited the assault, which was vigorous and hearty, bringing most satisfying results.

Then the crowd began to gather at the park dancing pavilion, where several hours were devoted to old-time square dances—Virginia Reels—to the music, too, of old times, being by an expert "hoe-down" fiddler.

On Thursday the business session was held, in the Columbia Theater, Chas. M. Clark and other officers being re-elected. In the evening the festivities of the reunion were concluded with a grand ball at the Armory, on Jefferson Street. On this occasion some of the old-timers proved that besides being good at "heel-and-toe" dancing, they were graceful in gliding over the floor in the more modern dances.

**BIOGRAPHIES WANTED**

The Arizona State Historian is very anxious to have biographical sketches of members of the State Constitutional Convention, held in 1910, along with similar sketches of other prominent men and women of the state and the territory prior to statehood. The State Historian is giving considerable attention to this matter in order to preserve for future years the history of the state. It is suggested that you send to the Arizona State Historian, at Phoenix, the necessary data concerning these characters indicated above, living or dead, so this matter can be properly attended to before it is lost. The state owes this much to the men who have done so much to make this country what it is; we also owe this much to the state and the future generations of Arizona. These men are fast passing away and if we are to preserve stories of their activity in Arizona, no time should be lost in securing the necessary data. The State Historian has several biographical volumes of citizens of Arizona, but there are a great many worthy men and women whose names do not appear in either "Biographical," published in 1900; "Who's Who In Arizona," published in 1913; or in the McClintock History, published in 1916.