

The first organized counties were Dubuque and Des Moines, which embraced the entire State, then a part of Michigan territory.

The first church was built at Dubuque in 1834. There are now in the state, 4,427, valued at \$14,987,694.

The first school house was built at Dubuque in 1833. There are now 13,613, valued at \$15,645,543.

The first newspaper was issued at Dubuque, May 11, 1836. There are now 915 in the State.

The first post office was established in 1833 at Dubuque.

The first white male child born in the State was John H. Ludlow, where Muscatine now is, September 30, 1831.

The first white female child born in the State was Eleanor Garland, at Ft. Madison, in 1830. Her father was an army surgeon.

The first railroad was laid at Davenport, in May, 1854, and the first locomotive entered Iowa there, in that month.

The first locomotive crossed the State to the Missouri river at Council Bluffs in February, 1867.

The first locomotive that reached Des Moines was the "Marion, No. 11," August 28, 1866, on the Des Moines Valley road.

The first woman to be given a seat on the floor of the House of Representatives by a vote of that body, was Mrs. L. F. Andrews, as a press reporter, in 1866.

IOWA CREDIT.—A few years since, the State of Iowa, which by its Constitution cannot at any time borrow or owe over \$100,000, was in want of a sum of \$60,000, which was endeavored to be raised in Wall Street, the State offering to redeem the loan in ten years and pay eight per cent. per annum interest. The loan was effected without limitation of time, in Philadelphia, at eight and ten per cent. per annum, payable half yearly. The State would now be glad to pay it off, but cannot without giving twenty per cent. premium.—*New York Evening Post, Jan. 18, 1851.*

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