

stream, to the end that the same may be more cheaply improved as a motive power for machinery.⁹⁶

By the end of the month the Senate had concurred.⁹⁷ It was not until 1870 however, that Senator Harlan asked for approval of the above memorial in the United States Senate.⁹⁸ By Feb. 1, 1870, the memorial became law and the Act of 1846 which declared the Des Moines River a public highway was repealed.⁹⁹ The approach of railroads, the improvement of roads, and the demand for the steamers on the lower Mississippi during the Civil War made business unprofitable at best. One of the obituaries, years later ran thusly:

This act, of all congressional grants of lands, was one of the best calculated to be of general benefit. The management and history of the grant have made it perhaps the most ineffective and the most injurious of all. Instead of bettering the navigation of the river, the grant was so administered as actually to destroy it.¹⁰⁰

Hopes which had been raised so high just a few years before now had to turn from the river to new avenues of transportation. Where once the man looked down the river for a tell-tale wisp of smoke that signaled the arrival of a steamboat, now he looked down the right-of-way, or consulted the rail schedules in the newspaper.

⁹⁶ *Journal of the House of Representatives of the Eleventh General Assembly of the State of Iowa* (Des Moines: F. W. Palmer, State Printer, 1866), p. 88; and *Acts and Resolutions Passed at the Regular Session of the Eleventh General Assembly of the State of Iowa* (Des Moines: F. W. Palmar, State Printer, 1866), pp. 182-183.

⁹⁷ *Journal of the Senate of the Eleventh General Assembly of the State of Iowa* (Des Moines: F. W. Palmar, State Printer, 1866); p. 163.

⁹⁸ *The Congressional Globe*, 2nd Session, 41st Cong., Vol. XLII, No. 1, p. 411.

⁹⁹ *Appendix to the Congressional Globe*, p. 634.

¹⁰⁰ Fleming, pp. 73-74.

BOOK REVIEWS

The 1966 Johnson volume of the *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States* is now on sale through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. This volume, which contains

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A very good, complete *History of the Second Seminole War* has recently been published by the University of Florida Press, 15 N.W. 15th Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601. The book by John K. Mahon, professor and Chairman of the Department of History at the University of Florida, not only delves into the history of the war which began in 1835 and continued until 1842, but also gives a good review of the origins of the Seminoles and the First Seminole War.

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The Peace Prophets — American Pacifist Thought, 1919-1941, by John K. Nelson, has recently been released by the University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill. This book is one of the James Sprunt Studies in History and Political Science. The book "describes the pacifist response to immediate concerns and circumstances as reflected in the periodical literature of the period."

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