

During this period of time Ruth and I have been blessed with four children. Two boys and two girls. We have three that are in school who are making good; next fall the fourth one will start to school. He is five years old, now, a namesake of Mr. Harlan, Edgar Harlan Poweshiek.

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## DIVORCES

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The last legislature in one act divorced some twenty people, while this (at least the House of Representatives) was declared by a majority of about one half that the legislature does not possess the power, and by a unanimous vote decided that it was inexpedient to legislate upon the subject, which we think a legal, righteous, and expedient conclusion. For in this new country our legislature can untie more knots in one session than all the priests can tie during the recess. Let this matter go to the courts where it more properly belongs.—*Bloomington* (Muscatine) *Herald*, Bloomington, Iowa, January 12, 1844. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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