

Every few days (says the *Journal of Commerce*) companies of Mormons, varying from two to seven hundred persons, are noticed as landing at some of the Atlantic ports, and proceeding westward. It seems that Iowa City has been selected by the leaders of the church as the place of rendezvous for some 5,000 of their adherents, previous to their finally starting for Utah in July or August. They are principally recruited from England and Scotland. The company which arrived in New York some months ago are temporarily lodged in the railroad buildings in Iowa City, and an encampment of tents has been formed about two miles from the town.

The *Daily Muscatine Journal* of June 6, 1856, contains this item:

Mormon Emigration.—On Monday afternoon seven car loads of Mormons arrived in this city, enroute for Deseret, Salt Lake. They proceeded to the camp about two miles west of the city where nearly a thousand have been encamped for weeks.—*Iowa City Republican*, 4th.

In its issue of June 20, 1856, the *Muscatine Journal* gives a clipping from another of its Iowa City exchanges as follows:

Mormons En Route.—Seven car loads of Mormons reached the city today and passed on up to camp—a hard looking set, sweltering in black clothes beneath a sultry sun, and moving on westward like so many mourners for the loss of common sense.—*Iowa City Capital Reporter*.

A QUICK TRIP TO DES MOINES

We made the trip to Des Moines, by rail to Eddyville, thence by stage, attended the State Convention all one day, and returned in just two days and ten hours, of course riding two nights in succession. This was quick and would have been pleasant but for the heat and dust. It is a magnificent country between here and Des Moines rendered peculiarly attractive just now by the most magnificent crop of every production the eye ever rested upon.—*The Ottumwa Courier*, August 7, 1861. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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