

ing members of that old Fourth District which at one time included very nearly the western half of the state.

The twenty-one judicial districts now in the state utilize seventy judges in conducting their courts. Two counties in the state each comprise a whole judicial district.

Polk County with its six judges constitutes the Ninth Judicial District.

Lee County with its two judges is alone designated as the First Judicial District.

Lee County has two county seats, one at Keokuk and one at Ft. Madison. In the past it has been the custom to elect one judge from the northern half of the county and he generally has been a resident of Ft. Madison. On the other hand one judge has always been a resident of Keokuk in the south half of the county. This has been changed and both judges now reside in Keokuk.

Pottawattamic County is the other county in the state with two county seats, one at Council Bluffs and one at Avoca.

DES MOINES AGAIN NAVIGABLE

The steamer, Colonel Morgan, which has been permanently anchored at our wharf since last spring, was released from imprisonment yesterday morning, and took a trip down stream. Quite a number of passengers were aboard luxuriating in the prospect of a river excursion. A steamboat navigating the Des Moines in midwinter is an anomalous feature in Iowa.—*The Iowa Citizen*, Des Moines, February 6, 1858. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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