

This article is prepared with the hope and desire that its statements may be published in THE ANNALS OF IOWA in simple justice to our old brigade commander, Col. W. T. Shaw, who merited far more than he ever received from the state, or the nation.

NOTE—Perhaps this paper should have been submitted to Col. Shaw in advance. However, I am so sure of its truth, in substance and in fact, that I send it forward at once. If any corrections are necessary, I hope Col. Shaw while he yet lives, will make them over his own signature.

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A WHIG PRESS, under the supervision of Mr. L. P. Sherman, has arrived in our town and will soon be ready to issue. We wish its adventurous proprietor success in everything but the extension of his political sentiments. The establishment of another press, and that a Whig one, in a region so new and so Democratic as this, speaks volumes in favor of the destiny that awaits our town and county. The press is the pioneer and the herald of improvement; and although we differ materially from our new neighbor, yet we hail his advent as evidence that Fort Des Moines is attracting that attention abroad which the importance of its situation demands. When we see his paper we will hold a talk with him.—*The Fort Des Moines Star*, Dec. 28, 1849.

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THIS COUNTY is now receiving a large emigration from the East. Almost every boat brings us more or less of those who seek a home in the West. The advantages of this portion of Iowa are beginning to be duly appreciated. Our beautiful timber, our immense water power, our healthy climate, our rich and varied soil, are attracting the attention of the emigrant, and as a consequence the country is rapidly settling up. The emigration to California, though very large, will be more than supplied by industrious and enterprising families from the old States.—*Western Democrat*, Andrew, Iowa, April 26, 1850.

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