

service. There was probably a lack of prudent caution in early railroad legislation. The people gave subsidies and lands without price and without conditions. They paid for those lands in buying them back at the highest prices they would bear. Community wants no quarrel—only a recognition of mutual rights. What is called the railroad problem is a difficult one. It will require a wise brain and a skillful genius to solve it.

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FREMONT COUNTY, located in the southwest corner of the State, being bounded on the west by the Missouri river and on the south by the State line, is one of the best counties in the State. Its soil is unsurpassed for richness. It is well watered by the Nishnabotona and branches, and by several small branches running into the Missouri, while numerous large and beautiful springs flow from the Missouri bluffs. It contains a population of 1,250 souls. The southern portion of the county has been settled for about ten years, and contains many highly cultivated and extensive farms. The prairies are less extensive than in many of our eastern counties, while the timber is likewise more equally distributed. In the southern portion of the county the population is made up of emigrants from Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, and Missouri, together with a small settlement of French. On the Missouri bottom, in the western portion of the county, is the "Civil Bend" settlement, composed of between twenty and thirty families from the eastern states. In the northern portion of the county there are several small Mormon settlements. The county was organized during the past summer, and the coming legislature will undoubtedly provide for the location of its county seat.—*The Western Democrat, Andrew, Iowa, November 6, 1850.*

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