

while he occupied the chair now occupied by us, we now launch our bark upon the sea of public opinion.

It may be noted at this point that both Dawson and Ford were practicing attorneys, as we learn from advertisements in this issue, both giving as the address of their law offices, Sidney, Iowa. A. W. Babbitt, who had established the *Kanesville Bugle* the preceding year, is also listed in the same column as "Attorney & Counsellor at Law, and Solicitor in Chancery," with office at Kanesville.

The 40th issue came out with the name of A. C. Ford as editor and publisher in the masthead, M. H. Hathaway carrying over as printer. Ford continued in the editorial chair through No. 13 of the fifth volume, this issue being dated May 12, 1853. This is the last issue located and, to judge by other circumstances, it is probable the *Frontier Guardian and Iowa Sentinel* suspended at just about this time.

NO RAIN IN IOWA

We have hardly had what may be called a rainstom in central Iowa for the past six months. There was a shower or two after harvest last summer, and hardly a sprinkle since. But for the snow that has fallen freely at intervals this winter, the roads would be dry and dusty as in midsummer. Three-fourths of the wells and cisterns have been dry for weeks, and great inconvenience is experienced in obtaining a supply of water. We have enjoyed a great deal of clear, beautiful weather this winter; more sunshine than is usually enjoyed in a half dozen winters in the middle and eastern states. During the past month the weather has been quite warm most of the time, carrying off the snow and preventing the enjoyment of our accustomed sleigh rides. The dry weather has extended over a large portion of the state.—*Daily Iowa State Register*, Des Moines, February 14, 1860. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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