

sides of the Mississippi, he reports the occurrence of bituminous coal deposits.

The same year Albert Lea investigated for the Federal government the resources of the Black Hawk Purchase,\* comprising the present eastern Iowa, and noted the occurrence of coal in many places. In the Des Moines valley he records large coal deposits existing between the mouth of that river and the Raccoon forks.\*

\*Notes on Wisconsin Terr., particularly with Reference to Iowa Dist. or Black Hawk Purchase, 53 pp., Philadelphia, 1836.

\*Ibid., p. 25.

## STEAM FERRY

FROM

### FORT MADISON TO APANOOSE.

The undersigned have recently purchased of Mr. Edward White, the above ferrying privilege and Boat, the latter of which during the last fall has underwent a thorough repair being almost entirely constructed; the engine has been so altered as to very much increase her speed, in short the whole has been rendered much more safe and expeditious than it formerly was.

This ferry is the nearest and on almost the entire accessible route to Ft. Madison or the Des Moines country, this being the only point in the south part of the Territory free from inundation. The public need not fear double charges as is the case at other places as we have but one price which is fixed by law and we are determined that the public shall not be disappointed with the want of exertion on our part. The Boat will remain at each landing only 15 minutes going and returning.

#### BILL OF FARE.

For each wagon and two horses or oxen including the persons and baggage actually belonging the same.....	\$1.00
Each additional pair of horses or oxen.....	.25
Each wagon or cart and one horse including the persons and baggage actually belonging to the same.....	.75
Each man and horse.....	.37½
Each loose or led horse.....	.25
Each footman.....	.12½
Each head of loose cattle.....	.12½
Each head of sheep, hogs, etc.....	.06¼

McCARVER, WHITE & DOOLITTLE

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