is that of reporter, a daily explorer in the jungles of an active civilization, a knight errant ever seeking new adventures and evaluating the activities of life, ever seeking and often finding the hidden gems of information, a volunteer liaison man between the few who do things and many who want to know about everything. Would that I had been a better reporter.

MISSISSIPPI NAVIGATION IN 1844

The Mississippi usually rises at this season of the year, but it is now quite low and reported to be falling. So, navigation will not in all probability be improved this season, which will be very unfortunate for the towns above the lower rapids, inasmuch as the boats on the upper river trade are chiefly engaged in the lead trade and are often too heavily loaded to take freight from points above the rapids. But a small portion of the upper country merchants have yet laid in their stock of fall and winter goods, which leaves the whole upper country in danger of suffering inconveniences incalculable should winter suddenly come upon us. Boats are now detained for some time in crossing the lower rapids, which retards the progress of navigation to such an extent as to leave the upper country always in danger of disappointment, which should prompt it to new and energetic exertions to procure an appropriation for the removal of obstructions at the rapids. An exhibit of the increase of trade on the upper Mississippi would not be without effect in inducing congress to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the river.—*Bloomington* (Muscatine) *Herald,* October 25, 1844.

KOSSUTH ASKED IOWA TO HELP CAUSE

Kossuth has written to Governor Hempstead of Iowa saying that he cannot visit that state, but advises him to form Hungarian associations for the purpose of raising "material aid."—*Western Democrat,* Bellevue, Iowa, March 17, 1852.

Copyright of Annals of Iowa is the property of State of Iowa, by & through the State Historical Society of Iowa and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.