

ing, as an only condition, that Mr. Le Claire should build his house on the section, and on the spot then occupied by the marquee of Gen. Scott in making the treaty, which condition he afterwards filled to the letter. The Sacs and Foxes also gave him another section at the head of the Rapids, where Le Claire now stands. The Pottawottamies, in the treaty of Prairie du Chien, reserved two sections on the Illinois side, which they presented to Mr. Le Claire. The flourishing town of Moline is situated on this reserve.

The treaty was ratified by Congress the following winter. In the spring of 1833, Mr. Le Claire erected a small building, or "shanty," in the then Fox village, "Morgan," which had occupied this ground for years previous. Of the tribe having this as their headquarters, *Maquopom* was the head warrior, and *Poweshiek* head chief. In the fall of 1834, the Sac and Fox Indians left here for the Cedar river.

In 1833, Mr. Le Claire was appointed postmaster at Davenport, and also justice of the peace, to settle all matters of difference between the whites and Indians. His jurisdiction extended over all the territory purchased of the Sacs and Foxes west of the Mississippi, from Dubuque on the north, to Burlington on the south.

HENRY W. STARR—IN MEMORIAM.

Henry W. Starr was born July 26, 1815, at Middlebury, Vt. He graduated at Middlebury, in 1834, and studied law at the Cincinnati law school till 1837, when he came to Burlington, Iowa, and settled permanently. He married Miss Marion T. Peasley, September 28, 1843. They had two sons, Charles Egbert and Peter James, the latter of whom died in 1873. Mrs. Starr died April 23, 1854, and in 1857 he married Miss Eliza A. Merrill, of Middlebury, Vt. They had two daughters who survive him. He died October 30, 1881.

The following tribute of the Bar, in memory of Mr. Starr is taken from the Burlington papers:

"The Des Moines County Bar met pursuant to adjournment, Hon. A. H. Stutsman presiding. The chair calling for the report of the committee on resolutions heretofore appointed, Hon. George Robertson, chairman of said committee, with very touching and impressive remarks, submitted the following resolutions, and moved they be adopted, to-wit:

"We, the members of the Des Moines county Bar, have read with profound sorrow of the sudden and unexpected death of Henry W. Starr, at his residence in this city, on Sunday evening, the 30th inst., and entertaining for our deceased professional brother the sincerest respect as an able lawyer, a citizen of integrity and manly virtue, and a man of varied accomplishments; and cherishing for him as an associate and companion the warmest and most affectionate recollections, have:

"*Resolved*, In the death of Mr. Starr the bar has sustained a loss irreparable as a learned and accomplished lawyer, a polished and finished orator and eloquent advocate, the county and State a citizen of worth and probity, society a brilliant and cultured member, and his family a kind, tender and indulgent husband and father.

"*Resolved*, That we, his professional brethren, deeply deplore his death, and will keep in affectionate remembrance his many virtues as a lawyer, citizen,

friend and associate; that we will attend the funeral in a body, and wear the usual badge of mourning during the residue of the present term of the District court.

“*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this meeting transmit a copy of these proceedings to the family of the deceased, and assure them of our sincere condolence in this their hour of grief.

“*Resolved*, That these proceedings be presented to the District and Circuit courts of this county, with the request that they be spread upon the minutes of said courts.

CHAS. MASON,
CHAS. H. PHELPS,
T. W. NEWMAN,
THOMAS HEDGE, JR.,
GEO. ROBERTSON,
Committee.

“After which followed remarks by Hon. Chas. H. Phelps, Hon. T. W. Newman, A. M. Antrobus, W. E. Blake, D. Y. Overton, Thomas Hedge, Jr., C. B. Jack, Geo. E. Hubbell, of Davenport, Ia., W. W. Baldwin, Chas. J. Dodge and others, being beautiful and touching tributes to the memory of the deceased, following which remarks the above resolutions were unanimously adopted.”

THE HIGHEST CHURCH EDIFICE IN THE MOUNTAINS

An extract from a late letter of Rev. William Hamilton: “Irwin is high in the mountains, at an altitude of eleven thousand five hundred feet. It is on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains, ninety miles from Poncha Springs. To get here I crossed the continental divide in an open sleigh drawn by four horses, and rode over snow thirty feet deep. I suffered much, but a few days of rest and care restored me to my usual health and comfort.

“Here the snow is everywhere from eight to ten feet deep, and we have had many stormy days, snowing and blowing fully two weeks continuously; but I have succeeded beyond my expectations. The good hand of the Lord seems to be upon me, verifying the promise, ‘As thy day is, so shall thy strength be.’

“I preach twice every Sabbath, and teach a class of adults, ladies and gentlemen, in the sabbath school, and yet I never preached with more comfort in my life. * * * * I have been here one month. Many houses are buried in the snow, and those occupied are reached by a passage kept open through the snow. Some houses are gradually coming to view as the snow settles and melts. * * * * This is the *highest* church in the United States, with mountains close at hand, rising three or four thousand feet above it; and the mountains are rich in silver, with immense beds of coal, both anthracite and bituminous, in the immediate vicinity. I find myself very kindly received here, and think there is an open field for much usefulness. I am happy in my labor and feel encouraged to work with all my strength, hoping and trusting in God to make my work successful.”

It is with sad emotions that the editor of this work parts with his old friend, who labored, many years ago, side by side with him, at Addison, and his survivor then at Painted Post, Steuben county, N. Y.

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