

the neglected recesses of memory but for the golden opportunity of again scanning the little of history that lies at our doorstep in search of lessons of present day value. It has been done often before. It should be again in the future. The story of homemaking in the wilderness and of character building out of the roughness of pioneering, has fascination for itself and value in showing how far and how fast we have gone along the way of state making.

I have recalled all too briefly names that live in memory and in the history of Iowa. Their bearers lived worthily and wrought honorably in the public service. Perhaps another half century and their names will be forgotten; and in that time the names of those now on the stage will stand high and receive the homage of the historians who survive to that period.

I do not pass judgment on the past or the present; we all love to recall the past and dwell upon the achievements of the men and women we have intimately known. There may be lessons to be learned in this pastime. But I do feel that we of Iowa ought not to forget what I believe to have been a golden era of the open debate.

EARLY IOWA LAND AND LOAN AGENTS

The *Sioux City Iowa Eagle*, dated October 10, 1857, copy of which has just come to the State Department of History and Archives, has among others the following advertisement:

E. D. Thompson F. M. Hubbell
Thompson & Hubbell

GENERAL — LAND — AGENTS
Sioux City, Iowa.

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