

district court judge is unsurpassed. Judge Francis M. Hunter of Ottumwa, Judge William Walker of Keosauqua, Augustus Hall, Henry Clay Dean, D. C. Beaman, Joseph C. Mitchell, J. C. Calhoun and a host of other prominent lawyers have practiced in the old court room. Its walls have echoed to the eloquence of barristers throughout the life of our state and it is still the forum for trial in Van Buren county's litigation. It has witnessed the coming and going of Iowa's great men, the tragedies of many generations, the excitement of the Civil war, of World War I and of our present gigantic struggle. If its walls could talk, their stories would dwarf this meager recitation of its history.

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GOING WEST ACROSS IOWA

The work on the Rock Island bridge across the Mississippi, notwithstanding the protest made by St. Louis and Burlington, goes on. The river continues at a good boating stage. A few deaths by cholera have occurred at all the principal points along the river during the summer, although it does not now exist in any of them in an epidemic form. Emigration continues to pour into the state; provisions are high and rents enormous. Another fine steam ferry boat has been added to the already efficient ferry force now in operation at this port. A new daily has also been started, under the name and style of the *Dubuque Observer*. It is a well printed and ably conducted anti Nebraska Whig journal. The *Daily Tribune* is taking strong ground against all participation of the north with slavery. The *Herald* and the *Express* support the administration. The health of the north of Iowa is unexceptionable. The emigration to Nebraska has never been equalled in this country since the settlement of California. It is altogether unprecedented in the west, and is the surest guard against the encroachment of slavery.—*Iowa Journal of Education*, July 1854.

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