

sands. This plank road was maintained until 1916, when the California State Highway Commission replaced this abbreviated plank road with a solid plank highway, made of railway ties. Though a better road, it was harder to handle in the shifting sands of the desert. Eventually, in 1925, a study of the shifting sands and the development of modern highway engineering succeeded in constructing a cement highway between the two points, still in successful use.

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#### STAGE COACH NOTICES

Capt. Frye, of the Iowa House, has recently brought to this place, an excellent nine passenger, four horse Troy built post coach, with the intention of running it between this place and Iowa City as often as may be required.

Delegates [to a Democratic convention at Iowa City] from a distance, who may wish to travel by the river, will find no inconvenience in obtaining conveyances to the City. The stable of Mr. St. John is supplied with good and easy carriages in abundance for the probable demand.—*Bloomington Herald*, (Muscatine), May 28, 1841.

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