

occupations of the emigrants, means of subsistence, absence of both market and marketable products, the unique and effective methods adopted by the homesteaders for adjusting their claims after the surveyor's lines had been run, and of securing their farms at the lowest price without competitive bidding. Most of these can be gleaned from the current histories of the State, *THE ANNALS OF IOWA*, the Historical Record of Iowa, and the interesting volumes published for the last twenty years by the Pioneer Law Makers' Association.

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A POWER PRESS.—A queer looking article was hauled up in a wagon before the entrance to the Globe Building yesterday, which for a time was the observed of all observers. It was evident to every one that it was some sort of a machine, but whether for grinding corn, threshing wheat, or splitting shingles, various and conflicting were the conjectures. Although quiet looking enough perched up in the wagon, it was regarded with a sort of suspicious uneasiness, till a printer from the Herald office, recognizing the appearance of the stranger, smiled a welcome and approached it with extended arm. Suspicion was at once superceded by a conviction that it had some relation to the art of arts. And so it has. It is a Power Press, the first in the State of Iowa, we believe, brought hither by the proprietors of the Dubuque Herald to keep pace with the increase of job work in this place, and to do it at such prices as will enable every person to help along his business, by circulating cards, circulars, etc., among the people. This machine will probably be in operation in a few days, when the public will be invited to gratify their curiosity.—*Dubuque Daily Herald, January, 1854.*

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