

double reason that its acceptance would compel my resignation as governor of the state and for the further and more controlling reason that I did not believe myself qualified to discharge the duties of that office.

Now, Mr. Edwards, let me say I have written all this very hurriedly. It seems to me the great bulk of it would [be] more appropriate in an obituary notice than it would be in the history of Black Hawk County bar, but having little time to discriminate between what is and what is not fit for use in such a history, I have laid my life bare before you that you may use what you want for your purpose and discard the rest.

Sincerely yours,

H. BORES.

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#### FESTIVAL AT MOUNT PLEASANT

Owing to the severity of the weather and a press of work, we were not permitted to be present at the Mount Pleasant Plank Road celebration, but we learn from the reports that it passed off quite agreeably and in a manner altogether satisfactory to those who did attend. A very large delegation attended from Burlington and we regret that the weather and the roads did not permit Fairfield to be more numerously represented. Good roads are undoubtedly a great convenience and we congratulate our Mount Pleasant friends on their good fortune in having so convenient an outlet to the river. We hope at an early day to celebrate the completion of the Fairfield and Mount Pleasant Plank Road, and then won't we have a great time! Hurrah for plank roads! They are the very thing.—*The Fairfield Ledger*, December 24, 1851. (In the newspaper collection of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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