

not always true, as the increasing tendency towards a government inspection of foodstuffs indicates. And while we may feel surprise at the minute inspection of nearly every article of trade which seemed to be favored in the Davenport charter the principal of supervision of industry and trade with a view to securing and maintaining sanitary conditions or purity or durability of goods, full and honest measurement, is unquestionably coming into more popular favor. As to the regulation of the price of many of the staple articles of trade, like bread, while it is not now done, there is no more objection to doing so than there is to the regulation of cab and street car fares, which is invariably done.

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THERE are now twenty newspapers published in Iowa, which is an increase of seven since *The Statesman* was started a little more than a year ago. Of the twenty, nine are democratic, eight whig, one liberty, one agricultural and one religious. The press is rapidly finding its way into the great west, as the vast increase in this State in the last year indicates. There are twice as many now as there were in April 1847, which is doubling in seventeen months. Can any other state in the Union boast of as rapid an increase?—*Iowa Statesman, Fort Madison, September 23, 1848.*

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THE great beauty of location and surrounding scenery at Iowa City, are not the only favors bestowed upon it by nature, as it is every day becoming more evident. When we read the account of the arrival of the first steamer at that city, we thought some mysterious spirit had been hovering over that city, and inspired the pen of him whose good fortune it was to first proclaim to the world the navigation of Iowa river, and we are now confirmed in the opinion that there is a mysterious something thereabouts, which inspires those whom it pleases with thoughts beautifully sublime beyond conception.—*Bloomington Herald, Aug. 2, 1844.*

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