

these are largely by authors who have published more fully in the official reports. Mention should be made of a paper by Oscar Hershey on the Physiographic Development of the Upper Mississippi Valley, *American Geologist*, Vol. 20, 1897, pp. 246-268.

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THE DES MOINES STEAMER.—Our enterprising friends at Iowa ville are busily engaged in the construction of a steamer building at that place for the Des Moines river trade. The intention we understand is to have her completed and ready for next spring's business. We like the idea vastly. The first stroke of her paddles on the Des Moines will commemorate the beginning of a new era in every branch of industry in this great valley. When our friends launch their boat we should like to be there to see.—*The Western American, Keosauqua, Iowa, June 19, 1852.*

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WE UNDERSTAND that a noble old buck ventured into our town early this morning, and boldly sought provisions in the yards of some of our townspeople. He was soon routed, however, by the dogs, and away he went towards the woods, passing in close proximity to several houses, and skipping over fences as if they were mere straws. The depth and duration of the snow this winter, have deprived the deer of their usual sources of food, and caused them much suffering from hunger. Venison is plenty in our market, and fine carcasses can be bought at from 3 to 4 cents per pound.—*Quasqueton (Iowa) Guardian, Jan. 31, 1857.*

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