

strength is enormous, often as high as 400 pounds to the square inch. The shrinkage is very great—10 to 12 per cent in the drying and burning process. These are the technical tests for recognizing these clays. A ready, practical test is to find the very worst stretch of a muddy country highway.

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WE are pleased to see in the last *Iowa News*, that Du Buque is improving rapidly this season, and that the village is also healthy. We rejoice in the prosperity of Iowa, of the whole of Iowa, and we cannot cherish one sectional feeling which might operate to the injury of any part of our flourishing territory. In Iowa City, the seat of territorial government, located by the last legislature, lots have been sold by the commissioners to the amount of many thousand dollars, several buildings already being erected. Those who have visited the location will agree in the opinion that it is the best that could have been made, in the heart of a fine farming country, with an extensive quarry of elegant marble on the bank of the Iowa, only a short distance from the point on which the public buildings are to be erected. The Iowa river to this point is not navigable for boats of any kind, but it is said to be a fine mill stream.—*Iowa Sun*, September 11, 1839.

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THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION will assemble in Des Moines tomorrow, Monday, the 6th inst., to continue in session twenty days. This is a most important body, and its deliberations are second only to those of the legislature, in their consequences in the State. The entire educational system of Iowa is subject to its supervision.—*Dubuque Express and Herald*, Dec. 5, 1858.

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