

in September, 1848. *The Banner* was continued until the close of its seventh volume, on the 12th of October, 1855, when it was sold to J. T. Hildreth, D. N. Richardson and G. R. West. They changed the name of the paper to *The Iowa State Democrat*. On the 11th of October, 1859, *The Democrat* united its life with that of *The Daily Morning News*, a Democratic paper that was established three years previously. On the 11th of May, 1863, the property came into the hands of the Richardson Brothers, where it has since remained. The daily was changed from a morning to an evening paper on the 27th of April, 1863. For several years after *The Gazette* came to this office, both evening and morning editions were printed.

But it is not the purpose of this article to give the history of Davenport newspapers, or of those who have been connected with them during this long period of three score and three years. The object is merely to state that all the history made, at least, locally, during this period of wonderful change, has been written in the files that it gives *The Davenport Democrat* so much pleasure to turn over to the trustees of the Davenport Public Library.

There is no doubt but others will place with the trustees for safe-keeping and for the use of all interested, many articles of historic value, printed and otherwise. In this way the library may become literally a treasure house. There are in the county many documents and books which the owners will be glad to place where they are certain to be preserved.—*Davenport Democrat*, April 21, 1901.

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OUR RIVER TRADE.—This still keeps brisk. St. Louis boats are arriving and departing daily, with excellent trips up and down. We note many passengers going down from up river towns. Heavy goods are constantly arriving.—*Dubuque Express and Herald*, Nov. 12, 1858.

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