

He sang on to the end of the song. But it was of no avail. The indescribable sorrow, despair, probably would be the more appropriate word, continued unabated. The protracted meeting closed, and he had found no relief. But it was the turning point in his life, for from that time he began to retrograde. Some years after he made complete shipwreck of himself, taking his loved ones down with him to an endless sorrow.

From what has been said concerning them, it should not be thought that the people who participated in these pioneer religious revivals were of less than average intelligence, for such was not the case. They had recently come from various places of the East and South, and were as intelligent in every respect as were the people of the communities whence they came. And, in part, for that very reason the pioneer religious revival of Madison County is a problem in psychology—which I pass on to others for solution.

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#### SNAKE IN THE EYE OF A HORSE

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A horse was brought to this city en route for St. Louis, whither his owner is taking him, covered over with a blanket with this significant sentence in large letters printed upon it, "Snake in the eye." Drs. McGuin & Allen were requested to examine the eye, and found in what they denominate the anterior chamber a living parasite or worm, about two inches long of a white color in lively active motion. It appears that it was perceived there near a year ago, when the eye was becoming of an opaque milky color, in which condition it is now, and of course the sight of that eye is lost. The other eye is an excellent one, and the animal, which was raised in this state, is a noble one. The intention is to exhibit him or make sale of him for that purpose. It is a rare curiosity.—*Keokuk Daily Journal*, Keokuk, Iowa, March 30, 1859. (In the newspaper collection of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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