

First Boat Above City of Des Moines

An Interesting Story of the Trip of the First Steamboat Above Des Moines in the Year 1859.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Caroline T. Davis, The Gate City is permitted to publish today a very interesting article of the first steamboat to navigate the Des Moines river above Des Moines, Iowa.

The account of the trip is written in the autobiography of C. F. Davis and will no doubt be of much interest to citizens along the Des Moines river as far as Fort Dodge as well as an interesting local story of the trip of the steamer which was captained by C. F. Davis.

Mr. Davis was a member of the wholesale grocery firm of Chittenden-McGavic and Co., who were located in this city in the fifties. The trip made by the steamer will be more interesting also because of the recent run from Des Moines to this city by Major M. Meigs and party in their work of sounding the channel from the capital city to the mouth of the Des Moines.

The boat was laid up at the bank wherever night overtook us, only running in day light, warping through the locks at Bonaparte and Bentonsport.

Had Good Times.
One of the pilots was a violinist, and at several places where we tied up to shore for the night, with assistance of the neighboring belles and beaux, had old fashioned dances.

Our cargo being billed through for Fort Dodge, we made no stops for way business and arrived at Des Moines Friday evening, where we remained all night.

Saturday morning we left Des Moines, our boat being light draught and the river a good stage of water, we passed over the dam at Des Moines and arrived that evening at the Boonsboro landing, several miles from the town of that name. There we remained for the night, some parties coming over from the town, we had a dance in a building on shore. Between this point and Fort Dodge, we ran out of fuel and had to land several times, all hands going to the woods to gather dead timber to keep our fire going.

Came Miles.
The shrill whistle of the boat every now and then brought people in to the river bank for miles back, to see a boat. That evening (Sunday) we made a landing at a farm owned by a man named Merricks, a short distance below Fort Dodge. The farmer being very anxious for supplies, I made my first sale of groceries to him, the bill amounting to \$100.50 which he paid in gold.

The next morning, Monday, about noon we steamed up to the landing at Fort Dodge. The town was up on the high ground some distance from the river but all the population were at the landing to greet us.

I went on shore with my invoice and by noon of next day, the cargo was all sold and paid for in gold, that being the currency of the country then.

The merchants of Fort Dodge whom I remember as purchasers, were M. M. Halre, S. C. Hinton, Gregory & Messers, J. I. Howe, Chas. Ranke and P. A. Blackshire, one of the pilots of the boat who lived at or near the town.

Crew Honored.
On the evening of the day our boat arrived, the citizens of Fort Dodge gave a dance at Masonic hall in honor of the arrival of the first steamboat loaded with freight for that port. I now have one of the invitation cards used upon that occasion, on which appear the following names as managers: Maj. William Williams, Hon. W. W. Messervy, Hon. J. S. Stockdale, C. C. Carpenter, L. L. Please and L. Mericle.

sons, Mrs. Chas. Holdefer and son, Misses Irma Holdefer and Mary Miller spent Sunday at Martin Webers. Miss Rose Theroff was an over Sunday visitor in Ft. Madison.

Several from here attended the church dedication at Houghton Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Koch and sons spent Sunday at Jacob Rochs. Irwin and Merle Frank of Mt. Sterling are visiting relatives here.

Rev. Wm. Kreis and son Arthur came home Friday morning from two weeks visit in Fredericksburg, Iowa.

Carl Bank left for Des Moines Monday evening where he will attend a three months summer school.

Misses Lulu Klingler and Mabel Schmidt spent Sunday with Miss Theresa Dalms.

Misses Clara Graeber and Minnie Halfner visited with Miss Laura Seyb Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Haffner, Misses Julia Roth and Lillie Haffner drove to Ft. Madison last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Spies and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hulsebus spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kirchner.

Mrs. Dora E. Wiegner returned home Friday evening from a several days stay in Farmington.

Mrs. Chas. Holdefer and grandsons, John and Joseph, were Mt. Pleasant callers Thursday.

Mrs. L. R. Reid who has been quite sick the past two weeks is able to be up again.

Mrs. John Wilhelm and daughter of Franklin visited her son, Chas. and wife, in our city Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Barnes and daughter of LaCrew visited in our city the past week.

Sunday afternoon after the ball game between Farmington and Donnellson, John Vermazen's team became unmanageable and threw him to the ground, breaking his arm below the elbow. He was taken to the home of Dr. Washburn who dressed the arm, and was then taken home in Mr. Sutherland's automobile. It is hoped by his many friends that he will get along alright and soon be able to use his arm again.

Mrs. John Vogt and mother, Mrs. Ball of Primrose spent Sunday in our city.

For a burn or scald apply Chamberlain's Salve. It will allay the pain almost instantly and quickly heal the injured parts. For sale by Wilkinson & Co. and J. F. Kildalsch Sen.

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Mary weak, nervous women have been restored to health by Foley's Kidney Remedy as it stimulates the kidneys so they will eliminate the waste matter from the blood. Impurities depress the nerves, causing nervous exhaustion and other ailments. Come to us today and you will soon be well. Pleasant to take. Wilkinson & Co.

50,000 EASY FOR HANNIBAL

City has Already Accounted for 13,955 of its Guaranteed Attendance in Less Than a Month.

The attendance at the games in Hannibal are the surprise of the Central Association. With last Sunday's games the turnstile there has counted out about 14,000 paid attendance, as follows:

May 4 (opening day)	2,337
May 5	265
May 6	223
May 7	328
May 16 (Sunday)	1,600
May 17	297
May 18	674
May 19	279
May 20	268
May 21	180
May 22	869
May 23 (Sunday)	6,635
Totals	13,955
The required total	50,000
To make	35,945

It will be noticed in the above table that the attendance at the games last Sunday are doubled, counting two admissions for each person who attended the game.

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WEDDING BELLS RING AT SALEM

Two Popular Couples of Salem Young People Take Marriage Vows at Salem During the Past Week.

ACADEMY GRADUATES

Class of Five Receive Diplomas From Institution of Learning on Friday Evening—Large Crowd Present.

SALEM, Iowa, May 25.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Parkins, west of town, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock occurred a very pretty home wedding, when their daughter, Miss Lola, was united in marriage to Clyde Bunker, Rev. W. T. Butcher, pastor of the Congregational church officiating. Only relatives and a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony, following which a wedding supper was served. The bride is one of Henry county's popular school teachers. The groom is a promising young farmer.

The marriage of Ralph H. Ford and Miss Ida M. Long was solemnized Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents. It was a quiet wedding, only immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties being present to witness the ceremony which was performed by Rev. John Long, father of the bride. A wedding breakfast was enjoyed. The bride is one of Henry county's most successful school teachers. She was attired in white net and white serge and wore carnations. The groom is a contractor and painter. Mr. and Mrs. Ford departed at 10:30 for Mt. Pleasant where they will reside.

Friday evening at the M. E. church, a large audience were highly pleased with the graduating exercises of Whittier academy. President Parsons of Parsons College of Fairfield, delivered the class address. The members of the class who have faithfully completed the course of study and excellently acquitted themselves are: Inda Ruth Snyder, Mary Lola Lamm, Francis Monte Bickler, Mary Etta Knight and Everett H. Frazier.

A large crowd was delighted with the interesting and well rendered program at the open session of Whittier Alumni. Following the program, members of the Alumni repaired to the home of Mrs. Vic Evans Cook, where toasts and responses were a pleasing feature. The annual banquet was one which will long remain in memory.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Ladies Missionary Society was held at the Congregational church Friday afternoon. An excellent program was rendered. Mrs. D. D. Tibbets of Fairfield delivered the address. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake, were served. The meeting was instructive and enjoyable.

Mrs. Rosa Frazier has returned from Ames, where she purchased property to which she will move in the near future. Her son Everett will take a course of study at State Agricultural College.

Mrs. Belle Bennett, of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Ella Crew of Creighton, Neb., arrived Tuesday to spend some time with their mother, Mrs. Rebecca Matthews, who is quite poorly.

Memorial services will be preached by Rev. W. T. Butcher at the Congregational church, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, May 30. Decoration Day will be observed May 31.

Miss Mary French attended as delegate the State Association of Women's Missionary Societies held at Cedar Rapids last week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Oldt, Mrs. Jerry Hoggatt and daughter, Mrs. C. I. DeLashmunt and children visited at Mt. Pleasant last week.

Miss Mabel Smith came from Ottumwa Tuesday to spend a few days at the home of C. Scott and F. E. Beckler.

Mrs. Enoch Beery went to New London Tuesday for a short visit with relatives.

Leroy Fort of Mt. Pleasant was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Long Wednesday and Thursday.

Mark Kirkpatrick, senior editor of the Salem News, who has been quite sick, is reported somewhat better.

Prof. L. T. Hill and family have moved to a ranch near Amistad, New Mexico.

Dame Rumor says Fred Shelledy has exchanged his property at Salem for a farm.

Dr. C. D. Rawhouser is pleased with his western trip and has purchased 160 acres of land in Colorado.

Mrs. W. A. Bliss and daughter Amy and Miss Annie Packer were Mt. Pleasant callers Saturday.

Granville Almond has been quite poorly the past three weeks.

Thomas Rook is still seriously ill. Hon. Enoch Beery made a business trip to Chicago Tuesday.

J. A. Rice shipped a car load of cattle to Chicago Tuesday.

Mrs. Griggs and son Robert were

IF IT DISAPPEARS, IT'S ECZEMA

How to Tell Whether a Skin Affection is an Inherited Blood Disease or Not.

Sometimes it is hard to determine whether a skin affection is a sign of a blood disorder or simply a form of eczema. Even physicians are often puzzled in their diagnosis. The best way for any one afflicted is to go to Wilkinson & Co., or any good druggist who handles pure drugs and obtain 50 cents' worth of psolam. Apply this, and if the itching stops at once and the trouble is cured in a few days it may be set down as having been eczema, as this is the way psolam acts in the worst cases of eczema, and in curing acne, herpes, blotches, tetter, piles, salt rheum rash, barber's and other forms of itch, scaly scalp, and all surface skin affections.

Those who will write to the Emergency Laboratories, No. 32 West Twenty-fifth Street, New York, can secure, by mail free of charge, a supply sufficient to cure a small eczema surface or clear a complexion overnight and remove pimples in twenty-four hours.

entertained by their aunt, Mrs. Albert Lamm last week.

Thursday Mrs. J. W. Hawkins received the sad news of the death of her niece, Mrs. Addie Glazebrook, at her late home at Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Glazebrook was twenty-seven years of age and had spent the greater part of her life in Keokuk. Having been in ill health for several years, she with her husband and parents went to Arizona in October, 1908, hoping the change of climate might restore her to normal health. The deceased was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Heinze, who with the husband, Albert Glazebrook and three brothers, George, of Phoenix, Arizona, Edward and Jacob of Keokuk are bereft of a patient wife, a loving daughter and a kind sister.

KEOKUK INDIANS IDLE YESTERDAY

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of Louisiana, Mo., 150 lbs. each. Best 2 in 3, limited to 15 minutes elapsed time.

8:15—Second preliminary, Gus Ridge, of Hannibal, Mo., vs. Will Feeley, of Shelbyville, Mo. Best 2 in 3, for lightweight championship of Missouri. Limited to 30 minutes elapsed time.

8:45—Semi-windup, "Wrestling Royal." Eight students of Gem City Business college will wrestle simultaneously, the last man up to be declared the winner. Limited to 30 minutes elapsed time. Contestants: T. F. Teziza, (170); J. M. Douglas, (140); A. T. White, (160); "Diamond Dick," (160); "Skinny" Sevier, (130); "Red" Godden, (165); F. C. Gex, (170).

9:15—Main event, Fred Bartl vs. "Young" Miller, of St. Paul, best 2 in 3, catch-as-catch-can style. Police Gazette rules, strangle hold barred. For \$300 side bet, purse and world's welterweight championship.

Belt's Trouble.

Jacksonville Morning Journal: There were good things at West Side ball park Sunday afternoon. A total of 18 runs were made by the two teams and the number of hits totaled 26. The error column showed that but few mistakes had been made in fielding. If the mistakes in department of the players had been kept it would have taken two figures to count them. Pa Belt, at least in the judgment of the umpire, was the chief offender in this line. He was twice fined \$5, was later ordered to the bench and finally Umpire Knott requested Deputy Sheriff Chuck Wannamaker act as escort, although there were no bellicose intentions displayed by the Reds' manager at the time of his retirement. Five pitchers participated in the battle. O'Hearn and Bramble were the opposing twirlers when the game opened. Bramble did not last through the initial round and Bluejacket, the Indian, who pitched for Pittsfield in the "Billy" Sunday game last fall, was substituted. O'Hearn lasted until the third, when he retired in favor of Akers. The latter was spiked in the last part of the fourth by Oyley, who made the third out. It was at

first thought that his ankle was broken, but an examination proved that only a bad bruise and deep cut had been made. Cannon took up the pitching at this stage and made good. Incidentally Cannon got plastered with a \$10 fine for speaking forcibly of a decision made by his honor, the umpire.

NEGRO'S BLOW ENDED HAGUE

Put Heavy Right to Yorkshire Man's Chin and the Fracas was all Over in an Instant.

LONDON, May 25.—Sam Langford, the colored heavyweight of Boston, knocked out Ian Hague, the heavyweight champion of England, in the fourth round. The fight, which was for a purse of \$9,000 and the championship, was scheduled to go twenty rounds.

In the first round Hague was slow to start. Langford had a shade the better of it until the end of the round, when Hague reached him with a hook to the jaw. This seemed to encourage the Britisher, and although no damage was done in the second round he showed more cleverness than the colored man.

Langford opened the third with a hard left to the face, and he used this blow effectively several times before the gong sounded. Hague, however, partially closed the American's eye with a hard right swing.

The men came up together in a fast mix-up at the opening of the fourth and Langford put a terrific right on the Yorkshire man's chin which ended the contest.

O'Brien and Ketchel Matched.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—Jack O'Brien and Stanley Ketchel are matched to fight six rounds in this city June 9th.

Declared a Draw.

LONDON, May 25.—The bout between Jimmy Walsh, American, and "Digger" Stanley of London, for the England, was declared a draw at the end of fifteen rounds.

Knocked Out in First Round.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 25.—Mike Mescic, of Chicago, knocked out Walter Little, of Chicago, in the first round.

Gotch Defeats Olson.

OMAHA, May 25.—Frank Gotch defeated Charles Olson, of St. Louis, in 21:40 and 15 minutes, respectively.

Sporting Tips.

No game at Jacksonville yesterday.

The Boiler Makers are our meat today.

A Waterloo paper predicts that Keokuk will slump on the road arguing

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Our showing for this season is the most select in the history of the firm's business career, and particular care was devoted to the selection of our large lines of clothing and furnishings.

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Our showing of hats, neckwear, shirts, underwear, gloves, hose, etc., is complete in every detail and selections are easily made here. Discriminating buyers are urged to make an inspection visit and to compare values.

Remember the Pony and Buggy to be Given Away July 4th

that the Indians have played most of the games at home. "Pa" Belt will send his scouts to victory often enough to keep within a few points of the top.

Today we take the first of three straight from Kewanee.

The Umps Slapped a Little Fine on Belt Monday, but he doesn't mind that a bit.

The Keokuk manager is so eager to win that he forgets himself now and then and lets fly a wild one.

Joseph Wajtalwicz, the Burlington catcher reported early in the season, has been recalled by Ned Egan from Superior, to take the place of Ed Krebs, who was released yesterday.

Cedar Rapids and Springfield went fifteen innings to a tie yesterday, the count being 2 and 2. There have been several long games in the Three-Eye, but the Central Association games have been broken up early in the melee in most instances thus far.

Safeguard of Health Free

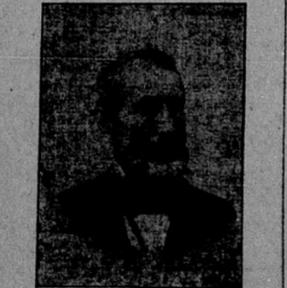
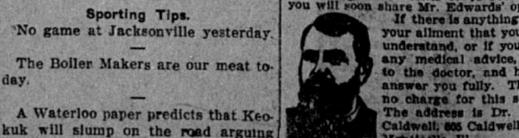
The army and the navy are the safeguards of the nation, but the individual body also requires its safeguard. By twenty years' use in American homes of every shade and degree of wealth and intelligence, Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin has been acclaimed "The Nation's Safeguard of Health."

No remedy but a laxative could win this award, for the stomach and the bowels are the basis of all health, and Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is for the stomach and bowels. Parents are giving it to their children today who were given it by their parents years ago. It is not only a wonderful cure in constipation, indigestion and dyspepsia, sour stomach, heartburn, flatulency, torpid liver and such complaints, but it contains wonderful tonic properties that build up the muscles of the stomach and intestines so that they again work normally and naturally.

It is especially adapted to the uses of women, children, old people and all others who need a gentle laxative and who cannot stand violent salts and cathartic pills. This has made it the family laxative and it can be obtained of any druggist at 50 cents or \$1 a bottle, with the guarantee, but if you are a stranger to it and would rather try it free before buying, send your name to the doctor and a free test bottle will be sent to your home. In this way tens of thousands of people are learning to use Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.

Louis Edwards, of Potomac, Miss., writes the doctor as follows: "I believe in Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. I will never use any other medicine for stomach troubles but Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. The sample has convinced me of its merits. Now you use it either in the free trial or the regular 50 cents or \$1 bottle and you will soon share Mr. Edwards' opinion."

If there is anything about your ailment that you don't understand, or if you want any medical advice, write to the doctor, and he will answer you fully. There is no charge for this service. The address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 605 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill.



C. F. Davis.

A number of small steamboats were carrying cargoes from Keokuk up as far as Des Moines in the fifties but none had ever gone above that city until Captain Davis and his boat made the trip to Fort Dodge with the cargo of groceries.

Regarding the voyage of the "Charles Rodgers" the diary written by the late C. F. Davis has to say:

In the year 1859, our firm chartered the steamboat "Charles Rodgers," a small craft of about fifty tons, we agreeing to load her full capacity, destination Fort Dodge, on the Des Moines river, rate of freight through, fifty cents per 100 pounds.

We loaded the boat with sugar, coffee, molasses, tobacco, salt, flour, etc., and I went on board as super-cargo. We left the landing at Keokuk, Wednesday, May 18, 1859, at 6 o'clock in the evening and entered the mouth of the Des Moines before dark.

The boat had no cabin, only the pilot house on the hurricane deck. We ate and slept on the lower deck just back of the engine and boiler.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

DONNELSON NEWS.

DONNELSON, Iowa, May 25.—Mrs. Chas. Holdefer and son Morris Carl and sister, Miss Mary Miller, of Reynolds, Ind., arrived in our city Thursday for a week's visit.

Edward H. Wiegner of Farmington spent Sunday at home.

Misses Alma Bank and Julia Roth left for Mt. Pleasant Friday morning for a week's visit.

Miss Laura M. Seyb is home from a week's stay in Kahoka and New Boston.

Miss Mary Schmidt spent Sunday with Miss Rosie Koch.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holdefer and

SIMPLE WASH CURES ECZEMA.

Why Salves Fail While a Simple Liquid Has Accomplished Thousands of Cures.

It is now thoroughly established among the best medical authorities that eczema is purely a skin disease, due to a germ, and curable only through the skin. It is not a blood disease at all; in fact, thousands of people suffer with skin disease and are perfectly healthy otherwise, and there-by prove they have no diseased blood. Eczema salves cannot reach the germs because they do not penetrate the skin. The only way to reach the germs is by means of a penetrating liquid.

Such a liquid can be obtained by simply mixing ordinary oil of wintergreen with thymol, glycerine and other healing agents. This compound, known as D. D. D. Prescription, stops the itch instantly—and the cures all took thousands of cures, case after case, before the best scientific authorities were convinced of the absolute merit of this remedy. D. D. D. Prescription kills the germs in the itching skin. Its effect is seen within one minute after the first application. We especially recommend D. D. D. Soap in connection with the treatment. Sold by McGrath Bros.