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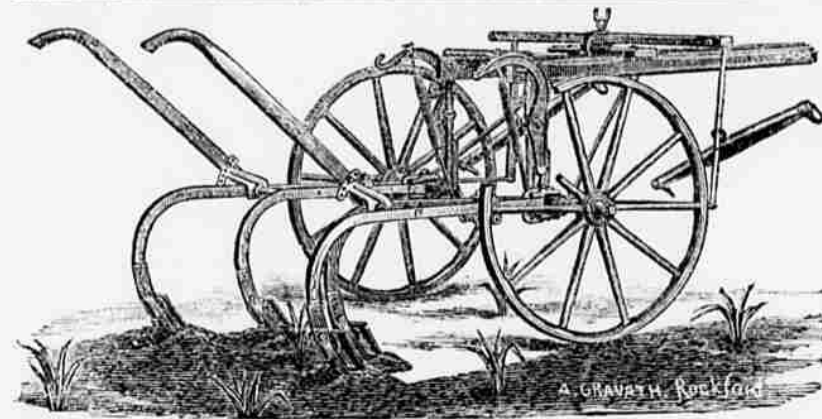
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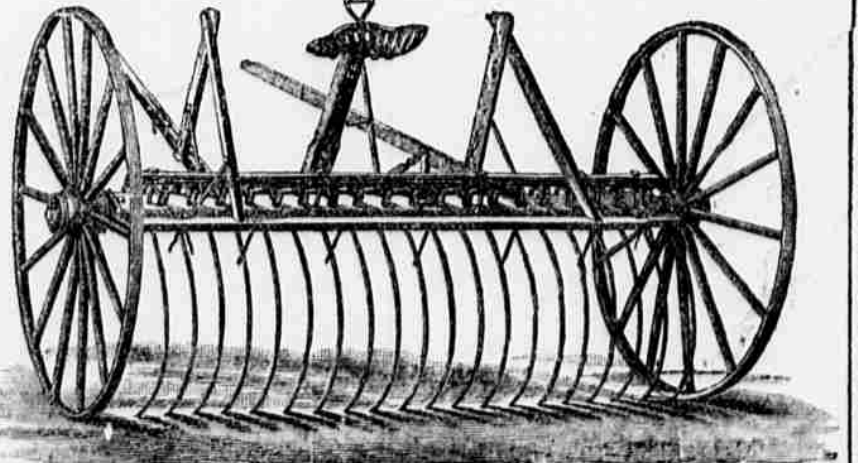
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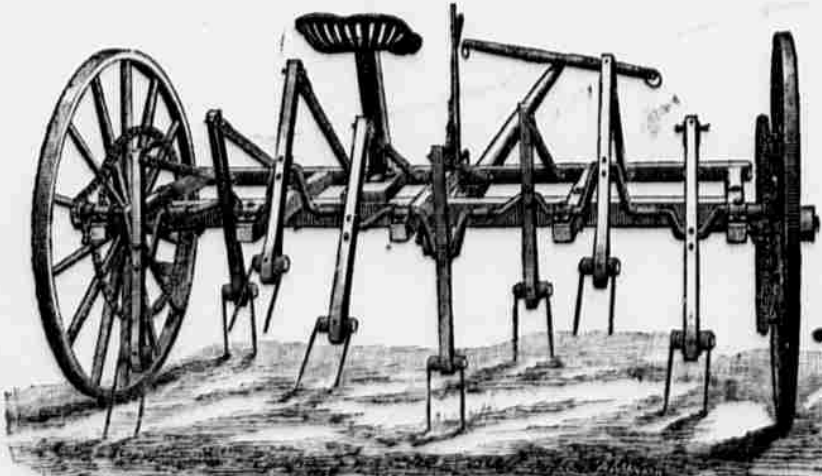
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OLD TIME LEADERS

Who Ruled the Hawkeye State in Days of Yore.

Interesting Character Sketches.

Does it not surprise shrewd politicians a little to note the turn John N. Irwin, of Keokuk, has taken in connection with the honorable position of governor of the territory of Idaho, (which he now wants it to be understood, he did not seek) by refusing the salary for the quarter about ended, and returning the \$650.00 which was paid him as his salary for the last quarter, on the ground that he had not attended to the duties of the position, and could not, therefore, conscientiously accept the salary for that office. Several surprises grow out of one great surprise his action has caused. With what complacency he assumes that there not any duties to perform in connection with the wearing of the honor, and how strange it seems that the government of the United States should pay \$650.00 per quarter to the governor of a territory, the management of the affairs of which can be entrusted in such a manner. Governor Irwin probably has not given Idaho any of his attention, and yet Idaho still exists in her cold nest in the northern Rockies, and even now she asks to be admitted as a state in five years. If Gov. Irwin was not morally certain that the United States had not received full service, he would in all probability accept the salary. But good politicians have given him credit for being a much better politician than his late action indicates; and their idea of a good politician is one who always accepts the emoluments of office whether he merits them or not. Probably Gov. Irwin is not like one or several of the Keokuk men, who have been presented with offices by their admiring friends. Once upon a time, so the story was told, and it was long after the surrender of Robt. E. Lee, Col. Henry Clay Caldwell, a Van Buren county man, with the prestige of his military record behind him, fresh with the honor which the war thrust upon him, returned to his home in southeastern Iowa. Then, as now, Van Buren county happened to be in the same congressional district as Lee, and Keokuk was then in Lee county as now. Col. Caldwell was a bright lawyer, but he thought more of congress just then than he did of law, and if the Keokuk fellows, (and Gov. Rothert lived there then I believe) had not heard of this young man's ambitions, Col. Caldwell would have stood an excellent opportunity to see what a real side a congressman's life may be. But these Keokuk fellows measured his capacities, his popularity, and his strength, and like the three tailors of Tooley street who attempted to dictate the social rules of all England, decided that it would be much better for Col. Caldwell to accept some position judicial, and accordingly, they set their faces against his nomination as congressman. But these Keokuk fellows measured his capacities, his popularity, and his strength, and like the three tailors of Tooley street who attempted to dictate the social rules of all England, decided that it would be much better for Col. Caldwell to accept some position judicial, and accordingly, they set their faces against his nomination as congressman.

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W. M. Thompson, of Dubuque, a native of Jamaica, proposes, if furnished with necessary funds, to go to England and "remove" Judge Denman, who presided at the trial of O'Donnell.

It is said that in Storm Lake \$110,310 has been put into new buildings there the past year; that \$500,000 has been paid out for produce, and that the Lake has done a banking business of \$7,660,925.

Des Moines has 9 53-100 miles of sewerage, costing \$208,700.32. The city also has six miles of paving and eight miles of curbing, and the total cost of sewerage and paving to date has been \$501,556.76.

Two men attempted to rob the post-office at Commerce. The postmaster made a plucky fight, and the robbers brat a hasty retreat, one of them leaving his overcoat. Officers succeeded in capturing one of them; whose name is Yates and he was safely lodged in jail.

The total assessed valuation of Monona county, including exemptions, is \$3,357,098. The exemptions amount to \$63,884. The total tax is \$91,916.51. The increase in valuation over last year is \$749,412, and the increase in taxes is \$10,483.90.

Cook's ranch in Sac county embraces twelve sections of land in a body, and each section is surrounded with a double row of trees of five or six years' growth. It has a barn nearly 300 feet square, with a tower 40 feet square and 60 feet high, and the herd consists of 300 head of the very best Herefords. The cattle were shipped from England last May. They look so much alike that they are numbered on the horn to distinguish them.

Mrs. E. W. Bowman, of Clinton, while preparing breakfast, stooped for something and in doing so ran the sharp point of a poker, projecting from the woodbox, into her left eye, and with such force as to tear it from the socket, the eye coming clear out on her cheek. "With rare nerves and presence of mind," says The Herald, "Mrs. Bowman replaced the eye, pressing it back into place, and made her situation known, surgical help being speedily procured. The doctor says there is but small hope that the sight of the injured eye will ever be restored."

Independence has over seven miles of sidewalk.

The most expensive residence in Parkersburg cost \$4,000.

There are 513 pupils enrolled in the city schools at Harlan.

The wool growers will meet in Des Moines January 10th.

Henry Hospers will build half a dozen tenement houses in Orange City.

Col. Emery, of LeMars, will lecture in Storm Lake next Monday evening.

The Onawa schools the past month have had an average enrollment of 243.

Josiah Miller, a cattle dealer, was killed by a switch train at Lyons Wednesday.

With the first of the year the Des Moines police is to be increased 50 per cent.

Rev. Father McCabe, the first priest of St. Anthony's, Davenport, has become insane.

The trial of Anderson at Oskaloosa for the murder of McAllister resulted in his acquittal.

Dr. John Valkamer, of Burlington, was seriously injured by a runaway accident Saturday.

A Davenport man wants to bet that he can exist three months with but one hour's sleep a day.

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In four stories of three fronts were more sleds piled as high as a man could reach from a step-ladder. They were tied together, two and two, the tops facing each other.

"Next year's stock?" "No, next year's supply. We'll have some more after that."

"Where do they come from?" "There are a dozen factories in the country that during the six warm months make sleds. During the rest of the year they make express wagons. It's a specialty without any exorbitant profit in it."

"How do the retail prices run?" "From 30 cents to \$18. The first is a cheap solid board runner without ornament. At \$1.75 they have bent-wood runners braced with iron inside and out. They will carry a man. Above that you can pay for all the ornament you want. Swell-box cutters, upholstered in plush or raw silk, ornamented with real chromes and withal as strong as they are handsome, will cost from \$15 to \$18. A pole can be attached for a span of goats when desired. They delight the hearts of the boys and the girls."

"What is the choice sled of all?" "The boy's choice is the coaster. It is long, low, sharp forward, and rakish, and reminds him of the time when he will command a pirate schooner. The runner is of solid wood, heavily shod. There are good hand holds in them. They project beyond the boy's head as he goes down the hill, so as to protect him when he runs into the other fellow. They are sure death to the other fellow. It is becoming the fashion to put alarm bells on them."

"What are the thirty-cent sleds worth?" "Good to increase trade. A man is not very old who can say that the trade has quadrupled in his time. The increase is due to cheap sleds. They break and thus necessitate the purchase of an other."

"Is there anything more to be said about hand-sleds?" "Yes. Some are made wholly of iron, except the top board. That is wood because wood is lighter, and is not so cold to chubby fingers. Sleds vary in length from two to four feet, and in height from four to ten inches. They will average one-third as broad as they are long. They are so cheap that the boy cannot afford to make his own. American sleds are lighter and stronger than Canada sleds. We sell lots of them there, in the face of a 25 per cent tariff. We have sold some in Russia. We would sell more, only the trade there begins when we are interested in velocipedes and express-wagons. We have shipped some as far south as Richmond, Va., just enough to make boys wish they lived where they could have some fun. (One thing we cannot tell about sleds, and that is the number made. It is simply coextensive with youngsters."

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