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short distance above the mouth of Mud creek before night, where we stopped to camp. The weather during the day had become more moderate, and the wind had quieted down. With plenty of help we made good preparations for the night. During the evening about the camp fire we listened to the experiences of the relief party while hauling their heavy loads during the storm the day before, also about the night spent in the snow well without a fire, that no one of that party is liable ever to forget.

In comparing notes we found that all of us were more or less frozen about the hands and face while beating up against the storm. Bright and early we were up, and when breakfast was over we packed up again and were off, with everybody feeling well satisfied with the work so far accomplished.

Before noon Campbell and I left the party some two miles out from Mr. Riebhoff's and went to our cabin. Soon after the whole settlement was gladdened by the safe arrival of the family, and vied with each other in offering them the hospitality of their homes. They finally accepted of Mr. and Mrs. Schenck's invitation, as they had more spare room to offer, where they stayed until warm weather, when they went on their way with the best wishes of all who knew them and with memories that are not liable ever to be forgotten.

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MR. LE CLAIRE has laid out from 80 to 100 lots, for which he can give a good warrantee deed. These lots are situated in the most beautiful part of the village. He proposes to sell on favorable terms to persons wishing to build and take up their residence amongst us. He is also laying out and will shortly offer for sale, a number of 4-acre lots. Want of room forbids us saying more at this time. We shall say more on this subject hereafter.—*Davenport (Iowa) Sun, May 15, 1839.*

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