

## The Bicycle Era

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"In June, 1930, while G. W. Ball, and George Chambers of Howe, Adair County, were repairing fences after a freshet, on the farm of the latter, the frontal and horns of a large bison were found in the bed of Middle River. These men brought the water logged specimen to the bank and allowed it to dry, and later it was shellacked and is in the private Slocum collection in Massena, Iowa.

"The horns measure twenty-seven inches in a straight line, from tip to tip, and are in very good state of preservation.

"The place where they were found is about eleven miles south of Menlo, and approximately a hundred miles east of the Missouri River. The horns were deeply imbedded in the bank soil and heavy rains caused the river bank to cave and allow the horns to loosen and fall into the river. It was a rare find as few bones or other remains of the bison are to be found in western Iowa. This would seem conclusive evidence that there were bison to be found east of the river as it is not reasonable to suppose that same would be transported that distance.

"In the same vicinity Mr. Ball has located a number of very interesting archaeological specimens, including two splendid spear heads over ten inches in length, as well as many tomahawks, arrows, scrapers, knives, etc. The sandstone formations are also rich in fossils, and many students as well as private collectors enjoy collecting and studying in that vicinity."

(To be continued)

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That grand old conservator of culture and thought, Bro. Johnson, of the *Journal*, is considerably exercised because, he says, the *Express* claims the credit of originating the bicycle courier idea of bringing in the election returns. Well, well, too bad!—*The Knoxville Express*, November 4, 1896. (In the Newspaper Department of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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