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the supreme court in November, 1838, Weston and Conway are listed as from this town. At any rate he came, took up a claim and tried farming. That did not pay, and he moved into town and opened his law office. He was elected mayor in 1851, and county judge in 1857. Urbane, genial, classically educated, fond of books, Judge Weston was a kindly, old-fashioned gentleman, an eminent citizen of his little city.

A hundred years have come and gone. They have woven a fabric of history that none could foresee in 1846. Into that history have gone a thousand unseen influences from as many sources; but none of them has been stronger than that of the young men who came to the Blackhawk Purchase in the beginning, and with ploughshare, axe, saw, wheel, and book, wove the first threads into the mystery called history—the history of another state in the unique story of America.

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The Democrats of St. Louis in mass meeting assembled adopted a resolution on the 9th of January in favor of the abolishing of conventions for nominating candidates for office and adopting the primary system as a substitute. The resolution is said to have been adopted unanimously. —*Dubuque Herald*, Jan. 21, 1854.

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