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Helena, Montana, and gave it a final blow. In 1890 the last commercial 
boat left Fort Benton. Railroad transportation triumphed over the 
steamboat.

The government improvement of the Missouri river, for which mil-
lions have been expended, though giving occasional and local relief, has 
proved a final failure. In an enlightened spirit Captain Chittenden asks 
in a closing chapter as to the destiny of the river. Does it still hold the 
germ of a future empire? Shall its waters that now run to waste be di-
verted into reservoirs and canals, be spread over vast tracts of arid land, 
and a population of twenty-five millions be sustained thereby? The 
disastrous floods of the Des Moines river in May, 1903, awaken a not wholly 
dissimilar inquiry, whether such desolations might not be guarded against 
by the construction of reservoirs to hold back the redundant waters.

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The Hamlin Family. A Genealogy of James Hamlin of Barnstable, Massa-
chusetts, eldest son of James Hamlin, the immigrant who came from 
H. Franklin Andrews, author of "The Andrews Family, 1890," "The 
Hamlin Family, 1894," and "The Hamlin Family, 1900." Published by 
the author. Exira, Iowa, 1902.

This volume is one of the most considerable literary enterprises ever 
undertaken by a resident of our State. In fact, we know of none which in 
point of the labor involved can fairly compare with it. Its data was 
scattered all over the United States, Canada and Great Britain. Important facts were gathered from old letters, deeds and wills, and from other 
records preserved in public offices, from crumbling headstones and monu-
ments over long-forgotten graves, from the memoranda set down in fami-
y Bibles and church registers. Its author is the Honorable H. F. An-
drews, who was a well-known and influential State Senator in 1892-94, 
from the 17th District, composed of Audubon, Dallas and Guthrie coun-
ties. As the genealogy of an illustrious family it is most comprehensive. 
 Aside from this it is a vast compendium of family and general history and 
biography. The book fills 1411 large octavo pages, and gives the names 
of 13,000 descendants of the family, among whom we find that of Hannibal 
Hamlin, who was elected Vice-President of the United States with Presi-
dent Abraham Lincoln in 1860. The work traces the genealogy of some 
members of the Hamlin family from the time of William the Conqueror 
to the present day. It has a copious index of nearly 100 pages. Alto-
gether it is one of the fullest and most exhaustive family histories 
that has yet been published. It is illustrated with many steel and half-
tone portraits of members of this and allied families. Mr. Andrews has 
achieved a distinguished success, which at once places him among the 
leading genealogists of these times, and he is to be congratulated upon 
having brought his stupendous task to such a satisfactory conclusion. 
The book has come from the press in superb style, so far as its printing, 
engraving and binding are concerned. It sells for $10 per copy.