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According to the Annals of April last, page 376, the Hodges were tried and convicted at West Point, Lee County, in 1815, for the murder of Miller and Liecy. However, after further investigation, it is discovered that the Hodges instead had a change of venue and were tried and convicted at Burlington, Iowa, not West Point. Thus, the next town they reached was Des Moines county, not Lee County.

A prominent citizen of Henry County takes exception to a statement in reference to the town of Salem, found on page 377, as follows: "Salem was at that time a station on the underground railroad, and this fact made it a historic place. It had been settled by the abolitionists during the fifties." The language used here is not very explicit, but the word "settled" was not intended to apply to the time of the settlement of Salem, but to the time the underground railroad went into operation.

C. L. Lucas.

Madrid, Iowa, May 25, 1904.
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