

fence during the night; and not unfrequently were the guests of the house stopped in the middle of a meal (while waiting, perhaps, for more warm cakes), by intelligence from the waiter that the stove had just been thrown out of the kitchen. Fortunately for us, however, Mrs. Brownson's stove was outside of the fence when we arrived, and remained so during the following day, Sunday.

But the condition of affairs about the hotel seemed so unsettled and critical that Mr. Williams concluded to cross over the river to Council Bluffs, during Sunday afternoon, where he could enjoy that rest and quiet which he so much needed after his long and fatiguing journey; and at the same time be prepared to take the stage on Monday morning for Dennison, and there take the cars of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, for his home at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In parting from Mr. Williams, I desire to say, that it has never been my good fortune to spend so many weeks, either socially or professionally, with a more agreeable and intelligent gentleman and travelling companion; and I hope he may live long to give the world the benefits of his sound judgment, and professional skill and experience, in all matters connected with our great national improvements, such as the Union Pacific Railroad, with which he has been so long, and so honorably connected.