

Eagle Quill - 1889.

The unusual sight of a prairie schooner propelled by a sleek looking pair of mules in this village last Saturday attracted considerable attention. Curiosity led us to peek inside the canvas, and there was the family of Edward P. Hinkley, consisting of wife and seven children, the youngest child an infant less than four weeks old. As stated in last week's News, Mr. Hinkley some years ago rented his farm in this town and commenced an overland journey westward to try his fortune in a new country taking his family along, which was some smaller than now, hoping to benefit his wife, who was at that time in poor health. After extensive journeying in several states with his own team, he finally brought up in Camden County, on the north side of the Osage River in Missouri. In the meantime his wife had become rugged and healthy. A few weeks ago, and having driven one of his teams the long distance to Oklahoma and back to Camden County, he concluded to close up his business and return with his family to his former home in Eagle. Two covered wagons, his entire family, and some farm stock were again on the move slowly wending their way back to Wisconsin, and after having travelled about 400 miles and near Rock Island, Iowa, in one of the prairie schooners, the seventh child was born, the bright, healthy looking babe seen in its mother's arms last Saturday. From Rock Island the mother and child came to Eagle by railway, reaching here several days before the balance of the family arrived. Last Saturday the family, after a rest, were taking an excursion to Eagle Lake.