

Menomonees and Winnebagoes in 1821, but determined on a renewed effort the next year for its extension. Notwithstanding the remonstrances of the opposition, a new order was obtained from the War Department, providing for another visit to Green Bay. The delegation was still larger than the former year. John Sergeant, Jr., was commissioned by Gov. Cass to superintend such further negotiations as might be had, on the part of the United States. The party arrived at the Bay on the 1st of September, 1822, and took possession of the old Indian Agency House, on the west side of the Fox, which had been vacated by the decease of Col. Bowyer.

In about ten days the Menomonees and Winnebagoes assembled to greet their new friends the *Not-ta-ways*, as they called the New York Indians, and to receive the \$1,500 payment, in goods, on the cession of 1821. Such an assemblage of wild Indians, young and old, women and papooses, was seldom seen. Of the two tribes, there could not have been less than five thousand souls, besides the New Yorkers, the French, half breeds, and Americans. The best specimen of Indian character, and especially of a war dance, ever seen by the writer, was there given for several days. The Winnebagoes of that day at least, exhibited the largest, most perfectly formed set of both men and women, almost ever seen anywhere. The great display of action and muscle in these dances, struck the beholder with admiration and terror. The ring round the dancers contained several thousand, all singing in chorus to the lead of the chief drummer; the voices of the Winnebago women prevailing in clarion tones above the whole.

The payment of the fifteen hundred dollars worth of goods, was made with as much ceremony as possible by the delegates, accompanied by a set speech setting forth the great advantages that would be derived to their Western brethren by their settling among them. After the payment and the proper receipts of acknowledgment on the treaties, followed feasting, dancing, and a general hilarity for two days. The delegates then invited the Menomonees and Winnebagoes to a formal council, and renewed