

of my own construction, placed on a stump.* A wooden box was made, about twelve by twenty-four inches in size, with sides rising above the base on which the type were made to stand, of the height of the type; I made my own ink, and used the old fashioned ball with which to distribute the ink on the type, and then a roller passed over the paper on the form, resting on the sides of the box or table, that did the press-work. The whole expense of my printing materials, including type, could not have been ten dollars. It was with such limited accommodations that I executed this early printing at Pike River. By these simple materials I have printed some things, when and where no other printing could be had. At one time, I printed 250 copies of a volume of about 130 pages. When "*out of sorts*," I cast some of certain letters, made quads and spaces; and thus I managed to manufacture books, bound them myself, and *read them*. As some improvements have been made in printing since that day, I can very well dispense with my old establishment and business in that line. I may add, that my press and utensils for printing would now be a subject for sport, of which they have elicited an abundance; the type have probably been doing business in another form for years past.

I may truly say, that this old subject of claim is an unpleasant one; it creates hard feelings, and stirs up bad blood, which have not yet become entirely extinct.

Indians.—They were plenty among us, and through this county, in 1835. We had frequent visits from them, and saw them in all parts of the county. Deer were then plenty, so much so that in making a survey of twenty miles, more than fifty might be seen, and sometimes as many as twenty together. Where there was so much game, of course there were Indians, and they were often with us on our surveying excursions. In the autumn

*This printing by Mr. Lothrop must have been done in February and March, 1836., and his little printing establishment, we think, must have been the second in Wisconsin. The *Green Bay Intelligencer* was commenced Dec. 11, 1833; and the *Milwaukee Advertiser* not till July, 1836. The *Wisconsin Free Press*, at Green Bay, was published quite early—probably commenced in 1836.