

has occupied, he has exhibited a character of sterling faithfulness and honesty of purpose.

C. L. Sholes established his newspaper press here in 1840, and has sustained its credit and his reputation as editor, taking rank with the ablest in Wisconsin; its independent and liberal character is well known. He served in the State Senate in 1848 and '49, and in the Assembly in 1852 and '53, and is now serving another two years' term in the Senate. He has always been forward in every improvement and good work. If the spirits of the departed influence none to worse deeds than they do him, we shall not be very jealous of their visits.

Claimants' Union

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Pike River, at the store of Bullen & Co., on the 13th day of February, 1836, Austin Kellogg was chosen moderator, and William C. Ethridge clerk, when the following preamble and Constitution, presented by the committee appointed to draft the same, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, a union and co-operation of all the inhabitants will be indispensably necessary, in case the pre-emption law should not pass, for the securing and protecting of our claims: And whereas, we duly appreciate the benefit which may result from such an association, not only in regulating the manner of making and sustaining claims, and settling differences in regard to them, but in securing the same to the holders thereof against speculators at the land sale; and being well aware that consequences the most dangerous to the interests of settlers will follow, if such a union be not formed; and as Government has heretofore encouraged emigration by granting pre-emption to actual settlers, we are assured that our settling and cultivating the public lands is in accordance with the best wishes of Government; and knowing that in some instances our neighbors have been dealt with in an unfeeling manner, driven from their homes, their property de-