

lee, of Hannibal, Sidney Roberts, of Cazenovia, Charles W. Turner, of Sterling. The explorers left Hannibal on the 19th of March, 1835; the day of departure was one of considerable interest; the leave-taking was such as is usually witnessed between parents and children, husbands and wives, when a long and perilous journey is about to be undertaken. The instructions to the committee of exploration were explicit, and reduced to writing. The explorers were required to examine the country along the western shore of Lake Michigan, with the view of finding an eligible situation for a commercial town, with lands in its vicinity adapted to agricultural pursuits. Milwaukee was fixed upon as the first point of the committee's destination,—that being the only place then definitely known, between Chicago and Green Bay, as settled by white inhabitants. From Milwaukee, they were directed to explore, either north or south, along the shore, as they might judge best. The committee took \$2,800 of Company money with them, with which to make investments, and were allowed one dollar a day, while on actual duty, and traveling expenses.

On leaving Hannibal, the committee took the route by way of Lake Erie to Detroit, and from thence across the country to Chicago. At Chicago they ascertained that there was no road to Milwaukee; the journey to that place being, at that period, usually performed by following Indian trails, sometimes on foot and sometimes on horseback, and occasionally by water, on a small schooner. The explorers set out on their journey by land, following mostly along the beach of the Lake; after having accomplished a part of the distance in this way, they descried a small sail craft coasting along the shore towards the north; they embarked on this, and made a successful voyage to Milwaukee. At Milwaukee they found a small collection of buildings, mostly of a temporary character, and a mixed population of whites and Indians. Nature, however, had marked the location as one of great prospective