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Visit of General Dodge

Although the town continued to increase steadily in population after its first settlement, yet during the first five or six years, it received but few accessions of men of wealth; the people were mostly possessed of only moderate means. As an illustration of its resources for fashionable display, up to 1841, the occasion of Gen. Dodge visiting the place, may be mentioned. It was announced that he would visit Southport on the 12th of July; the fame of the General was widely known throughout the West as a frontier warrior of many years service, and especially as the hero of the "Sauk War," or "Sauk Fuss," as the waggish ones were wont to call it. All the available vehicles and horses in the place, were brought into requisition on this occasion, to enable the people to go out to meet him. This equipage consisted of three lumber wagons, one open carriage on wooden springs, besides five indifferent horses for single riders. As the General was to come from Racine, and the road being unfit for carriages, the Racine people procured a lighter boat, in which the General and a few citizens of that place, were towed by two horses along the beach of the Lake. The Southport procession, with the wagons and horses before mentioned, proceeded to the north end of Washington Island, and awaited the arrival of the famed warrior. As soon as the boat hove in sight in which were the General and his companions, a speckled bandana handkerchief was raised on a stick by one of the Southport party—this was the signal of patriotic welcome, and was followed by three hearty cheers. The General was assisted into Deacon Whitney's wooden spring carriage before mentioned, which was considered the best vehicle in the neighborhood; and the procession took up its line of march,