

the land offices at Menasha and Mineral Point. The Stevens Point land office was opened in 1853. The district embraces a strip of land thirty miles in width on either side of the Wisconsin, from the Dells to its source—about one hundred and seventy miles long. In proof of our position, that we have a good farming country, we have only to give the amount of sales in this land district; the aggregate from July 5th, 1853, to March 31st, 1857, is *one million four hundred and thirty-five thousand five hundred and sixty acres*. At Mineral Point and Menasha, previous to the opening of this office, the sales were probably about three hundred thousand, as within the bounds of this district—say *one million six and thirty thousand acres* in all. Not one-twentieth part of this was purchased for lumbering purposes, but for agriculture, and that alone. Some two-thirds of it is occupied by settlers, who are now opening farms. The whole of Adams county, the north-west part of Marquette county in this district, west part of Waushara county, also in this district, together with the southern and eastern parts of Portage and Wood counties, are completely settled up; the lands being openings and prairie, proving first rate—equal to any in the State. To the west and north-west of Plover and Grand Rapids, and north of Stevens Point, the lands are covered with timber, and more or less mixed with the evergreen. A short distance from the streams, however, almost invariably is found the hard timbered lands, which on proof are ascertained to be heavier and stronger than those either in the openings or along the streams; and for the last year have been sought and bought with great eagerness, for the purposes of settlement and farming. Nearly all of towns twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, and twenty-five, of ranges two, three, four, five, six, seven and eight, are taken up. A colony of Germans from Pittsburg, after careful examination, have taken up for purposes of immediate occupancy, some twenty-seven thousand acres of the most choice