

acknowledge their indebtedness to the Secretary, Mr. Draper:

I. Hon. John P. Arndt is a native of Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, where he was born, of German parents, in Nov., 1780. Of his early life we have no knowledge; nor is that material, as he has spent the most eventful part of his days in Wisconsin. Coming to Green Bay nearly thirty-three years ago, with his worthy companion, they still live, at a green old age, in comfort and contentment. Besides serving as County Judge, Mr. Arndt served in the Territorial Council of 1836, '37 and '38. For the following racy sketch, we are indebted to the Green Bay Advocate of last year:

"Judge Arndt, who can fairly claim to be one of the 'oldest inhabitants,' hands us a memoranda from which we gather the following interesting items of his personal history, and that of Green Bay. The Judge came to Green Bay in the fall in 1824 and has resided here ever since—for more than thirty years in the same house; and it was an old house when he first took possession of it. Those who have 'been there and staid all night,' do say that it is a very comfortable house yet. It was the first licensed tavern, and he the first licensed landlord in the Territory, to wit—in 1825. There are those of his early guests living—'here and there a traveler'—who can bear witness that there aren't many better landlords or taverns within its limits even at this day.

"In June, 1825, the Judge obtained the first license to maintain a ferry across Fox River; his right to do so was sometimes disputed at the point of the bayonet by the troops occupying Fort Howard. In one instance the Judge and his ferry-man were taken prisoners, and escorted to the Fort, to report to the commanding officer of the day. He was told that they had jurisdiction over Fox River within certain limits, and that no one would be permitted to cross without leave from the commanding officer. The Judge thought best to try that on—so he made complaint against three of the officers to the Grand Jury, and had them indicted for false imprison-