

ment. One of them was fined \$50 and costs, and Fox River declared navigable for ferry boats.

"It was about this time that the officer commanding at Fort Howard, published an order that all boats passing the Fort, up or down, should put in and report their business and destination. Arndt concluded on one occasion that, sink or swim, he would not obey the order. Forthwith a sanguinary six-pounder was planted upon the bank, and the boat commanded to stop, or they would send it to 'Davy Jones' Locker.' Now the Judge is not a profane man, and never was. But he had a Child about, called Ebenezer, who had very vigorous lungs, and an extraordinary command of language. So Ebenezer responded to the hail, and mildly intimated that they might 'shoot and be d—.' *They didn't shoot.* By the by—a rumor got abroad last year that this same Child was dead—died, it was said, of cholera, in St. Louis—and we had the misfortune to copy the report in the *Advocate*. Finding soon after that the report was premature, and that the young man was not dead at all, we sent him a copy of the notice, with a private apology for its publication. His reply was curt and characteristic. He 'received the notice,' he said, and 'accepted the apology. He did not care anything about it, for he knew it was all a d— lie the moment he saw it.'

"In 1825, Judge Arndt built (with his own hands,) the first Durham boat that ever swam in Fox river; with it heavily laden, he ascended Fox river to the Wisconsin Portage, contrary to the prediction and admonishments of all the boat-men and bateau-men of the country.

"In 1827, Judge Arndt built the *first* saw mill (on Indian land, with consent of the War Department.) The same year he made the first brick, and built the first *decked scow* in what is now Wisconsin.

"In 1829, Judge Arndt built a *steamboat* to run on Fox River. But having nearly burst his boiler in the *building*—