

Mississippi Railroad Company, in procuring the right of way, and canvassing for the taking of stock in that road. Such was his success, that he was induced to continue, and has proved of vast benefit to that very important public improvement. He was a director in that company at its organization; and, except for a brief period in which he was employed by the La Crosse R. R. Company, he has devoted the past six years exclusively to the business and interests of the Milwaukee and Mississippi Company. As sanguine as he has always been of the advantages of the road to the country and to individuals, the actual results have more than vindicated his predictions.

Mr. Clinton was at one time a director and general agent in the La Crosse Company, and a director in the Fox River Valley Road; and is now a director and general agent of the Milwaukee and Mississippi, the La Crosse and Prairie du Chien, and the McGregor, St. Peters and Wisconsin River Railroad Companies. He has not only proved himself a worthy pioneer, but a public benefactor.

VIII. Hon. James H. Lockwood was born in Peru, Clinton county, N. Y., Dec. 7th, 1793, and was raised at farming until past the age of sixteen years. He then enjoyed some educational advantages, and studied law awhile. During the latter part of the war of 1812-15, he engaged as sutler's clerk in the army on the Niagara frontier. After the war, he passed up the Lakes to Mackinaw, where he arrived in the summer of 1815, where he taught school a part of the time. The next year, he visited Green Bay with the first American troops that went there to establish a garrison, and engaged in the Indian trade. In September, 1816, he arrived at Prairie du Chien; but still trading with the Sioux Indians, he did not take up his permanent residence there until the fall of 1819.

Upon the organization of Crawford county, he was tendered the appointment of Probate Judge, but declined, accepting that of a Justice of the Peace. He subsequently renewed the