

not till a later period that Main and Jefferson streets were thoroughly opened and made passable.

The town of Astor, now known as the South Ward of the City of Green Bay, was opened and laid out in the year 1835, the proprietors were John Jacob Astor, Ramsay Crooks and Robert Stuart, the principals of that well known and once powerful corporation, "The American Fur Company." The land was originally owned by John Lawe and the Grignon family. Together with other real estate, it was taken in payment of balance due the old Green Bay Company to the former company; the debt having accrued by loss in the Indian trade—for in this business, it generally happened that the small traders who purchased their goods at high prices, after years of toil and privation spent in the trade, came out with nothing—leaving to the great monopoly the lion's share of the profits. The consideration received by the former owners, was trifling compared with the present value of the property. The venerable old log house and garden, formerly occupied by the hospitable and highly respected veteran pioneer, the late Judge Lawe, stood a little north of the house now occupied by Mr. P. B. Grignon, at the termination of Adams street. The only relics of the olden time, remaining in this city, are the house and premises now occupied by Judge Arndt; all other buildings have disappeared, and also, with them have gone nearly all of the old occupants! but few of them who were in the vigor of life when I first met them, remain to witness the rapid and almost magic changes, that have succeeded each other in the settlement and improvement of the country—the country which they found but a wilderness, and an inhospitable waste. Thirty years ago I knew every family in the settlement, and could name nearly every individual. Now I meet in every street and at every corner, strange faces and persons with whom I am unacquainted. I sometimes think that I shall soon become "a stranger in the land."