

Frontier Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 45, commenced labor under dispensation granted, in October, 1852; and, in June, 1853, a charter was granted by the M. W. G. L. of the State of Wisconsin, the Lodge consecrated, and the officers duly installed. The first officers were, Morrison McMillan, W. M., Solomon Howe, S. W., J. R. Crossett, J. W., Col. E. Childs, Treasurer, C. A. Stevens, Secretary. La Crosse Lodge of I. O. O. F., No. 69, was instituted August 13th, 1853, by the R. W. G. M., assisted by Theodore Rodolf, D. G. M. The first officers were, Theodore Rodolf, P. G., Ira Myrick, N. G., D. D. Cameron, V. G., John M. Levy, R. S., and George Farnham, T.

The first meeting of the County Board of Supervisors was held in La Crosse, on the 11th day of November, 1851; the Board consisted of Timothy Burns, town of La Crosse; J. Spaulding, town of Albion; Charles Whipple, town of Pine Valley; Robert Looney, Clerk. The first Court was held in the summer of 1851, in the frame building erected by John M. Levy, Wyram Knowlton presiding.

The village of La Crosse was organized as a city in 1856, by virtue of a charter granted the same year. The first officers were, Mayor, T. B. Stoddard; Aldermen of the First Ward, W. W. Crosby, Moses Clark, and James Moher; Aldermen of the Second Ward, E. D. Campbell, W. H. Tucker, and George Sharpfe; Aldermen of the Third Ward, C. A. Stevens, James Whalen, and Robert Looney; Peter Burns, Marshal; W. W. Ustick, Treasurer; H. Cramer, Superintendent; A. Moore, Clerk; Harvey E. Hubbard, Police Justice. Perhaps there is no surer indication of the rapid increase and intelligence of a community, than the increase of their mail facilities. In the year 1850, J. B. Miller was appointed Post Master. The record of his doings is lost, except the whole amount of postage received by him from the time of his appointment until August, 1852, which amounted to but \$7.50. At the latter date, Simeon Kellogg was