

I will treat;" and he did. No appeal was ever taken from this judgment.

The partnership agreement between Crocker and Payne was drawn by Judge Goodrich, still living in Chicago; and although many years have elapsed since that document was drawn up, yet during the present summer Judge Goodrich met his early client in that city, recognized him and invited him to dinner. Both readily admitted that Chicago had changed somewhat since 1834—a period of forty-five years.

Col. Crocker, when here, showed us the identical old wallet in which he carried his wealth and papers, when he came to what is now Sheboygan, then called Sheb-y-a-gun. He is now a thrifty farmer, and a prominent citizen, of Binghamton, N. Y., and his visit here was a source of pleasure to him, and a marked gratification to many of our citizens.

The following letter of introduction from the Indian agent at Chicago, was presented by Col. Crocker to the Chippewas at Sheboygan prior to his commencing work upon the mill:

TO WAMIXICO, TE-SHE-SHING GE-BAY,¹ AND OTHERS OF THE CHIPPEWA
TRIBE OF INDIANS:

Your Great Father, the President of the United States, purchased of the Menomonees all the country in the neighborhood of Sheb-y-a-gun river. This purchase was made at Washington City five or six years since.

My children—I know you claimed this land, and told me that the Menomonees had no right to sell it, and you told us the same thing at the trade held last Fall at Chicago; and although your Great Father had bought it of the Menomonees, yet your Fathers, the Commissioners of the Chicago treaty, purchased your rights to it again last Fall.

My children—The bargain you made with the Commissioners of your Great Father, is not yet agreed to by the wise men of the East, but I am sure it soon will be.

My children—The white men who take this letter to you are good men; they do not want to meddle with your fields or your hunting grounds; all they want is to build a mill on Sheb-y-a-gun River.

My children—I hope you will not interrupt these men, as they will be

¹ Perhaps Chechebinquay, who, with Wamixico, signed the Chicago treaty, Sept. 26, 1833, of which Mr. Owen, the Indian agent, was one of the commissioners.