

good friends to you; they will do none of you any harm. If any of you are dissatisfied, come and see me, and I will make all clear to you.

My children—You had better come and see me, if you are not satisfied with the talk I send you.

Your Father at Chicago,
T. J. V. OWEN.

JUNE 5th, 1834.

In Snyder, Van Vechten & Co.'s *Historical Atlas of Wisconsin*, it is added, that Payne and Crocker built a log cabin about half a mile below their mill, at the mouth of Follet Creek, which is still standing; and that when the Indians became aware of their preparations to build a dam, some four or five hundred of them, notwithstanding the conciliatory letter from their agent, assembled to protest against any such obstruction, as they regarded it, to fish ascending the river, and thus cutting off one of their important sources of livelihood; but after long and tedious negotiations, their consent was finally obtained, and the dam built, and the mill erected during the fall of 1834 and following winter and spring. But the mill, like the honey bee, is a sure precursor of the advent of the white man, and the gradual withdrawal of the Indian.¹

Charles D. Cole, another early Sheboygan pioneer, was born in Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 19, 1806. He migrated to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1830, taking charge of a line of canal boats plying between that place and Portsmouth, on the Ohio River. Of his coming to Wisconsin, and his early settlement in Sheboygan, he gave me the following narrative:

Leaving Cleveland in April, 1836, I landed from the steamer New York, at Green Bay, during that month. On our way up,

¹ Col. Crocker, after visiting, in the summer of 1879, the scenes of his early Wisconsin adventures, died suddenly at Chicago, on his return home, August 1, 1879. He was born in Union, Broome Co., N. Y., May 2, 1811. Coming to Chicago early in 1834, and thence to Sheboygan County, in Wisconsin, the same year, he appears to have returned to Chicago in 1835, and to Binghamton, N. Y., the latter part of 1836. He served in the New York legislature in 1847, and was more than once an unsuccessful candidate for Congress, as his party was in the minority in the district. He was a man of genial address, and excellent character and left a large estate to his descendants. L. C. D.