

we got out of fuel. We had taken on board at Detroit, William Farnsworth. He owned mills at Menomonee, and the steamer put in there to get fuel. Farnsworth went on shore where he had a "coal-pit," which was ready to be fired; he had it torn down, and the wood taken on board by means of a flat-boat. We had no further trouble in reaching the settlement at the Bay.

Then I arranged with Farnsworth to go to Sheboygan, and embark in mercantile and forwarding business. I landed at Sheboygan in June, from the steamer "Michigan," Captain Pease, and remained two or three days for Farnsworth to come through by land from the Bay. Then I went to Milwaukee with him on horseback; and from there to Chicago on a schooner, to attend the land sales. There was unbounded excitement about real estate—everybody crazy. One old gentleman of African descent rode a horse through the town, ringing a bell, and crying: "Now is your time to make your fortune, now's your time." Everybody stopped at the Tremont, a frame building kept as a hotel. At meal times the rush was appalling; it exceeded the rush for the auctioneer's stand.

The proprietors of Sheboygan here offered their lots, and I purchased three, on the river, in company with Farnsworth and Brush, Reese & Co., under the firm name of C. D. Cole & Co. I then went to Green Bay and completed my business arrangements; and then returned to Cleveland for my family, and a stock of merchandise, consisting of dry-goods, groceries, etc. I reached Sheboygan with my family, and the stock of goods, in August following, coming up in brig "U. C. Baldwin," Captain Sweet. The trip consumed two weeks' time. All vessels and steamers then went to Green Bay before touching at Sheboygan. A. G. Dye and family had landed at Sheboygan a few days before from Chicago. Dye had been employed by me at Chicago to go to Sheboygan, and erect a warehouse and dock for Cole & Co. He brought with him Morris Firmin and family. Those two families were the first to settle at Sheboygan; and not mine, as stated by Hon. Horace Rublee, in 4th vol. *Wis. Hist. Colls.* There were no framed houses finished. In the month of June preceding, Levi Conroe had arrived at Sheboygan with some workmen