

to build a hotel for the proprietors of the town. The cooking and other household work for this "gang" of men, was done by one of their number.

There being no house for me to occupy with my family, I was obliged to provide a shelter for them as best I could. I went to work, and put up a small shanty by using slabs from the sawmill, which was not running at the time, for a roof; and "siding up" with boxes, barrels and blankets. We remained in this apology for a house about two weeks. By this time a portion of the hotel was finished, so that we could get into it; where we remained until the spring of 1837. When I had occasion to sell any of my merchandise, I opened the box containing the article called for, and after waiting upon my customer, I closed the box again.

The mail at this time was carried from Milwaukee to Green Bay twice each week, and I was the first postmaster at Sheboygan. and this was the only post-office in the county at that time. In the meantime, Dye had completed the warehouse and the dock was finished during the summer. Here we were with a warehouse. forty by sixty feet in size, two stories high, and a dock one hundred and sixty feet in length, built out into the water ten feet deep, all ready to receive the great rush of emigration which was looked for so confidently. As evidence of the substantial manner in which the dock was built, I may remark that it is still in good repair. In the spring of 1837, Dye had finished a frame dwelling for himself and family. During the fall of 1836, John D. Gibbs and family, B. L. Gibbs, and James H. Gibbs, brothers, arrived at Sheboygan; during the winter, and next spring they opened up farms at Gibbsville, and were the first settlers at the last-named place, which is eight miles from Sheboygan, on the Milwaukee road, and now in the town of Lima. William and Peter Palmer also began farms about the same time in the same neighborhood.

While I was getting settled, and was preparing for business, Farnsworth had gone to New York for a large stock of goods to supply his stores at Menomonee and Green Bay, and to replenish our stock at Sheboygan. These goods reached Green Bay late in the fall. I went there, and we divided the stock. I then started back overland and expected the sail vessel