

Mrs. Betsey Calkins, widow of the late Turner Calkins, died at Lisbon, Waukesha County, Nov. 24th, aged ninety-one years. She had removed from Austerlitz, Columbia Co., N. Y., to Lisbon in 1844.

Hon. Asaph Whittlesey died at Bayfield, Dec. 15th, about fifty-six years of age. He was a native of Tallmadge, Ohio, and settled in Ashland County, Wis., in 1854, and was the first postmaster and justice of the peace of Ashland; and in 1860, represented his district in the assembly; walking to Madison on snow-shoes, and camping out at nights in the unsettled portion of his route. He was also county judge of Ashland County. In 1861, he was appointed receiver of the land office at Bayfield, which he resigned in 1868 to accept the position of Indian agent, which position he held only a year.

Thomas Comer died at Two Rivers, Dec. 21st, at the advanced age of ninety-two years, leaving four surviving children.

George W. Bliss died at Neosha, Missouri, Dec. 26th. He was born at Towanda, Pa., Sept. 20th, 1808. He was a fellow apprentice with Horace Greeley at the printer's trade. After publishing papers in Western New York, from 1830 to 1838, he removed the latter year to Fulton Co., Ill., where he remained principally engaged in farming for nine years. He removed to Mineral Point in 1847, establishing the *Tribune*, and publishing it successfully for twenty-one years. He served in the legislature in 1870, and filled other public positions, as he had in New York and Illinois. At the close of 1870, he removed to Neosha, where he served as mayor of the young city between five and six years. He was a prominent Mason, a deep thinker, and well-read man.

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Jesse Corwin died at Sparta, Jan. 3d, at the age of ninety-one years. As a soldier of the War of 1812, he received a pension, and had resided at Sparta since 1853.

Dr. Erastus B. Wolcott died in Milwaukee, Jan. 5th, in his seventy-sixth year. He was born in Benton, Yates Co., N. Y., Oct. 18th, 1804; received a medical diploma in 1825; was appointed a surgeon in the U. S. army in 1836, and resigning in 1839, settled that year in Milwaukee. From the appointment of surgeon in the Territorial militia, in 1842, he rose to a colonel of a regiment, and major-general of militia, and surgeon-general of the State during the war, and for the most of the time thereafter to the time of his death. He held many other positions of honor and usefulness—regent of the State University, trustee of the State Hospital for the Insane, commissioner at the Paris Exposition, and a manager of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. In every position, he was efficient, faithful, and zealous. Broad and sympathetic in his views, he was polished in manners, and wise in counsel. As an evidence of his magnanimity and unselfishness, he headed petitions to the legislature, protesting against special laws for the benefit of any particular class of physicians—favoring equal privileges to all who have skill in medicine, no matter how or where acquired.

Maj. Richard Rooney died in Milwaukee, Jan. 6th, at the age of forty-