

the chairmanship of the county board, and served in the assembly of 1880.

Alson Fitch died in Somers, Kenosha Co., July 25th, at the age of seventy years. He came to Wisconsin in 1836.

Ervin Hopkins died at Madison, July 25th, in his ninety-third year. He was born in Pawlet, Vt., Jan. 31st, 1788; and graduated at Middlebury College in 1808. He was large in size, with a large active brain. He was unambitious, and lived a quiet, secluded life. He resided some twenty years in Wisconsin, and was father of ten children, among them the late Judge James C., and Hon. B. F. Hopkins, Mrs. Horace Rublee, and Mrs. A. S. Frank.

John J. Van Matre died in Fayette, July 26th, at the age of seventy-seven years. He settled in Wisconsin in 1836.

Capt. D. W. Baldwin died at Omro, July 27th. He came to Wisconsin in 1848, and was a noted boat captain on Fox River and Lake Winnebago.

Judge E. G. Wheeler died at Yankton, sometime in July, aged sixty-eight years. He was a pioneer of Sauk County, Wisconsin, and was county judge in early times. He removed from Reedsburg to Yankton in 1874.

John Gregory died in Milwaukee, August 4th, at the great age of ninety-six years. He was born near Listowel, County Kerry, Ireland, in 1784. He received a good education, and became a fine classical scholar. He was devoted to natural science and mechanics; but he spent his life in civil engineering. At one time he was president of the Dublin Academical Institute, and afterwards president of the Dublin College of Engineering, Mining, and Agriculture. He was the author of a work on *The Philosophy and Practice of Arithmetic*; and, at the instance of the board of education, prepared a series of text-books for the use of the Irish National Schools. He subsequently had published a work on *Engineering and Surveying*. He was tendered, but did not accept, the position of royal astronomer, and inspector of Irish railroads; and he declined an offer from the Emperor Nicholas of Russia, to superintend the construction of railroads in that empire. But for a sudden change of administration, he would have been knighted for his many scientific services. He came to Milwaukee in 1850, and two years subsequently published an important work on the *Industrial Resources of Wisconsin*, of which a new edition was afterwards issued. Tall in his person, and of commanding appearance, he was not only a striking, but a remarkable character.

Capt. B. F. Hollinbeck, one of the oldest settlers of Ripon, died Aug. 14th, at the age of eighty-four. His wife, at the age of seventy-six, preceded him to the spirit world twenty-four hours.

Ole Bull, of world-wide fame as a musician, died at Bergen, Norway, Aug. 16th, in his seventy-first year. He was born in Bergen, Feb. 5th, 1810. Having been united in marriage with the daughter of Hon. J. G. Thorp, then of Madison, in 1870, he spent a portion of his time in that city, and took a special interest in the department of Norwegian literature of the Wisconsin University.

Peter V. Dane died at Appleton, Aug. 16th, in his fortieth year. He was a