

his studies, supporting himself by giving private instruction. Admitted to the bar in 1836, he located in Chicago in the fall of that year, where he remained in the practice of his profession, and editing a paper till 1842. While in Chicago, he served as prosecuting attorney in 1840-41. Locating in Racine, he represented that county in part, in 1846, in the first constitutional convention, and was one of the ablest and most conspicuous members of that body. In 1848, he was a member of the national convention that nominated James K. Polk, for president; and, on his election, sought the appointment of a Territorial governor, naming Oregon as his choice. Failing in this effort, he removed in 1849, to Milwaukee, where he took high rank in his profession, and a leading part in the politics of the State. The great effort of his life was the part he took in the great impeachment trial of Judge Levi Hubbell, in 1853. His criticisms on opposing counsel were terrific, and in his assaults upon Judge Hubbell, and in his invective, he was perfectly furious. Three years later he shared in the celebrated Bashford-Barstow controversy for the governorship. In 1870, 1871 and 1872, he served as city attorney of Milwaukee; and when Chief Justice Dixon resigned his position on the bench, in 1874, Gov. Taylor appointed Mr. Ryan to fill the vacancy—a position he had coveted, rather than expected, for many years. He was the following year elected without opposition, to fill the balance of Judge Dixon's unexpired term—even Judge Hubbell supporting him for the high position. Though a man of high temper, and not always wise in his intercourse with others, yet it is conceded on all hands that Chief Justice Ryan was a man of brilliant intellect, and an honest and profound jurist.

Capt. E. H. Liscum died at Richland Center, Oct. 22d, aged forty-eight years. During the war, he was a captain first in the Thirty-Third, and then in the Forty-Ninth Wisconsin Regiment.

Rev. James Young died at Weyauwega, at the age of seventy, towards the close of October; he lacked but two votes, many years before, of being elected bishop of Maryland.

Mrs. Phoebe Post, who died at Black River Falls, some time in October, had attained the great age of ninety-seven years.

Mrs. Polly Liskum, who had lived with her husband over sixty years, died at Hebron, Jefferson Co., Nov. 1st, in the eighty-sixth year of her age.

Hon. Roger H. Mills died at Beloit, Nov. 11th, aged sixty-seven years. He was born in New Hartford, Conn., where he engaged in the practice of law; he held several important positions, among them county judge, and secretary of State. Settling in Beloit in 1854, he at one time was mayor of the city, and a trustee of Beloit College. He was an able, learned, and conscientious lawyer, and in every sense a good man.

Anders Anderson died in Pleasant Prairie, Dane Co., Nov. 18th. He came to Wisconsin from Norway in 1844, settling first in Whitewater, and in 1852 at Pleasant Prairie. He was a worthy and respected citizen, the father of Hon. John A. Johnson, of Madison, and Col. O. C. Johnson, of Beloit.

John Sweeney died in the town of Fayette, Nov. 20th, aged eighty-four years.