

Willis Steele died sometime in January, aged eighty-one years, in Pewaukee. He was a native of Canton, Conn., came to Wisconsin in 1855. He had voted for Monroe for president in 1820, and for Garfield in 1880.

Hon. Matt. H. Carpenter died in Washington, D. C., Feb. 24th. Born at Mooretown, Vt., Dec. 22, 1824, he was two years at West Point as a cadet from 1843 to 1845; read law with Hon. Paul Dillingham, and admitted to the bar in 1847, when he became an assistant in the office of Hon. Rufus Choate, of Boston. In 1848, he was admitted to practice in the supreme court of Massachusetts, and immediately thereafter located at Beloit, Wis. In 1852, he was elected district-attorney of Rock County; and in 1856 he was one of Gov. Barstow's counsel in his contest with Gov. Bashford. In 1858, he removed to Milwaukee. In 1869, he was elected to the U. S. senate, serving six years; and in 1879, he was again chosen to the senate. He was a master in oratory, and took rank with our foremost statesmen. "For a man," said the *Sunday Telegraph*, "who has occupied so distinguished a place in State and national affairs, the mere facts of his life and his education, the places of his residence, the incidents of his career, were notably small in number and of minor importance. But no man in the nation has lived so much in so short a time."

Father James M. Doyle died at Janesville, Feb. 26th, in his sixtieth year. He was a native of Ireland, and was well known throughout Wisconsin, having had charge of Catholic congregations at Whitewater, Portage, Waukesha, and Janesville. He was devoted and industrious in his ministerial labors.

Antoine Valley died in the town of Prairie du Chien, Feb. 28th, in the one hundred and fourth year of his age. He was born in St. Antoine, Canada, Nov. 4th, 1777. He settled at Prairie du Chien in 1854. He was the father of eighteen children—nine of whom survived him. He practiced total abstinence from alcoholic drink, and died while giving thanks for blessings received.

Granville Sherwood died in Beloit, March 1st, in his ninety-sixth year—the oldest man in Rock County, retaining his intellectual powers till within a few days of his death.

Dr. R. W. Bradlen, one of the worthy and esteemed physicians of Chippewa Falls, died at that place on the 1st of March. He was the high priest of his Masonic chapter.

Hon. John M. Read died at Louisville, Ky., while *en route* to the South for his health, March 9th, in his thirty-ninth year. He was born at Louisville, Nov. 3d, 1842, and was brought to Wisconsin in 1847. He was a printer by trade, and enlisted in the Fourteenth Wisconsin regiment, serving till the end of the war as a private, sergeant, and adjutant, participating in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Nashville, the assault on Vicksburg, on the Red River campaign, and in the movements around Mobile. He was wounded at Vicksburg and the Spanish Fort, and was taken prisoner at Corinth. After the war, he published a paper in Missouri awhile, but returned to Wis-