

ulous towns and villages of the State to-day, stand on sites selected at that time by him.

The rapid settlement of the country beyond the Great Lakes, called for a new Territorial Government—a separation from Michigan. Congress passed the act creating the Territorial Government of Wisconsin, in 1836. Hon. Henry Dodge received the appointment of Governor, and assembled the first Legislature at Belmont. One of the most important matters brought before that body, and to be settled by it, was the location of the seat of government. Judge Doty, though remaining in private life, had not been idle, and especially was not uninterested in this matter of a capital for Wisconsin. There was great excitement over the matter in the Legislature; while others were planning, Judge Doty was *acting*. He appeared at Belmont as a lobby member; and almost before the Solons knew of it, by his superior tact, had brought about a vote fixing the seat of government at Madison, the beautiful place where it now is. There was a good deal of sparring and fault-finding with Doty and his management at the time; but all agree, now, that it was then, as it is seen to be since, just the right place for the capital.

Wisconsin, as an organized Territory, had now a Delegate in Congress. Judge Doty succeeded Hon. George W. Jones in 1838, and served till 1841, when he was appointed Governor of Wisconsin by President Tyler, serving nearly three years, and was succeeded by Gov. Tallmadge. While Governor and Superintendent of Indian affairs, the Indians in Minnesota—Dacotahs or Sioux, and Chippewas—began to be uneasy and troublesome. The War Department instituted a commission for conference with them. Gov. Doty, on account of his known acquaintance with Indian character, was selected as Commissioner. He soon assembled the sachems, and had a council. They listened with profound attention, difficulties were allayed, and he made two highly important treaties with the North-Western Indian tribes. The Senate, however, not accepting them, no opportunity was had of testing their value, or otherwise, to the country.