

star of empire was rolling its way westward, and with it came the evils as well as the blessings of civilization.

Civil government had to be established, and accordingly the following order was passed April 13th, 1853, by the board of supervisors of the County of Adams, of which County the territory embraced within the present limits of Juneau County then formed a part: "That all of townships sixteen and seventeen, and the north half of township fifteen, ranges two and three, and all that part of township fifteen, range four, lying north of the south line of section eighteen, and west and east of the Lemon-weir River, shall constitute an organized town under the name of New Lisbon." Under this organization a town meeting was held the same month at the house of J. H. Findlay, and A. P. Ayers elected chairman. Justices of the peace, constables and other town officers were also chosen, and the whole routine of civil law and government was put in operation.

In the same year, a post-office was established about a mile south of the present village. Ephraim Kingsbury was appointed postmaster, and the post-office was called Mill Haven. Weekly communication was now opened with the older settled portions of the State, and as a consequence politicians, patent right peddlers and other patriotic and useful citizens soon put in their appearance. In this year, a Baptist church and Sabbath school were organized, Rev. Mr. Knapp, pastor. A short time subsequently, a public school was established in the town with Geo. P. Kenyon as teacher. From this time forward the town settled up quite rapidly. Roads were constructed in all directions through the town. Schools were organized, and everywhere could be seen the evidences of industry and intelligence.

In 1855, the original village of New Lisbon was laid out, and platted by Amasa Wilson. Subsequently additions to the village were laid out. One of the most important, and upon which a considerable portion of the business part of the place is now located, is the addition platted by J. A. Chase, previously mentioned as one of the early settlers in the town. During this year also, Wm. McDava, Dr. Little, L. Van Slyke, W. P. Carr, W. B. Surdam, John Boyler, and several others settled in the village.