

In the following year, 1856, the post-office was removed to the village, but retained for some time afterwards the original name of Mill Haven. L. Van Slyke was the postmaster after the removal. In the same year, the *New Lisbon Republican* newspaper, was established, R. B. Rice, editor. This paper was continued subsequently under different editors, Mr. Bright and Mr. Wells, both now dead, until it finally took the name of the *Juneau County Argus*, M. F. Carney, publisher, which it yet retains. During 1856, a Methodist church and Sunday school were organized in the village, Rev. John Bean, pastor. This was the first church organization in the place. Others, however, soon followed. The succeeding year, 1857, a district school was organized in the village, H. Tyler, teacher.

The village of New Lisbon was incorporated by act of the legislature, in the winter of 1869 and '70. The first election under the charter was held in the spring of the latter year, at which election E. C. Sage was elected president of the village.

Of the early settlers mentioned, Erastus Emmons died some years since. The present residence of W. J. Webster, A. P. Ayres, Rev. Mr. Knapp, Rev. John Bean, and H. Tyler is not known to the writer. Peter Webster now lives near the village of Sparta; Ephraim Kingsbury, in Kansas; L. Van Slyke, at Hastings, Minnesota; W. P. Carr, in Dakota; W. B. Surdam, in Monroe County; R. B. Rice is connected with a paper at Lancaster, in this State. All the others mentioned are prominent in the community, and still living in the village of New Lisbon or in that vicinity.

As heretofore stated, Andrew Dunn built a sawmill in the present town of Clearfield, in the year 1846 or '47—the latter year is probably the correct date. It was situated on the Lemonweir River, about four miles above the village of New Lisbon. The next year Hugh McFarlane, of Portage City, went into company with Mr. Dunn in the lumber business on the Lemonweir, and a second mill, called the shore mill, was built on the same dam with the former. Both these mills were put in charge of Messrs. Searles and Ward, previously mentioned, and operated by them for the owners for two or three years, and were then leased