

still continues to live. St. Germaine is a practical river-man; and during the time he has lived at Necedah, has turned his attention, during the rafting season, to running lumber on the Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers.

Until the incorporation of Mauston, the village was included within the limits of the town of Lindina. The village was surveyed and platted July 16, 1854; and incorporated in April, 1860. John C. Webster, living at present in the town of Lemonweir, was an early settler in Mauston. Also William Stewart, still living three or four miles out of the village. And Martin Gray was another early settler; but the date of the settlement of these men, the writer has been unable to ascertain. Mr. Gray died several years since; and was, at the time of his death, a very prominent man in business and politics. He was also proprietor of a very important addition to the village of Mauston.

At the annual meeting of the board of supervisors of Adams County, November 14, 1854, the town of Lindina was represented on the board; but no date of the establishment or organization of the town appears on the records. But the boundaries of the town are described in the journal of proceedings, on the 16th, during the same session.

The first number of the *Mauston Star*, D. McBride, editor, was issued June 10, 1857. After publishing the paper one year, Mr. McBride sold out his interest to Messrs. B. E. Stevens and John Turner. After publishing the paper another year in company, Stevens sold out his interest to Mr. Turner, who has ever since continued the paper, and is now its sole proprietor. Mr. McBride subsequently removed to Sparta, in Monroe County, where he still remains, and commenced the publication of the *Sparta Herald*, which he still continues.

The original town of Lemonweir included within its boundaries, all the south part of Juneau County, and was one of only two towns on the west side of the Wisconsin, represented in the first meeting of the county board of supervisors of Adams County, April 12, 1853—the Lemonweir River running in a southeasterly direction nearly through the center of the town.

The first settlement within the limits of the present town of