

tavern. Neither of them was married, and consequently they had to be both landlord and cook. This, together with a kind of reckless way of doing business, soon caused the balance to show on the wrong side, and consequently they were unable to continue the business, and soon sold out to Dr. Bronson. The Doctor undertook to add music to the other attractions of his house to win customers; but unfortunately found that although the soft strains of the fiddle might "soothe the savage breast," the lumbermen traveling the road required more substantial food; and he, too, was compelled to seek some other branch of business.

In the summer of 1852, Nathaniel Crosby took possession of the premises, and kept the house until the spring of 1854, when he sold out to Miles Dustan, who continued to keep the house for some years; but he finally sold out and removed to Baraboo, at which place he died some years since. James Johnson, a native of Norway, settled in the town in 1853; Jesse D. Searles and Joseph Hewett came in 1855; and E. C. Bullis and A. P. Richer the following year. From this date the town settled up more rapidly. But from the nature of the soil, and poor encouragement for farming, the population has considerably decreased within the past few years.

In the fall of 1843, Esq. Rice and the writer, both at that time living near the Grand Rapids, arranged to go on a hunting and exploring expedition down the Wisconsin River. The principal object of the expedition was to obtain a better knowledge of the country on either side of the stream, in the present counties of Adams and Juneau, of which little was known, except such limited observation as the raftsmen were able to make on their annual trips down the river. Procuring, accordingly, a skiff and the necessary camp equipage, provisions for a few days, and a supply of ammunition, they left the rapids, and started down stream.

Not having to depend upon packing their provisions, etc., they laid in a more liberal supply than they otherwise would, which enabled them to spend all the time required in making a tolerably thorough examination of the country bordering on the river.

Usually landing about the middle of the afternoon in some tributary or bayou of the river, they would secure their provisions