

tedious. Reaching the Wisconsin opposite Point Bausse late in the evening, they found the river full of running ice, which rendered the crossing that night impossible. The next morning, after a cold camping out, the ice was sufficiently strong for crossing.

It is proper, in this connection, to mention, that E. S. Miner was in company with John Werner, Jr., in the mercantile business at the Grand Rapids, from the fall of 1844 until the winter of 1849 and '50; and that Mr. Miner held an equal interest with Mr. Werner in the firm of T. Weston & Co., at the date of the organization of that company near the close of 1848; and also, that Miner was very much interested, and was at equal expense with the other parties mentioned, in all the explorations on the Yellow River subsequent to the year 1843—though the facts last mentioned were not known to the writer at the time.

Weston and Kingston reaching the rapids the same day on which they crossed the Wisconsin at Point Bausse, met Messrs. Miner and Werner, and immediately commenced to make preparations for logging on the Yellow River the ensuing winter. Three yoke of oxen were brought, sleds procured, and all the necessary tools provided to commence operations. The crew hired for the winter consisted of nine men, besides Weston and Kingston, viz.: Moses Vanbunker, Daniel Dugan, Prospier Beauchane, John B. Savor, Samuel Bean, George A. Peters, Gilbert Adams, Uriah Hill, and Usal V. Jeffreys, who came up to the camp from the shanty at the mouth of the river. Vanbunker, Beauchane, and Savor were from Canada, Dugan from Ireland, and Adams from the State of Maine. Wages paid, from eighteen to twenty dollars per month. A mill-wright and one or two other men were engaged at the rapids, to build the wheel and other machinery and gearing for the mill, to be erected as early as possible the ensuing season.

On December 21st, 1848, the crew and teams left the Grand Rapids; and, on the 22d, crossed the Wisconsin at Point Bausse, and commenced cutting out the road through to the location selected for the camp on the Yellow River, a distance of ten or twelve miles from the Point. The snow was now from eighteen to twenty inches deep, and the traveling for the men and teams was,