

ment previous to this date, they were back again within a short time, about as numerous as before. The early settlers of the county experienced considerable annoyance from this tribe of Indians; and more particularly was this the case with the settlers who were unacquainted with the Indian nature and habits.

Early in the winter of 1849 and '50, Burley Philbrick, Newell Carleton, M. Labaree, and J. Turner came to Necedah; and, after stopping a short time, continued on up Yellow River, about twenty miles, into the present county of Wood, and engaged in getting out square timber for the lower market. During the winter they were compelled to haul their provisions through to the camp on a hand-sled. In the following spring, they rafted and run their timber out of Yellow River, these being the first rafts run out of that stream. All of those parties were recently from the State of Maine.

During the winter, the firm of T. Weston & Co. banked between three and four thousand logs, scaling from ten to twelve hundred thousand feet. Wages paid the men, from \$14 to \$18 per month, the same wages continuing until the logs reached the mill in the spring. Early in the spring, the lumber manufactured the previous fall and winter, was rafted and run to market, and the mill was kept in active operation during the ensuing season. The old "sash saw," not yet being dispensed with, from eight to ten thousand feet of lumber per day of twelve hours, was considered good work—the latter amount rather above the average. During this season, the lumber sold at ten dollars and a half per thousand delivered at Galena.

During this winter, Mr. Werner sold out his interest in the Yellow River concern to Mr. Miner; and from this time dates the firm of T. Weston & Co., as now constituted.

In May, 1850, Mr. Miner removed with his family, consisting of himself, wife, and one child, and Miss Angeline Brown (now Mrs. Alvin Blake), to Necedah, from the Grand Rapids. A frame house, a part of the present Bentley House, had previously been put up; and during the summer an addition was made to the building. This was the first family, and the first frame house built in the present county of Juneau, north of the Lemonweir River.