

"bolts;" but the experiment not proving successful, it has not since been repeated on the river.

Additional men employed about the mills and on the river this season were: J. Dunn, W. H. Cole, O. Williams, Alex. Christian, James Campbell, Thomas Campbell, James Nesbit, John Hodge, Stephen Young, O. Owens, Columbus Dawes, John Casely, John Murphy, B. Gahen, Nicholas Brown, James Welch, Freeman Pearsall, Edwin Thayer, Charles Telfer, Thomas Morehouse, and Dennis Bishop. Several of these men had worked in the logging camps during the preceding winter. Wages paid from fourteen to twenty dollars per month.

A public school, free to all the children in the village and vicinity, was opened by the proprietors of the place the same year, and continued at their expense until the organization of the district school. The first teacher was Miss M. C. Fay. A Sunday school was also organized by a Mr. Darrow the same season.

In this year, 1852, an election precinct was established at Necedah, by order of the board of supervisors of Sauk County, to which the counties of Adams and Juneau were then attached. An election for State and county officers was held the same fall; but as the returns of the election were made directly to Baraboo, the county seat of Sauk County, the number or the names of the voters have not been obtained. At this election Sauk County polled quite a heavy Democratic majority; but Adams County thinking best to act a little independent in political matters, cast nearly a unanimous vote for the Whig candidates for county officers, electing the latter by a fair majority. This result not proving satisfactory to the Democratic politicians of Sauk County, hastened the organization of Adams as an independent county.

In the fall of this year, the nearest post-office was Dell Prairie, in the present county of Adams; but in the early part of the following winter, the mail route was extended through to Necedah, T. Weston & Co. carrying the mail on the new route, for the proceeds of the several offices between those points.

During the winter of 1852-53, there was quite an increase of business on Yellow River. Besides the mills at Necedah, already