

mentioned, several others had been built, or were in course of erection farther up the stream. All the travel to and fro from those settlements having to pass through Necedah, gave the village at times quite a lively appearance. The number of families there had now increased to eleven, and several others had settled in the near vicinity.

Necedah during this winter was set off into a separate town, embracing all the territory from the south line of township eighteen, to the north line of township twenty, and range two to six both included, covering, with the overplus in the northern tier of townships, sixteen and a half townships, or five hundred and ninety-four square miles.

On the 5th of April of this year, 1853, the town of Necedah was fully organized by the election of the necessary town officers, to wit: town supervisors, Thomas Weston; chairman, John Werner, Jr., and Robert Dawes; town clerk, J. T. Kingston; treasurer, E. S. Miner; justices of the peace, E. S. Miner, John Werner, Jr., and Edwin S. Knapp; overseers of highways, Charles Dawes and J. T. Kingston; constables, R. Huntley and E. R. Knapp.

At the general election held November 8th of this year, the whole number of votes cast was twenty-six; at which time the question of a prohibitory liquor law was submitted to a vote of the people. On this question the returns stood twenty-two votes for, and one vote against the law; and the same principle of prohibition has prevailed in the town, with the exception of three or four years, since that date.

During the summer, the Rev. Mr. Fisher, of the Baptist denomination, paid Necedah a visit, and preached the first sermon in the present county of Juneau, north of the Lemonweir River. In the following year, 1854, the Rev. Mr. Seger, a Christian, and Rev. Mr. Gale, of the Methodist denomination, visited this part of the county, and preached in the village and vicinity. In the fall of 1855, Necedah and New Lisbon were organized into a circuit by the conference of the M. E. Church, and placed under the charge of the Rev. E. S. Bunce, who made Necedah his place of residence. He was followed the next year by Rev. John Bean.