

On the 8th of December, 1854, E. S. Miner, town superintendent, issued a notice to the taxable inhabitants that a school district had been formed, embracing all that part of the town of Necedah, lying west of the Wisconsin, to be known as district number one, and appointing the 23d of the same month, at seven o'clock P. M., as the time, and the house of E. S. Miner, the present Dixie House, as the place for holding the first meeting. This notice was delivered to John Werner, Jr., directing him to serve the same upon all the qualified voters of the district. And on the 23d, Werner certified to the superintendent that he had served said notice on the qualified voters of the district, thirty in all. At this meeting, William Peck was chosen chairman, and E. S. Miner, clerk. The following persons were elected as the district board for the year ensuing, to-wit.: Charles Dawes, director; John Werner, Jr., clerk, and J. T. Kingston, treasurer. The first district teacher was Miss Mary Morehouse.

During the years 1854-55, the lumber business greatly increased on Yellow River, and Necedah began to attract considerable attention as a lumber point. The year following, Messrs. Sadd and Jenkins built a steam-mill in the village, and Messrs. Humes and Beckwith built a mill on the river, about three miles north; the former was afterwards sold to T. Weston & Co., and the latter was subsequently moved down to the village and sold to Messrs. A. H. Cronkhite & Co. Other mills were shortly afterwards built, one by Nelson Beckwith, now owned by Geo. B. Burch & Co., and one also by the Shorey Brothers. A planing mill was also erected by Messrs. Fuller and Ray.

On November 14th, 1856, the town of Necedah was divided, by order of the board of supervisors of Adams County, all that part lying west of the Wisconsin River and north of township eighteen was organized as the town of Armenia. At a subsequent period, all that part of Armenia lying west of Yellow River was re-attached to and still remains a part of the town of Necedah.

From this date Necedah rapidly improved, and within a few years became the equal of her sister villages in the county both in wealth and population. The original village was laid out and