

south half of township fifteen, from range one, east, to the Wisconsin River, this strip of nine miles in width extending from our present western line east the whole width of the county, and reaching almost as far as the present Lemonweir station on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad.

Early in the session of the legislature of 1853, Adams County was organized for judicial purposes, and attached to the 3d judicial circuit, composed of the counties of Adams, Sauk, Washington, Dodge, Columbia, Marquette, and Portage; but later in the session the 7th judicial circuit was established, composed of the counties of Adams, Waushara, Waupaca, Portage and Marathon. During the same session of the legislature, the boundaries of Adams County as established in 1848, were restored; this last arrangement of boundaries, however, did not appear to suit the *friends* in Sauk County; but as Senator Daniel S. Vittum, who represented Sauk and Adams counties in the legislature during that session, was in favor of doing justice in the matter, they failed in their efforts to prevent the establishment of the former boundaries of the county.

No further changes of importance, either political or judicial, occurred in the county until the year 1855. All was peace and harmony. But Mauston was a rising village, and began to take on airs; wanted to become a county-seat; and hence, through her efforts and influence in the winter of this year, a bill was carried through the legislature submitting to a vote of the people the question of the division of Adams County on the line of the Wisconsin River, and the creation of a new county under the name of Juneau. And here originated all the subsequent trouble in the once "happy family."

New Lisbon now considering herself of some importance, and a little jealous perhaps of the influence of Mauston, entered into an agreement with Necedah, just then appearing, as an embryo village, to try and defeat the division of the old county and the creation of the new, with the understanding that if the question of division were carried by a vote of the people, the latter village was to help New Lisbon obtain the county-seat. And that there might be no mistake in the matter, New Lisbon, a couple of days