

before the election sent over a delegation of her citizens to remind Necedah of the former agreement. But unfortunately for the best laid plans, and particularly for Necedah in this instance, when the day of election came, New Lisbon, forgetting her former agreement, voted nearly solid for a division of the county, and thereby carried the question of division by a respectable majority.

At the ensuing session of the legislature, a bill was introduced to organize the county of Juneau, the act to take effect January 1st, 1857, the bill also fixing the point for the county-seat. The county seat being yet undetermined, and Necedah, in order to show a proper resentment toward her near and forgetful neighbor, and in a spirit not altogether Christian, perhaps, made common interest with Mauston to defeat New Lisbon in the county-seat matter. But the proprietors of this enterprising village, acting upon the theory that self-interest is the ruling principle in man, particularly in legislatures, by a wise distribution of a few "corner lots," secured the passage of the bill, and the location of the county-seat at New Lisbon.

This result, however, only stimulated the people of Mauston to new and greater efforts, and in a couple of years subsequently they secured the passage of a bill through the legislature submitting to the people of the county the question of the removal of the county-seat to that place. In the meantime some personal disagreements arising between the people of Mauston and Necedah, in a measure forced the people of the latter village to change their views and votes on the county-seat question.

When the day of voting came, the people of New Lisbon, taking a just pride in the prosperity of their village, and to show their great numerical increase since the last election, and also acting, perhaps, on the principle that "the end justifies the means," became a little reckless in their manner of voting, which resulted, when a legal canvass of the votes was made, in transferring the county offices and records to their persistent rival village.

But still the county-seat question remained unsettled, dividing those in sentiment who otherwise would have been friends, entering into all county conventions and elections, and in a measure retarding the growth and prosperity of the county. New Lisbon