

Juneau trusted him implicitly,—often giving him heavy loads of specie to carry overland to Chicago. I remember that he once brought one thousand dollars' worth of specie,—the most of it silver,—all the way from Fort Dearborn, Chicago; it weighed sixty pounds and was not a burden that could well be distributed over the body. The Indians would not take bank bills, hence the necessity for this large mass of coin. I think that some of the money was used in paying government annuities to the Indians, it being sent to Juneau for distribution,—the rest of the specie consignment being used in Juneau's fur trade. La Tendre's method of running was to hold up both hands close to his shoulders and go at a dog-trot. In this way, he is said to have averaged forty miles per day.¹

Jacques Jambeau, or Jacques Vieau, a brother of Andrew, was another familiar character of those days. He was a voyageur and had done some trading with the Indians, but at the period at which I knew him he did not appear to me to have any business. He was then a well-dressed, fine-looking fellow, some forty-four years of age, and was in and out of Juneau's a good deal,—being Juneau's brother-in-law.

¹ Andrew J. Vieau writes as follows, under date of Fort Howard, December 8, 1887, in answer to a query about this runner: "Jean Baptiste Letendre was a Canadian Frenchman,—not a half-breed. He was once my father's hired man; and, next, Solomon Juneau's. He remained in the service of Juneau until the Pottawattomies were removed, in 1837. He married a Pottawattomie squaw named Keecheeaqua (Big Woman). By her, he had a son and two daughters. His wife dying in Kansas, Letendre returned to Milwaukee and bought a piece of land near Muskego Center, Waukesha county, occupying his time in farming. The last time I saw him was in 1863 or 1864, at Muskego Center, when he was smart and healthy. I have not heard of him, even, since then."—Ed.