

Pierre Paquette was at the Portage, and helped us across with one of his teams. Paquette's log house was on the west bank of the Fox. Francis le Roy lived in the neighborhood, on the opposite shore, near where Fort Winnebago was afterwards established. We were entertained at Paquette's, both going and coming, on our tour.

The next Indian community was on the Wisconsin river, possibly where Prairie du Sac now is. We could see a few lodges near the steep bank, but not the entire village, for we did not stop.

The settlement of Prairie du Chien consisted of but a dozen or twenty houses. The principal man was Joseph Rolette, the fur trader. At the house of another trader, John B. Brunet, we found entertainment, after the fashion of the country. I remember that there was a French serving woman at this quasi hotel, who had escaped from the Red Bird massacre; her daughter, a little girl of five or six, was going minus her scalp, and was shown to us as one of the curiosities of the place.

On arriving at the Prairie, I met Lucius Lyon, then a United States surveyor, and afterwards United States senator from Michigan,<sup>1</sup> who had just completed his survey of the private French land claims there. Having found, on reaching the end of my canoe trip, that President Adams had appointed John Scott, the congressman from Missouri, as prosecuting attorney, and that my services in the Red Bird case were not needed, after all, Lyon and I planned for a tour through the lead mines. I had known Lyon in Detroit; and in the spring of 1828 he had passed through Green Bay in his canoe, en route for Prairie du Chien.

There were no maps of this country, then; but Lyon had a small pocket compass with him and took the courses and distances of the Fox-Wisconsin route, and made the first approximately correct map of that water highway; later, on my return from Galena to Prairie du Chien, I did the same for the Mississippi; we then put our notes together and gave the result to a prominent eastern map-maker who adopted

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<sup>1</sup> Elected at the organization of that state in 1836, and serving till 1840.—  
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