

which we followed until it brought us into the woods east of the Four Lake country.¹ The Four Lakes, called in Winnebago Taychoperah, gave name to the entire region for many miles in their vicinity, but no one, at that early period, could have thought of establishing there the capital of a great state. I was particularly interested in the lakes, myself, because I knew that from them I could see Blue Mound, and thenceforth I should feel acquainted with the country. On the south shore of Third lake, also on the north shore of Fourth,—east of where Pheasant Branch now is,²—we found a few Winnebago Indians located. Proceeding westward, just south of Blue Mound, we struck a road leading from Sugar river, on which mineral had been hauled, and followed it to McCrary's furnace, a few miles southwest of the mound. There we met the first whites we had seen since leaving Green Bay. From McCrary's we went on to Dodgeville, where we stopped in a sort of hotel over night, and the next day we crossed the level country to Prairie du Chien.

At the Prairie, Judge Doty held a term of court, and I officiated as United States district attorney, *pro tem*.

On returning home, we proceeded overland, as before, but with some change as to trail. We passed by the way of Blue Mound, along the north bank of Fourth lake, near the small Indian village I have previously mentioned. We had a full view of both Third and Fourth lakes and the high land between them, on which Madison is now situated, but found no trail leading in that direction and presumably no villages existed there, showing its occupancy by the Winnebagoes at that time. The nearest wigwams were the two clusters I have already mentioned. It is possible that on our out-going trip, Governor Doty and I passed over State University hill. We passed from the village on the south shore of Third lake to that on the north shore of Fourth, with Lake Wingra on our left. We at that time

¹ Wis. Hist. Colls., x., pp. 74, 75; the itinerary of the tour is given, note 1, p. 74.—Ed.

² White Crow's village, situated near the mouth of the upper Catfish, about where Fox's bluff is.—Ed.