

From the foot to the head of the rapids, but a short distance (which rapids are the only barrier to the uninterrupted navigation of the Fox by Durham boats from here to Fort Winnebago), a good road will be made and teams provided for the speedy transportation by land of freight. From Lake Apuckaway, the highest to which the steamboats will ascend, to the Portage of the Fox and Wisconsin, Durham boats can proceed without obstruction. * * *

One of the most important results will be the diversion, to a great extent, of the lead trade in this direction to eastern markets. Indeed, during the course of the present season we anticipate that there will be extensive shipments of lead by the way of the Wisconsin and Fox rivers, Green Bay, the Lakes, the Erie Canal and Hudson river to the Emporium city. David Jones & Co., of this place, and the Fox River Hydraulic Company, are about investing largely in this trade, which sooner or later, must nearly all take this direction, for, while by the way of the Mississippi and Atlantic to New York, the cost of the transportation of lead is about thirty dollars per ton, by this route it can be transported for eighteen dollars — nine from the Wisconsin to Green Bay and nine from Green Bay by the Troy and Erie line (we speak 'by authority') to New York! Here is a saving of nearly one-half in the cost of transportation, to say nothing of the difference in the time of getting a return," etc.¹

Again, quoting from the *Wisconsin Democrat*: "We have learned that Randall Wilcox, Esq., an agent for Fox River Hydraulic Company, purchased, on a late excursion to the mining country, one hundred thousand pounds of lead, to be transported by the way of the Wisconsin and Fox rivers and the Lakes, to a market in some of the eastern cities. We believe it is the intention of this company, when it can be done advantageously, to trade further in this article, transporting it to market by the above route, which is no doubt the cheapest and most expeditious." ²

¹ Quoted in *Wisconsin Enquirer*, May 18, 1839.

² Quoted in *Id.*, June 22, 1839.