

In the (Madison) *Wisconsin Enquirer* for April 17, 1841, are given the two stage routes by which travelers might cross the Territory from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River. One of these passed through Green Bay, Fond du Lac, Fox Lake, Fort Winnebago, Mineral Point, and Galena.

February 17, 1841, the Fox and Wisconsin Steam Boat Company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000.¹ The members of the company were John P. Arndt, William Mitchell, Alexander I. Irwin, David Jones, Daniel Whitney, William H. Bruce, Charles A. Grignon, William Dickinson, Randall Wilcox, David Ward, and Hoel S. Wright. Nothing seems to have come from this enterprise, unless the following quotation may describe one of their schemes: "There is now lying at the wharf of Messrs. Lawson, Howard & Co., the queerest-looking steam water-craft that ever condescended to pay us a visit. She came in from Buffalo on Wednesday evening at the rate of ten miles an hour. She is nothing more or less than an Erie canal boat, propelled by a small but powerful engine, with a paddle-wheel astern, and a smoke-pipe in the center. She is commanded by Capt. P. Hotaling, who proceeds with her to Green Bay and from thence up the Fox River, over the rapids, to Fort Winnebago. She is intended to ply regularly between the latter place and the rapids of the Fox River (twenty miles above Green Bay), and will be adapted to carrying passengers and towing the Durham boats laden with lead, which is transported up the Wisconsin river to within one mile of Fort Winnebago; and this one mile is all the portage required between Galena and New York, by way of the Lakes."²

The following interesting mention is found in a Madison paper of the time: "*Green Bay and the Lead Trade.*—A gentleman of our acquaintance, whose responsibility may safely be depended upon, lately passed through this town on his way to the west, to secure some portion of the lead

¹ *Laws of Wisconsin*, 1840-41, p. 80.

² *Milwaukee Courier*, July 5, 1843.