

all subsequent records of transfers, without the change of a fraction of an acre. The next record shows that Daniel Whitney, June 14, 1836, deeded to Sheldon Thompson, of Buffalo, N. Y., for \$10,000, the land on which stood the tower, with all its buildings and improvements; the Wisconsin Shot Company paid the money, but the land was entered in Thompson's name. On May 25, 1838, Thompson sold the estate for \$10,000 to the trustees of the Wisconsin Shot Company, De Garmo Jones and Sheldon Thompson. The next owners were Charles Townsend and John L. Kimberly, of Buffalo, N. Y., who bought it September 16, 1842. Henry Hamilton, of Buffalo, next bought it for \$6,000, September 5, 1843. The same year, John Metcalf and John B. Terry, of Mineral Point, each bought a third interest in the property,—October 20 and October 13, respectively. On February 15, 1847, these three partners sold the property to Washburn & Woodman, of Mineral Point, for \$6,000.

From manuscript account-books kept by John Metcalf during portions of 1831-33,<sup>1</sup> we are able to follow the operations of the company in some detail. The record begins with September, 1831. There are at first but three men employed, John Metcalf, Louis Beaupré, and Cornelius Hill. They are boating on the Wisconsin during September and part of October, reaching the Fox-Wisconsin portage October 19, from which place a week later they go up the Wisconsin to a lumber camp, probably at Whitney's mill. April 5, they are joined by two others, Almon Green and one De Reese. A month later, Metcalf and his men return to the portage, where he hires four more, one Stewart, A. Deroisiere, Levi Warrington, and one Dejodor; Louis Kirby and one Dixon join the force in July, but all the others save Warrington have now left.<sup>2</sup> This fragmentary record indicates in a general way the character of the work in 1831-32. It consisted largely of getting out and floating down the Wisconsin the materials for the proposed buildings at Helena,

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<sup>1</sup> Now in possession of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

<sup>2</sup> In the spelling of these several names, I follow Metcalf, save where there is better authority.