

which are to be used by the company in their shot-making operations. Among the most interesting of these records are those relating to the articles bought and sold at Whitney's stores at the portage,<sup>1</sup> and the men who dealt there. Among the customers appear the names of two of the Grignons; Paquette, the famous half-breed scout; and Oliver Newberry, well-known as a lake captain and steamboat owner.<sup>2</sup> While at the portage from May to August, 1832, Metcalf and his men lived as ordinary lumbermen, or loggers on a drive. Wages ranged from \$12 to \$30 a month. The accounts show considerable connection with Fort Winnebago.

In the autumn of 1831, Whitney hired T. B. Shaunce<sup>3</sup> to dig the vertical and horizontal shafts of the present tower,

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<sup>1</sup>The articles in the account-books most frequently mentioned are tobacco (smoking and chewing), pork, flour, and sugar. In a second class, less frequently called for, appear tea, corn, shot, blankets, moccasins, thread, beans, ham, potatoes, and deerskins. Tea seems to have been used instead of coffee, and there is very little liquor mentioned in the accounts.

<sup>2</sup>The list of men employed, or having accounts with the shot-tower, were: Oliver Newberry (his agents at the portage probably acted in his name), Francis Roy, Levi Warrington, Louis Bopre, Charles Grignon, A. Grignon, Cornelius Hill, Almon Green, A. La Dow, De Reese, A. Derosiere, Benjamin Lequeire, Jean Baptiste Van Sant, Dejordor, Dixon, Louis Kirby, Stewart, Louis Manaire, Absalom Quinney, Pierre Paquette, Indian Tom, and Indians John, Peter, and Irvan.

<sup>3</sup>T. B. Shaunce was born in New York, May 8, 1808. His family moved West in 1811, first to Indiana, and later to Viola, Ill. At the age of twenty, young Shaunce left home and went to Galena. In 1831 he was hired by Whitney to sink the shaft for the tower at Helena. When the Black Hawk War broke out, work was temporarily abandoned, Shaunce having enlisted to serve during the war. After his work was completed at Helena, he went to Dodgeville and engaged in mining. In 1841 he married, and settled down on a small farm, where he died Aug. 31, 1863. "Colonel" Shaunce, as he was called, was one of Dodgeville's best-known characters, in early days. He had a large fund of jovial humor, that vented itself in practical jokes upon his associates. On one occasion, in 1835, he was challenged by an Irishman, Joseph McMurtry, to fight a duel. Shaunce, as the challenged party, chose the weapons — rocks, at a distance of forty feet, neither party to stir from his tracks till satisfied.