

Smith did the cooking for the crew, and worked in this capacity till the latter part of November, when all but Shaunce stopped work. The record of the purchase¹ at this same time of temper-kettles, arsenic, shot-kegs and bags, and cord-wood (20 cords), clearly indicates that shot-making was at least begun experimentally during the latter part of 1833. Not much shot was made at first, and this was shipped principally to Fort Winnebago and thence to Green Bay. A small quantity found its way to Galena, chiefly in exchange for goods.

Even at this early time, Helena was a supply station of no small importance. Daniel Whitney was too keen a trader to let slip a favorable opportunity to drive a good bargain. With the establishment of the shot-tower, there was opened a local store similar to those at the portage; a glance at the list of supplies brought in from both St. Louis and Green Bay will sufficiently show this. It certainly was not to supply his own men at Helena that he had on hand, Nov. 25, 12,997 lbs. of salt, 14 box stoves, 12 bake-ovens, and \$105 worth of stoves; and we shall see that his store continually increased its stock so long as he was connected with the tower.

¹ Sept. 1, 1833, there was received by the boat from Green Bay: 30 lbs. salt, 13 lbs. meat, 1 lb. flour, 1 bu. peas and beans, 14 box stoves, 1 Franklin stove, 13 tea-kettles, 12 bake-ovens, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. pots, 6 skillets, 1 spider, 2 hand mills, 4 kegs powder.

Sept. 25, there was received by E. Johnson's team, via Blue Mounds: 1 box door-hangings, 2 balance wheels, 1 pair scales, 1 cross-cut saw, 6 pair shoes, 1 lb. chalk, 1 lb. pepper, 2 scythes, 1 fine saw.

Oct. 19, received by boat (presumably from St. Louis): 1 hogshead sugar, 2 doz. candles, 9 boxes soap, 4 shot-guns, 2 temper-kettles, 1 axe, 2 sacks coffee, 2 boxes tobacco.

In another record, without date, we find the following:—

100 lbs. Arsenic	\$4 00	1 Shovel.....	\$1 00
British Lustre.....	2 50	1 Harness	5 00
10 Shot kegs.....	4 50	Cooking stove.....	25 00
1043 " bags.....	38 25	20 cords wood.....	30 00
Stoves	105 00	House Furniture.....	22 00
Cows and calves..	126 00		