

good season the village of Four Legs, where now the city of Oshkosh stands.<sup>1</sup>

The weather was delightful after the storm, and the latter was the last one we encountered on our trip.

The Indians, at this time, were not altogether to be trusted. In some of the various villages that we passed, there were evident signs of hostility. In some instances, as soon as our canoe appeared, they would flock around us in their small canoes, placing themselves ahead of us and on all sides, so we could not pass them. This we would not have attempted, had they permitted us to do so, for that would have given them a chance to shoot into our canoe. They always asked us for whisky and bread. We gave them bread and flour in each case, and that satisfied them. We were then safe to pursue our journey.

I will quote from a lecture which Mr. Baird delivered before the Green Bay Lyceum, January 19, 1859: "We frequently encamped early in the afternoon, at some spot which attracted our attention from its natural beauty or romantic appearance, and strolled along the bank of the stream, plucking beautiful wild flowers which abounded; or, clambering up some high bluff or commanding headland, obtained a view of the surrounding country, and traced the meandering stream through its high banks, far in the distance. It was in the merry month of May, when the forest was clothed in its deepest verdure, the hills and prairies were redolent with flowers, and the woods tenanted by melodious songsters. It was truly a trip of pleasure and enjoyment."

The encamping place was always hailed with pleasure by the entire party. Many times Waubagenese would jump ashore and trot off into the woods. We would not see him again until we reached a good camping place, where we would find him with some game, the result of his chase. Sometimes it would be pigeons; at others, partridges or

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<sup>1</sup>Four Legs (Hootschope), the celebrated Winnebago chief, had his village at the outlet of Lake Winnebago. For accounts of this Indian, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, v, p. 96, *note*; and numerous references in x-xiv.—ED.