

cution, but also the death penalty itself, has been abolished in Wisconsin.

At the first session of the territorial legislature, which was held in a barn temporarily fitted up for the purpose at Belmont, about twelve miles southwest of Mineral Point, the question of a permanent location of the capital was agitated. After a long and acrimonious contest, and against the most strenuous efforts of the friends of Mineral Point, Madison, on the four lakes, a town which had just been laid out by James D. Doty, was selected as the future seat of government. It was, at the time, freely and openly charged that the vote for Madison was secured by the gift of Madison town lots; and those members of the legislature from Iowa County who voted for Madison could never thereafter recover any political standing or influence in that region.

James D. Doty was a resident of Green Bay, a lawyer of fair ability, and possessed of great suavity of manner and a pleasing address. He was very popular in the eastern part of Wisconsin, but correspondingly unpopular in the mining regions, where he was looked upon as a selfish, scheming speculator. After Madison had been selected for the seat of government, Doty was elected one of the commissioners to build the capitol. He was an ardent Whig. The term of Gen. George W. Jones, as delegate to congress from Wisconsin, had expired. He was renominated by the Democrats, but the unfortunate Cilley-Graves duel, in which he had participated as Cilley's second, lost him the vote of the eastern counties. Thomas P. Burnet, a very popular lawyer of Grant County, ran against him in the western counties, and the result was the election of Doty as delegate to congress, and General Jones was appointed surveyor general. But the latter did not enjoy his office long, for immediately after the death of President Harrison and the inauguration of President Tyler, the territorial officers were all removed. Doty was appointed as Governor Dodge's successor.

Dodge's appearance presented a marked contrast to Doty's. The former dressed very plainly, and put on no airs. He