

agreeable gentleman, also made his home at Mineral Point. Dr. Vivian was for years an active and valuable member of the State Board of Charities and Reform; he is a very influential citizen of Iowa County, and occupies the house and store which I built in 1842, having purchased my drug business and property at the time of my removal to La Crosse in 1853.

The election of President James K. Polk was celebrated at Mineral Point by a great procession, speeches, and festivities. George W. Jones marshalled the whole proceedings. Soon after the inauguration of the president, Jones was reappointed surveyor general, and left Mineral Point for Dubuque, where the office was located.

William Pitt Lynde, of Milwaukee, was now appointed attorney general; Gov. Nathaniel P. Tallmadge was removed, and General Dodge restored to the governorship of the territory. He received a great ovation at the hands of the people of the mining country. He was escorted from his residence, about four miles north of Mineral Point, by the Mineral Point Dragoons, under the command of Capt. J. F. O'Neil, to the court house, where he was welcomed, and briefly responded. A dinner was served at the Mansion House, toasts were offered and responded to, and the festivity closed by a grand ball in the evening. The governor always enjoyed the warm friendship and esteem of his neighbors, Whigs as well as Democrats.

Timothy Burns, then living in the southern part of Iowa County — now Lafayette County — was elected sheriff, and moved with his family to Mineral Point, and as sheriff occupied the court house right across the street from my house, and was my near neighbor as long as he lived at Mineral Point. He was an efficient and popular officer, and after his term of office had expired, represented Iowa County in the legislature, until the state government was formed. He was virtually the founder of La Crosse, where he died in the fall of 1853, in the full vigor of his manhood, with great political prospects before him. He was a great reader, a shrewd politician, and essentially what is called a self-made man.