

he too was going to join Louis in Kansas, in the spring, and wished me to wait and accompany him. Thus it was that I spent the winter of 1856-57, waiting on Amable, who who was ever delaying his Kansas trip, until it resulted that I never went at all.

It was just as well. During the winter, although I lived at Muskego, I renewed all my old Milwaukee acquaintances. All the early settlers knew my father and Juneau, and they got me an appointment as deputy sheriff under Israel Castle, of Pewaukee, then sheriff. I served under Castle throughout 1857-58, and by that time had made many warm friends in this district. Upon New Year's day, 1858, I married Miss Julia McNulty, of Muskego, and have lived happily in this place, ever since. In the spring of 1858, I was elected town clerk, in which office I served until 1880; for many of these years I was also deputy sheriff and at the same time a local constable. Since 1880, when I ceased holding these offices, I have been a justice of the peace.

I am frequently asked the native meaning of the word "Waukesha." Fifty years ago, *chekashskotah* (burnt prairie) was the Pottawattomie name of the river; only they added the syllables *seepee* (river), making it *chekashskotah-seepee* (burnt prairie river). When the whites first came, they named their settlement "Prairieville," having reference to the English translation of this Indian name of the stream; but later they reverted to the local name *waugooshance* (little foxes), which had become corrupted into "Waukesha." When I was seven or eight years old, I used to go out to that region with Solomon Juneau and my brothers. Each spring they would take five or six pack-horses, and visit Waukesha, Muskego, Mukwanago, and Oconomowoc. The last named was the best trading station of all, as the Indians would go there in larger numbers than elsewhere. On such expeditions, I always rode a pony, and was well swathed in blankets. Waukesha was to me the most interesting place, because there I used to go with the Indian boys and catch foxes upon the ridge to the west of the