

Report of the Delegates sent to Wisconsin—Removal of the Register to Grand Detour—Grand Detour in 1842.

This meeting was addressed by M. P. Sweet and O. H. Wright, and passed a resolution recommending that an election be held on the 5th of March, to decide whether or not the people in the proposed territory were desirous of forming an independent State. Judges of election were appointed for the several precincts, who were to make returns to the County Central Committee.

The question of boundary agitated the people of this section for many years, entering into their political conflicts and exercising an important influence. Many of the old settlers, to this day, condemn the act which fixed the present boundary line. The grounds of complaint are pretty well set forth in the preamble and resolutions adopted at Oregon.

On the 26th of February, another meeting was held at Oregon, to hear the report of the Committee sent to Wisconsin to confer with the authorities of that Territory. The Committee reported that they had received assurances of the earnest co-operation of Gov. Doty and the Legislature, who recommended that a census of the several counties in the "disputed territory" be taken, with a view to the presentation of a petition to Congress for the formation of a new State.

Subsequent issues give reports of "Boundary Meetings" in various parts of Northern Illinois, showing the feeling to be deep and wide-spread.

No. 12 of the *Register* bears the names of Knodle & Stephens as publishers, and announces the death of the Editor, Emanuel Knodle, in the 32d year of his age.

On the 10th of July, the *Register*

abandoned its neutral position and hoisted the Whig flag, headed with the name of Joseph Duncan for Governor, in opposition to Thomas Ford, the Democratic candidate, and denounced Judge Ford as "a Northern man with Southern principles," inasmuch as he was opposed to removing the northern boundary of Illinois.

The issue for September 16 is dated at Grand Detour, to which place it was removed on account of the mail arrangements—the mail at Mt. Morris "being reduced to a weekly horseback."

On the 7th of October, the paper was dressed in mourning, on account of the death of D. C. Dunbar, its Editor, aged twenty-eight years.

In the issue for October 14, the Editor writes of "Our Village," (Grand Detour.) After boasting of the healthiness of the place and the energy of its citizens, he says:

"We have two stores, one of which has sold upwards of thirty thousand dollars' worth of goods the past season, and furnished a market for a large quantity of wheat, pork and other produce, and a third to be filled in two weeks. One good hotel; two blacksmith shops; one plow factory, tin shop, cigar factory, one painter and glazier, two coopers and two carpenter shops, two shoemakers, cabinet shop, broom factory, one wheelwright and wagon-maker's shop, one turning shop for both wood and iron, one tailor, one physician, &c.: one grist and flouring mill, which turns out for export from six to eight thousand barrels of flour per year; one sawmill, and one printing press. Water-wheels are now being put down for propelling a carding and cloth-dressing machine, and the manufacture of cloth.

"In addition, our water power, which is already sufficient for present purposes, can be