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Laws of Minnesota
St. Paul, Oct. 27, 1849

Wabashaw County Established

"CHAPTER V : An act providing for the erection of certain counties therein named, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly or the Territory of Minnesota * * *
SECTION V: That all that portion of said territory lying south of a line running due west from a point on the Mississippi river opposite the mouth of the St. Croix river to the Missouri river, be and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, which shall be known by the name Wabashaw * * *.

Approved the twenty-seventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine."

[Section II - Organized for special purposes only]

Laws of Minn.,
Mar. 1, 1852

First Interstate Ferry

The Reeds Landing Ferry

[The Territorial Legislature of 1852 granted a charter to run a ferry to Fordyce S. Richards of Reeds Landing. This charter was the first one in Minnesota for crossing the Mississippi between Wisconsin and Minnesota. Previous to this, charters for ferries crossing the Mississippi had been granted for points wholly within the state]

Chapter XXXV

An act granting to Fordyce S. Richards, the right to establish and maintain a ferry across the Mississippi river, near the foot of Lake Pepin, Minnesota Territory.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, that Fordyce S. Richards, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall have the right and privilege for the period of six years, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the Mississippi river, and the County of Wabashaw and Territory of Minnesota, at or near the foot of Lake Pepin; and no other ferry shall be established within one mile of said ferry, either above or below the sarius (?).
SECTION II, DISTRICT XXX, Sec. 3. - The rates charged for crossing at said ferry shall not exceed the following:

For each foot passenger, fifteen cents; for each horse, mare, or mule, with or without rider, fifty cents; for a single ox or cow, fifty cents; for each two-horse, two-ox, or two-mule team, loaded or unloaded, with driver, one dollar; for each single horse and carriage, seventy-five cents; for each additional horse, mule, ox or cow twenty-five cents; for each swine or sheep, four cents; all freight of lumber, merchandise or other articles not in teams, at the rate of ten cents per barrel, fifty cents per thousand feet of lumber; five cents per hundred pounds of all other articles * * * Approved March 1, 1852.

Laws of Minnesota
St. Paul, Mar. 1, 1852

First Territorial Road

[The first Territorial Road provided for by the Legislature was that which was later known as the Wabasha Faribault Road. This was provided for by an act of the Legislature of 1852, as follows]

Chapter XXXVII

"An act to provide for laying out a Territorial Road from the foot of Lake Pepin, or Reed's Landing, to some point on the Minnesota river between Flint Prairie and the mouth of Blue Earth river.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, that Chas. R. Read, of Reed's Landing, Louis Rock, of Wabashaw, and James Wells, of Wells' Landing, on Lake Pepin, are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and mark a Territorial road, commencing at Reed's Landing, or the foot of Lake Pepin, from thence on the most feasible route on the high lands between the tributaries of the Waziozie river and those of the Mississippi and Cannon river, by Okaman Lake to such point on the Minnesota river as may, in the opinion of said commissioners, be considered the most practicable for the termination of said road.

SECTION II: That the said commissioners meet at the house of C. R. Reed, at Reed's Landing, on the first Tuesday of June next at 10 o'clock a. m. or as soon thereafter as practicable * * *

Approved March 1, 1852. "

Laws of Minnesota
St. Paul, Mar. 5, 1853

The County Organized

[Wabashaw county was established by the Territorial Legislature of 1849 and reestablished with restricted boundaries and organized under an act of the Legislature of 1853. The act as it relates to the County is as follows:]

Chapter XI

"An act to organize certain counties and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota * * *

SECTION III: That so much territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby created into the County of Wabasha, to wit: Beginning at the southwest corner of Goodhue, thence on a line southeast twenty-five miles, thence on a due line to the headwaters on the Minneskah river, thence down said river to its Junction with the Mississippi river, thence up the middle of said Mississippi river and Lake Pepin, to the line of Goodhue County, thence along said county line to the place of beginning. * * *

Section 14: That the counties of Dakota, Wabashaw, Fillmore, Scott, LeSueur, Blue Earth and Nicollet, be, and the same are hereby declared to be organized counties, and invested with all and singular, the rights and privileges and innurunities to which all organized counties are in this territory entitled to

by law, and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the Governor at so soon a time as practicable, to appoint all county officers, Justices of the Peace, and constables, as said counties may be entitled to by law, who shall hold their offices until their successors shall be duly elected at the next general election * * * .

SECTION 18 - It shall be the duty of the first board of County Commissioners which shall hereafter be elected in any county layed off under provisions of this act, as soon after said board shall have been elected, and qualified as required by law, as the Board or a majority shall determine, to locate the County Seat of said county * * *

Approved Mar. 5, 1853."

Laws of Minn.,
Feb. 23, 1854

County Boundaries

[The legislature of 1854 again changed the boundaries of the county and changed spelling of name of county to Wabasha.]

Chapter 29

"An act to establish certain counties and for other purposes:

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota,
* * * That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the County of Wabasha: Beginning at the southeast corner of Township No. 107 North, of Range 11 West; thence west thirty miles to the southwest corner of township No. 107 North to Range No. 15 west; thence north twelve miles; hence east six miles; thence north twelve miles; thence east six miles; thence north six miles; thence east six miles; thence north to Lake Pepin; thence down said lake and the Mississippi River to the Northeast corner of Winona County; thence west to the northwest corner of Winona County; thence south to place of beginning * * * "

Approved Feb. 23, 1854.

Chapter 12

An Act Relative to County Officers of Wabashaw County

[Wabasha County was declared organized by an act approved March 5, 1853 and by said act it became the duty of the Governor to appoint County Officers.

On October 11, 1853 County Officers were elected in Wabashaw County. This election apparently of doubtful legality, was validated by an act of February 23, 1854. Organization thus perfected, the county business was put in motion March 6, 1854 where the first meeting of County Commissioners was held. There appears to be no record of County Officers being appointed by the Governor under the act of 1853.]

The Act is as follows: "Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota that it shall be the duty of the Register of Deeds of Ramsey County, to forward to the Clerk of the District Court, of Wabashaw County an abstract of the votes polled for county officers of said county, at the last

election, and filed in the office of said Register of Deeds, and said clerk of the District Court of Wabashaw, shall, immediately after the receipt of said abstract, issue to each person having received the highest number of votes for any office a certificate of election.

SECTION II: Persons receiving certificates in conformity to this act for County Commissioners of said county, shall meet on the first Monday in March, and proceed to organize as provided by law, in the same manner as if said meeting had been held on the first Monday of January.

SECTION III At said meeting of County Commissioners the persons receiving certificates for County Officers, may qualify and assume the duties of their said offices in the same manner and the same extent, as if they had received certificates of election and qualified at the time and manner provided by law. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 23, 1854."

Minn. Council & House Journal - Appendix
Minneapolis, Minn., 1855, Page 159

Citizens Petition

Petition For A Judicial County From Inhabitants Of Wabashaw County

"To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota.

The memorial of the inhabitants of the County Wabashaw would respectfully represent.

That by an act passed March 5, 1853, entitled an act to organize certain counties, and for other purposes, published in the session laws at page 32, Chapter 11, the County of Wabashaw was deprived of about seven miles of territory, which your memorialists deem the county justly entitled to, making it one of the smallest counties in the whole territory, with the loss of one of its most flourishing settlements in favor of the County of Goodhue, which became thereby twice, if not three times as large as the County of Wabashaw, your memorialists would therefore pray your honorable body that the upper boundary of Wabashaw be extended to Sandy Point, seven miles above its present upper boundary on Lake Pepin, which will restore more equality amongst the counties on the west side of the Mississippi.

They would also respectfully represent that although the Poll Lists of the county does not show the requisite number of voters to entitle it to a judicial organization, yet it is nevertheless a fact that there are in the county now, although reduced as a mere fraction compared with the counties above and below us, nearly twice the number of legal voters required by law to entitle it to a judicial organization; numbers of our voters are absent on lumber rafts about election time, but much the larger number, inhabiting the upper portion of the county, does not attend elections, hoping, as your memorialists believe, to disorganize the county organization, which by act of the Legislature of last year, they were authorized to do.

The county is now fully organized with all its officers properly qualified, in accordance with the requisitions of law, and it has sufficient population to entitle it to a judicial organization. Your memorialists therefore, pray your honorable body that Wabashaw county be made a judicial county with all the rights and privileges of other counties, and that you forthwith assign it to one of the judicial districts established by law on the west side of the Mississippi river.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Luther Greer
Alexis Bailly
Hugh Pugh
Joseph Campigne
Joseph Loulkey
W. C. Read
John McKee
Rueben Grigsley
Thomas Flynn
Jacob Bush
Patrick Hunt
John Walker
Thomas Roberts
Peter Larievier
Amos Wheeler
Oscar Kiestner
Simon Laplan
Dr. Hartkoff

Augustus Rock
E. M. Wildes
Joseph Roque
Alexis R. Bailey
B. F. Hurd
Jermiah Campbell
David Campbell
John Hitt
P. Harrell
Augustus Rock
Ira W. Baker
Philo Stone
J. C. Davis
William Campbell
Baptiste Lafrance
J. S. Smith
Charles Beapy
John Campbell

Louis Remer
William O. Mahoney
A. B. Smith
Isaac M. Cole
Oliver Craft
Duncan McKenzie
Louis Martell
Joseph Mousett
Thomas Robinson
Michael Lariviere
Louis Caroon
John McKenzie
Henry Amerland
B. Eggenberger
Chas. Kaestner
Peter Canant
Louis Rocque
James Milligan
Isaac M. Cole, Jr.
James O'Neal
George Campbell

Law Of Minnesota
St. Paul, 1855

County Boundaries 1855

[Chapter VI of the Territorial Laws of 1855 was an omnibus bill or act defining the boundaries of a number of counties and after defining the boundaries of the surrounding counties of Wabasha County provides as follows and results in the present boundaries of the county]

"Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minn * * * Section 23 that so much of the cunties of Wabashaw, Fillmore, Hennepin and Pierce, as have not been included within the above boundaries of other counties, under the provisions of this act, shall be deemed to constitute the limits of said counties respectively."

Approved Feb. 20, 1855

Laws of Minnesota
St. Paul, 1854

An abstract of the votes polled for County officers of said county, at the last election and filed in the office of said Register of Deeds, and said Clerk of the District Court of Wabashaw, shall immediately after the receipt of said abstract, issue to each person having received the highest number of votes for any office, a certificate of election.

Repeat
SECTION II Persons receiving certificates in conformity to this act for County Commissioners of said county shall meet on the first Monday in March, and proceed to organize as provided by law, in the same manner as if said meeting had been held on the first Monday of January.

SECTION III. At said meeting of County Commissioners the persons receiving certificates for County Officers may qualify and assume the duties of their said offices in the same manner and the same extent, as if they had received certificates of election and qualified at the time and manner provided by law. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage

Approved Feb. 23, 1854"

Law of Minnesota
St. Paul, 1856

THE COUNTY SEAT
CHAPTER LXIII

"An Act to locate the county seat of Wabashaw County:-

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

Section 1: That the County Seat of Wabashaw County be and the same is hereby located one block (31), in the town of Wabashaw, as surveyed in July, A. D. 1854 by S. A. Hart and recorded in the Book of Town Plots of Wabashaw County.

This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved February 20, 1856."

Laws Of Minnesota
St. Paul, 1856

Road Winona to Wabashaw

Chapter LXXXVIII

"An act to provide for the laying out of certain Territorial roads:-

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SECTION I: That Amos Wheeler, O. M. Lord, and William Doolittle, are hereby appointed Commissioners to locate and mark out a Territorial Road by the most feasible route from Winona, Winona County to Wabashaw, Wabashaw County

* * *

Approved February 23, 1856. "

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Laws of Minnesota
St. Paul, 1856

Territorial Road

Wabashaw to Iowa Line

"An Act to Provide For Laying Out Certain Territorial Roads: -

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota * * *

Section II. T. B. Twiford, H. A. Billings, Cordello Wilkins, John McKenzie and G. W. Willis, are hereby appointed Commissioners to lay out and establish a Territorial Road from Wabashaw in Wabashaw County, by way of Chatfield and Spring Valley, in Fillmore County to a point on the Iowa State Line in or near Range 16
* * *

Approved February 16, 1856."

Laws of Minnesota
St. Paul, 1856

Territorial Road

Wabashaw to Faribault to St. Peter

Chapter CCI

"An act to provide for laying out a Territorial Road from Wabashaw, by way of Idis settlement, to Faribault, and from thence west, to intersect the Dodds Road, leading to St. Peter.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SECTION I That John C. Ide, of Rice County, James Anderson, of Rice County, George Gay, of Wabashaw, and Carrol C. Perkins, of Faribault, be, and the same are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and mark a Territorial Road from Wabashaw, by way of Ide's Settlement, to Faribault, Rice County, and from thence west to intersect the Dodd road leading to St. Peter * * *.

Approved February 18, 1856."

Laws of Minnesota
St. Paul, 1856

Territorial Road

Wabashaw To Austin

Chapter C.

Laws of Minnesota
St. Paul, 1856

"An act to Provide for Laying Out a Territorial Road from Wabashaw to Austin, Mower County.

Be It enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota:

Laws of Minnesota
St. Paul, 1856 (con't)

SECTION I That N. K. Brown of the town of Wabashaw, James Bucklin of Rochester, and Alason B. Vaughn of Austin, Mower County, be and the same are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and mark a Territorial Road from the town of Wabashaw by way of Greenwood, Rochester, to Austin in Mower County * * *

Approved March 1, 1856."

Laws Of Minnesota
St. Paul, 1856 (Extra Session)

Wabashaw County Grammar School For Greenville

Greenville, pioneer village of Greenwood Prairie, had early plans for a Boys and Girls grammar school and was incorporated in 1857, but not erected. Prominent early settlers were incorporators:

CHAPTER LXXXIV

"A bill for an act to incorporate the Wabashaw County Grammar School: * * *

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SECTION I That there be established at Greenville, in the County of Wabashaw, an institution by the name of the Wabashaw County Grammar School, and that A. T. Sharpe, R. N. White, R. Burchard, G. M. Melindy, F. S. Richards, Wm. Boatman, A. P. Foster, J. W. Burnham and J. Bancroft and their associates and successors in office be a body corporate, to be known by the name of the Trustees of the Wabashaw County Grammar School with the right as such, and by such name of suing and being sued, of contracting and being contracted with, of purchasing and holding real estate, personal and mixed property and of making use of a common seal, and altering the same at pleasure.

SECTION II The object of the institution shall be to promote the education of youth of both sexes * * *

SECTION XVII No religious test shall be required to entitle any person to be admitted as a teacher or student in said institution, nor shall any sectarian doctrine be taught or tolerated therein * * *

Approved May 23, 1857. "

Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, Jan. 8, 1859

SCHOOL NOTICE

"Notice is hereby given by the Trustees, in accordance with law, that a meeting of the legal electors of school district No. 1 (residing within the following lines. viz. Commencing at a point on the Mississippi river, in the town, now City of Wabashaw and County of Wabashaw, Minnesota, at the foot of Walnut street, thence up said river, to the creek between said city and Reads Landing known as Smith Creek, thence up said creek to its head, thence due west to the first Trout Creek, thence down the said creek to the Zumbro

River, thence down the main channel of the said river to the Mississippi river, thence up the said river to the place of beginning) will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 17, 1859 between the hours of 6 P. M. and 9 P. M. at the school house of Mrs. J. J. Stone on Main Street, opposite Post Office.

[District Boundaries were changed by City
Charter effective in Apr. 1859]

H. Beal)
B. Wharton) Trustees
G. Harnane)

E. Slosson, Clerk

Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, Jan. 8, 1859

MAILS

Arrivals and Departure at Wabashaw

"Burbanks and Company's Daily Mail Stage from LaCrosse to St. Paul, arrives at 9 p. m. and leaves next morning at 4 a. m.

Mail from Red Wing to Winona by way of Post Offices arrives from Red Wing, Mondays and Thursdays at 7 p. m., leaves Mondays and Thursdays at 6 a. m. arrives from Winona, Wednesdays and Saturdays 7 p. m., departs Tuesdays and Fridays 6 a. m. by way of Tepeeotah, Alma, West Newton, Minneiska, Mt. Vernon, Fountain City to Winona: Reads Landing, Lake City, Central Point, Westervelt, Bay City, Wacouta to Red Wing.

Wabashaw and Faribault mail leaves Wabasha, 7 a. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday by Reads Landing, Bear Valley, Mazeppa, Zumbrota, Wanamingo, Kenyon and East Prairieville to Faribault, arrives next day at 3 o'clock p. m.: Leaves next day at 3 o'clock p. m.: Leaves Faribault Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and arrives here Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Wabashaw and Austin Mail, leaves Wabashaw Tuesday 6 a. m. by way of Cooks Valley, Smithfield, Greenwood, Plainview, Independence, Elgin, Waterloo, Rochester to Austin: Arrives at Austin Wednesdays and at Wabashaw Friday at 7 p. m.

Wabashaw and Chatfield mail, leaves Wabashaw Mondays 6 a. m. by way of Tepeeotah, Watopa, Beaver, White River Falls and St. Charles to Chatfield, arrives next 7 p. m.; arrives at Wabashaw Wednesday at 7 p. m. "

Minnesota Patriot
Jan. 22, 1859, Wabashaw

First Resident Minister of Wabashaw

"MINISTERIAL DONATION: As this is the proper season for Ministerial Donations, it is hoped that the Public will not forget the Rev. James M. Shurtliff is still among us. The venerable minister, is known to many as the first resident minister of Wabashaw.

For years he has labored for the good of his fellow men, with the zeal worthy of a genuine veteran of the cross. It cannot be denied that through his exertions the moral and religious tone of the community has been greatly advanced. He is now in want of the necessities of life, we therefore recommend that at some early day, there may be a general turnout, and a hearty and cheerful contribution made in behalf of this aged pioneer minister of Wabashaw."

Wabashaw, Jan. 22, 1859

Many Old Citizens

[Rev. Shurtliff was the Baptist Minister]

Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, Jan. 22, 1859

Grist Mill at Lake City

"Messrs Tupper & Co. have added to their extensive mill, the necessary machinery for the production of flour, meal and etc. * * * Their mill is 30 X 50 feet, 3 stories high. The machinery will be driven by a 45 Horse Power engine and in addition to the above mentioned, there is a planing mill, two buzz saws, a scroll saw and a turning lathe.

The grist mill is capable of grinding 100 bushels of wheat per day. * * * The Pioneer will please notice that Reads Landing has not the only mill in the vicinity."

Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, Feb. 5, 1859

Mail To Chippewa Falls

" * * * The Postmaster General has ordered Mail Service, tri-weekly on the mail route from Wabashaw to Chippewa Falls, by way of Maxville, Durand, Chippewa, Luna, Rock Falls, Brunswick and Eau Claire. Service to commence on Wednesday of next week. "

Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, Feb. 5, 1859

Homestead Exemption

"The Homestead Exemption Act was signed by Governor Sibley, August 12, 1858. "

Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, Feb. 5, 1859

Patents

" * * * The first patent issued in the United States was to Thomas Bidwell April 20, 1796, for ' An Improvement in forming yellow color.'

The second was issued to C. J. Hunter in February 1803 for, 'A Method of Making Brandy out of all kinds of grains and fruits.' * * * "

Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, Feb. 19, 1859

Gold On The Zumbro

"Extensive preparations are being made to work the Zumbro Gold Diggins next spring. Quite a shipment of gold from the above place was made through the Lake City Bank, to a bank in Chicago, realizing in the rough Fourteen Dollars an ounce. "

Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, Feb. 26, 1859

Lake Pepin

"Dear Editor:

'The Father of Waters,' 'The Majestic River,' coursing itself for 3,000 miles through the most luxuriant portion of this great Republic, within the magnificent scenery, her lofty bluffs, from which stretch away the noblist prairies on earth, her picturesque landscapes and miniature prairies which stud her banks from its source to its mouth, made it a voyage to the observant traveller of peculiar interest.

But there is one spot on this noble river where are congregated in such royal magnificence so many grand and imposing scenes as the shores of Lake Pepin - It has been the theme of praise from the time when Hennepin first paddled his canoe over its silvery bosom, to the present moment, and will so long as the waters are sufficient to float our noble steamers or the light canoe of the Indian hunter.

From the foot, where stands the town of Wabashaw, one day destined to be the emperial city of the Northwest to its head, it presents a panarama of unequalled beauty and grandeur.

Among the many pretty towns that stud its shores - Lake City and Central Point are most prominent * * *

'Ion,' "

Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, Apr. 9, 1859

SPELLING OF INDIAN NAMES, W & H NOT FINAL LETTERS.

"Primative languages have no "W," This sound the French supplied with "ow" as in Ouisconsin, Ouabasche, but in the Indian Language, there is no use of the final "W" and hence all Indian words spelled with this terminal letter are not analagous to the Indian Language. Wishing to preserve the expiring genius of the Indian Tongue, it is suggested that the final "W" be dropped, whenever it is used in Indian words or words of Indian origin. Thus Minnesota, Dakota, Pembina, Omaha, Winona, Hiawatha, Indpaduta, Wabasha, Chippewa, Minnehaha, Shushuga, Watopa, Tomaha, Wacouta, Minnetonka, Tepeeota, Mendota, & etc. * * *

Wabasha, April 9, 1859

C. S. Bryant, "

Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, June 4 & 11
May 14, 21, 28, 1859

A PEDESTRIAN TOUR OF WABASHA COUNTY

[H. C. Simpson, member of the Board of Road Commissioners appointed by the County Board of Supervisors for 1859, writes of the Road Commissioners' Tour of the County in the Spring of 1859. His writings appeared in the form of letters to Mr. S. S. Burleson, the editor and were published successively in the issues of May 14, 21, 28; June 4 and 11th of the Patriot in 1859.]

Elgin, May 6, 1859.

"Dear B-

I left Wabashaw on Monday the 3rd in company with County Surveyor W. W. McDougall, who together with W. C. McMaster of Reads Landing and myself constitute "The Board of Road Commissioners."

By due course of travel we arrived at Zumbro Bridge House kept by Messrs. Hancock. * * * I noticed a new frame school house, is being built here by School District No. 41. * * * It occurred to me while there, that the vicinity of the Zumbro Bridge, is an excellent place to lay off a town. * * * I Understand Mr. Hancock, will give any mechanic who will set up business here, a lot for building purposes.

A petition to establish a Post Office is now before the Department * * *.

We tarried a short time at the residence of our friend Felton * * * Mr. Felton, until quite recently kept a 'Public House' well known as the Buckthorn Tavern * * *. A new Post Office has been established here, called Smithfield. Mr. Felton is the Postmaster. * * * In due time we arrived at the village of our friend E. B. Eddy * * *.

The Village of Plainview is beautifully and romantically situated, and, to our mind, is very appropriately named from the fact that we have a very plain view of the country for miles around. The Greenwood Prairie is one of the most beautiful in Minnesota. * * * There is but one store here, kept by O. Wilcox, which is doing a good business. H. P. Willson is the Postmaster * * *.

Elgin, I regard, as the best farming town in Minnesota. It is almost one unbroken prairie. * * * I also tarried over the night with the Messrs. Bryant, who are very extensive farmers. George Bryant is the Postmaster of Elgin * * *.

H. C. Simpson."

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Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, May 1859

Dear B:

* * * we passed through 'Cooks Valley,' but had never visited it. It is a splendid farming region, thickly settled and under very good cultivation. Here resides the brothers Cook. * * * we passed from Cooks Valley through a portion of Highland, and arrived, about noon, at the home of William L. Cleveland near Watkins Mill. * * * we pursued our way, and at night brought up at the house of Mr. Behrns in the town of Pell. * * * On Wednesday, we went from Pell through Troy and about a mile into Mazeppa. * * * We formed the acquaintance of Mr. D. J. Watkins, owner and proprietor of the 'Watkins Mill.' The mill is situated on Indian Creek * * *.

We took dinner with Messrs Henry who lives at the bend in the Zumbro river, known as 'Pleasant Prairie' * * *. They have a Post Office at 'Pleasant Prairie.' Among the other residents of the vicinity are F. A. Burdett, A. J. Anderson and the Dales, all enterprising farmers and good citizens."

H. C. Simpson

Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, 1859

Lake City
May 28, 1859

"Dear B:

I left you on Tuesday on my fifth trip. Arriving at Reads Landing, I took dinner with our friend Stevens of the Herald, and in the afternoon set out for West Albany and stopped overnight with my friend, Mr. Dodge * * * We left West Albany on Tuesday, and our course lay through Guilford * * *.

We formed the acquaintance of several other citizens of Guilford among them Mr. John Disney * * * We arrived at Bear Valley on Friday noon. Here is quite a settlement, a Post Office, with Messrs Caswell as postmaster, a schoolhouse, and several dwellings, which makes quite a little village. We regard Bear Valley as one of the most beautiful spots in the county * * *

From Bear Valley to Lake City it is sixteen miles through a splendid and pretty well settled country. I inadvertently neglected to call at the 'Kramer House' in Mt. Pleasant, kept by our friend, John Kramer * * * Lake City bids fair to become a large and flourishing place. It has one of the best townsites on the lake, a good farming country at its back, and enterprising and industrious men to develope its resources * * *.

Mt. Pleasant is a Pleasant town and its inhabitants are mostly intelligent and active farmers. Messrs Jenks, Bull, the Gilberts, Gardner, the Arnolds and others rank among her best men * * *."

H. C. Simpson

Watopa, June 5, 1859

"Dear B:

I wrote you last from Lake City. * * * The town of Watopa, is known on the government plots as Town 109, Range 10 West. It was organized a year ago, under the first township act. When I came to Minnesota, a little over two years ago, there were but three or four families in the town and now it numbers over two hundred. Our land is mostly prairie or oak openings. There are, however, some splendid stockfarms in the valleys of Indian Creek and the Whitewater * * *.

Among the first settlers, if not the first, were Frank and John Gage who reside in the Whitewater Valley on Section 35. These brothers, together with E. R. Phillips, G. Fitzgerald, Olaf Polson, H. Waggoner, William, George and Christopher Abbott, Daniel Seymour, Geo. A. Hayes, L. D. Holmes, John Lindstrom, Daniel Young, Wm. M. Weld and Messrs Jenks, Haines and Featherly are quite largely engaged in farming * * * * *

The town of Minneiska is known on the Government Plots as 109, Range 9, West and is a fractional township. Here is one of the smartest 'Little Places' on the River. * * * The first white man in Minneiska, I believe was Mr. Lewis Krutly, now engaged in the merchandise business on Main street. Michael Agnes was also an early resident in the town * * * The village numbers some two hundred inhabitants. There are two good stores - one kept by Timmerman and Swart and the other by Messrs. Krutly and Salentag. * * * There is an excellent hotel in Minneiska kept by S. A. Houck. * * * Browns Hotel, so well known to the travelling public, is temporarily closed, its proprietor having gone to farming. * * * There is an excellent steam saw mill here capable of doing a large business. * * * Minneiska is the residence of Dr. H. S. Teft, who was a member of the last legislature from this county. Another distinguished citizen of Minneiska is Dr. G. F. Child, a former Judge of Probate of Wabasha County. There are many interesting and talented men in Minneiska and among them I may mention Linus Bascom. * * * The Pomeroy Bros., Aaron Fox, Charles Halsey, James Orton, * * * The Chairman of the Town Board is A. Z. Putnam who is the only lawyer in the town. * * *

Minneiska is not very extra for farming purposes, being a large portion of it heavily timbered swamp land. There are, however, some good farms. B. T. Porter, W. H. Seymour, Geo. C and William A. Putnam and William Weaver are the most largely engaged in farming. James M. Douglas, Andrew Oleson, Sheldon Brooks, Joseph Schurb and John Cannon have good farms, although they have not gotten to farming very heavily yet.

In the north part of the town is the villiage of West Newton which is quite a business place. Back of the village is a very good farming region known as 'Sand Prairie.'

H. C. Simpson. "

Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, June 25, 1859

Fishing Extraordinary

"A few days since three of our citizens, Philo Stone, Samuel Demarcy, and A. B. Hawkins went on a trouting excursion. The scene of operations was in the vicinity of Watkins Mill, some twelve miles from this place.

They returned the following day, bringing with them three hundred and eighty four trout, weighing one hundred seventeen pounds. The time occupied in capturing the trout, nine hours * * * "

Minnesota Patriot
Wabashaw, Aug. 13, 1859

CHICKENS

"Prairie chicken hunting is all the rage among the sportsmen and sharp shooters of our city. We hear of parties bringing in 50 to 100 per day."

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Dec. 10, 1859

In BUSINESS IN WABASHAW

The following were among the business places in Wabashaw as is indicated by the business cards published in the "Journal" of December 10, 1859.

"Keppler & Jackson, general store; H. Rogers & Co, general merchants; Felix Reck, groceries and provisions; A. T. Sharpe, land agent; J. Egbert & Co., general merchants; Misses Winifred and Kate Redmond, millinery and dressmaking; Rudolph Eggenberger, butcher and marketman; James Crowley, books and stationery; Santa Claus Headquarters; E. Potereaw & Co., general merchants; A. Bissell, groceries and provisions; National Hotel, J. W. Tyson, proprietor; Weston House, A. A. Weston, proprietor; City Hotel, Joseph Tyson, proprietor; John McKee, Attorney at Law; S. S. Burleson, Attorney at Law; John B. Davis, Attorney at Law; Chas. D. Bryant, Attorney at Law; Francis H. Milligan, Physician & Surgeon; J. M. Bowen, Physician and Surgeon; Griggs and Demary, groceries and butchers; H. Adams, jeweller; D. W. Wellman, civil engineer & surveyor; James Kirkman, Justice and land agent; Eddy & Wetherbee, wholesale and retail merchants; W. W. McDougall, real estate; Mrs. C. Weston, milliner; J. Defour, importer; A. Gilsdorf, tailor."

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Dec. 10, 1859

Brigadier General

"Governor Sibley has appointed Hon. A. T. Sharpe of this city Brigadier General of the Second Brigade, Minnesota Volunteer militia."

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Dec. 10, 1859

BEAR VALLEY

"Mr. Editor:

Presuming upon your interest in all that appertains to the prosperity and improvement of any and all parts of the county, I take the liberty of brining to your notice, a proposition which is being agitated among the inhabitants of this town. At the time of the organization of this town, a name was hastily adopted, which, in its application, has no significance, and in itself neither beauty or convenience, but on the contrary, conveys to the mind of strangers especially, an unpleasant and erroneous impression.

A petition is in circulation, and will be presented to the county board at their meeting in January, asking them to change the present name (Bear Valley) and authorize us to take one more in accordance with the wishes of the community. * * * The people seem to favor Chester, which at present seems likely to be adopted, should the Board be disposed to get out the prayer of the petitioners.

Bear Valley, Dec. 6, 1859

Citizen. "

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Dec. 31, 1859

SCHOLARS

"J. B. Davis, Esq., has just completed the enumeration of the scholars in the Union School District of this city. The number of males is 135, and females 157, Total 292."

The Weekly Journal
Dec. 31, 1859, Wabashaw

DONATION

"The donation for the Rev. Father Tissot, held at Apollo Hall, on Monday was very largely attended. The receipts amounted to some fifteen dollars. "

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Jan. 7, 1860

NEW SCHOOL DISTRICTS

"The minutes of the County Supervisors meeting of Jan. 4, 1860 contain motions, organizing school districts No. 61 and 62 in Glasgow and No. 63 in Zumbro."

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The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Jan. 14, 1860

Temporary Court House

"The Board of Supervisors at their recent meeting leased for one year, Hulburt's building, corner Second and Walnut street, lately occupied by us, for the use of the County Officers. The price paid was \$10 per month. It will be occupied in a few days."

The Weekly Journal,
Wabashaw, Jan. 28, 1860

PIONEER TRADER

JUSTICE OF PEACE

PROBATE JUDGE

FIRST P. M. of WABASHA ✓

Alexis Bailly, in an article on the 'Lot IV,' controversy in reply to one recently published by General Sharpe - in part says - " * * * I came to this Half-Breed Tract to reside permanently in the fall of 1842. I took possession of a house and improvements on land where I now live in virtue of a purchase I had made from Mr. Dousman of Prairie Du Chien, who had bought them from Francis LaBathe, a Half-Breed of the Sioux Indians, and for which I paid Six Hundred Dollars. * * * I was subsequently Postmaster and was for several years. I was a Licensed Trader, I was appointed Justice of the Peace and Judge of Probate by both Minnesota and Iowa authorities. All these offices I held until I chose to resign * * * .

Alexis Bailly "

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Feb. 4, 1860

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41

" * * * I ask permission to call the attention of the readers of your Journal to the enterprising and persevering energies of the citizens and scholars of school Dist. No. 41 in your neighboring town of Greenfield. * * * who knows but wise and good statesmen will emanate from this locality, who will be a credit to our state, to our country. Here is talent, here is genius, and though it yet remains beneath a rough garb that nature gave it, it is easy to be distinguished and is liable at some future time, to put off its rusty coat, and come forth to honor and be useful to our nation * * *

This is a new district organized as late as September 1858 in a new county in a new state. In 1859, we erected a very modest, durable and convenient school house, second to none I have seen in the county, save the Union District School House in the City of Wabashaw.

It stands precisely in the center of the district, on a beautiful and picturesque site as can be found in Minnesota. Its scenery is delightful in summer and in winter.

The school was taught the first terms in succession by Miss Sylvia Hancock and is taught this winter by Mr. Weston of Wabashaw. * * * He has a spelling school every Thursday evening * * * Have had declamations of much variety. We have had extempore speeches by Hon. J. Parker * * * we have an organized Lyceum, which would be a credit to a town with four times our population. It meets Wednesday evenings. It is due to the Cooks Valley District today that they take an active part in helping to sustain these useful and pleasurable exercises * * *.

Greenfield, Feb. 3, 1860

H. L. S.

[District No. 41 is now No. 30 - The Greenfield School]

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Feb. 18, 1860

GLASGOW

"Mr. Editor:

Glasgow is located west of Greenfield and south of Pepin, the center of the town being distant from the City of Wabashaw, five miles. The first settlers were Messrs. Roramen, Smith, McGowan, Cochrane and Scott, who made their locations in the spring and summer of 1855.

From a census taken last June by the assessor, there were in said town 213 inhabitants, 1,065 acres of land put incrops of various kinds, being five acres to each individual in the town, besides large quantities newly broke, not taken into account. There have been four deaths of adult persons only since the beginning of the settlement. One of old age, and one of consumption, one by the frost of 1856 and one by fever.

There is available water power in Glasgow capable of driving fifteen run of stone for grinding grain besides machinery for manufacturing, all available with but small outlay. There is one power capable of grinding all the grain that can be bought in the county, where it will not cost \$25 to build a dam sufficient to propel any amount of machinery.

D. P. "

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Feb. 25, 1860

ZUMBRO BRIDGE

"This bridge has approached so far to completion, that a few days will make it ready for crossing. Next week if nothing splits, it will be completed.

This bridge has been entirely built by private subscription of the business men of this city and vicinity, at a cost of about \$2,000.

The Zumbro bridges have cost our people more than \$5,000 in the last three years. It is hoped that the present one will stand until we can build a suspension bridge."

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Mar. 3, 1860

THE WABASHAW NURSERY

"Attention is directed to the advertisement of the Wabashaw Nursery * * *

We trust our citizens will buy no more dried fruit trees from the East, but get those raised on the soil of Minnesota, and indigenous to our climate, Judge Tyson takes great pride in his nursery and has the largest and best lot of trees in the West."

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Mar. 3, 1860

"ITEMS IN BRIEF

"Rev. Mr. Gurley got his horse into Lake Pepin one day this week, but got him out again."

It is said, that efforts will soon be made to start a Hook and Ladder Company in this city."

It is calculated that Lake Pepin will not thaw out til May this year, the ice is so thick."

"If you want a good 'swiggle' of Lager go to Felix Recks."

"Quite a number of bee trees have been found in the bottoms over the river lately."

The Wabashaw Journal
Wabashaw, Mar. 10, 1860

FIVE REASONS

"Why Wabashaw and Wabashaw County is a good place to locate in: -

First - We have good schools and churches.

Second - Our taxes are lower than any other county in the state and we are out of debt, having available means sufficient to meet the liabilities of the county.

Third - Because this city, unlike others in the west is out of debt.

Fourth - Because we have some of the best farming lands in Minnesota, and they can be bought very cheap

Fifth - Because the city of Wabashaw being at the foot of Lake Pepin and at the mouth of the Chippewa river, it is for some four to six weeks, the head of navigation in the spring and commands the entire trade of the Chippewa Valley
* * * "

The Wabasha Journal
Wabashaw, Apr. 28, 1860

HIGHLAND

"Quite a village is growing up in Highland around and near the Post Office and store of our friend, E. J. Dugan, Esq.

Within the circle of two miles there are already some forty houses. Last summer W. T. James, Esq. of this city erected a school house near the store, in which they have a good school and also holds religious services of different denominations. They already have Methodist and Baptist societies formed.
* * * The Post office is called Smithfield. E. J. Dugan is Postmaster. * * *
It is the purpose to lay off a town here soon. * * * A blacksmith shop is about to be erected, and also we believe, a new church * * * "

COUNTY ROADS

"By and act of the Legislature, the one of the Road Commissioners for the year, 1859, has been legalized. By this action, all the roads laid out and surveyed under the direction of the Road Commissioners are Legal Roads, and those which have not been surveyed, can now be surveyed and duly opened * * * "

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Mar. 17, 1860

SIDE WALKS

"A special meeting of Wabashaw City Council, held March 10, 1860 adopted a resolution providing for sidewalks in the Business section and issued notice as follows:

SPECIAL NOTICE

"To owners or occupants of lots in the city of Wabashaw, on both sides of Main street between Bridge and Pembroke streets, also on west side of Pembroke street from Levee to Second street, also on west side of Bridge street from Levee to Main street - you are hereby notified to lay down a sidewalk in front of your respective lots, inside of thirty days from the first publication of this notice, at your own proper cost and expense. If the side-walk is not laid down within the time above mentioned, the common council will cause the same to be done at the expense of the lots. The side-walks to be laid five feet four inches wide, with plank two inches thick, and laid on two stringers three by four inches, and well nailed down with twenty penny nails, and the work to be done under the direction of the Common Council

Per order of the Common Council

C. W. Lyon, Recorder
Dated at Wabashaw, March 10, 1860."

A. A. Weston, Acting Mayor.

The WEEKLY JOURNAL
WABASHAW, June 2, 1860

"DEATH FROM RATTLE SNAKE BITE."

"Sometime last week, a little girl, daughter of Mr. Ira Lawrence of Maxville, Wisconsin, near the city, went to the stable for eggs, and finding a hole under the building run her arm into it, and was instantly seized by the wrist and bitten in three places.

The child lived from 4 p. m. till noon of the next day, when death relieved her from her sufferings. Search was made and a large sized rattlesnake dug out, which no doubt caused the death of the child."

The Weekly Journal,
Wabashaw, June 9, 1860

LUMBER TRADE

"We hear Jarvis Williams is soon to set his large steam saw mill at work. We hope the report is correct, believing that it would prove a profitable operation for the owner and a great benefit to our city.

Judging from the 'signs of the times,' the lumber trade at this point should now be revived and the sooner the better for those owning mills that have been too long idle. Start up the steam and let us hear the house of the busy hive once more."

The Weekly Journal,
Wabashaw, June 9, 1860

THE LARGEST YET

"ON Wednesday, Wm. Slocum started down stream with a raft containing 1,000,000 feet of lumber, and 850,000 lath and shingles belonging to the Chippewa Falls Lumber Co."

The Weekly Journal,
Wabashaw, June 16, 1860

SAND PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP

The proceedings of the County Board of county commissioners (The first board under the Law of 1860) held June 4, 1860, contained the following regarding what was formerly Sand Prairie township.

"On motion, voted that Fractional township No. 110, Range 9 should be attached to Township No. 110, Range 10 (Greenfield) and became a part of Greenfield."

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, June 23, 1860

PLAINVIEW ROAD

"Our citizens are about to open the road between this city and Plainview, and work it in good order, an important move and one which will be of immense advantage to us in a business way."

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Aug. 23, 1860

THE FIRST STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

"The First State Normal School, established at Winona, will be opened for the reception of pupils September 3, 1860 under the care of Professor John Ogden as principal * * * "

The Weekly Journal
Wabasha, Sept. 8, 1860

LOT IV

"General Sharpe has received from Washington, as attorney for Pauline Monette, the Patent for Lot IV, being forty-eight acres in the business portion of the city. He has also, we learn, bought the interest of Pauline Monette in said Lot. He gives notice, in another column, that he is ready to deed to occupants on proper proof of claims."

The Weekly Journal
Wabasha, Aug. 25, 1860

THE FINAL "W."

"Our readers will notice that in this number of the Journal we omit the final "W" from the name of the place and write it Wabasha.

* * * At the last meeting of the Common Council the following resolution was passed.

Resolved: That in the official report of the proceedings of this Board the name of this city shall be spelled "Wabasha."

By referring to the statutes of Minnesota it will be found that when the county was established it was named Wabasha, and every reliable map of the state ever published has retained that orthography * * *

*Wabasha
Weekly Journal
Oct. 17, 1860*

GLASGOW FERRY

"The people of this city have furnished to the citizens of Glasgow a Ferry Boat to be put on the Zumbro st McCrackens. This is a wise move and we shall see the benefits of it in increase of trade."

Wabasha Weekly Journal
Wabasha, Dec. 8, 1860

VALEDICTORY

"This is the last issue of the Weekly Journal that will ever be issued by the undersigned:

By an arrangement with Mr. N. E. Stevens of the Herald of Reads Landing, we have transferred to him the good will on certain conditions, to be performed by him for this establishment. The Herald will hereafter be styled the Wabasha County Herald and Weekly Journal, and will be in a short time moved to this city.

A few reflections, and we will close our editirial career in this city, perhaps everywhere and forever.

We came to Wabasha one year ago, a little over, and purchased the printing establishment. We have published the Journal ever since, and from the first issue until the present time we flatter ourself our course has given satisfaction to the public. The first year we had fair support. But since the commencement of the second volume, we have not received \$20 for all our patrons combined. We have repeatedly urged those owing us to square accounts. Our appeal has been disregarded, and now we choose to go no further * * *

We have an abiding confidence in the future of Wabasha. * * * It is one of the lovely spots on earth, nature has designed it for a large and flourishing city. That it may become such is our earnest prayer * * *

The Printing materials of the Weekly Journal are now for sale. Price \$1,000.
* * * In conslusion, we bid our subscribers and patrons farewell."

H. C. Simpson, Editor

The Weekly Journal,
Wabasha, Dec. 8, 1860

GOING TO CONTEST

"The people of Lake City not having spent money enough in the county seat contest, are now going to contest the validity of the election in this city. They will have a good time at it we think and some of the movers in the matter will wish themselves well out of the scrape before they get through.

The people of this county will know that they have been beaten in an honest vote, and will condemn any further agitation of the question - costing, as it will, a large sum of money to the county.

If Lake City wishes the frauds and bribes and crimes and other skull duggaries which they have committed, exposed and punished, they have taken the right course to do it, go on gentlemen, but remember the way of the transgressor is hard."

Lake City Journal
Lake City, Jan. 17, 1861

THE READS LANDING HERALD

"The Reads Landing Herald, that was, has been removed to Wabasha and is now published there." Chatfield News.

We believe the above is untrue, we do not believe the people of Reads Landing will permit their local paper to leave them. They could not do a worse thing. The people of Wabasha claim that Reads Landing is one of their suburbs, and mean to strive to exercise a kind of protectorate over it; when the truth is the reverse should be the fact. Reads Landing is the best business point, and always will be, and does more business everyday now than Wabasha. The idea that the two places are identical is nonsense. They are antagonistical and always will be so.

We do not believe Reads Landing will consent to play the suburb to Wabasha, when the reverse should be the case."

Lake City Journal
Lake City, Jan. 24, 1861

MAILS

"The mails from Wabasha to Faribault are now carried by way of Lake City. The immense travel on the route this way making good roads, while the route from Wabasha is but little travelled and is a hard road."

Lake City Journal
Lake City, Jan. 24, 1861

SOCIETY

"The people of our city seem to be enjoying themselves highly this winter. Parties and sociables are almost a nightly occurrence. This is alright and proper."

Lake City Journal,
Lake City, Jan. 24, 1861

COME TO LAKE CITY

"The following are some of the advantages of Lake City as a business point.

1 - 'It is the most populas town in the county'; 2 - It has the most business wealth of any town in the county. 3 - It has the best townsite and the best steamboat landing in Minnesota. 4- It is the county seat of Wabasha County, and the county offices will be moved here immediately after the April Term of the District Court; 5 - It is the river trading point for more than 3,000 square miles of territory in Minnesota, running back 100 miles west embracing three or four whole counties, and including 2/3 of the county.

This region of country contains a population of 30,000 industrious farmers and is rapidly increasing. It is the garden of Minnesota, embracing some of the best lands. Here we find the best argument in favor of the future greatness of Lake City. No river town has a better agricultural country back of it than we, and we are proud of it as a country inhabited by as intelligent, enterprising and industrious a set of people as lives * * *.

No man coming to Minnesota should fail to take a look at Lake City, and the country back of it. They will look no further. For a village residence, Lake City has peculiar charms. Situated upon the banks of Lake Pepin, one of the loveliest lakes in Minnesota through which runs the Mississippi river, it commands the view of the lake. It is picturesque and beautiful in the extreme * * * "

Lake City Journal
Lake City, Jan. 31, 1861

A MATCH FACTORY

It may not be generally known to the people of our county, that we have in Lake City, a factory for the manufacture of matches, capable of supplying two or three states with Locofocas * * * "

Lake City Journal
Lake City, Jan. 31, 1861

PLEASANT PRAIRIE

"One of the loviliest spots in this county is Pleasant Prairie, situated mostly in the town of Mazeppa, south of the Zumbro, Better lands cannot be found in the world. There ^{is} an excellent settlement there, of the right kind of men to make the prairie 'blossom as a rose.' * * * "

[Pleasant Prairie is located in the present town of Zumbro/

Lake City Journal
Lake City, Mar. 9, 1861

WABASHA vs WABASHAW

[The proceedings of the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 5, 1861 contains the following resolution which was presented by a petition from the county officers and passed unanimously.]

RESOLUTION: "Whereas the statutes of Minnesota and all maps of the state of a late date have spent the name of our county without the final 'W' and for the purpose of inducing greater uniformity in the manner of spelling the name of the county - be it hereby resolved:

That the board do hereby recommend that the officers of this county adopt the manner of spelling the name of this county without the final 'W.' "

The Lake City Journal,
Lake City, April 20, 1861

A PATRIOTIC LADY

"Mrs. Dilly went all through town yesterday in the mud, raising money to assist the Wabasha ladies in making their flag for the Wabasha County volunteers."

Lake City Journal
Apr. 27, 1861

THE WABASHA CO. VOLUNTEERS

"The volunteers of the different towns in this county have met together, and formed the company, it being understood by so doing, they would get into the First Regiment of Minnesota Volunteers.

A second company will be formed as soon as possible, to be ready for the next call * * *.

We learn that the ladies of Wabasha, always noble, always patriotic, are making a splendid silk banner for the company * * *.

Captain Pell telegraphed the Governor immediately after organization that they were ready to receive their orders.

The Wabasha County Volunteers are as noble a looking set of men as ever went out to battle for the Star Spangled Banner. They are from the best of our citizens. We will continue to hear of their doing noble service for liberty and their country * * *."

Lake City Journal
Apr. 20, 1861

PATRIOTIC INDEED

"We learn from good authority, that Messrs S. Doughty and S. Edes, Esqr., have offered to contribute \$1,000 each for the support of families of all persons who have left here for defense of our country. * * *."

The Lake City Journal,
Lake City, Apr. 20, 1861

THE COUNTY SEAT CONTEST

"Judge Wilson decided this morning that the law under which the County Seat election was held, to be unconstitutional.

This decides the matter in favor of Wabasha. The decision although against us, is undoubtedly correct in a legal view of the case. The friends of Lake City will take an appeal to the supreme court."

The Lake City Journal
Lake City, Apr. 20, 1861

WAR FEELING

"The 'war feeling' in Lake City is at its highest pitch, and it is thought by Tuesday we may have one full company enrolled and ready for the defense of our country. A meeting will be held Monday evening to take the matter into consideration * * *

Men of Wabasha County ! Patriots! Lovers of the Blessed union, let us not be behind our brothers of other parts of the union in the defense of our flag."

The Lake City Journal,
Lake City, Aug. 17, 1861

GOOD

"The taxable voters of the School District, on last evening voted the sum of One Thousand Dollars for building a school house.

This amount in connection with the tax heretofore levied, is worthy of this people. Before snow falls we shall have a building for our common schools to which we can point with pride."

Lake City Journal
Lake City, Aug. 31, 1861

HOW CAN THE JOURNAL LIVE?

"To the people of Lake City and vicinity this interrogatory is addressed.

For nine weeks we have devoted our time, our means and our talent, you have contributed to the support of this paper \$26.50! We have paid out \$52.27 in money for the purpose of keeping vitality in the Journal, we have run in debt \$50.00; and this present issue is the culminating point when 'patience ceases to be a virtue.' This week's issue is the last feather which will break the back of your subscriber, The glory of being editor and publisher of a paper has long since passed away. We have no paper for another issue. This is the last journal we can publish or will try to publish, unless the people of Lake City and business men of Lake City come to the rescue."

Lake City Journal
Lake City, Aug. 24, 1861

A CALL

"S. B. Munson, Esq., proprietor of the town of Lacopolas, called at our office Monday last. The town of Lacopolas is situated at the mouth of Lake Pepin and it is the only point where teams can get off and onto the Lake in the winter, it is destined to be a point of some importance. Mr. Munson is about to build several buildings which will be occupied as soon as built."

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Nov. 26, 1859

* THE FIRST CENSUS OF THE COUNTY

Mr. Editor:

Judge Cooper, in prefacing a political speech at Wabashaw, during the late state canvas, stated he was going to be dry, particularly so. In like manner, I expect to be particularly uninteresting to a majority of your readers. To the few who appreciate a stray waif of local history (and it is for such I write) will be gratified, I trust, believing that recorded facts of early history, enables posterity to compare, in their day and generation, the value of small things, is both edifying and instructive, I proceed:

In the session of 1854-55, a law was enacted by the Territorial Legislature, authorizing and making it obligatory on County sheriffs of the respective countries of the territory, to take the census of the same and also to furnish an authenticated copy to the Secretary of the Territory, as well as one for the use of the County Commissioners, and to deposit the same in their office * * *.

On a July morning of the subsequent summer, in pursuance of the Legislative requisition, I left for the upper line of the county. Charles R. Read, with a considerable of a force, was then engaged in grading the 'Big Hill,' and as his men were domiciled at the 'Big Spring,' in a home recently erected by its present occupant, Mr. Conway, though he then resided at what was known as 'Wood Choppers Glory' a mile or two further down the Lake.

The county line was ill defined, and the Goodhue sheriff had already been beforehand with me, it being important to roll up as large an enumeration as possible to swell the apportionment of representation. Mr. Conway had been appointed constable by the Goodhue authorities and was a school trustee reporting to Red Wing. I, however, reckoned both himself and Mr. Read's men.

I had formerly a slight acquaintance with Abner Dwelle, Esq., then, as now, residing at Lake City and claimed his hospitality for the night. I do not now recollect any other habitation than his at the place, for supposing it out of the county, I took little cognizance of the improvements or its people.

Mr. Dwelle, when I left in the morning wished me to note what kind of a route for a road could be got in the direction of Mazeppa * * *

In going up the stream emptying into the Lake just below, I found, I believe the only house on it - at least, I saw no other. A hunter, who kindly volunteered to proceed a mile or two to the elevated prairie and point out a high mound, as being a noted landmark and lying on my desired route. I had not parted with him long, till I discovered far to the left and long miles away, brightly defined in the sunshine of the hot summer day and several miles away, a new building, when I got to it, I found I had travelled miles out of my way to find the house deserted. It was sort of a half-way house from Reads Landing to the settlement I was travelling to * * *.

Just before entering Bear Valley, I found a Mr. King, plowing, but saw no signs of a habitation. I presume he was merely camping at the time. In the valley, I found Greenbury Treplett, and one other settler. The early pioneers were very

patriotic, for a fine liberty pole had already been erected.

Our old fellow-townsmen, Ira O. Seeley, had a few months previously established himself at the trout stream, a short distance this side of Mazeppa. Passing the night with him, I learned four or five other families had selected homes on this beautiful rivulet quite as recently as himself.

There were three families at the new town, and I augured, from the appearance of the men and things in general, as to the future of the place. A mill was even then under way. Some distance down the stream, (the North Branch) I discovered evidences of ancient mining * * * a little lower down is the 'Cave in Rock.' A lone individual by the name of Sleeper occupied it as a claim house, having driven out the snakes first, he told me.

This cave has a perfect Gothic entrance, hieroglyphics, animal representations, together with rude outlines delineating the streams of the vicinity, evidently the work of natives * * *.

At the junction of the North Fork, nearby, was a substantial settler and a short distance down and back from the river, another. A large drove of cattle here, were on their way to St. Paul. The settlers had supplied themselves, but as the owner had learned of a depression in prices, he turned back.

The Indians had planted at the Forks a few days before, and had made a stampede. Some unfeeling settler had spread a false report that a 'war party' of the Ojibways was nearby. I met straggling parties of the frightened Indians, returning shortly after.

On an elevated prairie, some three miles southwest, was a German and son. The land here for a long distance around, I thought to be unsurpassed in the county * * *.

Taking the Indian trail from this to Wabashaw, as no inhabitants lived near at the time, on the south side of the river, I found no one till I reached the Baker settlement * * *

At the Baker settlement at that time, Mr. Baker, Sr., with a numerous family settled around him, resided and also our 'social bairn' of Reads Landing, Esquire Parker, and others. * * * Two men, Smith and Clark, lived at what is now West Albany. They kept a claim for Brink, then of Duranzo * * * Only two families resided at the Trout Brook - Raherman and Smith, Germans * * *

On my return, I immediately started for Greenwood, and found our fellow townsman, Messrs A. T. Sharpe and J. J. Stone there, also Mr. Eddy, now of Centerville. Mr. Foster, the extensive wheat grower, was engaged in then making a breaking. Mr. Thompson and several Norwegian families comprised nearly all the settlement. In going down the Beaver, as the nearest route to the Whitewater, I came upon a newly constructed Beaver Dam. The Whitewater precinct, the second and only one except Wabashaw in the county was early settled, and I think most of the early pioneers still exhibit a preference for it by remaining there.

Messrs. Houck, Krutely, Ward, Harpam, Putnam and Pomeroy all among the more familiar names known to me, as thence by industry and prudent economy laying the sure foundation for permanent homes * * *

The Norwegians at that time, as now, occupied the farm just this side of Minneiska, and also lower Indian Creek. The Germans still farther up and along under the bluff, lived in hay and mud houses, among them Henery Wagner. * * * I think no one resided on Sand Prairie then, though a few wood choppers that bore their name. *were on the island*

The whole number of inhabitants in our county numbered 963. I am not aware of leaving any un-numbered, though undoubtedly, with all due carefullness, some living in by-places, and but so recently arrived settlers not far off were unknown to the early settlers, were omitted, and a few at or near Lake City who were not included for the reason given at the beginning would have swelled the aggregate to possibly 1,000. "

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Amos Wheeler was sheriff and first caucus refers to census of county with present boundaries.

The Wabashaw Journal,
Wabashaw, June 9, 16, 23, 1860 .

INCIDENTS ON CENSUS TAKING - CENSUS OF 1860

[H. C. Simpson, editor of the Journal was one of the ennumerators for Wabasha County for the National census of 1860. During the weeks while so employed N. F. Webb had charge of the paper which published letters on incidents on census taking by Mr. Simpson. The letters, in part, are as follows]

"Dear Journal:

I left on the Milwaukee on Thursday evening, May 31st for the village of Minneiska, to begin my census labors among a people of my first acquaintances in 'The Land of the Skytinted Waters,' and to whom I am indebted for many acts of kindness, which will never be forgotten. * * * I was warmly welcomed by the numerous good fellows who make Minneiska their abiding place, I wended my way to Browns Hotel, better known as the 'Minneiska House,' where I put up for the night * * *

I was glad to notice the many improvements going on in Minneiska, despite the hard times. Timmerman and Swart, have this spring put up the frame for a large grain warehouse, capable when completed of holding 30,000 bushels of wheat. * * * They expect to buy this of fall 50,000 bushels. Last year they purchased and shipped 25,000 bushels. * * * John Salenting, another merchant, is building a new store.

We had a pleasant and social chat with our friends Tefft, Putnam, Childs, Timmerman, Weld and others. * * *

On Friday night, we enjoyed the hospitality of J. M. Douglas, Esq., in the Whitewater Valley, three miles from Minneiska. On Saturday morning we started to take the northern portion of the town known as 'Sand Prairie,' and West Newton.

* * * The village of West Newton consists of two buildings, and any amount of sloughs filled with 'Lily Pads,' One would hardly suppose that this was all that ever constituted West Newton, once as celebrated as Winona. The founders of it were ambitious and stirring men or they would never have ventured there. It will hardly be believed that a railroad was, a few years ago chartered to run from West Newton to Rochester and west, that it came as near being built as any other Minnesota Railroad.

Large sums of money were also spent building a road across the Zumbro bottoms leading to Greenville.

We believe our present Mayor, General Sharpe, and also Hon. A. P. Foster had a hand in encouraging the building of this city of West Newton. It was a non-paying enterprise, and the investment is as permanent as the sloughs and marshes which surround the scene of folly * * * "

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, June 9, 16, 23, 1860

Lake City, June 9, 1860

"On Monday, I left Wabashaw for this place to resume my duties. I arrived alright and during my stay here have made my headquarters at the 'Montgomery House' kept by that well-known citizen, Moses Montgomery, who 'knows how to keep a hotel.' * * * *

Lake City has within her borders elements of greatness, and as sure as time flies will become a large and flourishing city. On Tuesday I called on our old friend, Porter of the Tribune * * * I had the pleasure during the week, to form many pleasing acquaintances, both among residents of Lake City and sojourners there. Mr. Sickles, late local editor of the Minnesotan and Times and Mr. Pellett, the local editor of the Dubuque Daily were stopping at the Montgomery House * * *

I am under obligations to A. J. Montgomery, Abner Tibbetts, Esq., Hon. J. T. Averill, Hon. B. C. Baldwin, Mr. Porter and numerous others, whom I do not recollect, for assistance and favors * * *

The Sabbath School convention on Tuesday was a splendid affair and evinces that an increasing interest is being taken in Sabbath Schools. Delegates were present from nearly every town in the county and a County Society was formed.

Bishop Whipple, of the Episcopal Church, was in Lake City on Wednesday, and administered the rite of confirmation to a respectable number of people. I had the pleasure of forming the Bishop's acquaintance. He is a young man for the position he holds, but is in every way qualified for the place * * *

Plainview, June 18, 1860

" * * * the statistics of this town will show a greater population and more agricultural wealth, than is generally supposed, and it will lead any other town in the county in this last respect * * *

I have made my headquarters while here at the hotel of Charles White. On Friday I took tea with James S. Felton, Esq., who had recently moved into the northeast part of this town from Highland. He bought a farm and built a house. On Saturday, I dined with A. P. Foster at Greenville, well known as the heaviest farmer of our county * * * I never saw crops look more beautiful and promising in my life then they do at this time in this town. * * * At least 30,000 bushels of wheat will be harvested in this town if nothing happens to the crop * * *

There are some very extensive farmers in Plainview who understand their business and are amassing fortunes. Those more extensive are A. P. Foster, Dr. F. C. Gibbs, S. L. McCarty, Warren Golding, Thomas Smith, R. N. White, Hugh Wiley, John and Andrew Bigham, J. D. Dobbins, Benj. Lawrence, D. B. Misser and Thomas Todd, all of whom, last year, raised over 1,200 bushels of grain each * * *

I learned today that a new grist mill was in process of erection in the town of Elgin near the farms of Messrs. Bryant. The builder is Mr. Ellis * * *

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I spoke briefly of the agricultural prosperity and resources of Plainview. * * * in addition to those mentioned, I will add E. W. Eddy, G. W. Sylvester, Eben Churchill, James Brown, Ferdinand Trace. A fact worthy of notice that not less than 1,000 acres of land are being broken up this summer, ready for crop another year, I have regarded Plainview as the best farming town in the county. In a few years, she will count her wealth by the millions, and be the 'Garden Spot of Minnesota.'

Second only to Plainview is the town of Elgin in an agricultural point of view; not so thickly settled as Plainview, but her abundant resources are fast being developed by her industrious farmers - Messrs Joseph Leatherman, the Pells, A. Browett, Leonard Laird, Albert Glines, W. D. Woodward, The Bryants, The Rollins, George Farrar, William Brown, William Cook, Samuel Hancock, and William Quigley are among the largest producers in Elgin.

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The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Nov. 5, 12, 1859

THE SHERIFFS RIDE OR LOST ON THE PRAIRIE

[A reminiscence of the early settlement of Wabasha County. The sheriff makes an official trip to Oronoco to serve notices in establishment of it as a voting precinct in 1854.]

Mr. Editor:

Early in the summer of 1854, two persons arrived in town from the newly settled townsite of Oronoco, understood to be in our county, and located at the Falls of the Zumbro. Wabashaw was supposed to be by many to be the nearest approachable point from thence to the Mississippi and the consequent excitement occasioned the getting up of a meeting of the citizens at the house of Joseph Buisson, to organize a party to explore the most feasible route, for a road to the new town, which in anticipation was about to become tributary to us as a trading point and river landing. A two-horse team was engaged, and the services of Joseph Rocque as guide secured for a consideration, he being the only person possessing the confidence of the meeting as being reliable for the purpose, he having visited the locality in some of his former hunting trips.

The route taken was by way of what is now Cole's Crossing on the Zumbro. It rained almost incessantly during the trip, but the place was found and the ground retraced. Of course the report was favorable, and as one of the grand results a subsequent trip to Oronoco * * *

Early or about the first early days of the ensuing November * * * the writer at about the hour of 10 a. m. mounted a spirited horse * * * and elate with the spirit of adventure, and sightseeing, for years after our advent into the county, the Falls of the Zumbro were a myth, and now to us, were actually to be seen for the first time * * *

At the hour of noon, I had reached the boundaries of civilization or settlement on my route, which was at the hospitable home of Levi Cook, Esq., then a lone bachelor. A pressing invitation to dismount and take dinner was declined. * * * The information that an Indian trail existed somewhere in the neighborhood, which led to my place of destination, and a strict caution not to take the Norwegian trail * * * and thus get back to the Zumbro again - some miles higherup than Coles Crossing, and where a Norwegian settlement had been made, was duly appropriated.

At where the residence of John Canfield now is, I found a few logs hauled together preparatory to erecting a cabin, but here all trace of footsteps of man or beast ceased. Ascending the short rapid, ascending ravine to the elevated plain above, I entered on one interminable scrub oak thickets, so dense that dismounting and treading the more open spaces, it required a long time and more patience to get through, till at last striking the before mentioned settlers' trail, and remembering my friends cautions, took the opposite direction * * *.

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Here was my first error * * * pursuing the trail, I at last found some Norwegians from the settlement on the Zumbro, engaged in building a winter cabin on the farm now occupied by Thomas Smith, then of Reads Landing, as yet no one resided there. I mention this fact as it was the beginning of Greenwood settlement. I was told I had traveled several miles from the last house, and must be out of my true course, but by riding in a certain direction across the trackless prairie, I should reach a trail leading to a Dutch settlement * * *

The visible horizon was bounded by vast clouds of smoke from the burning prairies and from the peculiar state of the atmosphere, the mounds of earth erected by the surveyors as section boundaries loomed up in the distance to the size of settlers' cabins and in fact actually deceived me at first, in felicitating myself that they were such in reality.

As the sun went down I crossed a wide shallow stream, with stony bottom, nearly on the level with the prairie, I did then and now conclude it to be a branch of the Whitewater * * *

* * * I again gave rein to my horse, and with wonderful sagacity started off in the opposite direction, and in a short time, the loud and welcome barking of a dog announced that a human habitation was near. Halting in front of a cabin barely distinguishable in the surrounding darkness, and gave a loud 'Halloo.' Two individuals came to the door, and an inquiry as to what I wanted, in strong German accent, was replied to by me, that I had lost my way and craved shelter for the night. We can't keep you - we have but one bed, 'Oh as to that I can do very well, only let me in out of the night's air, that's all,' 'But we got the itch,' 'Never mind that, I'll take care not to come too close to you.' I am from Wabashaw, I am on important business, I may give you some news or at least information.

The last seemed to accomplish the business * * * I went into the cabin * * * supper was prepared and sharing the fireside with a big dog, laid down to pleasant dreams. * * * I had learned I was fourteen miles from Chatfield and no home nearer than nine miles, yet by taking a southwest course over the high prairie a distance of about eight miles, I would probably strike the Dubuque and St. Paul mail route, which led to Oronoco though they had never seen either.

The young man got up his ox team and started for interior Iowa for his winter supplies - a long trip at this time of the year, and leaving the old man and his dog as sole occupants of the premises which were at the head spring of the Whitewater * * * after partaking of a breakfast, as the early settlers can give * * * I started at a brisk trot over the rolling prairie in the direction indicated, as trackless as the flight of a bird in mid-air * * *

By and By, the descending ground showed the descent toward water and soon a spring was reached. * * * I soon found myself between two streams and retracing so far as to get around the second * * * Pushing, winding way to a large prairie and thence in a direction I had hoped would lead me to the Zumbro, and shortly discovered a lofty mound isolated in the interminable prairie, for hours I went on with Gilpin speed, fortunately on reaching it, I came in sight of two others. * * * They will, by many of your readers be recognized as the Twin Mounds. * * * On finally reaching the Zumbro, the signs of a large Indian encampment of the previous summer was apparent. How rejoiced I would have been if they were still there * * *

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On awakening in the morning, * * * emerging to the adjacent prairie, I could discover on the burnt surface the faint evidences of probably the Wabashaw outfit but it soon disappeared. * * * Taking a rapid survey * * * I judged the river in its descending course bore more to the southwest * * *. I crossed over on reaching it, not far below the lower fork. * * * On reaching the North Branch, I could not discover whether it was still the main stream or not, but a recent marking on a lone oak informed the observer that Frank Seeley, a son of our former representative had made a claim there, and nearby, a townsite was newly picketted out and a shingle bore the euphonius name GANDVILLE. Ganderville would have been more proper, in view of the Geese who were to be induced to buy town lots where no human being existed.

* * * I further made the important discovery of the pickets of an old road, though apparently never used. I judged rightly it to be the old Territorial Road from Reads Landing to Blue Earth * * *. The reader will remember, I had eaten nothing since the rather light breakfast of 36 hours before. * * * I had in my haste to reach a human habitation, committed the error of famishing my horse, and now the faithful animal was too spent to care to eat the dry and almost tasteless grass * * *

I met Dr. Sweeney, the brothers Middaugh, Mr. Day and Steven A. Hart, all from Red Wing on a hunt. * * * Mr. Hart was as many of your readers know, the surveyor of our town site, and I was consequently well acquainted with him. * * * On looking out in the morning, my horse's head drooped to the parallel of the snow. * * * I was eight miles yet from Oronoco, and after breakfast was over, my generous deliverers left for home and myself for my original destination * * *

I was unable to reach my journey's end until the hour of noon, and making my business known to the landlord of the Oronoco House, he manifested the most unfeigned surprise at the nature of my errand, stating that but two legal voters resided in the vicinity, and one of these he thought was in the limits of Olmsted County * * *

Towards night, one of Frank & Walker's four-horse coaches arrived from Dubuque, laden with passengers mostly land speculators. Two, I remember were from Boston. Numerous claim hunters and several surveyors came in as night came on and we had a full house.

The hotel, like all new beginnings, was a rude structure of logs, but the fare and attention was excellent * * *

'Ere the sun showed itself, I was on my way home, I had begged as a particular favor, a few ears of corn from the stage driver * * *

I stopped but twice on my way home, once at the Lone Oak to feed and again where there was a small amount of water, tending to forming of the branch of West Albany Trout Brook, I believe none other existed from the camp spoken of on the route, till reaching Smith Creek, two miles from Wabashaw. * * * my story is soon concluded. During the same winter session of the legislature, Oronoco and four miles this side was set off to Olmsted County, so we never got their vote, nor do I believe any of their trade * * *

Amos Wheeler

Wabashaw, 15th of Nov. 1859

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Jan. 29, 1859

No Land Sales in Minnesota Next Season

"Hon. James Cavanaugh writes Captain Starkey of St. Paul, that 'There will be no land sales in Minnesota this year, except pine lands in the Cambridge District. If correct, this will be of great benefit to the settlers of this county. Few of them will be able to raise the means, if they have not already got it, to pay for this land, and if another harvest is allowed to go by previous to the sale, most of them will undoubtedly get enough money to secure their claims.

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Jan. 29, 1859

Cash For Grain

"Our farmers will be pleased to learn that there is one place in the county where they can get cash for their surplus grain. Messrs Eddy & Wetherbee of Wabashaw are now prepared to pay a liberal price in cash for wheat, oats and barley, also beans, potatoes and hides * * *

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Jan. 29, 1859

Chippewa Road

"Our road opened - Our Chippewa Road is now completed, and teams have passed over. This thoroughfare proves a great annihilator of space, making the distance to Eau Claire 18 miles shorter than by way of the Lake."

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Feb. 20, 1859

The Lake City Tribune

"This paper has again revived. This time under the auspices of Mr. Porter. It gives evidence of judicious care and great industry."

Wabasha Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, May 28, 1859

Terrible Storm

"Five Rafts Wrecked; Two Men Missing: This vicinity was visited on Thursday night last with a storm, the parrallel of which is beyond recollection of the oracle in such matters - 'The oldest inhabitant.'

The principal damage done, however, was the breaking up and destruction of five rafts, four of logs and one of lumber owned by parties in and around Stillwater in this state. * * * we learned they had been towed through the Lake on the morning of Thursday and moved at Raccicott's about a half mile above the mouth of the Lake, on account of a sever rain storm which was then falling, the wind from the southwest, leaving them protected by the bluffs, about sundown, however, the wind changed and blew a perfect

hurricane all night from the northeast leaving them exposed to the full fury of the gale, and about four o'clock in the morning during the hardest of the blow, all went to pieces, and a more perfect wreck cannot be imagined. Scarcely two logs or boards remained together, and daylight presented a sight that pained the eye - the bank of the river as far below as could be seen was lined with logs and lumber, lath and shingles, and so severe had been the storm that nearly all the lumber was split or broken and much of it had the appearance of being literally twisted in two * * * We understand the lumber belonged to Messrs. Hersey and Staples of Stillwater, and amounted to about 800,000 feet which will prove almost a total loss * * * The log rafts contained about 1,700,000 feet, about $\frac{1}{4}$ of which will be lost * * *

We are informed that two men, laborers on the rafts are missing and are supposed to have drowned."

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, June 11, 1859

New Boat

"On Wednesday last, a new side wheel boat of about the dimensions of the "Lottie Lyon" rejoicing in the name Minne-ha-ha landed at our levee. She was bound for Stillwater and is to ply between that place and Taylors Falls on the St. Croix river."

Wabasha Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, July 2, 1859

Minneiska

"We paid a flying visit to this town a few days since. It is in the southeast corner of this county, and though not possessed of as fair a townsite as we had supposed, it is and must continue to be a good business point, having the best of roads into the country tributary to it. As an evidence of the development of the country back of it, we present the fact that nine reapers were left at that place for farmers in the immediate interior during one week this season.

It possesses enterprising and intelligent people as citizens, and numbers among her business houses, two dry goods and grocery stores, one grocery store, one forwarding house, two hotels - the Curtis and Minnesota houses. One physician and one lawyer * * * T. K. Gray has a sawmill in constant operation, to which he is adding new machinery. * * * we noticed a number of dwellings in process of construction, also a fine building designed for a drug store. "

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Reads Landing, July 16, 1859

The Fourth at West Albany

"Friend Stevens:- The fourth was celebrated here in a manner creditable in every way to the inhabitants of this place.

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Early in the morning, people from the adjacent country came pouring into town, some on foot, others with teams, and although many were kept from attending on account of rain, yet there was a crowd sufficient to demonstrate that the "Good Folk" of Minnesota still retain sacred to their hearts - 'The memories of Our Fathers.' * * *

The officers of the day were: President, Benjamin Dodge, Vice Presidents, S. Appelgarth, John Welsh, Marshall R. Dawson, Orator S. S. Burleson, Reader of Declaration of Independence, E. W. Foster, Toastmaster E. F. Dodge
* * *

Not an accident occurred during the day, nor brawl of any kind, but all passed off with peace and pleasantness, which speaks well for the quiet disposition of our inhabitants." West Albany, July 6, 1859.

The Weekly Journal, VOL. 1 - No. 1.
Wabashaw, Oct. 29, 1859

Our Business Prospects

"The business prospects of the city of Wabashaw are very promising. Things never looked better for a lively business this winter, than they do at this time. We feel confident that 'The Hard Times,' are about over and that the 'Good Time Coming' is about to arrive. We hope so, at any rate, for things have looked blue about long enough. "

The Weekly Journal
Nov. 5, 1859, Wabashaw

County Board Proceedings

Meeting Oct. 20, 1859

"The chairman read the report from the committee on school funds as follows:

Gentlemen: Your committee to whom was referred the condition of the school fund of 1857, beg leave to report, 'That for said year, there was found due upon a correct equalization of school funds, to the schools then existing. The following amounts - to wit: Wabasha District

Wabashaw District	263.00
Pepin	166.85
Lake City	140.00
Mazeppa	84.60
Cooks Valley	91.91
Greenwood	122.91
Plainview	53.73
Elgin	19.76
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The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Nov. 19, 1859

The Stages

"Messrs. J. C. Burbank & Co. commenced running their stage lines between LaCrosse and St. Paul on Tuesday. There is every prospect of their doing a good business this winter.

They are men peculiarly well qualified for business of this kind and there is no danger of their losing money in any thing they undertake."

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Nov. 19, 1859

The Fur Market

"But few furs have been brought into the city as yet. We presume they would meet with a ready sale.

The following are prices paid in St. Paul, which is about what they are worth here.

Mink	\$1.50	Badger	.30
Otter	4.00	Wolf	1.00
Coon	.50	Fisher	3.50
Musk rat	.08	Red Fox	1.00
Cross Fox	3.00	Silver Grey	35.00
Beaver lynx	1.25	Deer - winter	.25
Bear	6.75	Deer - summer	.40
Cub Bear	4.00	Flint hydes - lb	.13
Martin dark	4.00	green "	.05
		skunk	.05 "

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Nov. 19, 1859

The Public School

Mr. Editor: Permit me through your columns to say to the parents, guardians and others in District No. 1, That the Trustees have made arrangements to have the Public School commence in the New school house on the first Monday in December.

The Weekly Journal,
Wabashaw, Nov. 19, 1859 (con't)

We have employed two competent teachers, C. S. Bryant, of Wabashaw, and Miss H. Angier, of Toledo, Ohio. We have also selected the following text books, and no others will be used: McGuffey's series of spellers and readers, Ray's series of arithmetics and algebra, Pinos Grammar, Mitchells geography, Comstocks Philosophy, Youmans chemistry and Cullers Physiology.

Of the teachers, we may say, that, we think a better selection could not have been made. Mr. Bryant is an old teacher, and a man of very mature experience on the subject of education, having been long connected as Trustee with the very popular and flourishing schools of Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Angier is a young lady of rare attainments, and in everything adapted to the school room. With such teachers, our school cannot fail to become popular and successful. We hope that parents and others will feel the importance of having their children at school the first day and every day.

We will here say, that if any wish to take private lessons in Latin, French, or Music, they can be accommodated by calling Miss Angier, at Mr. Lyons

Wabashaw, Nov. 17, 1859

B. Wharton
On Behalf of Trustees"

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The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Nov. 19, 1859

Sad Accident

"Last Sunday, on the Rochester Road, two miles from town, A Mr. Dale of Pleasant Prairie, while climbing on his wagon loaded with wheat, the opposite wheel struck a stone and threw him down behind the oxen, when the two wheels passed over his body just below the stomach.

He was taken up for dead, but soon revived again. Dr. Vilas was called, and the sufferer is on the road to recovery. He has been removed to his home. How he could have escaped death is a mystery

Lake City Tribune

The Weekly Journal
Wabasha, Nov. 19, 1859

Wabashaw Literary Association

"The Wabashaw Literary Association, held its first regular meeting, on Monday evening. The President S. L. Campbell in the chair. The Recording Secretary being absent, H. C. Simpson acted as Secretary Pro-tem * * * .

The following is a copy of the constitution of the society:

Constitution

Article 1. This society shall be styled the 'Wabashaw Literary Association.'

Article 2. The object of this society shall be the dissemination of a purer literature for our city. The cultivation of a more social feeling among our people, and to aid in a more general diffusion of useful knowledge by opening a public reading room, and holding public lectures and discussions.

* * *

Article X, The Librarian shall have charge of the Reading Room of the society, and make a monthly report of the books and periodicals belonging to his care.

Article XI, Any person may become a member of this society by subscribing to the constitution, and paying the sum of 25 cents into the treasury.

Article XII The society shall hold regular weekly meetings * * *
Special meetings may be called by the President and Secretary * * * ."

The Weekly Journal
Wabashaw, Nov. 26, 1859

Fire

"The larger warehouse at Nelson's Landing, on the Wisconsin side, just above this city was burned to the ground on Thursday. We are informed that it was occupied by a family, who escaped without injury. The building is a total loss. It is owned, we believe, by T. B. Wilson & Co. of Reads Landing in this county."

Wabasha Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Feb. 2, 1860

Lumber From Chippewa River

"The Chippewa Falls Lumber Company runs from the Chippewa river during the past season. The following - Lumber 12,886,296 feet, Lathe 2,986,300 M and shingles 562,750 thousand * * * ."

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, May 17, 1860

School Books

The following appeared in a list of approved books for the schools of Minnesota.

"Monteiths Geographies, Sanders spellers, Sanders Readers, Davies Arithmetics, Towers Grammars, Parkers Philosophy/ "

Wabashaw Co. Herald
May 10, 1860, Reads Landing

AMENDED SCHOOL LAW

The Minnesota school law, as amended by the Legislature of 1860, provided for a Town Superintendent to arrange districts, examine teachers, visit schools twice each term and advise as to course of study.

"Section 21 - There shall be chosen at the annual meeting of the several towns of this state, a Town Superintendent of Common Schools, who shall hold his office for the term of one year or until his successor is elected and qualified."

Duty of Town Superintendent

"Sec. 22 - Article 2: To define the 'boundaries' of such districts and keep record of the same in this office, also to report the same to the County Auditor, who shall designate the districts by numbers and keep a record and plat of the same in his office * * * ."

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, May 10, 1860

School Libraries Authorized

The law also provided that each district may vote up to \$20 each year to provide for a District Library, and provided that the teacher or such other person as may be designated by the Annual Meeting act as Librarian.

The act became effective in April 1860.

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, May 10, 1860

Heavy Shipments of Lumber

"Knapp Stout & Co. on Saturday last, started under pilotship of A. L. Martin, a raft containing 700,000 feet of lumber, 525,000 shingles, Another this morning, under charge of J. Haggerty, containing 800,000 feet of lumber, 400,000 shingles, 520,000 lath.

They have another almost ready to start containing 800,000 feet of lumber 700,000 lath and shingles * * * "

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, June 7, 1860

County Agricultural Fair

"The Wabashaw County Agricultural Fair will be held in the city of Wabashaw on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 4th and 5th, 1860."

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, July 7, 1860

The Telegraph

"Just as we go to press, we learn the workmen have got the wire up between Winona and Wabashaw, and are putting it through to Lake City as fast as possible."

[The above has reference to the building of telegraph line from Winona to St. Paul, the first telegraph line in the state. It was completed to St. Paul and the first message over it was to Hon. William H. Seward on August 9th, 1860.]

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, July 7, 1860

The Fourth

"The Fourth at this place passed off much as any day, only whisky flowed more freely. Some of the aforesaid beverage got into a few raftsmen and they got into a whiskey shop, and knocked two or three men down, and then went out of doors and broke the doors and windows in -

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Reads Landing, July 7, 1860

all in fun, of course. Cannot our license law be enforced? If we must be cursed with rum, let us have what little blood money there is. There are about 20 rum holes in this place, and not one of them has complied with the law. "

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, July 7, 1860

LUMBER

"The past week has been a busy one among lumberman, more than 2,000,000 feet of lumber and a like amount of shingles and lath have been started below. We give below the exact amount as they left here * * *

<u>Where Destined</u>	<u>Lumber</u>	<u>Shingles</u>	<u>Lath</u>	
Burlington	850,000	600,000	200,000	
Winona	250,000	168,000	200,000	
St. Louis	600,000	250,000	250,000	
St. Louis	850,000	300,000	1,000,000	
Total	2,550,000	1,318,000	1,650,000	"

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Reads Landing, July 10, 1860

THE FOURTH AT WABASHAW

"The Fourth was a proud day for our sister city. The demonstration on that occasion far surpassed anything that has ever taken place in the county.

The crowd in the city is estimated by those who were there at between 1,500 and 2,000. The display was grand and not an accident or the least disturbance occurred to mar the general happiness of the occasion.

The turnout of Sunday schools was large, some six or seven being present. Our school to the number of thirty was represented in the procession, bearing a banner appropriately inscribed, and beautifully decorated with stars and streamers, the whole being the handiwork of the lady teachers.

The oration by Mr. Vance was highly spoken of - only one fault being mentioned - into which many public speakers are apt to run - it was too long.

In the evening, the votaries of Trepeschore retired to Lowreys Hall in the New Town and 'chased the glowing hours with flying feet' till the first streak of dawn admonished them that it was time to retire.

Taken as a whole the affair was a perfect success, and one which will reflect credit on Wabashaw and redound in praise in time to come. "

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Reads Landing, July 10, 1860

Mosquitoes at Reads Landing

"Our friend Porter of the Lake City Tribune speaks of Reads Landing as being surrounded by sloughs which breed mosquitoes. It is a fact brother P. we do have some mosquitoes here, but we feel about it as the dairywoman did about the salt. A customer complained that she put a little too much salt in the butter, "Well, said she tartly," when salt is only three cents a pound and butter is twenty-five I can afford to put in some."

Just so with us, when these sloughs, the Chippewa, for instance - brings us more trade than Lake City - enjoys from all sources combined, we feel as though we could put up with some mosquitoes. Bless your soul, just come down here once, you have been so long limited to your town, that you have forgotten that there is any other town, or in fact, what a lively town is. Our forwarding commission merchants during the month of June paid charges on freight for that slough of which you speak, to the amount of \$1,100 and that was by all odds the poorest month during navigation in two years.

Since the boats commenced running last March, they hav paid freight bills to the amount of \$10,000.

Brother Porter come down and look into the warehouses and at the sales books of our merchants and you'll forget all about mosquitoes."

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July 10, 1860, Reads Landing

WABASHAW CO. TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

The following is a copy of the main sections of the constitution of The Wabashaw County Temperance Society adopted June 29, 1860 and published in the Herald on the above date.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1 - Sec. 1. The Society shall be known as the Wabasha County Temperance Society.

Art. 1 - Sec. 1 The object of this society shall be to promote the cause of temperance throughout the county and state by all honorable means

Art. 2 - Sec. 2 To induce those in the manufacture of and traffic in spiritous liquors as an beverage, to abandon the sinful business.

Art. 2 - Sec. 3 To restore to temperance and reason those who are degraded by intemperance.

Art. 2 - Sec. 4 To discourage promotion to office of trust or profit any except friends of temperance * * * "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Reads Landing, July 14, 1860

STATE NEWS ITEMS

"Discovery of 4 Large Human Skeletons."

"E. G. Buck, Esq. of Dresbach in the southern part of Winona County sends us the following:-

Editor Winona Republican: A. L. Jenks of this place, in prospecting in one of those mounds that are so common in this western country, discovered at a depth of five or six feet, the remains of seven or eight people of very large size.

One thigh bone measured three feet in length. The under jaw was one inch more than that of any other man in this city. He also found clam shells, pieces of ivory or bone rings, pieces of kettles made of earth and coarse sand. These were at the neck of one of these skeletons, teeth two inches in length by $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in diameter, with holes drilled into the sides and the end polished with a crease around it.

Also an arrow, five inches long by one and a half wide stuck through the back near the backbone, and one about eight inches long stuck into the left breast, also the blade of a copper hatchet $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide at the edge and two inches long. The hatchet was found stuck in the skull of the same skeleton.

The mound is some two hundred feet above the surface of the Mississippi and is composed of clay immediately above the remains and two feet thick, then comes a layer of black loam, then another layer of clay six inches thick, all so closely packed that it is with difficulty that it could be penetrated. There are some four or five layers of earth above the remains. There is no such clay found elsewhere in this vicinity. "

E. G. Buck

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, July 14, 1860

FANNING MILL FACTORY

"F. S. Richards Esq. has established in this place a fanning mill manufactory, and will in a few days, have the first lot of twenty-five completed. No good reason exists why it shall not be placed on a permanent footing. We have all the necessary material for theri manufacture and an unlimited market to supply."

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Aug. 18, 1860

WEST ALBANY

"West Albany
Aug. 12, 1860

Editor Herald:

For the past week, I have been rustivating at this delightful place and renovating a mind and body exhausted by long and constant toil, and I am happy to say the experiment has proved highly satisfactory.

You are undoubtedly acquainted with this locality, but perhaps your readers are not, and may be pleased to know what and where it is.

It is delightfully situated in the exact center of the county in a beautiful valley through which meanders crystal springs of pure spring water abounding in speckled trout, which call many strangers here to try their skill at angling. I confess that this was what chiefly called me here, and has occupied much of my time greatly to my delight and to the renovation of my wasted energies.

This place will undoubtedly at no distant date be the seat of government of the county. It now boasts a hotel, by Mr. Dawson, whose kind attention renders a stop with him extremely pleasant. Mr. Applegarth keeps a stock of goods constantly on hand. The place also has a blacksmith shop and sundry other small establishments of convenience to the locality. The fine school which they have enjoyed this summer has just closed. A Sabbath school is flourishing finely under the auspices of no particular creed or church - a sort of 'Independent school.'

Mr. Sylvester Appelgarth has just completed the frame of a large mill, which he will bend all his energies to complete this fall. The motive power is furnished by one of the little trout brooks before spoken of which is rendered available by throwing a stone dam across. "

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Sept. 8, 1860

THE TELEGRAPH

"The Telegraph is now in operation at this place. The first dispatch was sent over the wires on Monday last. Mr. Young, the man who put up the line, is operating here for the present. There are four offices on the line as follows: St. Paul, Hastings, Reads Landing and Winona.

Mr. Young is at Minneiska today establishing an office there. "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Sept. 8, 1860

County Seat

Noted from the proceedings of the meeting held September 4, 1860 - the following:

The County Board by a vote of 3 to 2 called for a vote on Removal of the county seat to Lake City - to be taken at the following election."

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Sept. 8, 1860

THE COUNTY SEAT QUESTION

"It will be seen by reference to the proceedings of the County Board, that a vote has been ordered on the removal of the county seat from Wabashaw to Lake City, to be taken at the coming election.

We regret this step as one likely to involve litigation and trouble. It is the opinion of some of our best legal men that the law under which the vote is ordered is unconstitutional, and a vote would be of no account, but the majority of the people want it to remain where it is at present, so it won't make any difference, and may satisfy the curiosity of a few."

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Reads Landing, Sept. 29, 1860

LARGE RAFT.

"On Monday morning last Knapp, Stout & Co. started from this place, the largest raft ever run from the Chippewa. It contained 990,000 feet of lumber, 523,300 lath, 1918 bundles of shingles, and 31 bundles of pickets. It was run by A. L. Martin of Dubuque."

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Oct. 6, 1860

THE TELEGRAPH

"The Telegraph office in Wabashaw is now in operation. "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Nov. 11, 1860

Results of County Seat Election: "The result of the election on the county seat was in favor of Wabashaw by 227 majority. Politics was, in a measure dropped and everything was looked at from a County Seat standpoint.

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Reads Landing, Nov. 11, 1860

We give below the figures as nearly as they can be ascertained up to the hour of going to press

	For	Against		For	Against
Wabasha	1	524	Zumbro	59	9
Lake City	247	2	Mazeppa	120	3
Glasgow	7	57	Mt. Pleasant	73	0
Pepin	34	62	West Albany	62	23
Minneiska	10	44	Greenfield	3	95
Plainview	23	95	Gillford	67	3
Elgin	41	31	Highland	6	76
Pell	40	17	Watopa	0	52
			Chester	73	0
				<u>866</u>	<u>1092</u>

"

Wabasha Herald
Reads Landing, Nov. 24, 1860

County Seat Contest

"We learn the attorney of Lake City has served the papers on the County officers, demanding them to show reason why they continue to hold their offices at Wabashaw. This is but the preliminary step in the lengthy legislation that is to follow. "

Wabashaw County Herald
Reads Landing, Nov. 24, 1860

Jacksonville

"The Jacksonville Post Office which was temporarily discontinued some time since, has been resumed. Jacob A. Montgomery is now postmaster. This office is situated in a well settled portion of the county, on the Mazeppa road, eighteen miles west of this place. "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Dec. 7, 1860

THE WABASHAW JOURNAL

The Herald appeared under this date with a new Head Letter and contained the following announcement.

"The last issue of the Wabashaw Weekly Journal was published yesterday. The Herald takes over the journal advertising contracts. The name of the Herald is changed to the Wabashaw County Herald and Weekly Journal, Reads Landing and Wabashaw. "

Wabasha Co. Herald - Semi Weekly
Wabashaw, Jan. 30, 1861

Game Law

"A law for the protection of game: With the St. Paul Press, we hail with pleasure any law which will protect the wild game of this state from indiscriminate slaughter at the hands of sportsmen.

On Thursday, a bill was introduced into the senate by Mr. Pell, having this object in view. It fixes a penalty of \$15 to be collected by law, upon persons who shall kill, or pursue with intent to kill any elk, deer, or fawn between the first day of February and September of each year, and prescribes the same penalty to any person who shall expose for sale, or have in his possession, any elk, deer, or fawn skins or fresh venison, at any time between the 15th of February and the first day of September.

The bill makes it a penalty of two dollars to kill woodcock, between the first of January and the fourth of July; also prairie fowl and partridge between the fifteenth of February and the first of August, and also has in view the protection of all smaller birds.

It prohibits the catching of speckled trout in any of the waters of this State in any other manner than with hook and line, under a penalty of fifty cents for each fish taken.

The fines collected are to be appropriated for school purposes. We hope the bill will pass, and hope further that its provisions may be rigidly enforced."

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Feb. 6, 1861

HIGHLAND

"This is one of the best settled towns in the county. We are informed by a resident, who is posted on the subject, that there is not a vacant quarter section in a body in the entire township."

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Feb. 9, 1861

PLAINVIEW

"Dear Herald - A smart spot is the village of Centerville.

It is not only a center of business for most of the town of Plainview, the largest town in the county - but it is the center for a large part of Elgin, Pell and Highland. Their large and well supplied stores, blacksmith shops, harness shop, etc. call together a large amount of business from this rapidly growing farm community, besides the large trade through to Wabashaw and Reads Landing from the counties of Olmstead, Dodge and Mower passes through this place, making a good business for our Capitol Hotel, kept by our friend S. H. Wright.

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Wabashaw , Feb. 9, 1861 (con't)

I cannot hardly realize that this is the wild and almost uninhabited prairie which I first came to in 1857 * * *

Truly - Here and There"

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Feb. 9, 1861

From Highland

"Friend Stevens: We hail your semi-weekly with pleasure. * * * You know but two years ago this town was a wilderness and would not support a Post Office - now, we are hardly second to the oldest towns in the county, and as far as rapidity of growth is concerned, we claim to be No. 1 - Two years ago we had thirty votes: Now we have 95.

A large number of actual settlers have come in and bought up the lands of non-residents and many others have taken all the government land that could be called first class - you know our town abounds in water and timber for fuel, fencing and building and large quantities of rails and and fence posts are taking their places along the lines of farms to go into fences next spring. In fact this is the most charming climate I ever knew for winter work. Our farmers are determined to get their grain all in store this month at the warehouses in your towns, to await the opening of spring navigation when we hope to get 75 cwts per bushel for wheat.

We ain't much frightened about those fugitive states. Don't you think we can use the 'Fugitive Slave Law' to get em back?

Yours for the union "

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Feb. 20, 1861, Wabashaw

The Final "W."

" A pledge has been circulated, and was signed by eighty of our most prominent citizens, including most of our professionsl and business men, agreeing to adopt the old style of spelling Wabashaw - with the final " W." - Sensible. "

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Mar. 16, 1861

Our New County Auditor

"Mr. E. W. Foster, who has just assumed the duties of his office, promises to make a faithful and competent ausitor. He gives his whole time to his official duties, and will see to it that his books and records are transferred to his successor in the same admirable condition in which he received them. "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Mar. 20, 1861

"W. W. McDougall

is now offering for sale, at very low rate and on easy terms,

Over Two Thousand acres of the best lands in the County

and is ready at all times to show persons the lands. He also
has on hand

Half-Breed * * * * Adult - Scrip

for sale at one dollar and fifty cents per acre - also city property.

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Wabashaw, Jan. 31, 1861. "

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Mar. 23, 1861

The County Seat Contest

"Our Lake City friends have served notice on the county officers of
their intention the county officers of their intention to contest the
County Seat Election, at the April term of court. "

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Mar. 23, 1861

Good

"At the election for postmaster at Lake City on Saturday last, Brother
Porter ex-editor of the Tribune, was the lucky man."

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Apr. 6, 1861

Publication Missed

"We issued no paper on Wednesday as we were busy moving our family
to Wabashaw."

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Apr. 10, 1861

New Postmaster

"W. J. Arnold has received the appointment of Postmaster of this city."

NOTE:- The Republicans held an election for postmaster in March. The
result of which, as reported in the Herald of March 23 gave C. W. Lyon 118
of 212 votes cast for all candidates and was declared elected.

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Apr. 17, 1861

District Court

"The District Court is now in session and since Monday transacted a large amount of business, and has as much now to transact before its adjournment before its adjournment. The county seat contest comes up tomorrow * * * "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Apr. 17, 1861

South Wabashaw Patents

"The patents for the pre-emption of South Wabasha, by city authorities, have been received.

They were the first ever signed by President Lincoln."

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Apr. 20, 1860

County Seat Contest

"Judge Wilson, after able arguments by attorneys on both sides, this morning decided that the Court could have no jurisdiction, for the reason that the Law was unconstitutional and therefore void.

The Judge said he would not revert to the other points presented as the law was so evidently unconstitutional as to admit of no doubt in his mind.

Our Lake City friends can go home with a flea in their ear."

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Apr. 20, 1861

Union Meeting

"A call was circulated yesterday afternoon for a union meeting at Hurd's Hall for an expression of feeling, and to take steps for the organization of two military companies in the county.

About 150 persons were present, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed the meeting.

J. W. Tyson was called to the chair and N. E. Stevens was chosen secretary. The chair stated the object of the meeting, T. D. Martin, General Sharpe, J. W. Tyson, F. W. Andrews and others addressed the meeting. The union sentiments were applauded to the echo -

The muster roll was read and contained thirteen names. Since then four more have been added, making 17 men. The meeting adjourned with cheers for the volunteers. * * *

Our country calls

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Apr. 20, 1861

Wabasha County Responds

Headquarters of Company "A" of Wabasha County Volunteers

Notice is hereby given that the headquarters of the above company are at Malcolm Kennedy's Shop on main street Wabashaw. That Malcolm Kennedy is secretary of the company, and is signatures of all citizens who are prepared to respond to the call of the Governor * * * Wabasha city responds by furnishing one quarter of the company. Let all parts of the county be represented."

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Wabashaw, May 1, 1861

"Departure of Wabasha County Volunteers.

Although the steamer Milwaukee arrived at our warf two hours before the usual time, all the members of the company from this portion of the county, forty two, were ready and took passage for Fort Snelling under Captain Pell * * * arrived at Reads Landing they were cheered by the firing of cannon, arriving at Lake City * * * Thirty-nine volunteers went on board - making the company 81 in seven days * * * "

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Wabashaw, May 1, 1861

That Banner

"The Banner purchased by the ladies of Wabashaw and Lake City, arrived by express this morning, and is really a beautiful affair, well worthy the gallant band to whose care it is to be entrusted. It is of the first silk - four feet six inches by six feet, has seven red and six white stripes. The blue field covers seven stripes, is one third the length of the banner, and is adorned with an eagle holding a scroll containing the motto. 'May God Protect The Right,' The whole surrounded by 44 stars * * * "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, May 5, 1861

Plainview Items

"The people of Plainview have raised a Liberty Pole with a Flag eight by sixteen feet streaming from its peak.

The flag was made by the union-loving ladies of the town."

"An independent company to be called 'The Plainview Guards' is about being formed under the auspices and command of Captain F. Trace."

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabashaw, May 15, 1861

Gillford Union Guards

"The citizens of Gillford, Mt. Pleasant and Chester met on Saturday and organized a 'Rifle Company.'

N. T. Randolph was chairman of the meeting and John J. Beatty, secretary.

Thirty persons came forward and signed the Roll.

Voted - that the company be called 'The Union Guards of Gillford * * * . "

Wabasha Co. Herald
May 29, 1861, Wabashaw

Gopher Hunt

"The Plainview Gopher Hunt held May 24th. Accounted for 3649 striped gophers, 1822 grey gophers, 209 pocket gophers and 11 rattlesnakes
* * * "

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Wabasha, June 5, 1861

Infantry Company

"A company of Infantry has been formed at Lake City consisting of 54 men. H. C. Terrill is Captain * * * "

Wabasha Herald
Wabashaw, June 8, 1861

Home Market

"Owing to recent decline in prices, but little wheat comes in, and most of it goes into store. We quote 50 and 52c in gold, 55 & 60 in currency. "

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Wabashaw, June 12, 1861

Wabasha Military Co.

"Military company, consisting of the citizens of Wabashaw, has been formed for the purposes of drilling and practicing the 'Art of War' in order to be better prepared to fight for our country's defence if necessary
* * * "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabashaw, June 22, 1861

Wabasha County Volunteers

"The company is now nearly full, is made up mostly of mechanics and working men and will be a fine company of the Second Regiment. Young men will do well to join its ranks. It will receive orders to report at Fort Snelling in a few days and the Second Regiment will go into active service in the fall. "

Wabashaw Co. Herald
Wabasha, Nov. 13, 1861

School Books

"Books recently adopted by the State Board of Education for use in Minnesota.

Robinsons Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry. Nelsons Histories, Hitchcocks Physiology and Anatomy and Grays Botany."

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabashaw, Nov. 18, 1861

Dr. Francis H. Milligan

"Dr. Francis H. Milligan of this city has been appointed Assistant Surgeon of The Third Minnesota Regiment * * * . "

[Dr. Milligan was the first doctor to locate in Wabasha County. He was appointed Sheriff March 11, 1854. Served as first County Treasurer until January 1, 1856 and as Register of Deeds in 1855.]

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Jan. 5, 1859

A paragraph in the published proceedings of the Board of Supervisor's meeting of Jan. 5, 1859 says:

"Thomas Mattier presented a petition from the citizens of Wacentopa, praying they may have the name Glasco. On motion of C. W. Hackett the name was adopted."

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Feb. 12, 1859

"A saw-mill is being built by C. R. Read of this place, on the Zumbro, in the town of Zumbro in this county. This is a much needed improvement and one that will pay."

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Jan. 29, 1859

Contains report of meeting of Board of Supervisors of Jan. 4, 1859 at which the following school districts were organized:

No. 47 in Mt. Pleasant; 48-Watopa; 49-Chester; 50-Mazeppa;
51-West Albany; 52-Minneiska; 53-Zumbro.

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Feb. 19, 1859

There are 53 school districts in Wabashaw County. 28 reported for school money. These must be 2,000 pupils in the county. In this report are:

No. 1	Wabashaw	No. 22	Plainview
" 2	Reads Landing	" 24	Elgin
" 3	Lake City	" 25	Elgin
" 4	Bear Valley	" 33	Highland
" 5	Mt. Pleasant	" 34	Gillford
" 6	Minneiska	" 35	Highland
" 7	Wautopa	" 36	Wautopa
" 8	West Albany	" 37	Highland
" 9	Pell	" 40	Elgin
" 10	Cooks Valley	" 41	Greenfield
" 11	Wacentopa	" 42	Zumbro
" 19	Mazeppa	" 44	Wautopa
" 20	Greenville	" 45	Pell
" 21	Plainview	" 46	Guilford

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Jan. 10, 1859

The proceedings of the county commissioners meeting of Jan. 4, 1859 contained a copy of a petition for a road from Wabashaw to Trout Brook Valley and reads as follows: It has little regard for section lines in order to secure grades of least resistance

"Petition No. 5 asking for a road commencing at Wabashaw City, running in a westerly direction up a ravine (known as Rocques Ravine), taking the left hand branch near the Indian Trail to the corner of sections 1, 2, 11 & 12 in the towns of Wacentopa, thence down a ravine, known as Smiths Ravine past the dwelling of Joseph Berman to the center of the Northwest quarter of section 11 thence west past the house of John Riester so as to intersect a ravine running to the tableland on section 10, thence westerly to the quarter stake on the west line of section 16 thence up the ravine across sections 17 and 18 past the dwelling of B. F. Franklin in the town aforesaid, thence in a westerly direction so as to intersect a road leading from Reads Landing to West Albany.

We recommend that the petition be granted Garret Albertson and William McCracken receivers."

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Feb. 19, 1859

A Ferry

"We have a good road up the Chippewa, but of what avail can it be without a ferry? We have been informed that certain persons were building a boat, but we see no steps toward it."

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Feb. 19, 1859

New Postmaster

"Benjamin Lawrence has been appointed Postmaster at Greenville vice Artemus T. Sharpe, resigned. It is said that the people of that region are highly pleased with the new arrangement.

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, March 12, 1859

"The Zumbro was up 'booming' last week, and once more flowed through its old channel at Wabashaw. The water on the Zumbro bottoms was over three feet deep and looked more like a lake than the overflowing of a small stream."

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, March 19, 1859

Sounding Lake Pepin

"The Lake City Tribune says: That on Tuesday of last week Abner Dwelle Drs. Estes and Woodward sounded Lake Pepin, starting from opposite the ware-

house point, and found that the channel, which had been supposed to be on the Wisconsin side, was within five rods of the Lake City shore - the deepest point being 36 feet. Two errors are thus corrected, the unfathomliness of the Lake and the position of the channel."

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, April 16, 1859

Wild Ducks

"Myriads of these fowls now inhabit the rivers and sloughs in this vicinity - sportsmen are having fine times."

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Apr. 16, 1859

"The Denmark arrived this morning from Pittsburg, loaded to her guards with iron, nails, glass & etc. for St. Paul. Our warehouses being full she returned to LaCrosse where she will store her cargo and go to St. Louis."

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald,
Reads Landing, April 16, 1859

The mails

"The Time and Tide connects with stages at Wacouta, which reduces the land carriage some 8 milew. "

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Apr. 23, 1859

Our District Court

"Has been in session during the past week, and dispatched a large amount of business, as will be seen by the transcript of the calendar published in another column.

Judge Wilson presided with dignity and impartiality, winning golden opinions from all parties, Judge W. gives Wabashaw County credit of having the best Court Room, the most talented bar, and the best organized court in his district * * * "

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Apr. 23, 1859

River News and Business

"On Tuesday last, the Key City effected a passage through the Lake being exactly 33 days from the arrival of the first boat - The Grey Eagle. During that time one hundred boats have arrived at our levee and discharged their loads of freight and passengers. Not less than 1500 tons of freight and at least 2,000 passengers."

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, April 30, 1859

The River and Business

"The past week has been a busy one, as far at least as the river business is concerned. * * * Thirty-seven boats have arrived and departed. * * * The following are arrivals: Itasca, Ocean Wave, Grey Eagle, Canada, Wisconsin, Colonna, Key City, Lucie May, Time and Tide, Minnesota Bell, W. S. Nelson, Northern Light, Tigress, Lottie Lyon, Wisconsin No. 2, and Denmark. "

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Apr. 30, 1859

Results of Elections - Wabashaw Township

"H. Prindle, chairman. Philo Stone and H. D. Adams. Town clerk;
W. S. Jackson, Assessor, W. W. McDougall, Collector and Constable J. J. Stone"

Wabasha City

First City Officer: Mayor S. L. Campbell; Recorder C. W. Lyon;
City Justice Charles Webb; Alderman L. Gilbert, S. Demarey, A. A. Westin."

Wabasha Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Apr. 30, 1859

The Lottie Lyon

"The Lottie Lyon is around again and proves as great a convenience as ever. She made her first trip on Thursday and will continue to run every day (Sunday excepted) from Maiden Rock touching at Lake City, North Pepin, Reads Landing and Wabashaw till the close of the seasons navigation. "

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, May 7, 1859

Lumbering

"Yesterday two rafts started below. One from this place belonging to Knapp Stout & Co. containing 500,000 feet and one containing 650,000 feet left from Wabashaw, the property of the Chippewa Falls Lumbering Company. Three or four other rafts are making up here at present and among them we notice a large one of logs."

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, May 7, 1859

Ice Business

"The ice business of Lake Pepin this winter has been one of great importance. Over 6,000 tons were put up at various points on the Lake, the value of which will be not less than \$60,000. This is but a foreshadowing of an immense trade that is yet to grow up in the business.

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, May 7, 1859 (con't)

"Lake Pepin Ice" will in a year or two be quoted in the market of southern cities as regularly as cotton, sugar or rice. Messrs. Baldwin and Averill of Lake City shipped, today, per steamer Tigress 1,200 tons for the Ohil and Cumberland rivers. Other heavy shipments have also been made this spring and many hundreds of tons remain yet in store. "

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, May 7, 1859

Mattress Manufactory

"While at Wabashaw yesterday, we dropped in at the 'Ole Chapel' lately used as the Journal office, and found our friend J. T. Bowen in the manufacture of mattresses. A business it seems to us, ought to pay well. The material used Basswood Shavings - is a novel one to us, but has, we understand, been in use for a long time giving universal satisfaction and at the present time a large establishment is engaged in the business at Alton, Illinois and depends on the Northwest for a market. Why shall we not supply ourselves? * * * "

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, May 14, 1859

Wabashaw City Government Complete

"The city council of Wabashaw have held two meetings since this election, and are inaugurating a system of economy unknown to the former one. They meet only one-half as often, voted no pay to the Mayor and Aldermen, instead of \$1.50 per meeting as before - put the attorney's salary at \$50 instead of \$200 and reduced the expenses in every possible way. The officers elected and appointed are as follows: Mayor, S. L. Campbell; Alderman, A. A. Weston, L. Gilbert and D. Demarey, Recorder C. W. Lyon; Marshal Henry DeCamp; Surveyor D. W. Wellman; Attorney J. W. Murdock; Assessor D. W. Wellman and C. L. Hendricks."

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, May 21, 1859

"A church organization has, we are informed, been formed in Little Trout Brook Valley, five miles back of this place under the auspices of Rev. Mr. Hazlett of Lake City. Considerable interest is manifest. "

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, June 4, 1859

New Bell

"The Baptist Association of Wabashaw have just placed in the cupola of their church, a church bell weighing 310 pounds. It is a fine toned one and reminds us of 'Days Lang Sine' as its voice is borne to us on the pleasant Sabbath morn."

Wabasha Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, June 18, 1859

"A Lumbering Item"

"The lumber run from the mouth of the Chippewa during the past week has amounted to the vast sum of 5,600,000 feet.

It was run by the following persons and companies:

Van Pelt and Francis	700,000 feet
Chapman & Thorp	700,000 "
Dale, Ingraham & Kennedy	600,000 "
Lockhart, Mancham & Farr	500,000 "
Chippewa Falls Lumbering Co.	1,600,000 "
Daniel Shaw & Co.	400,000 "
E. E. Shaw	700,000 "
Bussy and Taylor	400,000 "
Total	5,600,000 "

Knapp, Stout & Co. have now rafted and ready to run 1,400,000 feet, and the Chippewa Falls Lumber Co. have a raft nearly ready which will contain 800,000 feet - swelling that amount for two weeks up to next Saturday night to 7,900,000 feet, * * * "

Wabasha Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, June 25, 1854

"Trout Fishing"

"Our readers may not all be aware that the central part of our county is traversed by a dozen or more brooks abounding in the finny tribe, a party of four went out last week and were gone two days, travelled fourteen miles and back and brought 500 speckled beauties with them as a result of their skill."

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Reads Landing, July 30, 1859

"Tepeeotah Burned: This town was nearly destroyed on Saturday night the 23d inst. A large hotel building, two stories high, an excellent saw mill which cost about \$15,000, the store and residence of S. C. Tennis and three dwellings were burned to the ground. The fire was undoubtedly the work of incendiaries. The loss cannot be less than \$25,000. "

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"The Stone School House: The people of Wabashaw are engaged in an enterprise which reflects the greatest credit on their appreciation of education. They have now in course of construction a school house 40 x 50 ft. of our beautiful Lake Pepin limestone, which will be one of the most imposing edifices in the Northwest.

It will be two stories high, twelve feet between floors. The outside walls and wood work alone will come to fifteen hundred dollars and before it is completed will cost \$3000.

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Reads Landing, Aug. 20, 1859

Enterprise expended in this manner yields a return ten-fold.
May the citizens of Wabashaw never, never weary of well doing."

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Reads Landing, Oct. 15, 1859

"A Reminiscence of Early Voting in Wabasha County"

Mr. Editor: - It may interest some of your readers as have come into the county recently * * * to give a synopsis of an old Poll Book in my possession dating back to October 12, 1852 in which Alexis Bailly, Amos Wheeler and Louis Rock figure as judges and Chas L. Beauprey and Thomas Murphy as clerks.

At the election, there were 24 voters present and three opposing candidates for the Legislature, the only elective office in the county in those days.

At the aforesaid election which was held at the premises of the late Augustine Rocque in an old outbuilding, now no more, convened the sovereigns of the great county of Wabashaw, extending at that time from Pine Bend to the Iowa line on the Mississippi and back indefinitely * * *.

I herewith append a list of the names of the electors * * * .
Charles R. Read, F. S. Richards, Oliver Raccicot, James Wells, Thos. Biels, Joseph James, Thos Smith, Pierre Bibeau, Thos. Murphy, Joseph Champigna, Oliver Monett, M. Aslem, Pierre Larievriere, Oliver Cratt, Jermiah Campbell, John Campbell, Sr., Geo Campbell, Thomas Robinson, Louis Rocque, Chas. Beauprey, Amos Wheeler, Alexis Bailly, Joseph Rocque and John Campbell. I think five votes were cast at Bunnells Landing, now Homer, a few miles below Winona. Where the latter place stands, were no inhabitants then, and for a long time after was known as Wabashaw Prairie to the Americans and Prairie Roselle by the French. Bunnels Landing was an Indian Trading Post and it was contended, it was not a legalized precinct, however, it is hard to disfranchise men for any trifling formality when a country is sparsely settled. * * * Bully Wells was intermarried with the mixed bloods and thus related to several families in Wabashaw, hence though living in the stone house near the head of the lake, it is easy to see how he could command the vote of that town, which was then as now the most populas place in the county. He received nine votes.

Mr. Richards may be presumed to represent the choice of the people of Reads Landing. * * * His vote stands highest, viz. eleven.

Alexis Bailly, though living at Wabashaw and likewise connected by marriage with the mixed bloods, and although a man of acknowledged ability and some legislative ability, he having been sent to the first Legislature of the territory, when there was no opposition, yet, as his first vote shows, unpopular for some reason and received only three votes. * * *

I do not find the names of William Whitemarsh, Wm. Smuthers or the late Edwin Marsh of Reads Landing on the Poll List. Neither was Augustine Rocque, Pierre Hauterbrite, Joseph Buisson, Frances La Pointe

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Hyacinthe, his brother nor William Campbell * * * .

Fragments of early history, if only preserved in newspaper files, are of value in aftertimes and might not the leisure hours of the pioneers be sometimes usefully employed in recording for future reference, the facts of their experience. Amos Wheeler. "

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Mar. 13, 1859

"Call For a Meeting To Organize A County Agricultural Society"

"During the past week we have received an addition to the list of names to this call, and the unanimity of action induces the belief that the county will be largely represented. Hon. N. S. Taft, of Minneiska, sends a large number of names, and in his note accompanying them, very truly says:

I most heartily concur in the movement to organize an Agricultural Society in Wabashaw County * * * Experience has plainly demonstrated the fact that societies of this kind advance the interests of agriculture. Minnesota (southern Minnesota in particular) should look early to the developement of her natural resources, and of these none are more vital than agriculture..

Wabashaw County cannot soon expect any very great revenue from other source, except by aiding by every means, the interests of the farmer * * * Our interests are the farmer's interests, and our profits are the profits of the bony hand of honest industry.

The Call

We, the undersigned citizens of Wabashaw County, believing that experience has abundantly proved that agricultural and industrial societies greatly promote the interests of all classes, most respectfully request the citizens of Wabashaw County to attend a public meeting at the Court Room, at Wabashaw, on Monday evening, April 18, 1859 for the purpose of organizing an Agricultural Society for Wabashaw County.

Signers

J. J. Stone
P. McCarty
C. G. Dawley
S. L. Campbell
Chas. W. Gill
Charles Webb
W. S. Jackson
B. C. Baldwin

T. K. Gray
Louis Krutely
M. A. Fuller
Jno. Sabenting
Geo. Putnam
A. Pomeroy
J. G. Swart
S. C. Brown

Frank Gage
A. Z. Putnam
Samuel Putnam
Dr. D. C. Estes
J. M. Collins
Thos. H. McGrath
O. E. Waters
C. C. Spotswood

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Wm. L. Lincoln
F. W. Andrews
C. R. Read
Henry Ash
A. G. Remindino
Jno. Hutchins
S. S. Keppler
S. A. Kemp
N. O. Taft
Jarvis Williams
B. S. Hurd
J. S. Felton
James Crowley
F. H. Peck
Dr. A. C. Stoups
S. P. Gambia
J. A. Peck
W. T. Collier
B. Wharton
L. M. Gregg
N. E. Stevens
J. K. Arnold
M. V. Gill
H. W. McDougal

Leroy Brown
S. A. Putnam
T. Young
A. Pomeroy (2nd)
G. E. Raeding
E. K. Phillips
T. H. Bean
W. H. Seymour

T. B. Wilson
J. H. McRay
W. R. Lovell
A. Bigelow
J. Taylor
Wm. Putnam
Russell Wilson
Wm. S. Timmerman
J. Orton
A. G. McRay
L. Balcom
C. B. Halsey
P. Worstlin
N. Bartholomey
E. M. Hoyt

J. A. Mabey
John T. Averill
P. M. Bull
A. Tibbets
T. Collins
L. A. Jones
S. C. Skinner
C. D. Vilas
John N. Murcock
John Gage
N. Putnam
J. Leatherman
S. O. Seymour
C. Miller
C. W. Hackett
Jas. R. Corwin
A. M. Gaylord
John McNeil
A. Dwelle
J. W. Woodworth, M.D.
M. Starr
A. Jacobs
H. H. Arnold
A. F. Guernsey. "

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Reeds Landing, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Oct. 22, 1859

Wabashaw County Fair

The issue of September 10th contained notice for a meeting of the Wabashaw County Agricultural society to be held on September 14th 1859 to complete arrangements for the Wabashaw County Fair at Wabashaw October 14th and 15th 1859.

The Premium List for the Fair of which S. L. Campbell was president and H. C. Simpson, secretary contained classes A to H inclusive, and miscellaneous. Each class contained from 10 to 20 items. The first in each class with the premium were as follows:

A - Best Bull 3 years old and over	.50
B - Best Stallion 4 years old and over	.50
C - Best Flock of sheep	.50
D - Best Plow - home manufacture	.50
E.- Best Two-horse wagon (home manufacture)	.50
F.- Best bushel of spring wheat	.25
G - Best pair Home Made Blankets	.25
H - Best specimen of butter	.50

Among the many things for which prizes were offered were: Best yoke of oxen, Best fat cow, Best fat ox, best mare and colt, best litter of pigs, Best ox yoke, best bee hive, best breaking plow, fanning mill

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bedstead, bureau, pair of boots, horse collar, pair of blankets, best carpet, pair of socks, fancy quilt, best floral wreath, best hard soap, best soft soap, best jellies, cakes, catsup, smoked ham, best grains and vegetables. All articles to be home production.

Admission to the fair 5 cents for men, ladies free.

The issue of the 22nd reports the fair a complete success in every respect. More than three hundred entries were made, being far beyond expectations.

The report of the secretary gave complete report of prize winners. Among them were: Thos. Botton for best yearling bull, Lewis DeCamp - best cow, Jacob Tenny - 2nd best cow, A. A. Weston - best pair of mules, Thomas Wilson best sow and pigs, R. D. Bailly - best chickens, Jared Boughton - best spring wheat, William Pell - best oats, C. R. Read, best dent corn, James Burns - best butter, Joseph Holmes -best potatoes Mrs. J. B. Downer - best pair of blankets, Mrs. J. L. Whitmore - best home made skirt, Mrs. Bolton - best fancy quilt, Mrs. J. H. Davis - best patchwork quilt, Mrs. J. W. Arnold - best floral wreath, Mrs. Redmond - best lace cape, Mrs. Charles Webb - best canary birds and cages, Mrs. Emma Rogers - best crayon drawing, D. W. Wellman - best map of Half-Breed Tract, Miss Eva Harvey - best crayon painting, etc.

Wabasha Co. Herald, Reads Landing
Oct. 22, 1859

"A New Paper: H. C. Simpson * * * has purchased the materials on which the patriot was published and proposes to establish an independent paper at Wabashaw. The Wabashaw Weekly Journal. It will make its appearance the last of the week * * * "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Nov. 3, 1859

New Catholic Church: "The Catholic Society of Wabashaw are erecting an elegang church on the corner of Pembroke and Third Streets. It is a frame building 30 x 60 ft., two stories high. The lower story of which is intended for a school. When completed, it will be one of the most imposing buildings of the city. * * * "

A little more than a year ago Wabashaw had no church of any description but she has now two, the Baptist and Congregational which will compare favorably with any churches in the state. * * * "

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"Wabasha Union School:" "The people of Wabashaw have reared to themselves a momument of fame; not a useless pile of granite to perpetuate the memory of a bloody battle, but a handsome stone building 40 x 50 ft., two stories high from which the voice of wisdom may scatter the seeds of knowledge and rear up ornaments to society and reflect honor on our country Genius smiles and freedom rejoices as the free schools and beautiful

churches arise in our midst. The first term in the Union School will commence December 1st under C. S. Bryant, principal and Miss Angier assistant. * * * "

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Reads Landing, Nov. 19, 1859

Fire at Nelsons Landing

"On Wednesday evening the large hotel and boarding house of T. B. Wilson & Co. at the above place just opposite here was burnt. * * * "

The Wabasha Journal
Wabasha, Minn., Dec. 24, 1849

Dance at Tipeeotah

"We are requested to say, that the price of tickets for the dance at Tipeeotah on Monday evening next have been reduced to \$1.50 each. A large attendance is expected."

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Reads Landing, Feb. 2, 1860

"The Zumbro Bridge" "This structure is now so nearly completed, that next week, it probably will be ready for travel. We have not had an opportunity to see it, but we are informed by those who have seen it, that it is by far the most substantial bridge that has ever spanned the Zumbro River. It is but justice to Wabashaw to remark that her citizens have contributed nearly every dollar and nearly all the lumber and labor used in its construction, amounting to nearly \$2000 * * * "

Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Jan. 5, 1860

"Reads Landing had 770 steamboat landings during the year 1859 - 150 were of boats on the Chippewa."

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Reads Landing, May 17, 1860

"Meeting of Wabashaw County Bar."

Pursuant to the call of The Wabashaw County Bar, the following met at the office of J. N. Murdock on the 9th of May 1860. J. N. Murdock, chairman and S. A. Kemp secretary. The following were present:

J. N. Murdock, S. A. Kemp, C. S. Bryant, John B. Davis, S. S. Burleson, S. L. Campbell, Ava Darren, Jared Boughton, A. Z. Putnam, J. P. Vance, D. J. Jacobs, and Jay Parker."

Wabasha Co. Herald
Reads Landing, May 26, 1860

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Wabashaw Co. Reads Landing Herald
Reads Landing, Aug. 25, 1860

Comparative statement of the census of Wabashaw County for years 1857 and 1860

	1860	1857	gain	Loss
Wabashaw	948	917	31	
Lake City	864	673	131	
Plainview	549	430	119	
Pepin	545	523	22	
Mazeppa	534	398	136	
Zumbro	443	200	243	
Greenfield	414	435		21
Gillford	375	204	171	
Mt. Pleasant	340	119	221	
Chester	333	187	146	
Elgin	330	192	138	
Highland	316	69	357	
West Albany	315	156	159	
Pell	266	59	207	
Glasgow	263	94	169	
Minneiska	225	290		65
Watopa	221	123	102	
Total	7261	5116	"	

Wabasha Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Aug. 25, 1860

"Two-Horse Ferry at Wabashaw."

"The citizens of Wabashaw have and made practicable a road across the bottomslands opposite the city, and Commodore Deitz will put this two-horse ferry in operation next week connecting the city and the road.

This will enable Wabashaw to control the trade and travel of an important tract of country, otherwise inaccessible to the Mississippi. It will also prove of untold advantage of many hundreds of farmers who have thus opened to them one of the best grain markets on the Mississippi."

Wabasha Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Sept. 5, 1860

[Forty-six residents of Zumbro and Mazeppa offered a petition at a meeting of County Board for a new town, Zumbro. Petition dated Aug. 15, 1860. Commissioners referred matter back for action by the peoples]

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabashaw and Reads Landing, Feb. 2, 1861

A Letter

Runs Copy of letter about removing Postmaster of Paducah, Kentucky

Postmasters Department
Appointment Office
Jan. 22, 1861

"Sir:

In answer to your inquiry in your letter of the 15th, to the Postmaster General, he instructs me to inform you that you were removed from the office of Paducah because you announced yourself as devoutly in favor of disunion, and it is not considered prudent to retain in the service of the government men openly seeking its overthrow.

I am respectfully,
Your obedient servant

Horatio King

J. C. Noble, Esq.
Paducah, Ky.

First Asst. P. M. Gen.

Wabashaw County Herald and Weekly Journal
Wabashaw and Reads Landing, Mar. 13, 1861

[Extract From a Speech by Ex-President Tyler in the Virginia House of Delegates]

"Sir:

I have looked into the distant future and beheld the future greatness of Free America. I have beheld her walking on the face of the Mighty Deep, and carrying glad tidings of great joy into distant nations. I have seen her stretching her arms over the whole earth and overturning the strongholds of despotism in the old world. Wo! Wo! betide the man who shall endeavor to sow the seeds of disunion and anarchy amongst us. Better for him he had never been born. If he call on the mountains to hide him; nay, if he bury **himself** in the very center of the earth, the indignation of man shall find him out, and blast him with his lightnings."

[That the above represented the sentiment of the great majority in the county is evidenced by its many enlistments in the army]

Wabasha Co. Herald and Journal
Wabasha and Reads Landing, Mar. 20, 1861

"The people of Zumbro had a vote yesterday (March 19th) on the division of their town which resulted as follows: For Division 53. Against Division 23. The town is therefore divided. The southern part lying south of the river, is called Zumbro. The northern part, lying north of the river is called Hyde Park."

Wabasha Co. Herald and Weekly Journal
Wabashaw and Reads Landing, June 5, 1861

"Died in this city Monday morning the 3rd instant last, of paralysis, Alexis Bailly, age 63. Mr. Bailly is one of the pioneers of Minnesota."

"A Soldiers Appeal to the Woman who love their Country!"

Patriotic women of America, your needles and scissors are not less needful to our success than the bayonet and the sword.

The nights are growing cold and thousands of our soldiers are without covering. While you sleep warm under comfortable roofs, they shiver in tents and barracks; simply because there are not on the market sufficient blankets to supply their need. Surely you will not let the brave defenders of our country's honor suffer for the want of material aid which you can readily provide.

Let no woman lay claim to patriotism whose needle is now idle. There is ~~an~~ work for all * * * "

A Soldier

Wabashaw Co. Herald and Weekly Journal
Wabashaw & Reads Landing, Nov. 11, 1861

"School House at Plainview"

The people of Plainview, having in view the advantages of education, are erecting a fine schoolhouse 22 x 34 ft. with all modern improvements. This will make a fine addition to their beautiful village. "

Wabasha Co. Herald and Weekly Journal
Wabashaw and Reads Landing, Nov. 22, 1861

"The Minnesota Troops"

"Our second regiment left for the seat of war on October 12th and the Third just then called, left on the 16th of November. We regard this as doing, pretty well for a "one horse" state which is entitled, under the last census to but one representative in congress. The Fourth is so nearly full that if necessity required, it could get off in ten days. Aside from all this we have sent forward a company of sharp shooters and one of cavalry during this period and have two more companies of cavalry and two of artillery about ready to send."

Press.

West Albany

"Frank Ryan is building a new hotel to replace the one destroyed by fire - two stories 25 x 30 ft."

"S. Appelgarth's mill is doing a fine business with more work than it can turn off. "

Wabashaw Co. Herald and Weekly Journal
Wabashaw and Reads Landing, Jan. 22, 1862

"Junius" a contributor, writing of conditions in the city, county says in part:

"The truth is, Mr. Editor, our country, our county, our town is too much under the influence of politicians and political wire pullers, and if ever we should cease to exist as a nation, our epitaph could be appropriately written - Died of Politics."

Wabashaw Co. Herald and Weekly Journal
Wabashaw and Reads Landing, Feb. 12, 1863

"A church in Gillford, on Monday last we noticed Messrs. Clark, Congdon and others in town, for the purpose of procuring lunches for a church, to be built in the vicinity of Lincoln post office. * * * "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, Minn., May 12, 1864

"Return of a Veteran: Marcus L. Hendricks, one of the original First Minnesota Volunteers returned to his home in the town of Greenfield in this county last Friday. We had the honor of passing palms with this veteran of thirty engagements. He is a young man of unassuming manners, intelligent and gentlemanly in his deportment. The stuff that patriots are mad of is embodied in his composition.

He served in the Minnesota First, until November 1862 at which time he was transferred to the First Cavalry Regiment U. S. Regulars, in which regiment he fought in fourteen successive engagements. On account of the daring valor he had displayed in former engagements, he was designated as Dispatch Bearer in the battle of Fredricksburg, in which engagement he had two horses shot under him and received a wound in the arm, a buckshot having passed through the fleshy part between his elbow and wrist, and a fragment of a shell weighing about $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce struck him in the neck. Yet he did not give up the field, until nightfall put an end to the bloody strife.

In the month of April 1863 he was, at his own request, returned to his original regiment in which he fought in seventeen engagements.

He was mustered out of the service, at Fort Snelling with a few other survivors of the original gallant and glorious First having served three years. It has been truly said that it is more of an honor, to boast of having belonged to the Minnesota First than to command the finest regiment that has ever been sent to the field of Empire or Keystone States."

Wabashaw Co. Herald and Weekly Journal
Wabashaw and Reads Landing, Feb. 12, 1863

"A church in Gillford, on Monday last we noticed Messrs Clark, Congdon and others in town, for the purpose of procuring lumber for a church, to be built in the vicinity of Lincoln Post office. * * * "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, Jan. 15, 1863

"Dandy Dick and Tsagmuzzy (?) were among the Indians hanged at Mankato. Both were especial pets of people hereabouts a couple of years ago. "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, Dec. 1, 1864

"Dancing parties are becoming quite fashionable in this city. On Tuesday evening last, a very pleasant party was held at the Riverside. On Friday evening a similar one was held at Hurd's Hall and on Saturday evening the Republican Germans held a patriotic ball at the Brewery. "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, July 16, 1863

"The Minnesota First."

"We are under obligations to our old friend, Dr. C. F. Child, of Minneiska, at present in Washington, for the list of killed and wounded in the First Minnesota at the battle of Gettysburg. We have only room for the Wabasha Company "I" which we append.

Killed: Lieutenant W. Farrar, Sargent C. Woodward, Privates C. P. Ellis, B. Welch and J. Fry. Wounded: Lieut. G. Boyd, Sargent O. M. Knight, Corp. W. R. Richardt, A. J. Roe, E. Miller, G. A. Millikin, A. Hayden, W. Wellman, H. Lawson, William Peck, Ed. Paul, H. Abbott, J. Dunnivan, J. Freeze, W. Howell, E. P. Hale, B. Jackson, C. Mason, B. Philbrook, H. Widger, D. Weaver.

On the morning of the battle, the regiment mustered for duty: 325

Killed	47	
Wounded	121	
Missing	70	238
Leaving all told after the battle		87

The First Minnesota Regiment was mustered into service April 29, 1861. It then numbered 1,041. Since then it received over 700 recruits making 1,800 all told. It went into the Battle of Gettysburg, 325 strong and lost in killed and wounded 168 men (70 missing).

The regiment participated in the following battles: - First Bull Run, Balls Bluff, Yorktown, West Point, Fair Oaks, Peach Orchard, Savages Station, Allen's Farm, White Oak Swamp, White Oak Ridge, Nelsons Farm, Glendale, Malvern, South Mountain, Sharpsburg, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorville and Gettysburg * * * "

President Lincoln's annual message to congress on Dec. 6, 1864 published in this issue contains the following paragraphs on the National Debt and conditions on which the government would accept peace:

" * * * The national debt is now \$1,740,609,489.49 * * * Held as it is for the most part by our own people, it has become a substantial branch of national though private property. For obvious reasons the more nearly this property can be distributed among the people the better. To favor such general distribution, greater inducements to become owners might perhaps with good effect, be presented to persons of limited means. With this view, I suggest whether it might not be expedient and competent for congress to provide that a limited amount of some future issue of public securities might be held by an bonified purchaser, exempt from taxation and from seizure for debt under such restrictions and limitations as may be necessary to guard against abuse of so important a privilege. This would enable prudent persons to set aside a small amount against a possible day of want."

The message on the rebellion, conciliation, etc. is clear and plain - against negotiating for peace.

"In stating a single condition of peace, I mean simply to say - that the war will cease on the part of the government, whenever it shall have ceased on the part of those who began it."

Wabasha County Herald
Wabasha, Minn., Sept. 14, 1865

In proceedings of the County Board, Sept. 6th, appears a statement of appointment of Wabasha County's first County Superintendent of Schools.

"E. Hogle was appointed County Superintendent of Schools at a salary of \$500 per year."

Wabasha, Wabasha County,
Minn. Hist. Collections
Vol. 14, P. 813

Wabasha (more correctly Wapashaw), the hereditary name, meaning "red leaf," of the chief of a band of Sioux Indians whose home was on the Mississippi river near the site of Winona, Minn (see Winona). The first of the name is said to have received, in a visit to Quebec about the year 1764, presents of a red uniform and red cap from the British governor, whence his own people, on his return, gave to him this name. Three successive Wabashas were prominent chiefs. Biographic sketches of each by Hon. C. C. Willson are given in Minn. Historical Society collections, Vol. XII, 1908, pages 503-512.

Greenville, Wabasha County
MHC, Vol. 14, p. 92

Burchard, Rodman, born in Paris, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1808; died in Plainview, Minn., Feb. 6, 1883. He came to Minnesota in 1855 and engaged in mercantile business in Greenville, Wabasha county. Removed to Plainview about 1866.

Wabasha, Wabasha County
MHC, Vol. 14, Page 90

Buisson, Joseph, Indian trader, born near Montreal, Canada, in 1797. Died in Wabasha, Minn., Oct. 10, 1857. He came to Minnesota when seventeen years old in the employ of the American Fur Company. He conducted a trading post at Wabasha after 1839; was one of the original proprietors of that town.

Wabasha, Wabasha Co.
Minn. Hist. Coll.
Vol. 14, P. 148

Cratte, David, born near Minnehaha Falls, Minn., March 15, 1837. He came with his father to the site of Wabasha when a child. He was a raft pilot on the Mississippi twenty-six years.

Cratte, Oliver, pioneer, born in Liverpool, England, Oct. 4, 1800. Died in Wabasha, Minn. April 22, 1884. He came to Minnesota in 1825 and resided at Mendota. He settled on the site of Wabasha in 1839, being the government blacksmith for that band of Sioux. He and Joseph Buisson were the first white settlers in that place.

Lake City, Wabasha County,
Minn. Hist. Coll., Vol. 14, p. 194

Dwelle, Abner, pioneer farmer, born in Greenwich, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1805; He came to Minnesota in 1854; settling on the site of Lake City, of which he was one of the founders.

Minneiska, Wabasha County
Minn. Hist. Col., Vol. 14, p. 236

For, Aaron, born in Mentor, Ohio, in 1833. He settled in Minneiska, Minn. in 1856; was a trader with the Indians, and later owned a grocery and was postmaster.

Mazeppa, Wabasha County
Minn. Hist., Col., Vol. 14, p. 233

Ford, Orville D., farmer, born in Lebanon, N. Y., Aug. 26, 1831. He came to Minnesota in 1855, settling on the site of the present town of Mazeppa. He was a representative in the legislature in 1862; was a lieutenant in the First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, 1865.

Elgin, Wabasha
Minn. Hist. Coll., Vol. 14, p. 261

Glines, Albert, hardware merchant, born in Canada in 1823; came to Minnesota in 1856; opened the first store in Elgin; afterward engaged in mercantile business in Lake City until 1880; then removed to Appleton.

Wabasha, Wabasha County,
Ref. Minn. Hist. Col.,
Vol. 14, p. 270

Graham, Duncan, pioneer, born in 1772 in Scotland, came to the United States, and in 1834 to Wabasha, Minn., and gave the city its name; removed to Mendota about 1847; where he died Dec. 5th, in that year.

Lake City, Wabasha
REF: Minn. Hist. Coll.,
VOL. 14, p. 314.

Hazlett, Silas, Presbyterian clergyman, born in Mifflin county, Pa., May 12, 1824; was graduated at Jefferson College and at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Pittsburg, settled in Lake City, Minn., in 1856; where he taught the first school and was pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Gilbert Valley, Wabasha Co.,
Minn. Hist. Col., Vol. 14, p. 350

Hudson, Aaron G., pioneer farmer, born in New York, July 26, 1822; died in Lake City, Minn. July 7, 1903. He came to Minnesota in 1855 was a member of the state constitutional convention, 1857; was a superintendent of schools for the county.

Mazeppa, Wabasha County
Minn. Hist. Coll., Vol. 14
P. 360

Hyde, John E., merchant, born in Portland, Maine, in 1819; came to Mazeppa, Minn., in 1855; served in the 156th Illinois regiment in the civil war. He was the first postmaster in Mazeppa, and owned a farm and a store.

Lake City, Wabasha County
Minn. Hist., Coll, Vol. 14, p. 456

Lutz, W. B., born in Reading, Pa., June 16, 1828; came to Minnesota in 1855; helped to organize Lake City in 1864 and afterward resided there; engaged in the livery business and kept a butcher shop. He was a representative in the legislature in 1878-79.

Plainview, Wabasha
Minn. Hist. Coll,
Vol. 14, p. 470

McHench, James; farmer born in Bilboa, N. Y., March 10, 1824; came to Minnesota in 1856; settled on Greenwood prairie near Plainview, Wabasha county; was a state senator 1877-78; removed in 1879 to Martin county and was county treasurer 1883-92, residing in Fairmont.

Glasgow, Wabasha County
Minn. Hist. Coll.,
Vol. 14, p. 463

McCracken, William, pioneer, born in Scotland Aug. 15, 1815; came to Canada in 1841; was the first settler in Glasgow, Wabasha county. Minn. 1855.

Wabasha, Wabasha County
Minn. Hist. Coll.,
Vol. 14, p. 589

Perrot, Nicholas, explorer and fur trader, born probably in Canada, in 1644. Died after 1718. He erected a rude fort and trading post near the present site of Wabasha, Minn., in 1683, which was the first building by white men in the area of this state. He was conspicuously interested in the early fur trade of Wisconsin.

Lake City, Wabasha County
Minn. Hist. Coll,
Vol. 14, p. 581

PATTON, George, merchant, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 24, 1802; came to Minnesota in 1855; was one of the original owners of the townsite of Lake City, moving there with his family in 1856; and was long in mercantile business there, in company with his son.

Plainview, Wabasha County
Minn. Historical Collections
Vol. 14, p. 555

NORTON, A. B. V., born in Gullford, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1818; settled in Plainview, Minn., in 1857; was postmaster 1864; built the first business block in Plainview.

Read's Landing, Wabasha County
Minn. Hist. Collections,
Vol. 14, p. 630

READ, Charles R., pioneer born about 1820 in England, came to the United States when ten years old; served in the American army in the Canadian rebellion, 1837; was captured by the British and sentenced to be hung; was pardoned and returned to the United States; in 1847 took charge of a trading post in Minnesota at the place afterward named for him Read's Landing.

Wabasha, Wabasha County
Minn. Hist. Col., Vol. 14, p. 695

SHAW, Francis W., pioneer, born in New Hampshire, May 26, 1836; came to Wabasha County, Minn., in 1855; owned a farm, and built the first house in the western part of the county; served in the Fourth Minnesota Regt., in the Civil War.

Wabasha, Wabasha County
Minn. Hist. Collections,
VOL. 14, p. 765

Talbot, Francis, pioneer, born in Ireland in 1835; came to the United States in 1849; settled in Wabasha, Minn., in 1853; three years later bought the stock of Alexis Bailly and was engaged in mercantile business, dealing in hides and furs.

Lake City, Wabasha County
Minn. Hist. Collections
Vol. 14, p. 781

Thompson, William M., merchant, born in Chenango County, N. Y., in 1829; came to Minnesota in 1856, being one of the first settlers in Lake City; removed to Goodhue county in 1860; resided in Pine Island.

Lake City, Wabasha County
Minn. Hist., Collections
Vol. 14, p. 772

Terrell, Henry K. Aucitoneer, born in Waynesborough, Va., Oct. 30, 1808; died when almost 100 years old in Lake City, Minn., Sept 23, 1908. He came to Minnesota in 1851; settled in Lake City in 1857; platted and sold a part of the townsite.

Lake City, Wabasha County
Minn. His. Coll., Vol. 14, p. 784

Tibbitts, Abner, pioneer, born in Maine; came to Lake City, Minn., in 1855; owned a third interest in the townsite; removed to New Mexico in 1878.

Plainview, Wabasha, County
MHS Collection, VOL. 14, p. 856

Wilcox, Ozias, merchant, born in Crown Point, N. Y., March 30, 1824; died in Plainview, Minn., Jan. 1, 1876. He came to Minnesota in 1856, settling on land where part of Plainview now stands; was one of the founders of that town, and there established a large mercantile business.

Plainview, Wabasha County
MHS Collection, VOL 14, p 867

Wilson, Hugh Patterson, lawyer, born in Crawford county, Pa., Dec. 3, 1819; died in Bathgate, N. D., Jan. 2, 1908. He came to Minnesota in 1854; bought and platted an addition to Plainview in 1857; was admitted to the bar in 1866; removed to Dakota in 1881.

Highland, Wabasha County
Minn. Hist. Collections,
Vol. 14, p. 543

NELSON, Oliver, pioneer, born in Norway, Jan. 27, 1835; came with his parents to the United States in 1850; was the first settler in Highland, Wabasha Co., Minn. 1854.

Lake City, Wabasha, County
Minn. Hist. Collections
Vol. 14, p. 184

DOUGHTY, SAMUEL, banker, born in Rockaway, N. J., in 1818, came to Lake City, Minn. in 1855; was one of the owners of the townsite; after 1874 was president of the Lake City Bank.

Wabasha Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Feb. 12, 1859

MAIL ROUTES DISCONTINUED

"In consideration of the establishment of a mail route from Wabasha to Eau Claire, the route from Alma to Eau Claire and from Wabasha to Chatfield are discontinued. The finances of the Post Office Department are in such a state that the Postmaster General refuses to order more service than is now in operation."

Wabasha Co. Herald,
Reads Landing, May 9, 1860

MEETING OF COUNTY BAR

[A meeting of the County Bar is spoken of in this issue. The meeting was presided over by J. N. Murdock and S. A. Kemp acted as secretary.

C. S. Bryant, John B. Davis, S. S. Burleson, S. L. Campbell and Ava Durin were the others attending.]

"A motion was introduced by S. L. Campbell and passed. That the chair appoint a committee or permanent organization. S. L. Campbell, Jared Boughton, J. P. Vance, W. J. Jacobs and Jay Parker were appointed. "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, Feb. 20, 1861

THE GAME LAW

"The St. Paul Press compliments Senator Pell of this county, on the game law which he drew up and reported and which passed both houses. "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Reads Landing, June 22, 1860

FLOURING MILL AT WABASHAW

"We learn with pleasure that a company has been formed at Wabashaw to build a new first class Flour Mill which it is proposed to have in operation by October 1st * * *.

Wabasha Co. Herald
Reads Landing, Sept. 8, 1860

NEW POST OFFICE

"A new Post Office, styled Gopher Prairie has been established nine miles from here on the West Albany road. Benjamin Dodge has been appointed Postmaster.

This will accomodate many who have heretofore been obliged to go to West Albany or come to this place for their mail."

Wabashaw Co. Herald,
Feb. 23, 1861, Wabashaw

REVIVAL IN HIGHLAND

"Rev. B. Wharton of this city, has been laboring among the good people of Highland, and with great success. Tomorrow, we learn nineteen of the new converts are to be baptised in the spring at Mr. Canfields. We are pleased to hear the success of the glorious cause in our neighboring town."

Wabashaw Co. Herald,
Wabashaw, Mar. 30, 1861

SPLENDID BEEF

"On Monday, Eichenberger, one of our butchers, weighed upon our hay scales, a pair of the best bullocks we have noticed in town this season. Weight of the pair 3,900 pounds * * *. The cattle were purchased, we believe, of Mr. Sawyer of Olmsted County."

Wabashaw Co. Herald,
Wabashaw, June 1, 1861

STAVE AND BARREL FACTORY

"Mr. Chase has received the machinery for the stave and barrel factory, and is rapidly pushing the building to completion * * *.

He will have facilities for supplying the whole of Northwest Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota with all the staves and barrels that will be wanted for many years. "

WOOL

Wabashaw Co. Herald,
Wabashaw, July 17, 1861

"The first load of wool ever brought to this market arrived today. It is from Plainview and consists of 1,400 pounds of excellent quality."

Wabashaw Co. Herald,
Wabashaw, July 17, 1861

A DECEPTIVE MAP

[A map of part of Wabasha County representing Wabasha as on the corner of the county is published in this issue with the following]:

"The city of Wabashaw though represented on the corner of the map, is located on the Mississippi river equidistant from each extreme of the county.

It contains about 1,200 inhabitants, has an extensive flour mill, a saw mill, a stave and barrel factory, sash and blind factory, shingle manufactory, all in active operation besides plenty of Dry Goods and Grocery stores, machine shops, storage and forwarding houses, churches, schools, etc. It is surrounded by a well settled country and enjoys a fine trade with the counties of Olmsted, Fillmore, Rice and Mower, and with the fertile and wealthy valley of the Chippewa. "

Wabashaw Co. Herald,
Wabasha, July 27, 1861

SCHOOL HOUSE BELL

"The bell for the Reads Landing schoolhouse arrived yesterday, was hung today, and tomorrow ^{well sundown} our people are to worship for the first time. * * * It is christened the - Constitution. "

Wabasha Co. Herald,
Wabasha, Aug. 6, 1862

SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBERS

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, Aug. 6, 1862

[The school districts of the county were originally numbered in order of their organization. A law passed by the Legislature provided for remembering by the county auditor. The new numbers up to 1862 are as follows]:

"Wabasha	1	Minneiska	32 & 33
Pepin	2 & 3	Watopa	34, 35 & 36
Lake City	4, 5, & 6	Highland	37, 38, 39, 40
Mt. Pleasant	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12	Pell	41, 42, 43, 44, & 45
Chester	13, 14	Hyde Park	46 & 47
Gullford	15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20	Zumbro	48 & 49
West Albany	21, 22, 23, & 24	Mazeppa	50, 51, 52, 53 & 54. "
Glasgow	25, 26 & 27	Elgin	55, 56, 57 & 58
Greenfield	28, 29, 30 & 31	Plainview	59, 60, 61, 62 & 63

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, Mar. 5, 1863

STEAM FERRY

"Levi Dietz, Esq. has commenced the construction of a steam ferry boat to ply between this city and points in Wisconsin.

The boat is to consist of two hulls, each 70 feet keel and 10 feet beam, ranged side by side both decked over making the boat 76 feet in length by 30 feet in breadth.

The hulls are to be placed 6 feet apart, and the wheel between them just aft of the middle. The works are all first class and the boat a credit to the city. "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, Nov. 10, 1864

SHAW'S FERRY

"James Shaw proprietor of the Ferry just above Reads Landing is engaged in building a steam Ferry boat for the coming season. He has the hull completed, which is 90 feet in length and 18 feet wide. "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, July 28, 1864

OPEN FACTORIES

"Wabasha county is generally conceded to be one of the best counties of the State. The many thousand bushels of grain raised in this and adjoining counties every year should induce some good mechanic with capital of a few hundred dollars to engage in the manufacture of agricultural implements. Why let the farmers purchase their fanning mills, plows, rakes and other implements abroad when a good manufactory could be sustained at home.

A good farming mill factory, plow factory and a good foundry on a small scale, would do a good business.

The large extent of country now under a fair state of cultivation both in Wisconsin and Minnesota tributary to Wabasha would insure support for a large manufacturing business here - who will start the enterprise. "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, July 28, 1864

TO CORRESPONDENTS

"Whenever you write an article for the press, always sign your name to it, or accompany it with a note disclosing to the editor your real name.

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, July 28, 1864 (con't)

That will be a guarantee of good faith. To write an article against any person and then shield yourself in the brush of an "Incog," is like stabbing a man in the back from behind a wall and then skulking away in the dark. Some innocent person may be suspected of the crime, where the guilty goes unwhipped of justice.

It is a cowardly act and base as it is cowardly, unless it is the result of ignorance and thoughtlessness. "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, Aug. 4, 1864

ANOTHER CALL

"The call for 500,000 more men comes and we fear finds Wabasha County in no very pleasant situation relative to an immediate response.

The county has sent more men to the field in proportion than any other county in the state. She has furnished nearly five full companies besides a great many men to fill up companies formed outside of the county.

It is true there are several towns of the county ahead on the late calls yet there is nothing very pleasant to contemplate in the conditions of other towns.

There will be nothing peculiarly pleasing in a draft on our _____ botched up enrollment - not that the enrollment was properly made at first - but there has been such a change since that time, that some towns have literally no sound men to draw from. A great number of our liable men are in Canada and Idaho. However, it will do no good to complain, let us do our duty like patriots. The men are to be raised, we all know the requirements of the law, let us meet them with energy and in unison.

Let us obviate the draft by raising our full quota of volunteers and thus insure a premium of two hundred dollars to every man we send out of the county over the system of conscripting. After the harvest let us attend to this work. "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, Aug. 11, 1864

READS LANDING ITEMS

"The citizens of this place are up and doing in the important matter of filling their quota under the present call. Several war meetings have been held lately, and the sum of \$3,000 has already been raised by laying a tax of \$50 on every able-bodied man to pay bounties to volunteers * * * "

Wabasha Co. Herald
Wabasha, Aug. 11, 1864

LITERALLY NOTHING DOING

"The oldest inhabitant has never known so dull a business season as the present. There is almost literally nothing doing. Lumber operations are partly suspended, men having gone to the harvest fields in this county and in the Chippewa Valley. The Stage Line to Durand and Eau Claire is doing a good business, and loaded teams daily travel the same route for lack of other means of transportation. "

Wabasha Co. Herald,
Wabasha, Dec. 14, 1865

"THE ZUMBRO VALLEY IMPROVEMENT

COMPANY INCORPORATES

CAPITAL \$100,000.

400 SHARES AT \$25.

W. A. Johnson, Pres.	S. A. Kemp, V. Pres.
J. F. Rose, Treas.	W. W. McDougall, Sect.

Directors

A. G. Foster	J. F. Rose
W. W. Prindle	S. A. Kemp
Chas. R. Read	W. A. Johnson

W. W. McDougall

This company has been incorporated under the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the state of Minnesota, entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of Canals, Slackwater, Navigation and other companies for the prosecution of works of internal improvements, approved March 2, 1865 for the improvement of the Zumbro. river, in the County of Wabasha, for the purpose of navigation and manufactures.

The Zumbro river flows from west to east through the fertile agricultural districts of Wabasha County, passing by the rich and beautiful fields of Plainview, Greenfield and Pleasant Prairie which annually produce immense quantities of wheat and other grain.

The river is peculiarly adapted to the purposes of navigation and manufacture, as it contains but few rapids or other obstructions, and at points where obstructions do exist, great advantages for manufacturing purposes are presented.

Wabasha Co. Herald
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A survey by a competent civil engineer, on what is called the lower improvement, commencing at a point on the Zumbro a short distance above the Zumbro bridge and ending in the city of Wabasha, a distance of five miles, with the most satisfactory results.

It is the intention of the Company to construct a canal from the said river to a practical point on the line of survey where a fall of water of fifteen feet can be obtained. At this point mills are to be erected for flouring mills and other kinds of machinery, connection will be made by lock and slack water from the Mississippi, forming a natural canal, and affording an ^{un}obstructed navigation for more than 20 miles. "

THE ZUMBRO IMPROVEMENT

"In our remarks last week concerning this enterprise we attended principally to the advantages to be derived from its manufacturing facilities * * *. The design of the company is also to improve the Zumbro river so far as to make it navigable for small steamers * * * while it now cost the farmer 10 cents per bushel to bring the wheat to the river, it can be, by means of the improvement, carried for two cents a bushel * * * There is no question but that at an early day, small steamers will make regular trips from the Mississippi to the interior of our county * * * It will bring the garden fields of southern Minnesota to the Mississippi river which is the great outlet of the Northwest * * * "

Lake City Leader,
Sept. 1865, Lake City

TWO NOTICES

The following two notices appeared in the Lake City Leader.

To The Public:

This is to forbid all persons to harbor or trust Julia, my wife, on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contraction, hence and forever.

Lake City, Sept. 1, 1865 - Wm. A. Arnold. "

THE FOLLOW-UP

"To The Public:

This is to give notice that Wm. Arnold has left his bed and house and taken all provisions for maintaining his wife, together with household furniture. I never got trusted on his account.

J. A. Arnold. "

Wabasha Co. Herald,
Wabasha, Dec. 21, 1865

SOLD OUT

"D. J. Watkins has sold his flouring mill on Indian Creek to John F. Yale, of Plainview. Price \$7,500. Mr. Watkins built this mill several years ago and run it regularly ever since with satisfaction to his customers, and has done a neat thing for himself in the meantime.

Mr. Yale will undoubtedly sustain the good reputation of the mill."

Wabasha Journal
June 26, 1858

"REMINISCENCES"

Of The Early Settlement and Progress of Wabasha County by Amos Wheeler

The treaty of Prairie du Chien, of June 15, 1830, was the ⁱⁿception of the first settlement of our county.

Augustine Roque, Francis La Bathe, Madame Maliot, Pierre Hautibeite, Duncan Campbell and Major Taliafarro, Indian Agent, were present at the treaty. The Old Chief Wabashaw, father of the present chief of that name, was present and gave his consent to the measure.

Augustine Roque was the first settler. He moved on the reservation with his family in 1833. Duncan Campbell in the fall of 1835. Oliver Cratte arrived in October 1838 and built the Old Blacksmith Shop now occupied by him. This is the first building ever erected in our town and stands just above the store of Campbell, Gambia and Company.

James Wells settled and built the Old Stone House at the head of the Lake in 1837. La Bathe built a trading house in 1839 on the ground now occupied by the residence of Alexis Bailly, Esq. La Bathe established a branch on the island opposite the city. Bailly purchased the site of the Old Trading Post in 1841. Francis LaPointe came in about the same time and he subsequently settled about one mile west of Coles Ferry * * * . "