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BIG MEETING SOON AT OLD FT. WINNEBAGO

STATE SOCIETIES AND SAUK
COUNTY HISTORICAL OR-
GANIZATION ON PIL-
GRIMAGE.

The Sauk County Historical society, of which H. E. Cole is president, in combination with the State Historical and Archaeological societies, is to make a pilgrimage to Fort Winnebago, Portage, on Monday, September 2, labor day. Out of baskets at noon at the old Indian Agency house a picnic lunch will be enjoyed. The house has been made famous by Wau-Bun, the delightful volume by

Mrs. John H. Kinsie. An address on the significance of the Fox-Wisconsin portage will be made by Rev. William Dawson of Portage. Informal talks will follow after which the site of the old fort, the military cemetery and the Joliet-Marquette (1673) tablet will be visited. The agency house is now owned by Attorney E. S. Baker, who will be present. He was the first white child born in the town of Ft. Winnebago and has ever since resided in the region.

People of historic inclination are expected from a hundred miles roundabout. A special invitation has been sent to John H. Kinzie, and to G. A. and W. W. Gordon of Savannah, Georgia, grandsons of the Kinzies. The latter were at Fort Winnebago from 1830 to July of 1833, and, on their way, horseback, to Chicago, passed along the shore of Lake Mendota about 86 years ago,—several years before there was a white habitation on the site of Madison.

The invitation to be present is general. Many are going from Madison, auto leads from the historic Lake Winnebago region, as well as from scores of other places.

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NOTABLE HISTORICAL EVENT AT OLD FORT WINNEBAGO, NEAR PORTAGE, TOMORROW

Old Fort Winnebago at Portage probably will have more visitors tomorrow than at any time since the troops marched out and away before the Mexican war over seventy years ago, the occasion being a great pilgrimage by the Sauk county historical society, the state society, and the state archaeologists. Everybody is welcome, and people are going from dozens of places, many from Madison, mostly with picnic equipment, though Portage hotels

are available. After the noon luncheon Rev. William Dawson of Portage is to tell of the significance of the portage. The exercises are to occur on the lawn at the Indian agency house, home of Mrs. J. H. Kinzie, author of Wau Bun, back in the early 30's. Dr. M. M. Qualfe and Miss Louise P. Kellogg of the State Historical society, C. E. Brown of the historical museum, O. D. Brandenburg, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Barton and Stanley E. Lathrop are a few among those expecting to attend from Madison.

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MADISON PEOPLE CELEBRATE AT FT. WINNEBAGO

**M. M. Quaife, A. O. Barton,
O. D. Brandenburg Are
Attending**

Many Madison people are participating today in the celebration at Portage over the founding of Fort Winnebago there in 1828. This was a military outpost to protect the traffic on the Fox-Wisconsin river route from Indian raids. Only one building remains. This is the Indian agency house occupied by Mrs. J. H. Kinzie, who later wrote a book of her pioneer experiences called "Wau-Bun."

Fort Winnebago was garrisoned until 1845. The military reservation was sold in 1853. One of the lieutenants at the place in these pioneer days was Jefferson Davis, later president of the confereacy. The principal address there today was made by Rev. William Dawson.

Many Visit Scene

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