THE VINTON EAGLE.

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VINTON IN 1866.

New Buildings Erected!

Growth, Prosperity and Advantages.

Vinton, the county seat and chief town of Benton County, having during the past year received a fresh impetus in its growth, and made a progress somewhat remarkable, even among Western towns, it seems proper at the close of the old year, and the beginning of a new one, to review the ground, and observe what progress has been made. A brief historical and descriptive sketch of the town will precede the more detailed account of its growth in 1866.

Benton County dates its settlement back for a period of twenty years, or upwards, but the history of Vinton as a town can scarcely be carried farther into the "mighty past" than a term of fifteen years; so that the moss of ages is not very visible upon its antique mansions and venerable temples.—Those fifteen years, however, considering that the town has had no advantage as yet from railroad facilities, and that they embrace the financial crisis of 1857 and subsequent years, as well as the period of the great rebellion, have been well employed in building up one of the finest and most prosperous towns of Central Iowa.

SITUATION.

The town is situated on the south bank of the Cedar river, on high, rising ground, at almost the only point on the river, for a distance of some miles, which furnishes an eligible site for a town. Here the open prairie slopes down to the river in a succession of terraces, or ridges, which furnish an abundance of fine sites for residences, while the adjacent timber, on the north bank of the river, makes it an eligible point for settlement, and has contributed much to the rapid development of the surrounding country. The timber is the largest body found on the Cedar river, and fuel is cheaper here than at any of the neighboring towns above or below. The prairie country around is one of unusual beauty, and affords many fine points for eligible farm residences, commanding views of the river, and of many unfoldings of that beauty peculiar to the blending of prairie and forest scenery.

To those who are familiar with the scenery of the Upper Mississippi, it will convey an idea of the site of Vinton to say that it much resembles the location of Hastings, Minn., on the Mississippi, the Cedar river at this point nearly approaching the former river at that place in size.

SOIL.

The adjacent farming country of the county of Benton is generally acknowledged to have as good a quality of soil as is to be found in the State of Iowa—of which Mr. James Howard, a celebrated English agricultural implement manufacturer, said before the Farmer's Club of London, after an extended visit in this country, that "the most beautiful part of America, for farming purposes, which came under his notice, was the STATE OF IOWA, across the Mississippi. This was one of the most picturesque countries he had ever looked upon. It contained 50,000,000 of acres of land, only 8,000,000 of which were at present under cultivation." What is thus stated of Iowa, is in a still higher degree true of the Cedar Valley, and eminently so of Benton County. The soil is of the richest character, well adapted to the cereals, to wild and tame grasses, and to fruit growing. Of upwards of 400,000 acres of land in the county, about 70,000 acres are timber lands, and the balance fine, rolling prairie.—Most of the farmers have planted artificial groves, and many of these have already attained considerable size, and constitute a marked and attractive feature in the scenery. Trees thus planted grow with remarkable thrift and rapidity.

So great have been the inducements for agricultural settlement in this section, that, unlike many of the neighboring counties, the growth of the farming communities has outrun that of our chief town, and the business facilities of the place have hitherto been quite behind the wants of the adjacent country. Persons from abroad, visiting Vinton on our chief market days, are surprised at the crowds of people and the business stir for a town of its size.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

Stone is found in several portions of the county, the best quarries being at Vinton. These quarries are inexhaustible in extent, in quality seldom equaled and never excelled, by any quarries in the Western states. The stone when first taken out is of a brown color, and soft, so that it is easily fashioned into any desired shape; exposure to the atmosphere changes the color of the stone to a white, almost like marble, and renders it perfectly hard. The Iowa State Blind Asylum, located at Vinton, is constructed of stone taken from the Vinton quarries. Stone is also found at Shellsburg, and in the Northern portion of the county, on Wolf creek.

Brick, of the best quality, can also be made any where in the county.—Large kilns are in operation at Vinton and at various other points.—Many of the private residences in Vinton, as well as the Court House, and the principal business blocks, are built of brick.

In addition to these, much building material, of the hardwood varieties, such as oak, black walnut, maple, etc., is found in the adjacent forests.—Pine, is of course, brought from the Mississippi river. But when the Cedar Valley Railroad, now in process of construction, shall be completed to its connection with the Minnesota Central, running southward from the great lumber manufactories of the Northwest, at Minneapolis, the facilities of obtaining pine lumber will be greatly increased, and will give an impulse to building which has hitherto never been felt. That so large a growth has already been obtained, in face of the high prices of lumber, caused by a considerable land carriage, shows that the business wants of the county are in advance of the facilities to supply them. The completion of the Cedar Rapids & St. Paul road to this point the ensuing summer will greatly relieve the difficulties heretofore experienced in obtaining pine lumber.

WATER POWER.

The fine large river flowing past Vinton, the Red Cedar, the second river in the State in size, has never yet been harnessed to the uses of manufacturing industry at this point, owing mainly to the want of capital to make the necessary improvements.—The river has a strong and rapid current, and surveys made and levels taken, while running the line of the C. R. & St. P. R. R. show that an available power exists here, nearly, if not quite equal to those of our neighboring towns of Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Cedar Rapids, claimed as the best in the State. These surveys show that a head of five and a half to six feet can be obtained. This amount of fall, with a volume of water constituting a navigable river, and equal to, if not greater than, that which flows over the Falls of St. Anthony, must be sufficient to drive many mills and manufactories.

The absence, hitherto, of railroad facilities, to carry to market our manufactured products, has stood in the way of the investment of the necessary capital to control and render available the wealth of power which flows in the Cedar. The speedy completion of a railroad to this point will, without doubt, result in the early improvement of this unused power, large enough to run all the machinery needed for the manufacturing purposes of a first class county.

There is, however, a smaller water power, on Hinckley creek, just in the outskirts of the town, in process of improvement. Messrs. Scott & Webb have nearly completed a new flouring mill, which, when in running order, will divide the business of this county with the "Vinton Mills" of Messrs. Young & Utley, driven by steam.—The Vinton Mills are manufacturing 150 barrels of flour per day, and with the same power are able also to manufacture daily 8,000 feet of lumber.—The proprietors have recently put in new boilers and refitted their works so as to meet, as far as possible, the increasing demands upon the capacities of their Mills.

RAILROADS.

In 1865, the Cedar Rapids and St. Paul Railway Company was organized for the purpose of building and operating a line of railway from Cedar Rapids to Waterloo or Cedar Falls, by the way of Vinton, and to connect at its northern terminus with the line of railway extending up the Cedar Valley, and thence to a union with the Minnesota Central. In connection with this, also, lines of railway from Cedar Rapids southward, to Burlington and St. Louis are projected, and will be early pushed to completion.—The Cedar Rapids and St. Paul R. R. will thus become a link in the grand trunk line from St. Paul to St. Louis, and must become the carrier of an immense traffic in grain, lumber, live stock and merchandize. The construction of this road is most especially a Benton county and Vinton enterprise. Benton County has voted its swamp lands and their proceeds to aid it, and subscriptions to a large amount have been made up and paid over to perform the grading. Mr. J. W. Traer, the Vice President of the Company and its active manager, resides here, and has already in one season pushed to completion the grading from this place to Cedar Rapids, a distance of 25 miles.

Only the stonework and bridging remain to be done to make the road ready for the tracklayers. Under the vote of the county, donating the swamp lands and the avails of the same to the Railroad Company, the latter is bound to have the road completed and the cars running from Cedar Rapids to Vinton by the first of September, 1867; and to the county line, up the valley, by the 31st day of December, 1867. About $130,000 have already been expended on that part of the road running southeasterly from Vinton, and much the heaviest grading accomplished. From this point to Waterloo, thirty miles, the grade is comparatively easy, and will be attended with much less expense per mile. Blackhawk county is now making an effort to raise the subscriptions necessary to grade the northern end of the line. The right of way the whole distance has been secured, and but a small amount remains to be raised to complete the required sum. The contracts for grading will at once be let, as soon as the amount is raised.

Besides the prospective connections of the C. R. & St. Paul R. R. above mentioned, it will also connect with the following roads already completed and in operation, viz: At Cedar Rapids with the Dubuque Southwestern 80 miles to Dubuque; and both east and west with the Chicago and Northwestern, now completed to Council Bluffs on the Missouri River, and connecting there with the great Pacific road already in operation some 300 miles beyond Omaha. At Waterloo it will connect East and West with the Dubuque and Sioux City Road, completed westward to Iowa Falls, some 50 miles from Waterloo; also with the Valley Railroad now completed northwardly to Waverly some 20 miles, and under contract for further extension during the ensuing season.

Besides the Cedar Rapids & St. Paul R. R., which may now be regarded as an "accomplished fact," connecting us as early as September next, and probably at even an earlier day, with the outside world, by rail, the press of this section of the State has lately quite generally reported measures on foot to construct a road nearly due West from the present terminus of the Racine and Mississippi road, at Savannah Ill., intermediate between the Dubuque and S. C. R. R. and the Chicago and Northwestern R. R.—Vinton has been in nearly every instance mentioned as a point in this line, as from its location, it must almost inevitably be. No one, familiar with the resources and wants of the broad belt of territory lying between the two above named roads, can doubt that such a road will ere long be built; and it will in connection with the road now in process of construction, make of Vinton an important railroad center.

EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS, ETC.

Foremost among our public institutions is the Iowa State Intitution for the Blind. This is a fine structure, four stories in height, built of stone taken from the Vinton quarries. It was built in 1860, is 108 feet long, 70 feet in width, is a finely proportioned and elegant structure, and is handsomely situated in the center of a forty-acre tract belonging to the institution, whose grounds are laid out with much taste, and ornamented with shrubberry and with evergreen and deciduous trees. The Asylum is under the charge of Rev. Reed Wilkinson, assisted by a competent corps of instructors, and has at the present time between fifty and sixty pupils in course of instruction.

Vinton has also a fine graded school building, built of brick, three stories in height, completed in 1864 at a cost of $16,000. Though a large and commodious building, it is still inadequate to the growing wants of the town, and the district has voted to erect a wing, which will enable the school to accommodate upwards of six hundred pupils. From official returns in the County Clerk's office, we find that the number of children between five and twenty-one years old in the district (comprising only a part of Vinton) was at the date of the last report as follows: Males, 248; females, 307; total, 555; number in attendance, 500; total number of children in the township, between the ages stated, 843. The graded school is under the charge of H. M. Hoon, Esq., Principal, assisted by Mr. A. Haines, and Misses A. E. Hilton, Katie Eberhart and Bessie Whitlock, in the various departments. They constitute a corps of intelligent and competent instructors. The school grounds are tastefully laid out and thickly planted with young trees.

There are organized churches of the following denominations in Vinton, viz: Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, New School Presbyterian, Old School Presbyterian and United Presbyterian, all of whom have houses of public worship adapted to their present wants, and some of them edifices of much architectural merit. The O. S. Presbyterian society have during the year completed a fine new frame church building, costing upwards of $5,000, and are *out of debt*. All of the above churches have resident pastors. Vinton is also the residence of Rev. S. C. Freer, Presiding Elder of the Vinton District of the M. E. Church.

There has also been organized the present winter a Lecture and Library Association, whose course has just been opened by the delivery of a lecture by Mr. Theodore Tilton, of the *N. Y. Independent*. The foundation of a library adapted to the wants of a cultivated and reading community, forms a prominent purpose of the Association.

FRUIT GROWING.

The experience of fruit growers among us satifies us that this State is to be one of the great fruit producing states of the Union. Time enough has not elapsed to achieve complete results, yet already, the older settled parts of the State produce a surplus of apples for exportation. Around Vinton there are several thrifty orchards in bearing, and our cellar even now contains evidences that Benton county can grow its own fruit. Grapes do admirably well. Nurseries are established at several points in the county, and a few years will make us independent of other states for our fruit consumption. Apropos to this subject, we add that our climate is genial and healthful,—equal we believe, in salubrity, to any part of the Union.

POPULATION.

The rapid growth of Vinton within the past year has left us with no exact data to determine the present numbers of our population. The figures in the school and election returns will, however, afford us an approximate, though still imperfect, standard from which to estimate the population of the township. Thus the official returns of pupils, between the ages of five and twenty-one, show the number of 843. And there are many pupils now in attendance on our public school who were not here when the enumeration was made. Again the returns show that we have upwards of 500 voters. A neighboring town, which cast, at the last election, a total vote of 567, claims a population of 3,500 to 4,000. It is safe probably, to estimate the population of this township at not less than 2,500 to 3,000.

The character of our population is that of the best Western stamp, which Mr. Theodore Tilton tells us, best expresses and represents the true American idea. Of course all the Eastern States have their sons and daughters here, and the natives of Iowa are not yet numerous nor old enough to indicate what the indigenous manhood and womanhood of this central State will be. But the best elements of the New England and Middle States are represented among us, and in morality, general intelligence, generous hospitality and the qualities of good neighborhood, no town, East or West, we believe, can excel Vinton. Indeed, from our own experience, as well as the testimony of residents elsewhere, we think there can be no doubt that it stands pre-eminent in these respects. The steady, and until recently, rather slow growth of Vinton, has given to its people a character of stability, and home staying, favorable to the social virtues. The writer hereof, comparatively a recent comer, but for ten years resident in the West, can vouch for the pleasant impression he has all along received of the kindness and hearty good will of its people. Many of the names prominent in business relations now we find mentioned in the files of the EAGLE ten years ago. Drunkenness is almost unknown here, and in this respect Vinton presents a happy contrast to many towns, East as well as West.

HOTELS.

Vinton has two good hotels, the Howard House, (formerly the Fremont) kept by E. Howard, and the Shields House, now kept by F. F. Roth. Both of these sustain a good reputation, are doing a large business, and afford the traveler a pleasant home. We need, however, larger accommodations in this respect, and there is a good opening for some capitalist to erect a large first class hotel, to accommodate the increasing throng of travelers.

FREE BRIDGE.

Jack Frost has laid a very firm free bridge across the Cedar River, for a short and uncertain period only. The people of Benton county, at the last election voted to appropriate the sum of $12,000 towards a total sum of $16,000, to erect a more permanent and substantial structure than his icy and fickle majesty, King Jack, now provides us. Steps will be taken at the meeting of the County Board next week to render the vote of the county effective, and we may calculate with reasonable certainty on the construction of the new free bridge at Vinton during the present year.

COURT HOUSE.

The Court House of Benton county, is one of the best and most substantial structures of the kind in the State. It is built of brick, and is situated on the principal business street of the town, in the midst of a square thickly planted with ornamental and evergreen trees, affording a pleasant place for public gatherings, and a welcome shade during the heats of summer.—The building furnishes rooms for all the various county offices, as well as for holding courts.

THE EAGLE ESTABLISHMENT.

Any enumeration of the leading business interests of Vinton, which should omit mention of the EAGLE, would be unjust, not only to us, but to the town and county. This paper was established twelve years ago by Frederick Lyman, Esq., who is still among us, faithfully filling the post of County Recorder. Mr. L. combined the use of a facile pen with good business management, and made the EAGLE at once a success. It early came into the hands of Mr. W. W. Hanford, (who still retains a part interest in it,) and has been by him kept steadily on its way during these years of change to other similar enterprises. It has sometimes had to struggle to keep along, but although not enriching its owners very rapidly, is now enjoying a reasonable degree of prosperity. We have three printing presses in almost constant use, standing press, card and paper cutters and a large assortment of jobbing material. To replace the whole anew would require a capital of $4,000 to $5,000. The *Dallas Gazette*, a well informed authority, says that the EAGLE establishment is "the best printing office in the State outside the river cities and Des Moines." We use every week upwards of two reams of white newspaper stock in the issue of the EAGLE and in jobbing, besides much more fine paper in jobs. The circulation is about double that of the average of country weeklies.—We have orders this week for upwards of 800 extra copies. The EAGLE has been from the beginning a Republican paper, and is in no danger of falling from that faith.

INDUCEMENTS TO COME TO VINTON.

To the natural inquiry, what branches of business most invite capital and enterprise here, the answer is partially indicated already, but requires more especial attention. *First*, we want farmers. There are broad tracts of virgin prairie within easy distance of Vinton, which only need to be "tickled with a plow, to laugh with a harvest." It has seemed to us in looking over the country within a few miles of this town that we never saw so much fertile, tillable and desirable farming land within the same circuit as here, notwithstanding we were previously familiar with the peculiarities of the Western prairies.—Unimproved lands can be purchased in this region for prices ranging from $4 to $10 per acre. Improved farms will vary in price, of course, according to the amount of improvements and the location.

We also need mechanics and working men in almost every department of productive industry. Those here are getting good wages and plenty of work.

The business facilities of Vinton have hitherto been quite behind the wants of the surrounding country.—They are still quite inadequate to those wants, and the development of the country, which the Railroad will impel, must require a corresponding increase in the facilities for trade.

One of the most important and obvious wants of this town is a good Foundry and Machine shop. There is now no establishment of the kind within twenty miles in one direction and twenty-five in the opposite one.—There is here a populous, fertile agricultural county of twelve to fifteen thousand inhabitants, using large numbers of reapers, threshing machines and other machinery, which has no establishment within its limits where the frequent necessary repairs of such machinery can be made. A large business in this line could be built up by a skilled and energetic foundryman the first year.

Woolen Mills are also required to work up the produce of our flocks of sheep; Tanneries to use the hides produced in the county; Sash, Blind and Door Factories; Flouring Mills to manufacture at home our large crops of wheat. In fact, with the improvement of our vast water power, the field for an extensive manufacturing industry would be almost without limit.

GROWTH DURING THE YEAR.

Below we present a list as complete as we have been able to obtain, of the buildings completed in Vinton during the past year. Errors there may be in this list, and omissions quite likely. But we have endeavored to make it as complete and correct as possible. The list includes 117 new buildings of every description, a very fair year's growth, we submit, for a town as yet twenty miles from a completed railroad. Among these are some fine and substantial residences; one Church, the largest and most commodious in town; and a number of the best and most substantial business structures we have. Indeed, it may be said with truth that the business buildings of Vinton have doubled within the year. We have now twelve Brick Stores, including the building occupied by the National Bank, and a much larger number of frame stores, shops and offices. There are, besides, a number of cellars excavated and foundation walls built, in readiness to erect the superstructures early next spring, none of which are mentioned in the following list.

DWELLINGS ERECTED IN 1866.

H. Atkins, 16X24, 1½ story.
Elisha Abney, 14X28.
——— Allen, 14X24.
H. P. Bradley, 16X24 2 stories.
P. C. Branch, 24X30, 2 stories.
E. K. Brewer, 16X22, 1½ story.
P. C. Branch, 16X20, barn.
A. D. Boyd, 22X30, 1½ story.
Geo. Barkdall, 16X22, 1½ story.
John Beverstock, 16X24.
A. Bartholomew, 20X24, barn.
John A. Bills, 24X32, 1½ stories.
" " 16X20, barn.
Spicer Bowen, 24X24.
A. V. Bloodgood, 18X24, 1½ story.
Samuel Brown, 24X24.
C. O. Carpenter, 24X30, 2 stories.
" " 18X22, barn.
Samuel Corning, 20X24, 2 stories.
H. Conner, 16X22, with ell 14X20, 2 stories.
A. Clark, 20X30, with ell 16X16.
F. J. Dobbins, 16X24, 2 stories.
M. Donelan, 14X16, 1½ story.
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O. N. De Wolf, 14X20, 1½ story.
J. S. Doan, 24X24, 1½ story.
" " 24X30, 1½ story.
Mrs. Duncan, 14X24, 1½ story.
M. Donelan, 16X24, 1½ story add.
D. Dans, 16X24, 1½ story.
Wm Duncan, 16X20, 1½ story.
M. Denman, 20X24 barn.
H. Eastman, 16X24, 2 stories.
A. H. Ellis, 26X30, 2 stories with ell 16X16.
S. C. Freer, 22X24, 2 stories.
" " " 16X20, barn.
———Forrester, 14X16, 1½ story.
B. F. Franks, 18X22, 1½ story.
E. Felker, 16X20 barn.
H. C. Hartwick, 16X30, 2 stories add.
C. C. Hougland, 16X24, 1½ story.
James Houck, 24X24, 1½ story.
John Hoyt, 14X20, 1½ story.
James Houck, 20X24, 2 stories.
Mrs. Hite, 16X20, 1½ story.
William Houts, 16X24, 2 stories.
D. Hart, 16X24, 2 stories.
Wm. Gilchrist, 14X20, 1½ story.
P. H. Gray, 14X22, 1½ story.
G. H. Gates, 16X24, 2 stories.
Z. F. Griffin, 16X22, 2 stories.
J. Ketring, 16X30, with ell 15X22, 1½ story.
S. E. Keith, 16X24, with ell 16X16, 1½ story.
S. J. Knapp, 16X26, 1½ story.
F. Lyman, 14X24, 1½ story, add.
B. W. Jones, 22X28, with ell 18X24 2 stories.
J. Miller, 20X28, 1½ story.
Wm. McDuff, 16X24, 1½ story.
E. McGallard, 16X20, with ell 14X16 2 stories.
John McCartney, 16X20, 1½ story.
" " 60X72, 2 stories.
P. Nelson, 12X16, 1½ story.
H. Olmstead, 16X20, 1½ story.
S. Oppelt, 20X26, 2 stories.
Wm. Porterfield, 16X28, 2 stories.
———Peacock, 16X20, 1½ story.
John F. Pyne, 14X18, 1½ story.
Thos. Pryor, 16X24, 2 stories.
James Ritchey, 24X24, 1½ story.
W. Robbins, 16X20, 1½ story.
———Ripley, 16X20, 1½ story.
J. Sutton, 18X20, 1½ story.
James Seely, 22X24, barn.
G. W. Shaffer, 16X24, 1½ story.
H. Scott, 16X26, 1½ story.
J. R. Tracy, 22X26, with ell 16X18, 2 stories brick.
Chas. Thompson, 16X20, 1½ story.
Samuel Taggart, 24X30, barn.
J. W. Traer, 18X24, 1½ story add.
——— Upple, 22X24, 2 stories.
W. B. Van Horn, 22X30, 1½ story add.
Henry Whipple, 16X22, 2 stories.
John Weston, 20X24, 2 stories.
James Wallace, 16X20, 1½ story.
R. Waddington, 16X26, 1½ story.
John Webb, 24X32, barn.
Mark Webb, 12X14, 1½ story add.
Geo. Wood, 16X20, 1½ story.
——— Wood, 20X20, 1½ story.
D. H. White, 21X26, with ell 19X21 2 stories.
——— Wilson, 16X20, 1½ story.
R. N. Young, 22X38 with ell 16X18 2 stories.
Frank Young, 16X24, 2 stories.
" " 16X24 2 stories.
Robt. N. Young, 20X28 barn.

FRAME BUSINESS HOUSES.

Houck & Miller, 16x20—occupied by Miller for boot and shoe shop, and Houck, lumber office.
Ross & Withrow, 20x30—front addition to building—merchant tailors.
James Griffith, 20x30, two stories—harness, and boot and shoe shop.
S. R. Hamilton, 21x40, two stories—grocery store.
J. H. Kelsey, 16x70 with ell 16x27—agricultural warehouse.
Elisha Abney, 21x60, two stories—occupied by Geo. Stonehouse as eating saloon and restaurant.
W. F. Pickerill, 12x20 front addition—boot and shoe and hat and cap store; whole length of building, one hundred feet.
W. B. Van Horn, 21x84, additional story—hardware, drug and grocery store.
Sells & Stick, 16x20—addition to their grocery store.
John Barr, 24x70, three stories—furniture.
Isaac Cotton, 16x20—addition to saloon and restaurant.
W. M. Loree, 20x30—addition to his drug and grocery store.
Ellis & Bro., 24x40, two stories—carpenter shop.
E. W. Davis, 16x20—addition to his restaurant.

BRICK BUSINESS HOUSES.

Lewis Quinn, 21x70, two stories—wholesale and retail grocery store.
Butler & Evans, 21x70—dry goods and groceries.
Jacob Wily, 21x60, two stories—clothing.
J. S. Doan, 68x68, two stories; the first floor is divided into three store rooms of equal size —occupied respectively by Colcord, Lynde & Co.,—dry goods; Pierce Bros.—dry goods etc; and by J. Samm.
T. S. Palmer, 21x90, two stories—drugs, books Stationery, etc.

CHURCH.

Old School Presbyterian.

PRESENT BUSINESS.

Instead of attempting any extended review of the present business enterprises of Vinton, which would occupy far more space than we have now left for the purpose, we subjoin a simple list, as correct as we have been able to obtain, of the names of those engaged in the various professions, trades and mercantile and manufacturing pursuits in town, together with the number of employees, when known.—This list will give a bird's-eye view of the business interests of the place.

BLACKSMITHS.

E. Seyfarth, employs 3 hands; Wm. Thompson, 2 hands; Hays & Smith, 3 hands; Crandall & Sutton, 3 hands; A. Hyman, 4 hands; A. J. Stephens, 2 hands.

CARPENTERS.

Boyd & Sanderson, 10 hands; Ellis Bros., 12 hands; Shaffer & McGallard, 2 hands; G. H. Gates, 3 hands; W. H. Shipman, 2 hands; H. Smith, S. Smith, Walter Stickney, John McCoy, Silas Osgood, H. P. Bradley, John Ketring, Prescott & Turner—new, ——— Carrick, W. W. Means, St Clair Bros.

WAGON MAKERS.

A. Hyman. Wm. McDuff, Crandall & Sutton—new.

FURNITURE.

C. G. White, J. Barr—new, Wm. P. Earl—new.

PUMP MANUFACTURERS.

Gates & Young.

MILLS.

Young & Utley, steam flouring and saw mill; Webb & Scott, flouring mill, run by water; J. Laughlin, steam saw mill.

BRICK MAKERS.

P. B. Smith, Geo. Ackley & Co.

COOPER SHOPS.

Jas. McCaslin, N. S. Warner.

HARNESS MAKERS.

J. M. Colwell, 4 hands; E. Evans & Son, 3 hands; A. Duncan & Co., 2 hands.

BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS.

Robt. McKinstry 4 hands; Griffith & Cuer, 5 hands; J. S. Miller, 4 hands; W. F. Pickerill, 3 hands.

BAKERIES.

H. Atkins, I. Cotton.

GUN SMITH.

N. Hays.

MERCHANT TAILORS.

Ross & Withrow, 6 hands.

TAILOR.

J. Ritchey.

TAILORESS.

Mrs. Barger, 5 employees.

BREWERY.

Gerard & Maurer.

MILLINERS.

Halleck & Walker, 6 employees; Boyd & Worth, 4 employees; Hayhurst & Hawkins, 4 employees, new; Miss Carter, 3 employees, new.

PHOTOGRAPHERS.

H. C. Hartwick, Kirkpatrick & Brown, J. S. Doan, new.

TINNERS.

W. B. Van Horn, 2 hands; G. Horridge, 3 hands.

LIME KILNS.

C. M. Hare, S. Aungst, W. Cottrell.

STONE QUARRIES.

C. M. Hare, J. C. Traer & Co., C. R. & St Paul Railway, superintended by C. M. Hare, new.

MINERS.

Smith, Stedman, Wetz & Chapin, lead miners.

PAINTERS.

Jas. Seeley, B. Kendall, Ferd. Oyler, new, E. Smolly, new.

BRICK MASONS.

J. & P. A. Locke, 12 hands.

STONE MASONS.

Donelan, Reed & Arnold, 6 hands, Mickey & Son, 5 hands, Erwin & Daniels, 5 hands, new.

PLASTERERS.

Locke & Bro., Felker & Oppelt, Gray & Webb.

LIVERIES.

J. Cummins, L. Ralyea.

PHYSICIANS.

Boyd & Clingan, Lathrop & Meredith, C. O. Carpenter, } Alopathists.
W. K. Flatt, homœpathist; of the physicians Meredith and Flatt are additions of the past year.

DENTIST.

P. C. Branch.

LAWYERS.

Shane & McCartney, W. O. Connell, G. W. Sells, C. H. Conklin, J. C. Traer, Vanatta & Gilchrist, Austin Knox, I. Van Metre; Gilchrist and Van Metre are additions of the past year.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

James Wood, E. Evans.

RESTAURANTS.

H. Atkins, I. Cotton, new, E. W. Davis, new A. I. Davis, new, Geo. Stonehouse, new.

DRUG STORES.

W. B. Van Horn, T. S. Palmer, W. M. Loree, new.

HARDWARE.

W. B. Van Horn, Geo. Horridge.

CLOTHING.

J. Wily, D. Adams, new.

GROCERIES.

W. M. Loree, J. Divine, Sells & Stick, Watson & Ravenscroft, S. R. Hamilton, new, Lewis Quinn, new, wholesale and retail, Tinkham & Mossman, new.

DEALERS IN LIVE STOCK.

Jones & Beckett.

PRODUCE DEALERS.

Hare, Ralyea & Roberts, Jones & Beckett, R. L. Thatcher, W. M. Loree, Jos. Houck, new.