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P R E F A C E .

In presenting our Past and Present of Kane County in historical form, we deem a few prefatory words necessary. We have spared neither pains nor expense to fulfill our engagement with our patrons and make the work as complete as possible. We have acted upon the principle that justice to those who have subscribed, be they few or many, requires that the work should be as well done as if it was patronized by every citizen in the county. We do not claim that our work is entirely free from errors; such a result could not be attained by the utmost care and foresight of ordinary mortals. Almost the entire matter contained in the first fifty pages of the County History was obtained from Henry B. Peirce, and the remainder was compiled by our historians, Arthur Merrill and W. H. Perrin. Some of the Township Histories are indeed longer than others, as the townships are older, containing larger cities and towns, and have been the scenes of more important and interesting events. While fully recognizing this important difference, the historians have sought to write up each township with equal fidelity to the facts and information within their reach. We take this occasion to present our thanks to all our numerous subscribers for their patronage and encouragement in the publication of the work. In this confident belief, we submit it to the enlightened judgment of those for whose benefit it has been prepared, believing that it will be received as a most valuable and complete work.

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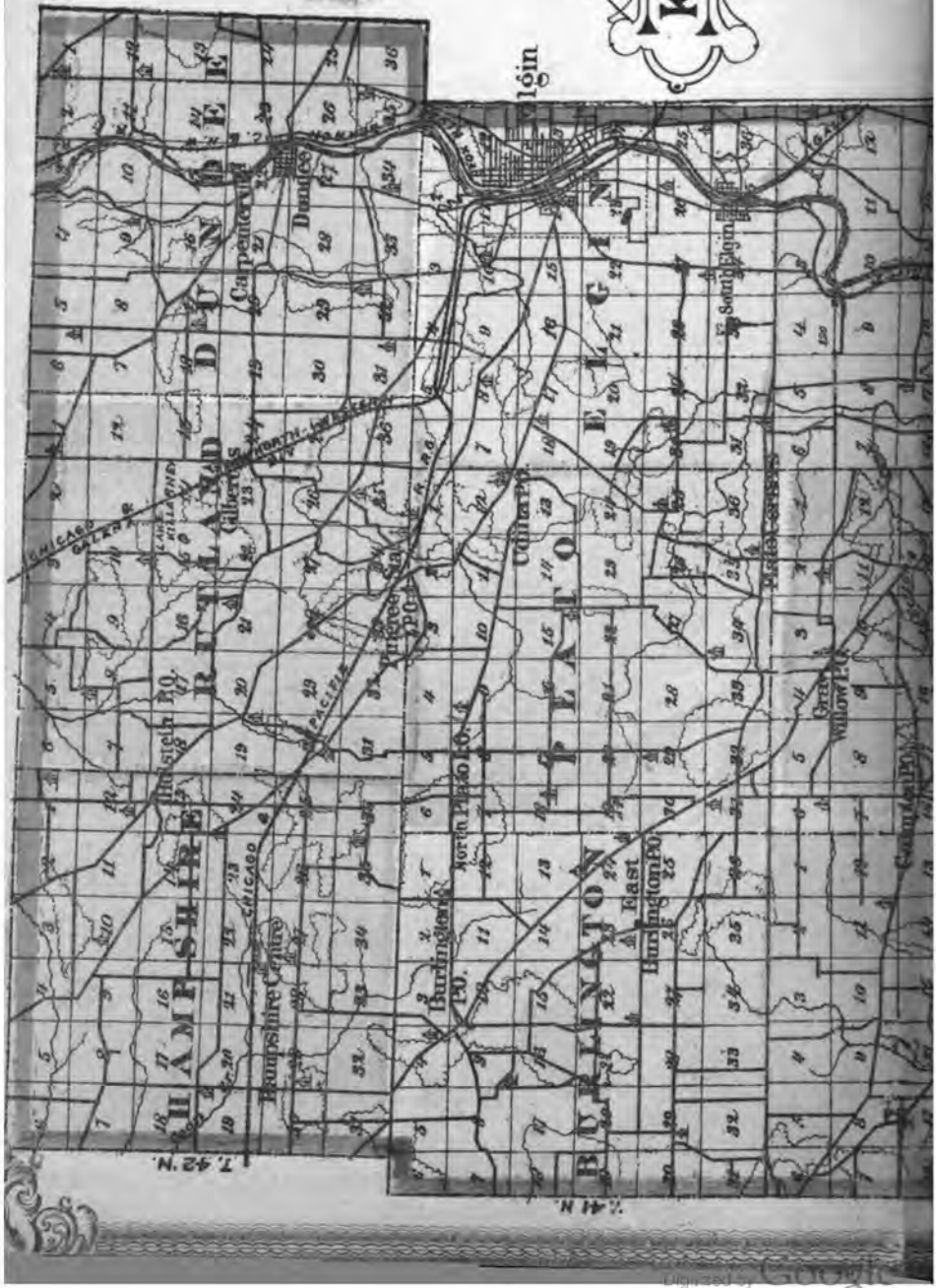
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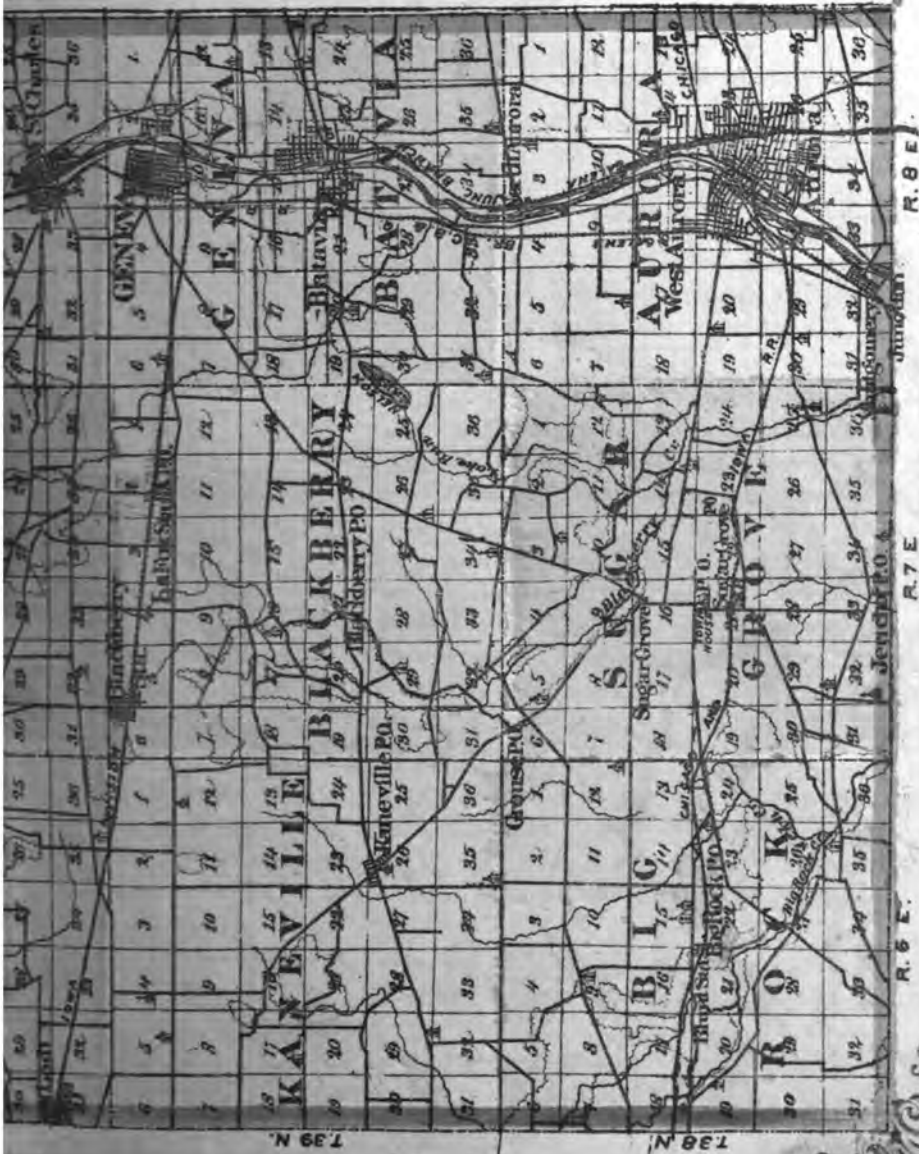
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L. H. GILLETT.
SUGAR GROVE TOWNSHIP.

HISTORY OF KANE COUNTY.

KANE COUNTY occupies a territory of 540 square miles, extending from McHenry on the north to Kendall on the south, and bounded on the east by Cook and DuPage Counties and on the west by DeKalb. It originally comprised thirty-six townships, eighteen of which are now embraced in DeKalb and three in Kendall, while one of the others has been divided since the township organization, leaving sixteen within its present area. It contains nineteen cities, villages and hamlets, many of the most extensive manufactories in the State, about 105 miles of railroad in successful operation, and has few equals among the counties of the entire country in the variety and extent of its resources. Its chief source of wealth, however, is its rich prairie soil, drained by the beautiful Fox River, which traverses its eastern range of townships from north to south, and by several smaller streams and tributaries, the most important of which are Big Rock, Blackberry, Mill, Ferson's, Tyler's and Kishwaukee Creeks. Something less than one-fourth of its area is covered with woodland; and its timber, when the country was new, was of a superior quality, including black walnut, hickory and the many varieties of oak, which are still common in its groves. Its geological deposits which appear to the view are limestone. All exposures of rock are, with one slight exception, along the banks of the river. At any point along the valley, a removal of a few feet of soil discloses this rock, which, at Batavia and vicinity, appears as an excellent building stone. Flag-stone, of any required surface or thickness, may there be obtained, which is usually of a buff or reddish yellow hue. An artesian well, bored at the C., B. & Q. car shops, in Aurora, disclosed, first, 30 feet of alluvial deposit, followed successively by 108 feet belonging to the Niagara limestone group, 165 feet to the Cincinnati group, 232 feet to the Galena and Trenton deposits, and, finally, by 158 feet of the buff and reddish-yellow sandstone. But few fossils have ever been unearthed in the county, and of these few the remains of a mastodon, found near Aurora and now preserved in Jennings Seminary, are the most important. Further notice of them will be made in the chapter upon Aurora Township. Peat is extensively ranged over portions of the surface of the northern townships, especially in Rutland and Hampshire, and in many sections a

fine quality of brick-clay is obtained, from which brick very similar to the celebrated Milwaukee brick is manufactured. Water is found in nearly every part of the county by sinking wells from ten to fifteen feet below the surface.

As will be inferred from the above statement, the general nature of the surface is level or but slightly rolling, there being but few hills worthy of the name in the entire county. In summer, the traveler, standing upon the slight elevations along the river bank, may behold for miles the rolling table lands stretching far away toward the rising or setting sun, like cultivated gardens, broken only by the occasional groves, the frequent farm houses, with their clustering barns, the tall poplars around them or the well-built fences and green hedges.

Having thus briefly noticed the boundaries, the topography and the geological features of the country, we hasten to detail, at greater length, its

SETTLEMENT.

There is probably no county in Illinois that has accumulated its population from such various sources as has Kane County. From first to last there have been no less than ten distinct and separate nationalities which have furnished, not individuals only, but colonies, who have made their settlements in the borders of the staunch old county; representatives of whom, in greater or less number, are among the residents to-day.

Beginning with the Hoosiers, who came into the county as early as 1833, following closely upon the rear guard of Scott's army upon the settlement of the Sauk, or, as it is commonly known, the Blackhawk war, we find settlements successively of Yankees, from Massachusetts and New York; Scotch, Irish, Pennsylvania Dutch, Welsh, French, Scandinavians, Germans, and, lastly, the war gave us, as one of its legacies, Sambo. Gen. Scott pushed the Indians back with his little army, which cut its way through the Little Woods, fording the river at the big bend near what is now known as Silver Glen, and left its trail broad and deep across the prairie through the townships of Elgin, Plato and Burlington.

Not only did the artillery and supply trains leave a broad track in their wake, but Death also traveled with the column, and, under the dread name of cholera, took captive many prisoners who have never yet been mustered for exchange, but whose bones have mouldered away on rounded slopes in Plato, where the mounds may be seen and noted to-day. As Scott solved the Indian question in Illinois, people from Virginia, Kentucky, Southern Indiana and Illinois, all called by the general name of "Hoosiers," came into the county, in big canvas-covered wagons drawn by four or five yoke of oxen, and called "prairie schooners." They located on the southern side of groves and in sunny exposures beside streams and springs, and fenced only as much land as would suffice for a little corn, and gave themselves up generally to the pleasures of the chase, game being abundant. They were hardy people, fond of pioneer life, regardless of the forms and ceremonial restraints of advanced civilization,

but noted for their neighborly kindness and hospitality. They lived a careless, easy life, and on the irruption of the Yankees, as a general thing, went again to the border, at that time in Iowa. They were generally inclined to Methodism in their religious views, and took naturally to it when Bishop Asbury's itinerating preachers came to the front.

The Alexanders came to Geneva from Southern Illinois, about 1835, and John Tucker, a fine courtly gentlemen from Virginia, came about 1836-7, and with his sons, Charles and John R., and several daughters, settled in Campton, on what is still held as the Tucker homestead. Some of the daughters married into the Corron families, thus connecting two of the oldest families in the county. Richard J. Hamilton, Col. Strode and Buckner J. Morris, largely interested at that time in Kane County, also came from Kentucky, but located in Chicago. Bird built a log house on his claim near the ravine, just north of A. M. Herrington's farm house, in Geneva. Haight built his house near the large spring just opposite the old Webster House that was in Geneva. Crow built on the east side of the river. Newton Shelby took up the site of East St. Charles, and sold all of the claim north of the main street to Calvin Ward, in 1835, for \$75. J. M. Laughlin made his claim at Round Grove, east of St. Charles, and subsequently purchased it of the Government. He married into the family of Gartons, who lived near him. John Hammers took up the old Western Enterprise Claim, just east of St. Charles Village, and subsequently sold out and moved to Hoosier Grove, northeast of Elgin, where, with Abe Leatherman, he soon gathered about them a fine sturdy lot of brother Hoosiers, many of whom are still living in the western part of Cook County, and make Elgin their market. Wm. Franklin located the claim now known as the Gray farm, near Laughlin's, and the Stewarts located on the Dutton farm. At Dundee, around its sheltering mounds so picturesque and beautiful, and beside its clear, unfailing springs, Rice and Dewees squatted and built the Spring Mills, supplied with power by the springs which flow from the mounds, which subsequently have proven to be valuable sources of wealth in material for the justly celebrated white brick of Dundee. They also built the usual accompaniment, in those days, of a grist-mill, a distillery to provide a market for the corn raised in the county, on the principal that as corn in the raw was unpalatable, yet if it was worked up into whisky, a little of it could be worried down.

Wm. Welch also came, an old veteran, whose history reaches back into the bloody days of Boone, in Kentucky, and who was one of Boone's companions in many a weary hunt and dangerous campaign. In 1812, Mr. Welch took a supply train from Blue Lick, Ky., through the unbroken wilderness in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, to the army at Sackett's Harbor on Lake Ontario. It was a thrilling story to hear "Uncle Billy" relate this episode in his life. Benj. Marks, a relative of the Welches, entered large tracts of land in the townships of Elgin and St. Charles at the land sale, the patents for which from the

Government, signed by John Tyler, President, are on record in our Recorder's office. The Oatmans came early and staid late, Jesse Oatman being still an honored resident of the town of Dundee. The Ashbaughs, a large family of large boned, muscular men and women, came and settled down in the north-western part of the town, and Andrew, one of the sons, still resides on the old homestead. The Ashbaughs had a huge Hoosier breaking plow, with which, and a team of eight yoke of oxen, they broke up prairie in nearly every town in the northern part of the county. The Ashbaughs and their breaking team were an institution in the early history of the county, and no record of those times would be complete without honorable mention of their doings.

Strode, a brother of the Colonel, settled just north of the town line, where he took up a large tract of land and subsequently bought it of the Government, and which he held until within a short time ago. John R. Tucker bought a large tract of land in the northern part of Campton, and added farm to farm until, at his death, his heirs divided up among themselves as noble a patrimony as has fallen to any children in the county. On the old Tucker homestead can be viewed one of the rarest landscapes in this region.

Just south of the house, as the road rises to the summit toward St. Charles, the beholder stands in the center of a magnificent sweep of prairie and timber. To the west and southwest stretches a natural basin of prairie, the horizon of which is bounded by the wooded slopes in the southern part of the town. To the northwest lie the fertile lands of Burlington, and north and northeast he looks out over the splendid farms of Plato and Elgin with the city's spires in the distance. Eastward are the woods on the river, and the slopes beyond in Du Page County. Southeast, St. Charles nestles on the banks of the Fox, and the Court House—the judgment seat to many a willing and unwilling litigant—shows its white walls, distance lending its enchantments in concealing the ugly iron spots in its surface which so vex the eye on nearer inspection. Southward, the view is closed in by the grove of noble old oaks, a portion of the original forest which has been left standing, thanks to the discovery of coal and its general use for fuel.

There is another fine view on the old Oatman homestead, north of the present village of Dundee. The house, a roomy and capacious one, is built at the foot of a finely wooded bluff nearly a mile from the river, and in front of it, and reaching to the river, is a magnificent field of bottom land, as level as a house floor, which takes a circular sweep southward until it is shut in by the bluff, which, at the distance of nearly a mile, comes down to the river, from which it rises abruptly from that point to the village two miles below.

These old Hoosier families did not all "go West," however, on the advent of the Eastern men, but intermarried with the new comers, and raised up children, who have become and are a pride to their families and an honor to our county. Many of our most worthy and honored citizens to-day are representatives of those old families. Among them are Jesse Oatman, Thomas R.

Welch and Andrew Ashbaugh, of Dundee; George Hammers, whose daughter is the estimable wife of D. F. Barclay; Leatherman and M. J. Amick, of Elgin; the Corrons, Robert, Joseph P. and Wesley, of Clintonville and Campton; J. M. Laughlin, of Round Grove; Julius Alexander, of Geneva, beside many others, descendants of the first white men who came to the county to stay and make for themselves a local habitation and a name within its borders.

The first ripple of the incoming tide of Eastern immigration from New York and New England showed itself in 1834 in Kane County, while Waubansie, the war chief of the Pottowattomies, and his people yet held possession of the country. In 1835, Capt. C. B. Dodson removed the old chief and his tribe to Council Bluffs and Kansas, and the beautiful ridge on the west bank of the Fox, just north of Aurora, in which the tribe had buried its dead for many suns, was claimed by McNamara and others; and soon the bones of the once powerful tribe were exposed by the plowshare, and the implements of the chase placed beside the dead warriors gathered as relics or cast aside as rubbish. Waubansie was the friend of the whites, and strongly resisted his removal from the scenes of his youthful exploits and the acts of bravery of his later years; but the decree was inexorable; the white man wanted his land, and the old warrior turned from his home much in the same humor his pale-face brother would if a stronger power than he could say, "My people want this country, therefore you will move on."

New England and New York gave Kane County a class of men who established its reputation for good order on a firm basis, organized its legal existence, began its system of manufactures which have been so wonderfully developed, laid the foundation of its excellent schools, built its early churches and gave it its splendid farms, the real source of all its wealth. Other good men and true have come in from other parts and nobly helped in the splendid achievements of success and fame, who will be named under the heads of other colonizations. Massachusetts sent of her sons from 1835 to 1840, as follows: The "Hub" gave us Charles Patten, of the "old corner," C. A. Buckingham, the different Clark families, Scott and his son Charles, Samuel N. and the family of Marshall Clark, Peter Sears, Cleveland, Whiting and Haskins at Geneva; Major Osborn at Batavia, and Hunt and the Brookses at St. Charles. The Wards and Durants came from the Connecticut Valley and settled in St. Charles; the Bunkers of Geneva and Kaneville were New Bedford men, while the Berkshire hills, gorgeous in their glories of crimson and gold, gave up the Kingsleys, Wilmarths, Hoxies, Masons, McClouds, Brownings, Slades, Parkers and Wells, at Dundee and vicinity, and the Juds at Sugar Grove. The Aments, Alexis Hall, the Longs, the Severances of Big Rock, who settled in what was called the "Colony" in that township, W. B. Plato at Aurora, and the Danfords—five brothers—Eben, the inventor of the double motioned sickles for mowing machines and the super-heating steam generator, at Geneva, all came from the old Bay State. Dr. Le Baron, our late worthy and competent State Entomologist, came from classic Andover.

From Vermont, whose chief products, say the old geographers, are men and good horses, came the Bradleys, Corless, Austins, Ordways, Hewitts, Shermans, Wanzers, Lobdells and Dr. Goodwin, of Dundee; the Ransteads, Buzzells, Calvin Pratt, Dr. Tyler and the Abbotts, of Elgin; Starks and Rich, of Rutland; the Allens, of Hampshire; the Fersons, father and six boys, S. S. Jones, Minard, the Wheelers, three brothers, Dick, Adam and Dr. Charles, of St. Charles; the Conants, Kelseys and Lillies, of Geneva; D. W. Annis, the Merrills, the Youngs, the Whites and Wheelers, of Blackberry, and the McDoles, Paulls, Thompsons, Seaveys and P. Y. Bliss, the old veteran, of Sugar Grove. Col. Lyon came from Vermont, and so did Harry Boardman, whose father settled the estate of the hero of Ticonderoga, as the administrator of the rough old patriot. They both settled at Batavia. Ralph C. Horr, the first Justice of the Peace in Aurora, and Rob Mathews came from the same Green Mountain State, and the Angells, who live north of Aurora.

The New Hampshire men were, among others, Dr. Hale, of Dundee; the Merrills, Asa, Barzillai and Gil., all of whom have gone to the "undiscovered country;" the Manns, of whom Adin and William R. only now remain; the Welds, who have three doctors left, and the whole tribe of Kimballs, whose sons and daughters in and about Elgin are legion. J. P. Bartlett, of Campton, Ephraim and Otho Perkins and the Dearborns, at St. Charles, and the Pingrees, of Rutland, are also to be counted in the list of the Granite State. Maine gave some Pennys, and St. Charles got them all. The Carrs settled at Nelson's Grove.

The Nutmeg State, notwithstanding her "blue laws," sent us some splendid material for government work, among whom we find Charles Hoyt, Seth Stowell, R. W. Lee and W. G. Hubbard. The first two were prominent citizens of Aurora and Plato, and the latter are still so numbered among the solid men of Kaneville and Elgin.

Little Rhody remembered and gave from her "ten-acre lot," among others, the Carpenters, of Carpenterville, and Charles McNamara, who appropriated Waubansie's cemetery and a large tract beside to his own use, but according to law, nevertheless.

The Empire State sent out an army, first and last, who not only viewed the land, but entered in and took possession thereof and sent back for new recruits to fill up the vacant and waste places. The Genesee Valley, where the finest cultivated farms in the Union are to be seen, is represented by the Roots, Wilsons, Churchills, Smiths, Waldrons, Kemps, Grimes and Lords, who settled in Batavia, Kaneville and Elgin in 1835-9. Oneida County gave her quota, and among them we find the Giffords, Hezekiah, James T. and Abel; the Hatchs and the Raymonds, Augustine and George B., of Elgin; and Isaac Marlett, of Aurora. About Schenectady and Albany once lived the Wilcoxes, Mallorys, Kelly, Mansfield, the Pecks, the Lawrences, the Jenneys, Herricks, Barritts and John Hill, but they all turned their faces westward, and lo! are

their names not written in the records of the towns of Elgin, Dundee and Rutland?

From the grassy meadows of Orange County, which boasts its high-priced butter, came good old Father Brewster and took up the magnificent farm that lies in four townships and two counties, DuPage and Kane. P. R. Wright came from the Genesee country, and the great metropolis sent us William V. Plum, of Aurora. The Bairds, Howards, Irwins, Conklins, Ingersols and Browns, of St. Charles, and the Padleford and Andersons, of Elgin, came from Buffalo, and the Truesdalls, Shermans, French, Prudens, Hindsdells, Campbells and Augustus Adams, of Elgin, and the Dunhams and Mark Fletcher, of St. Charles, and G. W. Gorton, of Aurora, had their homes in Central New York. The McCartys, Joseph, Samuel and David, came from Elmira in 1834, and laid the foundation for the leading city in numbers and political influence of the county—Aurora. The Quakers of Madison County were moved by the spirit of emigration, and per consequence we find the Teffts, Mitchells, Gilberts and Knoxs pitching their tents in Elgin and vicinity, but, unlike the Arabs, have not “folded them and silently stolen away.” Dan Smith, of Dundee, came from near Ogdensburg, and old Gen. McClure from the lake region, and T. H. Thompson from Tompkins County. Washington County was represented by the Van Nortwicks, Barker and House at Batavia, and Chemung County by E. D. Terry, Wyatt Carr, Charles Bates and Burr Winton at Aurora. N. B. Spaulding, formerly Sheriff of the county, and O. D. Day, of Aurora, came from Otsego. The Stolps, of Aurora, came from Syracuse, and George R. Makepiece from Utica. Edwards, Bosworth and Hunt, of Dundee; Allen P. Hubbard, the first Clerk of the Circuit Court; James Risk, once Sheriff; R. C. Mix, W. H. Hawkins, John Scott, the Gibsons, Sawyer, Anson Pease, Esquire Rawson and Platt, of Blackberry, were all Knickerbockers. From Plattsburg, of glorious memory, came America Gates, who had three brothers, the quartette bearing the name of the four continents. Europe, Asia, Africa and America, and the Wilders. Old Cortland gave the Allens and Z. Squires, of Aurora. There are others, no doubt, who came from these two great sections of the country, whose names have been omitted; but we cannot name all of the good men who have helped to give Kane County her proud position in the Empire State of the West, for she counts such men by the hundreds among her citizens.

C. B. Dodson and the Herringtons, James and Crawford, came from the Keystone State, and so did David Dunham. The Lakes. Theodore, who died January 12, 1876, and Zaphna, who made the town of West Aurora a beginning, were Buckeyes from Ohio.

New Jersey, which, in the early days of which we write, was not the State of Camden and Amboy, sent Henry Warne, who with his three stalwart boys, John, Elisha and Gid, made his claim good to many broad acres in Campton and Blackberry, and Wm. Lance, the centenarian, made his home in the latter town in May, 1834, and lived on the old homestead till he fell asleep, with

a record made up of 104 years of varied experience. Both families are represented by numerous branches in the county to-day.

New Brunswick cannot be classed with New England, although it is but just a step from one to the other, but having sent of her "blue noses," who have been eminent citizens of the county, it is not proper that they should be left out, and we note them now. They were Robert Moody, the old Justice of St. Charles, whose court was an institution of the early days of the county, and his brother Archibald, whose estate was the first administered on in the county, three Young brothers, Samuel, Gideon and Joel, the Grays and J. T. Wheeler, at St. Charles, and the Stringers and Bishops of Elgin, and Reads of Campton. Dr. Eastman came from Canada also.

Christopher Payne is said to have been the first actual settler in the county, though Haight came and took up a claim at Geneva, in June, 1833, but left it again and did not return till the next year. Payne came in October, 1833, and located at the head of the Big Woods, just east of Batavia. He came from the South direct to the county, but was originally from New York State, so that State has the credit of giving the first settler to the county. Payne came to Naperville, in 1831. The Winter of 1831-32 was one of unusual severity. No provisions were to be had any nearer than the Wabash, from whence he came, and thither he and another party took up a weary and perilous march of 140 miles for food. They had ox teams and camped out every night in groves, being compelled to lay by many days from the fierceness of the winds and the severity of the weather. They took a bee-line from Naperville to the Wabash, and finally arrived safely home with food sufficient to last them through the Winter. He counted that trip the hardest and most perilous undertaking of his life.

The land of the Druids, Wales, sent a colony of the Cymri into Big Rock, the pioneers of whom were John Pierce, from South Wales, and Edward Whildin and Maurice Pierce, from North Wales, the first named coming in the Spring of 1836, and the latter during the same year, and the settlement of the town by the Welsh is due more to them than any one else. In 1837, Richard Roberts and R. Whildin came. In 1840, a large addition was made to the Welsh colony, among whom were Morgan Lewis, William Griffith, William Ashton, Thomas Evans and John Whildin, all from North Wales. Thomas Meredith, father of our "Tom," came in 1842. The Davis families, the Jones', Williams', Hughes', Vaughns, Thomas', Michaels and Owens, are all from the land of the leek.

There was an old Welshman named Manchester, who managed to exist by his wits, stopping where night found him, and paying for his board and lodging with his tongue, who used to travel up and down the country in a very early day, and was in his way a very noted character. He had a panacea for all the ills flesh is heir to, and whenever any one complained of being sick, no matter what the symptoms were, whether headache or a sore toe, he invariably gave

his universal prescription, which was: "Keep your head cool, your feet dry and your heart free from anger and vain ambition, and you will do."

Another branch of the great Celtic race, namely the Irish, colonized at Rutland. They first came in 1839 or 1840. Owen Burke came to Elgin in 1840, and was there two years before going to his farm. He came direct from the Green Isle, but at and about the same time, from 1840 to 1842-3, a large number came in from the canal and settled in and about Rutland. Among them were the following leading ones: The Farrells, Halligans, Hennessys, Gallighans, Donohues, Dewires, Clintons, O'Briens, and Coyles. They were mostly all Catholics, and staunch Democrats. The Hays, Haydens and Freemans are also large freeholders in Rutland. The Irish people have, as is well known, settled in all parts of the county, but the only Irish colony was in Rutland and the western part of Dundee. They came by families direct from the old sod, and built their altars and gathered around them, as in their old homes they had left in Erin across the sea.

In the north of Ireland, King Robert Bruce established, in the fourteenth century, colonies of Lowland Scotch, who were descended from the Saxons, Danes and the old Vikings of Norway, who successively overran and conquered the "tight little island" from Land's End to the Highlands. From the descendants of these colonies in the north of Ireland came the Moores, Rileys, Christies, Eakins, Hunters, Lynchs, Hoods and Atchisons, and settled in the southern and western part of Rutland.

"Auld Scotia" sent us a direct importation from her lowlands of sturdy, hardheaded Presbyterians, who took as naturally to Abolitionism, when they struck the soil of the land of freedom, as they did to the principles of John Knox. They settled in the towns of Dundee, Elgin and Plato, and came by families, and the first ones as soon as 1839-40. There was an association called the "Aberdeen North American Investment and Loan Company," which, by its manager and agent, W. Taylor, bought large tracts of land in all of the northern tier of counties in the State. There is an agreement on record in the Recorder's office of the county between the said company and Taylor, defining his power and authority, acknowledged before John Blaikee, "Provost and Chief Magistrate of Aberdeen, Scotland." At the same time, there were established some Scottish banks in Chicago and Milwaukee, which transacted the business of the Scotch colonies, beside that of many others. Messrs. Murray & Brand established one, a private bank, at Chicago, and bought largely of the lands of Kane County. George Smith, one of the institutions of the Northwest for fifteen years, had his principal bank at Chicago, which he managed himself, with a branch at Milwaukee managed by Alexander Mitchell. His bank was known as the "Wisconsin Fire and Marine Insurance Company," and he issued notes which were always redeemable in gold, and were justly considered the soundest currency in circulation for ten years or more. George Smith's vast wealth was pledged for its redemption, by George Smith's

word, which word, it is needless to say, was never broken, in that particular at least.

It was the discovery of a counterfeit \$10 bill on this bank that took Allan Pinkerton from the cooper shop and started him on the road which has led to his world-wide fame. A stranger came into Dundee one summer afternoon in 1850, and Pinkerton, who was then a Deputy under B. C. Yates, High Sheriff of the county, going out of his cooper shop on the hill, down into the village, met him, and, being somewhat struck with his appearance, accosted him casually, and soon fell into familiar conversation with him. The stranger was somewhat wary at first, but Pinkerton's frank, bluff ways and broad Scotch accent reassured him, and he began to be communicative. Pinkerton soon learned enough to satisfy himself that the stranger had something valuable to discover, too much so in fact for development then and there, and therefore it was arranged that on the next day the two should go to some retired spot and the stranger would unbosom himself to his new friend. An evening of social chat and enjoyment was spent, and the stranger retired for the night. The next day Pinkerton and the stranger took their way to the mounds that rear their beautiful rounded summits to the northwest of the village, and there upon the greensward, beneath the umbrageous shade of the old oaks, the stranger laid before the canny Scot several packages of crisp \$10 notes on the Wisconsin Fire and Marine Insurance Company's bank, made from plates engraved by the stranger himself, who proceeded to develop the whole plan of operations and what he desired his new friend to do in the premises. Pinkerton's virtue was at once alarmed (?), and assuming an air of insulted dignity he drew from his pocket a pair of iron bracelets, and clapping on the stranger's wrists, had in limbo one of the sharpest counterfeiters of his day—"Old Craig." He brought his prisoner down to Geneva, where he was locked up, but was never brought to trial, he being fortunate enough to break out and take himself out of the jurisdiction of the court. From that time Allan Pinkerton left barrel making and gave his attention to detective business, with what success the whole world knows.

The Scotch families who came into Dundee were the Pinkertons, Robert and Allan, the Dempsters, Allisons, Binnies, Crichtons, Thompsons, Hills, Alstons, Egglestons, Archibalds, Griffiths, Howes, Todds, Duffs, McCullucks, Campbells, Morrisons (Murdoch and his boys), and McAllisters and McQueen.

In Rutland, there is a Grant and a McGregor, descendants, maybe, of the old clansmen who, meeting at a narrow pass in the highlands of insufficient width to allow one to pass by the other, refused at each other's bidding to lie down and let the other pass over his body, but drew their brands and began a bloody, desperate fight :

" Each looked to sun and stream and plain
As what they ne'er might see again :
Then foot and point and eye opposed,
In dubious strife they darkly closed."

But, neither party gaining any advantage, they grappled one another in a fierce, murderous endeavor to throw each other over the cliff. They could each say to the other :

" No maiden's hand is round thee thrown ;
That desperate grasp thy frame might feel
Through bars of brass and triple steel !
They tug, they strain, down, down they go."

to the bottom of the abyss at the foot of the precipice, stark and stiff as " Red Murdock."

If the Rutland Grants and McGregors are descendants of those plucky fighters, they have forgotten the old feuds of their ancestors, for the farms of the two families lie side by side, and, for aught that appears, are the best of " neebors."

The McCornacks, Alexander and William, true as steel to their principles of right, and the Glens, also made their homes in Rutland, and the Sheldons, Shirras, Whites and Thomas Martin settled in Elgin, and so also did the Frazers, descendants of the old Gaelic Highlanders. Walter Wilson and his son, John C., came in 1834 from Glasgow, and located west of St. Charles village about two miles, and John C. is living near his original farm yet. He says the family lived in their wagon all one season, till they got their cabin up, and then they had no floor but mother earth for two years after, and the first panel door brought into county he brought in 1836, from Chicago.

Robert Moody, although coming from New Brunswick into the county, was a full-blooded Scot. There came a colony of Scotchmen and settled southwest of Aurora, but they are all in Kendall County now. They gave their old home names to their localities, and so we find, on the maps of the county, McGregor and Rob Roy Slough and Creek. Rob Roy Slough was quite a noted landmark in the early records and surveys of the county.

The Scotch colony has given the world another man whose fame has reached as wide a range as Pinkerton's—William Dempster, the sweet ballad singer, whose strains and melodies have entranced courts of Kings and Presidents and charmed the common people everywhere. Wherever the language of music is understood, there have Dempster's Scottish songs found him friends and admirers. As we think of him, it almost seems as if we could hear the plaintive warblings of " Highland Mary," blending with the stirring notes of " Bonnie Dundee."

The Scotch colonists in Dundee were great sticklers for their religious views ; and though they, for a while, sat under Father Clarke's mild, persuasive preaching, when Mr. Davis came into the pastorate they began to grow uneasy, and, finally, went off by themselves and established a church, and have worshiped in their own forms ever since.

Peter Innes, also, came from the land of Wallace and Bruce in an early day, and settled in Aurora, and has been long noted for his strict integrity and

temperance principles. Peter says his worst fault is building houses for other people to inhabit. Another loyal son of the land of the thistle, and who glories in the tartan and the memories of historic Scotland, is Malcolm Robert Bruce, of Aurora, for aught we know a lineal descendant of King Bobby himself. He has as much persistence as the ancient Bruce had, as his well-fought contests with the city authorities of Aurora over his LaSalle street front will witness. He had some experience, too, in the rebellion of 1848, in Ireland, with Mitchell, O'Brien and their compatriots.

In the town of Hampshire and the western part of Kaneville, there is dwelling a sturdy, thriving class of worthy citizens, known as Pennsylvania Dutch. The first ones came into the county as early as 1844 or 1845. Old John Wales, the old "Justice of the Peace," entered land in Hampshire as early as June, 1845. Mr. Wales did as much, or more probably, to induce the settlement of his people in Kane County, than any one else. He was followed by Aurand, Litner, the Reams brothers, Becker, Munch, the two Klicks, Kearn, Gift, Ebert, Wertwine, Hubner, Swartzenderfer, Gilkerson, Getzelman, Levy, Shallenberger, Waidman, Hauslein, Zeigler, Heins, Tyson, Daum, Kemmerling, Deuchler and Garlic. They or their immediate descendants are still living in Hampshire and vicinity.

In 1850 or soon afterward, they organized a church, called and known as the Evangelical Association of North America, and built a house of worship.

Those who settled in Kaneville and the adjoining portions of DeKalb County were summed up by Dr. Potter thus: "Runkel, Schneider, Wolf and Platt, Biser, Hummel and Gerlack, Zeigler, Lintner, Labrant, Mower, Kaler, Kessler, Schweitzer, Sower, Ramer, Eberly, Kulp and Grimm, Myers, Haish and Mose Hill, the slim Berrier, Bartmess, Rowe and Shoop, with Koonz and Cuter fill the group."

The doctor used his license as a poet to make Mose Hill do duty in the euphony of the rhyme, but he was neither slim nor a Dutchman.

Besides those named in the doctor's versification, there were Van Valkenburg, Harter, Gusline, Gusler, Keyser and George Dauberman, all in Kaneville. They came in 1846 and afterward, buying their land of Uncle Sam in the Fall of the first named year. Their religion is the same as that of their Hampshire brethren, and they have a church just across the line from DeKalb County. They hold their camp meetings alternately at Lone Grove and Pigeon Woods, and attend them *en masse*. They are devoted pietists, and get up considerable excitement in their revival meetings, which are held every Winter. A description of their family worship may be interesting here. When the day's work is over, the father or head of the house reads some portion of the Scriptures, and then all, large and small, join in singing a hymn, after which they all kneel and the head of the family offers a prayer. He closes his petition, when the mother takes up the supplication and pursues it to such length as she chooses, and when she closes, the oldest child, whether male or

female, offers his or her prayer, and is succeeded by the whole flock more or less, according to age, down to the lisping infant who can just say, "Now I lay me down to sleep," when all respond with a hearty amen, and arise and prepare for bed. They usually use their native tongue in their worship, and, although not understood at all scarcely by their English speaking guest, who may be a witness to their solemn order, yet the fervor which characterizes their exercises never fails to interest the beholder.

In and near Aurora there settled some of the Mohawk Valley Dutchmen, and among them we find the Grays, Wagners, Adam Phy, Kecks and Van Alstines. The Van Sickles and Van Fleets came from New Jersey.

The old Vikings of Norway and Sweden, whose descendants are known as Scandinavians, Danes and Finns, are numerous represented in Geneva, St. Charles, Elgin, Campton and Virgil. Among the first ones were Gunner, Anderson and Anderson Gunderson, who furnished much litigation for the Circuit Court, and merriment as well, when the title of the various suits they had upon the dockets were called, and Andrew Peterson, John Hokanson and Carl Olson. In 1853-5, the great body of Swedes came first to Geneva and St. Charles.

Eben Danford was then in full blast, making his double motioned iron reapers and mowers at Geneva, and many of the Swedes settled on the east side of the river. They also settled at St. Charles, buying up the Little Woods in small tracts and clearing off the stumps, and have now snug little homesteads all over that once famous neck of woods. They pushed west almost into Campton and Virgil, and north into Elgin, and have made most excellent citizens. Some of our best artisans are Swedes, as the National Watch Factory at Elgin, and the car shops at Aurora, and various other manufactories of the county will abundantly testify. Among the noted ones are C. P. Gronberg, the reaper inventor; B. Kindblade, who will make anything from a cambric needle to an electric engine or piano-forte; Peterson, the watchmaker; Rystrom, the carriage manufacturer; and another Peterson, in Geneva, who makes ladies' fine shoes. The leading men among these are the Lungreens, Peter and sons (Charles and August), Peterson, England, Nord and Abrahamson, at St. Charles, and A. P. Anderson, at Batavia, who is by, the way, a shining example of what industry and continuity will do for a man to gain him a competency. But a very few years ago Anderson was a journeyman tailor in Geneva, and to-day he is the owner of as fine a stone block as there is in Batavia, besides other good property. He has attended strictly to business, and is now reaping the fruits of his active, judicious efforts; also B. Kindblade, of Batavia; Andrew Rystrom, formerly one of the city fathers of Geneva; and Landborg, the blacksmith, at the latter place. This people are, as a general thing, frugal and industrious, and make the best of help on the farm, in the manufactory, or in mercantile pursuits. The Swedish girls are noted for their tidiness and skill in domestic affairs, and many of them have become so far metamorphosed into

Yankees that they have married into Yankee families, and are mixing up their blood with the genuine Bunker Hill crimson. They were at first Lutherans (or a branch of that denomination) in their religious affiliations, and great sticklers for their church rules and demands. They paid their big and little "collects" with a promptness that would make the face of a tax collector in this year of grace radiant with joy. Christmas is their great holiday. Their churches then are trimmed with festoons and wreaths of evergreens, and services begin as early as two or three o'clock Christmas morning, and last all day, and for the whole week succeeding. They have a central church at Geneva, whither they come from all directions every Sunday, rain or shine. There has been, within the past three or four years, quite a secession from the Lutheran Church to Methodism among them.

A mistake which occurred at the Circuit Clerk's office of Kane County, some years ago, sent two brothers into their new allegiance with different family names, which are still maintained. B. and Frank Kindblade were brothers, but when Frank made his declaration of intention to become a citizen of this glorious republic, by reason of his meager knowledge of the English language, he gave his name as Kimball as near as he could be understood, and when his final certificate was issued Frank became known no more as Kindblade, the name his brother bears, but Kimball.

The ancestry of this people is an honorable one, and of which they may well be proud. The Scandinavian race has given to the world some of its greatest intellects, in science, literature and the arts. Tycho Brahe, the founder of practical astronomy and instructor of the great Kepler, and Linnæus, the great botanist, whose works are the standard in that science to-day, lead the grand procession. Ericsson, the master mechanic and inventor of the caloric engine and various other helps for man, as well as the projector and constructor of the "cheese box on a raft" that met the Confederate ram, Merrimac, in Norfolk Bay, and sent her back from her work of destruction to her covert, crippled and disabled, giving joy to millions of loyal hearts, many of whom look upon the little Monitor's appearance just at the opportune moment as something scarcely less than providential, is also an honored member of that procession.

In music, this fair-haired and blue-eyed race has given us a divine trinity, viz.: Ole Bull, the incomparable violinist; Jenny Lind, the Swedish nightingale, whose warblings have entranced the world, and Christine Nilsson, the matchless queen of song, before whose throne millions have bowed and worshiped.

In literature, the gifted and noble woman, Fredrika Bremer, whose books are read in almost every tongue, stands out like a beacon on a mountain top; and what child is there who has not laughed and cried by turns over the fairy tales of the northern magician and king of youth, Hans Christian Andersen, whose gentle, loving life has been crowned with a happy, serene and peaceful close?

The first white men who came into the wilderness of the Northwest were Pere Marquette, the great Jesuit missionary, Joliet, the merchant, and La Salle,

the trader and explorer. The first two explored the Mississippi as far south as Arkansas in 1673, and returned by way of the Illinois to Chicago, then an Indian village. The latter spent the Winter of 1680 near Peoria. Marquette died on the shore of Lake Michigan. When the fur trade was opened, the French voyagers became the *avant couriers* of the new commerce, and intermarried with various Indian tribes, and trapped and hunted and acted as guides to the later expeditions. French families came in very early, and made settlements at the sites of Dubuque, Mackinaw, Green Bay, St. Louis and Kaskaskia. There are several reservations in Cook County set off to the French half breeds; one on the Aux Plaines is known now as the Lafrombois tract or reservation. There are others to "Billy Caldwell," Robinson and Miranda. One of them covered the present site of Wilmette, and was called Ouilmette.

The Baubiens came very early to Chicago, while it was but a garrison, in fact. Mark Beaubien is now living at Naperville. The French have settled in Kane County in but one locality—Aurora. There quite a large colony has settled first and last, commencing in 1845 and running up to 1855, and later even. We find the LaClaires—Peter and Alexander—buying land in the Big Woods, then a large body of magnificent timber, in 1845. Leon Mayeaux—sometimes spelled Layon Mayo, Layean Mayeau, Layhew Mayhew, and Layo Mayhew—came about the same time, and so did old Stephen Mowrey. Among the earlier French settlers at Aurora may be named Touissaint, La Tranquillite, Peter Leplant, Charles Benoit (sometimes spelled Benwire and Benway), Leander Baltasand, the Leveques, Bernard Tonnar, Francis Nadeau, Alfred Deslauriers, Frank Sylvester, Ed. Vouchee, Louis Lebon, Joseph Robere, Louis Suviner, Peter Brasseaux, Louis LeBeaux, James Jaquenon, Jean Baptist Hubert, Joseph Ratelle, Benoit Moisant, Joseph Lamoureux, Louis Laplanck, U. Laundre, Nick Presche, and last, though by no means least, C. F. Jauret, the Master Mechanic of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and inventor of some contrivance for use on railways which is being extensively used. The religion of our French citizens is generally Catholic.

The Durants of St. Charles and Raymonds of Elgin are descendants of some of the old Huguenot families of France.

The German immigration, which began in the Northwest about 1836, with a single family, has become an irruption. Commencing on the shore of Lake Michigan, the ever increasing army has moved steadily westward in an unbroken phalanx, through Cook, Lake and Du Page Counties into Kane, with but few interruptions. Here and there it has met a community of original settlers, which has resisted its advance, but it speedily flanked it, and passed on to new conquests beyond, leaving the garrison behind to beleaguer and capture by detail the few outposts remaining, and take full possession of the land. The western towns of Cook County, which twenty years ago had scarcely a German inhabitant, are now mostly occupied by them. Nearly every sale of a farm in the counties above named, including the eastern portion of Kane

County, is made to a German. The eastern portion of Dundee, Elgin, Geneva, Batavia and the Big Woods—or what was once that fine body of timber—are almost wholly occupied by this energetic, pushing, thriving race of Saxons. They have subdued the once famous Big Woods, and what, but twenty years ago, was one solid body of splendid oak, hickory and maple, is now finely cultivated farms, with scarcely a stump to be seen to tell the story of what was once there. The German is found everywhere, and in all kinds of business. He makes money, and is satisfied to make but a little, but he contrives, in whatever business he enters, to make his income exceed, be it ever so little, his outgo; hence, we hear of no German paupers. The German is given to sociality, and hence he spends his money freely among his friends, especially with his own family, if he has one. Father, mother and children enter alike into the pleasure of the hour, whatever it may be. The Germans have attained to such prominence in numbers in Kane County, they have become important factors in politics, especially in Dundee, Elgin and Aurora. Scarcely an election is held in those towns, at which there is not some German elected to an office. They support, cheerfully, the public school, and such as are church members are zealous and consistent.

John Glos settled in St. Charles, where, for several years, he followed his trade of cabinet making, at which he was an adept. He came, in 1836, direct from Germany, to which he never returned until the year 1874, when he went to revisit the scenes of his boyhood in the Fatherland which all Germans love, no matter how pleasant their surroundings are here, nor how many years may have passed since they left "dear Bingen on the Rhine." Mr. Glos has held many offices of trust in Du Page County, in which his residence has been for the greater portion of his sojourn in this country. The first German who came to Kane County was John Peter Snyder, who still resides at North Aurora.

Levi Footh, a Bohemian, drove stage from Chicago to Galena, through Elgin, in 1839-40, for Frink & Walker. He subsequently purchased Government lands in Virgil, where he now resides, together with several brothers who have since joined him from his native land.

Joseph Kapis came to Elgin in 1845, and worked in the woolen factory and subsequently also bought land in Virgil.

Jacob Mueller (now known as Jacob Miller) so well known as the manufacturer of cigars at Aurora, first located at Elgin in 1853 or thereabouts.

Martin Straussel came into Elgin in 1848, from Chicago, where he came about 1840.

Schweigert bought land in Section 1 of Aurora, in 1846, right in the heart of the Big Woods, and Adam Hartmann, in 1848, located near him.

A large number of Germans came into Kane County in 1848. Among those who are or have been prominent and leading men among them, are the following in addition to those above named: At Elgin, Joseph Pfordresher,

Charles Siedel, William Damisch, Christopher Sohle, Fred Fehrman, Adolph Sass, Joe Pabst, Henry Bierman, William Heideman and the Adlers.

In Dundee, whither they first came in 1853, Fred Haas, proprietor of the celebrated Spring Mills, Henry Plinke, the Lutheran Minister, and Hagen, proprietor of the brick yards, and Geo. Pfisterer.

The Schochs, a large family and their relatives, settled in the east part of Geneva and adjoining town in Du Page, with several other families from the same part of Germany.

Fred Drahms, a fine mechanic, came from the shores of the Baltic Sea, and settled in Geneva as early as 1854. His son, August, went into the United States service during the rebellion, while he was a mere boy, so small that his cavalry overcoat dragged on the ground. He subsequently studied for the ministry and is now an eloquent divine, located near San Francisco.

In Aurora, the largest number of Germans settled, coming in from 1850 and on. Among them are the following notable ones: The large family of Lies, with their relations; John Plein, and Reising, the Youngles brothers, and a score or more of the Cassalmans and their kindred, Frieders as many more, Freidweiler, Joseph Deimel, the Wolfs, Lugg, of the firm of Lugg & Plein; John and Joseph Reising, the merchants; Chas. Blasey, the brewer; Dr. Jassoy, Weise, Encke, Hammerschmidt, Breeswick, John Adam Brunnenmeyer, John Joseph Scharschug, Eitelgeorge, Felsenheld, Morris Henoch, Fred Rang, George Pfaffle, Henry Fickensher, Rutishauser, Goldsmidt, the Metzners, Canisius, Staudt & Karl, the druggists; Rev. Ernst, Henry Buhre, the Lutheran minister; Nicholas Stenger, Leins, the exquisite painter who decorates the Pullman palace cars at the car shops, and whose handiwork may be seen and enjoyed in the beautiful frescoes in Staudt's drug store; and lastly Gus Pfrangle, the worthy Postmaster at Aurora.

In Sugar Grove we find two sturdy farmers, John Banker and Nicholas Henkes, and Ruteshell and Ohlinger are their neighbors across the line in Blackberry.

A. T. Fischer bought the Elliott farm in Campton, a splendid property, valued at \$20,000.

In Plato, Adam and Randolph Bode, Reibel, Betzlinger and Ripberger and others are the representatives of the Northern Goths that overran Rome.

Hampshire Collectors gather taxes from Kasermann, Schweiger, Reinike, Shetter Blazer, and others from the Rhine; and in Burlington, George E. Schaiver, Grallemont and Meith pay tribute. Anton Loser, J. F. Thorwarth and others are leading merchants in Aurora.

Among the Germans who have occupied public positions in Kane County, may be named Charles J. Metzner, for several years State's Attorney for the Twenty-eighth Circuit, and his brother Carl, Clerk of the Aurora Court of Common Pleas; John Reising, Supervisor of Aurora; John Plain, Collector, and August Pfrangle, Postmaster of the same city.

111. The tenth and last colonization in Kane County is that of our American citizens of African descent, the bulk of whom came in as contrabands of war during the rebellion (caused on their account.) There have been colored persons abiding among us ever since the county was organized, in 1836; but who the first one was that cast his shadow on, and left his footmark in, the soil of old Kane, it is hard to tell. The first one came by the underground railroad, but, not liking the country, went immediately to Canada. Not being deemed worthy of consideration before they were entitled to suffrage, they existed simply as hewers of wood and drawers of water to the Philistines with whom they sojourned. But times change if men do not, and the day came round when "the might was with the right," and Sambo was a voter. At once he rose to the level of his citizenship, and from obscurity and disregard he passed into notice and consideration. Candidates at once included him among their friends, and shook hands with him and "cow-shedded" him and "stood treat" and cajoled and flattered him, and tried to induce him to vote for them, just the same as they did his white compeers.

17. The colored people have the privilege of the schools now, and the rising generation—which is coming on thick and fast—ought to be intelligent and influential. Many of the young men among them are educating themselves, and by the excellent progress they have already made, give promise of more than average ability. Young Brown, of Aurora, and Terrell, of Geneva, are good specimens of their class, and are studious and industrious, and are bound to rise. The colored people are settled mostly in the river towns of the county. They have churches at Elgin, St. Charles, Batavia and Aurora, which are well attended.

While there never was a regular colony of Englishmen settled in Kane County, yet there have been, in various localities, individuals, sporadic cases, from the land upon whose empire the sun never sets, who are entitled to honorable mention in this history. John Smith, with his boys, Henry and sunny-hearted Tilden, were Englishmen, and lived just east of Dundee village, on the farm where Tilden and his father died, and on which Henry now resides. James Knott & Sons were merchants in Elgin, and established an unblemished reputation for integrity and financial ability. Ed. Merrifield also lived east of the city for many years. The father to Ed. and Vinnie Lovell was an Englishman, and gave to Elgin two remarkably fine sons. Ed. is a rising young lawyer, and Vincent S. (which was his father's name before him) is an equally promising journalist, having held a prominent position on the Albany *Argus* for several years. John Lovell, an uncle of the above named young men, lives in Plato, and has been and is a prominent citizen of the town. The Meads, Greeks, Marshalls, Pitwoods and Christian came to St. Charles. Dr. Mead became an eminent physician and surgeon, and was most successful in the treatment of insane persons, and many of his ideas have, since his removal from the country, been incorporated in the management of our hospitals for the

insane. This Dr. Mead must not be confounded with Dr. Thompson Mead, of Batavia, who was a Yankee, or at least American born. Dr. John Thomas, an Englishman, came first to Virginia, thence to Kendall County, and then to St. Charles, where he established, in 1841, a newspaper and called it the *St. Charles Patriot, Fox River Advocate and Kane County Herald*. If the editorials in the paper were as long proportionately as its name, there was more work done on it, editorially, than on all the papers in the county now. Ward Rathbone was an early settler in Geneva, and prominently known throughout the county. Later on, in 1844-9, there came four brothers from Halifax, England, named James, Joseph, John and Benjamin Wilson. Three of them settled in Geneva, and one in Virgil, but he subsequently moved to Geneva. Two of the brothers were printers, and published successively the *Geneva Mercury and Advertiser* and *Kane County Republican*. Joseph was clerk for an Charles Patten at the "Old Corner" for twenty years. Benjamin published interlinear translation of the Greek Testament, translated and compiled by himself, called the "Emphatic Diaglot." It is a valuable assistant to the student.

In Batavia, Joel and J. O. McKee and George B. Moss located very early. Joel McKee and Moss run, for several years, the flouring-mills at the north end of the town. Mr. McKee's reputation and character were as white and pure as his flour. He was a Christian gentleman in every sense of the word, and when he died Kane County lost one of her really good and true men. Mr. Moss was very much of a gentleman, and died highly respected by all who knew him. Both gentlemen left sons who are now residents of the county. The McKees were not Englishmen, but were from the Bruce colonies in the north of Ireland. James Risk, formerly Sheriff of the county, also came from the latter locality, as did Dr. H. M. Crawford, of St. Charles. Shepherd Johnston, known as the banker Johnston, and Richard Summers, settled in Big Rock. Johnston was the father of Shepherd Johnston, Jr., for a long time Secretary of the Board of Education of Chicago, and Charles Johnston, formerly Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Aurora. Summers was father of the well-known Dick Summers, "mine host" of the Richmond, in Chicago, for many years before the big fire of October, 1871.

W. B. West and Peter H. Johnson settled in Blackberry, although subsequently Mr. West came to Geneva. Mr. West was widely known, having been engaged in banking for many years. He was one who made as good a bargain for himself as he could, but, when once his word was given, it was sure to be made good in the time promised. He never oppressed a man nor pushed him; when he showed any disposition to keep his obligations, and was ever willing to extend the time of payment when the debt could not readily be met at maturity, and that, too, when the security was not A 1. His judgment was most excellent, and he met with but few losses in business. Out of a personal estate left by him of \$200,000 there was but a small amount that proved worthless, and that, too, after a banking business of forty years. A daughter of Mr.

West married Hon. N. N. Ravlin, Representative to the State Legislature from Kane County for two terms, and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for several years. His only surviving son is at present in California, engaged in atlas publishing, with Thos. H. Thompson, a son of another old settler of Kane County, in Dundee. Mr. West was once beguiled, and he often laughingly told the story, though at his own expense. Charley Sexton, a "dead beat," who once lived in Geneva, went to Mr. West to get his note for \$50 discounted for sixty days, offering to take \$25 for it and leave his watch as security. Mr. West did not exercise his usual caution in examining the security offered, but discounted the note and laid the "collateral" away in his safe. When the note matured, Sexton was *non est*, and Mr. West, on examination, found the watch left as security to be worth about five dollars. Mr. West acknowledged himself fairly beaten for once, and charged the loan up to profit and loss.

Peter H. Johnson has one of the finest farms in Blackberry. Johnson's Mound, the highest point of land in the county, is situated on the farm, and Mr. Johnson's dwelling is built on a commanding point on the side of it, and overlooks the country for miles around. It is a great summer resort for picnics and excursions. Major J. H. Mayborne, also an Englishman, came to this country in 1825. From that date until 1846, he remained in the State of New York, engaged in the pursuit of agriculture and study of law. Removing thence to Chicago, he remained there until 1848, when he made his home in Geneva, where he has since been well known as an able and honorable attorney. His services, during the war of the rebellion, were important, and he held, at its close, the rank of Major, by which title he is still familiarly known. Since then, he has held the important civil office of State Senator for four years, and was elected Supervisor in 1872, a position which he still retains. He is regarded throughout the county as a man of fine legal attainments, and is well known beyond his own immediate section. Mark Yeoman and the Sharps, Reads and Henrys settled in Virgil. Benjamin Boyes, a prosperous merchant in Geneva, came from England to Geneva in 1844, but only stayed till the following Spring, when he went into the town of Northfield, Cook County, where he remained until the year 1863, when he returned to Geneva and embarked in the mercantile business. The first job of work he did in Geneva was to make a pair of boots for David Howard, who was at work at that time (1844) building the stone flouring-mill on the west side of the river. Mr. Boyes had worked one month at the shoemaker's trade in England, but still tried his hand at boot making, and Mr. Howard looked at the work rather doubtfully, but thought they would answer to wear in the water, and accepted them. Mr. Boyes did not make any more boots. We do not know of a descendant of the heroic John Sobieski, of unhappy Poland, in Kane County, unless it be our worthy citizen, David L. Zabriskie, of St. Charles. He may be, for aught we know, a true descendant of the iron-crowned king; but if he is not he is every whit as gallant and courteous a gentleman.

The great agglomeration of people, from the different nations of the earth, who have made their homes in Kane County, is what has made the old county what she is; has transformed the virgin prairie and primeval forests into well tilled farms, thriving villages and busy cities; has brought her from a wilderness, traversed only by the feet of the red man in pursuit of game or his enemies, to her rank among the foremost counties in the Empire State of the West. Coming from different countries, speaking different tongues, having different tastes, following different customs, yet all have had but one aim, to make the home of their adoption prosperous and happy. To that end they have subdued her soil, enlarged her manufactories, established her beneficent institutions, enhanced her value and extended her political influence, until now, in proportion to her area, she has no superior and but few equals among her sister counties in the State. She has furnished statesmen for the halls of Congress, and Generals and leaders for the armies of the nation. No one class of her varied population can claim all of her virtues, nor is it to be charged with all the vices incident to communities and people. In the war of the rebellion, all classes sprang forward to uphold the flag with rare and noble unanimity, and bore it on to victory on many blood-stained fields. All, all have borne aloft the shield of old Kane, and sung pæans to her praise.

The native American mind tends to self government as naturally as the babe turns to the maternal font for nourishment; and the early organization of Kane County into a body corporate with a legal existence, while there were less than two hundred legal voters within its borders, is proof of that proposition. At the time of the first election in Kane County, there was none of the large foreign population in the county which has subsequently settled in it, save the Youngs and Wheeler, of New Brunswick, Germans, and John Glos and John P. Snyder; also Walter Wilson and the Moodys from bonnie Scotland. The organization, with the above exceptions, was entirely the work of the American born population. Kane County, at that time, included in its limits its present territory, all of DeKalb County, a portion of McHenry as now organized, and a portion of Kendall County, but the first election was held at Geneva, in the log house of James Herrington. The election was for county officers to put the machinery of a legal existence into operation, and there were 180 votes polled. For the office of Sheriff, James Herrington, the father of our Representative to the General Assembly, received 91, and B. F. Fridley, whose home was then in Oswego, 89 votes. Asa McDole received 115 votes for Coroner, while his opponent, Haiman Miller, received 58. Relief Duryea had 96 votes for Recorder of Deeds, the office at that time and up to 1849 being a distinct and separate one from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and Calvin Pepper one vote. Mark W. Fletcher received 141 votes for County Surveyor, and Colton Knox 29. The vote for County Commissioners, which was the style of county government then, was as follows: Solomon Dunham 155, Eli Barnes 172, Ebenezer Morgan 119, E. D. Terry 22, Ira Minard 70, Allen P.

Hubbard 2. Allen P. Hubbard, Nathan Collins and John Griggs were the Judges, and James T. Wheeler and Selden M. Church, Clerks of the election. The three Judges are dead, Mr. Wheeler is living on his old homestead just north of St. Charles village. Of the candidates voted for, Fridley and Fletcher are living in the county, the first in Aurora and Fletcher on his original farm north of St. Charles on the east side of the river. The most, if not all, of the others are dead.

There seemed to be something wrong about this first election, for on the 1st day of August following another general election was held for the same officers, which resulted differently. There were also members of Congress and the General Assembly elected at the same time, and the facilities for voting were increased wonderfully. Instead of all being required to come to Geneva to vote, there were nine voting precincts, viz.: Ellery, which comprised a portion of Kendall County; Orange, which was in the central part of DeKalb and western part of Kane County; Syckamore (as it is spelled on the returns); Pleasant Grove, in the southern part of the present territory of McHenry County; Kishwaukee, southwest part of Kane and part of Kendall; Somonauk, in DeKalb; Fox River at Aurora, or McCarty's Mills, as it was then called; Sandusky at Geneva, extending from Clybourne's to near Elgin, and west to what is now Kaneville; and Lake, which included everything north of the last precinct named, to the county line. At this election there were 351 votes polled, as follows:

FOR CONGRESSMAN.		FOR SHERIFF.	
William L. May	285	Benjamin F. Fridley.....	225
John T. Stewart	66	Samuel Cory.....	102
FOR STATE SENATOR.		Ira Minard	5
William Stradden.....	298	FOR RECORDER OF DEEDS.	
George W. Howe.....	50	David Dunham.....	245
FOR REPRESENTATIVE.		Elijah S. Town	35
Henry Madden.....	189	FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR.	
John W. Mason.....	148	Mark W. Fletcher.....	242
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.		Levi Lee.....	84
Thomas H. Thompson (Dundee)	323	Horatio Gibson.....	5
Claudius Townsend (Aurora)	324	FOR CORONER.	
Mark Daniels (Geneva)	235	Asa McDole.....	324
Eli Barnes	65		
Jesse C. Kellogg.....	22		

The abstracts of this election are signed by R. C. Horr, Jonathan Kimball, Justices of the Peace, and Mark W. Fletcher, Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court of Kane County.

Where Mr. Fletcher got his appointment, the records of the county do not show at present, as the records of the County Commissioners have not been in the County Clerk's office for several years, but his bond being filed June 6, 1836, would appear to show that he must have been appointed by the Commissioners themselves. He was not elected by the people until the Fall of 1837, when he was elected both Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court and Clerk of the

Circuit Court, and held both offices until 1846, when Josiah L. Warner was elected to the former office, and he was Clerk only of the Circuit until December, 1848, when he was succeeded by Charles B. Wells, and his long term of official service expired, and he retired to his farm, Cincinnatus-like, surrounded by children and children's children, and enjoying a quiet and serene voyage down the current, into the broad expanse of a limitless ocean.

Both of the Justices certifying the abstracts are dead, and nearly all of the persons voted for likewise—Fridley, Fletcher and Town only living in the county at the present time.

At this election, the Sandusky Precinct cast 95 votes, Lake 25 (Mr. Thompson, with his well known modesty, refraining from voting for himself and getting but 24), and the Fox River Precinct 78. These comprised all or pretty much all of the present territory of Kane County. This was the election which really set up our county government, and from which it has grown to its present splendid proportions.

Ralph C. Horr and Ebenezer Morgan were elected Justices of the Peace some time previous to July 30th, for that day they, together with Mr. Fletcher, County Commissioners' Clerk, certify to the abstract of votes of a special election, held at T. H. Thompson's house, in Lake Precinct (Dundee and Elgin), for two Justices and Constables, when Wanton Parker was elected Justice in Dundee, and Jonathan Kimball in Elgin, and Seth Green, Constable in the former place, and Samuel J. Kimball in the latter; 35 votes being cast.

The Judges at that election were Thomas H. Thompson, Jonathan Kimball and Thomas Deweese, and the Clerks Isaac Fitts and Wanton Parker. In the Orange District, they elected, on the 1st of August, Mark Daniels, Justice, and Joel Jenks, Constable. On the 7th November following, the people of Lake Precinct wanted more justice, or law, and so they called their Constable, Seth Green, to the bench, giving him a unanimous vote of 29 ballots; and at McCarty's Mills they had quite a spirited contest over the office, giving B. F. Phillips 39 votes and Jonathan Benney 20; George W. Gorton, too, had 44 votes for Constable, against 7 votes for Harry White. Ira Minard and Elijah S. Town had, in the meantime, been elected Justices in the central part of the county, and signed the November abstracts.

Since the 1st of June, the few voters in the county had been keeping track of the various elections which had been held; but an important one was coming, to which, important to them as these had been, they were but as a tallow dip to a gas jet. The Presidential campaign of 1836 was in full vigor, and "Young Hickory" was pushing the Whigs hard. On the 7th of November, the election was held, at which there were only 334 votes polled. The Pleasant Grove returns are not on file. That precinct cast 10 votes in August. The Democratic electors received 235 votes, and Whigs 93. There was another set of electors, who received 4 votes, but who they favored is not stated.

Lake Precinct cast 42 votes, only 10 for the Whigs. Sandusky cast 118 votes, 97 of which were for the Democratic ticket. Fox River Precinct (Aurora) cast 71 votes, and 19 of them were against "Matty Van." Orange gave the Democrats all but 4 out of 26 votes, and these 4 did not go to the Whigs, but were the only ones in the county cast for the odd lot.

New names appear on the poll lists at this election which have not been seen before. The Sandusky poll was presided over by Judge Isaac Wilson, William Van Nortwick, father of Hon. John Van Nortwick. Read Person, Mark W. Fletcher and James T. Wheeler were the Clerks. On the Fox River (Aurora) list are the names of Bob Mathews, N. B. Spalding, the Isbells, Nick Gray, Ayers, Van Fleets, Charles Bates and Daniel Eastman.

To close up the year in good shape, the people in the center of the county held an election for Constables, and managed to get up a nice little fight while it lasted. Wm. B. Arnold and Asahel P. Ward received 21 votes to 18 for David Howard and Charles Ballard.

In 1837, the elections were still frequent. The newly organized county was rapidly filling up, and special elections for Justices and Constables were held in various precincts, and, August 7th, an election for county officers was held, at which two new officers were added to the roster of the county government, viz., County Treasurer and Probate Justice of the Peace. The first election of County Clerk by the people was also held at that time. The vote was as follows: Isaac Wilson (father of Hon. I. G. Wilson) received 122 votes for County Treasurer, Joseph W. Churchill had 114 votes for County Commissioner, and Mark W. Fletcher had 119 votes for Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court.

There were but four precincts where votes were cast—Fox River, Sandusky, Lake and Fairfield. The latter precinct included Campton, Plato and vicinity, and cast twenty-two votes. Elias Crary, Joel Harvey (father of George P. Harvey, E. E. and J. D. Harvey) and James Corron were Judges, and Stephen Archer and Henry K. Bartlett were Clerks. Joel Harvey and H. R. Bartlett divided the vote for Justice of the Peace, Harvey leading his competitor a single vote. There was not much canvassing necessary in those days, and candidates' purses were not exhausted before they made their election sure. David Dunham received a single vote in the county for Commissioner, and that was given in Fairfield by one William Bennett. The voters, in those days, had to declare their preferences openly, as all voting was *viva voce*. There was no dodging nor smuggling in votes, but every man, when he came to the poll, declared the man of his choice, and down it went on the poll list opposite his name. Doughfaces had to run a gauntlet that settled their affinities indisputably. At the Sandusky Precinct, Calvin Ward and John W. Russell were elected Constables. At Aurora, Asa McDole was elected Justice of the Peace over E. D. Terry, who received twenty-one votes. There were nineteen men who declined to vote for county officers, who voted for their own neighbors to

dispense justice to them. John Griggs, Sr., was elected Justice in Fairfield, in June. Nathan H. Dearborn was elected Justice, David Howard, Constable, at Sandusky, March 31st, receiving fifty-eight votes, and, in October following, Hendrick Miller was elected Justice, and James Brown Constable, in the same precinct. The latter was a genius in his way. He used to own the farm that Eben Danford now owns. He was once called upon to arrest a suspected criminal, and he summoned a posse to assist in the grave undertaking. They assembled and went into the old hotel, where the object of the august array of the dignity of the people of the State of Illinois was unconsciously smoking, and the Constable thus addressed him: "We arrest and *distrain* you in the name of the people. Have you any weapons about you?" The apprehended said he had a jack-knife. "You will please pass it over, then, and go with me and this 'ere posse. Julius (to one of the posse), you go ahead and I'll bring up behind." And the procession filed away to the county jail.

In December, Elgin held her first election as a separate constituency, electing James T. Gifford, Justice, and Eli Henderson, Constable, and casting 42 votes, among them nine Kimballs and two Giffords, and the heads of the tribes of Merrill, Mann, Jenne, Renwick, Lovell, Welch, Stone and Ranstead.

In Dundee (still called Lake), Dr. John R. Goodno was elected to the bench, and John Oatman, Jr., Constable. On the poll list of the latter place are the names of the Carpenters, E. W. Austin and Gen. McClure.

On the 1st day of May, 1837, the question of a division of the county, forming De Kalb County out of the three ranges west of the present county line and as that county is now organized, was submitted to the people of the county. The election resulted in 171 votes for and 83 votes against division. Sandusky Precinct gave 43 votes for and 30 against. Somonauk, in the territory to be set off, voted solidly against the division—43 votes. Kishwaukee gave 2 votes against, and Sycamore 8 the same way, and Orange, in the same territory, solidly for division. Sandusky was the only precinct voting on the question in the present territory of the county. This was the beginning of the troublesome question of county division in Kane County. That question, and the removal of the county seat, was almost constantly a bugbear in the eyes of the people, until they got a \$100,000 Court House as a rider of the question, and that broke down the nag and spoiled him for any future race, and Geneva breathed free, being rid of a horrible nightmare.

In 1838, the towns began to get into their present boundaries on the river, and new precincts were established. Charleston, as St. Charles was first called, held its first election in August, which was the general election for State officers, Congressmen, county officers, etc.—104 votes. In December, Alexander H. Baird was elected Justice of the Peace, which office he held uninterruptedly nearly, if not quite, thirty years. He is now in Kansas. Dundee gained its present name this year, and elected Zephaniah M. Lott Constable, over his competitor, E. W. Vining, casting 40 votes. Deerfield Precinct comes

in, too, which embraced Rutland and Hampshire. On the 6th of August, an election for two Justices was held, and John Van Velzer, Thomas H. Whittemore and Elijah Rich each received 11 votes. The County Clerk put their names in his hat and shook them up and drew out the lot to settle which two of the three should have the honors and emoluments of the office, and Rice and Whittemore were the lucky men. Philo Noble and William Robbe were elected to execute their commands. Rock Precinct, including Big and Little Rock, elected Archibald Sears as its Judge, in June. In Sandwich, Calvin Rawley was elected Constable in March. He was a character known far and wide by his peculiarity of wearing a sword when in the discharge of his official duties. If he was called on to arrest or summon or subpoena a person, he buckled his good sword on, and, with all the dignity of the commonwealth resting upon his shoulders, he read the warrant or writ in a manner so impressive he commanded the respect and risibilities of his auditor in equal degree.

August 6th, 1838, the general election was held, at which the vote in the county was as follows:

FOR GOVERNOR.		FOR ASSEMBLY.	
Thomas Carlin, Democrat.....	511	Jos. W. Churchill, Democrat.....	231
Cyrus Edwards, Whig.....	323	Geo. W. Howe, Whig.....	339
		S. S. Jones,.....	1
FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.		FOR SHERIFF.	
Stinson H. Anderson, Democrat.....	511	B. F. Fridley, Democrat.....	552
W. A. Davidson, Whig.....	321	Leonard Howard, Whig.....	129
		Wm. L. Church, Whig.....	122
FOR CONGRESS.		FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.	
Stephen A. Douglas, Democrat.....	517	Colton Knox, Democrat.....	405
John T. Stuart, Whig.....	311	Ira Minard, Democrat.....	432
		Geo. E. Peck, Democrat.....	519
		Thomas H. Thompson, Whig.....	343
		A. P. Hubbard, Whig.....	418
		James McClure, Whig.....	295
FOR STATE SENATE.		FOR CORONER.	
Allen H. Howland, Democrat.....	248	Asa McDole, Democrat.....	452
William Stadden, Democrat.....	256	Samuel Sterling, Whig.....	340
John W. Mason, Whig.....	315		

At this election, St. Charles supported her own citizen, Leonard Howard, against B. F. Fridley, giving him 92 votes out of her 103 polled. Mr. Minard also led his colleagues Knox and Peck, getting 100 votes, while T. H. Thompson had but 6. It looks as though the candidates traded then as they do now sometimes. But in Dundee Mr. Minard received 48 votes to Mr. Thompson's 24, and they were both splendid men. Fridley carried off every vote in Dundee, while Churchill had only the Democratic poll, 51. Elgin stood 47 Democratic to 26 Whig, Sandusky 84 to 57, Aurora 129 to 69, St. Charles 59 to 45, Rock Precinct 55 to 27, Fairfield (Plato and Campton) 34 to 9, and Deerfield, the present and for years past the stronghold of the Democracy in Kane County (Rutland), gave 14 Whig to 9 Democratic votes. Since then, a different population has moved into that territory. Fridley received every vote, however, and he was the only scratch on the ticket. The returns from Dundee

have on them the names of I. C. Bosworth and Dempster, Grant and Rankin, the first comers of the Scotch colony.

Caleb A. Buckingham, one of the Boston company, kept the poll list at Geneva in his very neat chirography. On the list are the names of Joshua E. Ambrose, the Baptist missionary, and John N. Donals, the father of the present Mrs. James C. Baird, of St. Charles, and whose claim was just south of the Judge Lockwood homestead, and included 160 acres of the best timber in the Big Woods, which remained intact up to three or four years ago, when Mrs. Baird sold it to L. P. Barker, who has bought and cleared off more acres of solid timber, in that grove, than any other man. The Batavia and Blackberry people all voted at Sandusky then. On the Fox River list, the names of three Stolps, J. G., John, Jr., and Joseph, appear; also a Knickerbocker, Plato Judd, and Isbells and a long array of familiar names, and some entirely unfamiliar, they have disappeared long ago from the records of the county. Silas Reynolds was one of the Clerks of election. The next county election was held in August, 1839, the Democrats electing their candidates by a vote of about 550 to 265 Whig. N. B. Spalding was elected County Commissioner; David Dunham, Recorder; Joel Harvey, Treasurer; Peter J. Waggoner, County Surveyor; Horace N. Chapman, Probate Justice, and M. W. Fletcher, County Clerk. Fletcher received 787 votes; Calvin Ward, 4, and R. V. M. Croes, 1 vote for the latter office. Thomas H. Thompson, of Dundee; Charles S. Clark, of Geneva; Harry Boardman, of Batavia; Nehemiah King, of Aurora, and A. P. Hubbard, of Batavia, were the Whig standard bearers. Localities in those days cut no figure, but the best men they could pick up were taken, irrespective of locality.

At the August election in 1839, several of the precincts elected Justices and Constables. In Sandusky there were six candidates for Justices, but Charles Ballard, at Batavia, and C. B. Dodson, at Clybourne's, won the titles and emoluments. Dr. Pierre A. Allaire was elected in Ellery Precinct, now Oswego. N. B. Spaulding, who had changed his residence from Aurora to Dundee, was elected Justice in Lake Precinct, against seven other competitors; I. C. Bosworth, now of Elgin, receiving a single vote. His partner, Alfred Edwards, now deceased, also received a similar token of his fitness for the constabulary force. Burgess Truesdell was elected Justice in Elgin, and "Father" Crary, as he was called in later years, received the same position in Fairfield (now Campton and Plato). Robert Corron was chosen to read the greeting of the people of the State of Illinois to unwilling hearers, in the same bailiwick. William B. Plato was elected to dispense justice to those dwelling where Aurora now sits a queen.

Blackberry held her first election, as a separate precinct, January 8, 1839, and elected Samuel Platt and Roswell W. Acers Justices; but in August she voted again for the same officers, and chose William B. West and Mr. Platt. Mr. West then gained his cognomen of "the 'Squire,'" which he held until his

death. The unique signatures of David Wheeler and Mr. West are appended to the returns, and show but little change in all the years of their busy lives.

A vacancy occurred in the office of Coroner, and a special election was ordered, in November, 1839, to fill it, at which David Livingston was elected, receiving 79 votes, to 69 for James T. Gifford, of Elgin; Bosworth, 4; Edwards, 2; and Eaton Walker, 2—the three latter all being in Dundee. Drs. Tefft and Root, of Elgin, each also received a vote, and Mr. Plato had 2. This election possessed little interest to the people, but Blackberry, having lately come to her privileges of an independent constituency, did not neglect the opportunity thus offered to make her record among the archives of the county, and she sent in her returns for the day's work, with just five names upon them, to wit: Abner Rawson, David Wheeler, W. B. West, Marcus White and Hiram S. Reed, and these were the Judges and Clerks who certified to the returns.

In those days, any citizen of the county could vote anywhere he happened to be, and at this election, C. B. Dodson, David Dunham and James Brown, all residents of Sandusky Precinct, are found voting in Fairfield Precinct; and as Mr. Gifford received every vote cast, the query is raised whether or no they were out on an electioneering trip. Sandusky, also, gave all of her votes to Mr. Gifford, but McCarty's Mills were too much for him, and the candidate from the south part of the county won the contest.

The election of August, 1840, for county officers was very closely contested, 1,291 votes being polled, of which James Risk received 647 and Leonard Howard, 623 for Sheriff; "Bob" Mathews, 679, and Elijah Lee, 511, for Coroner; William B. West, 693, and Nathan C. Mighell, 598, for County Commissioner; Dr. Henry A. Miller, 687, and James Brown, 605 votes for County Treasurer. The last two candidates were from Geneva; Messrs. West and Mighell from the rural districts—the "back towns." "Bob" Mathews was from Aurora; Lee and Risk from Batavia, and Howard from St. Charles. Locality had its influence at that election, sure.

At a special election August 15, this year (1840), Robert Moody was elected Justice of the Peace, and many laughable stories are told of his court, which was a great institution in those early days. S. S. Jones and B. F. Fridley were practicing attorneys in the palmy days of Justice Moody, and were almost invariably pitted against each other in the numerous cases they had before the hard-headed Magistrate, whose strong common sense made up any deficiency there might have been in his legal knowledge. "Shortage" in the latter respect was excusable in those early days, when statutes were not as plenty as now, where jobs are so easily smuggled into their printing. On one occasion, when the two lawyers had a trial in his court, before a jury, after the testimony was in and arguments made, the court began to instruct the jury after the manner of Judge Ford, the then presiding Judge of the Circuit Court. Mr. Fridley interposed and said he must not instruct the jury. The

court asked why not. Jones, seeing the point for fun, said, certainly, it was quite proper that the court should instruct. Again Fridley interfered, and again the court replied, "Sure, Judge Ford instructs the jury, and why shouldn't I?" "Certainly, certainly," said the mischievous Jones, "the court can instruct the jury." Again the Justice essays to lay down the law, and again is opposed by the persistent Fridley. At length the court, with his Scotch temper fully roused, says, in his broad Scotch accent, "Weel, Muster Fredley, sin ye are sae strenuous about it, ahll note instruct the jury; but one thing ah wull say, ye've made a vera bahd case o' it."

At the August election, Sugar Grove comes in with her first returns as a separate independency, under her baptismal name, which has never been changed. She cast 84 votes, and elected her first Justice and Constable, Isaac S. and Ira H. Fitch being the honored recipients of her official favors, respectively.

The Presidential contest of 1840, between Van Buren and Harrison, brought out 1,584 votes, and the military prestige and the high tide of song of

"Tippecanoe and Tyler too,
With them we can beat little Van,
Oh! Van, Van, Van is a used up man,"

carried the county for the Whigs by 36 majority. Among the familiar names on the list of Electors are those of John A. McClernand on the Democratic ticket and Abraham Lincoln and "Buck" Morris on the other. Washington Precinct, now Plato, comes to the front and brings her first offering of separate self-government. Among the returns of this election she cast 47 Whig and 32 Democratic votes, and elected Joel Root and John S. Lee Justices of the Peace. St. Charles cast 97 Democratic and 93 Whig votes. The poll book, which was made by James T. Wheeler, is a perfect model of neatness. It is ruled on blank paper, and the names of the Electors printed on the head of the sheet with a pen, and the names of the voters written with great care, and not a blot appears on it from first to last.

The Fox River Precinct cast 118 Democratic and 113 Whig votes, Elgin 110 to 97 the same way; Sandusky cast 70 to 77 the other way; Dundee gave the Democrats 49 votes and the Whigs 119; Sugar Grove cast 62 votes and gave the Whigs 33 of them; but Blackberry led her sister town 4 votes and gave 42 of them to the opposite party; Deerfield (Rutland) gave but 12 of her 52 votes to the farmer of North Bend, but Fairfield more than paired off with her by giving 44 of her 59 votes to the hero; Big and Little Rock reversed the list again and counted up for the Kinderhook Fox 94 votes to 50 for his military competitor.

At the election of August, 1841, another office was enrolled upon the county's official roster, that of School Commissioner. Ira Minard received 506 votes to 437 cast for C. B. Dodson. There were 959 votes polled, and Allen P. Hubbard was elected County Commissioner, Bela T. Hunt Treasurer and William C. Kimball Coroner. James H. Ralston received 497 votes against 476 for John T. Stewart and 28 for Frederick Collins for Congress.

Dundee outgrew its territorial name of Lake, and took upon herself her new name. The name could not have been distasteful to the Scotchmen whose homes were within her borders. The poll list is made out by Charles B. Wells, and though a younger looking chirography, it is no neater or more uniform than the Captain's is, now albeit thirty-seven years of hard labor have occupied his head and hand since then.

The election of August, 1842, was for State and County officers and Assemblymen, and also for or against a Convention to amend the Constitution. There were 1,240 votes polled. Thomas Ford, the Democratic candidate for Governor, received 750; Joseph Duncan, the Whig candidate, 457, and Chas. W. Hunter, the first standard bearer in the county of the old Liberty party, received 32 votes. Thirteen of the Liberty votes were cast in St. Charles, and were John L. Wilson, Dean Ferson, Robert Moody, Jr., Millen Bennett, D. W. Elmore, Samuel Young, Isaac Preston, Justin Crafts, Robert Moody, Sr., Lucius Foote, Reuben Beach, Calvin Ward and Thomas Barland. Elgin gave but 6 votes for the Old Guard, and they were J. H. Scott, Hezekiah Gifford, John W. Hoagland, Abel Walker, Calvin Carr and Ralph Grow. Geneva and Batavia (Sandusky) had 3 votes for the Abolitionists, and they were those of Sylvanus Town, John Gregg and Joseph Worsley. Aurora had 10 men who were brave enough to stand up for freedom for all, black or white, and they were C. Cook, S. K. Ball, B. H. Smith, D. W. Moffitt, Edwin Lockwood, Benjamin Howell, Kimball Favor, Dr. Huson Root, Isaac M. Howell and Lucian Farnam.

The Liberty party had a regular ticket in the field, but not all of the votes polled for Governor were given for the rest of the ticket, the votes being cast more by way of protest than anything else. James T. Gifford received 7 and Sylvanus Town 8 votes for Senator. The county voted 628 votes for, to 171 against the Convention. Ira Minard received a majority of the votes for Senator. McHenry, DeKalb and Kane Counties composed the Senatorial District, and Mr. Minard was elected. DeKalb cast 401 votes and McHenry 750; Kane casting more than both.

N. B. Spaulding was elected Sheriff, Shepherd Johnston County Commissioner, and Wm. C. Kimball Coroner. Franklin Precinct was set off at this election, and comprised Virgil in its territory. There were 39 votes polled, and Simeon Bean and Henry Krows were elected the first Justices, and Milton Thornton and John V. McKinley, Constables. There were 27 Democratic and 12 Whig votes polled. In October of the same year, the people of the county chose L. Howard Probate Justice of the Peace over S. S. Jones, his competitor. St. Charles, whose citizens they both were, gave Howard a majority of 61. The poll was but 530 votes. Previous to the election of August, 1842, Kendall County had been organized, the three southern towns of Kane County taken into the territory of the new county, leaving Kane County as it is at present constituted.

The election of August, 1843, was for Congressman and county officers. Long John Wentworth was the Democratic candidate, on his first term, and beat Giles Spring, his Whig competitor, 247 votes in Kane County. There were 1,468 votes polled, and the Abolitionists had gained a large percentage during the year, casting 175 votes. Fletcher was elected County Clerk; G. W. Gorton, Recorder; S. S. Jones, Probate Justice; E. R. Allen, Treasurer; and Dr. Hale, School Commissioner, but he would not serve, and a special election was held in the Fall, and Wyatt Carr elected. Thomas E. Dodge was elected County Commissioner. Burlington took her place among her sister towns in the county at this election, and elected Ebenezer Norman and J. C. Ellithorp her first Justices.

The Presidential election of 1844 was hotly contested. The Democrats carried the day by just one vote less than a majority over Whigs and Abolitionists. The Democratic poll was 1,046, the Whig 748, and the Liberty vote 299. There are familiar names on the list of Electors. Govs. Wood and French, W. A. Richardson, Col. Dement, Isaac N. Arnold and Judge Purple were among the Democratic Electors, while S. Lisle Smith and J. J. Brown, the brilliant orators, Abraham Lincoln, U. F. Linder, whose names are household words, were among the Whigs. Owen Lovejoy, it is needless to say, was one of the Liberty men.

S. Lisle Smith and Lincoln were passionate admirers of Henry Clay, the candidate of the Whigs for the Presidency. Smith's eulogy on Clay at Niagara Falls, at the obsequies of the dead statesman, is said to be one of the finest productions in the way of pure eloquence of the age. Smith was quick at retort and repartee, and a fine speaker on the stump, and always ready to make a speech. Once, while going down the lakes, he was called on to make a speech, and as his forte was politics, and the campaign was hot, he naturally made a partisan speech, which did not suit the Democratic part of his audience, and they gathered in the back end of the cabin of the steamer, and at last expressed their dissent to Smith's sentiments by hissing. No sooner had he heard this sign of disapproval than he stopped abruptly in his argument, and began an eloquent recital of the formation of man and his situation in Eden. With glowing and impassioned eloquence he pictured to his rapt auditors the temptation and fall of man. He then drew another scene, the presentation of the Son as a sacrifice for sin, the acceptance of the offer, His life on earth, and His tragic death. "But," said the speaker, his eye kindling as he spoke, and his audience in almost breathless silence, "Death could not hold Him, the fetters of the grave were broken, the rock was rolled away, the Redeemer came forth in immortal youth and vigor, and all heaven rejoiced and all *hell hissed*. Remember that, my hearties, all *hell hissed*." There were no further interruptions to that speech.

John J. Brown used to practice in our Circuit Court in early days, and as late as 1849-50. He was an able advocate, merciless in his sarcasm, and could

give and take with the best at the bar or in the hustings. U. F. Linder was known by an expression that was in common use by him, as "For God's sake" Linder. He was a voluble and frothy talker.

At the election in August, 1844, N. B. Spalding was elected Sheriff; Wm. C. Kimball, County Commissioner; Charles Metcalf, Treasurer, and N. H. Dearborn, Coroner. There were 1,641 votes polled, and the Liberty men cast 268 of them, but the Democracy had a handsome majority over both the opposing parties. There were some of the best men of the county candidates for office that Summer. See what an array of men are here: For Sheriff, N. B. Spalding, Gilman H. Merrill and James T. Wheeler; County Commissioner, Wm. C. Kimball, Allen P. Hubbard and Joel McKee; Wm. G. Hubbard for County Treasurer, and Clement H. Goodwin for Coroner. The candidates for Congress were John Wentworth, Buckner S. Morris and John H. Henderson. Long John labored faithfully for his constituents, whether of his political faith or not. Any of them was promptly attended to, to the most minute detail, from a package of seeds to a harbor appropriation. Therefore, he held his position for term after term. His accommodating ways paid him, at elections, heavy interest.

In August, 1845, Royalton (Kaneville) was set off into a separate constituency, and elected Milton M. Ravlin and John Bunker Justices, and R. W. Lee and Robert Carter Constables, to set the judicial life in motion. At the election there were only county officers elected, and the vote was small and scattering, the successful candidates getting but about 400 votes. Silas Reynolds, of Sugar Grove, was elected County Commissioner; Alfred Churchill, School Commissioner, and James Hotchkiss, County Treasurer.

August, 1846, was a general State and Congressional election, and a full vote was polled, 1,857 votes. The Liberty men, from a so-called handful of fanatics, beneath the notice of the other two parties, had become the second in numbers, casting 533 votes for Owen Lovejoy for Congress, against the Whigs' poll of but 414, and the Democratic vote of 910. Later on, in 1848, this strength was utilized by a coalition of the Whigs and Abolitionists, that put C. B. Wells into the Circuit Clerk's office, and gave B. C. Yates the shrievalty.

The election of August, 1847, was hotly contested. Three tickets were in the field, and each drew its full party support, varied in some instances according to the popularity or unpopularity of the several candidates. For Delegates to the Convention to amend the State Constitution, there were nine good men in the field, the district of which Kane County was a part being entitled to three members. B. F. Fridley, Wm. B. Plato and Isaac G. Wilson, were the Democratic candidates and received 783, 831 and 720 votes respectively. Augustus Adams, of Elgin; Thomas Judd, of Sugar Grove, and Alfred Churchill, were the candidates of the Whigs, and polled 1,144, 1,051 and 971 votes respectively. Allen Pinkerton, Nicholas Hard and J. P. Bartlett were the Liberty men, and received 200, 315 and 318 votes respectively.

The county officers elected were Josiah L. Warner, Whig, County Commissioner's Clerk, over A. M. Herrington, Democratic, by 35 majority; Alexander V. Sill, Whig, Probate Justice, over S. S. Jones, by a majority of 199; Elijah H. Swartout, Recorder, over Joel McKee, Liberty, by 377, and over G. H. Merrill, Whig, by 203 majority. Thomas H. Whittemore beat his Whig competitor, Thomas H. Thompson, 95 votes, for County Commissioner, and Thomas A. Scott, Democrat, was elected County Treasurer and Assessor by a majority over James Brown, the Whig candidate, of 225. Mr. Scott, who was then and is now a worthy citizen of Geneva, says the County Commissioner refused to furnish him with blank books for his use in taking the assessment of the county, but made him take foolscap paper and tie the sheets together in lieu thereof. The stationery bills of a whole year then were not equal to a month now, but there was not anything like the use of it then as now. Then the vote of the county was but 2,000 and now it is three times as many.

James Carr, the Democratic candidate for County Surveyor, led all of his colleagues, he receiving 1,037 votes, to 727 for William A. Tanner and 326 for W. R. Mann. John W. Hapgood beat Thomas Judd 7 votes in the race for School Commissioner. At this election, the townships or precincts were complete as they now stand, except Geneva and Batavia were still called Sandusky Precinct, and voted at Geneva. Hampshire was set off into a separate precinct, and Deerfield (Rutland) was changed to Jackson.

In 1848, there were four general elections, the first one on March 6th, on the adoption of the new Constitution, which the Convention had framed and submitted to the people for their approval, and the separate provisions to be voted on independently. The second was the regular August election of State and county officers and members of the Legislature. The third and first judicial election held in the county, for Judges and Clerks of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, in September; and the fourth and last, the Presidential election, in November.

At the constitutional election in March, there were 1,108 votes cast for the adoption, and 348 for the rejection of the new organic act. On the two-mill tax, for the support of schools, there were found 221 persons with hardihood and ignorance enough to vote no, but 1,176 saw its benefits and voted aye. The returns of Burlington did not get in in time to be canvassed. Sugar Grove, which has to-day one of the best public schools in the State, had 2 votes against the two-mill tax; Jackson (Rutland), 26; Little and Big Rock, 2; Dundee, 25; Sandusky, 42; Hampshire, 5; Royalton, 5; Fairfield, 4; Blackberry, 19; St. Charles, 20; Washington, 6; Franklin, 6; Aurora, 36; and Elgin, 25. These towns would hardly vote so to-day.

At the August election there was a coalition between the Whigs and Abolitionists, but it did not succeed in placing in office any one except B. C. Yates, and his success was attributable as much to his personal popularity as to the coalition. He had the highest vote of any candidate at the election,

1,034. He was a Whig, but several of the Whigs voted against him out of personal friendship to Jim Hotchkiss, his competitor. Mr. Plato had the next highest vote, 979, for State Senator, against J. F. Farnsworth, who received but 393. From the vote the Abolitionists on the ticket received, it looks as though the Whigs did not fully carry out their agreement. Dr. Dyer, the candidate for Governor, received but 416 votes, and L. C. P. Freer, candidate for Secretary of State, 414, and the balance of the State officers received the same. The candidates for Congressmen were Wentworth, J. Y. Scammon and Owen Lovejoy. Scammon was a Whig and received 543 votes, and Lovejoy, the Liberty candidate, got the straight Abolition vote, 418. For Assemblyman, the Whigs voted for their man, and the Abolitionists for theirs. John Scott, of Plato, and John King, of Aurora, were candidates for County Commissioner, and Scott received 897 votes to 720 for King. Seth Marvin got the regular Democratic vote for Coroner, 909, and Geo. B. Paine, of Batavia, the Whig vote. Andrew Pingree had 899 votes for County Surveyor, and Adin Mann, 679. Batavia voted separately, at this election, from Geneva, and cast 229 votes. Mr. Plato was elected Senator, and E. W. Austin and Horace W. Fay, Representatives. The district was composed of De Kalb and Kane Counties.

The new Constitution made radical changes in the government of counties, terminating the County Commissioners' Court in 1849, and establishing the County Court, consisting of one Judge and two Associates, after the manner of Vermont, which led D. W. Annis to remark that the duty of the Associate Justice was to keep the flies off the Chief Justices. New Justices of the Supreme Court were elected, and also Circuit Judges to hold the Circuit Courts, the Supreme Court Justices having formerly held the Circuit Courts, and then altogether in banque they formed the Supreme Court, and decided upon the legality or illegality of their own decisions in the courts below. The duties of the Supreme Court Justices were onerous, and not very liberally compensated, \$1,200 per annum being paid previous to 1848, but reduced to \$1,000.

The new Constitution went into effect April 1, 1848, and the first election held under it was held September 4th, at which election Theophilus L. Dickey, a most courteous and genial gentleman of good legal standing and a Henry Clay Whig, from Kentucky, was chosen Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in which Kane County was situated. Benj. F. Fridley was his competitor. Dickey made a most excellent Judge, dispatched business rapidly, and rarely made an erroneous decision. He took but few cases under advisement, but decided them off hand, his ready memory of the law doing him efficient service in that respect. At one time during his term of office, while holding court in McHenry County, Joel H. Johnson, the Clerk of the Court, was sick, and he sent to Chas. B. Wells, then Clerk in Kane County, to act in his behalf at Woodstock. Mr. Wells responded, and in two days' time Judge Dickey called and disposed of finally, or for the term, 150 cases, and Mr. Wells himself, with-

out any assistance, had the record fully written up, ready for the Judge's signature, on the morning of the third day, and the court adjourned.

Judge Dickey was fond of a good story (and is now, and can tell one most charmingly), and often relaxed his dignity, while on the bench, to indulge in something more than a broad grin at the sallies of wit that passed between the counselors at the bar. He had been accustomed to see something of the sports of the ring, in his residence in Kentucky, and one day, while trying a case in the first court house built in the county, on the present site of the Swedish Church in Geneva—an old frame building, standing as late as 1850—before Judge Ford, he saw through the window the long, brawny arm of one of the members of the bar of Kane County, then, as now, raised up, with a clinched brown fist at the end of it, in the act of descending upon some object. Forgetting the awful presence of the court whom he was addressing, he sprang upon the table to get a better view of the owner of the fist, and shouted out as he saw it descend heavily on the scone of a brother limb of the law, "A fight! a fight! by Jupiter!" and rushed out of the court room, amid the laughter of the bar. The squabble was over by the time he reached the scene of hostilities, and, coming back into court, he made a graceful apology for his impulsiveness, saying that he "never could see fight without desiring to take a hand in it himself." He took, in later years, a hand in a fight of larger dimensions, making an honorable record at the head of a regiment of cavalry in the War of the Rebellion.

Judge Caton was elected, at that same election, the Justice for the Third Division of the Supreme Court, and Lorenzo Leland, Clerk. B. C. Cook was chosen State's Attorney for the Ninth Circuit, and Charles B. Wells, Clerk of the Circuit Court and ex officio Recorder of Kane County; Benjamin F. Hall, of Aurora, the founder of the *Aurora Beacon*, and subsequently lost on the *Lady Elgin*, on Lake Michigan, was his Democratic competitor. Mr. Wells received 693 votes and Hall, 643. The office of Recorder of Deeds did not attach to the Circuit Clerk, however, until September, 1849, when E. H. Swarthout's term of office expired.

The fee for recording then was eight cents per folio of 100 words, a regular form of warranty deed costing eighty-one cents, or, as it was expressed cabalistically on the instrument, "6-6." The forms of deeds, since then, have kept pace with the increase of fees, until both are as long as the purse. Those were the palmy days of the gray goose-quill, the sand-box, the wafer and blue foolscap; but these things are now kept in some old smoke-browned antiquary's cabinet, having given way and made place for "Gillot's No. 404," blotting pad, mucilaged envelopes and cream-laid legal cap. Then, the clerks plodded over the miscellaneous record, taking everything in its turn, whether warranty or quit-claim, trust-deed or mortgage, articles of agreement or satisfaction piece, and spread them at length on the plain white page, numbered by the copyist as he went along. Now, the different kinds of instruments—and their name is

legion—have each their separate form printed, and the blanks are filled up with neatness by the white fingers of dainty misses.

In the good old days of "Fletch" and Ford, when the jackknife and Virginia plug used to pass back and forth between Clerk and Judge as the docket was being called and cases tried, the floor of the Clerk's office was diversified with lakelets and pools of the juice of the half masticated weed, and the water view embellished with islets of the refuse quids. Now, this office is carpeted with ingrain, upon which the footfalls of the houris that hold their court therein are not heard. Then, the atmosphere was thick and nauseating with the smoke from villainous pipes and more villainous tobacco; now, the odor is of mignonne and jockey club. Then, it was hard to distinguish between judicial swearing and the non-judicial oaths that were administered. There are none now but legal oaths in those precincts sacred to the goddesses who dispense to us the luxuries of summons, subpoenas, attachments, ne-exeats, mandamuses, certioraris and fee bills.

The Presidential election of 1848 brought out the largest vote that had at that time been polled in the county, 2,858 votes being cast. Of these the Free Soil candidates, Van Buren and Adams, carried away the largest number—1,220; Old Zach Taylor came next, and scored 855, while Cass and Butler had a moiety of 783. S. A. Hurlbut, U. F. Linder and O. H. Browning were among the Electors on the Whig ticket; S. S. Hayes, still true to his early teachings, was one of the Democratic electors, and Wm. B. Ogden, Thomas Hoyne and Jonathan Blanchard were among the Free Soilers.

The vote in the several towns was as follows:

	<i>Whig.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>	<i>Free Soil.</i>
Geneva	60	44	46
Dundee.....	74	68	131
Hampshire.....	56	41	45
Burlington.....	18	41	38
Batavia.....	53	53	73
Sugar Grove.....	62	18	35
Blackberry.....	24	18	40
St. Charles.....	162	141	159
Fairfield (Campton).....	21	19	50
Jackson (Rutland).....	8	47	13
Jefferson (Big Rock).....	12	35	35
Franklin (Virgil).....	21	23	38
Royalton (Kaneville).....	24	12	18
Washington (Plato).....	20	16	37
Fox River (Aurora).....	100	60	240
Elgin.....	140	147	222
	855	783	1,220

Geneva held her first separate town election this year, and elected Allen P. Hubbard Justice, and Nathan P. Herrington Constable.

In 1849, the only general election was the regular one on November 6, at which the question of township organization was submitted and adopted by a vote of 1,786 to 34, and county officers were elected as follows: Isaac G. Wilson, County Judge; Andrew J. Waldron and Marcus White, Associate Jus-

tices; James Herrington, County Clerk; Joseph Kimball, School Commissioner; D. M. Green, County Treasurer, and Andrew Pingree, County Surveyor. There were three tickets in the field, as in 1848, but the old ship swung back to her Democratic moorings, where she remained without change until the gale of 1856, when she broke away from her fastenings and scudded into the Republican harbor, from which she has not ventured at any general election since, although she has made several trial trips at off years, and has become somewhat uncertain on a simple county issue to anxious nominees of the conventions. Judge Wilson received the largest number of votes at the election of 1849, given to any candidate—1,037, being but three more than Mr. Yates received the year before, on the opposite ticket for Sheriff. A. P. Hubbard, Whig, received 724 votes, and J. F. Farnsworth 320; James Herrington received 811 votes for County Clerk, T. C. Moore 719, and Paul R. Wright, 548. Both of the latter gentlemen were subsequently elected to the office of Circuit Clerk, Mr. Wright in 1856, and Mr. Moore in 1860. Mr. Wright was an old-line Abolitionist, and was the first one of that original party ever elected to a county office in the county. Mr. Wright, despite the opprobrium attached to his political faith, received a handsome plurality at the election of November, 1849, in Elgin, where he resided, and was, of course, best known. In Dundee, also, he led his competitors. Mr. Moore's vote of 30 majority in Batavia, where he lived, also shows in what estimation his friends held him. Mr. Herrington also led his party ticket at his home in Geneva.

In the Spring of 1850, the first Board of Supervisors was elected, and were as follows: Aurora, Russell D. Mix; Batavia, M. M. Mallory; Geneva, William Cheever; St. Charles, F. H. Bowman; Elgin, J. W. Brewster; Dundee, T. H. Thompson; Rutland, E. R. Starks; Plato, John S. Lee; Camp-ton, J. P. Bartlett; Blackberry, R. W. Acers; Sugar Grove, E. D. Terry; Big Rock, J. D. Dunning; Kaneville, M. M. Ravlin; Virgil, J. H. Snook; Burlington, Cyrus Phelps; Hampshire, Julius A. Starks.

The first meeting was held June 4, 1850, and William Cheever, of Geneva, was chosen the first Chairman. The members were not at home on the powers of the Board, but they made a bold front, and resolved they were equal to any emergency that might arise in relation to business heretofore done by the County Commissioners' Court or County Court, and voted to proceed at once to the performance of their duties, "promptly, cautiously and with the utmost economy." Then they appointed a committee to get the opinion of Judge Wilson, of the County Court, on the power of the Board to settle with the Sheriff, who was, and had been prior to 1850, the Collector of Taxes. The committee reported, the next morning, that Judge Wilson held that the Supervisors had not power to organize until the first Monday after the general election in November, 1850, and until that time the management of the fiscal concerns of the county remained with the County Court. But the members of the Board did not acquiesce in his honor's views, but went on as they had already resolved,

and took measures for a settlement with the Sheriff, and allowed bills and drew jurors, and adjourned until the annual meeting, in November.

The first town meetings held in the county, in 1850, placed the county government in the present system, the workings of which are familiar, and completes the history of the organization of the civil life of the county.

The first court held in the county was a term of the Circuit Court begun on the 19th day of June, 1837. It was held by Hon. John Pearson, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, in the log house of Mr. James Herrington, which stood by the big spring that flows out of the ledge, just under the lower terrace, in Geneva. (This old homestead served for hotel, school room, court room, church and public hall for many years.) Alonzo Huntington was State's Attorney in attendance on the court, and Allen P. Hubbard was Clerk the first day, but on the second day Mark W. Fletcher received the appointment from Judge Pearson, and took possession of the office, which he held until the election of 1848, when he was succeeded by Charles B. Wells. Selden M. Church, however, was the first appointed Clerk, but before court was held he removed to Rockford, and Mr. Hubbard received the appointment, from Judge Ford, September 21, 1836. Mr. Hubbard took his official oath before E. S. Towne, Justice of the Peace. B. F. Fridley was the Sheriff, and gave bonds in \$10,000, with Joel Jenks, George W. Gorton, Nick Gray and Dr. Madden as his securities. George W. Gorton was his Deputy. Asa McDole was the Coroner.

The first Grand Jury impaneled in the county was at this term, and were as follows: Isaac Wilson, Foreman; Sidney Kimball, Allen Ware, J. T. Wheeler, Wm. Van Nortwick, Samuel McCarty, Nicholas Gray, Edward Keys, James Squires, B. F. Phillips, O. W. Perkins, Ansel Kimball, Wallis Hotchkiss, John Van Fleet, W. T. Elliott, John Ross, Friend Marks, Solomon Dunham, Marshall Stark, George Johnson and Lyman Barber. The grand inquest found five indictments—three for larceny and two for riot. The rioting grew out of claim fights in the southwest part of the county, and the parties indicted appeared at the second term of the Court, held in September following, and confessed that they could not deny the charges of the indictment against them, and prayed the mercy of the Court, which they received in the shape of \$5.00 fine, and costs of court. This procedure on their part was a little different from "Hank" McLean's plea to the indictment found against him in the McHenry Circuit Court for malicious mischief. McLean had a little ranch up above Algonquin, which he had enclosed with an apology for a fence made of brush, and such material as he could get together without much effort. His neighbor kept a flock of sheep, and the fence did not prove to be much of an obstacle to their long legs, and they bothered McLean somewhat, by breaking into his garden. He chased them out several times; and at last, losing his temper, he managed to kill one of the depredators. This raised a storm; and at the next setting of the Circuit, the aggrieved neighbor went before the Grand Jury, and laid his complaint before that body, and they found an indictment.

The State's Attorney got hold of the real state of facts, and desiring some sport, drew up a most elaborate indictment. He charged that the defendant, one Henry, alias Hank, McLean, against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of Illinois, with malice aforethought and evil intent, did, with clubs, bludgeons, guns, pistols, swords and other murderous instruments, beat, bruise, wound, maim and do to death, certain animals, to-wit: sheep, lambs, rams, wethers and ewes, of the property of Atkinson, living then and there in the peace of the people. As soon as the indictment was filed in the Court, it was whispered around that there would be fun on the trial, and McLean was ordered to be ready, and an early day set for the hearing. The business of the Court was pushed through rapidly, and the afternoon of the term, when everybody was jolly and ready for fun, the case of the people vs. Henry S. McLean was called and the defendant arraigned, the indictment slowly and measuredly read by the Clerk, and then the Court, in solemn judicial dignity, asked the question, "Is the prisoner at the bar guilty or not guilty in manner and form as charged in the indictment?" McLean then arose from his half bent, slouching position, and standing erect, replied, "May it please the Court, if I should say I am not guilty, I should lie; and if I should say I am guilty in manner and form as charged in the indictment, I should tell a d——d sight bigger lie; therefore, I stand mute!" The roar that shook the building, at this plea, so disturbed the blind and steady handed goddess, she dismissed the case, and her devotees adjourned to the hotel for a jolly wind up of the judicial proceedings.

The first Petit Jury of the county was as follows: Calvin Ward, Reed Ferson, Benj. H. Smith, E. K. Mann, S. H. Hamilton, James Latham, Charles Latten, John V. King, Jas. Ferson, John W. Douglas, Asa Merrill and Gideon Young. The term lasted three days, and there were in the time five jury trials, four changes of venue granted, fourteen judgments, amounting to \$5,400, rendered, twenty suits continued, and five dismissed. The first order entered on the record was a rule to "plead by to-morrow morning," entered June 19, 1837, in the suit of Hugh C. Gibson and three female Gibsons vs. G. W. and Harrison Haynes and John Miller. The same order was entered in the case of seventeen plaintiffs vs. Thomas G. Getman, Thayer and the Haynes. The same seventeen plaintiffs recovered one cent damages and their costs of suit against the defendants.

Ransom Olds, Aaron Burbank, Jona. Kimball, Elizur Burbank and D. W. Elmore failed to respond to the process of the court, and attachments were ordered against them, but they came in at a subsequent term and purged themselves of their contempt, and were dismissed with the costs. On motion of Jas. M. Strode, Jacob B. Mills was allowed to practice as an attorney in the court, and H. N. Chapman was similarly privileged on the motion of Giles Spring. John Douglas was the first alien who renounced his allegiance to his native country, and took Uncle Sam for his future Cæsar. He was a Scotchman, and filed his declaration on the second day of the court.

The second term of the court was held in September, 1837, by Judge Thomas. At this court, the afterward famous controversy of Anson Pease vs. John Peter Schneider, and John Peter Schneider vs. Anson Pease, first made its appearance on the docket, from which it did not disappear until after 1850. It grew out of the claim of the water power at Schneider's, now known as North Aurora. Pease was a litigious fellow, and a local rhymester, whose habitat was Aurora, in the early days, thus done him up in verse:

" Is-c M-r-l-t and Anson Pease
Are the very d-l to laugh and tease,
Of whisky punch they'll drink enough
To fill Fox River from bluff to bluff."

The County Commissioners' Court had charge only of the fiscal concerns of the county, allowed the bills, levied the taxes and settled with the Sheriff, who was Tax Collector then. The first session of the court was in 1836, and the court was composed of Thomas H. Thompson, Claudius Townsend and Mark Daniels, County Commissioners, with Mark W. Fletcher, as Clerk.

The Elgin bar has ever been noted for its legal and forensic ability. Among its honored names are the first ones who came to the village, while it was yet a hamlet of but a few houses, and who practiced in the old Thirteenth Circuit, viz.: E. E. Harvey, who went into the military service at the call for volunteers in the Mexican war, and gave his life for the country, dying in Mexico; P. R. Wright, formerly Circuit Clerk, and now a resident of California; I. G. Wilson, Judge of the old Thirteenth, and afterward the Twenty-eighth Circuit Court, and now an eminent member of the Chicago bar; Chas. H. Morgan, formerly Judge of the Elgin and Aurora Courts of Common Pleas, and later U. S. Judge in one of the Territories; Edmund Gifford, also a Judge in New Orleans; and last, though not least, Sylvanus Wilcox, who so worthily occupied the bench of the Twenty-eighth Circuit. Judge Wilcox is the only one of the above named eminent lawyers who has an abiding place in Elgin.

The Probate Court, as first organized, was a very simple institution, consisting solely of a Probate Justice of the Peace, who was his own Clerk. No Sheriff or Bailiff guarded his tribunal or made his presence awe-inspiring by his cry of "Oyez! oyez!" but in the simple guise of a Justice of the Peace, he settled the estates of the dead, dividing them among the living according to law or the will of the decedent.

The first estate administered upon in the county was that of Archibald Moody, who died July 27, 1836. Letters of administration thereon were granted to Lydia C. Moody, his widow, by Mark Daniels, Probate Justice, June 6, 1837, which was the first recorded act of the court. The Administratrix gave bonds in the sum of \$2,000, with Gideon Young as security.

The first will probated in the court was that of Warren Tyler, of St. Charles. It was dated September 10, 1837, and admitted to record on the testimony of Thomas P. Whipple and Mark Fletcher, November 6, 1837, this being the

second act of the court, and the first act of Isaac Wilson, Probate Justice. Diadema Tyler and Thomas P. Whipple were appointed Executors, and gave bonds in the sum of \$6,000, with Reed Ferson and Ephraim Perkins security. The principal bequest was 360 acres of land, to which decedent held a claim under the claim laws of the country.

The first letters of guardianship issued were to Moses Shelby, as guardian of Rebecca Gillespie, on November 5, 1838, with Thomas P. Whipple as security in \$200 bonds.

The old seal of the Probate Court was a copper block, with a weeping willow and tomb stone, emblematic, in those days, of the grief for the dead, but in the present it is more impressive of the cost of the funeral, and the wasting of the estate in settlement.

The Probate Justices gave way to the County Court in 1849, when Isaac G. Wilson, a son of the Isaac Wilson who performed the last two official acts above mentioned, was elected County Judge under the new Constitution, and James Herrington, County Clerk. These officers were elected in November, 1849, commissioned in December, and held the first term of the County Court, for county business, the following January, commencing on the 10th day of the month, 1850. The court was composed of Isaac G. Wilson, County Judge; Andrew J. Waldron and Marcus White, Associate Justices, and James Herrington, Clerk. The court allowed pauper bills to the amount of \$138; court expenses, \$165, and miscellaneous bills, \$13. The court also granted John D. Wygant, of Batavia, and William G. Webster, of Geneva, grocers' licenses for a year for \$25 each. It is needless to say the groceries to be sold were *wet* groceries. The bonds of the County Judge, County Collector and Justices and Constables were approved, except some that were informal, which were rejected and new ones filed. Roads were ordered reviewed and re-located, and an order passed that no more bills for the laying of roads would be allowed by the court. A. P. Hubbard and Thomas A. Scott were appointed a committee to examine into the financial condition of the county, and report its status at the March term of the court, which they did, and their report ordered printed; but it is not recorded nor on file, and whether the county had much or little indebtedness, we cannot now know.

Gen. Elijah Wilcox, of Elgin; Dr. D. D. Waite, of St. Charles. and W. B. Gillett, of Sugar Grove, were appointed a committee to divide the county into towns, according to the terms of Section 6 of the law of 1849, relating to township organization. They made a report and divided the county as it now stands, except as to the division of Geneva and Batavia, which was effected subsequently. They called Rutland, Jackson; Plato, Homer, and Virgil, Franklin, but they were soon after changed as they are now known, E. R. Starks giving the name of his native town in Vermont to Jackson, and the town of Homer being honored with the name of our then worthy citizen and State Senator, Plato.

Orsenus Wilson, Esq., Poor Master of Batavia, was directed to get Schultz, a pauper, boarded for less than \$1.25 a week, if he could. Wm. R. Parker, Justice of the Peace, was told to hold on and not to issue any *capias* against Alvin Hyatt, whom he had found guilty of an assault and battery, and fined \$15. The Court selected a Grand and Petit Jury for the March term of the Circuit Court, and adjourned. The last term of the court for county business was held June 3, 1850, and then the Supervisors took the purse strings of the treasury in hand, and have held them ever since.

The first settlement of the Treasurer of the county was made December 1, 1838, and the whole amount of funds received by him was \$548.54, including thirty license fees, and fines. His compensation was \$10.87. The County Treasurers, from 1836 to 1841, received as the total amount of revenue of the county during the time the sum of \$3,982.07. The commissions amounted to \$47. They couldn't afford to pay much to make their election sure. David Dunham was Recorder of Deeds from August 1, 1836, to September 1, 1843; but that was not much of a bonanza, for he used to write up his records in his store on rainy days, and other times when business was not pressing. The whole seven years of his official term are comprised in the first three books of the Recorder's office, and number 997 instruments.

The first tax levied in the county was in the year 1836, and was laid on personal property only, real estate not being taxable until 1847, five years after the land sales in 1842. The amount of the levy was about eight hundred dollars, and B. F. Fridley was Sheriff and *ex officio* County Collector, and John Griggs was County Assessor. The first tax levied after real estate became taxable was in 1847. The assessment of lands and village lots amounted to \$446,185, and of personal property to \$321,320. The taxes levied were for State purposes, \$2,839; county purposes, \$2,302.54, and for roads, \$1,535.01. Total, \$6,677.29.

The first instrument recorded in the county was an agreement for a deed between James Crow and Wallace Hotchkiss, for lands which said Crow claimed—300 acres of prairie and 160 acres of timber. The prairie land was on the east side of the Fox River, in Batavia, and the timber was in the Big Woods. The amount of purchase money was \$2,000. This instrument was filed for record January 23, 1837, and recorded in book 1, page 1.

The first village plat recorded was that of Geneva, on May 8, 1837, at 11 o'clock A. M., in Book 1, page 9; and St. Charles—or as it was then called and recorded, Charleston—filed her plat the same day, at 2 o'clock P. M., and it follows Geneva in the same book, on page 11. The first deed recorded is one from Richard J. Hamilton and James Herrington, by Mark W. Fletcher, their attorney in fact, to Kane County, for a block of ground in Geneva, known as the public square. This was the original court house block, on which the original court house was built.

The first mortgage filed for record *was a deed* from James Herrington to Jacob Miller, both of Geneva, July 5, 1837. It conveys a two-thirds interest

in 110 acres of timber on the east side of the river, in Geneva, and was the original claim of Haight and Bird. Miller gave Harrington an agreement to re-convey on the payment of \$300 in one year, with 12 per cent. interest, quarterly. This was the only way security could be given on real estate, as the laws of the United States made it unlawful to mortgage the land until patents were issued for it.

Large tracts of land were entered at the land sale, by parties in trust for others, and bonds given for deeds in payment of the sums advanced, and such interest as was agreed upon. Right here comes to mind an incident growing out of that practice, partially in Elgin, which shows that the confidence game was practiced in early times as well as later in that city.

In Western New York lived, in 1840-41 and later, a man named William Mills, familiarly known and called by many of the early settlers in Elgin, as "Billy" Mills. He was a noted man among the people of Elgin, in those early days, and was a man of wealth and good report. Some time in the Spring of 1845 or 1846, a genteelly dressed and self-possessed gentleman came into the stage house at Tibbals', in Elgin, and represented himself to be a nephew of "Billy" Mills, of New York. He had come out to loan money and make investments, and wanted a good room, regardless of expense, and so Tibbals put the best room of his really good hostelry at his service, and treated him as the nephew of as prime a favorite as Billy Mills ought to be shown.

The news of the arrival of a nephew of Billy Mills was soon noised abroad, and the fact that he had lots of money to loan and invest was as soon known. He was at once the center of attraction. The farmers who had bought their land through others, and were paying 18 to 24 per cent. for the accommodation, immediately began to negotiate with the nephew of his uncle for loans to pay up the said advances, and at much lower rates of interest. Many, too, sought for further accommodations, to reloan the money at an advance on the rate the nephew charged. The days of Spring lengthened into Summer, and the Summer heats began to strengthen, and still the nephew basked in the sunshine of "Uncle" Billy's fame and prestige, without a cloud or passing shower to disturb his tranquility. He suggested to his host, from time to time, that he was ready to pay his bill on presentation—"expected another remittance from Uncle Billy soon; had loaned Deacon — a little cash to take up the mortgage on his farm; would be all right as soon as another letter came," etc. Tibbals said it was all right, and continued to feed him in good style and drive him around the country behind a pair of spanking bays. One day, which he had set for fulfilling his engagement, the people came with their bonds and mortgages drawn up in the most approved style, tricked out in sealing wax and red tape, to get the money to consummate the projects of their hearts, and move into the splendid castles in Spain which many of them had already erected. But the mails had failed to come in, and the disappointed ones were put off till another day. The day came, and with it again came the people and their secu-

rities, and also a letter from Billy Mills himself, to some one whose suspicions had been aroused and had communicated with Mills in regard to the "nephew," stating that the "nephew" was no relative of his, but was imposing on the good people of Elgin. The people looked foolish, as their castles disappeared, and especially those who had indulged in such rosy dreams of money loaning. But Tibbals, when the truth flashed upon him, was furious. If "our army swore terribly in Flanders," then Tibbals was worthy of a full Brigadier's commission in it. He mounted in hot haste his buck-board, and drove off at a slashing pace to Geneva to get sundry writs of *capias*, *ne exeat* and attachment, whereby he might get indemnity for the outlay he had made for the said nephew's comfort. The writs were duly issued and served upon the boarder, with an unknown *alias*, and in due course of time the trial came on before the Circuit Court and a jury. John J. Brown, the eloquent advocate in Chicago, at that time was retained by the defendant, and interposed a plea of *non compos mentis*. He did not try to rebut the evidence that was piled up by the prosecution, but rather sought to make the testimony stronger by the cross-examination. The evidence being all in, and the counsel for the plaintiff having closed his case, the defense took the floor and began one of those impassioned appeals to the jury for which Mr. Brown was so noted. He showed *conclusively* to the jury and audience that the defendant, instead of being harassed by grasping creditors and unfeeling bailiffs, *should be tenderly cared for by Christian men and women!* The Court was convulsed with suppressed laughter, the jury and audience were in tears, and Tibbals himself rose and, wiping his eyes, stalked out of the court room, muttering to himself, "I'll be d—d if I knew I was such a wretch as to prosecute such a poor fool as that!"

Among the first things established in the county for the general good, was the Yankee institution—the public school. With the yearning for a wider acreage and larger gains, was the kindred spirit of knowledge how to attain to and use the increased facilities when they should be in hand. And so, by the time the settlers, in 1834, had built their shanties and staked out their claims, they looked for the school master, and, lo! he was in their midst, and from the land where the pedagogue, male and female, is indigenous—Vermont. In the fall of 1834, a Mr. Knowles was enthroned in East Batavia, with the hazel brush as a scepter, to rule over and teach nine infantile subjects. The throne room was in a log cabin on Col. Lyon's claim, about one mile east of the river, and was the first school house built in the county. The school ma'am was but a short way behind, and her name was Prudence Ward, and her kingdom was in Ira E. Tyler's log house, in St. Charles, and she began her reign in 1835. This year, too, a Mr. Livingston taught school in East Geneva. The female pedagogues multiplied in the land greatly, so much so, that the male of the species, for a season, became extinct. Miss Charlotte Griggs, in Plato; Miss Amanda Cochrane, in Dundee; Miss Harriet Gifford, in Elgin, and Mrs. Sterling, of Geneva, being the first teachers in their respective localities, all before the close of the year 1837.

The first teachers' institute or normal school held in the county was convened in 1850, at the old court house in Geneva, under the fostering care of Father Brewster, who was the School Commissioner. Prof. Sweet was the Director, and John B. Newcomb, of Elgin; Achsah Waite, of St. Charles; Miss Fox, of Elgin, and Miss Kidder, afterward the wife of D. L. Eastman, of St. Charles, were chief assistants. The mystery of a minus quantity—"one less than nothing"—was lucidly explained by Miss Waite to many whose lives since then have been striking illustrations of the theorem. The first institute will never be forgotten by those who participated in it. The Marys and Fannys and Williams and Johns, how they did parse—but never declined—the verb "to love!" How they rattled on about the uttermost parts of the earth, and yet thought the sweetest place on earth was just there in the class. How the problem of two and two make four was solved in a twinkling, when the class in arithmetic was ordered to the Unitarian Church, and Mary Ann, of Big Rock, and the little black-eyed Miss W., from Sugar Grove, paired off with the young schoolmasters of Aurora. A certain cosy farm house in the southwestern part of the county will tell how two of these former mathematicians solved that other more difficult problem of life, and demonstrated that *three from two make five!* Newcomb drilled us all in phonetics, and Sweet "elocuted" for our benefit, and we followed in concert until such a howl rose up the Genevans rushed to see what lunatic asylum had turned its inmates out for a holiday. The schoolma'ams that were, and those that would be, came in such numbers they could not all be accommodated at the residences of the people; but Father Brewster—God bless the good old man—was equal to the occasion, and so he called for supplies of bedding and rations, and soon the dancing hall of the Geneva House—then occupied and kept by Mr. Sterling—was transformed into a dormitory and kitchen, and the girls added to their theories the additional accomplishment of practical living. As we think of the two hundred and more girls, old and young, then present, we ask, with Holmes,

"Where are the Marys and Anns and Elizas,
Living and lovely of yore?
Look in the columns of old Advertisers—
Married and Dead by the score."

Elgin claims the first academy and the first college in the county. The academy was chartered in 1839, but was not opened until 1855, when the college was built and transferred to the academy, and the two companies merged in one.

The first sermon preached in the county was by Rev. N. C. Clarke, in 1834, in the log house of Christopher Payne, the first actual settler in the county, east of Batavia. Mr. Clarke was one of the early missionaries sent out into the West to tell the "glad tidings" to the pioneers, and gather them into church societies and Sunday schools. He was one of God's noblemen, of a kindly, affectionate manner, truthful and sincere, and one who drew men to

better things by his own gentle and consistent ways quite as much as by his persuasive exhortations. No breath of suspicion ever attained him, but he seemed to stand on the mountain top, in the clear sunlight of truth and morality, always, from his first entrance into the county, until loving hands bore him tenderly to the beautiful city of the dead that overlooks his old homestead, in Elgin.

His colleagues were Elder J. E. Ambrose and Elder Kimball. These men traveled on foot or on horseback, among the early settlers around Chicago, stopping where night overtook them, and receiving the hospitalities of the cabin, without money or without price. Reverently asking the blessing of God upon all that they did, their lives were simple and unostentatious, their wants few and easily satisfied; their teaching plain and unvarnished, touched with no eloquence save that of their daily living, which was seen and known of all men. Though of different religious sects—one being a Congregationalist, one a Baptist, and the other a Methodist—yet no discord was ever manifested between them, but a united effort was made by them to show men the way to better things by better living, and thus, finally, to reach the best of all, God and heaven. They were not only physicians for the soul's cure, but they sometimes ministered to the body's ailments. They married the living, and buried the dead; they christened the babe, admonished the young and warned the old: they cheered the despondent, rebuked the wilful and hurled the vengeance of eternal burnings at the desperately wicked. When other orators were scarce, they sometimes mounted the rostrum on the Fourth of July, and highfaluted for the edification of the people, like other patriotic mortals. Wherever they came they were welcome, and notice was soon sent around to the neighbors and a meeting was held. For years they could say literally, as did the Master before them: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but (we) the sons of men have not where to lay our heads."

Father Clarke, in St. Charles, and Elder Ambrose, in Elgin, finally settled down and were located over respective congregations of their own faith, and Elder Kimball, the Methodist, in Bloomingdale. Father Clarke has gone to his rest, sincerely mourned by all who had ever known him.

The first church in the county was organized in Batavia, in 1835. It was of the Congregationalist faith, and another one of the same faith was organized in Elgin, in 1836. The first Methodist Episcopal churches were organized in Aurora and Elgin, in 1837. The Baptists organized a society in 1836, in St. Charles. The Unitarians organized a society in Geneva, in 1837, and about that time the Universalists organized one in St. Charles. The first Roman Catholic gathering was probably in Rutland, though Aurora claims the first church up as late as 1848, or after. The first Congregational minister in the county was Father Clarke; the first Baptist, Elder Ambrose; the first Methodist, Rev. William Kimball; the first Unitarian, A. H. Conant, and the first Universalists, Andrew Pingree and William Rounseville. The first church

buildings erected exclusively for worship were those of the Congregationalists in Batavia and Dundee, in 1840, though the Universalists began theirs in 1838, but it was not finished until 1843. Aurora built her first church in 1843, for the Methodists, and Elgin hers, in 1840, for the same society, and Geneva, for the Unitarians, in 1843. In 1850, there were eighteen church edifices, valued at \$30,000, and capable of seating about five thousand persons. The first Sunday school in the county was organized in Batavia, in 1835, but the schools multiplied rapidly, one being organized wherever children could be gathered in, even if there were not a half a dozen to begin with.

Bishop Chase, of the Episcopal Church, the founder of Jubilee College, at "Robin's Nest," near Peoria, held a service under the ritual of that church, in St. Charles, in 1838, in the school house then standing on the corner near Dr. Crawford's present residence. It was quite a noted event in those days. The Bishop was a tall and large man, had white hair and was a very fine looking old man, and in his Episcopal robes of scarlet was an august looking personage. The Episcopalians in St. Charles at that time were Dr. Thomas P. Whipple and R. V. M. Croes, the latter a son of an Episcopal clergyman, of New York City. The Bishop was entertained by Dr. Whipple. The Herringtons, at Geneva, and Joseph W. Churchill, at Batavia, were also Episcopalians. Churchill was a bluff, nervous fellow, and much attached to the forms of his church. One Sunday, as he and his daughter were going to church, he asked her if she had got her prayer book. She said, "No father, I forgot it," Churchill blurted out: "Forget your prayer book! Go and get it! You might as well be in — as in an Episcopal church without a prayer book."

There was a time when a great religious awakening swept over the community, and Father Clarke, assisted by two clergymen from Boston or thereabouts, had charge of the revival. Naughty rumor had been busy with the names of the two men from the old Bay State, and it was whispered that one of them had found it convenient to leave his creditors to get their just claims paid by suffering fifty per cent. loss on the same; while of the other it was said that he had literally taken to himself a wife, in that he had taken a wife of some other man, and she was then with him in the (then) village of Elgin. These rumors were subsequently found to have more than a mere substratum of truth.

While the religious awakening was at its height, Mr. Clarke and the two assisting ministers called pastorally on the people, and, among others, visited Mr. P. G. Patterson, and talked with him kindly, admonishing him to try and reform. Patterson listened patiently and quietly to his visitors, and at length Mr. Clarke asked him what he thought of what had been said. Patterson, looking up to Mr. Clarke, said, feelingly: "Mr. Clarke, you are a good man and a kind neighbor, and I thank you for your visit, but, as for the other gentlemen, all I have to say is, *I pay twenty shillings to the pound, and live with my own wife.*" The interview closed abruptly, for there was no room for further argument.

AURORA TOWNSHIP.

Had ancient mythology been ransacked, it would have been impossible to have found a name containing a more pleasing and purely imaginative history than the one which this township bears; and it may be added with equal truth that the picturesqueness of the valley, stream, prairie and hill with which it is diversified renders it worthy to be associated with a conception which was the personification of ideal beauty. Forty-four years ago, however, the Eos of the Greeks, the Aurora of the Latins, shed her smiles over its fields, now marked with farmhouse, granary, mill and village, and beheld only a wilderness. Its broad acres were uncultivated, its forests—then magnificent—allowed to run to waste and only serving as a home for the Indian and the wolf and their wild neighbors. But the Sac and Fox War was precipitated, and then all was changed. Scott's army was sent in pursuit of the cowardly wretches, who had glutted their vindictive hate with the blood of women and children, and a new era was ushered in.

SETTLEMENTS.

Among the earliest ones to avail himself of the return of peace and of the measures on foot to move the friendly Indians under Waubansie from the State, was Jacob Carpenter, who came to Chicago from Logan County, Ohio, in November, 1832. In December of the following year, having spent the Summer and Fall at Naperville, which then contained some half a dozen families, he took up land and built a log house on the east side of Fox River, about half a mile from the spot now occupied by the village of Montgomery. This house was the first in Aurora Township and one of the first in Kane County, and was occupied by Carpenter and his family the week before Christmas.

In the following April, Elijah Pierce, Carpenter's father-in-law, also from Logan County, followed him to the new country, and built a second shanty on the same side of the river and nearer the bank than Carpenter's, where for years he kept entertainment for man and beast. There the stage horses on the Chicago & Galena Road were regularly changed as long as the route ran by way of Montgomery. His accommodations were not as good as may now be found at the Palmer House, or even in Aurora, but they were the best which could then be obtained nearer than Naperville. His shanty had one room, which served as kitchen, dining room, sitting room, parlor and bedroom; and Mr. Wm. T. Elliott, who came from Tioga County, N. Y., and took up an adjoining claim in June, 1834, says that he has seen forty people—men, women and children—packed away in promiscuous order for the night, upon the floor of that room.

At that time, no Government surveys had been made anywhere in the vicinity. All were squatters, and all were obliged to go to Ottawa, for the transaction of any public business.

Mr. Elliott, our worthy informant, who still resides, at the age of 67, upon his original claim, is responsible for being the author of the first romance which the annals of the county furnish. He "was a goodly stripling then," and, casting his eyes around among the damsels of the land, he saw none so comely as Rebecca Pierce. It may be a matter of doubt if the country afforded any other damsel during the first year of his residence, but, be that as it may, we have it on good authority that *Rebecca was fair* and seventeen, and willing to place her head in the matrimonial slipping-noose, but here the cruel parent who figures in all romances interposed his veto. It is not material what reasons he urged or even if he urged any at all. His refusal produced the usual effect, and everything went on in the regular order found in any one of Mrs. Southworth's novels. Wm. T. said "Wilt thou cleave unto me in spite of Pa Pierce?" and Rebecca answered "*I will.*" The next morning a youth might have been seen wending his way along the road which led to Ottawa. He raised his eyes and saw a man approaching. It was Mr. Pierce, the last person whom he cared to meet. Mr. Pierce advised him in a friendly manner, as parents are apt to assume in such circumstances, to make no more attempts to obtain his daughter, as they would be useless, and receiving from Mr. Elliott the gratifying assurance that *he would have Rebecca or die in the attempt*, he went on his way—rejoicing, perhaps. On reaching Ottawa, forty miles from home, the ardent lover proceeded at once to the office of the County Clerk, whose reign extended over a vast territory, but small population, and asked for a marriage license. The lady's age was demanded and the license promptly refused. The Clerk, however, at the request of Mr. Elliott, examined the marriage law, and informed him that he might marry, if he would publish a notice of his and the lady's intentions two weeks previous, in church. He, therefore, returned disappointed and discouraged. Fortune seemed to favor him now, for as he approached his cabin he met that zealous and exemplary pioneer "Father Clark," to whom he unbosomed himself, and was told that he should be "cried in meetin' come next Sunday." Father Clark published him, as agreed, in Naperville, and, in due time, tidings came to the enraged parent, who vowed that the marriage should never take place. Now, Mr. Pierce went to Chicago for nearly all the groceries used in his business as landlord. Thinking that only one week had expired since the announcement of marriage, he left home with a light heart, it may be supposed, and chuckling, as he rode along over the ruts, to think that the man who so yearned to call him "Father," had walked to Ottawa and back for a marriage license in vain. Wm. T. and Rebecca, meanwhile, were chuckling, too, for on this morn the two weeks had expired. In the afternoon, Rebecca went visiting. There was no suspicion, as her lover, who had a field of wheat near by, had passed the house at noon with his cradle upon his shoulder. Later in the afternoon he returned, met Miss Pierce, and Father Clark united them. When the unreasonable father returned, he felt greatly discomfited, and, though not a man given to unseemly mirth, some say that he danced a horn-pipe many times around

his shanty, but, having thus become calm, he reasoned, after a night's sleep, that it would be the part of wisdom to make no more disturbance. Accordingly, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott commenced housekeeping, and their marriage, which occurred August 3, 1835, was the first in Aurora Township.

Their daughter Emeline—now Mrs. Joseph Denny, of Aurora—whose birth occurred August 5, 1836, was the first white child born within the limits of the present township.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are among the most respected of the early settlers, and, to all appearances, will witness a score more of years of the progress the town, which they first found containing less than a half dozen of dwellings.

Land was not dear in those early times, and, as proof of this, it may be stated that Mr. Pierce bought a claim of 380 acres, most of which is now within the city limits, for \$7.00. This tract was afterward owned by B. F. Fridley, who came to Aurora in 1835, and is still living in the city.

On the 20th of September, 1836, Thomas Carpenter died, after a short illness. It is a fact worthy of note, that he was the first settler in Aurora Township, and the first who died there outside of the present city limits. He was also one of the very first who settled in the county, and was only four months later than Christopher Payne, the earliest pioneer.

Another very early settler in this township was John Peter Snyder, a German, from Erie County, Penn., who arrived in Chicago with his family July 10, 1832. Finding all the country around in confusion from the recent Indian atrocities, and the efforts of the Government to suppress them, he took passage to Michigan, instead of unloading his goods, and remained there until the following September, and then returned to Chicago, where he lay ill for two weeks or more. He then went to Naperville, where he found a settlement already established, and stayed there during the Winter and the following Summer, and, being a millwright, put up a small saw-mill for one of the Napers. During his first Fall there (1832), he had explored the country around North Aurora, in company with Lansing Sweet, a brother-in-law of the Napers, but, fearing the Pottawattomies, had made no claim. In the Fall of 1833, in company with his brother, John Nicholas—more popularly known as "Peter John," who now lives near Plano, Kendall County—he took up a claim on Blackberry Creek, and built another saw-mill. Indeed, they seem to have had a peculiar fondness for such work, for, according to John Peter, he and "Peter John" were located, in the Fall of 1834, on land now occupied by the North Aurora Manufacturing Company's Works, hammering away at still another saw-mill. When he arrived there in 1834, he says that the McCartys had commenced their improvements below. Certainly, the country was indebted to the Snyders for some valuable improvements, for after the first explorers have located in a new country, the greatest benefit is conferred, not by the one who erects a school house or a church, but by the man who builds a mill. They precede all

other improvements, and are the beacon-lights in the van of civilization. The dam across the river at North Aurora was also built by the Snyders.

The first mill was burned a number of years after its completion, and John Peter built another, which is still standing.

Meanwhile other settlers had located in the country around, and at first taking up claims by squatter right, and afterward purchasing of the Government, the township had become rapidly settled.

In the Fall of 1835, Daniel Gray, from Montgomery County, N. Y., visited the West, where his brother, Nicholas, had located the previous Spring, on a farm now within the limits of Kendall County. Pleased with the new country, he made immediate preparations to settle there, and in the Fall of 1836, having removed his family from New York, he built the first frame house in the village, which he named from the county he had left. It was located in the south part of the place, near the west bank of the river, was about 22x38 feet, and, having been moved from its original site, is still used as a dwelling.

MANUFACTURES AND BUSINESS.

Daniel Gray was a man of indomitable energy and enterprise. Mills and manufactures sprung up at his bidding, as by magic, and Montgomery, although the little village has still good prospects for the future, would doubtless have had a far more brilliant history had he lived. No sooner had he settled in the place than he commenced improvements on a grand scale. A store, foundry, reaper and header manufacturing shop over one hundred feet in length, a second foundry built of stone, and one of the best stone grist-mills in the country, appeared in rapid succession, furnishing employment for thirty or more hands, and Mr. Gray was making preparations for still more extensive business operations, in the establishment of a manufactory of stationary engines, when, in the Winter of 1854, he died. The store had burned a number of years previous. The stone foundry has subsequently been used for a short time as a manufactory for cotton batting, but is now idle, as is the large building formerly used as a manufactory. The flouring mill is now doing a good business, and running twenty-four hours in the day. Hord, Emmons & Co. are the present proprietors, the manufactured article enjoys a good reputation throughout the West, and is shipped in sacks to all parts of Northern Illinois.

A large cheese factory, built in 1874, and which, we are informed, is doing a good business for the farmers, stands on the opposite side of the street. The place also has a small sash and blind factory, two stores and an excellent stone depot for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, which crosses Aurora Township from east to west, and passes along the edge of the village.

Turning now for a moment to North Aurora, we find several small manufactories there which deserve brief mention. The grist-mill, a good wooden building, was commenced in 1862; the sash, door and blind factory was built some fifteen years ago; the foundry, now employing about fourteen hands, was

erected in the Spring of 1874, and a large and elegant building, to be used as a store, was put up the same year. All are owned by the North Aurora Manufacturing Company. A cheese factory of magnificent dimensions, the property of J. H. Boswell, was built in 1875. It has used 6,500 pounds of milk during the past Summer (1877), and manufactured cream cheese, which was shipped to Liverpool, England, during a part of the season.

The station is thirty-five miles west of Chicago, on the old State Road. It has two stores; the one on the east side, built in 1874, the other occupying one end of the cheese factory. The place is four miles from the city of Aurora, on the branch railroad which connects Aurora with Batavia, on the east side of the river. The railroad company have built a depot there.

Like Montgomery, North Aurora has excellent water power, and there are a number of residences, in the immediate vicinity, on either side of the river. About half a mile distant, John Peter Snyder still resides, looking as young as many men at 45, although he claims to be 76, and says he has kept his youth so well because he had such easy times when the country was new. The extension connecting Aurora with Batavia and Geneva, by way of the West Side, crosses the township within half a mile of North Aurora.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

As early as 1839, a small frame school house stood in Montgomery, and the first term was taught in it by a young lady. Mrs. Ellis, then Mrs. Carpenter, now residing in the village, states that her little boys went there to school as early as the winter of 1838. The teacher was paid by subscription. The house is now used as a dwelling by Mr. Harrison Young. Another school was started, at quite an early period, near North Aurora, and others followed throughout the districts more remote from the river, until the adoption of the School Law brought about the present condition. A fine public school building, erected some twenty years ago, stands in Montgomery.

POST OFFICES.

An attempt was made by the settlers near Montgomery to obtain a post office as early as 1836, but the stage route being changed about that time, the attempt was given up for full ten years. At length, when the manufactories established by Daniel Gray had made the village of sufficient importance, the project was renewed, and Hiram Border was commissioned the first Postmaster. This post office, and the one at North Aurora, established January 18, 1869, with A. H. Stone as its first Postmaster, are the only ones in the township.

The village of Montgomery was at first surveyed not long after Daniel Gray's arrival, and it was then laid out at a spot somewhat below its present site. It was in this original plat that the school building was put up, and it has not been removed to the position of the more modern place. The earliest marriage within its present corporate limits was that of Ralph Gray, in 1843;

The vast deposits of peat, extending over several hundred acres, east of Carpentersville, have received some attention during the past year, and the proprietors entertain the hope that in the near future, the demand for it as an article of fuel may be sufficient to warrant them in making efforts for its removal.

SUGAR GROVE TOWNSHIP.

As a Congressional township, Sugar Grove is known as Township 38 north, Range 7 east of the Third Principal Meridian. It occupies a position west of Aurora, north of Kendall County, south of Blackberry and east of Big Rock Township. Its surface, though gently undulating, presents more of the features of the prairie than that of the adjoining township on the east, and its name, Sugar Grove, was given by the Indians, from a beautiful grove of sugar maples situated mainly in Section 9. The earliest settlers recollect seeing the remains of sugar camps, scars upon the trees, and sap troughs strewn upon the ground, at the time of their arrival in the country, and there is no doubt that the Potawatommies had manufactured there, as late as 1833, the saccharine food, which they seem to have relished next to whisky. The first

SETTLEMENT

in the township was made by a party from Ohio and New York, composed of James, Isaac C. and Parmeno Isbell, James Carman, an old gentleman by the name of Bishop and Asa McDole. All but the last hailed from Medina County, Ohio, and on their way to the new country, in a cart drawn by two yokes of oxen, had overtaken, at a place then known as the Black Swamp, in Wood County, Ohio, Asa McDole, who had left his home, in the State of New York, several weeks previous, and was also traveling toward the setting sun. They agreed, therefore, to cast their lots together, like the company who lay "at Southwark at the Tabard," some five centuries before, and thus continued their journey to Oswego.

Mr. James Isbell, who owned one of the *ox teams, and was our worthy informant, states that there were then but two houses in the place, one on each side of the river. Crossing there, they proceeded to the northwest, and arrived in Sugar Grove on the 10th day of May, 1834, eighteen days after the Ohio party had left home. Taking up their abode in a vacated Indian wigwam, which stood in the edge of the grove, they commenced building a more convenient residence, and early in the Summer occupied it. This shanty was the first built by white men in Sugar Grove Township, and was located within the limits of Section 9.

Later in the same Summer, Mr. Bishop left the settlement and took up his abode further south.

* The other belonged to Lyman Isbell. James Isbell also drove in four cows, two belonging to himself, the others to Lyman.

As Lyman Isbell, an older brother of Isaac and James, was expected, with their mother, sister and his own family, consisting of his wife and two children, a log house was built, on a more ample plan, to receive them. It stood not far from the residence of P. Y. Bliss, and some of the logs from its walls are still in existence.

In due time the expected friends came and took possession of the house, during the month of July. They drove into the township a span of horses, the first seen there; while it is supposed that no white woman or children had crossed its boundaries previous to the arrival of Mrs. Lyman Isbell and her children, old Mrs. Isbell and her daughter, Miranda. It may be well here to state that the Ohio parties now remaining in Sugar Grove were all related; James, Isaac C. and Lyman Isbell being brothers, from Granger Township, Ohio, while Parmeno was their nephew, from Copeley Township, and Carman, a brother-in-law of Lyman Isbell, had left a home in Bath.

On the Fourth of July, James Isbell went to Oswego, purchased a bottle of whisky, and returning, drank it with his friends.* There were five persons at this celebration, and it was the first held in Sugar Grove.

Of the original settlers, Asa McDole now sleeps in the graveyard, near the residence of P. Y. Bliss. Parmeno and Carman have also gone to their final resting place; and I. C. Isbell, now in California, and James Isbell, our informant, now living in Batavia, at the age of 77, are all that are left. Lyman Isbell is likewise in his grave.

During the Winter of 1834-5, Joseph Ingham settled on the creek, east of the place now owned by Esquire Densmore. A number followed in the Spring and Summer of 1835, among whom we may mention a Mr. Gould, who located near the Densmore farm, and returned East after a few years. Rodney McDole, first settler, now living in the township; Cyrus Ingham, a son of Joseph, mentioned above, who came out, bringing his father's family, and Harry White. Many others flocked in in rapid succession during this and the years immediately following. Silas Reynolds, a native of Sullivan County, New York, who still resides near Sugar Grove post office, and who settled in the township on a tract which he still owns, in the Spring of 1836, states that he found, upon his arrival, the following men living around him, aside from those already named: Silas Gardner, Samuel Cogswell, Joseph Bishop, Samuel Taylor, Silas Leonard, Isaac Gates, Nathan H. Palmer and Lorin Inmann. The Barnes', too, were early settlers on Blackberry Creek, as was a Mr. Horr, west of the present site of the cheese factory, and Jonathan Gardner, from the shores of Lake Ontario. The latter became homesick, after a short residence in the West, pined for the fishing coasts of his native bay, and, after sighing through the settlement for a time that he would rather have what "gudgeons" he could catch from the shores he had left, at a single haul, than all the land in Illinois, he returned home, where he no doubt remains, still fishing. But the land in Illinois is

*This was the first celebration in Kane County.

worth more than his fish, now. Thomas Judd, from Franklin County, in the old Bay State, settled in Sugar Grove, in the Fall of 1836. Land had begun to rise even at that date, and Mr. Judd paid I. C. Isbell \$200 for his claim, forty acres of which was timber. In the same Fall, H. B. Densmore located in the township, where he still remains. In 1857, Mr. Densmore was elected Town Clerk, and has retained the office ever since. P. Y. Bliss, one of the oldest and most respected residents in Sugar Grove, who settled on his present location in 1837, states that, in riding from his residence, in the following year, direct to Geneva, he passed not a house, furrow nor fence of any kind, and that the old Court House at the county seat was the first building which appeared to his view. In the year of his arrival, B. F. Fridley was High Sheriff, being the second elected in the county. Several settlers took up claims, that same year, in the vicinity of Jericho. Reuben Johnson, I. S. Fitch, the Austins and Capt. Jones were among them. A number of settlers flocked in during the year 1838, and among them Ira M. Fitch, now a Justice of the Peace in Aurora, and the founder of the Fitch House, in the Spring of 1867.

CLAIMS.

The land throughout this and the adjoining townships had not been surveyed by the Government at the time of its settlement, but was taken up by the pioneers, and staked out in farms of such shape as suited their convenience, the main consideration being that there should be a grove of good timber included within the limits. The beautiful and fertile *prairie* farms, which are now the most valuable in the country, were then considered almost worthless, and were the last to be claimed. The various tracts were known as "squatters' claims," and they were cultivated and eventually fenced with the same zigzag boundary lines which are found in all the farms, townships and counties in the Eastern States to this day. But in 1839 and '40, the United States Surveyors came and placed those inflexible lines which swerved not for farm, house nor garden, and in June, 1842, the sections were sold at auction in Chicago. Parts of several claims were thus frequently embodied in one section, and sold to a single purchaser. Much injustice might thus have arisen from settlers losing their improvements, had they not formed regular claim organizations, placing themselves under bonds to observe certain salutary measures for the general welfare. A special agent was selected to bid in the sections or parts of sections for \$1.25 per acre, on the day appointed for the sale, naming as the purchaser in each case that settler who owned the largest share in the tract sold. At the end of the sale, each settler who had purchased any portion of his neighbor's farm deeded it back to him at the same price which was paid for it. Col. S. S. Ingham was the purchasing agent of the farms of Sugar Grove. From the above explanation, the reason why none of those farms have straight section lines will be evident. It is impossible to repress, if we would, a sincere admiration for the calm and philosophical course pursued by the settlers of this township during

its entire history. They were men of more than common intelligence, possessed of broad and liberal ideas upon all subjects, and a far-reaching sagacity. Hence there has never been any narrow and suicidal policy, nor grappling for spoils in any of their public acts, while the efforts which have been made to promote general intelligence would have been creditable to a city containing many times the population of Sugar Grove, which has not a single village. Peace and good order prevailed through the period when many sections are scenes of violence and crime. For years there was nothing like an aristocracy to be found within its limits, and Mr. Densmore, who passed through there, says "they were the happiest days in the country." Harmony and a general reciprocation of good services was too common to be generally noticed, and Mr. P. Y. Bliss gives the following as an illustration of this statement: Mr. I. C. Isbell called at his store one morning and announced that, as he intended to kill a steer on the following Saturday, Mr. B. might tell any of the neighbors who happened around to call at his house and get a piece of beef. On the day named, a number of the settlers appeared and found the steer slaughtered and the quarters standing out against a post waiting for them, with a knife and hatchet near at hand with which to cut off whatever part they wished. Thus the meat was divided among them gratis.

FIRST DEATH, BIRTH, MARRIAGE, ETC.

Death commenced his work among the settlers before they had completed their second year in the West. The first to fall was a child of Carman's, in 1835. Others followed, and a broken and disfigured slab lying upon the ground in the old graveyard, near the residence of P. Y. Bliss, states that Asa McDole, one of the founders of Sugar Grove, died September 16, 1839. On the 7th day of August, two years previous, he had been elected the first Justice of the Peace in the township, while Sugar Grove was still a part of the old Fox River Precinct.

In the Fall of 1835, the first marriage in the township, that of Dr. N. H. Palmer and Miranda Isbell, occurred; and on the 19th of August, in the same year, Charlotte, a daughter of I. C. Isbell, was born. This has been generally considered the first birth in Sugar Grove, although the McDoles and some others claim that the birth of A. G. McDole, a son of Rodney McDole, was prior to it. It is safe to say, at least, that McDole's was the first male, and Isbell's the first female child.

ROAD, TAVERN, POST OFFICES, STORE, ETC.

A road ran through Sugar Grove, on the way from Chicago to Dixon, as early as 1834, and, in 1836, a tavern stood upon the route on Section 14, and was kept by Robert Atkinson. The old building is now used as a dwelling, on the original site.

Several years more passed before a post office was obtained, and it was not until 1840 that one was established, near the center of Section 15, at the house

of Thomas Salter, its first Postmaster, who still lives in Aurora at the advanced age of 89. About two years later, one was located at Jericho, I. S. Fitch being in charge of it. These offices are still known as Sugar Grove and Jericho, the former having been removed to Sugar Grove Station. Later, the Grouse and Winthrop offices were established, but the latter is now no longer in existence.

On the 22d day of November, 1838, a man popularly known as "Boss" Read, who still lives in Blackberry, erected for P. Y. Bliss a frame house, which is still occupied by its original owner, on its original site. In the Spring of 1839, the Methodists held their quarterly meeting in one of its rooms, before it was quite completed; but religious exercises had been introduced into the township some time previous, the first sermon having been delivered by the devout and conscientious "Father" Clarke.

On the 1st of June, 1839, Mr. Bliss filled the new building with such goods as are demanded by the country trade, and opened the first mercantile establishment in the township. Its trade extended over a territory reaching from Dundee to Yorkville, and from the borders of Kane County on the east to Johnson's and Shabbona Groves, DeKalb County, on the west. No other store in Kane County ever drew such a wide range of custom, and, according to Mr. Bliss, the annual sales exceeded those of any other in the county by thousands of dollars. In order to have exceeded the sales of any establishment by thousands, the population must have increased very rapidly during the two or three preceding years, for when, in 1837, a vote was taken for the division of Kane and De Kalb Counties, the ballot stood 170 for to 83 against the erection of the proposed new county. It is known, however, that it had increased thus rapidly, and that real estate had become proportionately dear, while, in the main, other property which had been previously introduced into the settlements at a greater expense had become relatively cheaper.

"In 1836," says Mr. Silas Reynolds, "a calf was worth \$10 in Sugar Grove, while in 1837 a yearling, in 1838 a two-year-old and in 1839 a three-year-old sold for the same price." Not at all encouraging for the farmer who had kept the calf, in 1836, with the hope that it would increase in value.

The first cemetery in the township was situated, in 1839, in the low ground near the slough, east of the residence of P. Y. Bliss, but, after interring one of the old settlers there in a grave half filled with water, the neighbors of the deceased unanimously concluded that it would be sacrilege to bury another friend in such a location, and, accordingly, a burying ground was purchased a little north of the former position and in a place adapted for the purpose. It is now surrounded by a good stone fence, and contains several elegant and costly monuments.

Sugar Grove has, at various periods in its history, established organizations which are seldom found in rural districts, and never excepting among a population of superior intelligence. Prominent and first among these was the

FARMERS' INSTITUTE,

organized in 1841, for mutual improvement, by the interchange of ideas upon agriculture and every theme of general interest. The proceedings of its first meeting were published in the first number of the *Prairie Farmer*, and many useful ends were accomplished under its direction in the following years, which it would have been difficult to effect by any other means. The business statistics of the township, collected by the Club, and read by Mr. Thomas Judd before a meeting called in St. Charles to consider the feasibility of extending the Chicago & Galena Railroad west of that place, were taken as a basis on which to compute the estimated products of the other townships, and had their due proportion amid the various other considerations, which led the company to extend it. The second State Fair in Northern Illinois was held at Aurora. In the previous year it had met at Naperville, with the promise by the citizens of that place that a free dinner would be given on the grounds. The dinner was a failure. The citizens of Aurora resolved to excel their sister town, and not disappoint the assembled multitudes, and, accordingly, announced that on that occasion all should eat and be filled. The day approached, and the farmers of Sugar Grove were called upon to assist in the preparations. Several of the delegates from the Institute, who met with Aurora to consider the matter, proposed a warm dinner, but this proposal seemed so utterly impracticable to the people of Aurora that they laughed at them. But Sugar Grove resolved that there should be hot tea and coffee, and warm vegetables, with meats enough to supply the State, if necessary, and to this end a plan of operations was arranged by the Farmers' Institute. A steer, three years old, was dressed, and sent around the township in parts to be cooked, while pigs, turkeys and chickens were killed without stint. Coffee and tea were boiled in huge brass kettles, and vegetables cooked in caldron kettles on the ground, and after all had enjoyed a repast such as Kane County never furnished before or since, Mr. Judd states that "they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets, and distributed them to the citizens of Aurora." When Kansas, suffering from drouth and anarchy combined, sent a wail eastward for help, the Farmers' Institute of Sugar Grove donated 1,000 bushels of wheat and sent them to her. Two

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

have exercised an important influence in the mental culture of the inhabitants of the township. According to some of the early settlers, sectional jealousy was first introduced through them; but be that as it may, their beneficial effects can scarcely be over estimated. Sectional feeling must have appeared of necessity, as the entire township became settled, and the fact that it was ushered in with the first library should count for naught in a consideration of the value of the library itself. The first one was organized in the winter of 1843, by the farmers resolving themselves into a company of stockholders. Three of them headed the list by purchasing shares to the amount of ten dollars



DR. JOSEPH TEFFT
PRESIDENT ELGIN BOARD OF TRADE.

each, and others followed with smaller sums. The books were first kept at the house of S. G. Paull, Section 16, and the collection bore the name of Farmers' Library. The old records show that the books were most industriously read, and additions were occasionally made to their number until, in 1851, there were 264 volumes, embracing valuable works upon a variety of topics. Many of them are now in the school house, in District 7. The second library was known as the Independent Farmers' Library, and was established during the Winter following the organization of the first. It was kept at Col. Ingham's, two and a half miles from the other. The books have now become scattered.

In 1846, the first

BRICK HOUSE

in the township was built, by Silas Reynolds, on Section 10, where it is now used as a dwelling, by Millard Starr. Previous to that time, a peculiar

TRAGEDY

was enacted near Jericho, which may be mentioned, as it resulted in the death of one of the earliest settlers in that vicinity. Mrs. I. S. Fitch had taken a young and friendless girl into her family, and had cared for her as a mother until she arrived at a marriageable age, when she became the wife of Reuben Johnson, who has been mentioned as one of the early settlers near Jericho. Mrs. Johnson had occasionally shown symptoms of insanity, but no danger was apprehended from her, and when suffering from her temporary attacks she had been allowed her liberty, and had generally taken refuge with her old friend Mrs. Fitch, whose house was near her own. On the day on which the following events occurred, Mrs. Fitch was alone in her house employed about her domestic duties, when Mrs. Johnson entered in a high state of excitement. Mrs. Fitch, however, being accustomed to see her thus, continued with her work, and was busied with her back turned toward the young woman, when she crept slyly behind her with a razor, and cut her throat from ear to ear. The unfortunate lady ran to the door screaming to her son, who was at work in the field near by. He hastened to the house and, by holding the severed arteries, prevented the flow of blood until surgical aid could be obtained, but while the wound was being dressed she died. More than thirty-five years have passed since that day, and Mrs. Johnson, still a raving maniac, lives at her home in Jericho. Mrs. Fitch was buried in a field near her house, but a number of years afterward her remains were exhumed and placed in the cemetery. On raising her coffin from the grave, the attention of her son was directed to the enormous weight which it appeared to contain, and on removing the lid the body was found to be a *solid mass of stone!*

It was in 1847 that the delegates were chosen to form a new Constitution for the State of Illinois, but it was not until August 2, 1850, that the first town meeting, under the new Constitution adopted, met at the house of S. G. Paull to

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elect officers for Sugar Grove. Ira Fitch was chosen Moderator, and W. B. Gillett (now of Aurora), Clerk. The following officers were then elected (we give their present residence after their names; if deceased, it is also denoted):

Supervisor—E. D. Terry (Kendall County).

Town Clerk—Henry Nichols (California).

Assessor—S. S. Ingham (deceased).

Overseer of Poor—Ezekiel Mighell (Aurora).

Commissioners of Highways—Jesse McDole (deceased), Ephraim Case (Aurora), S. G. Paull (deceased).

Justices of the Peace—Ira Fitch (Aurora), Wm. Thompson (Aurora).

Constables—Charles Abbott (deceased), I. J. Sanford (Iowa).

Collector—Ira Fitch.

Supervisors of Roads—Joseph Inmann (Iowa), Ira Fitch, J. J. Denny (deceased), L. Nichols (gone West), Wm. Thompson, R. Smith (gone East), E. D. Terry, A. Casselman (Sugar Grove), S. G. Paull, L. Benjamin (Sugar Grove), I. Barnes (deceased).

It was also voted that the town meetings be held in future at the Center School House, which was built in the Fall of 1848, and was located in District No. 7. The number of voters, as shown by the records of the first meeting, was 102.

EDUCATION

early received attention from the citizens of Sugar Grove. A number of the settlers, in the years 1835-6-7, came from New England, celebrated from a time "beyond which the memory of man runneth not to the contrary" as the home of education and intelligence. They brought with them the ideas native to the soil of Massachusetts and Vermont, and hence schools and teachers came with them.

The township now contains seven schools, all of which are in successful operation. One of them—as it is, no doubt, far in advance of any other district school in the State—deserves special notice. We refer to the one in District No. 7. All of the branches usually taught in high schools and academies, with the exception of the languages, may there be pursued, if desired; but the special aim has been to furnish a course adapted to an intelligent farming people. Its history is brief: With one of the citizens of Sugar Grove, Mr. Thomas Judd, the idea of an agricultural school had long been a favorite one. Mr. F. H. Hall had, for a number of years, been in charge of the West Side School, in Aurora, and being possessed of a nature which led him to seek "the low of cattle and song of birds," etc., he had purchased a farm in Sugar Grove, where he was in the habit of repairing for health and recreation. The farmers of the township, believing that Mr. Hall was the man to make a district school successful, if any one could, at the suggestion of Mr. Judd a proposition was made him to leave his position at Aurora, and he at length consented to do so

if a building 36x54 feet and two stories high were furnished him, and he could be insured \$150 per month.

About this time, the question of a new town house began to be agitated, the farmers from the northern part of the township desiring to have it located about 100 rods north of the location occupied by the old building, erected in 1848, while the balance of the township insisted that the former site should be retained. The contest grew warm, and a town meeting was called for a general ballot.

Mr. Judd, wishing to assist in securing his favorite scheme and at the same time prevent the perpetuation of sectional jealousy, announced a picnic for the same day, and all the township was invited. At the same time, Mrs. Snow, one of the most enthusiastic converts to the school project, extended invitations to many of the principal business men of Aurora.

The day arrived, and with it a crowd. During the entertainment, Mr. Hall presented to the assembled multitude the object of the picnic, and called for subscriptions. \$1,400 were taken on the spot. This, with subsequent donations from residents of the township, and the district tax, swelled the subscriptions to \$4,500.

The house was commenced in the Fall of 1875, and, with a good barn and horse shed, is paid for. Mr. Judd and L. H. Gillett subscribed \$500 each, and the former contributed the land upon which the building stands, and in 1876 erected, for the accommodation of pupils coming from a distance, a hotel, at a cost of \$12,000. The school is supplied with a library of 500 volumes, and excellent philosophical and chemical apparatus. The regular course of study includes agricultural chemistry, breeds of cattle, and all studies which pertain directly to farming. Forty teams are fastened in the stalls daily, and a majority of the pupils from outside of the district come a distance of ten miles. The system upon which the school is managed is probably the most successful to be found in any district school in the State, and the normal class from the institution is furnishing the surrounding country with teachers, who will, it is hoped, introduce as far as possible the same admirable methods in other districts. In nothing is reform more imperatively demanded than in the common schools of this and other States; and any institution which has for its object, in part, the accomplishment of this end, should meet with the approbation of every intelligent citizen.

The assessed valuation of the school property of Sugar Grove is \$9,800. The new town house was erected near the school house, in District No. 7, at a cost of about \$1,500.

CHURCHES.

The only church standing wholly within the township was commenced in Jericho in May, 1855, and completed and dedicated the following Winter, at a cost of about \$2,500. A subscription to the amount of about \$500 was obtained from the farmers in the immediate neighborhood; from \$250 to \$300 from a fund

procured by the Congregational Society in the East to aid weak societies in the West, and the balance was furnished by Deacon Reuben B. Johnson. The building was dedicated as Mount Prospect Free Mission Church. The Methodist Episcopal Society has occupied it part of the time, but the building has generally been considered a Congregational Church. Both societies are now extinct, and no regular services have been held in the house for a number of years. It is used principally for funerals. The burying ground for the southern portion of the township lies just adjoining.

CHEESE FACTORY,

in Section 14, was built about 1865. Although a small building, a good business is done.

Sugar Grove Township furnished her full quota of soldiers for the late war, and their record was glorious in the Forty-second, Fifty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Regiments.

The township contains some of the best farms in the State, is well supplied with timber and water, is crossed from east to west by the Chicago & Iowa Railroad, thus giving easy facilities of transportation for its abundant produce; is inhabited by a wealthy and intelligent population, and is admitted to be the banner township of Kane County. Its population in 1870 was 792. The assessed valuation of its property in 1876, \$674,127, and the average assessed valuation of its land, \$24.91 per acre.

KANEVILLE TOWNSHIP.

Kaneville, like Virgil, was one of the latest settled townships in the County. Several farms remained unsold as late as 1845, while at the public Government sale only forty acres of its unsurpassed prairie lands were disposed of. Yet Kaneville was partially populated years before.

Job Isbell, a bachelor, from Ohio, settled in the Fall of 1835, on what is now the Owen estate, erected the body of a log cabin, cut and stacked a quantity prairie hay, and returned to his home in the Buckeye State, where he died. James Isbell, his brother, who was then living in Sugar Grove Township, removed in the Spring of 1837, to his vacant claim, and commenced improving it.

But, previous to this, the first *permanent* settler had established himself in the township. This man, who is still living upon his original claim, and is by no means an old man yet, is known throughout the vicinity as Amos Miner. In 1836, he resided in Wayne Co., N. Y.; his worldly possessions consisted of a wife and one small child, Rosaline, a hoe and an axe; and finding the financial outlook black, as it always is for a man in his circumstances, he determined to make a desperate move. A friend, Levi Leach, was about immigrating, with his family, to Michigan: he accordingly cast his lot with him, traveled by way

with his parents to this country in June, 1834, and settled in St. Charles, being one of the very few who were here at that time; he married Matilda Seamans, of Yates Co., N. Y., Sept. 22, 1847; she was born Oct. 22, 1823, in Yates Co.; they have seven children—Walter, John, Emery, Jennette, Albert, David and Jess.; his father, Walter Wilson, died May 15, 1866, aged 85 years, having had his home with his son, John C. Very few men in Kane Co. have a better farm and succeeded better in farming than Mr. J. C. Wilson.

WILCOX, SAMUEL L., dentist, real estate dealer, etc.; P. O. St. Charles; Rep.; Meth.; was born in Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., July 15, 1837; came to this city in the Spring of 1856, having but three dollars; he commenced to work on a farm, then teaching school and working some at his profession, until he finally adopted the real estate business for his life business, in which he has been very successful, and is now one of the wealthy men of the city; he married Lucinda S. Wheeler Sept. 1, 1859; she was born in Williamsburg, N. Y., May 8, 1837; she moved here with her father, Job Wheeler, in 1839; they have four children—William H., George W., Hattie S. and Frank L.

Winteringham, J.; far.; P. O. St. Charles.
Westman, John, P. O. St. Charles.

Wilson, Walter, farmer; P. O. St. Charles.

WHEELER, TIMOTHY A. (deceased), farmer and pioneer of St. Charles; Sec. 10; P. O. St. Charles; Rep.; Universalist; was born in Cavendish, Vt., Feb. 21, 1809; came to St. Charles in the Fall of 1835, and made a claim of 400 acres and improved it, and in 1848 sold out and moved into town and engaged in the lumber business, and remained in it until 1861; in 1867, he bought a farm of 70 acres and moved on to it; he also had a fine farm in Du Page Co. of 260 acres; he married Abbie A. Whitcomb Nov. 1, 1838; she was born in Alstead, N. H., Oct. 7, 1814; they have had seven children; lost one while young; Emery A., born Sept. 3, 1839; Bettie F., July 31, 1844; Willard W., Sept. 6, 1846; Rhoda E., Nov. 21, 1848; Flora A., March 6, 1851; Charles M., July 19, 1855; Emery died Aug. 14, 1862; she married S. S. Pierce, who was shot at Pittsburg Landing; Mrs. Wheeler died of consumption in Jan., 1867.

Wright, D. E., P. O. St. Charles.

Whiddett, George, P. O. St. Charles.

Wideen, John, P. O. St. Charles.

YOUNG, T. P., mason, P. O. St. Charles.

Young, Emory D., P. O. St. Charles.

ZABRISKIE, D. L., merchant, P. O. St. Charles.

SUGAR GROVE TOWNSHIP.

A MBROSE, CARL, far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Adsit, S., farmer; P. O. Jericho.

B LISS, J. H., farmer; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Benjamin, P., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Benjamin, L., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Benjamin, T., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Benton, Wm., farmer; P. O. Grouse.

Bolster, A. S., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Barnes, I. C., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Barnes, E., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

BROOKS, CHAUNCEY, farming and stock, Secs. 13 and 24, Sugar Grove; P. O. Aurora; 260 acres, valued at

\$60 per acre; born in Mass. Jan. 29, 1797. He married Miss Lora D. Sears; she was born June 11, 1801, in Mass., and married Sept. 19, 1821; had eight children, four living—Chauncey S., born Nov. 8, 1825; Collins, born Sept. 30, 1830; Elisha, born Jan. 11, 1833; Linus, born Aug. 27, 1840; lived in Mass. until 1844; engaged in farming and teaching school; he then came to Kane Co. and settled on his present place; has been Township and District Collector, also Highway Commissioner; came to this county in very poor circumstances.

Breese, Jno., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Banker, Paulus, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Brooks, C., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

BLISS, P. Y., farming and stock, Sec. 10, Sugar Grove; P. O. Aurora; 191 acres, valued at \$60 per acre, and 262 acres in Kaneville Tp.; Rep.; was born in Strafford, Vt., April 8, 1806. He married Miss Helen Mather Feb. 5, 1842; she was born in N. Y., July 9, 1822; they have two children; he lived in Vermont until he was eighteen, when he went to Boston; he came to Kane Co. in 1837, and settled on his present place in 1838, and engaged in the general merchandise business, and was assessed highest of any merchant in the county; he continued in business six years, when he bought 1,000 sheep and went in the stock business; he is one of the early settlers, and a much esteemed citizen.

Benjamin, J., far; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Benjamin, C. L., far; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Bornholdt, Henry, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Boyce, S., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

BROWN, MORRIS P., farming and stock, Secs. 14, 23, 13 and 24; P. O. Aurora; Rep.; Ind.; owns 340 acres, valued at \$50 per acre; born in Watertown, Jefferson Co., N. Y., July 25, 1827. He married Miss Sarah E. Hyde; she was born in Grand Isle, Vt., May 2, 1834, and married in DeKalb Co., Ill., Nov. 22, 1855; have four children—Ella G., born Sept. 6, 1856; May H., born July 26, 1863; Grace S., born July 21, 1866; Fannie R., born Jan. 30, 1872; lived in Jefferson Co. eighteen years, then came to Aurora, then to DeKalb Co.; lived there twenty years; engaged in farming; came to Kane Co. in 1865, and settled on his present place; was in poor circumstances on coming West.

Brooks, E., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Bertram, Jno., far; P. O. Bristol Station.

Bertram, W., far; P. O. Bristol Station.

Breese, L., far; P. O. Aurora.

CHAPMAN, HENRY, far; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Cutting, C. C., far; P. O. Aurora.

Cole, J. E., far; P. O. Aurora.

Calkins, Chas., far; P. O. Jericho.

Cole, F., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Calkins, E. M., Postmaster; P. O. Jericho.

CALKINS, CYRUS, farmer, Secs. 29, 30, 31, 32; P. O. Jericho, and is present Postmaster; has 163 acres valued at \$50 per acre; Rep; Ind; born in Steuben Co., N. Y., Jan. 14, 1815; lived in N. Y. until 1853, then came to Kane County and settled where he now resides; his two sisters, Miss Catherine and Morriah, are living with him; they came to Kane Co. about the same time, and have lived here since.

Cooper, E. A., far; P. O. Sugar Grove.
Crego, Geo., far; P. O. Grouse.

COSELMAN, AARON, Secs. 33 and 34, Sugar Grove Tp.; farming and stock; P. O. Bristol Station, Kendall Co.; has 160 acres; valued at \$50 per acre; Rep.; Free Meth.; he was born in N. Y., March 24, 1817; he married Miss Nancy Fikes; she was born in N. Y., Sept. 8, 1824, and married Feb. 9, 1843,—had 11 children; 9 living; Lydia A., Elizabeth, Mary J., Arnold, dead; Hudson, dead; Charles, Madison, Sarah M., Hiram, Elphia, Henry C. Lived in N. Y. 25 years, and then came to Kane Co. and settled in Sugar Grove; came to present place in 1848; has been School Director some six years; he had but \$8 on arriving here, and has placed himself in his present circumstances by his own industry.

Clark, Jno., far; P. O. Kaneville.

Cattin, Frank, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Calkins, A. S., farmer; P. O. Jericho.

Calkins, E., farmer; P. O. Jericho.

Calkins, F., farmer; P. O. Jericho.

DORR, SULLIVAN, farmer; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Denney, W. H., far; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Dorr, Haskill, far; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Dorr, Marshall, far; P. O. Sugar Grove.

DENSMORE, HARVEY B.,

Sec. 14, Sugar Grove Tp.; farmer; P. O. Aurora; Rep.; S. G. Christian Union; he was born in Hartford, Vt., Sept. 15, 1815; he married Miss Kate S. Densmore; she was born March 25, 1817, in N. Y., and was married Aug. 5, 1835; they have one child, Katie S., born May 14, 1836. Mrs. Densmore died in July, 1841; he has a second wife, Miss Mary J. Mather; she was born in N. Y. Sept. 10, 1815, and married April 7, 1842; they have 4

children; Charles M., born Sept. 27, 1843; Grace L., born Sept. 29, 1847; Jane S., born Dec. 9, 1852; Jessie F., May 10, 1856; he lived in Vt., until he was 15 years of age, then moved to N. Y.; in 1836 he came to Kane Co., settled where he now resides, has been Town Clerk 20 years, Justice of the Peace 16 years, also. Tp. Treasurer.

EVANS, ISAAC, far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Eglinton, J. P., far.; P. O. Jericho.

Eglinton, F. S., far.; P. O. Jericho.

Eglinton, John, far.; P. O. Jericho.

FLETCHER, O. W., farmer; P. O. Bristol Station.

Furman, J. C., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Fuller, E., farmer; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Fikes, Geo., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

GOODWIN, C. A. far.; P. O. Grouse.

Gregory, D. R.; far.; P. O. Grouse.

Green, Henry, far.; P. O. Batavia.

GILLETT, L. H., Secs. 9, 10, 21, 22, 27, 28; farmer and stock; P. O. Sugar Grove; 474 acres here and 146 in Big Rock; probable value, \$75 per acre clear of debt; also 160 in Iroquois Co., and 240 in Kansas; Ind.; Ind.; was born in Sullivan Co., N. Y., October 23, 1820; he married Miss Rachel Harnes; she was born in Sullivan Co., N. Y., October 17, 1827, and married Jan. 24, 1850; they had seven children, four living—Mary, born November 25, 1850; Arthur L., born September 27, 1857; Eddie G., born July 3, 1863; Rittie M., born July 15, 1872; Franklin, born December 31, 1853, died July 1, 1854; Theron, born May 15, 1855, died Sept., 13, 1855; Eugene S., born Sept., 2, 1861, died February 24, 1862. Lived in N. Y., until he was 30; was engaged in farming; in May, 1850 he came to Kane Co., and settled where he now resides, and has lived here since; has been Highway Commissioner some seven years, and School Director some fifteen years; he took an active interest in securing the present Normal and Industrial School to this locality, and freely donated \$500 for the purpose. Mr. Gillett came to Kane Co., in limited circumstances, and by his own exertions, aided by his far-sighted business views, has earned a handsome competence; his

income for one year being in excess of \$6,000; he has also done much to improve and beautify the country, and is at present erecting a residence that reflects credit to himself and the county in general; pleasant and unassuming; placed in a sparsely settled county with very limited means, and in a short space of time rising to his present position; ranking among the first, he goes to prove the advantages held out by the farm to energy.

Goodale, D. S., far.; P. O. Jericho.

GEORGE, BENJAMIN, Secs. 12, 13 and 24, Sugar Grove Tp.; P. O. Aurora; farming, dairy and stock; 482 acres, value \$60 per acre; Rep; Ind; born in Sharon, Vt., Nov. 30, 1825; he married Miss Marcia Robinson; she was born in Strafford, Vt., Oct. 26, 1831, and married May, 1852; no children; lived in Vermont until March, 1856; was engaged in farming, then came to Kane Co., and settled on his present place in Spring of 1858; has been School Director, and at present the Supervisor, which office he has held the past four years.

Gorden Bros., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

HARRIS, H. C., far.; P. O. Aurora.

HANKES, PETER, Sec. 13, Sugar Grove Tp.; P. O. Aurora; Dem.; Cath.; born Luxemburg, Germany, 1834; he married Miss Margaret Walter; she was born in Luxemburg, 1837; married 1858 at Aurora; seven children—George, Eva, John, Maggie, Susan, Kate, Peter; lived in Germany until 1854, when he came to United States and settled in Aurora; lived there until 1863, when he settled on his present place; owns 32 acres valued at \$60 per acre; was in poor circumstances on arriving here; has been School Director four years.

HANKES, NICHOLAS, farmer; Sec. 13; P. O. Aurora; Dem.; Cath.; born in Luxemburg. He married Catherine Kunspick; she was born in Luxemburg; married in Aurora in 1866; had six children; five living—George, Nicholas, Michael, Christian, Annie; lived in Germany until 1856, then came to the United States and settled on present place of 54 acres; value, \$50 per acre.

Harris, H. D., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Healey, Jas., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Hickey James, far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Hanson, D. W., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Hutch, E. F., farmer; P. O. Grouse.

Hall, Joseph, far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

HALL, FRANK H., Prin. of Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial School; P. O. Sugar Grove; was born in Poland, Me., Feb. 9, 1841, and lived there until 1866; was principally engaged in teaching; he then moved to Earlville, La Salle Co., Ill., and lived there two years; while here he married Miss Sybil Norton; she was born in Somerset Co., Me., Aug. 13, 1843, and married July 23, 1866; have three children—Clyde H., born Aug. 15, 1867; Nina M., born March 12, 1873; Myra, born Nov. 14, 1877; in 1868 he removed to Aurora, where he was Prin. of the West Aurora School; remaining seven years, when he came to his present place; he uses original methods for instructing his pupils—the success of which is attested by the flourishing condition of the school; the Professor resides on his farm adjoining the school and carries on a dairy, which consists of a fine herd of Jerseys, in which he takes much interest and has made valuable discoveries from scientific experiments with the same; aside from his popularity as an instructor, he is also popular among the different dairy associations, before the members of which he has frequently discussed the subject of dairying.

INGHAM, JOSEPH, far.; Sec. 14; P. O. Aurora; 240 acres; value, \$50 per acre; Ind.; born on present place, Oct. 18, 1839. Married Miss Elizabeth Strickland; she was born in Aurora in 1840; married here in 1869; have three children—Samuel S., born Oct. 4, 1870; Sarah, born May 28, 1872; Millie, born Jan. 28, 1875; has lived here all his life, except while in the army; enlisted in Co. A, 36th I. C.; during the latter part of the war was consolidated with 10th I. C.; was in the army nearly four years; has been Road Commissioner, Township Trustee and School Director; his father Col. S. S., was born in New York in 1801; he married Nancy Owens; she was born in New York in 1820; married in 1838; had eight chil-

dren; five living; came to this Co. in 1839, and settled on present place.

JONES, Albert, far.; P. O. Aurora.

Johnson R. B., far.; P. O. Jericho.

JUDD, DEXTER, C. Secs. 15, 16, 21, 22 and 9; P. O. Sugar Grove, Sugar Grove Tp.; farmer, stock and dairyman; owns 276 acres, valued at \$60 per acre; born in Shelburn, Mass., March 11, 1822; he married Miss Eliza C. Brown; she was born in New York, Nov. 5, 1819, and married Nov. 22, 1842; they have five children—Asabel T., born March 21, 1844; Samuel B., born Aug. 23, 1846; Sarson L., born March 4, 1849; Charles D., born Oct. 11, 1851; Smith C., born May 3, 1854. Lived in Mass until he was 8 years old; moved with his parents to New York; resided there until 1850, when he came to Kane Co. and settled at his present place in 1857; has been School Treasurer, Trustee and Director; was Town Clerk three years; he is a blacksmith by trade, and followed his profession on arriving in this township; his son Asahel was in the 124th Ill. Regt.; served some three years; his son Samuel B. married Miss Sarah Swartout; she was born in Aurora in October, 1849, and was married in 1869; two children—Hattie, born July 20, 1874; Earnest, born Oct. 10, 1872; is carrying on his father's farm.

Johnson, J. A., far.; P. O. Jericho.

Johnson, Chas.

JONES, W. G., Secs. 22, 23, 26 and 27; Sugar Grove Tp.; farming, dairy and stock; P. O. Sugar Grove; owns 213 acres, valued at \$60 per acre; born in Steuben Tp., Oneida Co., N. Y., March 30, 1828; he married Miss Elizabeth J. Owens; she was born in Remsen, Oneida Co., N. Y., August 19, 1837; married at Remsen Jan. 20, 1857; have three children—Franklin W., born Feb. 23, 1858; Herbert, born Dec. 3, 1860; Grace, born April 21, 1871; lived in Steuben Tp. until he was 7 years old, then moved to Remsen, and lived there until 1857, then came West and settled where he now resides; has been School Director and Trustee, Commissioner of Highways and Supervisor for three years.

Jones, O. T.

Jay, W. J., far.; P. O. Grouse.

JUDD, THOMAS. The subject of this sketch was born in Massachusetts Sept. 4, 1812, and lived there until 1835; was engaged principally in farming; he then moved to Chicago, then to Du Page Co., Ill., engaging in farming; he then removed to Elgin, where he engaged in blacksmithing, his being the first shop at that place; he then went traveling, being with the Government survey, after which he came to Kane Co. and settled where he now resides; he has held the office of Supervisor two years; in 1847 he served as a delegate on the State Constitutional Convention, and has held the office of Postmaster since Taylor's administration. On Jan. 1, 1858, he married Miss Electa S. Rice; she was born in Massachusetts Sept. 8, 1832; they have six children—Phillip N., born Aug. 25, 1863; Perry G., born Nov. 1, 1865; Ermina J., born April 15, 1868; Andrew T., born Nov. 18, 1870; Frank A. L., born Dec. 17, 1872; Ray, born April 23, 1875. Mr. Judd owns upward of 600 acres of land, and has taken great interest in securing a first-class school in his district, and it is considered that the present flourishing school is due to his liberality and enterprise; besides his liberal donations in cash and real estate, he has erected a magnificent block, which he uses to accommodate the pupils of the school and carry on his general merchandise business, etc.; socially, he is pleasant and congenial, and to benefit his fellow-man, seems to be a leading topic, and one which elicits his earnest attention and liberal support.

Johnson, B. F., far.; P. O. Jericho.

Judd, Samuel, far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Judd, Smith, far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

KONEN, Nicholas.

Konen, Philip.

Keck, Marshall, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Keck, Stephen, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Keck, Catherine A., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Kron, S. P., farmer; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Kinney, Mrs. J. W., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Kinney, E. D., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Keys, Betsey.

Keck, Adam, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

LINNINGTON, Z., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Linnington, Z. A., farmer; P. O. Au

MIGHELL, A. H., farmer; P. O. Jericho.

Myers, D. J., farmer; P. O. Grouse.

MARVIN, ROBERT J., carpenter

P. O. Grouse; Rep.; Ind.; was born in

York Feb. 11, 1830; he married

Selva A. Rowe; she was born in

York; they have had four child

two living—Belle and Lotta; Mr

lived in New York until he was 35

was engaged in carpentering; in 1

he came West and settled where he

resides, and has resided here ever s

McDole, J. R., farmer; P. O. Aurora

Mighell, A. W., farmer; P. O. Jerich

Mighell, F. P., farmer; P. O. Jerich

Marvin, W. S., farmer; P. O. Grouse

MCDOLE, RODNEY, P. O. S

Grove; was born in New Hamp;

Jan. 31, 1809, and lived there un

years old, then moved with his pa

to New York; remained there

1833, then came West and settle

Sangamon Co., Ill.; while there he

ried Miss Abigail Lownsbury; she

born in New York July 24, 1813

the 10th of May, 1835, he came to

gar Grove and laid a claim wher

now resides; in 1836, he brought

wife to his place; he has been 1

Commissioner and Town Trustee

lost his wife Jan. 10, 1876; they

thirteen children; nine living; 1

he was the first Whig in the town;

came here with \$50, and owes his

ent circumstances to his energy

owns upward of 1,000 acres in the t

ship; he is Executor of the John

son estate.

Marvin, R. J., farmer; P. O. Grouse

Mighell, E., farmer; P. O. Jericho.

Miller, J. S., mer.; P. O. Sugar Gro

MYERS, L. P., farming and st

Sec. 17; P. O. Sugar Grove; was

in Big Rock Township, Kane Co.

July 24, 1853; he married Miss M

Croser; she was born in Iowa N

20, 1858; married Nov. 26, 1876

child—Daniel C., born Oct. 31, 1

lived in Big Rock with his parent

March, 1877, when he came to pr

place; Rep.; Ind.; owns 160 acres

ued at \$60 per acre.

Mason, J., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Mighell, S. H., farmer; P. O. Jericho.

McDOLE, R. P., farming, dairy and stock; Secs. 1, 2 and 3, Sugar Grove Township; P. O. Aurora; Rep.; Meth.; was born in New York April 5, 1836; he married Miss Roxie A. Miner; she was born in Kaneville Township, and was the second white child born there; was married July 11, 1866; two children—Minnie M., born March 27, 1870; Cora B., born Oct. 20, 1873; he lived in New York until he was 16, when he visited Kane Co.; returned home and remained two years; in 1852, he settled in De Kalb Co., and engaged in farming; then moved to Aurora in 1870; lived there six years; in March, 1877, he settled on his present place; owns 315 acres, valued at \$50 per acre.

McDole, S. P., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Mighell, T. P., farmer; P. O. Jericho.

NILES, W. S., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Newman, S., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Newman, J. D., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

O'BRIEN, L. F.

O'Brien, L.

PRICE, WILLIAM, farmer; P. O. Grouse

Palmer, J. F., far.; P. O. Bristol Station.

Patterson, Alex, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

PAULL, LOUIS F., Secs. 27, 33 and 34, farming and stock; P. O. Aurora; has 636 acres. Rep.; Ind.; born Kendall Co., Ill., Oct. 14, 1851; he married Miss Fanny Potter; she was born in Aurora Tp. May 22, 1853, and was married Dec. 17, 1873; he came to Kane Co. with his parents and settled in the present place, Mr. L. F. is working his father's farm and is largely interested in stock raising.

Palmer, Ormus, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Patterson, Wm., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

PAULL, W. H., Sec. 33; Sugar Grove; farming, dairy and stock; P. O. Jericho; 240 acres; valued at \$50 per acre. Rep.; Ind; born in Medina Co., Ohio, July 14, 1819; he married Miss Susan A. Willey; she was born in New York, in April, 1821; married in 1840; have three children, two living—Elizabeth and Susan A.; his second wife is Miss L. M. Sockett; she was born in

Meadville, Pa., Jan. 14, 1829, and married in October, 1849; she had six children—Corinth A., Henry F., Mina A., Etha E., Delano W., Frank O.; lived in Ohio until he was 21; came to Kane Co. and settled in Sugar Grove Tp., near Grouse; lived there two years, and in 1843 he came to his present place and has resided here since; has been Commissioner of Highways and School Director some twelve years.

Palmer, Jas., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Paull, H. F., farmer; P. O. Jericho.

Paull, R. A., farmer; P. O. Sugar Grove.

PAULL, STEPHEN G. (deceased), was born in New York in Ontario Co., Sept. 1, 1812, and at the age of 5 removed with his parents to Medina Co., Ohio, and remained there until 1838; while here in 1834 he married Miss Roxey A. Barker; she was born in Monroe Co., N. Y., May 10, 1816; they had five children, four living; in 1838 he came to Kane Co. and located his present place; he remained here one year when he brought his family from Ohio and resided here until his death in April 26, 1875; he had held the office of Supervisor for five years from 1861; also Assessor, and for many years School Director. The first Town meeting was held at his place.

Palmer, Henry, farmer; P. O. Jericho.

Pittard, Wm., farmer; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Paull, J. B., farmer; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Palmer, Joseph, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Phillips, Jerome, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

PRICE, WM., Secs. 5, 6, 7, and 8, Sugar Grove Tp.; P. O. Grouse; Dem.; Ind.; born in Ireland, July 4, 1816; he married Miss Mary Smith; she was born in Penn., and was married Jan. 4, 1843, she had eleven children; eight are living; lived in Ireland until he was 13, then he came to the United States and settled in Vermont, engaged in farming; lived there twelve years, then came West and settled in Sugar Grove in 1841; bought his present place and settled in 1842; he came to the United States without any means, and by his industry and economy has placed himself in his present position.

Patten, H. H.

Peterson, Chas., farmer; P. O. Sugar Grove.

ROSE, LAURA, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Randall, F., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

ROSE, W. J. (deceased), was born in New York in 1822; he married Miss Laura Hinds, who was born in New York in 1822, and married Jan. 13, 1848; no children; he came to Kane Co. in 1839 with his parents, and settled in Sugar Grove Tp.; came to present place about 1846, and lived here until he died, in May, 1873. Mrs. Rose's father, A. H. Hinds, came to Kane Co. in 1842, and settled in Sugar Grove Tp.; he was born in Vermont in 1796, and married Miss Meroy Wilkie; she was born in New York in 1797, and married in 1818; had nine children; he died in Aurora in December, 1874; she died in Aurora in December, 1872; he was Justice of the Peace and Postmaster in New York.

Reed, G. O.

REYNOLDS, SILAS, far.; Secs. 22, 15, 10; Sugar Grove Tp.; P. O. Sugar Grove; owns 924 acres of land, valued at \$50 per acre; Dem.; Ind.; born in Sullivan Co., N. Y., Sept. 18, 1810; he married Miss Jane Waudover; she was born in Dutchess Co., N. Y., June 19, 1818, and married March 21, 1835; they have seven children—Jane, born March 8, 1836; J. O., born Dec. 12, 1843; Elizabeth, born Sept. 9, 1848; Isaac, born Jan. 24, 1851; Olive, born Sept. 19, 1854; Grace, born Feb. 7, 1859; Minnie, born Sept. 4, 1860. He lived in New York until 1836; was engaged in farming and shoemaking; he then came to Kane Co. and settled where he now resides, buying his land from the Government about 1840; he packed pork and sold it in New York at \$5.00 per barrel; he has been Assessor, and, in early times, was able to assess three townships in eight days; he is genial, liberal and public spirited, and has many warm, personal friends.

Randall, J. D., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

SEAVEY, PHILO, far.; P. O. Grouse.

Shaffer, Wm., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Spencer, S. U., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Snow, M. H., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Starr, M. F., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Schaub, L., far.; P. O. Aurora.

SEAVEY, MARK, farming and stock; Secs. 5 and 6; P. O. Grouse; owns 160 acres here, 332 in Secs. 4 and 5, and 40 in Big Rock, valued at \$50 per acre; Rep.; Ind.; was born in N. Y. in Dec. 14, 1827; he married Miss Ruth H. Thompson; she was born in Vermont, April 6, 1825, and married Sept. 2, 1853, and died in 1865; they had five children—Albert T., born May 30, 1856; Ida J., Feb. 1, 1858; Chas. E., Dec. 18, 1859; Frank W., Sept. 20, 1862; Mary A., Aug. 26, 1864; his second wife was Mrs. M. J. Goodwin; she was born in N. Y., April 14, 1836; and was married Sept. 15, 1867—no children; lived in New York fourteen years; in 1841 he came to Kane Co., and settled with his parents in Sugar Grove, and remained there until 1866, when he moved to his present place; has remained here since; he has been Supervisor two years, Assessor two years, and School Director three years; his father, Aaron, settled in Sugar Grove, on Secs. 4 and 5, in 1841; he was born in N. H., Aug. 23, 1798; he married Betsey Drake; she was born in Vt., May 17, 1791; they had four children; three of them living.

Smith, David, far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

STALEY, J. N., far., dairy and stock; Sec. 36; P. O. Montgomery; owns 191 acres, valued at \$50 per acre; Rep.; Meth.; was born in Fulton Co., N. Y., March 7, 1814; he married Miss Sallie Keck; she was born in Fulton Co., N. Y., July 12, 1819, and married May 23, 1837; she had six children, two of them living; Melessa and Theodore being the only ones who survive their mother, who died Sept. 16, 1856; his second wife was Mrs. Conant, formerly Miss O. A. Stevens; she was born in Vermont, May 11, 1830, and married Dec. 13, 1863; they had one child, who died in childhood; Mrs. Staley had one child by former marriage—Alva B., also Miss Ida M., who was adopted in 1876; he lived in N. Y. until he was twenty-six; then came to Kane Co., and settled on his present place in 1840, and has resided here since; he has been Commissioner of Highways, also School Trustee and Director some ten or fifteen years.

Smith Ephraim, far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Smith, W. D., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Sprague, H. C., far.; P. O. Big Rock.

Spencer, S. M.

Sharel, F.

Snow, Ruth, P. O. Sugar Grove.

Smith, C. W., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Shultz, W. C., far.; Aurora.

THOMPSON, E. W., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Thompson, J. L., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Thompson, Edward, far.; P. O. Grouse.

Tobey, Clara, far.; P. O. Aurora.

Thompson, John, far.; P. O. Grouse.

Todd, E., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Tanner, W. A., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Titus, H., far.; P. O. Aurora.

WINDOTT, W. J.

Windott, A.

Wilson, F.

Wilson, J. W., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Woodard A. J., far.; P. O. Grouse.

Warmes, Louie.

Wright, Thos., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Wilson, T., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Wilkinson, J. J., far.; P. O. Batavia.

Whilding, R., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Whilding, G. F., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

Whilding, E. C., far.; P. O. Sugar Grove.

West, Geo., far.; P. O. Aurora.

West, David, far.; P. O. Aurora.

West, W. far.; P. O. Aurora.

ZIMMER, N., far.; P. O. Aurora.

BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP.

AUBLE, M., far.; P. O. Burlington.

ALLEN, WILLIAM, far.; Sec. 30;

P. O. Sycamore; Rep.; born in Washington Co., N. Y., Sept. 28, 1820; in 1844 he removed to Sycamore, De Kalb Co., Ill. He was married Sept. 14, 1845, to Miss Mary I. McMaster, who was born in Oneida Co., N. Y., Jan. 22, 1829; they settled on their present home in Kane Co., in 1848; they have three children—Mary J. (now Mrs. S. D. Andrews, of Hardin Co., Iowa); Rhoda M., and Emma I. (now Mrs. E. A. Windett, of Storey Co., Iowa); he owns 120 acres of land; value, \$4,800; Mrs. Allen's mother, Mrs. Rhoda W. Boon, is now living with the family at the age of 88 years; she was born in Plymouth Co., Mass., Aug. 22, 1789; Mrs. Allen came to Illinois with her mother in 1835; they spent about three years in Chicago and vicinity, one Summer of which was passed in the family of Capt. Russell, commander of the garrison at Fort Dearborn; they were present at the payment to the Indians, preparatory to their removal beyond the Mississippi, and also witnessed a war dance which the savages gave for the entertainment of the whites, just outside the fort, before their departure for their new home.

AUBLE, J. M., far.; Sec. 21; P. O.

Burlington; Rep.; owns 58 acres of land; value \$40 per acre; born in Seneca Co., N. Y., Sept. 23, 1827; visited Kane Co. in 1851, spending about a year, and again in the Spring of 1853, returning in the Fall of the same year. He was married Nov. 10, 1853, to Miss Susan A. Galusha, of Schuyler Co., N. Y., who was born in Durham, Greene Co., N. Y., April 25, 1827; they removed permanently to Kane Co., in 1855; have five children living—Loa E. (now Mrs. B. L. Ballard, of Du Page Co., Ill.), Willard E., Edwin V., Ella M., and Carrie V.; Charles G., their oldest son, died April 19, 1872, and Elmer L., their second son, Oct. 25, 1862; in 1874, Mr. Auble was elected Justice of the Peace and still holds the office; he has also served as School Director and Commissioner of Highways.

Andrews, Edward, farmer; P. O. Burlington.

Allen, Wm., far.; P. O. Burlington.

Anderson, C. M., far.; P. O. Burlington.

Anderson, E., far.; P. O. Burlington.

ANDREWS, WALLACE, son of the above, was born in Burlington Tp., Kane Co., Nov. 26, 1844, on the old homestead, where he now resides; he was elected Collector for Burlington Tp. in April, 1877; is a Republican.

Switzer, J., farmer; P. O. Udina.
 Shuman, Fred., far.; P. O., Udina.
 Sherwood, Geo., far.; P. O. No. Plato.
 Shuman, Chris., far.; P. O. Udina.
 Sheddham, Robt., far.; P. O. Udina.
 Sheddham, J. R., far.; P. O. Udina.
 Shuman, Aug., far.; P. O. Udina.
SEAPY, WM. R., farmer; Sec. 20 ;
 P. O. Elgin; born in Plato Tp., Kane
 Co., Ill., Feb. 27, 1847; Rep.; Lib.;
 owns 80 acres of land, valued at
 \$4,000; married March 4, 1872, to
 Miss Lottie A. Swan; two children—
 Charles A. and Bertha E.
 Strickling, H.
 Swanson, Peter, P. O. Gray Willow.
 Schrader, J., farmer; P. O. No. Plato.
 Seapy, J. W., farmer; P. O. Elgin.
 Scott, A. D., farmer; P. O. Udina.
 Sherwood, Seth, farmer; P. O. No. Plato.
 Seward, C. L., farmer; P. O. No. Plato.
 Shrader, John, farmer; P. O. No. Plato.
 Shrader, William, far.; P. O. No. Plato.
 Skinner, B. O., farmer; P. O. Udina.
 Smith, G. E.
 Schueller, L., farmer; P. O. Elgin.
 Smith, Joseph, farmer; P. O. Udina.
 Seward, Levi, farmer; P. O. Udina.
 Seward, A., farmer; P. O. Udina.
 Sherwood, L., farmer; P. O. No. Plato.
 Stamback, C.
 Schlierback, Conrad, farmer; P. O. Udina.
 Sherwood, A. P., far.; P. O. No. Plato.
 Sovereign, G. P., farmer; P. O. Elgin.
THIES, F., farmer; P. O. North
 Plato.

Tucker, J. R., P. O. Elgin.
 Taylor, J., P. O. Elgin.
 Tucker, Chas., farmer; P. O. Elgin.
 Tucker, Margaret, P. O. Elgin.
 Tucker, R. C., farmer; P. O. Elgin.
 Tucker, J. W., farmer; P. O. Elgin.
VESY, JAMES, farmer; P. O.
 Udina.
 Vanostrand, H. B., farmer; P. O. Udina.
 Valtz, Lewis, farmer; P. O. Udina.
WARNER, CHAS., farmer; P. O.
 North Plato.
 Walker, J. N., P. O. Gray Willow.
 Wilkie, Chris.
 Wallace, Pat., far.; P. O. North Plato.
 Wallace, Edward, far.; P. O. No. Plato.
 Wilcox, A. R., far.; P. O. No. Plato.
 Wardlaw, John, far.; P. O. Udina.
 Wilcox, J. W., far.; P. O. North Plato.
 Wilcox, O., far.; P. O. North Plato.
 Werbach, Chas., farmer; P. O. Udina.
 Werbach, Andrew, Sr., farmer; P. O.
 Udina.
 Werbach, Andrew, Jr., farmrc; P. O.
 Udina.
 Walters, far.; C. P. Elgin.
 Wallace, W., far.; P. O. North Plato.
 Wright, E. B., far.; P. O. Blackberry.
 Walker, Louisa, P. O. Gray Willow.
 Walker, Eugene, P. O. Campton.
 Walker, F. P., P. O. Gray Willow.
YOUNGS, S., farmer; P. O. Elgin.
 Youngs, Peter, farmer; P. O. Elgin.
 Youngs, M. C., farmer; P. O. Elgin.
 Yurz, Carl, farmer; P. O. Elgin.

AURORA TOWNSHIP.

AYRES, CHARLES, carp.; P. O.
 Aurora.
 Arnell, Lewis, P. O. Aurora.
 Asburgh, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Arkwright, Caroline, P. O. Aurora.

AURORA BEACON, is the oldest
 newspaper published in the Fox River
 Valley; it was established in 1846, by
 Frank and Myron V. Hall; a small
 weekly, printed on a sheet 22x32 inches,
 and has now grown to a semi-weekly of
 26x42 inches, and a weekly of double
 that size; it has suffered several changes

and some vicissitudes; in 1854 it was
 sold by the Halls to James W. and
 Dudley Randall, who, with the aid of
 N. S. Greenwood, Brewster & Sons, and
 Augustus Harman, continued its publi-
 cation until July, 1857, issuing also a
 daily edition during the Fremont cam-
 paign; at the last date the interests of the
Beacon and *Guardian* were consoli-
 dated into the *Republican Union*, under
 the proprietorship of Simeon Whitely
 and James W. Randall; but the affairs
 of the old *Beacon* had become so badly

involved, that Mr. Randall was obliged to withdraw his interests and materials, and place them in the hands of his creditors; in Sept., 1857, the owners of the material put it in the possession of Augustus Harman, who had been editor of the daily *Beacon*, and O. B. Knickerbocker, job printer in that office, who revived the *Beacon*, and Mr. Knickerbocker has remained with it since that time; Mr. Harman, thoroughly impregnated with prohibition and woman's rights doctrines, soon withdrew from the paper and established sheets more to his fancy; in 1859, Mr. Whitely, of the *Republican-Union*, failed, and the materials of his office was bought by George S. Bangs, who had, years before, been in the employ of the Halls, and the two interests were combined, the paper, as the *Beacon*, enlarged and the business continued in Temperance Hall block, where it now remains; the *Beacon* was the first paper to mention the name of Abraham Lincoln in connection with the Presidency, and after his accession to power, he made Mr. Bangs Postmaster at Aurora; in 1866, the *Beacon* disagreed with Mr. Johnson and his policy, and Mr. Bangs desiring to retain the post office, sold his interests to Mr. J. H. Hodder, who had been connected with the mechanical department of the paper much of the time since 1854; the firm then formed, Knickerbocker & Hodder, still own and conduct the paper; during the first years of its publication, the *Beacon* was somewhat anomalous of its political character—one page being devoted to Democratic principles, under control of B. Frank Hall, and the other to Whig teachings, according to the views of Myron V. Hall; it afterward passed under the direct control of Myron Hall, and was Whig in principle, until after the Bloomington Convention; it placed itself square upon Republican principles as enunciated by the platform put forth by that patriotic body; since that time it has remained unswervingly and consistently Republican.

Messrs. K. & H. have, in connection with the paper, one of the largest and best appointed book and job printing establishments in the State (out of

Chicago), and a complete bindery and blank book manufactory, being the only one in the south end of the county. The History of the 36th Ill. Vols., History of Du Page County, and the History of Kendall County, are among the productions of the past year. The facilities of the *Beacon* establishment are perfect in every detail, and the proprietors expend their personal efforts to bring all their work up to the highest standard of excellence.

Oscar B. Knickerbocker was born in Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., N. Y., in 1837. Passed his younger school days in the public schools of Albany, N. Y. In 1849 removed with his father's family to Lansingburg, N. Y., where in 1851, he commenced to learn the trade of printing in the Democrat office, under Old Hunker Democratic influences. He gained further knowledge of printing in the office of the *Albany Evening Journal*, while Thurlow Weed was its editor, and George Dawson and Fred. Seward assistants. In 1855, he came West, worked a little time upon his father's farm near Earlville in this State. In the Summer and Winter of 1856, he taught the village school in Earlville. In the Spring of 1857 he came to Aurora, secured a situation with the Messrs. Randall, and on the day of the first municipal election became a resident of the city. His history since that time has been simply close attention to the interests of the *Beacon*. He was, in 1870-1, one of the Secretaries of the Illinois State Senate.

John H. Hodder was born in Bridport, Dorsetshire, England, where he learned the printing and book binding business; serving a regular five years' apprenticeship. He landed in New York in 1853, at the age of eighteen, having no intention of remaining in this country but a short time; worked at his trade in New York City for several months, when, taking the Western fever, he came to Chicago in 1854, and from thence to Aurora, where he engaged to work for the Randalls at the time of their purchase of the *Beacon* from the Halls. Shortly after, he established in Aurora the first book bindery in the Fox River Valley, which subsequently became connected with the *Beacon*. He was for

many years foreman and job printer of the *Beacon* office, and accomplished more toward the advancement in Aurora, of "the Art Preservative of all Arts," than any other member of the craft.

Artis, Clinton, upholsterer; P. O. Aurora.

Ashford, Pat., boiler mkr.; P. O. Aurora.

Ashford, John, Sr., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Ashford, John, Jr., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Annis, F. M., attorney; P. O. Aurora.

Adams, C. C., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Adams, Hiram, far.; P. O. Aurora.

Anthony, W., traveler; P. O. Aurora.

Anderson, A., tailor; P. O. Aurora.

AURORA GAS LIGHT CO.;

located on S. River st., near the West Depot of the C., B. & Q. R. R.; this Co. manufactures all the gas used for lighting purposes in the city; charter first granted to I. W. Buck, Wm. H. Hawkins and others, in 1861, and they held it until 1868, and transferred it to the present Co.; they manufacture from coal, and the gas is of a superior quality; Mr. Copley has been a resident of Aurora since 1868; born in Delaware Co., N. Y., in 1825; Major Whiting is a partner and brother-in-law, and was a Paymaster during the war; after the war had his headquarters at Detroit, Mich.; was made a Colonel; Mr. W. is a liberal, enterprising man; his brother was also a soldier, enlisting in Co. G, 89th R. R. Reg.; he was a fine officer, and in every important battle of the war; taken prisoner at Chattanooga, and sent to Libby Prison; after his release, he was made a Captain; he fell at the battle of Chickamauga; it is said of him that no braver man ever entered the field.

Alden, Thomas, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

ATWOOD, C. B., Sec. 32; P. O. Montgomery; born in N. Y., Nov. 12, 1839. He married Miss Cynthia M. Bennett; she was born in New York; had four children; she died May 6, 1873; second wife, Miss Moriah C. Smith; she was born in N. Y.; no children; lived in N. Y. 16 years, then came to Geneva, then to Kendall Co., lived there 12 years, then to Kaneville, then back to Kendall Co., then to Montgomery, in 1875, and has lived here since; has been School Director.

Andrus, J. M., marble works; P. O. Aurora.

Allaire, P. A., physician; P. O. Aurora.

Anning, C., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Angel, David, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Angel, Charles, P. O. Aurora.

Ayers, J. C., far.; P. O. Montgomery.

Adams, Elisha, lab.; P. O. Montgomery.

Aucut, Gustavus, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Armstrong, Mrs. Ann, P. O. Aurora.

Andrews, John, mail agt.; P. O. Aurora.

Allen, Wm., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Auderson, J. M., P. O. Aurora.

Allen, Mrs. E. J., P. O. Aurora.

Allen, E. C., mfr. sash, doors, etc.; P. O. Aurora.

Allen, R. C., salesman; P. O. Aurora.

Allen, L. J., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

ALLEN & CORSAIR, proprietors of the sash, door and blind manufactory, Aurora. This is the leading manufactory of the kind in Aurora. This factory first commenced business in 1870, under the firm name of Allen & Dyke; the present proprietors, Edward C. Allen (son of the Hon. E. R. Allen), was born in Aurora, in 1849, and is possessed of rare business qualifications; and David Corsair, a native of Scotland, and one of the most practical of manufacturers. They make a specialty of ordered work, give estimates on all kinds of work usually done in sash factories, and guarantee all work as represented; their conveniences for shipping are unsurpassed, as they have a side track adjoining the works; they employ from eighteen to twenty men, and find sales for their goods in the States of Illinois, and Iowa. This firm is composed of two of the rising manufacturers who hold a high place in the estimation of the citizens of Kane Co., for their geniality, sociability and business qualities.

Allen, Mrs. S. T., P. O. Aurora.

Ames, E., contractor; P. O. Aurora.

Alexander, Geo., train master C., B. & Q. and C. & I. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.

Alexander, E. M., clerk; Aurora.

Assell, B., mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Adams, C. H., Justice Peace; P. O. Aurora.

Arcouet, C., phot.; P. O. Aurora.

Abens, Nicholas, mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Abens, Stephen, saloon; P. O. Aurora.

Arnes, Fred, mer.; P. O. Aurora.

ALLEN, E. R., P. O. Aurora; was born in Courtland Co., N. Y., in 1819; he left his native home when fifteen years old for Lockport, N. Y., where he remained about fourteen years; thence emigrated and went to Illinois in 1839, via canal and lake on the steamer Illinois; first settled in Chicago and was in the drug business for two years. In 1841, with the inducement of Geo. E. Peck, he came to Aurora, and commenced partnership with that gentleman, firm Peck & Allen. Then he entered the grocery business and continued until 1849; he built a warehouse and commenced the grain and coal business in 1851; he was appointed Postmaster of Aurora, by President Jas. K. Polk, being the second Postmaster of Aurora; was city Alderman in 1859, '60, '61, '71, '72, '73; was Mayor in 1860; Senator from the 2d District in 1861 and '62 at the breaking out of the late war; was President of the Board of Education for several years; all of these were offices of trust, in each of which he has acquitted himself in a very creditable and efficient manner. He has always taken an active part in promoting the various interests of the city, and to this end has spent much money and time. His father, Edward Allen, is a native of Mass.

Avery Isaac, lumber inspector; P. O. Aurora.

Albert, Peter, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Andrews, Jno., barber; P. O. Aurora.

Austin, A. T. D., P. O. Aurora.

Alschuler, Jacob, Sr., salesman; P. O. Aurora.

ALLEN, WM. B., U. S. Internal Revenue Collector; born in New York in 1821, remaining there until 1849; then emigrating West to Kane Co.; commenced in the drug and book store business 1849, which business he continued in until 1851, thence in the warehouse business with his brother until 1867; was appointed U. S. Collector in 1867 under President Johnson; in Jan., 1876, the Second and Sixth Districts consolidated; then re-appointed by President Grant. He has creditably filled many offices of public trust; in 1858 was elected Mayor of the city of Aurora—the second Mayor of Aurora.

Alschuler, Jacob, Jr., P. O. Aurora.

Ashling, Thos., salesman; P. O. Aurora.

Ayres, C. G., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Ansley, Ira, P. O. Aurora.

Arnson, Thos., P. O. Aurora.

Abel, Chris., mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Abel, Chas., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Abell, Jas., expressman; P. O. Aurora.

Aldringer, Jno., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Aldringer, Jacob, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Aldringer, Theo., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Anson, Leonard.

ANGELL, LORENZO, born in New Hampshire Sept. 9, 1817; son of David and Deborah Angell; his father was a farmer, and also kept a hotel at Sunapee, Sullivan Co.; here young A. grew to manhood; received a good education for those days; at 11 years of age his father died; on becoming of age, he carried on the hotel heretofore mentioned; in 1835 he married Charlotte Twiss at Sunapee; they lived together twelve years, when his wife passed peacefully away; in 1849 he was married to Mary Jane Twiss, sister of his first wife; in 1853 he came to Chicago, Ill., and, not liking the looks of the place, went East; but he again came to the West the following year, and located at Aurora and bought 252 acres of land; he had very little capital, but plenty of clear Yankee grit, and in time had as fine a farm as could be found, for the size, in the county; in June, 1877, he died, and was laid to rest in the beautiful West Side Cemetery; thus passed away a man of sterling worth and industry; the children by the first marriage were David, Charles and Amanda; by the second, Myron; after the death of Mr. A., his estate became divided up, Charles having 80, David 90 and his wife the remainder.

ANNING, CHAS., dry goods; it is now nearly nine years since Mr. Anning began business in Aurora; on a strictly cash basis his trade is not restricted to one manufacturer or importer, but has the range of the whole market; commencing small, relying on twenty years' experience in the leading houses of London and America, establishing as a motto never to be undersold, coupled with one price and a study to please, he has built up a trade on a solid foundation.

BEVIER, W. E., tinner; P. O. Aurora.

Bevier, W. B., express messenger; P. O. Aurora.

Brown, Mrs. A. R., P. O. Aurora.

Brown, Roger, mfr. wagons, etc.; P. O. Aurora.

Brown, Mrs. E. L., millinery; P. O. Aurora.

Brown, S. W., attorney; P. O. Aurora.

Brown, Frank.

Breed, James, car repairer; P. O. Aurora.

Breed, Abel, prop. stone works; P. O. Aurora.

Breese, G. S., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Breese, H. V., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Baker, George, merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Brown, E. L., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

BALDWIN, L., merchant (firm of W. Lawrence & Co.); was born in Susquehanna Co., Pa., April 4, 1824; son of Samuel and Betsey Baldwin, who were natives of Conn. and who moved from the Mohawk Valley to the State of Pa. more than a half century ago; young Baldwin received an academical education at Montrose; his father was a farmer, and he remained with him until he came West, in the Spring of 1848; passing through Chicago, he located at Aurora, and entered the employ of Geo. McCollum, piano, carriage and wagon manufacturer, of Aurora; worked for him five years, and then bought out R. C. Anderson without a dollar of capital, and at the time was receiving \$1 a day; in six months he cleared \$2,000; at this date, was elected Justice of the Peace and served 12 years; also officiated as Town Clerk, Insurance Agent and Dep. P. M.; in 1864, became partner of D. Volentine and Wm. Lawrence, for the sale of dry goods, &c.

BURTON, PIERCE, of the firm of Pierce Burton & Co., publishers of the *Aurora Herald*; he was born in Norwich, Vt., Dec. 24, 1834, to William Smith and Nancy Russel Burton; his father died when he was 8 years of age, and at the age of 10 he removed with his mother to Republic, Seneca Co., Ohio; when 16 years old he taught school in Logan Co., Ohio, during the Winter, working on a farm Summers; at 18, he was employed in the railroad

freight and ticket office and grain warehouse at Republic, where he learned telegraphing; at 20 years of age, he visited friends in Massachusetts, where he was employed as assistant electrician to Henry M. Paine, of Worcester, who was then engaged in electrical experiments in producing gas from water and in constructing an electro magnetic motor; after that failed, he served as telegraph operator for a year; then he went to Anderson, Ind., then the northern terminus of the Cincinnati & Chicago Air Line Railroad, as station agent for that company, where he remained six years. In 1860, he was married to Miss Nellie G. Lapham, of South Adams, Mass., who died three years afterward; their only child, Charles Pierce, was born in Anderson, Ind., March 7, 1862. Mr. B. then returned to Massachusetts for a short time, then went to Demopolis, Alabama, intending to run a cotton plantation, but was made agent for the Freedmen's Bureau. While in that capacity he wrote a letter to the Springfield (Mass.) *Republican*, giving an account of the working of the tax on cotton upon the fortunes of the freedmen, which was widely copied and caused his discharge from the Bureau, and, getting into Congress, hastened the repeal of the tax; he was afterward employed as Registrar over two counties, under the Reconstruction Acts, and while away from home attending to this duty, was elected, in his own county, Marengo, as Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention; while serving in that capacity, was nominated as Representative in the Legislature, to which position he was elected, and served as Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and afterward on that of Ways and Means; while in that body, he became noted for his vigorous opposition to the railroad bond steals, which were being pushed through the Legislature, and saved the State several millions of dollars. In 1868, he commenced the publication of the *Southern Republican* in Demopolis. In 1870, he was nominated as the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor; the ticket was defeated by less than 2,000 votes through a peculiar system of "counting" known only in the South. Finding publishing

a Republican newspaper in Alabama extremely unpleasant, as well as unprofitable. he sold out in 1871, and settled in Aurora in December of that year, purchasing the *Aurora Herald*, with which paper he is at present connected. In December, 1873, he was married to Miss Maria A. Sibley, of Athol, Mass., by whom he has had two children.

BUNNELL, A. D., firm of Phillips Bros. & Co.; was born in Litchfield Co., Conn., Nov. 16, 1817; became associated in business with Phillips Bros. in 1864; this house is well and favorably known as one of the leading grocery houses of Aurora; Mr. B. has held numerous offices in the East; was member 2d Vol. Inf., and member Legislature from Conn.; married Miss Phillips at Litchfield; one child—Lyman P.

Baker, James, tinuer; P. O. Aurora.

Baker, G. W., mechanic; P. O. Aurora.

BROWN, PETER, retired farmer; was born in Rensselaer Co., N. Y., Feb. 4, 1789; he acquired his education as best he could; at the age of twenty-one, he began life as a farmer at Nassau; in 1836, he moved to Chatham, Columbia Co., and from thence to Salem, Washington Co.; while in Nassau, he had been in the mercantile business; in 1865, he came West, to Illinois, and settled in Aurora as a farmer; he accumulated a nice property; he is now nearly ninety years of age and still vigorous for a man of his age; his first wife was Miss T. Green; they were married at Nassau, N. Y., in 1811; she died in 1815; his second wife was Mrs. Polly Slyter, who died in 1852; in 1853, he was again united in wedlock to Mrs. Groot of Salem, who is still living.

Baker, C. M., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Bonte, Philip, brewer; P. O. Aurora.

Billings, John, tree grafter; P. O. Aurora.

Billing, Wm., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Billing, James, gardener; P. O. Aurora.

Butler, Mrs. Nancy, P. O. Aurora.

Brennan, Thos., boiler mkr.; P. O. Aurora.

Ballard, Joseph, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Battle, E. P., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Battle, J. W., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Barnes, W. B., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Beers, Jas. T., agent; P. O. Aurora.

Bristol, Hiram, P. O. Aurora.

Buck, Mrs. G. F., P. O. Aurora.

BLACKMORE & REED, carriage manufacturing, blacksmithing and general jobbing; this is one of the old established houses of Aurora, the business dating back to 1861, when the firm was Blackmore & Russell; they continued in business but a short time; at the breaking out of the war Mr. Blackmore entered the army, entering in Co. E, 124th Ill. Infantry, at Aurora for three years; participated in the battles of Vicksburg, Spanish Fort, Champion Hills, etc., etc.; he was honorably discharged at Vicksburg; returned to Aurora and started in business with W. E. Carpenter in 1875; D. B. Jackson became a member, but shortly after started in business for himself; since 1875 Mr. Reed became a partner; he is a skilled workman, and was a Supt. in Geo. McCollum's shop for a number of years. Mr. B. was born at Eastport, Maine, April 25, 1827, and in his seventeenth year, was apprenticed to the Carriage Manufacturing Co. of Geo. W. Bailey.

Buffer, Peter, salesman; P. O. Aurora.

Blair, Jno., sheet iron wkr.; P. O. Aurora.

Blair, Miss M. A., millinery; P. O. Aurora.

Blair, Miss L., millinery; P. O. Aurora.

BROWN, BYRON (Lake & Brown), mfrs. and dlrs. in boots and shoes; born in Rensselaer Co., N. Y., in March, 1826; his father was a farmer in good circumstances for those days; here he received a good education, and, when 19 years of age, was apprenticed to Daniel Davis, a carpenter; worked for him five years, and became a skillful workman; in 1856, formed a partnership with F. L. Barton, who carried on a general merchandise business; this became a leading house at a time when the stringency of the money market was being felt; came to Aurora, Ill., in 1865, and went into the lumber trade; the firm was composed of D. Valentine, W. Lawrence, D. W. C. Brown (a brother) and himself; continued in it three years, and then became partner of D. W. Simpson, boot and shoe dr.; they did a fine trade, both partners being energetic men. D. G. Lake, his present partner, is a wealthy and prominent man.

Bisbey, B., Empire House; P. O. Aurora.

Barker, Al., painter; P. O. Aurora.

Brundage, C. F., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Branch, Hiram, P. O. Aurora.

Burr, Mrs. S. M., P. O. Aurora.

Bellon, J., saloon; P. O. Aurora.

Burgen, L., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

BRONSON, EDWIN H., Baptist minister; son of Rev. W. A. Bronson; born at Dexter, Mich., Sept. 14, 1847; in early life, his parents moved to New York; when 10 years old, his father died, and, shortly after, the family moved to New Jersey; the preliminary education of young Bronson was received at Hamilton, N. Y.; this was the preparatory course to entering the Madison University, which he entered in 1869, graduating in 1873, and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts; in 1876, received the degree of Master of Arts; after graduation, became Gen. Supt. of Bible work in connection with the Connecticut State Baptist Convention; Jan. 21, 1875, was ordained to the work of the ministry, and entered on pastoral duties first at Haddam, Conn.; in June, 1877, became Pastor of the First Baptist Church, in the city of Aurora. Rev. W. A. Bronson, father of Edwin, was born in Oneida Co., N. Y., Sept. 3, 1808; in 1830, entered Hamilton Literary and Theological Institute; married in July 1833; he was a man of talent and intellect; died Mar. 14, 1858, leaving a widow and eight children. When the war came on, three brothers of Edwin entered the army—W. A. enlisted in the 127th N. Y., in 1862, and was disd. for disability; Geo. enlisted in the 37th N. J. Vols., in 1864, and died at Point of Rocks; James D. took camp fever at Point of Rocks, and, returning home, died four weeks after.

Bates, T. S., salesman; P. O. Aurora.

Burlingame, S. A., baggage master; P. O. Aurora.

Beede, J. Cone, P. O. Aurora.

Beaupre, Wm. S., Dep. U. S. Internal Revenue Collector; P. O. Aurora.

Blasey, Margaret, P. O. Aurora.

Benson, P. G., Alderman; P. O. Aurora.

Bowron, Thos. D., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Bowron, Clara, P. O. Aurora.

Bryan, H. S., M. M. C. & I. Railroad.

Butzen, John, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

BAKER, LEONIDAS Z., far.;

P. O. Aurora; was born in Washington Co., N. Y., Dec. 24, 1817; when 8 years old, his father disposed of his farm, and moved to Cortland Co.; Leonidas remained on the old homestead until 1844; he acquired a good common school education through his own efforts, and at 17 years of age commenced teaching in the district school, and taught for seven years; in 1841, he started in the mercantile business, and was very successful; in 1843, he married Miss Nancy M. Emmons, at Lafayette, Onondaga Co., N. Y.; in the Spring of 1844, he came to Illinois, starting on the 23d of May, and reaching Chicago on the 23d of June; they located three miles west of Aurora; here he bought 160 acres; for twenty years he followed farming; the first were years of hardship and toil, but time brought him a competence; Mr. Baker was never a politician, and never ran for office; he was a member of the Church of Christ, and a truly Christian man; in 1865, he went to Minnesota for his health; he returned in 1867, and became bookkeeper for F. B. Rice, a hardware merchant; he continued in his employ three and a half years; for many years he suffered with hay asthma, and in 1870 was attacked with typhoid pneumonia, which resulted fatally, and after a short illness he was laid at rest in the beautiful Cemetery of Spring Lake; thus passed away a man whom all respected; six children were born, of whom two are living—Alice C. and Albert G.

BOLSTER, MRS. S. A., born in Herkimer Co., N. Y., Nov., 1826; in 1836, in company with her parents, she moved to Chenango Co., N. Y.; in 1839, she married Alva Bolster, and they moved to Illinois the same year, settling at Sugar Grove Township, Kane Co.; bought 80 acres in 1849; in 1856, bought 126 acres; renting this property, he continued his trade of wagon maker; removed to Lodi in 1858, and to De Kalb Co. in 1866; in 1875, she was divorced from her husband; she owns a house and lot in De Kalb Co., and makes it her home there.

Badry, Peter, blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.

BRADY, LORENZO D., is a descendant from the earliest American settlers; was born Jan. 19, 1810, in Westchester Co., N. Y.; his parents were John B. and Lydia C. (Kipp) Brady; at the age of 12 they removed to New York city to live; here Mr. B. obtained a situation at a grocery store, as clerk, remaining for six years in that position; having saved enough money, he commenced business for himself in a small way, which he carried on until 1837, when he emigrated West and settled in Big Rock, Kane Co., Ill., where he was engaged in farming for two years; from there to Little Rock where he was engaged in the general mercantile business until 1848, at which time he was elected a member of the Legislature. One of the leading questions agitating the country then was the acquisition of additional slave territory, to which measure he was conscientiously and firmly opposed. During his term in the Legislature, an election was held for United States Senator, and Mr. B. recorded the first and only vote cast that session in favor of a Free-Soil candidate. Mr. B. is the author of a charter for a railroad from Aurora to Turner Junction to connect with the Chicago and Galena line, now a branch of the Chicago & Northwestern R. R.; he afterwards assisted to complete and equip said road. In the meantime, in the year 1848, he removed to Aurora and commenced the mercantile business in partnership with the Hon. E. R. Allen, and afterward as warehousemen under the firm name of Brady & Allen. In 1862 he was one of the firm of Brady, Hawkins & Allen in the banking business until the same was merged into the First National Bank of Aurora, which he assisted to establish; he was President of the Aurora Fire Insurance Company, which company was ruined by the great Chicago fire in 1871. Of the late rebellion he contributed liberally of his means; was the first to suggest a monument in Aurora in honor of its defenders; is President of the Aurora Monument Association, the building now nearly completed at a cost of \$10,000; was one of the first to suggest the establishment of free schools in

Aurora. For the interest he has manifested in free schools, the Brady School, one of the public schools of the city, was named after him. He was twice married—in 1836 to S. B. Fowler, who died in 1844, and in the following year was married to Caroline Kennon, of Plattsburgh, N. Y., by whom he has one son and four daughters living.

Blakesly, Ed. N., conductor C. B. & Q. Railroad; P. O. Aurora.

Black, L. O., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
Bailey, David, train dispatcher; P. O. Aurora.

Bean, J. S., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Bugbe, C. S., carriage trimmer; P. O. Aurora.

Brummel, W., car repairer; P. O. Aurora.

Benedict, Lewis, minister; P. O. Aurora.

Berry, T. E., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

BRIGHAM, LEONARD R.,

M. D.; P. O. Aurora; was born July 11, 1819, in Lake Co., Ohio; he is the son of Jonathan and Melinda (Davenport) Brigham, and received his education at Farmington Institute of Ohio; he began the study of medicine in 1839, and the practice of it, in Thompson, Ohio, in 1843; in 1844, he married Eliza S. Fancher, of Auburn, N. Y.; from 1847 to 1850 he continued his practice at Painsville, Ohio; since then he has gained a wide reputation in Canada and the Western States as a popular lecturer on anatomy, physiology, hygiene and kindred subjects; he came to Aurora in 1860, and commenced the practice of medicine; he receives a large first-class practice, being a gentleman of acknowledged ability, and well educated in the medical profession.

Bigger, John, carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Bigler, Nick, machinist; P. O. Aurora.

Bowen, C., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Battersoll, Jacob, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Bunker, Frank, shoemkr.; P. O. Aurora.

Burke, Martin, car repairer; P. O. Aurora.

Brugger, Matt, saloon; P. O. Aurora.

Bower, George, P. O. Aurora.

Bauer, A., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Bauer, Mrs. C., P. O. Aurora.

Bauer, Eisen J. M., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Brooks, Levi, moulder; P. O. Aurora.

Brooks, Wm., barber; P. O. Aurora.

Beard, Jason, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Baumann, Chris., laborer; P. O. Aurora

BUSHEE, ABNER, prop. Fitch House, Aurora; P. O. Aurora; he was born in Mass. in 1828; he came to Aurora in 1861, and commenced the ambrotype business, which he continued for two years; he then commenced the hotel business, first as proprietor of the Wilder House, Aurora; since he has been engaged in conducting, at Richmond, Ill., the Richmond House; Aurora House, of Aurora; Everett House, Chicago, and the Clifton House, West Liberty, Iowa; he is to-day one of the most experienced landlords in Illinois, having hotel experience of fifteen years; since taking possession of the hotel he has suggested many improvements which his thorough knowledge of a convenient hotel demanded, all of which have been carried out; and now the Fitch House may lay claim to be one of the best of any in a city the size of Aurora; the landlord has spared no pains or expense in making it one of the hotels which should give satisfaction to the traveling public, and induce those once domiciling under its roof to return when occasion required, and to speak of it as it really deserves.

BROWN & SOUTHWORTH,

attorneys at law; P. O. Aurora. The above named gentlemen are among the most prominent and thoroughly educated attorneys of this vicinity; they commenced a partnership in 1872; S. W. Brown, the senior member, is one of the oldest attorneys of Kane County, and, probably, he is one of the best known lawyers in this county, whose ability and knowledge of law is of a high order; M. O. Southworth was born in La Salle Co., Ill., in April, 1842; having received a full collegiate course at the Beloit College, of Beloit, Wis., he entered the law department of the Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, and graduated in 1870; he then came to Aurora and commenced the practice of law; was elected City Attorney of Aurora two terms (1874 and 1875), which office he creditably filled.

Bolton, Joseph, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Beardaly, E. C., general agent; P. O. Aurora.
 Bradley, E. A., Cashier First National Bank; P. O. Aurora.

Byron, Wm., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Brown, A. M., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

BE VIER, ISAAC T., druggist; was born in New York in 1818, remaining there until he was 14 years of age; thence to Elmira, N. Y., where he was engaged in farming and in the tailoring business until 1844, which year, in company with his family, he emigrated to Illinois and settled in Aurora; commenced the tailoring business the year he came to Aurora, which business he followed until 1852; at one time he had in his employ Mr. Wm. McMicken; afterward they formed a partnership in the merchant tailoring business; from 1850 to 1856 he was Deputy Sheriff of Kane Co., under Sheriff L. Dearborn, N. B. Spaulding and L. P. Barker; Mr. Be Vier commenced the drug business in 1856, which business he has been in ever since; is the oldest druggist in Aurora; has held various public offices, among which that of East Side Street Commissioner, and is now filling his second term as Highway Commissioner. He has always taken an active part in the legitimate enterprises that tended to add to the prosperity of Aurora. When Mr. Be Vier first came to Aurora, he was in very poor circumstances, but, with industry and hard labor, he ranks among the leading merchants of Aurora; his son, John E., was in the late war, did good service and was honorably discharged, and is now living in Dubuque, Iowa, in charge of the C., D. & M. R. Car Shops; William is messenger on the C. A. & St. Louis R.

Brimemyer, Jno. A., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Battendorff, A., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Beaver, John, cabinet maker; P. O. Aurora.

Bock, Henry, car repairer; P. O. Aurora.

Bartholomew, G. W., pattern maker; P. O. Aurora.

Barry, Charles, engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Barrett, C. C., lumber mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Berrett, W. H., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.

Burnet, Thomas, moulder; P. O. Aurora.

Bartolott, Philip, P. O. Aurora.

Barth, Chris., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Barth, Jacob, painter; P. O. Aurora.

Barber, S. P., machinist; P. O. Aurora.

Bristol, George, P. O. Aurora.

Bagg, Mrs. F. L., P. O. Aurora.

BRUCE, M. R., merchant tailor, No. 21 Main st., Aurora; born in Scotland in 1821; lived there until 1846; then came to the United States and settled in Aurora, and engaged in merchant tailoring; was the first in the cloth business in the city, and has been identified with the business since, in Aurora and Chicago; in 1851, he married Miss Euphenia Parker; she was born in Canada; they had nine children, seven living—Maggie, teacher in West Side schools; Mary A., teacher in State Normal School, Terre Haute, Ind.; John, in commercial business, at Chicago; Ida, teaching Hebrew and Greek at Cornell University; Euphenia, teaching music; Jennie, teaching in City High Schools; Edward M., with his father; all his children are graduates of the Aurora High Schools, but one, the youngest; in a law suit against the city, Mr. Bruce, after twenty-two days' trial, beat and put the Mayor, Street Commissioners, etc., in jail, and it was the means of making him Alderman from his ward.

BEILER, JOHN, wagon manufacturer and livery stable; P. O. Aurora; was born in Germany, in 1840; emigrated to America in 1857, and came West and settled in Aurora the same year; Mr. Beiler commenced his career in life by laboring; was at one time a laborer on a steamer, running on the Mississippi, Ohio and Tennessee Rivers; It was on the Tennessee River that a bale of cotton fell on him and crippled him for life, but, by industrious habits and close attention to business, has succeeded in building up a large business; he keeps forty head of stock, and from fifty to seventy-five vehicles of different kinds; in his wagon and carriage works, he employs twelve hands, and turns out all kinds of wagons, carriages and sleighs manufactured; Mr. Beiler, when he first came to Aurora, was in very poor circumstances, but, with industry, hard labor and good management, is to-day one of the successful men of Aurora.

Beck, Theodore, C. B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.

Butler, Mrs. E., P. O. Aurora.

Backhouse, Francis, shoemaker; P. O. Aurora.

Bishop, W. W., Alderman; P. O. Aurora.

Bishop, J. R., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Brown, Mrs. Jennie, P. O. Aurora.

Bates, Chas., butcher; P. O. Aurora.

Biver, Nich., 1st., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Biver, Dominick, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Blair, J. L., sheet iron worker; P. O. Aurora.

Beers, J. T., machinist; P. O. Aurora.

Brown, Horace, engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Brown, Roger, wagons, etc.; P. O. Aurora.

Breed, J. M., car repairer; P. O. Aurora.

Braker, S. P., P. O. Aurora.

Brayton, Chas., P. O. Aurora.

Bowen, Cyrus, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Burley, Isabel, engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Burkhart, J. F., C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.

Beaver, Jane, P. O. Aurora.

Brady, Mary, P. O. Aurora.

Brogan, James, trackman; P. O. Aurora.

Beyer, Mary, P. O. Aurora.

Burkhart, Leonard, capitalist; P. O. Aurora.

Bentz, Mat., C. B., & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.

Baumann, August, saloon; P. O. Aurora.

Bailey, Mrs. Fred, P. O. Aurora.

Bailey, Henry, teamster; P. O. Aurora.

Barthenclay, M. A., C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.

Brooks, W. L., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Britton, T. T., P. O. Aurora.

Bershite, Michael, lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Batterman, Henry, lab.; P. O. Aurora.

BARTLETT, DR. F. L., Mayor of the city of Aurora; was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1843; thence to Maine; thence to Chicago, remaining there until 1850; came to Kane Co. in 1851; received a thorough education both in law and medicine, being a graduate in the law department in the Michigan University at Ann Arbor in 1856; also graduated in the Homœopathic Medical College of Missouri at St. Louis, in 1868; was nominated and placed on the Republican ticket for Mayor of the city of Aurora, in March, 1877, receiving an overwhelming majority of about 1,400 votes over his opponent; has also held the offices of City Physician and member of the Board of Education, which offices he has held faithfully for the people of Aurora.

Brecker, Nick., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Billen, Peter, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Billen, Wm., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Berenger, Jno., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Billen, N., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Beverley, Mrs. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Baker, Jos., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
BABCOCK, DOUGLAS, Sec. 8; farmer; P. O. Aurora; was born in Knox Co., Ill., in 1841; is the son of Linus and Eophrasia Douglas Babcock; he remained in Knox Co. until 1843 with his parents; came to Kane Co. and settled on the place he now lives on. Mr. Babcock has held several offices of public trust; is School Director, which office he has held for the last twelve years. Married in 1869 to Miss Ellen Harris, of New Jersey, born in 1849; one child—Laura E., born April 23, 1875. His brother, Andrew J., born in New York in 1837; enlisted in the late war, Lead Mine Regt., for three years; participated in the battle of Ft. Donelson; took sick, and died with fever in 1863; his remains were brought home and buried at West Aurora Cemetery.
 Brannon, P., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Breed, Abel, stone works; P. O. Aurora.
 Biltgen, Mat, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Bendenberger, N., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Berner, Jno., P. O. Aurora.
 Binder, Jacob, butcher; P. O. Aurora.
 Bock, Henry, car repairer; P. O. Aurora.
 Baker, A. L., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Belting, A., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Blassey, Charles, saloon; P. O. Aurora.
 Barchide, Jacob, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Breen, Dennis, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Barthey, F., gen. agt. gas works; P. O. Aurora.
 Beck, Henry, blacksmith, C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Beard, Joseph, machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Barrett, Thos., moulder; P. O. Aurora.
 Brennan, John, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Briggs, T. P., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Baker, Mrs. A. B., P. O. Aurora.
 Buck, I. A. W., U. S. Rev. Office; P. O. Aurora.
 Blackman, B., teamster; P. O. Aurora.
 Bellows, Jacob, saloon; P. O. Aurora.
 Beane, John, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Burns, James, tank C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Breese, G. S., teamster; P. O. Aurora.

Battersoll, Peter, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Burley, Wm., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Brown, D. C., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Barrett, G. L., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Battersoll, Leon, laborer, P. O. Aurora.
 Bowers, Mrs., P. O. Elgin.
 Bunnan, Jno. B., watchman; P. O. Aurora.
 Bowers, E. C., trav. agt.; P. O. Aurora.
 Ballard, L. W., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Burlen, J. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Brown, Alvia, P. O. Aurora.
 Buck, Ellen, P. O. Aurora.
 Barker, A. W., mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Burk, Delia, P. O. Aurora.
 Brown, D. W. C., clerk; P. O. Aurora.
 Brigham, L. R., physician; P. O. Aurora.
 Beaupre, W. S., Deputy U. S. Int. Rev. Coll.; P. O. Aurora.
 Bailey, David D., train dispatcher; P. O. Aurora.
 Berchide, John, C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Butsen, John, C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Bassett, Eli, painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Baldrige, M. N., P. O. Aurora.
 Bloss, Bertha, P. O. Aurora.
 Bloss, Henry, P. O. Aurora.
 Bloss, Fred, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Baker, C. F., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Boots, J., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Brooks, Perry, whitewasher; P. O. Aurora.
 Boyer, Stephen, C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Burns, Maria, P. O. Aurora.
 Blonguist, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Bell, Samuel, whitewasher; P. O. Aurora.
 Barrett, Orinda, P. O. Aurora.
 Barga, M., P. O. Aurora.
 Benedict, W., C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Baulton, W., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Beeler, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Brown, Emma, P. O. Aurora.
 Briggs, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Baker, Mary A., P. O. Aurora.
 Breese, Mrs. C. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Baldwin, Mrs. L., P. O. Aurora.
 Belden, Mrs. Fanny, P. O. Aurora.
 Breise, Mrs. J. J., P. O. Aurora.
 Burnham, E. L., C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Brown, Roger, mfr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Blackmore, J. H., mfr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Barker, E., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Bally, Henrietta, P. O. Aurora.

Blakeslee, L. W., general trader; P. O. Aurora.
 Bowen, E. L., P. O. Aurora.
 Boyle, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Boyle, Michael, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Bruce, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Blauen, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Behr, F. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Brown, Robert, P. O. Aurora.
 Battendorf, Henry, far; P. O. Aurora.
 Barclay, Frank, P. O. Aurora.
 Bradley, E. D., P. O. Aurora.
 Belden, Ita, P. O. Aurora.
 Berringer, Mrs. H. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Boug, Andrew, blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Bunnell, Q. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Bunnell, A. D., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Burnell, K. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Blakeslee, L. W., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Bartlett, A. R., physician; P. O. Aurora.
 Bishop, W. W., Alderman; P. O. Aurora.
 Bishop, J. B., horse buyer; P. O. Aurora.
 Baumann, Aug., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Babcock, Mrs. M. T., P. O. Aurora.
 Benton, Chas., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Baldwin, L., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Baldwin, Mary A., P. O. Aurora.
 Bishop, J. R., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Behr, V. X., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Babcock, O. L., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Banker, Conrad, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Budlong, C. A., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Brace, Edwin, P. O. Montgomery.
 Breese, L. C., far.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Barkley, Green, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Benedict A. F., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Babcock, Voughten, P. O. Aurora.
 Brownell, J. H., cheese factory; P. O. North Aurora.
 Bowler, S. B., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Baker, E. P. O. Aurora.
 Baker, S., P. O. Aurora.
 Banker, Frank, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Blackmore, J. H., mfr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Bulmer, R., ticket agt.; P. O. Aurora.
 Bell, D. W., clerk; P. O. Aurora.
 Baker, Mrs. L. Z., P. O. Aurora.
 Baker, S. B., P. O. Aurora.
 Brown, Byron, P. O. Aurora.
 Brown, D. W. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Bolduc, O., marble cutter; P. O. Aurora.
 Bartholomew, J. L., cooperage; P. O. Aurora.
 Boyle, Michael, P. O. Aurora.

COWDRY, W., P. O. Aurora.

Clark, E. M., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

CLINTON, MRS. E. H., Librarian Y. M. C. A.; born in Geauga Co., Ohio, in 1828; her preliminary education was received in the public schools of her native place, and completed at Norwalk College, New York, also remained three years at Oberlin College, Ohio; taught school in Cleveland one term in 1851; married H. P. Clinton, relation of the famous DeWitt Clinton of New York; her husband was an attorney. He was educated at Oberlin College. At the time of his marriage Mr. Clinton was in the mercantile business; he remained in business until the breaking out of the war; for a number of years was Secretary and Treasurer of the Iowa & McGregor R. R., when the war broke out, was appointed Quartermaster; in 1861 enlisted in 7th Wis. Volunteer Regiment at Madison, Wis.; served two years; obtained the rank of Captain; engaged in battles of Bull Run and Chickamauga. in 1863; while in Virginia he contracted a Southern fever; obtained leave of absence for twenty-one days, and did not again return on account of health; he was honorably discharged at Washington, D. C. Captain Clinton's energy during the war laid the foundation for the disease which resulted fatally Feb. 25, 1863; during his life he had held the office of Postmaster under Lincoln; soon after he died, his wife succeeded him, giving great satisfaction.

CRARY, AUSTIN B., barber, 45 River street; P. O. Aurora; born at Defiance, Ohio, Feb. 28, 1854; his father was a Universalist minister, and settled in Ohio at an early day; in 1865, the family moved to South Bend, Ind.; while there, the head of the family became Pastor of the First Universalist Church; here young Crary attended the public schools, and also acquired the rudiments of a collegiate education at "Notre Dame;" in 1870, came to Elgin, Ill., and learned the barber trade; in 1872, went to Traverse City, Mich., and opened a shop; in 1876, came to Aurora, entered the employ of Mr. W. E. Brooks, barber, and worked for him seven months; in 1877, located at the above number.

Clark, Alex., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Clark, T. H., Prin. High School; P. O. Aurora.
 Clark, John, P. O. Aurora.
CORYELL, T. C., of the firm of T. C. Coryell & Son; P. O. Montgomery, Ill.; was born in New York, March 29, 1814. He married Miss Mary C. Crane; she was born in New York, Feb. 27, 1823; married Dec. 15, 1840; has two children living; he lived in New York until he came to Kane Co., in 1844; settled in Big Rock Tp.; came to his present place in 1868; has been Justice of the Peace seven years, in Big Rock; also School Director and Asst. Supervisor of Aurora Tp.
 Clark, James, P. O. Aurora.
 Cook, Amos, moulder; P. O. Aurora.
 Cook, Almond, blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Chapin, C. B., P. O. Aurora.
 Chapin, Fred., saloon; P. O. Aurora.
 Cooley, J. B., far.; P. O. North Aurora.
CLAYTON, O. S., merchant; P. O. Aurora; dealer in wall paper and notions, No. 23 South Broadway; the above named gentleman is one of the leading merchants in Aurora; is the son of Joseph and Rachel (Ross) Clayton; he was born in New York City, in 1828, where he remained until he was 15 years of age, then emigrated West to Chicago, where he entered a paints, oils and notion house as clerk; he remained in this business about eight years; having saved enough money, he went to Freeport, Ill., where he commenced the paints, oils and notion business on his own account, with a stock valued at \$1,000; this was in 1854; he remained at Freeport until 1867; thence to Aurora, where he commenced business in the line of wall paper, fancy goods, paints, oils, glass, lamps, small instruments, toys, etc.; with hard labor, enterprise and attention to business, he is to-day worth \$50,000.
 Carpenter, Mrs. B. C., milliner; P. O. Aurora.
 Carpenter, A. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Carpenter, W. E., carriage manufacturer; P. O. Aurora.
 Carpenter, George, upholsterer; P. O. Aurora.
 Crance, S. E., cond'r C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.

Corsair, David, mfr. sash, doors, etc.; P. O. Aurora.
 Culver, A. B., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Clifford, Wm., mason; P. O. Aurora.
COULTER, MRS. LUCY, P. O. Aurora; is the daughter of Thos. and Fannie (Dye) Miner, and the wife of the late John R. Coulter, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1825; is the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kreamer) Coulter of Pennsylvania; he commenced his career in life in Armstrong, Penn., as a stone cutter; in 1852, he came West and entered into partnership with his brother, Samuel Coulter, of Charlotte, Michigan, where they were engaged in the construction of important sections of the Michigan Central R. R., in 1854; he came to Illinois, engaged in the position of superintendent of the construction of depots and important bridges for that company; was engaged in erecting the magnificent bridge across the Mississippi, at Burlington, Iowa; after this he came to Aurora, and commenced the banking business, in company with W. W. Bishop, in 1869 and 1870; re-organized under the National Bank Law, and is now known as the Union National Bank of Aurora; his death occurred May 20, 1873, and he was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery under the auspices of the Masons, he being a member of the same, where a monument was erected at a cost of \$8,000.
 Church, Z., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Compton, A., merchant tailor; P. O. Aurora.
 Chase, F. A., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Chase, J. B., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Corbett, Richard, boiler maker; P. O. Aurora.
 Cozens, Jas., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Carr, Mrs. Julia, P. O. Aurora.
 Carroll, Frank, boiler maker; P. O. Aurora.
 Carey, J. A., tinner; P. O. Aurora.
 Cottrell, Mrs. A. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Conover, M., livery; P. O. Aurora.
 Cherry, Hamilton, P. O. Aurora.
 Caster, Nicholas, merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Claremont, Lewis, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Chesley, William, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Cornell, A. V., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Collins, Mrs. M. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Campbell, A. carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Campbell, L. W., mach.; P. O. Aurora.

CANFIELD, HON. EUGENE,

P. O. Aurora. It is a well known fact that the legal profession is well represented in Aurora. The above named gentleman is one of the best educated lawyers in the West, and ranks high at the Illinois bar; was born in Arlington Co., Vt., in 1837; he emigrated West, to Illinois, and settled in Aurora, in 1860; during the years of 1861 and 1872, he filled the office of Attorney for the city of Aurora, and has been elected to the State Senate, from the 14th District, his term expiring in 1876; during his Senatorial experience, he has given entire satisfaction, having proven himself a gentleman of acknowledged ability, whose duties have been performed in a faithful manner.

Campbell, R. B., mach.; P. O. Aurora.

Cassidy, James, far.; P. O. Montgomery.
Cummings, Pierce, blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.

Colville, Robert, foreman R. H.; P. O. Aurora.

Cleveland, E. P., expressman; P. O. Aurora.

Chilvers, Robert, conductor; P. O. Aurora.

COULTER, THOMAS B.,

Treasurer of Kane Co., and Cashier of the Union National Bank, of Aurora. The above named gentleman is one of the most prominent men of Kane County; was born in Armstrong Co., March 11, 1845, where he remained until the breaking out of the late war; when only 16 years old, he enlisted in the 11th Pa. R. V. C., and for three years participated in all the battles before Richmond, also engaged in the second battle fought at Bull's Run, in 1862; after serving his time, was honorably discharged, and then re-enlisted in the U. S. Signal Corps, where he served until the end of the war, he returned to Elder Ridge, Pa., where he was engaged in the dry goods business until 1867, and then he came west to Burlington, Iowa, where he was engaged in helping build the bridge that spans the Mississippi River at that place, in 1868 and '69; was connected with the C. B. & Q. R. R., in bridge building; in 1869, he came to Aurora, and accepted a position in the banking house of Bishop & Coulter, as bookkeeper, which

position he held, until the organization of the Union National Bank, of Aurora, in March, 1871; was Assistant Cashier, until 1873, when he was appointed Cashier, which office he has filled ever since; held office as Township School Treasurer for one year—1873 to '74; at the end of office, he donated his commission to the school fund. Mr. Coulter, in his political opinion, is a Democrat; in 1877, his friends nominated him for County Treasurer, against his opponent, Mr. John Plain, one of the leading Republicans and highly respectable German citizens of Kane Co. Kane Co. has been giving three thousand Republican majority, but Mr. Coulter overcame all this, and was elected by a majority of 621 votes.

Christianson, John, mechanical engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Cullan, J. P., restaurant; P. O. Aurora.

Challand, Reuben, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Covert, B. O., pattern maker; P. O. Aurora.

Covert, A., moulder; P. O. Aurora.

Covalt, E., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Carroll, James, engineer; Aurora.

Carroll, Tim., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Culbert, James, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Christie, A., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

CUSHING, M. A., M. D.,

oculist and aurist; P. O. Aurora; was born in Vermont, in 1821; came to Aurora in 1837; he remained here three years; thence to Troy, N. Y., where he commenced the study of medicine in 1840; graduated at Castleton Medical College of Vermont, in 1847; his first practice of medicine was at Troy, N. Y., thence to Glens Falls, N. Y., where he remained some twenty years; thence to Kane Co., Illinois, in 1867. The doctor, besides his regular profession, has been largely connected with the manufacture of paper; he is the inventor of the process of manufacturing paper out of straw, at Glens Falls, N. Y.; he rebuilt and was engaged in running the Batavia paper mills for one and a half years. He is also the inventor and patentee of the Cushing's Tubular Furnace Grates and Stoves, which is claimed to be the most important invention of the age.

Cross, J. G., teacher; P. O. Aurora.

Cox, Henry, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Cooney, W., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Coone, A. E., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Coons, J. F., fireman; P. O. Aurora.
 Cunningham, Henry, mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Carnes, B. F., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Carmody, Timothy, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Colby, Moses, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Crandall, D. V., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Coyne, Pat, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Clifford, Robt., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Chadwick, Mrs. M. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Christman, Matt, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Coyne, Stephen, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Colliver, Jno., conductor; P. O. Aurora.
CREGO, C. OWEN, farmer; Sec. 9;
 P. O. Aurora; was born in Columbus,
 Chenango Co., N. Y., Feb. 15, 1839;
 his father was a farmer; when 13 years
 old, parents moved to Kane Co.; lived
 5 years at Sugar Grove; in 1857 the
 family moved to De Kalb Co., and settled
 on 160 acres of land. Mr. C. continued
 on the old homestead until 21 years of
 age, then went to Idaho; engaged in
 mining three years, then returned to
 De Kalb Co.; he worked 180 acres that
 he had purchased previous to his de-
 parture; worked four years on farm in
 De Kalb Co., in 1871 married Miss
 Mary M. Van Fleet, a daughter of John
 Van Fleet, who came to Kane Co. some
 40 years ago, who was born in 1804,
 and raised on a farm; receiving more
 than a common school education he be-
 came a linguist, and studying the higher
 branches; in 1837 drifted with the cur-
 rent Westward, and took up a claim,
 in Kendall Co.; he was a very enter-
 prising man, and highly respected; it
 was he who built the dam across Fox
 River, and probably built the saw-mill.
 Mr. C. is worth \$35,000, and owns fine
 property.
 Curtis, Asahel, P. O. North Aurora.
 Clemens, Peter, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Carp, Mike, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Cook, Pat., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Cass, J. N., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Carroll, Geo., boiler maker; P. O. Aurora.
 Craver, Wm.
 Cook, Lorenzo, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Cottrell, N. A., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Coughlin, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Coughlin, Lawrence, mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Carthbut, Jane, P. O. Aurora.

COOLEY, DeWITT C., supt. paint-
 ing department C., B. & Q. R. R.;
 Aurora; was born in Buffalo, N. Y.,
 1830; is the son of Anthony and
 Armada (Stanley) Cooley; his father
 was a landscape and portrait painter;
 when quite young, he moved to Michi-
 gan with his parents, and settled at
 Kalamazoo, where he remained until
 1853 engaged in the milling business
 and learning his trade as a painter, which
 he commenced when he was ten years of
 age, he then went to Van Buren Co.,
 Penn., where he remained until 1856,
 thence to Aurora, where he has been
 connected with the shops of the C., B. &
 Q. R. R., ever since; he first entered
 the shops as an ornamental painter,
 then took charge of the whole of the
 painting department of the C., B. &
 Q. R. R.; the company has shops
 at Aurora, Galesburg, Burlington,
 Crestline and Beardstown, where they
 employ some two hundred hands in the
 painting department. Is one of the
 Directors of the Union National Bank
 of Aurora. He married Miss Angeline
 Barrett, daughter of Capt. E. L. Barrett.
 Custer, N., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Carpenter, G. W., upholsterer; P. O.
 Aurora.
 Culver, A. B., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
CADY, PROF. MARTIN E.,
 Jennings Seminary, Aurora; was born
 in Middlebury, Vt., in 1846; the son of
 G. C. and Eliza L. (Everetts) Cady; is
 a graduate of the Middlebury College;
 he first commenced school teaching at
 River Falls, Wis., in 1869; was County
 School Superintendent of Pierce Co.,
 Wis., in 1873; resigned office and re-
 turned East to Vt., where he was Prin-
 cipal of Troy Co. Academy for three
 years; in 1877, he came to Aurora,
 and was appointed principal of Jennings
 Seminary, which is among the foremost
 institutions of learning in the West; it
 was founded in the year 1850; Prof.
 Cady was married in 1871 to Miss
 Helen L. Howard, of Mass., daughter
 of Rev. Wm. B. Howard.
 Cooley, A. B., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Conner, Martin, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Clancy, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Connery, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Colwell, C. B., contractor; P. O. Aurora.

- Caldwell, S. C., minister; P. O. Aurora.
 Cone, M. D., P. O. Aurora.
 Colby, W. H., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Copley, I. P., Sec. Gas Co.; P. O. Aurora.
 Chapman, W. H., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Childs, Mrs. S. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Catlin, G. L., P. O. Aurora.
 Case, E., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Clancey, Wm., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Cota, L. P., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Crooks, S. B., feed stable; P. O. Aurora.
 Curry, J. O., P. O. Aurora.
 Campbell, G. W., lab.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Clark, C. P., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Carter, D. C., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Canigan, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Crinnimin, Catherine, P. O. Aurora.
 Calihan, C., P. O. Aurora.
 Cooper, Thomas, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Cunningham, H., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Crosby, S. D., P. O. Aurora.
 Charles, G. B., P. O. Aurora.
 Carpenter, J. T., P. O. Aurora.
 Cull, Stephen, P. O. Aurora.
 Card, C. W., tel. operator; P. O. Aurora.
 Congdon, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Callighan, Patrick, C., B. & Q. Railroad;
 P. O. Aurora.
 Curtain, Jeremiah, P. O. Aurora.
 Clark, J. D., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Chilson, J. N., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Carroll, Daniel, C., B. & Q. Railroad; P.
 O. Aurora.
 Clark, Isaac, P. O. Aurora.
 Cooper, L. C., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Currier, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Curry, J. O., P. O. Aurora.
 Crandall, Sarah, P. O. Aurora.
 Corning, S. B., capitalist; P. O. Aurora.
 Cook, George, P. O. Aurora.
 Case, G. S., baggage man; P. O. Aurora.
 Crocker, Adelia J., P. O. Aurora.
 Case, J. N., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Clark, W. D., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Campbell, A. C., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Cook, Chas. C., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Carpenter, Theodore, P. O. Aurora.
 Conners, Martin, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Carns, J. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Copley, I. B., Supt. Gas Works; P. O.
 Aurora.
 Canisius, Thomas, P. O. Aurora.
 Clegg, Eliza, P. O. Aurora.
 Crosby, O. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Childs, H., P. O., Aurora.
 Collins, G. L., livery; P. O. Aurora.
 Crego, G. N., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Carroll, Mrs. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Caldwell, J. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Casler, George, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Clark, A. S., C., B. & Q. Railroad; P. O.
 Aurora.
 Cooper, J. N., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Churcher, Alfred, P. O. Aurora.
 Chrich, E., P. O. Aurora.
 Childs, Lyman, P. O. Aurora.
 Churcher, Mrs. Jane, P. O. Aurora.
 Crowley, Pat., tankman; P. O. Aurora.
 Creighton, Mrs. C. J., P. O. Aurora.
 Cronk, G. M., C., B. & Q.; P. O. Aurora.
 Cassidy, Edward, mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Campbell, Caroline A., P. O. Aurora.
 Calkins, Geo., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Crunin, J. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Clark, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Campbell, H. A., C., B. & Q.; P. O. Aurora.
 Christman, Jno., C., B. & Q.; P. O. Aurora.
 Covell, L. R., C., B. & Q.; P. O. Aurora.
 Clark, Albert, P. O. Aurora.
 Cullen, M. N., policeman; P. O. Aurora.
 Collins, John, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Cyr, Felix, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Cook, Ed., C., B. & Q.; P. O. Aurora.
 Clark, C. P., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Cody, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Cody, Edward, car repairer; P. O. Aurora.
 Culbert, James, switchman; P. O. Aurora.
 Cannes, W. W., operator; P. O. Aurora.
 Congrove, Jas., P. O. Aurora.
 Christie, C. C., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
D DE COURSEY, M., barber; P. O.
 Aurora.
DICKES, JACOB, of the firm of
 Jacob Dickes & Bro., hard and soft coal
 and wood merchants; was born in
 Germany in 1835; is the son of Peter
 and Josephine (Kergen) Dickes, of
 Germany; he came to America and
 settled in Aurora in 1854; is one of the
 old settlers of Aurora; when he first
 came here he worked out as a laborer,
 thence in the grocery business, and
 from there he commenced the coal and
 wood business; and ranks to-day as one
 of the leading merchants in Aurora;
 having been in the coal trade since 1867,
 and during that time has been con-
 ducted with success, and considered one
 of the representative coal firms of
 Aurora. He married Miss Maria Lies,
 of Germany, who died in 1870; had
 one child—John L., born 1869.

Desotell, Stephen, saloon; P. O. Aurora.

Desotell, Jos., lab; P. O. Aurora.

Dissell, Frank, teamster; P. O. Aurora.

Dissell, Trift, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Dissell, Saml., machinist; P. O. Aurora.

DOUGLAS, HENRY B., farmer, Sec. 34; P. O. Aurora; was born in Kane Co., Ill., Feb. 16, 1842; at the breaking out of the late war he enlisted in Co. A, Cavalry, 36th Ill. Volunteers, for three years; he participated in the battles of Corinth, Iuka, Pea Ridge and the Missouri campaign; was taken prisoner at Holly Springs by the rebels under Gen. Van Dorne; was paroled, rejoining his company at Port Hudson; after the fall of Vicksburg he enlisted as a private, discharged as Orderly Sergeant. He then commenced work in the Engineer Corps as Chief Clerk; he was engaged in the New York harbors, where he remained for two years; from thence home to Kane Co., where he commenced farming, which business he has been engaged in ever since; owns a farm of 84 acres of land; was at one time Highway Commissioner, which office he held for three years; he is a Republican in politics. He married Miss M. L. Brockway in 1873; they have two children—Mark H. and Gertrude.

Dapprich, F., proprietor vineyard; P. O. Aurora.

Dickens, B., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

DICKES, PETER, of Jacob Dickes & Bro., dealer in all kinds of hard and soft coal and wood; P. O. Aurora; was born in Germany in 1838; is the son of Peter and Josephine (Kergen) Dickes, of Germany; came to America and direct to Aurora, in 1856; at the breaking out of the late war, he enlisted in Co. D, 7th Kan. Cavalry, for three years; he served his time and re-enlisted in same regiment, and served until the end of the war; he participated in some of the hard-fought battles; his regiment and other Kansas regiments were known as the Kansas Jayhawkers, and when there was any hard fighting to be done, the Kansas Jayhawkers always took the lead; at the end of the war he returned to Aurora, and was engaged in the C., B. & Q. R. R. shops, thence with his brother in the coal business.

DENNEY BROS., furniture, upholstery and undertakers' goods; P. O. Aurora; business established in 1851; is now the most extensive and successful house of its kind in this vicinity, and one that has always held a foremost and prominent position in the furniture line. All kinds of furniture, from the most superb to the ordinary, is kept on hand, and sold at lower prices than the same can be purchased for in any of Aurora's competitive cities. In looking over their extensive establishment we were surprised to see the large and various stock on hand. They have every style and variety of furniture, from which persons in any station of life may select whatever they may need. Their house, which is located at No. 29 Broadway, is three stories high with basement, and is so arranged that the basement, 57 by 100 feet, is used for storing, receiving, and unpacking of goods; the first floor is used for office, reception room, and customers, and for the display of goods; the second floor, 57 by 100 feet, is used for kitchen and sitting room and furniture; the third floor, 57 by 100 feet, is used for upholstery goods and chamber suites of the latest styles. Their shop is in the rear of main building, where they keep constantly employed hands in the manufacture of all their upholstered goods; also in furnishing, putting together, and setting up of furniture. The firm is composed of Joseph, a native of England, who commenced the business in 1851, and then took in as partners his three brothers—Thos., H., and E. All have had a life long experience in the furniture business, as their father, Joseph Denney, of England, was engaged in the furniture business; value of stock, \$10,000.

Dickinson, D. D., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

DeWitt, B. A., P. O. Montgomery.

Delatour, J. J., bookkeeper; P. O. Aurora.

Damin, T. G., trav.; P. O. Aurora.

Denney, Thos., furniture; P. O. Aurora.

Denney, Jos., Jr., furniture; P. O. Aurora.

Denney, Mrs. T., milliner; P. O. Aurora.

Denney, H., furniture; P. O. Aurora.

Dorn, Jos., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Doran, Jas., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Doran, Hugh, machinist; P. O. Aurora.

Dolan, Thos., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

- DOUGLAS, C. T.**, contractor and builder; P. O. Aurora; was born in Aurora in 1837; was the second white child born in Aurora. He is one of the oldest citizens and one of the leading contractors and builders of Aurora, whose business transactions inspire confidence in his skill and integrity; has been awarded some of the largest and most responsible contracts in the city, among those worthy of special mention are Young's school house, Y. M. C. A. building, Allen's Block, Mrs. L. J. Hawley's store and a great many others, all of which prove him a master builder. Mr. Douglass was in the late war; enlisted as Corporal of Co. H, 52d Ill. Vol. Inf., for three years; he participated in some of the most severe battles under Gens. Grant and Rosecrans; received three wounds at the battle of Pittsburg Landing; at the battle of Corinth he received a very severe wound, which disabled him for service, and was honorably discharged.
- Donovan, Dan., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Donaldson, Robt., drayman; P. O. Aurora.
 Donahy, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Donahy, Arthur, P. O. Aurora.
 Donahue, Pat, lab; P. O. Aurora.
 Denney, Eb., furniture; P. O. Aurora.
 Darling, A. S., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Dren, Jno., baker; P. O. Aurora.
 Davis, W. A., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Daily, C. D., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Desjardines, A., traveler; P. O. Aurora.
 Day, T. H., capitalist; P. O. Aurora.
 Douglass, Mrs. C. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Dox, Jacob, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Dockendorff, Mich., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Droudt, Jno., farmer; P. O. North Aurora.
 Durkey, Matt., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 David, Wm., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Drain, Mrs., P. O. Aurora.
 Davis, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Dickinson, W. F., Sec'y Silver Plate Manufacturing Company; P. O. Aurora.
 Deliaden, John, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Dunn, Thomas, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Dewey, Mrs. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Danley, Edward, painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Darling, A. S., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Darling, D. S., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Dunu, John, butcher; P. O. Elgin.
 Dunn, Charles E., upholsterer; P. O. Aurora.
- Daprick, F., saloon; P. O. Aurora.
 Darlington, H. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Dussing, Mike, P. O. Aurora.
 Di-drich, Mat., P. O. Aurora.
 Davenport, Oscar, P. O. Aurora.
 Dalschen, Susan, P. O. Aurora.
 Desold, Stephen, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 David, W., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Donner, Mrs. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Dennison, S. S., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Duning, J. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Dykeman, S. B., P. O. Aurora.
 Diebold, C. T., P. O. Aurora.
 Dale, Lincoln, tailor; P. O. Aurora.
 Davis, M. J., conductor; P. O. Aurora.
 Davis, John E., P. O. Big Rock.
 Darling, P. S., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Dayton, E., P. O. Aurora.
 Downer, Mrs. M. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Donivan, J. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Dale, C. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Dale, J. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Davis, J. J., salesman; P. O. Aurora.
 Dale, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Downer, G. O., canvasser; P. O. Aurora.
 Duncan, A., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Dillenburg, Frank, blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Delaney, James, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Dewey, J. M., boarding house; P. O. Aurora.
- DUNNING, J. D.**, ret. farmer; was born in Ticonderoga, N. Y., Feb. 25, 1803, and resided there up to 1840; while in the East he was engaged in farming and teaching school; was Post-master in 1843; he came to Illinois, and settled at Big Rock, Kane Co.; he bought 200 acres, and afterward owned 300 acres; he came to Aurora in 1856, and bought the present residence of George Hoyt; in 1858, he built a large block known as Dunning's Block.
- De Gerld, Henry, yard master; P. O. Aurora.
 Draper, Jonathan, packer; P. O. Aurora.
 Dalidan, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Dykes, Mrs. I., P. O. Aurora.
 Dyckman, John, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Dalton, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Dieterich, L. P., coal mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Drake, Daniel, drayman; P. O. Aurora.
 Drake, J. B., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Deerfield, John, railroad lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Doetschmann, Fred, stone cutter; P. O. Aurora.

DORR, ALVIN, carp.; P. O. Aurora; was born in Cheshire Co., N. H.; he acquired a good common school education in his native place, and was brought up on a farm; when 21 years of age he became employed as shipping clerk at Taunton, Mass.; in 1841 he came, *viz* the Lakes, to Chicago; from this point he went to Knox Co., Ill., in 1843; he located at Sugar Grove, and bought 80 acres, and improved it; he came to Aurora in 1875; he married Hannah Howard, in Mass., in 1836; in 1846 she died quite suddenly; they had six children; three of them are now living; the boys were all in the army; George and Charles enlisted in the 36th I. V. I., and Henry in the 8th Missouri; since the close of the war George has been Deputy at the Joliet Penitentiary.

Durr, Michael, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Drake, Jacob, policeman; P. O. Aurora.
 Delatour, S. J., P. O. Aurora.
 Drummond, D. G., P. O. Aurora.
 Dennison, Ann, P. O. Aurora.
 Daggert, Mrs. H. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Dickens, Wm., P. O. Aurora.
 Dunham, W. H. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Dugdale, Peter, fireman; P. O. Aurora.
 Demorest, Mrs. D. L., P. O. Aurora.
 Denny, E., furniture; P. O. Aurora.
 Dumphy, Thomas, stone cutter; P. O. Aurora.

Dear, J. G., P. O. Aurora.
 Dahn, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Derr, Martin, P. O. Aurora.
 Dumars, J., mer., P. O. Aurora.
 Doyle, Mrs. G. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Dean, N., P. O. Aurora.
 David, J. L., P. O. Aurora.
 Davis, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Dicke, Peter, Jr., coal dr., P. O. Aurora.
 Dutton, E. F., P. O. Aurora.
 Dodson, Mrs., P. O. Aurora.
 Day, Christopher, P. O. Aurora.
 Doyle, M., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Doyle, John, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Doty, H. F., carp.; P. O. Batavia.
 Dirks, Chris., mer.; P. O. Plano.
 Douglas, P. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Desotel, Isaac, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Desotel, Sophia, P. O. Aurora.
 Douglas, Mrs. A. L., P. O. Aurora.
 Davenport, Homer, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 David, W., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Deto, Alexander, P. O. Aurora.

Dunning, Mrs. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Dunn, W. H., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Dunn, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Diviky, John, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Devin, Mary A., P. O. Aurora.
 Devin, Kate, P. O. Aurora.
 Dennstor, Ann, P. O. Aurora.
 Donovan, Pat, conductor; P. O. Aurora.
 Deming, J. R., salesman; P. O. Aurora.
 Dial, W., teamster; P. O. Aurora.
 Davis, A. J., traveler; P. O. Aurora.
 Dean, L. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Dumphy, Robt., marble cutter; P. O. Aurora.
 Doty, Robinson, P. O. Aurora.
 Downer, Roswell, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Daily, G. W., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Deer, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Dombernosky, A., shoemkr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Dorr, Geo., mail agent; P. O. Aurora.
 Debold, Charles, P. O. Aurora.
 Dotterwich, John, grocer; P. O. Aurora.
 Dutton, C. P., P. O. Aurora.
 Dewitt, Saul., blacksmith; P. O. Montgomery.
 Danforth, Chas., far.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Doremus, J. A., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Dennison, G. P., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Drain, A., farmer; P. O. Montgomery.
 Day, E. S., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Downer, Lucinda, P. O. Aurora.

DURRAN, JOHN, H., practical jeweler; the oldest jewelry house in the city is that owned and conducted by the above named gentleman; it was established in 1847; for over sixteen years Mr. Durran has done business in Aurora, and is one of the most conscientious jewelers who ever located here; incidentally we will mention that the first log cabin in West Aurora occupied the site where Mr. Durran now carries on an extensive jewelry business; he is a practical watchmaker and jeweler, of many years' experience; he buys close, and gives his customers the benefit; has built up a large trade; is a very popular man; it is a mistaken notion that goods can be purchased in Chicago cheaper than Aurora; on comparing prices at this house and leading houses in Chicago, it will be found that Mr. Durran can offer as good goods, at lower figures, than can be found in the Garden City, or perhaps any similar establishment in the West.

Downer, Alfred, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

DOWNEY, CORNELIUS, grocer and coal merchant; P. O. Aurora; son of Daniel and Mary Downey; was born in Ireland; his father was a quarryman and farmer; young Downey remained in Ireland until he was 30 years of age: March 7, 1851, he emigrated to America, and came from New York to Chicago via the lakes; in October of the same year he located in Aurora; his brother was then Superintendent of the old Black Hawk Mills, and he entered the same establishment; in 1852, he ran a boarding house, and was also in the employ of the C., B. & Q. R. R.; Mr. D. made money rapidly in these enterprises, and started a hotel on South River st., which also proved a financial success; in 1867, he built his present store, situated near the depot, and here can be found everything usually kept in a first-class grocery; he also owns four fine houses and lots in Aurora, and 160 acres of land in Iowa.

ESSER, W. J., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Esser, Joseph, saloon; P. O. Aurora.

ELLIOTT, H. T., merchant, of the firm of Foss, Elliott & Co., No. 164 Washington st., Chicago; was born in Kane Co., Ill., April 8, 1838; was about the first white male child born in Aurora Township; is the son of Wm. T. and Rebecca (Peirce) Elliott, who are among the oldest settlers of Kane Co., having settled in county in 1834; Mr. Elliott was farming until the breaking out of the late war: he enlisted in Co. E, 124th I. V. I., for three years; re-enlisted in the 50th U. S. Infantry; participated in some of the hard-fought battles; enlisted as private, and mustered out as First Lieutenant; at the close of the war he went to Iowa, and commenced farming on a very large scale; in four years he raised 16,000 bushels of small grain; in 1872, he moved to Chicago, where he commenced the grain business; married Jan. 28, 1858, to Miss Harriet F. Meeker, daughter of David Meeker; three children—two living—William W. and Letta Belle.

Evans, Wm., painter; P. O. Aurora.

Evans, Griffith, P. O. Aurora.

Empy, J. G., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Elmore, Mary J., P. O. Aurora.

Ellwood, W. S., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Ellsworth, Sam., agent; P. O. Aurora.

ELLIOTT, FRANCIS M., M. D.,

P. O. Aurora; was born in Kane Co., Ill., April 5, 1844; is the son of Wm. T. and Rebecca (Peirce) Elliott, who are among the oldest settlers of Kane Co., having come here in 1834: Dr. Elliott spent his boyhood days on the farm with his parents, his first business in life was learning to be a photographer; on account of his health he retired; he then commenced the study of medicine with Dr. S. F. Hance; thence entered the Rush Medical College of Chicago in 1866, and graduated Feb. 3, 1869; his first practice after graduating was at Blairstown, Iowa, Spring of 1869, where he remained until 1872; he then came to Aurora and commenced his profession; the successor of Dr. S. F. Hance; is City Physician, which office he has held very satisfactorily for three terms; is a member of the Congregational Church; married Feb. 28, 1870, to Miss Lydia French, who was born in Ahmed Nuggur, Hindostan, Sept. 26, 1844; is the daughter of Rev. Osro and Jane (Hotchkiss) French; two children—Frank O-ro and Fannie Jennivave, born in Blairstown, Iowa, April 28, 1871.

English, T., moulder; P. O. Aurora.

Ey, Joseph, expressman; P. O. Aurora.

Edwards, Wm., butcher; P. O. Aurora.

EARLE, CHAS. C., banker; P. O.

Aurora; born in New York in 1822; is the son of Nathaniel and Mary F. Earle; remained in his native State until he was 13 years old, with his parents, when they moved to Worcester, Mass.; here he was engaged in business until 1856; he then came West and settled in Aurora, and commenced the foundry business with W. W. Bishop, the firm being known as W. W. Bishop & Co.; was engaged in this business for twelve years, and then in the lumber business for seven years; now retired from business; was at one time City Alderman, from the old Second Ward; is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Aurora; married Miss Mary J. Shepard; have two children—Clara A. and Charles F.

EVANS, HON. H. H. This gentleman is probably one of the best known and most highly respected men of Aurora; he was born in Canada, in 1836, and is the son of Griffith and Elizabeth (Weldon) Evans; when he was three years old, his parents left Canada and settled in Aurora; Mr. Evans commenced his business career by clerking in a store, by which managed to save a little money, and then commenced the restaurant business; at the breaking out of the war, he enlisted in Co. H, 124th I. V. I., for three years; was in the most severe battles under Gen. Grant; served three years and was honorably discharged at Camp Douglas, in 1865; now ranks as Col., Aide-de-Camp of Governor's staff; Mr. Evans was elected to the Legislature from the 14th District in 1876; Alderman from the 9th Ward for the last two years; these offices he has held with credit to himself and to the people he represented; owner of the Fitch House and furniture. Was married to Miss Alice M. Rhodes, daughter of A. C. Rhodes, of England, Nov. 3, 1858; one child—Arthur R., born in Aurora, July 31, 1867.

Edwards, Isaac, stone mfr.; P. O. Aurora.

Eresch, J. P., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Eresch, J. W.; engineer, P. O. Aurora.

Eberline, Wm., shoe mkr.; P. O. Aurora.

Eberly, Jeremiah, car repairer; P. O. Aurora.

Ebersoll, G. W., mach.; P. O. Aurora.

Eitelgeorge, Charles, stone cutter; P. O. Aurora.

Enoch, Terry, P. O. Aurora.

ELLIOTT, WILLAM T., farmer; Sec. 33; was born in Conn., in 1810; on account of the war of 1812, his father and family moved to Pa., remaining there but two years, thence to N. Y., where he remained until 1834, engaged in farming and learning the blacksmith's trade; he emigrated West, to Kane Co., in 1834; is one of the oldest settlers in the county; went to hear the first sermon that was preached in this part of the county; when Mr. E. came here he was worth about \$15, but through industry and hard labor, is one of the successful farmers of Kane Co.; owns 190 acres of land, valued at \$100 per acre. Married Rebecca Peirce, of Ohio, daugh-

ter of Elega Peirce, in 1835; she was born in 1818—eight children—Emmeline, Homer T., Francis M., Mary E., John, William, Sarah, Byron; had three sons in the late war; Homer T. enlisted for three years, in the 124th I. V. I.; was under General Grant in his most severe battles; William enlisted and did good service; Byron B. went out in the 36th, came home, and then enlisted in the 153d; all were honorably discharged.

Elliott, Jno., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Edwards, Peter, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Echorn, Gustave, mech.; P. O. Aurora.

Engler, Peter, mech.; P. O. Aurora.

Eberline, Andrew, mech.; P. O. Aurora.

Erwin, Fowler, mason; P. O. Aurora.

Eberline, M., mechanic; P. O. Aurora.

Evans, Leonard, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Ellis, Nancy, P. O. Aurora.

Evans, C. G., livery; P. O. Aurora.

Edert, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Edwards, Wm., butcher; P. O. Aurora.

Edwards, Enoch, tailor; P. O. Aurora.

Evans, Thos., P. O. Aurora.

Emmons, F. A., P. O. Aurora.

Egermann, W., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Egleston, J. A., Asst. Cashier Sec. Nat. Bk. Aurora.

Evans, Robt., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Evans, L. H., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Ernst, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Eitelgeorge, N., mason; P. O. Aurora.

Exheben, F. E., painter; P. O. Aurora.

Eddy, John H., mech.; P. O. Aurora.

Ellis, Nancy, P. O. Aurora.

Ericson, H., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

FICKENSHER, HENRY, barber; P. O. Aurora.

Fickensher, P. W., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Fox, R. W., P. O. Aurora.

Fox, Judson, conductor; P. O. Aurora.

FRITZ, GEORGE, of the firm of Stickle & Fritz; P. O. Aurora; he was born in Germany, in 1849; came to the United States in 1863, and settled in Aurora; in May, 1877, he engaged in his present business; he married Miss Emma Donohue, Nov. 14, 1877; she was born Feb. 21, 1857.

Fox, Ira, conductor; P. O. Aurora.

Fox, D. W., agent, P. O. Aurora.

Farwell, S. M., foundry; P. O. Aurora.

Felsenheld, S., clothing; P. O. Aurora.

Felsenheld, H., clothing; P. O. Aurora.

Flick, Wm., baker; P. O. Aurora.

FOSTER, HENRY W., conductor on Toledo & Wabash R. R.; was born in Chelsea, Orange Co., Vt., in 1830; resided there until 27 years of age; in 1857, he came West, stopping first at Chicago, where he was employed by a wholesale grocery house for five or six months; in 1859, he engaged with the C. & N. W. R. R.; afterward entered the employ of the C., B. & Q. R. R. and has worked for this company and the T. & W. until this date; has held the position of conductor on both roads; married Miss Charlotte M. Stowe, at St. Johnsbury, Vt., in July, 1855; one child—Grace Lulu.

Farrell, R. W., restaurant; P. O. Aurora.

Fredenburg, I. W., teacher; P. O. Aurora.

Fisher, C. B., P. O. Aurora.

Frank, Alonzo, P. O. Aurora.

Farrington, C. H., P. O. Aurora.

Ferry, M., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Flowers, James, blksmith; P. O. Aurora.

Frear, George, carp.; P. O. Aurora.

FRESE, DANIEL, prop. sample room, 19 Broadway; P. O. Aurora; was born in Germany, March 5, 1833; is the son of Christian and Caroline Freese, of Germany; he emigrated to America in 1854; came direct to Aurora, where he commenced his trade, cabinet maker; remained here but a short time; he then went to Chicago and worked in the shops of the C., B. & Q. R. R., finishing passenger coaches; he remained there two years; returned to Aurora and was engaged with the same company until 1861, when he opened a sample room; in 1864 he purchased the place where he now lives, known as Dan. Frees' centennial sample rooms and restaurant; is the oldest fireman in Aurora, having joined the fire department in 1856, and has been a very active member ever since; was foreman of No. 1 for three years; when he resigned the office he was presented with a fine table caster, by the members of the company; in politics he is a Democrat; member of the Lutheran Church. Married in 1856, to Miss Louisa Hansey; four children—Lena, Edie, Bertha, Otto

Freeman, James, mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Frenier, Morris, lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Fridrus, Philip, far.; P. O. Aurora.

Fitch, Ira, Justice; P. O. Aurora.

Fauth, Fred, machinist; P. O. Aurora.

Ford, J. L., produce dlr.; P. O. Aurora.

FARNSWORTH, ASA PAR-

KER, was a farmer and dairyman; P.

O. Aurora; had 240 acres of land ad-

joining the city limits; was born in

Dublin, Cheshire Co., N. H., in 1815;

came to Battle Creek, Mich., in 1843,

and engaged in teaching; in 1844-45,

he came to Aurora and located his farm

from the Government. He married

Susan Mann, with whom he lived eight

years; they had two children, both

having died in infancy; she died of con-

sumption, in 1854; in 1862 he married

Lydia A. Drane (whose parents were

among the early settlers of Aurora);

they had four children, only one of

which is living—Jessie Estella, born

Jan. 13, 1870; Mr. F., after a severe

illness for one week, died in April, 1873;

he was a self made man, and died re-

gretted by the whole community.

Felton, Henry, blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.

Fulton, Joseph, mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Fullerton, J. T., conductor; P. O. Aurora.

Fowler, Mrs. M. G., P. O. Aurora.

Fahnestock, J. D., dentist; P. O. Aurora.

Fillmore, P. P., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Fickett, Mrs. M. A., P. O. Aurora.

Funk, Stephen, peddler; P. O. Aurora.

Frauenhoff, F., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Finch, Luther, canvasser; P. O. Aurora.

Foster, Rev. C., Bible agt.; P. O. Aurora.

Fosmer, Jos., cabinet mkr.; P. O. Aurora.

Ferris, Wm., teamster; P. O. Aurora.

Feiertag, Rev. Jno., min.; P. O. Aurora.

Fitzgerald, Edw., barber; P. O. Aurora.

Figge, Fred., lab.; P. O. Montgomery.

Freidendale, Fred., far.; P. O. No. Aurora.

Fish, Mrs. G. O., P. O. Aurora.

Fitzgibbins, Thos., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Fitzgibbins, Jno., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Fidler, Stephen, lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Fridrus, Jno., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Fleming, Susan, P. O. Aurora.

Farnsworth, Lydia A., P. O. Aurora.

Fecher, Lawrence, far.; P. O. Aurora.

Fichtell, Jno., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Faber, Peter, cabinet mkr.; P. O. Aurora.

Friders, Nick., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Felton, Matt., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Fridrus, Mike, far.; P. O. Aurora.

Fiddler, Jacob, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Fidler, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Ferry, J. S., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Flood, Michael, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Fitzgibbins, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Fish, J. M., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Frenier, Eusebe, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Fenton, Mrs. Eliza, P. O. Aurora.
 Fulton, John, mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Fish, J. M., far.; P. O. Kaneville.
 Fellows, J., P. O. Aurora.
 Fallon, John, shoemkr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Frost, C. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Frenzer, Joseph, P. O., Aurora.
 Ferry, J. S., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Fracy, John, P. O.; Aurora.
 Frydendall, F., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Flynn, James, brakeman; P. O. Aurora.
 Ford, Wm., brakeman; P. O. Aurora.
 Fletcher, James, P. O. Aurora.

FRAZIER, WALTER, S., P. O.; Aurora; was born in Onondaga Co., N. Y., in 1835; received an academical education; when he was 17 he clerked in a dry goods store in Syracuse, N. Y.; from there came to Chicago, in 1857; capital then \$300; accepted several responsible salaried positions, adding, meanwhile, to his possessions by judicious management in real estate; in 1865, was elected Clerk of the House of Representatives, in the Illinois Legislature by a Republican majority, a position of great honor and responsibility at that time; the *Springfield Register* said of him, "He is notably a most competent, courteous and graceful officer;" from the *St. Louis Democrat*; "He is the best Clerk that ever officiated in the House of Representatives;" from the *Chicago Times*, "He is acknowledged, on all sides, to be one of the best, most accommodating and popular Clerks the House of Representatives ever had;" at the close of the session, the members, through Judge Plato, of Jo Daviess Co., presented him with an elegant watch and chain; see Judge Plato's speech, House Journal, 1865, page 1,202; in 1866, Mr. Frazier was taken ill and came to Aurora; he has retired from business; is a member of the Board of Education; he has a fondness for horses, and is breeding some choice ones of Royal blood; the well-known trotter, Brother Jonathan, graduated from his elegant private stables—an animal that was a source of pride to the people of Kane Co.

Fox, J. D., lawyer; P. O. Aurora.
 Flannigan, Wm., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Fuller, Antin, P. O. Aurora.
 Franzen, Matt., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Fecker, Mrs. R., P. O. Aurora.
 Frest, Anthony, P. O. Aurora.
 Fouth, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Fitzpatrick, Thos., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Foster, D. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Frink, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Farrell, Mrs. D., P. O. Aurora.
 Fickett, R. W., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Fribley, Chris., P. O. Aurora.
 Frerbile, Jacob, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Fitzgerald, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Flynn, Elizabeth, P. O. Aurora.
 Flynn, Michael, shoemkr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Flinn, John, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Fickensher, Mrs. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Furman, C., P. O. Aurora.
 Frazier, W. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Fuller, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Foster, Mrs. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Fox, Emily, P. O. Aurora.
 Frary, A. N., lightning rods; P. O. Aurora.
 Fridley, B. F., attorney; P. O. Aurora.
 Ferris, R. R., livery; P. O. Aurora.
 Fergerson, Mrs. M. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Filkens, A., farmer; P. O. Montgomery.
 Flanigan, John, section boss; P. O. Aurora.
 Fergerson, Ira, farmer; P. O. Montgomery.
 Fletcher, O., farmer; P. O. Montgomery.
 Farr, Anna H., P. O. Aurora.
 Fredenburg, Mrs. H. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Frerbile, Henry, P. O. Aurora.
 Ferris, W. N., teamster; P. O. Aurora.
 Frauenhoff, F., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

GARDNER, T., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Gardner, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Gardner, J. W., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Gardner, John, cooper; P. O. Aurora.

GRAY, RUFUS, far.; Secs. 5 and 6, Kendall Co.; P. O. Montgomery; owns 200 acres, valued at \$75 per acre; was born in New York, Feb. 19, 1817; he married Miss Angeline Van Alstine, Jan. 18, 1854; she was born in N. Y. in 1825; she had seven children, four living; he lived in N. Y. eighteen years; he came to his present place in 1835, and has lived here since; he has been Justice of the Peace sixteen years; he expects to move to Aurora in the Spring; his uncle was the founder of Graytown, now Montgomery.

GOLDSMITH, NATHAN, double palace clothing house; P. O. Aurora. As in most other branches of business and manufactures, Aurora takes a leading position in the clothing and furnishing goods, having several of the leading houses of the kind in the West, which take rank with those in many cities of 50,000 inhabitants. The leading one of the clothing business is that of N. Goldsmith, whose business has been established since the year 1863, when he started with a stock valued at \$5,000; his business since then has grown to metropolitan proportions, commanding a trade throughout Illinois; the immense trade of this house has been accomplished through various reasons, among which may be mentioned sagacity, tact and the admirable judgment of the proprietor's unswerving business integrity and the valuable location of the city in which he is located. Mr. Goldsmith has marked his goods in plain figures and has adopted the one-price system, the merits of which are attested by every one, the more so as it is known that he allows no deviation on the part of his clerks, who are, also, required to be pleasant and polite to the trade. The double store he occupies is located at Nos. 8 and 10 South Broadway; 45 feet front and 85 feet deep, first and third stories, and is one of the most elegant and palatial business houses in the West, and thoroughly devoted to ready-made clothing, hats and caps, trunks and valises, gents' gloves and furnishing goods, ladies' and gents' laces and furs; the custom department is conducted by Mr. A. D. Rude, an experienced cutter, formerly of St. Louis, where he was identified as a leading cutter of that city. Mr. Goldsmith's first experience in the clothing business was at Alexandria, Va., where he was employed as clerk in a clothing house at three dollars per month, and by his close application and sterling business qualities he has risen from an obscure clerkship to proprietor of his present mammoth business, occupying two floors 45x85 feet, and employing six clerks, a bookkeeper and cutter, beside his own personal attention, and carrying a stock of from \$50,000 to \$75,000; and we may say, in conclusion, that no

business man in Aurora commands higher esteem or has a greater number of friends than Nathan Goldsmith. He has had twenty-eight years' experience in the clothing business.

Gilbert, E. W., salesman; P. O. Aurora.
 Gilbert, J. H., jeweler; P. O. Aurora.
 Gilbreth, F., conductor; P. O. Aurora.
 Gunnison, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Gardner, Luther, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Gardner, Saml., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Gardner, W. E., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Gunnison, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Goldsmith, Aaron, clerk; P. O. Aurora.
 Goldsmith, David, clerk; P. O. Aurora.
 Goodwin, Mrs. S. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Griffin, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Griffin, Maria, P. O. Aurora.
 Groat, J. W., P. O. Aurora.

GRISWOLD & GILLET, Aurora, drain tile and brick works; P. O. Aurora; they commenced the manufacture of tile by hand power in 1869; from that to horse power, their demand being so large that they now manufacture by steam power; these works were established nine years ago, and since then they have been gradually brought from an insignificant beginning to a point of excellence and standard surpassing most others in the State; to-day they are being rewarded by a large trade; the manufactures of these works are principally drain tiles, sizes from 2 inches to 8 inches; the proprietors have 14 acres of ground here, and buildings, sheds, kilns and other apparatus, including one tile and brick machine operated by steam power, enabling them to turn out 500,000 tiles per year; they give employment to an average of twelve hands: these are the only tile works in Kane Co., and rank among the largest in the State; Mr. Rufus Griswold was born in Vermont in 1818, and emigrated to Illinois in 1858; Mr. Geo. E. Gillett was born in N. Y. in 1821; he came to Aurora in 1869.

Gabel, H. G., physician; P. O. Aurora.
 Gibbs, W. P., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Griswold, R., brick works; P. O. Aurora.
 Gandal, W. F., P. O. Aurora.
 Gould, Jas., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Goodrich, S. L., mechanic; P. O. Aurora.
 Goodrich, H. N., fanning mill; P. O. Aurora.

Greaves, Geo., foreman fdry.; P. O. Aurora.

GARMS, FRED., sample rooms; No. 19 S. Broadway, Aurora; was born in Germany, 1836; came to America and direct to Aurora 1859; commenced work in the machine shops C., B. & Q. R. R., where he was engaged about two years. In 1861 he opened his sample rooms and up to this time he has been noted for keeping a quiet, orderly place. The sample rooms of Fred. Garms are among the well kept places in the city, every person known to conduct himself improperly being refused admittance, however profitable his custom might be.

Geyer, F. C., machinist; P. O. Aurora.

Galt, Rev. Thos., minister; P. O. Aurora.

Guempelein, L., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Guild, Albert, capitalist; P. O. Aurora.

Gale, G. C., bl'ksmith; P. O. Aurora.

Glover, W. W., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Grant, Geo., painter; P. O. Aurora.

Grannis, Mrs. Fannie, P. O. Aurora.

GRASS, GEO., prop. of Grass House, corner of River and Walnut streets; was born as Heese-Darmstadt, Germany, March 24, 1821; his preliminary education was received in the seminary, at Friedberk, and was completed when eighteen years old; he then received his diploma, and began to teach school in 1844; he entered the army, being assigned to the 2d Regt. Infantry; at the end of six years he was made an under officer at the battle of Hemsbeck; he received the medal of honor for bravery in action, in 1851. He married Miss Helena Koch at Darmstadt, on the 2d of June; it should have been mentioned, Mr. G. served his full time, seven years, in the army; in 1852, he came to America and landed in New York city on the 4th of July; a few days after he came to Chicago, remained about two years; in 1854, he settled at Aurora, for Mr. Haroon, who kept a match factory on River street; in 1856, he became a teacher and organist of the German Lutheran Church; in 1859, he opened a saloon and grocery on River street, and in 1862, he bought a hotel and saloon, now known as the Grass House.

Gray, Virgil, teamster; P. O. Aurora.

Graham, W. J., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Grometer, J. M., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Gromeder, Geo., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

GRAMPP, CONRAD, prop. Germania Hotel; P. O. Aurora; the above named gentleman was born in Germany in 1840; emigrated to America in 1866; when he first came to America, he was worth about eleven hundred dollars; his first business in the United States was in Baltimore, where he was engaged in a brewery for a year, thence to St. Louis, Quincy, Davenport and Rock Island, at this point he was foreman of the leading brewery, where he remained for three years, thence to Galesburg, where he was engaged in the manufacture of spruce beer, also proprietor of a large beer garden; he then came to Aurora, where he opened the Germania Hotel in 1875; he refitted and refurnished the house and made it one of the leading hotels of Aurora; Mr. Grampp has been in Aurora but three years, and during that time has won a host of friends; is a liberal, enterprising gentleman, and to this fact he may attribute a large measure of his success; in connection with his hotel, Mr. Grampp is engaged in bottling lager beer, manufactured by Bartholomae & Leicht Brewing Co. of Chicago; all orders sent to Mr. G. will receive prompt attention; price, pint bottles 85 cents per dozen; quart bottles \$1.50 per dozen.

GEORGE, ALONZO, President Second National Bank; P. O. Aurora; was born in Orange Co., Vermont, in 1822; remaining there until 1860, engaged in the mercantile business; he emigrated West, to Illinois, and settled in Aurora, in 1860; was engaged in the wool business, also the lumber trade, for six years; commenced the banking business in 1872; the Second National Bank of Aurora was started Jan. 1, 1872, with a paid-up capital of \$100,000; Mr. George has held many public offices of trust, in each of which he has acquitted himself in a very creditable and efficient manner; was Mayor of the city of Aurora in 1873, and Supervisor in 1870; his father, Ebenezer George, was born at Stratford, Vt., in 1786; was in the war of 1812; draws a pension; is now living at his native home in Vermont.

- Gropengiesser, H., blksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Grass, Jacob, teamster; P. O. Aurora.
 Gumz, Jno., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Gass, Jno., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Geiser, Jons, policeman; P. O. Aurora.
 Gillespie, Saml., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
GREEN, G. W., manufacturer of bottled soda water, seltzer water and syrups, champagne cider and Belfast ginger ale; P. O. Aurora; commenced business in 1871, known as Green Bros. (G. W. & J. W. Green); Mr. J. W. Green retired from the firm in 1877; This manufactory is located at 53 N. Broadway, and is well equipped with a fine class of machinery and everything necessary for the business; employs four hands, being enabled to turn out soda water at the rate of 600 dozen bottles per day; Mr. Green was born in Wisconsin, in 1847; has been engaged in the soda water business eleven years; his first experience in the business was at Fond du Lac, Wis.; thence to Watertown; from there to Aurora, where he has built up a good paying trade, having proven to the citizens that he understands this business thoroughly, and produces a superior beverage.
 Gengler, Fred., merchant tailor; P. O. Aurora.
 Gilbert, H., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Giles, W., sewing machines; P. O. Aurora.
 Gamwell, Ed., billiard room; P. O. Aurora.
 Gesper, Matt, P. O. Aurora.
 Glesen, Jacob, wool buyer; P. O. Aurora.
 Gates, R. Wilder, U. S. Commissioner; P. O. Aurora.
 Gates, Mrs. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Guhl, Fred., P. O. Aurora.
 Gudgson, W., stone cutter; P. O. Aurora.
 Goodman, Mrs. S. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Grubber, Leonard, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Geik, Jacob, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Gutche, Mrs. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Gillett, S. C., phys.; P. O. Aurora.
 Gillett, W. B., trav. sgt.; P. O. Aurora.
 Grupe, Henry, lamplighter; P. O. Aurora.
 Grupe, Chris., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Graves, A. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Griffith, Seth, traveler; P. O. Aurora.
 Gavney, Thos., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Gavney, Edw., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Goodwin, J., lightning rods; P. O. Aurora.
 Gregory, H. H., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Gray, Amelia, P. O. Aurora.
 Gray, C. J., fisherman; P. O. Aurora.
 Graham, Saml., expressman; P. O. Aurora.
 Guinang, Jno., burnisher; P. O. Aurora.
 Gilbert, S. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Grass, Geo., brding house; P. O. Aurora.
 Gronberg, C. A., tailor; P. O. Aurora.
 Gemeleah, J. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Gray, Jno., far.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Gillett, L., farmer; P. O. Montgomery.
 Grommer, Phl., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Goodall, Frank, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Gray, L. W., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Gray, Mary J., P. O. Aurora.
 Gale, W. H., dentist; P. O. Aurora.
 Gath, Saml., blksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Goodell, J. M., clerk; P. O. Aurora.
 Goodell, N. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Gardner, Jacques, P. O. Aurora.
 Granger, F., P. O. Aurora.
 Gibney, Wm., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Gaffery, Felix, P. O. Aurora.
 Greaser, Geo., P. O. Aurora.
 Grannis, F. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Goodroad, Geo., fireman; P. O. Aurora.
 Gardner, L. G., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Gorham, Saml., P. O. Aurora.
 Glath, Saml., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Gibson, F., far.; P. O. North Aurora.
 George, B., far., P. O. Sugar Grove.
 Gardner, Wm., capitalist; P. O. Aurora.
 Goodale, J. W., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Gilbert, Horace, mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Gates, Mrs. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Gronberg, C. P., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Gridley, F. L., stock dealer; P. O. Aurora.
 Gregory, H. H., mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Greenwood, N. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Green, J. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Graves, A. J., P. O. Aurora.
 Gray, L. W., far.; P. O. Aurora.
GRAY, LESTER W., P. O. Aurora; born in Tioga Co., Pa., July 18, 1811; he worked his father's farm at the age of 17; he then became apprenticed to a tanner at Milton; finished his trade at the age of 21; married Diantha Putnam (a daughter of Thomas Putnam) in 1833; after working at his trade three years, he moved to Illinois in 1837; in 1838, moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa; resided in Galesburg, Ill., five years; in 1852, he moved to Aurora, and is now one of its wealthy and prominent men; was Supervisor, and has been Alderman thirteen years, and is a member of the Board of Education.

Gray, Margaret, P. O. Aurora.

GRAVES, CAPT. A. C., P. O. Aurora; was born in Cortland Co., N. Y., Feb. 15, 1825; resided with his parents in New York State until 9 years of age; in the Winter of 1834 they located near Lockport, Ill.; his father had only about \$300, but he purchased a claim and some oxen, and followed farming for several years; in 1837 he settled about four miles south-east of Batavia, purchasing some 260 acres, and, notwithstanding a large family (ten still living), he accumulated a handsome property; he is still living at Warrensville, near Batavia, with his wife, and is 77 years of age. Capt. G. did hard work on the farm, and in 1854 he was elected Sheriff of Du Page Co.; upon the expiration of his term, he was made Deputy; in 1857 or 1858 he was again elected Sheriff; during this term of office he was running a livery stable, which afterward was destroyed by fire. Prior to his election as Sheriff he was Constable and Collector; in 1862 he enlisted in Co. D, 105th Inf., at Naperville; he organized the Co., and was elected Captain; the regiment went into camp at Dixon, Ill.; six companies were from De Kalb and four from DuPage; this regiment was commanded by Capt. Graves all through the Atlanta campaign; at the close of Sherman's raid he was removed (very much against his will) to the Officers' Invalid Hospital at Chattanooga. In the Fall of 1864, on account of his health, he obtained a leave of absence, and returned home, and was unable to rejoin his command; in 1867 he came to Aurora, and has since made it his home, and been prominently identified with the place. He was Deputy Sheriff four years, and was also elected City Marshal.

HALL, JOHN, wagon maker; P. O. Aurora.

Hall, John S., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
Hagadone, B. Y., conductor; P. O. Aurora.

Hagadone, J. L., sprinkler; P. O. Aurora.

Hayward, Willard, P. O. Aurora.

Hayward, L., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Hanks, W., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Hanks, Matt., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Holden, J. L., insurance; P. O. Aurora.

HOBBS, N. R., manufacturer and dealer in all kinds of upholstering goods, furniture and undertaking, No. 36 So. River st., West Aurora; the business of this house dates back to the year 1867; he has built up a large business through upright, square dealing; is a thorough business man, and as a natural consequence has been very successful; he does his own upholstering, and his immense stock of ornamental and plain furniture was bought in New York, Boston, Grand Rapids, Mich., and many other points noted for their elegant and substantial goods and superior furniture; he owns the store, pays cash for what he buys, and offers great inducements to purchasers; Mr. Hobbs has resided within a few miles of Aurora since 1855.

Holden, W., stone cutter; P. O. Aurora.

HAWKINS, WILLIS B., son of William H. and L. Brooks Hawkins, was born August 15, 1852, in the then village of Aurora; living with his parents until his twelfth year, he divided his time between the public schools, Clark Seminary and the occupation of train-boy on the old main line accommodation of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; in September, 1864, he entered the military academy, Immanuel Hall, at Lake View, Ill., from which he emerged three years later; one year in Clark Seminary (now Jennings Institute) closed his school experience, and, under the administration of Hon. Geo. S. Bangs, P. M., he entered upon the duties of a clerk in the Aurora Post Office; this position was soon yielded up to satisfy a desire for knowledge of telegraphy, which was gained under the tutorship of Mr. T. L. Cleveland, of Batavia; this occupation was plied at different points on the C., B. & Q. R. R.—Naperville, West Aurora (Mr. Hawkins opened this office). Aurora yards, Plano and Ottawa—until, in 1871, he accepted a position in the First National Bank of Aurora; with this institution, the subject of this sketch remained until the Fall of 1872, when he joined a detective corps in Chicago, from which, however, the distasteful deception necessary to be practiced soon drove him; in the following Spring, Mr. Hawkins proceeded to St. Paul, Minn., where

the clerkship of a Minnesota River packet awaited him; a season of navigation, during the latter part of which he performed the duties of pilot, and another change, much to his liking, placed him in a lucrative position with the *Minneapolis Tribune*; under the tutelage of Clifford Thomson, brother of the late Mortimer Thomson ("Philander Doesticks") our subject became somewhat familiar with the details of journalism, and not until the *Tribune* was sold to the *Pioneer Press* did he leave it and proceed to Indianapolis, where he engaged as editor of the *Courier*, in which paper he owned a half interest; an acquaintance with Wong Chinfoo, the well-known Chinese lecturer, and a desire to further his studies of Chinese history and customs, prompted his relinquishment of the *Courier* chair, and until January 1876, he managed and traveled with that Oriental gentleman through the far East and West; in the month last named, Mr. Hawkins purchased a half interest in the *Aurora Daily News*, and took the editorial chair, to which he is now glued; in December, 1876, enlarged the *Daily News* to 24 columns; December, 1877, commenced the issue of a weekly; in December, 1876, put in steam power and cylinder press. R. W. Corbett is Local Editor. In some circles, the *non de plume* "Ben Wilde" will be, perhaps, more familiar than Willis B. Hawkins.

Hopps, Walter, P. O. Aurora.
 Hartman, M., P. O. Aurora.
 Harmow, Jacob, P. O. Aurora.
 Hopps, George, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Hartman, Thos., conductor; P. O. Aurora.
 Hackney, Miss Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Hackney, Mrs. L. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Hackney, Jerry, P. O. Aurora.
 Hilt, J. D., auctioneer; P. O. Aurora.
 Hilt, Daniel, hay and wood; P. O. Aurora.
 Hild, Wm. J., teacher; P. O. Aurora.
 Hoyt, A. J., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Hoyt, E. W., supt. cement works; P. O. Aurora.
 Howard G. S., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Howard, Mrs. E. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Howard, L. T., contractor; P. O. Aurora.
 Hopper, H., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Hopper, Jacob, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Hubbard, J. H., machinist; P. O. Aurora.

HASTINGS, L. M., Superintendent of the West Side Public Schools, District No 4; is the son of L. M. and Margaret Hastings, and was born in Worcester Co., Mass., April 18, 1837; he received his preliminary education at common school and the Thomas Academy, in 1854; he went to Fort Edward about a year, taking a classic course; in 1860, he came to Batavia, Ill., and remained one year, continuing his studies at the Batavia Institute; he taught at Birmingham, and also eight years in Decatur Co.; he founded the Garden Grove Academy there, in 1858; had charge of the public schools in Ottumwa, Iowa, for eight years; he took charge of the Graded Public School, at Litchfield, Ill., in 1873; he has taken charge of District No. 4, by request of the Board of Education.

HARRIS, O. M., proprietor of the Tremont House. The first of importance to point out to the public is a good hotel at which to stop and refresh satisfactorily the wants of the inner man, and this can conscientiously be said in naming the Tremont House. Before opening the hotel, the proprietor expended a large amount of money, determined to have a house that should give satisfaction and recommend itself through their attention and the comforts and fare offered. How well he has succeeded their increasing patronage will testify. The Tremont is very centrally located, being adjacent to the depot, business houses and places of amusement. Baggage and passengers are taken from and to the depot free of charge. The house contains about fifty rooms, all of which have been recently newly furnished and the whole interior renovated, giving the hotel a very homelike and cheerful appearance. Mr. Geo. H. Bean, the accommodating Clerk, recently of the Balis House, Indianapolis, and Biddle House of Detroit, and O. M. Harris, the attentive landlord, have made many friends by their uniform kindness and pleasant manners.

Hubbard, E. B., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Howell, I. M., lumber P. O. Aurora.
 Huntoon, Mrs. M. J., P. O. Aurora.
 Hathorn, A. C., clerk; P. O. Aurora.
 Hunton, I. C., mason; P. O. Aurora.

HAWKINS, W. H., P. O. Aurora; Vice President of the First National Bank of Aurora, and General Adjusting Agent C., B. & Q. R. R.; born in New York, in 1817, remaining there twelve years, thence to Erie Co., Pa., remaining there until 1835, engaged in learning a trade as a tanner, thence to Canada, where he was engaged in the book and stationery business, until the breaking out of the patriot war; rather than enlist and go to war in that country, he emigrated to Chicago, in 1837; was with Maj. Brooke, one of the contractors in building the Illinois Canal, thence to Aurora, in 1840, and took charge of the West Side of Aurora; at that time there was two saw-mills, two shingle-mills, and other business, until it was sold to Charles Hoyt; was engaged in the merchandising business until 1853; has been General Adjusting Agent of the C., B. & Q. R. R. since 1851, which office he has very acceptably and efficiently filled. Mr. Hawkins has creditably filled many offices of public trust; was Mayor of the city of Aurora, in 1862 and 1872, also Alderman of the city for several years. His son, W. D. Hawkins, was in the late war; first entered the service in Co. C, 7th Ill. Vol. Inf., for three months' service; served his time out and was honorably discharged; then rejoining the army, he entered the 36th Ill. Vol. Inf. for three years, or during the war; participated in hard fought battles, under Gen. Sherman; was honorably discharged June 5, 1865; is now engineer on the C., B. & Q. R. R.

HAWLEY, JOHN S., dry goods, of the firm of Hawley & Otis; P. O. Aurora; was born in Fairfield Co., Conn., in 1820, where he remained until he was 16 years of age; he then immigrated West to Chicago, where he entered the dry goods house of McGee & High as clerk, receiving \$150 per year and board for his services; Mr. Hawley remained and saved enough money that, in 1851, he came to Aurora and commenced the dry goods business on his own account, and to-day ranks as the oldest dry goods merchant in Aurora; he was City Treasurer in 1865, in which office he gave entire satisfaction.

Hoyleo, Saml., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Henry, John, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hollering, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Huglis, Lavina, P. O. Aurora.
 Holmes, W. E., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Holmes, J. S., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Hoffman, J. F., cigars; P. O. Aurora;
 Hoffman, Conrad, cigars; P. O. Aurora.
HALE & CARPENTER, proprietors of Aurora Carriage Manufactory, established 1865. They commenced business with a capital of about \$200 in a little brick building in the rear of the Fitch House. With hard labor, good management, and the manufacture of first class work, to-day they stand among the leading carriage manufacturers of the West. They are located on the corner of Water and Benton streets, where they attend to light work and turn out carriages and buggies which for beauty of design and proprietors see that nothing leaves their finish are not excelled either East or West. The material used by this firm is of the very best to be obtained. They employ twelve practical men, and the shop unless first class. Geo. Hale was born in Pennsylvania; came to Aurora at an early day, where he commenced his trade as a blacksmith, which business he has followed ever since. W. E. Carpenter was born in Michigan; came to Aurora in 1856; was in the late war; enlisted in Co. H, 124th Ill. Volunteers, and served three years, from 1862 to 1865. These gentlemen are honorable and enterprising, and from their long experience and facilities are able to compete with any other establishment for like work.

Hitchcock, Mrs. F. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Hitchcock, W., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Hitchcock, S., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Hodges, Laura, P. O. Aurora.
 Hillock, R. J., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Hiller, Stephen, saloon; P. O. Aurora.
 Hill, Thos. E., author and ex-Mayor; P. O. Aurora.
 Hill, H. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Hill, L. O., Alderman; P. O. Aurora.
 Hennig, Herman, bridge builder; P. O. Aurora.
 Hattery, A. J., purchasing agt.; P. O. Aurora.
 Higbee, A., P. O. Aurora.

Healy, John, machinist; P. O. Aurora.

HOWELL, DR. O. D., P. O. Aurora; the subject of this sketch is probably one of the best known and highly regarded business men of Aurora, having resided in Aurora since the year 1855; he was born in New York, in 1818; he commenced his career in life by teaching school, where he saved enough money to pay his tuition in college; he graduated at the New York University, in the medical department, in 1840; he immigrated West to Aurora, in 1855, where he commenced the practice of medicine, which he has followed ever since; was in the late war as Surgeon; at the close of the war was Examining Surgeon for the United States Pension Department, appointed by President Lincoln; is Vice President of the Union National Bank of Aurora, which was organized March, 1871, with a paid-up capital of \$125,000. The Union National Bank is one of the most solid and reliable in the country, whose officers and stockholders rank among the leading capitalists and men of Aurora; Dr. H. delivered the first temperance lecture in Aurora, in a school house on the site where now stands John Plain's liquor store; his son, Dr. Edwin B. Howell, is one of the best educated doctors in Aurora; is a graduate of the Chicago University, also in French and German schools of medicine of the highest class in Europe, Persia and Vienna.

Hawks, George, Inspector; P. O. Aurora.

Huntington, A., ins. agt.; P. O. Aurora.

Hawkins, Delos, eng.; P. O. Aurora.

Hale, Geo., carriage mfr.; P. O. Aurora.

Holt, J. M., foreman R. R. carp. shops; P. O. Aurora.

Hanson, C. E., clerk; P. O. Aurora.

Harral, J. F., star churn; P. O. Aurora.

Haney, Chas., bkpr.; P. O. Aurora.

Holcolm, O., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Hendricks, M. S., machine works; P. O. Aurora.

Hassett, Michael, merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Hollis, Fred, mach.; P. O. Aurora.

Halkyard Jas., P. O. Aurora.

Henn, Frank, shoemkr.; P. O. Aurora.

Hadden, Mrs. Helen, P. O. Aurora.

Hirsh, L., mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Harrington, Jesse, auctioneer; P. O. Aurora.

HARD, ABNER, M. D., P. O.

Aurora; he was born at Geneva, N. Y., Dec. 3, 1820, and is the son of Peter N. and Mary Hard. When he was thirteen years old his parents left Geneva, and settled in Livingston Co., Mich.; here, as well as in his native town, Dr. Hard attended the district school, making the best use of the advantages afforded by them. He early decided upon the medical profession, but not having means sufficient to pay his expenses through a regular course of study, he taught school through the winters, and through the summer months studied for his profession in the vicinity of Detroit; this he continued for four years, and in 1851 came to Aurora, Ill. In 1852, he went to Keokuk, Iowa, and afterward graduated from the medical department of the Iowa State University; he is also a graduate of the Rush Medical College of Chicago. He began the practice of his profession at Ottawa, Illinois, and remained there and at Marseilles two years. In 1854, with a view to locating permanently, he returned to Aurora. In addition to his professional work, he has filled many important positions. He entered the army in 1861, as Surgeon of 8th Regiment Ill. Cavalry, and held the position till the close of the war. For his meritorious services while in the army, he was breveted Lieut. Colonel. In 1868 he was elected Alderman of the city, and in 1869 was appointed Postmaster of Aurora, and held the position until 1873. He was President, Secretary and Treasurer of Fox Valley Medical Association; was a member of the State Medical Association, and also of the American Medical Association; besides, he has written and published a history of the 8th Regiment Ill. Cavalry. Socially, he has a pleasing address and genial manners, that win the respect of all. He is a member of the Congregational Church; his political opinions are Republican. He was married May 7, 1844, to Miss Laura E. Vreeland, by whom he has four daughters.

Hodder, J. H., publisher; P. O. Aurora.

Haeni, J. F., mer. P. O. Aurora.

Hawley, Mrs. H. D., P. O. Aurora.

Habermeyer, J. G., P. O. Aurora.

- HIGGINS, DR. GEO.**, P. O. Aurora; born in Vermont, Dec. 27, 1826; when he was quite young, his father with his family moved to Canada; thence to New York, and back to Canada; Dr. H., in company with his father, Winslow Higgins, came West and settled in Aurora, in 1835; was engaged in farming when he first came here; he also, in the Fall of 1835, helped his father build the first frame house in Aurora; was built on the site of what is now called Allen's warehouse; is a graduate of the Rush Medical College, of Chicago; graduated in 1850; has been following the practice of medicine ever since.
- Habermeyer, Michael, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
- Hough, J. W., drayman; P. O. Aurora.
- Hadlock, W. S., fireman; P. O. Aurora.
- Harrison, Alfred, clerk; P. O. Aurora.
- Huston, J. E., mnfr.; P. O. Aurora.
- HATCH, A. P.**, of the firm of Judd & Hatch, dealers in agricultural implements, grain and seed; P. O. Aurora; was born in New York, in July, 1844, remaining there until 1847; came West and settled in Sugar Grove Tp.; engaged in farming; thence to Aurora and commenced the druggist business in 1868, which business he followed until 1876; sold out and entered into partnership with H. A. Judd, in the agricultural business, in 1876; Rep.
- Hunt, Mrs. E. L., P. O. Aurora.
- Hummel, Rev. C., min.; P. O. Aurora.
- Hooker, M. F., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
- Hamilton, A. A., bkpr.; P. O. Aurora.
- Hermon, John, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
- Hurleyby, John, P. O. Aurora.
- HOLDEN, T. N.**, bookkeeper locomotive department C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora; is a native of Sullivan Co., N. H.; came West in 1853; was engaged with Fuller, Finch & Fuller, druggists, of Chicago, as clerk, from 1858 to 1866; this year he was taken in as partner, and continued with the firm until 1869; he then entered the glassware business, which he continued until the great Chicago fire of 1871, when his entire stock was consumed in fire; he then came to Aurora in 1871; in 1872, he entered the office of the C., B. & Q. R. R., as bookkeeper in the locomotive department; is President of the East Side Board of Education.
- Heimsath, Henry, manf.; P. O. Aurora.
- Herrick, D. A., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
- Howell, E. B., surgeon; P. O. Aurora.
- Hawley & Otis, merchants; P. O. Aurora.
- Hopkins, Rev. W. C., minister.
- Hardy, Sandford, coal and wood; P. O. Aurora.
- Hettinger, Peter, far.; P. O. No. Aurora.
- Hiltgen, Nicholas, far.; P. O. Aurora.
- Hess, Jno., far.; P. O. Aurora.
- Hess, Nicholas, far.; P. O. Aurora.
- Hines, John, painter; P. O. Aurora.
- Hermus, Nicholas, mer.; P. O. Aurora.
- Hinnen, Peter, P. O. Aurora.
- Hettinger, Matt., farmer; P. O. North Aurora.
- Hanks, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
- Hankers, Peter, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
- Hannon, Goodhart, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
- Harvey, Alexander, far.; P. O. Aurora.
- Heitz, Dominick, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
- Hanks, Fred., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
- Hennis, N., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
- Huss, Peter, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
- Hammer, Joseph, mason; P. O. Aurora.
- Hartz, M., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
- Heitz, Nicholas, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
- Hornly, Mrs. B., P. O. Aurora.
- Hill, Mrs. Nancy, P. O. Aurora.
- Holden, Mrs. Sarah, P. O. Aurora.
- Hoffman, J. G. F., cigars; P. O. Aurora.
- Hall, Abby B., P. O. Aurora.
- Hoyt, C. L., manufacturer; P. O. Aurora.
- Hoyt, L. P., manufacturer; P. O. Aurora.
- Hayward, Ansel, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
- Hartman, Margaret, P. O. Aurora.
- Hopp, W. J., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
- Harris, R. C., far.; P. O. No. Aurora.
- Hines, Harrison, P. O. Aurora.
- Harman, Sarah A., P. O. Aurora.
- Hatch, J., P. O. Aurora.
- Huntoon, Ann, P. O. Aurora.
- Harris, Jas., P. O. Aurora.
- Hotz, Fred., clerk; P. O. Aurora.
- Hyland, Mary A., P. O. Aurora.
- Hinman, Mrs. Sarah J., P. O. Aurora.
- Heaton, Jno., mason; P. O. Aurora.
- Hathron, M. L., P. O. Aurora.
- Hass, Michael, far.; P. O. Aurora.
- Hanson, Norman, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
- Holbrook, Mrs. B. N., P. O. Aurora.
- Holbrook, Betsey, P. O. Aurora.
- Hibbard, Mrs. H., P. O. Aurora.
- Howard, Theodore, mason; P. O. Aurora.
- Hale, A. H., P. O. Aurora.
- Hurd, D. W., mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Hoyt, L. B., mfg.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hotz, Emeline, P. O. Aurora.
 Hardy, Jno. W., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hunt, M. R., P. O. Aurora.
 Hurd, Saml., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Higgins, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Holbrook, A., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hanchett, J. L., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Hamilton, O. S., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hitchcock, Geo. I., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

HOPKINS, ALBERT J., the subject of this sketch, was born on his father's farm near Cortland, De Kalb County, Ills., Aug. 15, 1846. His parents are Cyrus B. and Fannie Hopkins, who were among the earliest settlers of Northern Illinois, having made their home in De Kalb County nearly forty years ago. Those born amidst the circumstances of pioneer life, must necessarily imbibe something of the nature of their surroundings. The freedom of the life from the cares and responsibilities that ever attend the older forms of society, tends to produce a spirit of independence and vigor, which are unknown in the latter; while the isolation of the life develops a fertility of resource and an energy of action that might otherwise have remained dormant. Amid these surroundings, young Hopkins spent his childhood and early youth, working on the farm from the time he was able to handle an ax or hold the plow, and in the Winter gathering what instruction the rude "district" school of the period could afford. At seventeen, at his own earnest entreaty, he was permitted to attend school at Sycamore, the county seat of De Kalb, and such was his industry, that in one year he fitted himself to enter the preparatory course of the Hillsdale College at Hillsdale, Mich. Twelve months in that course fully equipped him for entrance into the college, and there he spent four years, graduating in 1870, and receiving the degree of A. B. Hopkins' thoughts as to a life pursuit had long since been directed toward the law. His father came home one day from court, where he had been serving as a juror, and his description of court scenes, and particularly of the passages at arms between the lawyers, and their eloquent appeals to the jury, awakened

in the lad an ambition that had slumbered. On graduating from college, however, he received a tempting offer to take charge of an academy in Maine, but through some misunderstanding on the part of the trustees of the institution the project fell through. His mind then reverted to the dream of his early boyhood. He came to Aurora in August, 1870, and began the study of law with C. J. Metzner, then one of the leading members of the bar in Kane County. Hopkins brought to his law studies zeal, industry and determination to succeed, and in September, 1871, he was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of Illinois, and a year later in all the United States Courts. In 1872, he was elected State's Attorney for Kane County, and held the office for a term of four years, greatly distinguishing himself by the energy and success which attended his criminal prosecutions. It has become a custom to confer this office upon young lawyers, and in no term since the organization of the county has there been secured so large a number of convictions for criminal offenses as during the term it was held by Hopkins. Since his retirement from office, Mr. Hopkins has devoted his entire attention to his practice, which is extensive and lucrative, and constantly growing. Some men pursue the law merely as a means of livelihood, just as they might engage in trade, or saw wood, or keep a hotel for a living. With Hopkins the law is a part of his life. The dream of the farmer's boy has not only never faded, but its realization in the highest sense has become a passion. His ambition is to distinguish himself in his chosen profession, and particularly as an advocate. To this object he bends all his energies with the zest that marked his early studies. He understands well the importance of thoroughness of preparation, and he never enters a court room with a case without being thoroughly equipped for its presentation. He studies it from both standpoints, and is as ready to meet and repel the arguments of opposing counsel as to press his own. It is this thoroughness that makes him ready for the most unexpected emergency that may arise in the course of a trial, and to his unwearied

- industry he owes much of his success, which is seldom equaled in the early career of lawyers. His temperament is the nervous and sanguine, and this, based upon a vigorous constitution, makes him a hard hitter. In politics Mr. Hopkins is a Republican, and in every election for several years past he has been one of the most effective stump speakers of that party in Kane County. His name has been frequently mentioned in connection with a seat in the Legislature.
- Hoppenger, Mike, P. O. Aurora.
 Hickey, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Hill, H. R., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Hill, J. E., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Hughes, John, blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Hogan, James, P. O. Aurora.
 Hogan, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Hawkins, C., P. O. Aurora.
 Hines, Wm., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Hill, John, blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Hinds, James, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Hinds, Peter, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Hillock, James, merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Harding, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Holland, Thomas, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Houghton, Hannah J., P. O. Aurora.
 Hackett, John, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Halpin, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Hannon, John, mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hayward, A. B., P. O. Aurora.
 Hughes, Michael, P. O. Aurora.
 Henning, L., P. O. Aurora.
 Hotz, Fred, salesman; P. O. Aurora.
 Hadlock, J. C., railroad man; P. O. Aurora.
 Hartzburg, W. A., sash fac.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hotchkins, W. H., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Hall, S. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Holmes, Mrs. C. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Hackenburger, C. F., P. O. Aurora.
 Horton, Caroline, P. O. Aurora.
 Hork, Julia, P. O. Aurora.
 Hamsmith, Henry, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Hamsmith, Ed., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Holden, Whitaker, stone cutter; P. O. Aurora.
 Hamsmith, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Hall, J. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Hogan, Peter, P. O. Aurora.
 Hayes, Thos. E., fireman; P. O. Aurora.
 Hollis, Fred., Jr., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Hastings, Dan'l, switchman; P. O. Aurora.
 Hank, S. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Hanna, Robert, mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Howe, James, mechanic; P. O. Aurora.
 Houghlin, Frank, P. O. Aurora.
 Host, Peter, machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Higgins, George, physician; P. O. Aurora.
 Haggarty, Charles, wagon maker; P. O. Aurora.
 Hopps, Mrs. Ann, P. O. Aurora.
 Hard, Abner, physician; P. O. Aurora.
 Houston, Mrs. Alex., P. O. Aurora.
 Hareiman, Hiram, P. O. Aurora.
 Hannon, Sarah, P. O. Aurora.
 Hall, J. G., P. O. Aurora.
 Hathaway, G. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Hassett, R., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Hassett, Michael, mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hobbs, N. R., furniture; P. O. Aurora.
 Hannah Bros., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hanna, Robt., P. O. Aurora.
 Hoyt, Willis, mfr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hoyt, Mrs. Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Hoyt, Mrs. S. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Hoyt, L. P., mfr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hoyt, Agnes; P. O. Aurora.
 Hagerty, Chas., wagon mkr; P. O. Aurora.
 Hale, Horace, brkman; P. O. Aurora.
 Hume, T. J., marble cutter; P. O. Aurora.
 Holstin, Martha, P. O. Aurora.
 Holstin, Julia, P. O. Aurora.
 Howard, P., P. O. Aurora.
 Huntoon, E. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Hubbard, N., mail carrier; P. O. Aurora.
 Hubbard, Mrs. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Hewett, E. E., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hart, J. W., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Hinckley, L., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Hammond, K. S., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Higgins, M. A., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Higgins, Jas., P. O. Aurora.
 Hastings, L. M., Supt. West Side School; P. O. Aurora.
 Hawley, S. B., phys.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hauser, C., P. O. Aurora.
 Hamilton, Pat., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Huntington, J. H., clerk; P. O. Aurora.
 Holbrook, Mrs. B. N., P. O. Aurora.
 Hatch, Mrs. M. P., P. O. Aurora.
 Hill, Rev. D. D., min.; P. O. Aurora.
 Hord, L., miller; P. O. Aurora.
 Hord, M. P., miller; P. O. Aurora.
 Haigh, W. C., tailor; P. O. Aurora.
 Hayward, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Hadden, A., shoemaker; P. O. Aurora.
 Hartigan, Thos., bill poster; P. O. Aurora.
 Hunt, Herman, butcher; P. O. Aurora.
 Hurd, D. W., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Hanna, Jno., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Hanna, Geo., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Hotz, F. H., salesman; P. O. Aurora.
 Hord, Emmons & Co., flour-mill; P. O. Montgomery.
 Hammond, Jno., sash, doors and blinds; P. O. Montgomery.
 Hager, Joseph, mer.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Humphry, Geo., P. O. Aurora.
 Hardy, J. W., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Hopkins, H. L., dairyman; P. O. Aurora.
 Hill, D. L., milkman; P. O. Aurora.
 Hayes, Abigail, P. O. Aurora.
 Hough, J. W., drayman; P. O. Aurora.
 Harwood, Mrs. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Hurd, Samuel, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Halpine, Mrs. Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Haroley, Mrs. H. D., P. O. Aurora.

HIGGINS, M. A., of the firm of W. Lawrence & Co.; P. O. Aurora; was born in Jamaica, Windham Co., Vt., Dec. 16, 1827; was educated there; his father was a farmer in good circumstances; when 15 years old he entered the employ of Higgins & Summers, his father being the senior member; he remained as clerk five or six years; two years after he opened a general merchandise store in his native place, and continued in business five years; while here he married Miss Martha A. Reed in 1853; he went to Washington Co., and entered into partnership with Mr. Lawrence, his present partner; they commenced on a small scale, but in a few years their sales reached \$100,000 per annum; at the end of seven years the firm dissolved; nine years from this time he came to Aurora, and went into the lumber business, and finally again became a partner of Mr. Lawrence.

LIFF, DAVID, insurance agent; P. O. Aurora.

Irwin, Fowler, mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Irvin, Jerry, P. O. Aurora.
 Isbell, E. K., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Isbell, Levi H., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Innes, Peter, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Isbell, Mrs. A. C., P. O. Aurora.

JONES, MRS. LETITIA, P. O. Aurora.

Jameson, J., miller; P. O. Aurora.
 Johnson, W. J., agent; P. O. Aurora.
 Jones, Wm., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Jones, H. R., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Johnson, Joseph, mer.; P. O. Aurora.

JUDD, ASAH, retired farmer; P. O. Aurora; was born in Franklin Co., Mass., in 1808, where he remained until 1853, and then emigrated West to Kane Co., and settled in Sugar Grove Township, where he commenced farming, which business he carried on very successfully until 1868, when he moved to Aurora; Mr. Judd, when he first came to Kane Co., was worth about \$5,000; he invested in farming land, and with hard labor and industry, is to-day one of the successful farmers of Kane Co.; Nov. 25, 1841, he married Miss Mary Ann Bates, daughter of John and Ann Bates, of Hampshire Co., Mass.; she was born in 1817; three children—Henry A., born in 1847; engaged in the agricultural business in Aurora; married Miss Jane Smith; William B., traveling salesman of Wright & King, of Chicago, married Annie T. Graves; Mary L., married James Davis, farmer.
 Johnson, L. E., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Johnson, W. J., traveler; P. O. Aurora.
 Johnson, J. B., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Johnson, G. N., traveling agent; P. O. Aurora.

Jackson, Rev. J. L., min.; P. O. Aurora.

Jackson, Fred, painter; P. O. Aurora.

Judd, Theo., mach.; P. O. Aurora.

Judson, L. B., ins. agt.; P. O. Aurora.

Jurden, W. E., physician; P. O. Aurora.

James, J. C., P. O. Aurora.

James, F. D., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

JUDD, HENRY A., of the firm of Judd & Hatch, dealers in agricultural implements, grain and seed, Aurora, Ill.; P. O. Aurora; was born in Franklin Co., Mass., in 1847, remaining there until 1853; thence West to Kane Co., Ill., and settled in Sugar Grove Township; he engaged in farming; he came to Aurora, and started in the agricultural business in 1871; he holds the office of Supervisor, which he was elected to in 1876; Rep.; Episcopalian.

Jassoy, Mrs. A. B., P. O. Aurora.

Jenkins, Ed., mason; P. O. Aurora.

Jacoby, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Jameson & Russell, city mills; P. O. Aurora.

Jenkins, D. J., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Jungles, Geo., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Jungles, Philip, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Jungles, Peter, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Jacobs, Nicholas, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Jones, John, mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Jungles, P. M., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Jones, W. H., auctioneer; P. O. Aurora.
 Jenks, Mrs. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Janes, N. L., P. O. Aurora.
 James, H. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Jones, W., mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Jones, E. T., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Judd, A. T., lumber dr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Judd, Charles, lumber; P. O. Aurora.
 Jameson, John, prop. mill; P. O. Mont-
 gomery.
 Jackson, A. L., P. O. Aurora.
 Johnson, Jno., traveler; P. O. Aurora.
 Johnson, James, P. O. Aurora.
 Johnson, M. F., teamster; P. O. Aurora.
 Jones, John, contractor; P. O. Aurora.
 Jones, O. T., P. O. Aurora.
 Jenks, Joel, P. O. Aurora.
 Johnson, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Jackson, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Johnston, Joseph, mnfr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Johnson, G. N., traveler; P. O. Aurora.
 Johnson, A. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Jones, W., Jr., mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Jorbon, John, watchman; P. O. Aurora.

JONES, O. T., retired farmer; P. O. Aurora; he was born at North Wales, Jan. 15, 1809; in 1838 he came to America, and settled down in the State of New York; he remained four years, working out for \$8 per month; in 1836 he came West to Illinois, passing through Chicago, and eventually settling down at Somanauk, De Kalb Co.; here he gave \$200 for 340 acres of land, and the same year split rails and built fence and also erected a log cabin; the following Spring he hired six yoke of oxen and broke about 40 acres and put in his crop; in Oct., 1837, he was married, at Chicago, to Miss Elizabeth Williams, at the residence of E. Van Lewis; on his return he farmed it very successfully for ten years; in 1847 he moved to Alexandria, near Sandwich, Ill., where he resided for eight years; in 1866 he came to Sugar Grove and purchased 155 acres; he disposed of this in 1868, and in 1869 came to Aurora, lived a short time in the city, and finally purchased 4 acres just outside the city and built himself a handsome residence; has four children—Albert, William D., Clayton, and John T.

Joyce, Cordelia, P. O. Aurora.
 Johnson, M. T., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Jones, Jurby, P. O. Aurora.
 Jurand, Jacob, P. O. Aurora.

JACKSON, S. L., P. O. Aurora; was born in Chautauqua Co., N. Y., Aug. 6, 1819; when 10 years old, moved with his parents to Ashtabula Co., Ohio; his father, a blacksmith, early instructed him in the trade, but, at 18, young Jackson determined to try his fortune in the West; with the consent of his parents and \$80 in money, he started—*bon voyage*—fording rivers, doubling teams through swamps and highways, and guessing the road in sparsely settled localities, guide boards being few and far between; an idea may be had of the difficulties in the way of the emigrant when it is stated that, in a distance of thirty miles, thirty-one taverns were counted; this was en route through the Maumee Swamps, and it was no uncommon occurrence to see nine yoke of oxen trying to pull a wagon out of a plunge hole; in some places, holes were so deep that the mud and water would force their way through the bottoms of the wagons; old settlers will remember the Pre-emption Hotel, the favorite stamping ground of the emigrant; for four or five years, Mr. Jackson followed blacksmithing and farming in Chicago and in McHenry and Du Page Counties; in 1843, he established himself in a blacksmith shop at Naperville, and continued there for fourteen years; at 27, married Miss Sarah A. Baker, of Aurora; two sons and two daughters are the result of the union; for a number of years, Mr. Jackson held the office of Alderman in Aurora, and on his retirement from office he worked his farm property for seven years; in 1870, he again came with his family to Aurora, and erected his present residence. Coming to Illinois as poor as the poorest, he steadily went onward and upward; he is wealthy, affable and courteous.

JAMES, F. W., photographer; corner Downer place and River street; P. O. Aurora; became established in present business seven years ago; was born in Wooster, Ohio, Nov., 1847; his father was a dealer in musical instruments and

music many years; settled in Ohio forty years ago; he was also a sea captain in his younger days; here the subject of this sketch grew up, received a preliminary education, and was afterward finished in Aurora; when 18 years of age, his parents settled in Aurora; he became an employe of the C., B. & Q. R. R., and worked three years as a machinist; then became an agent for the Florence Sewing Machine Co. Mr. James had also had a large experience in the photograph business with D. C. Pratt and others.

JACKSON, D. B., blacksmith and carriage maker, and a teacher of penmanship; P. O. Aurora; was born at Naperville, Du Page Co., in 1850; his father was a blacksmith and wagon maker; when he was six years old his parents moved to Aurora, and remained three years; the family then moved on to a farm of 270 acres, three miles northwest of the city; there young Jackson grew to maturity; in early youth he attended the District School; at 15 years of age he became a student in the Northwestern Business College in the city of Aurora; took a course in the higher branches and penmanship; then attended Jennings Seminary; in penmanship he studied under Prof. Cross; on leaving the seminary, he worked on the farm a short time, and in 1871 he went to Kansas and bought a farm, which he still owns; May 15, 1872, he married Julia L. Felton, daughter of J. M. Felton, at Winfield, near Arkansas City; while on the farm Mr. Jackson had become a skillful workman; he is one of the best wagon makers in Aurora, and a fine penman; resides close to shop.

KELLEY, JOHN, expressman; P. O. Aurora.

Kelly, W., mechanic; P. O. Aurora.

Kelly, L., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Kelly, J. A., P. O. Aurora.

Kelly, Pat., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Killian, Emil, engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Knight, I. J., shoemaker; P. O. Aurora.

Kinley, J. A., clerk; P. O. Aurora.

Kuott, James, P. O. Aurora.

Kuchue, E. H., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Kramer, J. J., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Kranert, Fred., fruit dealer; P. O. Aurora.

Karl, J. H., stone quarry; P. O. Aurora.

KLEIN, PETER, editor and proprietor of the *Aurora Volles Freund*; he was born in Nussbaum, Prussia, near Bingen on the Rhine, Sept. 1, 1849; is the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Kessler) Klein; Mr. Klein came to America with his father in 1862; his first business in this country was clerking in Chicago; from there he came to Kane Co. and settled in Aurora in 1864, where he commenced clerking in a store; thence in the insurance business, which he continued until 1868; he then entered into partnership with Mr. Siegmund in the publication of the *Volles Freund*, the only German paper in the Fox River Valley; on the 1st of July, 1870, Mr. Klein bought out the half interest of Mr. Siegmund, and continued to publish the paper alone; when the first number made its appearance, few entertained the belief that it would live any length of time; but with a firm and powerful will and the good business qualifications that characterize its present publisher, the paper has been gradually brought to a firm, substantial basis, and may now be deemed one of the permanent institutions of Aurora.

Klamser, Joseph, engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Kutler, John, P. O. Aurora.

KING, ALFRED, farmer; resides in Aurora; born in N. Y., in 1825. He married Miss M. Dean; she was born in New York, 1845; have four children, three living; lived in New York until 1856, then came to Aurora, then to Big Rock, then to Aurora; has been Highway Commissioner and School Director; he owns 153 acres in Secs. 18 and 19, in Aurora Township, valued at \$65 per acre.

Keith, James, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Keepers, I. B., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Keyes, S. P., P. O. Aurora.

Kirsch, Peter, engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Kirsch, Nick, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Kendall, J. W., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Kearns, B., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Kyle, T. A., engineer; P. A. Aurora.

Keil, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Kiesel, C., butcher; P. O. Aurora.

Keup, Jos., peddler; P. O. Aurora.

Krauter, Geo., mason; P. O. Aurora.

Koenig, Jno., shoemaker; P. O. Aurora.

Kehm, Fred, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Kansler, Albert, brooms; P. O. Aurora.
 Kramer, Conrad, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Kramer, John, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Kartizer, Barney, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Kartizer, Theo., car repairer; P. O. Aurora.
 Kartizer, John, car repairer; P. O. Aurora.
 Komas, Jno., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Kartizer, Peter, car repairer; P. O. Aurora.
 Kartizer, Michael, far.; P. O. North Aurora.
 Krantz, Nick., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Kramer, Wm., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Krantze, Lawrence, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Krutchen, Jno., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Komas, Frank, far.; P. O. North Aurora.
 Komas, Anton, far.; P. O. North Aurora.
 Komas, Nick, far.; P. O. North Aurora.
 Komas, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Kale, Harry, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 King, Betsey, Mrs., P. O. Aurora.
 Kraymor, N., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Karthizer, Mat., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Keifer, John, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Kranz, Peter, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Kaley, Henry, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Kline, N., P. O. Aurora.
 Kirchens, P., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Kinley, J. R., ticket agt.; P. O. Aurora.
 Kohra, Jno., P. O. Aurora.
 Kattler, Jno., butcher; P. O. Aurora.
 King, Mrs. Amelia, P. O. Aurora.
 Knight, Chas. B., cond'r; P. O. Aurora.
 Kerwin, M. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Kellam, Frank, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Kimball, Wm., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Kennedy, Thos., flagman; P. O. Aurora.
 Kelly, Michael, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Kraft, Philip, P. O. Aurora.
 Klamsler, Joseph, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Keefe, Morris, lab; P. O. Aurora.
 Kingsbury, S., P. O. Aurora.
 Keenan, Jno., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Kealey, Henry, C. B. & Q.; P. O. Aurora.
 Keep, Emma, P. O. Aurora.
 Kelsey, C. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Kaiser, John, shoemaker; P. O. Aurora.
 Kohn, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Krawsenkle, Frank, P. O. Aurora.
 Keefe, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 King J. R., clerk; P. O. Sugar Grove.
 King, Nancy, P. O. Aurora.
 King, Almer, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Kennedy, J. D., P. O. Aurora
 Kehl, Mike, P. O. Aurora.
 Karl, J. H., stone quarry; P. O. Aurora.

Kinney, Patrick, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Keck, Leander, P. O. Aurora.
 Kennedy, Geo., C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Kennedy, J. M., conductor; P. O. Aurora.
 Kavanaugh, M., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Kuapp, Valentine, wagon maker; P. O. Aurora.
 Karb, Peter, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Knight, D. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Knickerbocker, H., printer; P. O. Aurora.
 Knickerbocker, W., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Knickerbocker, Geo., mfr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Kemp, Jno., harness maker; P. O. Aurora.
 Keasler, I., jeweler; P. O. Aurora.
 Keasler, B., P. O. Aurora.
 Kilbourne, Dr. E. H., dentist; P. O. Aurora.
 King, Henry, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Kennedy, Chas., P. O. Aurora.
 Keck, Daniel, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Keck, Jas., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Klepper, Nich., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Keck, Jno., farmer; P. O. Montgomery.
 Keck, Walter, farmer; P. O. Montgomery.
 Keck, Nimrod, far.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Knight, I. J., mfr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Kelley, Bridget, P. O. Aurora.
 Kearns, John, watchman; P. O. Aurora.
 Kranard, Fred., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Koller, Anna, P. O. Aurora.
 Koller, Miss W., P. O. Aurora.
 Krouse, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Kalf, Leonard, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Kinley, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Kinley, W. B., P. O. Aurora.
 LONG, J. H., painter; P. O. Aurora.

LOSER, ANTON, senior member of the firm of Loser & Son, dealers in groceries, glassware, wines, liquors and cigars; P. O. Aurora; was born at Luxemburg, Germany, Sept. 21, 1821; in 1857 he became established in business in Aurora, and ranks among the oldest business men of the place; a few years ago, Christopher Loser, his son, became a partner; he is a young man well liked for his pleasing manner, and possesses good business qualifications; they are located at 45 River street; they carry a fine line of goods, and customers always get their money's worth; everything applying to groceries may be found at this house; also a fine line of wines, liquors and cigars.

Long, Fred., policeman; P. O. Aurora.
 Long, Nicholas, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Leonard, Mrs. I. P., milliner; P. O. Aurora.

LEWIS, JAMES, wool merchant; P. O. Aurora; was born in Jefferson Co., New York, in 1836; up to the time he was 14 years of age, his parents resided at Jefferson; they then removed to Cayuga Co., and thence to Washington Co., where they still live; James received a good common school education in the same county, and remained on the farm there until he was 26 years of age; in 1864, he came West and located first at Montgomery, about two miles from Aurora; while there, he was employed to run a flax-mill, by an Eastern firm; in 1867, he came to Aurora and entered the employ of Hon. D. Volentine, and, in 1872, became a member of the firm; this house transacts the heaviest wool business of any firm in the Northwest; buys very largely in the States of Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Illinois, and many other North-western States; their shipments are made East, principally to Boston; to give the reader a little idea of the immense amount of business transacted by this firm, it would take one or six to eight months to repair the sacks used in shipping.

Leonard, John, mason; P. O. Aurora.

LAWRENCE & CO., W., dry goods and groceries; of the many successful business houses of Aurora, there are none that rank ahead of the above enterprising firm; they were established in 1862, commencing in a small way; they now command a trade for miles around the city, and ship their produce to an eastern market; they occupy the double store, 42 and 44 South River st., one of the most palatial business houses in the West, devoted exclusively to dry goods, groceries, pork, butter and produce; principal shipments are made to Boston; the members of the firm are Wm. Lawrence, Lyman Baldwin and M. A. Higgins; W. Lawrence is also Treasurer and Director of the Aurora Silver Plate Mfg. Co., member of the West Side Board of Education, and Vice President of the Second National Bank.

Leonard, Philip, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Leonard, B. F., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Loomis, John, lumber; P. O. Aurora.
 Lindsley, Wm., loan agt.; P. O. Aurora.
 Lowry, J. K., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Layton, Henry, P. O. Aurora.
 Lindsley, G. W., gilder; P. O. Aurora.
 Lowry, Mrs. J. B., dressmaker; P. O. Aurora.

Lackner, John, mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Little, Miss R. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Loser, M., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Loser, Peter, mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Lacure, J. P., yard master; P. O. Aurora.
 Lillie, Mrs. L., F. O. Aurora.
 Lantz, C., watchman; P. O. Aurora.
 Loucks, P. L., P. O. Aurora.
 Loucks, Phebe E., P. O. Aurora.
 Lux, Peter, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Lantrom, Nick, P. O. Aurora.
 Leary, Michael, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

LAKE, D. G., boots and shoes, and farming; was born in the year 1828, at Conneaut, Ashtabula Co., Ohio; in 1835 his parents moved West and reached the banks of the Fox River same year; the head of the family, who was a stirring business man and ambitious to make a home, claimed, in connection with his brother, Tophint, several hundred acres, and also bought a claim of Samuel McCarty, John Halbrog, John R. Livingston and Mr. Powers; afterward he kept a portion of the claims, and part of this claim is now comprised in the city of Aurora. Theo. Lake, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born at East Bloomfield, N. Y., Feb. 16, 1801; as before stated, he came to Aurora in 1835, and was one of the earliest pioneers in Kane Co.; he and the brother heretofore mentioned started, probably, the first general merchandise store in Aurora. As an instance of the growth of Kane Co., Mr. Lake states that when he was nine years of age he rode on horseback and plowed corn through what is now River street, the main thoroughfare on the west side of the river; this was in 1835, when Aurora had but two log houses and the frame for a saw-mill on the east side of the river, and but one log house stood on the west side, where Dunning Block now stands.

Litz, Matt, mechanic; P. O. Aurora.

Lee, C. W., car repairer; P. O. Aurora.
 Lombard, W. E., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Ladd, A. H., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Laundry, O., wood and coal; P. O. Aurora.
 Ladd, J. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Lamb, Pat., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Lamson, E., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

LOSER & EGERMAN, grocers; commenced business in 1857; the business of this firm was established by Anthony Loser; in 1870 they were located at 45 River st., but soon after removed to their present spacious quarters at 33 River st.; they are doing a good business, and are one of the leading houses of the city.

Linington, C. A., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Lutekerne, Conrad, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Lincoln, W. H., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Lehmann, Fred., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Longenburger, M. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Laplang, H., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Leins, Isadore, painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Lintner, Samuel, carp.; P. O. Aurora.

LE BARON, J. K., ret. far.; P. O. Aurora; was born in Roxbury, Mass., in Sept. 1810; after serving eight years as clerk and bookkeeper in a bank, impelled by the glorious accounts of the beauty and fertility of the Western prairies, he started for Illinois in 1835, and settled in what is now Kendall Co.; purchasing a large farm, he resided upon it until 1871, when he sold and removed to Aurora, in Kane Co.; while a resident of Kendall Co., Mr. Le Baron was a successful farmer and held many offices of trust and responsibility.

Lee, L. C., jeweler; P. O. Aurora.
 Lord, Curtis, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Loucks, Jesse, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Lies, Nicholas, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Lenekugal, Lewis, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Leweck, Jacob, Sr., mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Leonard, Nicholas, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Linden, Peter, 1st, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Lies, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Linden, Barney, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Linden, Henry, wool dealer; P. O. Aurora.
 Linden, Peter, 2d, wool dealer; P. O. Aurora.
 Lund, A. A., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Lintz, C., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Loucks, A., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Lucille, C., mechanic; P. O. Aurora.
 Light, Mrs., M. S., P. O. Aurora.

Lane, Catherine, P. O. Aurora.

LITTLE, ALEXANDER C., attorney at law; Little & White; born in Rome, N. Y., in 1838, remaining at his native State until 1851, then emigrating West, in company with his father and family, to Ill., and settled in Kendall Co. in 1851, remaining there three years, engaged in farming; graduated in the Medical College at Keokuk, Iowa, in 1858; at the breaking out of the late war he enlisted in Co. K, 127th I. V. I., serving until the close of the war; was wounded at the battle of East Point, which disabled him for a few months, and then rejoined his regiment with Gen. Sherman in the Carolinas, on their way to Washington; participated in a great many battles under Gen. Sherman; the most severe were Champion Hill, Vicksburg, Mission Ridge, Kennesaw Mountain, Resaca and Decatur, Ga., where the gallant McPherson fell; entered the service as private, mustered out as Captain; was at the grand review at Washington; returning from the war, he commenced the law business in 1865; is to-day one of the most prominent and thoroughly educated attorneys of this vicinity; he has creditably filled many offices of public trust; was City Alderman in 1869, City Attorney in 1873, Mayor of the City in 1874; his father, John Little, is a native of Scotland.

LIES, MICHAEL, conveyancer and ins. agt.; is the son of Nicholas and Maria (Weller) Lies, of Europe; he was born in Luxembourg, Europe, in 1841; with his father and family he emigrated to America in 1852 and settled in Aurora, where he commenced farming and continued until 1856, thence in the grocery business for eight years; in 1864 he commenced the insurance business. Mr. Lies has held several offices of public trust—that of City Collector in 1865, Town Clerk in 1868, and Town Collector in 1874. In all of these offices he acquitted himself in a very creditable manner. He is a Democrat in politics; is a member of the Catholic Church; married Miss Catharine Krantz, of England; they have six children.

Levy, M., P. O. Aurora.

- Loveque, Jacob, C., B. & Q.; P. O. Aurora.
 Lies, Catherine, P. O. Aurora.
 Linster, Nicholas, P. O. Aurora.
 Lang, Nicholas, teacher; P. O. Aurora.
 Lynch, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Larson, Gustaf, P. O. Aurora.
 Lindberg, G. H., mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Landray, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Landray, B., P. O. Aurora.
 Loser, A., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Lovejoy, Mrs. C. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Lallaway, T., P. O. Aurora.
 Lathrop, S. F., P. O. Aurora.
 Leland, Mrs. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Lassing, Mrs. M. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Lawton, John, gas fitter, P. O. Aurora.
 Lankaw, Fred., fireman; P. O. Aurora.
 Leonard, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Laging, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Lillie, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Leonard, Wm., P. O. Aurora.
 Linden, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Leonard, Mrs. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Lawton, Mrs. M. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Lovett, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Logan, Thos., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Loser, John, merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Lincoln, R. O., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Lutekuhem, Stephen, P. O. Aurora.
 Luse, M. O., P. O. Aurora.
 Lenox, Ellen G., P. O. Aurora.
 Lone, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Lynch, Pat., baker; P. O. Aurora.
 Loveque, Geo., P. O. Aurora.
 Leach, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Lammonix, J., P. O., Aurora.
 Lombard, Wm., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Leveque, P., C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O.
 Longhurst, Mrs. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Aurora.
 Lanabee, Catharine, P. O. Aurora.
 Lowery, Mrs. P., P. O. Aurora.
 La Brick, Frank, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Loucks, J. H., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 La Clair, Alex., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Lee, Clancy C., teamster; P. O. Aurora.
 Leveque, John, C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O.
 Aurora.
 Leveque, Augustus, Sr., P. O. Aurora.
 Leveque, Jos., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Lowery, D. D., hotel; P. O. Yorkville.
 Long, R. B., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Lutkehom, Conrad, P. O. Aurora.
 Laden, Michael, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Lanigan, J. A., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Loser, Peter, mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Loser, C., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Loser, A., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Landis, Joseph, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Lankow, Fred, fireman; P. O. Aurora.
 Loomis, Jas., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Lennington, Geo., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Lennington, W. C., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Lord, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Longworthy, A. C., mfr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Long, S. D., P. O. Aurora.
 Lathrop, W. B., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Lancaster, L., P. O. Aurora.
 Lawton, Jane, P. O. Aurora.
 Lansing, W. H., wagon maker; P. O.
 Aurora.
 Lindgreen, G., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Leonard, John.
 Loucks, Erastus, lab.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Loucks, Mrs. E. M., P. O. Montgomery.
 Lillie, E., laborer; P. O. Montgomery.
 Lyon, Lewis, P. O. Aurora.
 Lucas, William, far.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Lennington, I. B., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Lowry, R. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Lee, Caroline, P. O. Aurora.
 La Planck, H., P. O. Aurora.
 Lewis, A. M., P. O. Aurora.
MILLER, H. H., jeweler; P. O.
 Aurora.
 Miller, Jacob, cigars; P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, Chauncey, mnfr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, Jno., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, James, P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, W. J., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, Martin, millwright; P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, W., lab.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Miller, Anthony, blksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Miles, M. M., physician; P. O. Aurora.
 Martin, Isaac, saloon; P. O. Aurora.
 Meyer, Frank, butcher; P. O. Aurora.
 Myers, L. F., coppersmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Meyer, Joseph, wagons; P. O. Aurora.
MARSHALL, MRS. J. W.; came
 to Illinois in 1842, and to Kane Co. in
 1855; was born in Alexandria, N. Y.,
 March 26, 1824; her parents came
 West in February, 1842, and settled
 four miles west of Aurora; in 1846, she
 married John W. Marshall, and went to
 Millville, where her husband commenced
 mercantile business; was there nine
 years, engaged in trade, and, being a
 man of great energy, was very success-
 ful; came back to Aurora in 1855, and,
 having bought out W. B. Gillett, con-
 tinued in a mercantile capacity.

Meyer, John, mechanic; P. O. Aurora.
 Myers, John J., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 McNett, D. G., pawnbroker; P. O. Aurora.
 McCabe, L. S., mer.; P. O. Aurora.

McKEE, DAVID, retired far.; Sec. 11; P. O. Aurora; the subject of this sketch is the oldest of the living settlers that first settled in Chicago; he was born in Loudon Co., Va., Dec. 2, 1800; is the son of John F. and Jane (Marple) McKee, of Scotland; Mr. McKee, with his father and family, moved to Pennsylvania, where he remained but a short time; thence to Cincinnati, O., in 1813, where he learned his trade, blacksmithing; he remained there until 1821; made a trip to New Orleans and St. Louis that year; came back to Cincinnati and was appointed by the Government to go to Chicago and do the blacksmithing for the Indians, as the treaty was the Government would furnish the Indians with a blacksmith; he arrived and commenced work in 1822; he relates that when he first came to Chicago, the bones of those who were slain in the massacre at Fort Dearborn, in 1812, were still lying on the ground, and Capt. Bradley, with soldiers, gathered them up and buried them in two large boxes, about two miles south of Fort Dearborn; he remained as blacksmith for the Indians, eight years; was the first Constable of Chicago; he was engaged for one year carrying the U. S. mail from Chicago to Fort Wayne, in 1828; on his way from Fort Wayne was caught in one of the most severe snow storms ever known in that section; was six days making the trip from Niles to Chicago; found a soldier frozen to death, who had been discharged from the garrison at Fort Dearborn the previous day, and was on his way home, east; in 1827 he married his first wife, Miss Wealthy Scott, born in 1812, and died in 1835; he went to Naperville and was engaged in building the first house at that place; he remained here until 1836; thence to Du Page Co., where he settled on a farm of 400 acres; remained there until 1874; thence to Kane Co., Ill.; in 1836, married his second wife, Miss Sarah Ward, of New York; daughter of James and Laura (Dayton) Ward; she was born in

1816; two children by his first wife—Stephen, born in 1830, and Joseph, born in 1833, died in 1833; three children by second—Wealthy, born in 1837; James W., born in 1839, and Carrie, born in 1842.

McWilliams, F., mer.; P. O. Aurora.

McIntosh, A., pattern mkr; P. O. Aurora.

McAlpine, Dr. L., P. O. Aurora.

MEREDITH, THOMAS, P. O.

Aurora; was born in Montgomeryshire, Wales, in December, 1812; his father was a farmer, and on the old homestead young Meredith grew up; his father died when he was but a few years old; he received a good common school education, and was gifted with a wonderful memory; his father had taken a lease of 321 acres of land for twenty-one years, and the young man had the supervision of it for ten years; at the age of 21 years, he married Miss Sarah Thomas, in May, 1843; came to America in 1843; came by way of the lakes to Chicago, on the steamer Constitution, and settled in Big Rock Tp.; purchased 400 acres of land; carried on this very successfully till 1865, when he disposed of his property and moved to Aurora, and bought a fine property, including residence; his children are Thomas, Mary, Ann, John Edwin, George William, Wynne, Elizabeth, and Helen, deceased.

McConnell, W. H., miller; P. O. Aurora.

McGann, Patrick, shoemkr; P. O. Aurora.

McNulty, Patrick, P. O. Aurora.

McKinney, J. W., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

McKinna, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

McCullouck, W., shoemkr; P. O. Aurora.

MERRITT, MRS. LUCY D.,

P. O. Aurora; is the daughter of E. P. and Sallie (Cutts) Huntoon, and the wife of the late John M. Merrett, who was born in Vermont in 1803, and died at Aurora, in September, 1876. Mrs. M. is one of the old settlers of Aurora; came here, in 1838, in company with her husband from the East, by the way of canal and lake, and part of the way by wagon, it taking them some three weeks to make the trip; Mr. Merrett was engaged in the boot and shoe business; have two children living—one, at present, living in Kansas, the other at home.

McCollum, James, sewing machines; P. O. Aurora.

Mack, Gottlieb, mason; P. O. Aurora.

Mason, J. O., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Mitchell, Robert, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Mitchell, Henry, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Mileham, S. H., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Mahar, Harriet, P. O. Aurora.

Maydwell, J. E., tinner; P. O. Aurora.

Messenger, F., carpet weaver; P. O. Aurora.

Markes, Peter, engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Meadows, Wm., conductor; P. O. Aurora.

Minnium, F. J., contractor; P. O. Aurora.

Minnium, H., contractor; P. O. Aurora.

Montony, R. G., attorney; P. O. Aurora.

MILLER, HOLMES, P. O. Aurora;

merchant of the firm of Miller & Senckenbaugh, dry goods; born in Tompkins Co., N. Y., in 1839; leaving his native State when quite young, he emigrated west, in company with his father and family, and settled in Aurora in 1842; he first began the dry goods business, by clerking for W. H. Hawkins, and in July, 1853, he started in the dry goods business for himself, and the first day's cash sales amounted to \$34.84; has held several public offices; was President of the Board of Trustees, and Alderman of the city of Aurora for several years; these offices he has held with honor and credit to himself and to the people he has represented. His brother, Col. Silas Miller, entered the late war in the 36th Ill. Vol. Inf.; was mortally wounded at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, June 27, 1864, from which he died at Nashville, Tenn.

MARX, PETER, dealer in groceries and provisions; the above named gentleman is one of the old settlers of Aurora, having come here in 1854; he built the first log house in the northeast part of Aurora Township; Mr. Marx was born in the Rhine Province, Germany, Oct. 3, 1826; is the son of Frank and Margaret Marx, of Germany; his father and mother died at a good old age—his father 99, his mother 101 years old at their death. Mr. Marx came to America in 1854, and came West; was engaged on a farm in Du Page Co. for six months thence; to Kane Co., where he was engaged as laborer on a farm, at \$8 per month; when

he first came here he had but \$3, but with hard labor and good management he succeeded in saving a little money; he invested it in a small farm, where he commenced to farm for himself; from that on he has been very successful; owns to-day a fine farm about three miles from Aurora, and one of the leading grocery stores of Aurora; Mr. Marx relates that the first time he came to Aurora, he thought he knew no one in this part of the country, but was surprised to see his old friend, John Plain; they were boys together in the old country; he married Miss Margaret Coster, of Germany, in 1856, in the Catholic Church at Aurora; has six children—four boys and two girls; his son Jacob was born in Kane Co., Ill., in 1857; he has full charge of the grocery store.

MIGHELL, EZEKIEL, retired farmer; P. O. Aurora; was born in Rutland Co., Vt., Dec. 24, 1799, remaining there until he was 31 years old, engaged in cabinet and joining and farming business; then he went to Tompkins Co., N. Y., where he remained for 6 years; in 1837 he emigrated, with his wife and six children, west to Illinois, by wagon and team, taking them 24 days to make the trip; he first settled in the north part of La Salle Co., one and a half miles from the mouth of Rock Creek, remaining there about one year; he came to Kane Co. and settled in Sugar Grove Tp. in the Fall of 1837; when Mr. Mighell first came west he was worth about fifteen hundred dollars; he invested that amount in land, worked hard and faithfully, and to-day owns over seven hundred acres of fine land in Sugar Grove Tp.; in 1872, on account of the health of his wife, he moved to Aurora, thinking the change would benefit her, but very little benefit was derived; after very much pain and suffering, she died March 26, 1877; her name was Lucinda Todd; five children living—Lewis, farmer and warehouseman; Silas, farmer, Sugar Grove; Albert, farmer, Aurora; Ruel, farmer, Grundy Co., Ill.; Franklin was in the late war—enlisted in the 8th I. V. C. for three years; served his time out, and was honorably discharged at Chicago.

Marme, William, cigars; P. O. Aurora.
 Muszgunz, Joseph, mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Maslin, J. C., traveler; P. O. Aurora.
 Morin, D. J., saloon; P. O. Aurora.
 Moss, F., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Milgate, Wm., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Mann, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Meredith, John, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Mulvey, Joseph, architect; P. O. Aurora.
 Michels, Frank, merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Morris, W. G., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Morrison, J. E., mfr., P. O. Aurora.
 Meeker, David, P. O. Aurora.
 Maxon, J. B., road-master; P. O. Aurora.
 Marsh, David, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Murphy, James, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Mears, Wm., P. O. Aurora.
 Moulton, S. L., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Moore, Jas., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Moore, John, mechanic; P. O. Aurora.
 Moore, Eliza.
 Matter, Isaac, P. O. Aurora.
 Muschler, Andrew, P. O. Aurora.
 Muschler, F., P. O. Aurora.
 Morris, B. W., mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Moss, Moses, mer.; P. O. Aurora.

McCULLUM, GEO., prop. Pioneer Wagon Manufactory, Aurora; P. O. Aurora; was born in N. Y., in 1808; when very young he went to Pa., remaining there until he was 26 years old; he engaged in blacksmithing; thence West to Aurora in 1836; when he first came here, he was worth about thirty dollars; he commenced the blacksmith business, and then in the manufacture of wagons and fine carriages; also the manufacturer of the McCollum wagon; with hard labor, perseverance industry and good management, he ranks to-day as one of the leading manufacturers of Aurora; he was one of the first Aldermen of Aurora; when he first came to Aurora there were about two families living on the East Side, and ten families on the West Side; the rear of Mr. McCollum's house that he now lives in was built in 1838, he drawing all the lumber by wagon from Chicago to build the same; his son, Orlando, J., was in the late war; he enlisted in Co. H, 124th I. V. I., for three years' service; he was honorably discharged, and is now engaged with his father in the wagon manufactory business.

Millard, Mrs. H. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Mertz, Nicholas, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Martz, Peter, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Modaff, Peter, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Modaff, Henry, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Mitchells, Francis, mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Meyer, Paul, P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, Peter, P. O. Aurora.
 Millen, Hubart, P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Millen, Peter, P. O. Aurora.
 Mazury, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Marks, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, Hiram, farmer; P. O. No. Aurora.
 Miller, Nicholas, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Mulitour, Matt, farmer; P. O. Auror.
McLALLEN, J. J., Clerk of the City of Aurora; born in Seneca Co., N. Y., in 1845; at 12 years of age he came West and settled in Aurora in 1857 in company with his father, Wm. H. McLallen, who was born in Tompkins Co., N. Y., in 1812; was engaged in the grocery business in Aurora for ten years, in Texas one year on the Texas & Pacific R. R.; was first elected to office of City Clerk in 1874 and re-elected to same office in '75, '76, and '77, which office he has held faithfully; also holds the office of Town Clerk; Rep.
 Mulitour, Nick, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 May, Nicholas, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 McMuller, W., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Multour, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Myer, Lambert, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Mettle, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Myers, N., P. O. Aurora.
 Morgan, Eugene, finisher; P. O. Aurora.
 Mabau, Mrs. Bridget, P. O. Aurora.
 McGuire, Mrs. Ann, P. O. Aurora.
 Moon, Martin, machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Mighell, A. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Morrison, James, P. O. Aurora.
 McGuire, Edward, fireman; Aurora.
 Moon, W. B., P. O. Aurora.
 Mallory, M., P. O. Aurora.
 Meek, J. W., conductor; P. O. Aurora.
 McGraw, Thomas, P. O. Aurora.
 Misner, Fred, P. O. Aurora.
 Manaban, Mrs. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Maloney, L., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Manahan, Pat, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Morean, Peter J., shoemaker; P. O. Aurora.
 Mulbury, H., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Miles, Mrs. M. S., P. O. Aurora.

- Miller, J. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Merrideth, Geo., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Mead, A. P., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 McMurry, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Mullen, Michael, stock insp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Morsant, Joseph, P. O. Aurora.
 Misner, Z. M., P. O. Aurora.
 McArdle, Thos., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, Henry, jewelry; P. O. Aurora.
 Minor, Amos, P. O. Aurora.
 Mathewson, John, P. O. Aurora.
 McPillotson, D., P. O. Aurora.
 Merritt, John, shoemaker; P. O. Aurora.
 McLeod, R., P. O. Aurora.
 McCraskey, J. F., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 McKee, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Martz, C. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Monrose, Louise, P. O. Aurora.
 Moss, I., P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, Smith, P. O. Aurora.
 Montleau, A., P. O. Aurora.
 McNulta, W. P., P. O. Aurora.
 Moss, Leopold, merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 McDole, R. P., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Massey, Chas., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 McWethy, H. L., ins.; P. C. Aurora.
 Manzy, B., P. O. Aurora.
 Merwin, F. S., P. O. Aurora.
 McCollum, O. J., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Michael, John, P. O. Aurora.
 McKenna, Thos., P. O. Aurora.
 Meehan, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Mulligan, Christ., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Melner, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Marden, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Morrissey, May, P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, K., P. O. Aurora.
 Mears, Mat., P. O. Aurora.
 McGrath, Matt., fireman; P. O. Aurora.
 Michard, Anthony, P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, J. C., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Monroe, O. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Mathews, R. W., tailor; P. O. Aurora.
 Mears, Archibald, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Mahl, Frank, P. O. Aurora.
 Merwin, Charles, P. O. Aurora.
 Myer, Peter, P. O. Aurora.
 Mitchell, Moses, P. O. Aurora.
 McGuire, Wm., core maker; P. O. Aurora.
 Martin, Larry, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Mills, Henry, P. O. Aurora.
 McCann, Geo., metal buffer; P. O. Aurora.
 Michard, Philip, P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, Valentine, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Maydwell, L. R., P. O. Aurora.
 Madder, James, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 McArdle, Patrick, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Maloney, Thomas, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Markle, Ann, P. O. Aurora.
 Manning, Joseph, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Milchert, Mathias, P. O. Aurora.
 Muse, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Moisant, Ben., car repairer; P. O. Aurora.
 Madoff, H., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Moore, T. T., P. O. Aurora.
 Myer, Lambert, C., B. & Q.; P. O. Aurora.
 Mortimer, Pat., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, M. B., millwright; P. O. Aurora.
 McLallen, W. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Mann, Austin, merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Myers, Joseph, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Minniam, Henry, P. O. Aurora.
 Mulligan, Henry, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Montony, R. G., attorney; P. O. Aurora.
 Mears, Jas., C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Moore, F. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Myers, Mike, P. O. Aurora.
 McNulta, Helen, P. O. Aurora.
 Muscher, A., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, Anthony, blksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Meen, Michael, P. O. Aurora.
 Miers, Michael, P. O. Aurora.
 Myers, Jacob, P. O. Aurora.
 Matler, Jacob, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 McGuire, Margaret, P. O. Aurora.
 Muschler, W., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Marcy, Elbert, P. O. Aurora.
 Marsh, C. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Mileham, S. H., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 McGregor, John, boiler maker; P. O. Aurora.
 McCue, Thos., P. O. Aurora.
 Milgate, W. H., C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 McCarty, Wm., C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Mann, Fred, peddler; P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, Karl, barber; P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, C. K., blksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, Jacob, cigar mfr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Meagher, W., marble cutter; P. O. Aurora.
 Marshall, R. W., city hotel; P. O. Aurora.
 Marshall, Mrs. E. P., P. O. Aurora.
 McMicken, W., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 McMicken, W. S., P. O. Aurora.
 McArthur, Jno., mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Meredith, Thos., P. O. Aurora.
 Merrill, A., stone worker; P. O. Aurora.
 Moon, J. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Mathews, H. B.; sewing machine agt.; P. O. Aurora.

Mathews, R. W., tailor; P. O. Aurora.
 Mighell, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Mullen, Jno., blksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Moore, Henry, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Myers, Jos., 1st., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Mason, Mrs. M. F., P. O. Aurora.
 Metzner, C. G., Clk. City Court; P. O. Aurora.
 McCollum, Orlando, ptr.; P. O. Aurora.
 McCollum, G. S., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Morrison, J. K., P. O. Aurora.
 Michels, Jno., moulder; P. O. Aurora.
 McInhill, Victor, propr. brewery; P. O. Aurora.
 Mix, E. B., coal dealer; P. O. Aurora.
 Mix, Mrs. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Meek, J. W., conductor; P. O. Aurora.
 Miller, T. V. R., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Massy, Ann, P. O. Aurora.
 Mulberry, H., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Mead, L. D., lab.; P. O. Montgomery.
 McWethy, J., ins. agt.; P. O. Aurora.

MCCARTY, SAM'L., P. O. Aurora; was born in Morris Co., N. J., March 9, 1810; when quite young his father and family moved to Seneca Lake, N. Y., where he remained until at the age of twenty-four; when he was nineteen years old, he entered the millwright business, which he followed until he came West; his brother, Joseph, came to Kane Co. in the Spring of 1834; with his brother's earnest solicitation and his glowing accounts of the country, whose forethought was that Illinois would be the richest State in the Union, Mr. McCarty left his business and started then for the far West, and settled in Aurora in the Fall of 1834; came via Canal and Lake to Detroit, thence by stage, this being the quickest route West at that time, taking him fourteen days to make the trip; Mr. McCarty and his brother, Joseph, are the founders of Aurora; they made Aurora what it is to-day, a flourishing commercial and manufacturing city, with a population of about 13,000; Mr. McCarty built the first saw and grist-mill in Aurora; when he first came here the country was nothing but a wild, unbroken waste, inhabited by roving bands of Indians, with here and there an occasional adventurous pioneer; to-day he can see what his brother foretold of what Illinois would be, the garden State of the Union.

McWethy, M. L., ins. agt.; P. O. Aurora.
 McLain, Jno., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Merrill, Allen N.; P. O. North Aurora.
 Miller, Henry, lab.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Merritt, Morris, P. O. Aurora.
 McCurdy, Fred., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Marlett, O. E., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Mongan, M., flagman; P. O. Aurora.
 Myers, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Madonock, Francis; P. O. Aurora.
 Mulvaney, Hugh, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Mellen, M., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 McGuire, P. F., P. O. Aurora.
 Means, Joseph, far.; P. O. Aurora.

METZNER, C. J., attorney at law; P. O. Aurora; was born at Hohenstein, Saxony, Germany, in 1834; at the early age of 13 his parents came to America and settled at Erie, Penn., on a farm; he commenced his education at the age of nine years at the University of Leipsic, and when he became of age he had acquired a splendid education; when fifteen years old he became apprenticed to a blacksmith in Chicago; with him he stopped a short time and then came to Aurora and started for himself. On account of an accident received, he took up the study of law in 1854 or 1856 under Judge Parks; at the end of nine months he was admitted to the bar, and became a partner of Judge Parks in 1859; was elected City Attorney, and in 1860 was elected to the position of State's Attorney; this position he filled with great credit; he was Rep., and when Grant became a candidate for the Presidency in 1868, he stumped the county for him, making over 70 speeches in German and English. This in all probability laid the foundation of the disease which resulted in his death August 8, 1874. He was a man gifted with a wonderful memory, and when he died Aurora lost one of its most honored and useful men; he was entirely a self made man, and rose in his profession until he stood in the front rank. His wife, Susan P. Metzner, resides in a beautiful residence in West Aurora.

NEWTON, H., teamster; P. O. Aurora.
 Newton, F. H., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Northam, R. R., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Nixon, Richard, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Norris, M. N., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Nesler, C., gas-fitter; P. O. Aurora.
 Negus, S. B., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Nichol, John, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Nichols, M., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Norris, M. N., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Nicholda, Eugene S., brakeman; P. O. Aurora.
 Nesbitt, Isabella, P. O. Aurora.
 Needham, Mrs. F. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Newlan, Mary J., P. O. Aurora.
 Nelka, Christ., P. O. Aurora.
 Nichols, N., attorney; P. O. Aurora.
 Newman, W. W., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Nobbs, F. E., insurance; P. O. Aurora.
 Neale, Robt., policeman; P. O. Aurora.
 Nelson, Fred, pattern mkr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Nelson, E., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Newman, Chas., mill-right; P. O. Montgomery.
 Nichols, Matt, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Nottingham, J., proprietor of mill; P. O. North Aurora.
 Nickley, Ann, P. O. Aurora.
O'DONNELL, THOS., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 O'Donnell, J. M., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Olinger, Barney, harness; P. O. Aurora.
 Olinger, Mike, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
O'NEILL, CORNELIUS, Street Commissioner; P. O. Aurora; born in Co. Tipperary, Ireland, Jan. 1833; acquired a liberal education in the schools of his native place; his father was a farmer, and young Cornelius lived at home until he was 16 years of age; then emigrated to America, lived one year in New York; in 1851, went to Canada West and was employed on the Bytown Railroad, remaining one year; in 1854, became an employe of the G. T. R. R., then being built from Moorehead to Toronto; in 1856, settled in Lyons, Iowa, and was foreman on a railroad there; in 1867, went to Davenport, Ia., and was foreman for Boyce & Britton, contractors; soon after went to Memphis, Tenn.; in 1859, married Miss Mary Mehan, at St. Joe, Mo.; prior to marriage, was conductor on Overland Mail Route; July, 1860, came to Aurora; started a saloon, the new departure proving very successful, continued this until 1872; was then nominated for Street Commissioner and elected by an immense majority, being very popular and universally respected.

Oats, Jno., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Oats, Chas., P. O. Aurora.
 Otis, Newton, P. O. Aurora.
 Otis, L. F., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Oxenschlager, M., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Olson, J. P., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Osborne, C., comp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Oberwise, J. P., far.; P. O. N. Aurora.
 O'Donnell, Cornelius, moulder; P. O. Aurora.
 Otte, C., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Ochsenschlager, Adam, P. O. Aurora.
 O'Dell, A., P. O. Aurora.
 O'Neill, C., Road Com.; P. O. Aurora.
 Oberley, Jacob, lab; P. O. Aurora.
 Owen, Dr. J. H., phys.; P. O. Aurora.
 O'Brian, W. H., bl'ksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Odikirk, Chas., far.; P. O. Aurora.
OLSAVER, T. J., ornamental painter; is a gentleman of acknowledged ability, and work trusted to him is guaranteed to give satisfaction.
 Olinger, Peter, P. O. Aurora.
 Olinger, John, saloon; P. O. Aurora.
 Oberwise, Peter, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 O'Donnell, M., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 O'Donnell, P., P. O. Aurora.
 O'Riley, John, mason; P. O. Aurora.
 O'Donnell, J. S., P. O. Aurora.
 O'Neil, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 O'Conner, Charles, mason; P. O. Aurora.
PORTER, J. C., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Porter, J. H., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Powell, O. D., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Powell, James, lumber; P. O. Aurora.
PHILLIPS, TRAVIS, of the firm of Phillips Bros. & Co.; was born in Litchfield Co., Connecticut, in 1831; Mr. Phillips made Connecticut his home for twenty-one years, where he engaged in farming; commenced the grocery business with Isaac W. Phillips and A. D. Bunnell in 1857; in the Spring of 1877, was elected Alderman of Aurora; Rep.; Protestant.
 Pfoffle, George, painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Payne, Oscar, ins. agent; P. O. Aurora.
 Pierce, Philip, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Pierce, W. H., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Payne, George, blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Pierce, Stephen, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Pierce, Albert, pattern mkr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Pierce, Daniel, P. O. Aurora.
 Pierce, J. D., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Plain, John, City Treasurer; P. O. Aurora.

Plain, Nicholas, saloon; P. O. Aurora.

PLUM, WM. V., senior member of the firm of Mix & Plum, was born in the city of New York, Jan., 1814, residing in the East until 22 years of age; he came to Chicago in 1836; stopped in Chicago one year, when he came to Aurora and established a general merchandise store; in 1850 he built the first brick building on Fox River, which is now occupied by Phillips Bros. & Co.; in 1856 the firm became known as Mix & Plum, R. C. Mix becoming a partner; they erected the largest warehouse on the river; in 1857-9 Mr. Plum served as Alderman, and became Mayor of the city.

POWELL, PROF. W. B., Supt. East Aurora Public Schools; was born in N. Y. in 1836; is the son of Joseph and Mary (Dean) Powell, of England; when quite young, with his parents, he moved to Jackson, Ohio, where he remained eight years; thence to Walworth Co., Wis., where he was engaged in farming for five years; thence to Greene Co., Ill., where he took charge of a large farm of 300 acres; from there he commenced his schooling; he attended the schools at Wheaton, and Jacksonville, and Oberlin, where he received a thorough education; he then commenced school teaching, first in a district school, then at Hennepin, Putnam Co., Ill.; was engaged in the public schools of Peru, Ill., eight years; in 1870 he was called to Aurora to take charge of the East Side schools; on the East Side there is a total of 35 teachers employed, with Prof. Powell as Superintendent; each are remarkably thorough in their various departments, while the whole of the schools are conducted in a superior manner, showing conclusively the great advantages to be attained in employing a superintendent of the scholarly attainments and practical experience as those possessed by Prof. Powell.

Pierpoint, Robert, mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Plumstead, G. B., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Purdy, E. S., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Page, M. N., P. O. Aurora.

Painter, Jasper, butcher; P. O. Aurora.

Piedlan, Julius, P. O. Aurora.

Pastle, Martin V., P. O. Aurora.

Pulfer, D., P. O. Aurora.

Plumstead, James, slsmn.; P. O. Aurora.

Pull, J. P., blksmith; P. O. Aurora.

Peetz, Jacob, car repairer; P. O. Aurora.

PRATT, D. C., the Pioneer Artist; P. O. Aurora; was born in Cortland Co., N. Y., Aug. 14, 1823, remaining there until 1845 where he was engaged in sign and ornamental painting; he then immigrated West to Chicago, where he remained one year; thence to Waukegan; thence to St. Charles, in 1852; in 1853, he first commenced the daguerreotype business, and continued said business in St. Charles until 1854; Mr. Pratt then came to Aurora, where he commenced in business, and it is claimed that he is the oldest artist in the Fox River Valley, and has held a foremost place in this vicinity for many years past, as the leading photographer, having an elaborate gallery and elegant parlors in which to conduct his business; married Miss Mary M. Burdick, of Cortland Co., N. Y.; have four children living; his father, David Pratt, is a native of Conn.; his mother is Electa (Alexander) Pratt, of Vermont.

PORTER, L. C., foreman manufacturing department "Aurora Silver Plate Co.;" was born at Camden, N. Y., in 1839; when old enough, he entered the employment of Reed & B., silver platers, situated at Taunton, Mass.; this firm was originated in 1827; here he served an apprenticeship; on his brother becoming general superintendent of the "Porter Britannica & Plate Co.," he joined him the same year; at the breaking out of the rebellion, he enlisted in Co. G, 4th Mass. Infantry; during his term of service he participated in the battles of Fort Hudson, Pattersonville, Brashear City, and many other small engagements; was taken prisoner at Brashear City and sent to Fort Buchanan; in a few months was paroled and returned home, entering the same establishment he had worked in before, and became foreman of the manufacturing department, and held this position fourteen years; in 1873, he came to Aurora and became foreman of the manufacturing department of the Silver Plate Manufacturing Co.; is regarded a very superior workman.

PORTER, E. W., P. O. Aurora; son of W. W. Porter; pioneer of britannia manufacturing; was born in Taunton, Mass., in March, 1831; W. W. Porter was identified with the britannia trade, first in Lawrenceburg, Mass., where, in 1824, it was inaugurated by the making of cane heads and looking glass frames; was, for many years, foreman of the famous works of Reed & B., in Taunton; in 1869, when the sons became identified with the "Porter Britannia and Plate Co.," of that place, he was with them, having charge of the mixing and rolling department until 1873, when he retired from the business, having been engaged in it nearly one-half of a century; at the age of 14, in 1845, E. W. Porter entered the manufactory of Reed & B., as apprentice; became journeyman at the age of 20; received, during that year, \$1.08 per day; in 1856, was appointed foreman of the manufacturing department; in 1850, electrotyping was introduced into this business; in 1859 another company was organized, and Mr. P. was invited to take charge of it as General Superintendent, which was accepted, and the company organized under the "Porter Britannia and Plate Co.;" in 1873, Aurora invited him to take charge of the manufacturing, which he accepted, reaching here in May, found the factory in a bad state of management, unskilled and intemperate workmen; set to work to reform abuses, and present prosperity of the Aurora plate speaks volumes for Mr. Porter.

Perrigo, E., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Paxton, J. H., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Pope, O., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Pilstrom, Mrs. Betsey, P. O. Aurora.
 Prindle, E. T., P. O. Aurora.
 Pollard, F., P. O. Aurora.
 Pullman, Joseph, blksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Pooley, John N., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Page, Alonzo, machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Poole, Edwin, conductor; P. O. Aurora.
 Putnam, G. B., salesman; P. O. Aurora.
 Perry, A. K., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Phillips, D. R., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Phillips, Madison, P. O. Aurora.
 Prentiss, Rev. N. A., min.; P. O. Aurora.
 Pease, J. H., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

POTTER, SILAS, retired farmer; P. O. Aurora; was born in Dutchess Co., N. Y.; until 21 years old he worked on his father's farm, and then went to Wyoming Co., N. Y., where he remained four years; his education was acquired at a district school; he married Cynthia Weir, of Wyoming Co., N. Y.; in 1846 he came to Illinois, and located at Aurora; two years after he removed to De Kalb Co., and bought 160 acres; it was unbroken prairie; he resided there twelve years; in 1860 he removed to West Aurora, and bought 101 acres; he did not locate permanently until the Fall of 1876; he now owns a fine residence in West Aurora, having built it five years ago, and is a man of considerable means, and is liberal and enterprising.

PHILLIPS, T. J., farmer; P. O. Aurora; was born at Woodstock, Windsor Co., Vt., Nov. 15, 1810; was educated in the district schools; when 21 years of age his father disposed of his property at Woodstock, and removed to Windsor, in the same Co., purchasing a farm; T. J. and his father followed farming for several years; in 1861, he moved to Bethel; in 1865, he came to Illinois, and settled on a farm near Blackberry; in Dec., 1866, he moved into the City of Aurora, and soon after established a coal yard; he has since discontinued this business; in 1837 he married Maria L. Graham, at Hartland, Vt.; they had two children—Charles H., a locomotive engineer, and Sarah.

Paradise, N. J., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Polleys, Edward, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Polglase, T. R., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Paradise, N. B., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Pollock, Alex., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Phillips, C. J., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Pierce, Chester, P. M.; P. O. No. Aurora.
 Potter, H. H., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Phelps, P. A., dairyman; P. O. Aurora.
 Potter, Mrs. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Poss, Barney, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Plain, Jno., 2d, far.; P. O. No. Aurora.
 Poss, Jno., far.; P. O. No. Aurora.
 Plant, Moses B., far.; P. O. No. Aurora.
 Plant, Peter, far.; P. O. No. Aurora.
 Pettit, Michael, far.; P. O. No. Aurora.
 Plum, John, far.; P. O. No. Aurora.

PADDOCK, H. C., President Union National Bank, Aurora; was born in Orleans Co., Vt., in 1834; is the son of Col. W. E. and Mary (Clark) Paddock; he remained at his native State until he was 21 years of age, where he was engaged in going to school, and received a thorough education; was clerk in his father's store; in 1855, he came West and settled in Aurora, and entered the office of the C., B. & Q. R. R., as clerk; remained there until 1857; he then entered the service of Hall & Bro., in their employ as bookkeeper until 1860; returned to the C., B. & Q. office; there until 1862; he then commenced the banking business with Mr. Coffin, known as Coffin & Paddock, which business he continued in until 1864; thence to Batavia, where he organized the First National Bank of Batavia; there until 1869; returned to Aurora, and organized the private banking house of Bishop & Coulter in 1869, filling the office of Cashier; in March, 1871, the organization of the Union National Bank of Aurora, with a paid-up capital of \$125,000, with John R. Coulter, President; W. W. Bishop, I. A. W. Buck, T. B. Coulter and H. C. Paddock, Directors; at the death of John R. Coulter, May, 1873, Mr. Paddock was elected President of the Bank; ever since its organization it has been largely managed by the President, Henry C. Paddock, who has been one of the successful bankers of this vicinity for the past sixteen years; when he first came to Aurora, in 1855, financially he was worth \$1; to-day, 1878, is known over a large territory as one of the leading bankers of Aurora, whose financial qualifications and cautious business character have caused him to rank among the most reliable and far-seeing men of this vicinity; the Union National Bank is one of the most solid and reliable in the country, whose officers and stockholders rank among the leading capitalists and business men of Aurora; the Directors are O. D. Howell, D. C. Cooley, S. W. Thatcher, H. C. Paddock, Mrs. Lucy Coulter, T. B. Coulter; the officers being H. C. Paddock, President; O. D. Howell, Vice President; T. B. Coulter, Cashier.

POND, DR. F. L., prop. Aurora Cancer Hospital; P. O. Aurora; was born in Addison Co., Vt., in 1835; he was engaged in going to school and attending medical lectures at Dartmouth College until 1852; he came West and located at Chicago in 1869; thence to Earl; from there he came to Aurora, and established the Cancer Hospital in 1872; a great many patients are now receiving treatment; it cannot fail to be noticed that confidence and kindly feelings exist toward the Doctor by all, and so pleasant is everything connected with the institution that removes it beyond all comparison with the dismal reality of most hospitals and institutions of a similar character; the building will accommodate about one hundred patients; this is the largest and most successful institute of the kind in the United States, and has proven a blessing to several hundred of patients from all parts of the United States who had almost despaired of ever receiving relief in life; from among the hundreds of testimonials received by the Doctor, are the Rev. Robert Hounold, of the Illinois Conference of the M. E. Church, who was successfully treated, he having a cancer that covered the whole side of his face, and measured 19 inches in circumference; when taken from him the tumor weighed over five pounds; by special permission the Doctor refers to the clergy of Aurora, to Drs. L. R. Brigham, F. H. Van Liew, F. M. Elliot, of Aurora; G. A. Pfrangle, P. M., Aurora, and to hundreds of persons in all parts of the country whom he has cured.

Plain, Jacob, far.; P. O. No. Aurora.
 Plain, Chas., far.; P. O. No. Aurora
 Pierce, Miss M. Estell, P. O. Aurora.
 Porter, Mrs. E. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Pflfer, T., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Pierce, Wm., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Pinney, Mrs. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Porter, L. C., foreman metal room; P. O. Aurora.
 Page, Mrs. M. J., P. O. Aurora.
 Pike, D. J., capitalist; P. O. Aurora.
 Phelps, E. J., furniture; P. O. Aurora.
 Phillips, I. W., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Phillips, Robert, mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Phillips, T. J., P. O. Aurora.

Potter, Theron, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

PFRANGLE, CHAS. J., painter; P. O. Aurora; born at Baden, Germany, April 21, 1846; his parents came to America in 1853; they came to Chicago, Ill.; thence to Wheaton; the head of the family was a fine musician, and became a Professor of Music at Wheaton College; in 1853, he moved to the city of Aurora; the subject of this sketch received a liberal education; is a very fine pianist; at the age of 13, he was employed by the C., B. & Q. Railroad Company, in their shops, to learn the trade of a painter; for this he had a natural gift, made rapid progress, and to-day ranks as one of the best sign and ornamental painters in the West, and it is no exaggeration to say that no other man in Kane County, and perhaps the West, can do work as rapidly as Charles Pfrangle; was employed by the Railroad Company until the Autumn of 1877; Mr. P. still works for the Railroad Company, but devotes most of his time to custom work; he can be found over Jackson's blacksmith shop; when you want work done rapidly, skillfully and reasonably, give Charles Pfrangle a call.

PAINE, REV. S. D., was born in London, Eng., in Sept., 1836; at the outbreak of the Crimean war between the combined powers of England, France, Turkey and Sardinia against Russia, he enlisted in the English Royal Artillery, and participated in many of the battles in the Crimea, and at the storming and capture of Sebastopol, in Sept., 1855. For gallant conduct in the Crimea he received a silver medal from Queen Victoria, and one from the Sultan of Turkey. In 1857, Mr. Paine came to the United States; in 1861 he helped organize a battery of marine volunteer artillery, and served during part of the war of the rebellion in Virginia, in the Army of the Potomac, as First Lieutenant of artillery. Mr. Paine fitted himself for the Methodist ministry at Rent's Hill, Maine, and the Garrett Biblical University, Evanston, Ill. In October, 1875, he was appointed by the Rock River Conference Pastor of Galena Street M. E. Church, Aurora. The church had been sold for

an indebtedness of \$10,000; through the efforts of the newly-appointed Pastor and his predecessor, Rev. Jno. Ellis, and Rev. J. H. Austin, who acted for a time as financial agent, the church was redeemed, and is now in a flourishing condition. Mr. Paine is the Chaplain of the State Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of Illinois, also of the Aurora Light Guards, and the Aurora Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and financial agent of Jennings Seminary, Aurora.

PALMER, A. C., carpenter and joiner; he was born at Franklin, Trenton Co., Vt., May 31, 1823. He was brought up on a farm, and his preliminary education was received in the district schools. In 1823 he moved with his parents to Canada, settling near Slab City; when he was eight years old his parents moved to Conneaut, Ashtabula Co., Ohio. For one Winter young Palmer attended school on their arrival, and had previously acquired some education through his grandfather. In May, 1835, they started for Illinois, overland, and after thirty days' travel settled in Aurora; on arriving here, his father staked off a claim of 160 acres near the present farm residence of Mrs. Farnsworth; in 1837 he traded this for property in West Aurora. Young Palmer received a common school education, and at eighteen became apprenticed to a carpenter and joiner; he worked as builder till 1853, and then went to Montgomery, Kane Co., and worked in Palmer's sash, door and blind factory; in 1855 he went into the mercantile business; in 1868 he was foreman of a sash factory at Grand Haven, Mich.; he has held many lucrative positions, and was foreman of the C., B. & Q. R. R., for three years. He owns a fine property.

Parks, George, P. O. Aurora.

Pierce, Mary A., P. O. Aurora.

Perry, H. L., P. O. Aurora.

Pritchard, Mrs. S. E., P. O. Aurora.

Putney, Mrs. H. L., P. O. Aurora.

Pease, Oscar, P. O. Aurora.

Paxton, Jonathan, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Peters, Julius, P. O. Aurora.

Powell, E. A., ins. agt.; P. O. Aurora.

Plummer, Jennie, P. O. Aurora.

PEASE, MYRON R., groceries; P. O. Aurora; was born in Ohio, in 1832; when young, he went with his father and family to N. Y., remaining there two years, then emigrated West to Aurora, in 1836; was conductor on the C., B. & Q. R. R. four years—1861 to 1865; was engaged in the dry goods business for sixteen years; in the Fall of 1866, he commenced the grocery trade, which business he has carried on ever since. His father, Anson Pease, was born in Connecticut, in 1807, and died in 1857; Oscar C. Pease entered the late war, and served three years in the 89th Ill., known as the Railroad Regiment; was Second Lieut. in Co. E; is now on railroad in Iowa. The mother of M. R. Pease was Sarah Johnson; born in New Jersey in 1811, and now living with her son in Aurora.

PFRANGLE, G. A., Postmaster; P. O. Aurora; was born in Baden, Germany, in 1845; he emigrated to America in 1853; landed at N. Y., where he remained for two years, thence West to Chicago; was engaged in going to school three years, at Chicago and Wheaton; thence to Aurora, in 1858; was apprenticed in the *Beacon* office; from there he accepted a clerkship in the post office, under Mr. Bangs; became Assistant Postmaster in 1863, which office he held until 1873, under Postmaster Bangs and Dr. Hard; in 1873, he was appointed Postmaster under President Grant, which office he has held with honor and credit ever since; his father, Sebastian Pfrangle, a native of Germany, was an educational man, died in 1859; his mother, Himmels Cacb, of Germany, is living with Mr. Pfrangle, at Aurora.

Perrin, P. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Pagel, Charles, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Peoples, Robt., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Peckham, Margaret, P. O. Aurora.
 Porter, T., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Plummer, Moses, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Pierce, H. J., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Phelps, E. J., furniture; P. O. Aurora.
 Painter, J. E., butcher; P. O. Aurora.
 Perrin, P. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Pearsons, Martha, P. O. Aurora.
 Postle, M. V., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Parish, H. M., carpenter, P. O. Aurora.

Pollock, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Pfrangle, Albert, mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Porter, C. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Pollard, F., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Pollock, Jas., car repairer; P. O. Aurora.
 Patten, David, P. O. Aurora.
 Platt, D., P. O. Aurora.
 Parnell, Peter, P. O. Aurora.
 Perry, Mary Ann, P. O. Aurora.
 Pillow, Patrick, P. O. Aurora.
 Perkins, Horace, P. O. Aurora.
 Pierce, George, P. O. Aurora.
 Peoples, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Pierce, E., P. O. Aurora.
 Plant, Moses, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Pierce, Mrs. Ruth, P. O. Aurora.
 Peckham, T., C., B. & Q.; P. O. Aurora.
 Pauley, Nicholas, P. O. Aurora.
 Perry, A. K., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Putnam, J. P., P. O. Aurora.
 Palmer, James, P. O. Aurora.
 Pollock, J. D., P. O. Aurora.
 Payne, P., P. O. Aurora.
 Paulin, Jane, P. O. Aurora.
 Pfrangle, C., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Pennington, Josiah, tailor; P. O. Montgomery.
 Pickett, Geo., lab.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Plucker, A., lab.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Pease, E. J., stock dlr.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Phy, Adam, P. O. Montgomery.
 Pfrangle, Mrs. L. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Potter, Silas, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Pope, J. F., P. O. Aurora.
 Parson, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Plum, W. V., coal dealer; P. O. Aurora.
 Parish, L. A., car repairer; P. O. Aurora.
 Pickens, Alex., merchant, P. O. Aurora.
 Percival, Geo., wheelwright; P. O. Aurora.
 Palmer, A. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Putnam, C. W., printer; P. O. Aurora.
 Parrington, J. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Parrington, J. W., attorney, P. O. Aurora.
 Prickett, H., C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Philip, Madison, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
QUACKENBUSH, J. J., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Quereau, G. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Quackenboss, D. J., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Quereau, Susan H., P. O. Aurora.
 Quinn, B. M., traveler; P. O. Aurora.
 Quick, F. H., grocer; P. O. Aurora.
RICKENGER, PETER, far.; P. O. Aurora.

RICHARDSON, PERKINS, contractor and builder; P. O. Aurora; he was born at Watertown, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1832; his father was a carpenter and joiner, and from him he received his practical knowledge of the business; in 1845, they came West; when he was 9 years old his mother died; he received a good education for those times; at the age of 23 he started in business for himself; two years after he married Miss Frances Mostow, of Aurora; four children were born to them—Emma, Edward, James and Ruth; Emma is a natural artist; she is only 18 years old and her work has received much attention; in 1853 Mr. Richardson took the contract for H. White's stone house, at Sugar Grove; since that time, he has built many beautiful and handsome buildings, but it would be a useless task to mention them all; the first public building was the City Hall, and stands to-day a monument of his skill as an architect and builder; the most substantial blocks of West Aurora were built by him; in 1869, he started a sash, door and blind factory at Montgomery; this was not a success, financially, but the work was done in a superior manner; Mr. Richardson has more orders for work than he can conveniently fill.

RICHARDSON, ANOR, retired contractor; P. O. Aurora; was born in Oneida Co., N. Y., in 1801, and was the son of Russell Richardson, a farmer; when eleven years of age his father died; his education was acquired in the Winters, as he had to work during the Summer seasons; at the age 17 he built a large barn on the old homestead; this was quite an undertaking for a boy; in 1845, just after the election of James K. Polk, he started for Illinois by way of the lakes, and landed at Chicago soon afterward; located at Aurora and became a contractor and builder; his first work he took for \$24 and finished it in seven days; times were hard, but he always had a fair share of work, and when one job was finished he generally had another waiting for him; the work was always finished in a superior manner, every detail being carefully attended to; he is now 77 years old and still vigorous.

Reeves, C. H., mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Reeves, S. D., yard master; P. O. Aurora.
Rogers, W. W., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
Rogers, Ed., mail agt.; P. O. Aurora.

REYNOLDS, JAMES, retired farmer; he was born in Sullivan Co., N. Y., Oct., 1812, and lived in the East until 24 years of age. He came West and settled on a farm of 200 acres in Sugar Grove Tp., Kane Co., and followed farming a great many years; in the early history of the township, he held the offices of Justice of the Peace and School Director; he retired in 1872, and became a resident of Aurora.

Rogers, Mrs. A. C., P. O. Aurora.

Ricker, S. J., physician; P. O. Aurora.

Richards, Henry, engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Richards, Wm., conductor; P. O. Aurora.

Richards, W., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

RACE, A. S., & CO., dealers in dry goods and notions, millinery goods, carpets and oil cloths, feathers, etc.; this firm do a large business; were established in February, 1877; they are shrewd advertisers and a strictly honorable firm; the members are men of experience in the dry goods line, understanding every detail; goods are marked in plain figures, and there is no deviation from them; they buy for cash, and cannot be undersold. They have a similar establishment in Chicago, and one at Coldwater, Mich. Their millinery department is a feature that rivals anything of the kind in the West.

ROBINSON, F. H., dentist; was born in the City of Aurora in the year 1850; his father was a woolen manufacturer; he came from England and settled in the Eastern States many years ago, and is also an old resident; he is now in the employ of S. B. Stolp & Co., the woolen manufacturers, and is a skillful workman. The son received a liberal education in the graded schools and also attended the Philadelphia dental colleges; at the age of 21 he was a practicing dentist with Dr. Wilson, and became established in business on the corner of River and Downer streets in 1874.

Reilein, L., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Rang, W., car repairer; P. O. Aurora.

Rang, Henry, carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Rang, J. F., mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Rink, Jacob, moulder; P. O. Aurora.

Rink, Casper, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

RICHARDSON, RUSSELL, general agent for C. J. L. Myer, South Chicago Sash, Door and Blind Manufactory; P. O. Aurora; born at Watertown, Jefferson Co., N. Y., March 20, 1835; when 8 years of age, his parents came to Aurora; he acquired a public school education, and engaged in business as a builder and contractor, in partnership with Perkins Richardson; in 1859, he married Miss Eliza Akers, at Elgin, Ill.; when the war broke out, and the second call for volunteers was made, he enlisted in the 124th Ill. Vol. Inf.; he participated in a number of battles; was at the siege of Vicksburg, and served through the Atlanta campaign; after the siege of Vicksburg, he was transferred to the First Brigade Band; was honorably discharged at the close of the war; in 1869, he re-entered business as a builder, and, in company with P. Richardson, he started a sash, door and blind factory; in 1874, he became employed by C. J. L. Myer, and is considered a superior salesman.

RISING, JOSEPH, of the firm of Rising & Simmons, dealers in boots and shoes, Aurora, was born in Germany, Sept. 28, 1829; came to America, and landed in N. Y., in 1845, thence to Cleveland, Ohio, remaining there until 1850, engaged in clerking in a boot and shoe store; thence to the gold fields of California, in the Spring of 1851, and engaged in the mining business, which business he followed with good success for five years, making enough money to come to Aurora and start in the boot and shoe business, in 1855, which he has followed ever since; in the year 1865, he entered into partnership with N. C. Simmons, to-day forming a partnership in the leading boot and shoe house of Aurora; holds office of Supervisor, in which office he has served his people and party faithfully, for the last two years; when Mr. Rising first came to America, he was very poor, but by hard labor, good management and fair dealing, is to-day one of Aurora's leading merchants. Married Miss Mary M. Smith, daughter of E. Smith, who came to this State at an early day; two children—Mary C. and Annie.

Ross, Mrs. H. D., hair goods; P. O. Aurora.

Ross, C. M., editor; P. O. Aurora.

Rice, N. B., mason; P. O. Aurora.

Rice, F. B., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Rice, Philander, salesman; P. O. Aurora.

Riley, Francis, blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.

Riley, John O., mason; P. O. Aurora.

Rand, G. B., conductor; P. O. Aurora.

Rand, J. S., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Robinson, Jas., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Raggan, Dant., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Robinson, C. K., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Riley, Terrance, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Riser, Simon, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Richardson, Mrs. R., P. O. Aurora.

Rugh, Chris., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Reising, John, mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Riddle, A., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Reed, W. E., moulder; P. O. Aurora.

Ries, J. F. mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Rees, Richard, florist; P. O. Aurora.

Roderick, Theo., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Randolph, J. F., clerk; P. O. Aurora.

Roberts, Charles, far.; P. O. Aurora.

Rumblé, Mary, P. O. Aurora.

RICE, ISAAC W., City Marshal of Aurora; was born in Vt., in 1838, where he remained until 1844; in company with his father, Laton Rice, and family, emigrated West and settled in Will Co., Ill., about five miles from Aurora; he remained here until the breaking out of the war, 1861, and enlisted in Co. A, Cavalry, 36th Ill. Vols., for three years; participated in some of the most severe battles fought during the war, was thrown from his horse during an engagement at Vicksburg; was taken from the field dangerously hurt; he came home, with good care of himself for about two months he rejoined his regiment and served until the end of the war; enlisted as a private, mustered out as Orderly Sergeant. At the close of the war he returned home and farmed for two years, thence to Aurora, where he was engaged in the grocery business for three years. Mr. Rice has held several offices of public trust, and has acquitted with credit and honor to himself and to the people he has represented; was Deputy Sheriff of Kane Co., for two years; was elected City Marshal of Aurora in 1875, and re-elected in 1876 and 1877.

- Raymond, J. O., bookkeeper; P. O. Aurora.
- Reader, D. L., tailor; P. O. Aurora.
- Reigh, Chris., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
- Russell, Geo., City Mills; P. O. Aurora.
- Rothschild, J., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
- Rhodes, C. W., ins. agent; P. O. Aurora.
- Richmond, C. M., painter; P. O. Aurora.
- Ryder, Sam., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
- Rugg, G. F., mach.; P. O. Aurora.
- Reinhart, M., mech.; P. O. Aurora.
- Rutishauser, J. W., P. O. Aurora.
- Reddington, Jno., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
- Roesch, John, mason; P. O. Aurora.
- Robbins, Dr. M. M., phys.; P. O. Aurora.
- Reynolds, E. E., painter; P. O. Aurora
- Rowe, Mrs. R., P. O. Aurora.
- Rutter, Jos., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
- Renland, Nick, boots; P. O. Aurora.
- Royston, Henry, P. O. Aurora.
- Ruggles, G. F., manr. foundry; P. O. Aurora.
- Rust, Wm., P. O. Aurora.
- Riley, P. J., far.; P. O. Aurora.
- Rockabrand, Louis, shoemaker; P. O. Aurora.
- Reiland, Wm., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
- Reiland, Nick., shoemaker; P. O. Aurora.
- Rieland, Cornelius, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
- Reder, Joseph, far.; P. O. Aurora.
- ROACH, J. C.**, of J. C. Roach & Son, Park House Livery Stable; P. O. Aurora; born in Orange Co., Virginia, in 1814, remaining there until he was 19 years old; thence to Springfield, Ohio, remained there until 1858, engaged in school teaching and farming; thence to Kendall Co., Ill., remaining there until 1865; thence to Aurora, engaged in farming until the Spring of 1871, when he commenced the livery business; their stock is of the very best, and their vehicles, hacks and stables are first-class; Mr. Roach is the oldest and only living one out of seven brothers; he lost three brothers in the late war; his two sons, Newton and John, were in the war; John entered the service, but on account of sickness was honorably discharged; Newton belonged to the 36th I. V. L., took sick at Lake Providence, La., and died of heart disease; his father, John Roach, died at the age of 87 years.
- Reder, D., far.; P. O. Aurora.
- Rausch, Jno., far.; P. O. Aurora.
- Reckenger, Nick., 2d, far.; P. O. Aurora.
- Roders, Nick., P. O. Aurora.
- Reckenger, Matt., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
- Reckenger, Nick., 1st, far.; P. O. Aurora.
- Rausch, Nick., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
- Rennel, Nick., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
- RANDALL, JOHN D.**, retired farmer; P. O. Aurora; was born in Connecticut in 1823; when he was 12 years old he, with his father and family, moved to N. Y. State, where he remained until 1843, then came West to Illinois and settled in Sugar Grove Tp., Kane Co., where he was engaged in farming; was a resident of De Kalb Co. for four years, engaged in farming, where he held several offices of trust—that of Justice of the Peace, School Director, and Township Trustee; all of these offices he held with credit to himself and to those he represented; on account of schooling his children he moved to Aurora; Mr. Randall has made what he is worth to-day by hard labor, industry, and good management; owns 60 acres in Sugar Grove, and 160 acres in Aurora Tp. He married Miss Marie L. Barns, of N. Y.; has three children. His brother, S. W. Randall, was in the late war; enlisted in Co. E, 124th I. V. L.; was captured by the rebels in Tenn., and taken as prisoner to Andersonville, where he died in prison, in 1864.
- Roberts, C. W., butcher; P. O. Aurora.
- Reardon, D., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
- Reed, Mrs. Emma, P. O. Aurora.
- Ready, Pat., mason; P. O. Aurora.
- Ries, John F., saloon, P. O. Aurora.
- Rowell, Mrs. P. L., P. O. Aurora.
- Rood, L. W., real estate; P. O. Aurora.
- Rhodes, A. C., spinner; P. O. Aurora.
- Richardson, Mrs. R. C., P. O. Aurora.
- Richards, Mrs. S. E., P. O. Aurora.
- Ruch, Jacob, miller; P. O. Aurora.
- Ray, William, mach.; P. O. Aurora.
- Riley, E., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
- Reynolds, Henry, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
- Riley, Pat, P. O. Aurora.
- Rhodes, J. H., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
- Roberts, Abby, P. O. Aurora.
- Russell, J. B., P. O. Aurora.
- Reynolds, Henry, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
- Rogers, Calvin, P. O. Aurora.
- Rising, Joseph, Township Supervisor; P. O. Aurora.

RANDALL, MRS. NANCY A.,

P. O. Aurora; wife of the late James W. Randall, who was born in Connecticut, Nov. 25, 1825; at 17 years of age, he came West in company with his parents, and settled in Sugar Grove Tp., Kane Co., where he was engaged in farming; in 1852 he moved to Aurora, and commenced the carpenter's trade, which business he continued until 1854; he then invested his hard earnings in the *Aurora Beacon* which had previously been published by the Messrs. Hall; removed the office from the West Side to the East Side; never man worked harder than he, frequently spending twenty hours a day at his business; in 1857 he failed; he then went West with his family and settled in Kansas; he settled in a wild country, his wife, Mrs. R., helping him build the log cabin to live in; there he was somewhat prominent during the famine, in relief work, and afterward entered into some speculation; after the war he returned to Kane Co.; he first commenced making charcoal; soon after he became interested in the stone quarries, and the last three years in partnership with Isaac Stevens; Mr. Randall was attending to some scaffolding which was to support a mass of earth when it was loosened; the ground gave way unexpectedly, and crushed him, destroying his life instantly; the deceased was so well known in the city, so universally respected, that the news cast a gloom over the whole city; four children—Sarah F., Charles D., Jay Cook, Parke B.; Charles D. is engaged in the moulding sand business, having a very extensive trade in Chicago and Aurora.

Randolph, J. L. F., clerk; P. O. Aurora.
 Raucher, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Reddington, John, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Rice, G. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Rampa, August, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Ragh, Christian, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Rousch, F., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Richmond, O. M., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Rull, J. P., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Ryland F., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Richardson, Mrs. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Reising, John, merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Runey, Mrs. J., P. O. Aurora.
 Reynolds, Joseph, P. O. Aurora.
 Reed, E., P. O. Aurora.

Rand, J. S., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Ruch, Michael, P. O. Aurora.
 Robinson, Henrietta, P. O. Aurora.
 Richardson, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Ruste, Mrs. H. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Ring, Michael, C. B. & Q. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Reed, Clarissa, P. O. Aurora.
 Riddle, Adoniram, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Rawlin, Jane, P. O. Aurora.
 Richardson, F. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Rice, J. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Russ, Alfred, painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Rink, Christopher, P. O. Aurora.
 Rodner, J. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Rockabrand, Louis, shoemaker; P. O. Aurora.
 Reckinger, Mrs. B., P. O. Aurora.
 Russeller, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Reedy, W., saloon; P. O. Aurora.
 Riley, James, blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Reedy, Ellen, P. O. Aurora.
 Rugg, G. F., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Reed, Thomas, grocer; P. O. Aurora.
 Rodener, Jno. M., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Regan, D. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Reedy, John, mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Reidalein, Julius, P. O. Aurora.
 Rice, Mrs. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Rogers, A. P., P. O. Aurora.
 Richardson, C. R., agent; P. O. Aurora.
 Ross, Jane H., P. O. Aurora.
 Ruste, W., capitalist; P. O. Aurora.
 Roe, H., P. O. Aurora.
 Reeves, H. E., brakeman; P. O. Aurora.
 Renner, Johu, boots and shoes; P. O. Aurora.
 Ray, James, P. O. Aurora.
 Ragen, Martin, P. O. Aurora.
 Rumble, M. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Rumble, F. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Richardson, Isabella, P. O. Aurora.
 Rand, G. B., conductor; P. O. Aurora.
 Robbins, Norris, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Reynolds, Silas, P. O. Aurora.
 Renger, Lewis, P. O. Aurora.
 Raymond, Lewis, boiler maker; P. O. Aurora.
 Robinson, F. H., dentist; P. O. Aurora.
 Rice, F. B., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Rice, J. D., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Rice, Israel, P. O. Aurora.
 Rice, E. W. L., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Race, J. D., conductor; P. O. Aurora.
 Race, W., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Race, E. D., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Roach, J. C., livery; P. O. Aurora.
 Ryan, H., merchant; O. O. Aurora.
 Richardson, P., builder; P. O. Aurora.
 Richards, D., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Rolph, J. G., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Rust, Alfred, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Raymond, G. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Randall, J. D., P. O. Aurora.
 Ryder, B. D., tailor; P. O. Aurora.
 Reynolds, James, P. O. Aurora.
 Reynolds, Mrs. F. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Roberts, J. B., butcher; P. O. Aurora.
 Rising, Leonard, mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Rystrom, S., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Reed, J. H., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Reyneer, Geo., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Rhutassel, Lawrence, farmer; P. O. North Aurora.
 Rhutassel, Frank, far.; P. O. No. Aurora.
 Rhutassel, J., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Russ, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Reising, V., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

S YEARS, NELSON, engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Smith, Pat, lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Smith, J. F., P. O. Aurora.

STANDEN, GEO. H., lessee of the North Aurora Flour Mill; P. O. No. Aurora; was born in the town of Rye, England, Sept. 17, 1846; remained there until 1870, where he was engaged in the milling and bakery business; he then emigrated to America, landed at Quebec, thence to Warrenville, Du Page Co., Ill., where he remained but a short time; he then came to North Aurora, where he commenced the flour-mill business at the North Aurora Flour-Mill, one among the best equipped mills on the Fox River. The flour made from these mills meets with ready sales in Aurora and vicinity, as preference should be given to home productions, if equal to outside offerings. Mr. Standen married Miss Mary Goods, of England; three children. His parents, James and Mary (Hovenden) Standen, are natives of England.

Smith, Jno. H., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora

Smith, R. D., clipper; P. O. Aurora.

Smith, R. B., bkpr.; P. O. Aurora.

Smith, Alphonso, P. O. Aurora.

Smith, U. M., P. O. Aurora.

Smith, W. B., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Smith, Wm. E., mach.; P. O. Aurora.

Smith, J. H., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.

SCHUB, FRED., ice mer. and agent for Phillip Best's Brewing Co.; born at Waldeck, Germany, in 1842; in 1854, his father came to Illinois, having emigrated from Germany, and located on a farm in Sugar Grove Tp. The subject of this sketch was then but 12 years old; he had attended school a short time in Germany, and at Sugar Grove went for two Winters; in 1864, he followed farming; in 1869, he bought land from Wilder Gates and Charles Buck, and erected some large, roomy ice houses; in the Winter of 1870, he began the cutting of ice, and in the Summer started out with two wagons; in 1874, he became the local agent for Phillip Best's Brewing Co.; from a small beginning, his business rapidly increased; in the Summer season, he employs twelve men and a clerk, running six ice wagons and two beer wagons; owns ten horses, and takes the lead in the ice trade; at present, is the only ice merchant in the city, and since he became the agent for the brewery he has built up a large business. Mr. S. is a liberal, courteous gentleman, and a hard worker.

STODDARD & RYAN, manufacturers and dealers in plain and stamped tin ware, silver ware, glass ware, Japanned ware, etc., No. 145 South River street; P. O. Aurora; the firm is composed of J. M. Stoddard and H. Ryan; eight years ago, the firm was H. Ryan & Co. (H. Ryan, L. D. Sage and J. M. Stoddard); in 1872, Mr. Sage retired, and the firm name has since been Stoddard & Ryan; they do a large trade; they manufacture quite extensively, and can supply every article needed in the kitchen, and of a superior quality; they own the building they occupy, which is, of course, a benefit to their customers, they have eighteen wagons on the road and employ sober, reliable and industrious men, who attend strictly to business; in addition to the above, S. & R. are in the fur trade, paying highest market prices for all kinds of furs.

Smith, C. D. F., attorney; P. O. Aurora.

Smith, Leonard, mach.; P. O. Aurora.

Smith, Fred., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Seidleman, Martin, lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Seidleman, P., boiler mkr.; P. O. Aurora.

Sims, Z., clerk; P. O. Aurora.

STICKLE, ALBERT H., of the firm of Stickle & Fritz; res. 3 East st., Aurora; P. O. Aurora; born in Ohio Dec. 6, 1845; married Miss Harriet A. Turner; she was born in New York May 23, 1853, and married Dec. 18, 1873; one child—Guy, born Sept. 2, 1874; lived in Ohio until he was 15, when he came to Aurora and has lived here since, except one year in Mendota; enlisted in Co. H, 124th Ill. Inf., and remained three years in service; was in the battles of Port Gibson, Raymond, Vicksburg, Champion Hills, etc.

SPAULDING, A., M. D., P. O. Aurora; was born in Washington Co., N. Y., May 9, 1807; is the son of Silas and Annie (Brown) Spaulding; his father was born March 25, 1757; was a soldier in the Revolutionary war; participated in the battle of Bennington, also at the surrender of Burgoyne; died at Fort Ann, Feb. 29, 1812; his mother is a descendant of the Peter Brown that came over on the Mayflower; they had eight children; five are dead and three living—Samuel B., born Jan. 27, 1789, living in Ct.; Ann, born Oct. 13, 1797, married N. Baker, now of Knox Co., Ill.; Dr. Spaulding remained at his native State until 1835, where he was engaged in the jewelry business; he also commenced the study of medicine; attended medical lectures at Brooklyn, N. Y.; his first practice of medicine was at Jersey City, N. J., in 1845; thence to New York City, where he remained until 1847; the same year he emigrated West to Illinois, and settled in Aurora, where he opened a jewelry store, which business he was very successful in; retiring from the jewelry business, he put his full time in his profession, electropathic physician. Married Ephurasia Babcock, of Ct., in 1848; has three children living—Sarah Jane, married Oscar Tanner, engaged in farming in De Kalb Co., Ill.; Eliza J., married Harlow Minor, stock raising, Denver, Colo.; Henry A., married Miss Cornelia Russell; is a stockholder in Tiffany & Co., jewelers, of New York, Paris and London; he has charge of the house at Paris.

Sims, Samuel, blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
Sims, Curtis, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

SUMMERS, ROBERT, farmer; born at Somersetshire, England, Feb. 4, 1826; in 1834, his father came to America and rented a farm in the State of New York; in May, 1836, he sent for his family, and they joined him in New York City; shortly after, they came to Illinois, settling at Big Rock Township; here his father made a claim for 400 acres, and in time possessed a fine property; he died in 1870; in 1830, Mr. S., Jr., bought a farm of 40 acres; married Miss F. Hall; at one time owned 400 acres of land; was a very successful farmer; was Postmaster under Fillmore's administration; also Road Commissioner, etc.

Sims, E., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Stickling, A., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Scharschug, Mrs. Mary, P. O. Aurora.

Spurgen, J. M., painter; P. O. Aurora.

Schoemann, M., drayman; P. O. Aurora.

Strong, Michael, blksmith; P. O. Aurora.

Strong, C. F., burnisher; P. O. Aurora.

Skinner, Jas., P. O. Aurora.

SCHNEIDER, JOHN P., retired farmer; P. O. North Aurora; was born near Frankfort on the Rhine, Germany, in 1801; he emigrated to America and landed in Philadelphia in 1824, where he remained for four years, engaged in the carpenter trade; thence to Erie Co., Pa., in same business for three years; immigrated West to Chicago in 1832; thence to Naperville, where he remained but a short time; in 1833, he settled in Blackberry, Kane Co.; thence to the place that he now lives on in 1834; Mr. Schneider, when he first came West, had but very little money, but with hard labor, industry and good management, is to-day one of the successful farmers of Kane Co.; he built the dam across Fox River at North Aurora in 1835; also, the saw-mill, which burned; he afterward rebuilt the saw-mill; built the present flour-mill at North Aurora; was Postmaster of what was then known as Schneider's Mills post office; Mr. Schneider is one among the oldest settlers of Kane Co.; is one who clearly remembers when the beautiful land was an unbroken waste, inhabited by roving bands of Indians, with here and there an occasional adventurous pioneer; owns 160 acres of land.

Simpson, G. O., mechanic; P. O. Aurora.
 Schick, J. F., butcher; P. O. Aurora.
 Snow, Mrs. Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Spicer, Thos., C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Slippick, C., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Santany, David, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Squires, Z., P. O. Aurora.
 Stearns, C. A., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Searles, A. E., attorney; P. O. Aurora.
 Southworth, M. O., atty.; P. O. Aurora.
 Snook, N. H., artist; P. O. Aurora.
 Siegmund, Jacob, publisher; P. O. Aurora.
 Slosson, Daniel; P. O. Aurora.
 Stickle, Thos., marble works; P. O. Aurora.
 Standt, J. M., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Stoll, Jno., tailor; P. O. Aurora.

SHEPARDSON, WM, retired farmer; born in Windham Co., Vt., in 1804; remained there until 1845, when he settled in De Kalb Co., Ill.; here he purchased about 600 acres of land; was elected Justice of the Peace in 1846; has also been Assessor; was re-elected J. P., in 1851; received the nomination and election in Kane and De Kalb Counties for the State Legislature; he represented his district for four years; has also held other important offices of trust and responsibility.

Straight, J. J., cabinet mkr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Stubbs, Joseph, machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Somerindyck, J. Y., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

SIMMONS, N. C., manufacturer and dealer in boots and shoes (firm of Reising & Simmons); was born at Bridgewater, Mass., in 1838; his father was a farmer; at the age of nine he went to live with an uncle, at Montrose, who was a well-to-do boot and shoe dealer; resided with him until he was fifteen, getting as good an education as the district school afforded; he was an apt scholar, and acquired a rather more liberal education than most boys; at 15, he became an apprentice to the trade with his uncle, serving three years; he became a skillful workman; came to Aurora in 1857; became foreman for C. A. Malloy, who kept a boot and shoe store in East Aurora; worked there a short time and then became partner of Leon & Reising; in 1863, he became associated in business with Joseph Reising; is the present Supervisor of Aurora.

Somerindyck, A., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Sencenbaugh, S. S., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Satterly, E. S., coal dealer; P. O. Aurora.
 Sexton, C. M., agent; P. O. Aurora.
 Stoughton, J. C., minister; P. O. Aurora.
 Sanburn, C. F., shoemaker; P. O. Aurora.
 Sanford, N. R., car repairer; P. O. Aurora.
 Shoemaker, Walter, lumber; P. O. Aurora.
 Sibley, J. R., clerk; P. O. Aurora.

STOLP, JOSEPH, farmer; P. O. Aurora; born in Columbia Co., N. Y., in 1794; is the son of Peter and Catharine Stolp, who were among the earlier settlers of N. Y. State; were natives of Germany; shortly after Joseph was born his parents moved to Montgomery Co. and purchased a farm; shortly after moved to Onondaga Co.; Mr. S. lived in Onondaga Co. nearly 20 years; received as good an education as the times and circumstances would allow; at 25, married Miss Margaret M. Arlett, at Marseilles, in 1837; came to Ill., passing through Penn., Ohio, Mich. and Ind.; from La Porte, Ind., to Joliet; thence to Naperville; from Naperville to Big Woods, then near present city of Aurora, and joined a brother Fred., who had come one year before; claimed 300 acres timber and prairie; Mr. S. has lived in Aurora ever since coming, is 84 years old, and has lived to see Kane Co. grow from a wilderness to what it now is; his wife died but a short time ago.

Solfisburg, Rudolph, ptr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Stinson, J. E., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Sperry, J. D., contractor; P. O. Aurora.
 Sperry, B. E., mechanic; P. O. Aurora.
 Schrolle, A., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Stringer, F., painter; P. O. Aurora.
 Shiltz, John, bartender; P. O. Aurora.
 Shears, George, Principal school; P. O. Aurora.

Shuman, Jno., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Shadoek, F., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Sawyer, Mary J., P. O. Aurora.
 Stenger, Mike, P. O. Aurora.
 Solf-berg, C., manufacturer; P. O. Aurora.
 Springer, J. L., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Switzer, Albert, brakeman; P. O. Aurora.
 Scott, R. K., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Swarthout, C., restaurant; P. O. Aurora.
 Swarthout, Selah, mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Sparrow, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Summers, Andrew, traveler; P. O. Aurora.

SHEDD, O. N.; P. O. Aurora; was born in Maine, in 1831; is the son of Silas and Clarissa (Noyes) Shedd; his father was born in 1794; he was engaged in the war of 1812; he is now living in Maine; his mother was born in 1800, and died in 1877; Mr. O. N. Shedd remained at his native State until he was 21 years of age; he was engaged in going to school and school teaching; thence to Lawrence, Mass., where he entered a soap factory, and remained there for three and a half years; in 1855, he came West to Chicago, where he purchased real estate which he owns to-day; he remained there but a short time; he came to Aurora in company with Mr. Beach; they purchased 100 acres of land adjoining Aurora; he laid it out in town lots, and known as Beach and Shedd's addition; he purchased Mr. Beach's half interest in 1863, and has been dealing very extensively in real estate ever since; he commenced the soap manufactory in 1856, which business he has carried on ever since; he employs from three to four men in the manufactory; he has held several offices of public trust; he was City Alderman four years, Highway Commissioner three years and Supervisor two years.

SLAKER, JOSEPH, far.; Sec. 4; P. O. North Aurora; was born in Germany, in 1816; son of Adam and Eva Slaker; came to America in 1840, to Cleveland, O., where he was engaged in laboring for five years; thence to Chicago, where he remained but a short time; to Aurora in 1846; commenced working in a cooper shop; remained there for two years; thence purchased farm that he now lives on of 190 acres of land, for \$15 per acre; now owns 108 acres, valued at \$75 per acre; Mr. Slaker's name was at one time Joseph Ochenschlager; in 1874 he had the Hon. Eugene Canfield, at the Legislature, change it to Joseph Slaker. Married in 1845, to Mary Hiens, of Germany; seven children—John, Louisa, Joseph, Mary, Eva, Sophia, Willie, all born in Kane Co., Ill.

Stevens, Emma, P. O. Aurora.

Steadman, H. D., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Scarlett, Wm., P. O. Aurora.

Scarlett, Charles W., P. O. Aurora.

SLATER, GEO. K., farmer, Sec. 36; P. O. Aurora; is one of the oldest settlers of Kane Co.; the son of Jonathan and Abigail (Holmes) Slater; was born in Clinton Co., N. Y., in 1812; remained in his native State until 1835, where he was engaged in farming and the lumber business; in 1835, he came to Kane Co., Ill., and settled on the farm he now lives on. When Mr. Slater first came here, he was in poor circumstances, but, with hard work, industrious habits and good management on his farm, he is to-day one of the successful farmers of Kane Co., owning 255 acres of fine land; has held several offices of public trust—that of Pathmaster and School Director; married Mrs. (Loomis) Wheadon, daughter of W. Wheadon, of New York; she was born in 1815, and married in 1846; have three children—Henry, Emma and Frank. Henry was in the late war; he enlisted in the 124th Ill. Vol. Inf. for three years, but, on account of sickness, was hon. disd., and is now living at Rochelle, Ill., engaged in the lumber and coal business.

Seymour, H. S., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Seymour, Joseph, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

SCHNEIDER, J. F., far.; Sec. 4; P. O. North Aurora; was born in Philadelphia, Pa., 1828; came West with his parents and settled in Kane Co. in 1834; he helped his father, John P. Schneider, build the mill at North Aurora. Married in 1858, to Miss Charlotte Denham, of England; six children—George W., Emma L., Eva J., Nellie A., Eddie J., Estella.

Sabio, Wm., drayman; P. O. Aurora.

Spink, Edward, compositor; P. O. Aurora.

Spink, John, lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Schrader, E., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Shepherd, Edward, mach.; P. O. Aurora.

Shepard, J., P. O. Aurora.

Stolp, John, P. O. Aurora.

Stolp, J. G., mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Stolp, R. S., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Stolp, Levi, carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Sorg, Michael, P. O. Aurora.

Sorg, Christian, P. O. Aurora.

Scharpenter, Theo., P. O. Aurora.

Schmahl, Jacob, Sr., mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Schlicht, W., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Schiltgen, Peter, P. O. Aurora.

Shorr, Frank, P. O. Aurora.

Stumm, Jos., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Shomer, Nick, lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Shoger, F., lab.; P. O. Aurora.

SOLFISBURG, CHRISTIAN, proprietor of brick yard and lime kiln; was born in Switzerland, Jan. 12, 1832; is the son of John and Mary Solfisburg; came to America May 1, 1852; was engaged in working on a farm, when he first came here, at \$10 per month—near Naperville; he came to Kane Co., and settled near Aurora, in 1855; commenced farming and dealing in wood; in 1861, he commenced burning lime; in 1862, the manufacture of brick; since he has been in the business, he has furnished brick to build nearly all the prominent buildings in Aurora—such as Coulter's Opera House, Brady's School, and all the free schools in Aurora, Fitch House and others. When he first came here, he was worth but very little; today, he ranks as one of the successful business men of Aurora; owns one of the most extensive brick yards and lime kilns in Kane Co.; 34 acres of fine improved land, where is located his fine brick residence; one house and lot in Aurora; six lots in South Chicago; one fine improved farm, of 160 acres, in Kendall Co.; all of this made by hard work and good management; is also engaged with Mr. Kerr, in building a first-class tile manufactory at Hinckley; was married in 1859, to Miss Elizabeth Love; she was born in Toronto, Canada, March 25, 1843; father Robert Love and mother Margaret (Landers) Love, settled in Aurora in 1852; seven children—Clara, Albert, Lincoln; Lillie, Edmond, Adie Bell and Lydia.

SMITH, C. F., artist, painter and letterer, for the C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora; he was born at Frankfort, Germany, in 1826, and came to America in 1850; his first work in this country was with the well known John Stephenson, car and omnibus builder of N. Y.; he remained there about two years; thence went to Jersey City, and thence to Chicago in 1854, where he commenced work for the C., B. & Q. R. R., and has been in the employ of this company ever since; he is one of the oldest employes of the C., B. & Q. R. R.; he moved to Aurora in 1856.

Schoeberlein, Adam, coal; P. O. Aurora.

Seamans, Mrs. L. A., P. O. Aurora.

Schickler, C., P. O. Aurora.

Schickler, Phillip, mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Stone, A. J., P. O. No. Aurora.

Stephenson, Wm., milk dealer; P. O. Aurora.

Stone, A. H., R. R. agt.; P. O. No. Aurora.

SILL, S. B. & SON, dentists; P. O. Aurora; established the business in Aurora in 1877; they have always held a foremost place in the dental profession. S. B. Sill, senior member, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1824; is the son of Joseph and Eliza (Berry) Sill; his father was engaged in the United States Custom House at Buffalo; when young his parents moved to Oberlin, O.; remained there but a short time, thence to Jonesville, Mich., about 1836, where he commenced the study of dentistry in 1846; about 1848 he located at Kalamazoo, and was the first established dentist of that town, where he remained until 1853; thence to Iowa City, Ia.; remained there until 1856, returned to Michigan and continued the practice of dentistry until 1877, when he moved to Aurora. His son, Edward J., was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1852; has had excellent advantages in dentistry with his father and the most prominent dentists of Michigan; is regarded by the dental profession as one of the finest dental operators in the State. These gentlemen employ no assistants, and the work they do they guarantee to be durable and first-class. S. B. Sill married in 1850 to Miss Caroline M. Swayzee, daughter of David Swayzee; four children, two boys and two girls.

Shehan, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Spoton, Matt, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Sargent, E. A., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Stewart, Heury, engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Spang, John, P. O. Aurora.

Steffers, Valentine, P. O. Aurora.

Smith, Catharine, P. O. Aurora.

Shuler, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Smith, Peter, farmer; P. O. No. Aurora.

Smith, Henry, saloon; P. O. Aurora.

Sachan, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Sauber, Michael, far.; P. O. No. Aurora.

Sholan, Peter, lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Schilling, Peter, lab.; P. O. Aurora.

- Shoden, Catharine, P. O. Aurora.
 Souter, Michael, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Stone, A. H., far.; P. O. No. Aurora.
 Smith, Mrs. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Stiffers, Jacob, P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, Susan, P. O. Aurora.
 Spray, Mathew, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Squires, Geo. J., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Scharschug, J. J., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Schuller, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Skinner, James, insurance; P. O. Aurora.
 Shedden, L. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Snow, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Sullivan, Daniel, P. O. Aurora.
 Swan, Hannah, P. O. Aurora.
 Spear, Lewis, P. O. Aurora.
 Stickle, Thompson, marble worker; P. O. Aurora.
 Shears, Joseph, mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Saulsberry, David, P. O. Aurora.
 Shannon, Mat, drayman; P. O. Aurora.
 Spaulding, H. L., P. O. Aurora.
 Seamans, S. D., lumber dealer; P. O. Aurora.
 Schuder, Frank, P. O. Aurora.
 Sullivan, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Sawyerbucker, M., P. O. Aurora.
 Stawss, Felix, P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, A. A., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Suitner, Samuel, P. O. Aurora.
 Schmahl, Mrs. Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Stinner, Joseph, P. O. Aurora.
 Schwarzhaus, H., Jr., C., B. & Q.; P. O. Aurora.
 Schwartzhaus, H., Sr., C., B. & Q.; P. O. Aurora.
 Schorr, Frank, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Stolp, J. B., C., B. & Q.; P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Severance, Absalom, P. O. Aurora.
 Stewart, Robt., car repairer; P. O. Aurora.
 Siegers, James, P. O. Aurora.
 Strong, Michael, blksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Santry, Michael, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Smitt, H. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Sholes, S., P. O. Aurora.
 Schultz, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Shoger, Wm., lab; P. O. Aurora.
 Solisbury, J., P. O. Aurora.
 Scarlett, Wm, P. O. Aurora.
 Sexton, Norman, P. O. Aurora.
 Summers, Samuel, P. O. Aurora.
 Schuller, Nich., P. O. Aurora.
 Spencer, Theo., P. O. Aurora.
 Stewart, Jennie, P. O. Aurora.
 Stewart, Charles, P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, H., P. O. Aurora.
 Stephens, Emma A., P. O. Aurora.
 Saterfield, J., Jr., P. O. Aurora.
 Safford, H. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Stewart, Wm., P. O. Aurora.
 Stiffens, C., P. O. Aurora.
 Sperlein, M., P. O. Aurora.
 Spalding, Joseph, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Shepard, L., P. O. Aurora.
 Schillen, N., P. O. Aurora.
 Sechem, Peter, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Santry, John, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Sperry, Sidney, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Seamans, C. W., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Swinburn, Wm., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, Frank, P. O. Aurora.
 Spear, Ellen, P. O. Aurora.
 Stoutenger, Mrs. H. T., P. O. Aurora.
 Siegmund, J. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Short, John, saloon; P. O. Aurora.
 Short, J. M., billiard hall; P. O. Aurora.
 Shaddock, F., P. O. Aurora.
 Story, M. L., P. O. Aurora.
 Shepherd, N. H., stone cutter; P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, R. J., P. O. Aurora.
 Severance, G. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Siegmund, Jacob, Jr., P. O. Aurora.
 Schmahl, Jacob, Sr. mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Schmidt, Leonard, C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Scherwin, D. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Schraeder, Geo., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Scrofford, C. C., C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Sweet, P. L., P. O. Aurora.
 Slate, W. L., P. O. Aurora.
 Steiner, Geo., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Stramp, Joseph, P. O. Aurora.
 Steuborn, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Schmidt, Anton, P. O. Aurora.
 Silvey, Walter, P. O. Aurora.
 Schomer, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Schietz, August, P. O. Aurora.
 Skinner, Eliza, P. O. Aurora.
 Slate, Mrs. L., P. O. Aurora.
 Stolp, E. A., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Stuffleck, John, P. O. Aurora.
 Slaker, J., P. O. Aurora.
 Sedgewick, C. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Sims, E., dry goods; P. O. Aurora.
 Street, B., ice dealer; P. O. Aurora.
 Stiffen, Peter, saloon; P. O. Aurora.
 Stockwell, D. W., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Slaker, F., grocer; P. O. Aurora.
 Stevens, G. W., P. O. Aurora.

- Shafer, Fred, C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Sall, Gust., shoemaker; P. O. Aurora.
 Swan, S., P. O. Aurora.
 Stafford, J., P. O. Aurora.
 Stafford, N., P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, Mrs. E. J., P. O. Aurora.
 Sherwin, Mrs. J. D., P. O. Aurora.
 Shannon, James, P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, W. D., P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, Edgar, car repairer; P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, David, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Siegmund, J. J., P. O. Aurora.
 Schaffer, Christ, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, W. A., mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Slate, Mrs. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Sarchfield, D., P. O. Aurora.
 Seigle, E., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Sylvester, Frank, P. O. Aurora.
 Swift, Mrs. Angeline, P. O. Aurora.
 Slater, Thomas, P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, Mrs. R., P. O. Aurora.
 Slaker, J. F., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Slater, I. B., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Scott, Henry, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Steffens, Peter, saloon; P. O. Aurora.
 Schaub, Fred, ice dealer; P. O. Aurora.
 Sorenson, C., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Sibell, E. A., trav. agt.; P. O. Aurora.
 Stockwell, D. W., dry goods; P. O. Aurora.
 Slate, G. W., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Simpson, D. W., traveler; P. O. Aurora.
 Smedley, C. E., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Stowell, C., P. O. Aurora.
 Simmons, N. C., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Safford, Mrs. H. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Shepherdson, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Slaker, Adam, P. O. Aurora.
 Shelton, A. W., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Staly, J. N., far.; P. O. Montgomery.
 Schorf, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Schollin, John B., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Schuller, H., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Slattery, James, P. O. Aurora.
 Slattery, Pat, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Schickler, Peter, cigar mfr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Schultz, George, P. O. Aurora.
 Solfisburg, F., laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, W. E., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Shafer, Adam, P. O. Aurora.
 Siegmund, Jacob, Sr., publisher; P. O. Aurora.
 Schoberlein, Mike, P. O. Aurora.
 Strong, W. J., P. O. Aurora.
 Sibley, Ralph, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Sheldon, Geo., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Stolp, P. D., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Stolp, Geo., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Sellers, Geo., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Sawyer, E. F., P. O. Aurora.
 Stolp, Joseph, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Spencer, Selden, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Sullivan, John, road master; P. O. Aurora.
 Siegel, E., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Stolp, J. G., woolen mills; P. O. Aurora.
 Stolp, Mrs. J. B., P. O. Aurora.
 Stolp, Stillman, P. O. Aurora.
 Sedgwick, C. S., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Stephens, I. S., coal and wood; P. O. Aurora.
 Sutphen, Geo. E., mfr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Shibley, Ralph, carp. P. O. Aurora.
 Summers, Robt., P. O. Aurora.
 Stoddard, J. M., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Schmidt, Henry, restaurant; P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, Ann H., P. O. Aurora.
 Simpson, F. M., carriage trimmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, L. W., mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, F. F., florist; P. O. Aurora.
 Swanson, A., carriage mkr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Sweet, W. E., barber; P. O. Aurora.
 Stevenson, W. B., P. O. Montgomery.
 Satterly, Mrs. H. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Swarthout, M. F., expressman; P. O. Aurora.
 Satterfield, A., switchman; P. P. Aurora.
 Street, B., ice dealer; P. O. Aurora.
 Sperry, J. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Spear, Warren, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Slaker, Val., cutter; P. O. Aurora.
 Steele, Wm., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Stone, W. T., boarding house; P. O. Aurora.
 Smith, R. J., P. O. Aurora.
 Seamans, Rebecca, P. O. Aurora.
 Stewart, James, P. O. Aurora.
 Show, Frank, P. O. Aurora.
THAYER, F. L., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Taylor, G. L., mach.; P. O. Aurora.
TODD, L. M., lumber merchant, corner Lake st. and Downer place; of the firm of White & Todd; was born in Vt. in 1839, remaining there 15 years; he then emigrated to Kane Co., and settled in Sugar Grove, where he commenced farming, which he carried on until he came to Aurora and commenced the lumber business in company with Fred. O. White; Mr. Todd has been in the lumber business for seven years.

Terry, Sarah, boarding; P. O. Aurora.

TABOR, MERVIN, P. O. Aurora; insurance, loans and investments; office, Room 9, Coulter Block, over the Union National Bank; Mr. Tabor was born in the town of Ellisburgh, Jefferson Co., State of New York, April 30 1827; at the age of 14 years, he left the parental home, working on a farm during the summer seasons, and attending school winters, doing chores for his board, until, at the age of about 16 years, he commenced teaching a district school, at \$12 per month, and, as was the custom at that time, he "boarded around;" from that time on, for several years, he taught Winters and went to school Summers; at the age of about 19, he emigrated to Michigan; he completed his school education at Albion Seminary, Albion, Mich.; Dr. Hinman was at that time Principal, since President of the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill.; after completing his school course, Mr. Tabor taught school at Mt. Clemens, Mich., Albion, Mich., and finally was appointed Principal of the Preparatory Department of the Michigan University, at Ann Arbor; in the Summer of 1851, he emigrated to Chicago, and on the 1st day of Nov., of the same year, he took charge of the public schools of Aurora, East Division; in 1857, he was elected County School Commissioner; from 1851 to 1865, he was almost constantly engaged in teaching or superintending schools, or connected in some way with the public school interests of Illinois; he was, for several years, a member of the School Board of Aurora, East Division, and was also a member of the Common Council of the city, from the 8th Ward; since 1865, to the present time, he has been engaged in life insurance, connected, most of the time, in some capacity, with the interests of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York; in 1868, he was connected with the home office of this Co., in New York City; receiving a sun-stroke, during the Summer of 1868, while examining the condition of the General Agency in Vermont, he was obliged to resign his position at the home office; by the advice of his physician Dr. Hammond, of 39th st., N. Y., he left the country,

and spent three years on the Pacific coast; returned to Illinois in the Fall of 1872, with health repaired; again connecting himself with the interests of the Mutual Life, of N. Y., he is now special agent for Illinois, appointing and superintending the local agencies of the State, and presenting the merits of the company to prominent business men and capitalists seeking investments; thoroughly posted in the science of life insurance, and familiar with the conditions and history of life companies in America, Mr. Tabor has carved out for himself an honorable name and national fame among the more intelligent insurance men of the country; he is a member of the First Congregational Church; politics Rep. Married Nov. 1, 1853, to Sabrah C. Strang, daughter of Deacon William J. Strang, of Aurora; two children—Ida J. Tabor and Fred. S. Tabor.

Thomas, J. S., fruit-grower; P. O. Aurora.

Thow, Lewis, merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Turner, J. W., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Tilton, Geo. B., florist; P. O. Aurora.

Tucker, Mrs. J. H., P. O. Aurora.

Todd, C. L., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Todd, J. L., P. O. Aurora.

Twist, H., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

THORWARTH, J. F., dealer in dry goods, groceries and provisions; born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1834; came to America and landed in New York in 1852; came direct to Cook Co. Ill., in 1852, where he resided until 1868; engaged in farming and store keeping; held office of Cook Co. Supervisor in 1864 and 1865; also Justice of the Peace and Postmaster; to-day he is Supervisor of the Town of Aurora, which office he has faithfully held for the last three years; came to Aurora and started in the dry goods and grocery business in 1868; also is connected with well known house of Thorwarth & Fulton, hardware. Mr. Thorwarth, when he first came to America, was financially very poor, but industry, honesty and fair dealing have made him to-day one of the successful business men of Aurora; has made two visits to his old home in Germany to see his father and mother, who are now dead; his mother died in 1877, his father in 1864.

Town, S., insurance agent; P. O. Aurora.
Tidd, W. S., foreman bindery; P. O. Aurora.

Trouton, P. M., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Titsworth, L., Sr., P. O. Aurora.

Titsworth, J. N., mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Titsworth, L., Jr., salesman; P. O. Aurora.

Thompson, J. H., mer.; P. O. Aurora.

Terwilliger, A. R., Assessor; P. O. Aurora.

Tighe, Patrick, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Tighe, Hugh, blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.

Thein, John, coppersmith; P. O. Aurora.

TITUS & MARSHALL (Herbert N. Titus & Clarence W. Marshall), dealers in coffees, teas, fine family groceries, crockery and glassware, established in 1873, at 54 N. River street; P. O. Aurora; both members have had large experience as business men; they buy for cash, pay a low rent, and will not be undersold by any house in the same line; in addition to their grocery trade, they handle country produce, and pay the highest market price for it; Mr. Titus was born at Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1842; he worked on a farm until 19; he attended a district school at Sheboygan, Wis.; he came to Aurora, and worked for J. B. Bishop; he attended Bryant & Stratton's College, at Chicago, and clerked for Phillips Bros., of Aurora, and J. B. Rice; Clarence Marshall was born in Jefferson Co., N. Y.; he came to Aurora in 1868; he attended the public school, and clerked for Phillips Bros., of Aurora.

HOMPSON, JONATHAN H., retired farmer; Prairie st.; P. O. Aurora; born in Londonderry, N. H., Aug. 27, 1809; up to the age of 18 he acquired a common school education, then began working for neighboring farmers; when 19 he went to work in a woolen mill; on becoming of age, was employed by Baker & Hains, woolen manufacturers at Manchester, Vt.; worked for them thirteen years; during this time he married Miss T. Staples; in 1844 he came west, reaching Chicago on the 28th of May, arriving at Aurora, and the same day, he purchased a claim, farmed it until 1856 very successfully; was elected Deacon of the First Baptist Church at Aurora, he still owns 112 acres and a fine property in Aurora.

TRASK, C. P., farmer; P. O. Aurora; he was born in 1818; his father was a farmer and blacksmith and had six children; C. P. the eldest and only male child; when thirteen years old his mother died; he then worked out until he was fourteen years of age. In 1830 the family moved to Toledo, Ohio; in 1834 to Sandusky; his father bought 120 acres of land and he worked for him five months, and then, buying his time, became his own master; he came overland to Illinois in 1836, with sixteen head of cattle, and settled at Pecatonica, Winnebago Co., Ill.; he worked for an uncle the first Winter, and then claimed 320 acres of land; in 1839 he claimed 100 acres, and the same year the Government passed the law in regard to finding unoccupied land; ignorant of this law, Mr. T. came to Aurora, and in his absence the Winnebago Co. land was claimed and he never recovered it. He came to Aurora having only 40 acres and a very small sum of money, and took an interest in a saw-mill with Moses Thurston. Mr. T. has owned a great deal of property, and now owns 218 acres of choice, improved land, and a fine city property.

THOMPSON, WILLIAM, retired farmer; P. O. Aurora; he was born at Grafton, Windham Co., Vt., June 23, 1817, and resided there until the year 1835; he then went to Hampshire Tp., Kane Co., and apprenticed himself to a wheelwright, and remained with him four years, serving his time; in May, 1839, he was married to Miss Wealthy Gurler; the tide of emigration to the West was large, and he determined to have property of his own; his worldly possessions at this time were not very extensive, and June 6, of the same year, he arrived at Sugar Grove Tp., pre-empted 160 acres, and afterward bought 120 acres; for twenty-five years he followed farming and was highly respected among the people with whom he lived, and by them was elected to many important offices of trust and responsibility, such as Supervisor, School Trustee, etc., etc. In 1865 he came to Aurora, and bought the residence where he now lives, on the northwest corner of South View and Downer place.

TARBLE, JOY, retired mason; born in New Hampshire, April 27, 1806; his parents were Asa and Sarah Tarble, who came of good old New England stock; his father was a stone mason and bricklayer in the State of New Hampshire. He received a good education for those early times; while quite young his parents moved to Jefferson Co., N. Y.; in 1812, his father met with an accident which resulted fatally; in 1818, young Tarble, in connection with his brother, Asa, began the trade of stone mason; worked as journeyman at Oswego, N. Y., and Sackett's Harbor; in 1829, he married Harriet Cox; in 1846, he came to Chicago, Ill., thence to Aurora. Mr. Tarble, in younger days, was considered one of the best stone masons of the West; he it was who built Silas Reynolds' building, also built for Wm. V. Plum the store now occupied by Phillips Bros., grocers; also Temperance Hall, Woodruff Block, and others too numerous to mention, of the most substantial character; for five years he held the office of Street Commissioner; for five years held the position of Senior Warden in Masonic Lodge of West Aurora and Jerusalem Temple; twenty years ago Mr. T. retired to enjoy the fruits of his labor, but his early years were years of toil and hardship.

TOWN, HENRY B., insurance and real estate agent; P. O. Aurora; he represents the following old and reliable insurance companies: Home Insurance Company, of N. Y.; Hartford, of Hartford, and other reliable companies with assets representing over \$25,000,000; he was born in Troy, N. Y., Feb. 4, 1837; when quite young he emigrated West, in company with his father, and settled in Du Page Co., Ill.; thence to Batavia, Kane Co., remaining there ten years at farming; thence to Aurora, in March, 1853; he taught school for several years; he was in the drug business for five years; thence in the insurance business in 1866, which business he has been in ever since; he is agent for the Great Western Despatch Co.; his father, Silvanus Town, was born in Vt., Jan., 1804; he was, at one time, in partnership with his son in the insurance busi-

ness; his brother, L. F. Town, was in the late war; he enlisted in the 36th Ill. Vol. I. for three years; he is now engaged in the real estate business in Chicago.

Templeman, Ann, P. O. Aurora.
 Town, L. F., ins. agt.; P. O. Aurora.
 Treman, W. G., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Titus, W. M., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Taylor, W. H., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Tyres, John, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Tarble, M. J., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Tavlin, John, wiper; P. O. Aurora.
 Trask, C. P., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Thompson, Rice, horse dealer; P. O. Aurora.
 Taylor, S. B., artist; P. O. Aurora.
 Tarble, Jay, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Tolman, T. F., Co Treas.; P. O. Aurora.
TYLER, WARREN, insurance, loan and real estate agent, No. 11 Main street, Aurora; is an agent for the following old and reliable companies: Ætna of Hartford, Phenix of Brooklyn and other reliable companies; assets amounting to over \$50,000,000; was born in N. Y., 1834; when quite young he emigrated West in company with his father and family to Ill., in 1835; came all the way from New York to Kane Co., in a two-horse wagon, taking thirty days to make the trip to St. Charles; 27 years engaged in farming and mercantile business, thence to Aurora in 1862, where he commenced the dry goods business, which business he was in for five years, then in the insurance business, which business he has been in ever since. His father, Ira D. Tyler, is a native of New York, now living on a farm near St. Charles, Kane Co.; his brother Geo. W. Tyler, enlisted in the 127th I. V. I. for three years' service; died with concussion of the brain, caused at the bombardment of Vicksburg, 1863.
 Tanner, W. A., hardware; P. O. Aurora.
 Thompson, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Tanner, Eugene, far; P. O. Aurora.
 Trigg, Geo., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Tyler, Percy, P. O. Aurora.
 Todd, Levi, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Tuttle, D., P. O. Aurora.
 Thompson, J. H., boots and shoes; P. O. Aurora.
 Trigg, Chas., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Trigg, Thos., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

THATCHER, S. W., agent American Express Co., Aurora; was born in New York, 1830; there until he was 23 years old; engaged in farming; thence to Detroit, Mich.; his first debut in express business was as messenger on the Michigan Central R. R.; from there he went to Chicago and entered the money department of the American Express Co., which office he filled for seven years; agent at central depot, also was route agent on several of the leading railroads that lead out of Chicago, C. & N. W. R. R., C. B. & Q. R. R., &c.; thence to Aurora, where he first took charge of the American Express Co.'s office in July, 1865; also has been in the hardware business from 1868 to 1875; was elected City Treasurer of Aurora in 1876, and to show the popularity of Mr. Thatcher, he received *all* the votes cast, excepting 5. Is a staunch Republican; member of the Methodist Church; Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of said church; President of Aurora Bible Association; one of the Directors of the Union National Bank. His father, Solomon Thatcher, is a native of New York; born Oct. 28, 1806; now living in Cook Co., Ill.

TENNEY, S. A., farmer, Sec. 36; P. O. Aurora; was born in New Hampshire, in 1823; is the son of Amos and Hannah (Cass) Tenney; his father was born in N. H. in 1794; died in Jan., 1849; was a second cousin of Gov. French, of Illinois; his mother was born in N. H. in 1803; died in 1867; she was a branch of the Lewis Cass and Daniel Webster families. Mr. Tenney remained at his native State until 1837, where he was engaged in farming and educating himself as an attorney; he emigrated West with his parents and settled in Kendall Co., Ill.; he was at one time one of the prominent attorneys at Oswego; in 1850 he went to California and commenced the practice of law at Mayersville; remained there two years; he returned to Kendall Co. and took a very active part in politics; was a hard worker for the Republican party, and was pronounced as one of the leading influential speakers of that vicinity; he purchased a farm of 140 acres of fine improved land, and settled in Kane Co.

in 1865; is a Republican in politics, and member of the Episcopal Church. Married Miss Mary S. Cleveland in 1853; she was born in 1834; is a daughter of A. and Nancy Cleveland; have four children—Jessie C., Nannie J., Lewis S., Frank M.

Tanner, G. W., clerk; P. O. Aurora.

Tiffany, Jos., P. O. Aurora.

Terry, Richard, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Trover, Miss J. E., P. O. Aurora.

TRASK, E. W., jewelry; P. O. Aurora; established 1860; watchmaker and engraver, and dealer in Swiss and American gold and silver watches; was born in N. Y. in 1838; is the son of S. and Jane (Crane) Trask; he remained at his native State until 1853, thence west to Ohio, where he commenced his first business in life, that in peddling jewelry throughout the State of Ohio; he saved enough money to start him in business in Aurora in 1860, with a stock valued at about one thousand dollars; to-day he owns one of the finest jewelry establishments in Kane Co., with a stock valued at forty thousand dollars; owns a fine jewelry store at Galesburg, with a stock valued at sixteen thousand dollars; at both of these stores can be found the finest lines of jewelry, and everything pertaining to this business, all of which are guaranteed to be found as represented; Mr. Trask keeps constantly employed from eight to ten salesmen in traveling and selling jewelry throughout Illinois. Married in 1865 to Miss Addie C. Hawkins, who died in 1877; has one daughter, Lillie.

Thompson, Mrs. M. L., P. O. Aurora.

Titworth, L., Jr., salesman; P. O. Aurora.

Turner, Thos., carp.; P. O. Aurora.

Thull, Peter, P. O. Aurora.

Tilton, W. H., florist; P. O. Aurora.

Townley, E., P. O. Aurora.

Tobin, Edward, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Tubbs, P. S., C. B. & Q. R. R., P. O. Aurora.

Tremain, W. G., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Town, L. F., merchant; P. O. Aurora.

Town, Margaret A., P. O. Aurora.

Taft, A. S., P. O. Aurora.

Tracy, John, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Thompson, Rice, horse dlr.; P. O. Aurora.

Targe, Ernestine, P. O. Aurora.

Tennis, Frank, P. O. Aurora.
 Town, H. B., insurance agt.; P. O. Aurora.
 Thompson, James, P. O. Aurora.
 Thompson, A. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Thompson, Charles, P. O. Aurora.
 Thompson, Seneca, mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Tupper, W. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Thullen, George, P. O. Aurora.
 Thomas, J. S., fruit grower; P. O. Aurora.
 Tighe, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Thullen, Peter, P. O. Aurora.
 Terry, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Titsworth, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Tyers, John, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Tuttle, Daniel, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Tranquillite, T., shoemaker; P. O. Aurora.
 Tripp, A., P. O. Aurora.
 Teaboy, John, P. O. Aurora.

UNFRIED, FRANK, butcher; P. O. Aurora.

Urie, William, apiarist; P. O. Aurora.

Ussher, J. F., car repairer; P. O. Aurora.

Uhlig, Charles, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Ufford, S. R. S., phys.; P. O. Aurora.

Underwood, J. R., P. O. Aurora.

VASBURG, JASPER, conductor; P. O. Aurora.

Vaughan, A. P., freight agt., P. O. Aurora.

VOLINTINE, DANIEL, cashier

Second National Bank, President of Aurora Silver Plate Manufacturing Co. and the firms of Volintine, Lewis & Co. and Volintine & Case; P. O. Aurora.

The above-named gentleman is one of the best known and highly regarded business men of Aurora; he was born in Washington Co., N. Y., in 1813, where he was engaged in the farming and lumber business until he emigrated West to Aurora, with his family, in 1853, where he commenced in business, first in buying and selling wool on a large scale, which business he has been very successful in. Mr. Volintine has invested considerable of his money in farming lands in Sugar Grove and other localities; he creditably filled the office of Mayor of the city of Aurora in 1875. Socially, he has a pleasing address and genial manners that win the respect of all; he is a member of the Baptist Church; his political opinions are independent; he married Miss Sarah Jane Ruste, daughter of S. Ruste, of New York; two children living.

Van Deusen, Peter, P. O. Aurora.

Van Hassel, J. C., watchman; P. O. Aurora.

Van Liew, Mrs. C. M., P. O. Aurora.

Van Liew, D. F., P. O. Aurora.

Valentine, C., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Vermes, Frank, far.; P. O. Aurora.

Vermilya, W., baker; P. O. Aurora.

Valentine, Mrs. A. E., P. O. Aurora.

Vaughn, Nathan, inspector; P. O. Aurora.

Volentine, Joel, wool dealer; P. O. Aurora.

VAN LIEW, F. H., M. D.; P. O.

Aurora. The above named gentleman is the son of D. P. Van Liew and Rebecca (Babcock) Van Liew, of New York; he was born in New York, in 1828; remaining there, until he was 20 years of age, engaged in farming and school teaching with his father and family; they moved to Clinton, Oneida Co., N. Y., where he remained for four years—the first two years, engaged in going to school, and the latter two years in school teaching; in 1852, he emigrated West to Illinois, and settled in Aurora, Kane Co., where he commenced teaching in the public schools of Aurora; was Principal of School No. 5, East Side, for two years; he then commenced the study of medicine, and graduated at the Western Homeopathic College of Cleveland, Ohio; in 1858, he returned to Aurora, and opened his office in No. 1 Brady's Block, and commenced the practice of medicine in 1858; Dr. Van Liew is, to-day, one of the oldest and among the leading and most successful and largely patronized physicians of Aurora. He receives a large first-class practice, being a gentleman of acknowledged ability and well educated in the medical profession, as well as reliable in every particular. The Doctor has taught thirty-six young men in the study of medicine, who, to-day, are practicing the profession of M. D. throughout the country; is a member of the Homeopathic Medical Association of Illinois; was President, in 1876; also a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy; is member of the Universalist Church; has always taken an active part, both in the church and Sunday school. Married Miss Mary Hobert, daughter of Daniel Hobert, of New York; four children.

VAN VLEET, A., proprietor of the Aurora Livery and Omnibus Stables; P. O. Aurora; was born in Seneca Co., N. Y., in 1834; came to Aurora in 1853; was at one time school teacher in Woodford Co.; his first experience in livery business was in El Paso, Ill.; was for four years connected with the C., B. & Q. R. R., holding positions from trackman up to that of a conductor. The Aurora Livery Stables were first established by Joel Jenks, who was Mr. Van Vleet's partner for eight years. The enterprise that Mr. Van Vleet has always exhibited, together with the able and accommodating manner in which he has ever conducted his livery business and omnibus line, has gained for him a host of friends, and secured a large trade. He has about thirty head of fine stock, twenty-five top and open buggies, barouches, hacks, two fine hearses, the only ones in the city, two omnibuses, which convey passengers to any part of the city.

VAN FLEET, ISAAC, P. O. Aurora; is one of the earliest pioneers in Kane Co.; was born in New Jersey; for many years he worked on his father's farm; he received a district school education; learned the trade of stonemason and bricklayer; with his brother Andrew, at the age of 21, he came to Illinois, and located first near Chicago; thence he came to Kane Co., settling three miles from the present city of Aurora; in 1833 he claimed between 300 and 400 acres of prairie and timber land that lay on both sides of the river; the prospect was anything but inviting; wheat was sold at 30c. per bushel; pork dressed at \$1.50 per hundred, etc.; one Winter he lived on fish, and was compelled to eat bread from the bran; the same year of coming he built a log cabin; a frame building at that time would have been a curiosity; some years after saw-mills were built rapidly all along the river. Mr. V. is described as a man of rare energy, working his farm in the day time, and worked at plastering nights; in 1838 he built a frame building 18x22 ft., a mansion in its time, and still standing; Mr. Van Fleet was a very successful farmer, and at the time

of his death owned 300 acres of well improved land in Will, Kankakee, Kane and De Kalb; eleven years ago he was laid at rest in the beautiful cemetery, situated in West Aurora; thus passed away a most remarkable man, noted for his untiring energy and unswerving integrity, who has added very materially to the present prosperity of Aurora; twenty years ago his first wife died; his second wife still survives; there are four children—Elizabeth, Isaac, William and John.

Vierschilling, Joseph, painter; P. O. Aurora.

Van Alstine, Sim., P. O. Montgomery.

Vaughn, C. H., carpenter; P. O. Montgomery.

Vaughn, A. R., carpenter; P. O. Montgomery.

Vaughn, C. B., Postmaster; P. O. Montgomery.

Voorhees, Henry, P. O. Montgomery.

Veit, Ambrose, P. O. Aurora.

Vogt, Michael, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Vaughn, H. C., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Van Sickle, Lydia, P. O. Aurora.

WEGNER, REV. HENRY, min.; Aurora.

Wagner, Chas., far.; P. O. Aurora.

Wagner, John, lab.; P. O. Aurora.

Wilson, Dr. O., dentist; P. O. Aurora.

Wilson, Arthur, P. O. Aurora.

Wilson, Wm., Div. M. M.; P. O. Aurora.

WARD, J. D., mason and bricklayer; P. O. Aurora; he was born in Bethlehem, near Albany, N. Y., in 1819, and when two year old moved to Onondaga Co., N. Y.; after his father's death he remained on the farm until fourteen years of age, working hard and getting his education as best he could; he entered the employ of a cabinet maker, upon the failure of whom he apprenticed himself to a stone mason, and in due time he became a skillful workman. In 1837, with a brother-in-law, he came to Illinois, passing through Miami Swamp in Ohio; he came to Joliet, Ill., and built the National Hotel there, and many other substantial buildings in the city. In 1838 he came to Aurora; he owns fine property in Iowa, and also in Aurora.

Wilson, J. J., postal clerk; P. O. Aurora.

Wilson, W. M., eng.; P. O. Aurora.

Wilson, Geo., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilson, Wm., mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Woodruff, P. L., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wood, Reuben, butcher; P. O. Aurora.
 Wood, H. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Wood, W. K., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Woods, Dr. G. D., P. O. Aurora.
 Woods, Jno. N., train disp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Woods, W. S., P. O. Aurora.
 Wood, C. J., railroad soliciting agent; P. O. Aurora.

WILDER, MRS., widow of Clark Wilder; was born at New London, Conn., in 1810; was married in 1833, to Clark, at Rossie, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.; in 1837, Mr. W. decided to come West; and with his brother, Russel, he settled at Aurora, Illinois, and purchased 200 acres; he returned East and made arrangements to bring his family; after several weeks of pleasant travel (in their prairie schooner), they reached Aurora, then comparatively a wilderness of prairie; several years after he purchased the farm, Mr. W. discovered a valuable stone quarry on his land, and the fine residence where Mrs. W. now resides was built from it; Mr. W. died in 1870, after a life of honorable toil; commencing with nothing but his hands and great force of character, he succeeded when others would have failed. Wm. W. Wilder, a son, enlisted in Co. H, 124th Ill. Infantry, at Aurora, for three years, in 1862; was in many important battles, and while with Gen. Sherman on his march to the sea, was taken prisoner and sent to Andersonville, and died shortly after release.

WENTWORTH, AUSTIN, retired farmer; P. O. Aurora; was born in Berkshire Co., Mass.; he worked hard and obtained a good common school education; moved to Wisconsin in 1846; came to Aurora and having some property, he erected a house, and shortly after exchanged the same for 40 acres of farm land; he worked the farm six years; his health then declining, he traded the farm for a house and lot on Lake street; went to Aurora; his wife was Sarah Ann Park; she was born in Oneida Co., N. Y., in 1814; they have one child—James P., of the firm of Reed & Wentworth, hardware merchants, Aurora.

Willis, J. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Wolleng, Jno., blksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Wildrick, L. M., conductor; P. O. Aurora.
 Wright, C. A., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Wells, H. S., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilton, Samuel, tailor; P. O. Aurora.
 Welton, Peter, boots; P. O. Aurora.
 Weinang, C., butcher; P. O. Aurora.
 Welch, Nick, P. O. Aurora.

WENTWORTH, J. P., born in Oneida Co., N. Y., May 2, 1836; his father was a farmer in good circumstances, who then lived near the town of Lee, Mass.; in 1844 his family moved to Wisconsin and settled at Summit, thirty miles from Milwaukee; in Spring of '47 they came to Aurora; while here young W. attended the public schools and received a liberal education; was connected with the Aurora *Beacon* four years as a compositor; also became a telegraph operator at Sterling and Rochelle and remained about two years in this capacity; in 1857 took charge of Aurora telegraph office; in 1862 became fireman on the C., B. & Q. R. R., and in the same year enlisted in the 89th R. R. Regiment, Co. E, mustered into service in August; went into camp at Chicago and shortly after went to the front; received an honorable discharge at Louisville, Ky., June, 1863; returned to Aurora and became employed as station agent on C., B. & Q. R. R., until he commenced at his present business—Reed & Wentworth, successors to Chas. Weeks & Co., hardware merchants. This firm commenced business the present year. They carry a full line of general hardware, silver-plated ware, tools, stoves, and everything usually found in this line. Aurora boasts of many first-class hardware houses, but we know of none who carry a better line of goods than the above firm. H. B. Read was born in Prussia, Ger., in 1845; his parents emigrated to America at an early day, locating first at St. Louis, thence to Princeton, Bureau Co., Ill. Here he received a liberal education, and on arriving at maturity he opened a hardware store at New Iowa, and shortly after moved to Des Moines, same State, and began the tinner business; on Dec. 17, 1877, he came to Aurora.

Welch, Chas., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Waterman, Mrs. M. A., P. O. Aurora.
 Waterman, Eben, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Watson, W. H., bookstore; P. O. Aurora.
 Watson, Thomas, P. O. Aurora.
 Walker, S., butcher; P. O. Aurora.
 Werner, Wm., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Walt, John, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Warner, A. D., P. O. Aurora.
 Wallace, Jason, carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Wenkler, Jacob, watchman; P. O. Aurora.
 Welfare, John, coppersmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Wheeler, A. L., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Wheeler Henry, clerk; P. O. Aurora.
 Whitefield, Geo., picture frames; P. O. Aurora.
 Whitefield, John, cloth finisher; P. O. Aurora.
 Whitman, J. K., gardener; P. O. Aurora.

WEST, WILLIAM P., retired far.; P. O. Aurora; was born in Chenango Co., N. Y., March 11, 1818, and resided there some 18 years; at this age he started for Carbondale, Pa.; his means were limited to \$1.75; soon after his arrival he became employed by the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., and remained with them for six years; in the Spring of 1842 he came to Illinois and settled in Blackberry, Kane Co.; before purchasing property he conceived the idea of selecting a superior grade of sheep and bringing them to his future home; he accordingly started for Preble Co., O., and Union Co., Ind., and bought 800 head of sheep; the average price was 65 cents per head, and the expense of transfer per head was 20 cents; this was the second flock ever brought into the county; has owned some seven or eight hundred acres of land, now owns about five hundred; has always been very successful as a farmer, and while in the township held the offices of Supervisor and Highway Commissioner; was also elected to office of County Treasurer; Mr. W. took the premium for the best cultivated farm in the State, in 1872; he retired and came to Aurora and is now enjoying the fruits of his labors.

White, C. H., attorney; P. O. Aurora.
 White, L. J., attorney; P. O. Aurora.

White, J. B., P. O. Aurora.
 White, J. A., upholsterer; P. O. Aurora.
 White, W. L., mason; P. O. Aurora.
 White, E. W., car inspector; P. O. Aurora.
 Ware, Mrs. B. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Ware, E., machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Ware, John, laborer; P. O. Aurora.
 Wade, J. A., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.
 Wade, A. F., Street Commissioner; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilcox, W. W., P. O. Aurora.

WALKER, JAMES, foreman of the blacksmithing department of the C., B. & Q. R. R., who has filled the position for over twenty-one years; was born in the State of Delaware in 1834; at the age of 10 years, he went to Detroit; thence to Chicago, remaining there for three years; came to Aurora in the Spring of 1857; Mr. Walker was elected Mayor of the city of Aurora in 1870, which office he creditably filled; his father, William Walker, who emigrated West with him in 1842, is now dead.

Ward, Maria, P. O. Aurora.

WHITE, FRED O., lumber mer., of the firm of White & Todd, corner of Lake street and Downer place; P. O. Aurora; was born in Mass. in 1839; in 1857, he came West, and settled in Sugar Grove Township, Kane Co.; he was engaged in farming until 1861, when he enlisted in the late war in the 36th Ill. Vol. I., Aug., 1861, for three years; he was under Gen. Grant, and participated in a number of the most severe battles; he was honorably discharged at Vicksburg, and then was appointed Paymaster's Clerk in the Western Department; he held office until 1865, when he returned home; in Feb., 1866, he commenced the lumber business, which business he has been in ever since; Mr. White has held many public offices of trust; he was at one time City Treasurer for one term; he has been a member of the Board of Township Trustees; he has been on the Board of Health; he was a member of the Board of Education; these offices he has filled with credit and honor to himself, and to the people he has represented; he is one of the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Memorial Building.

Weiler, Peter, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Wolsfield, Peter, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilber, George, P. O. Aurora.
 Wingate, Saml., car repairer; P. O. Aurora.
 Weldon, George, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Waterhouse, L. H., contractor; P. O. Aurora.
 Washburne, H. C., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Walters, G. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Walters, Leonard, P. O. Aurora.
 Weissenger, Fred, carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Weaner, George., stone cutter; P. O. Aurora.
 Webb, Moses, barber; P. O. Aurora.
 Weber, Adam, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wheaton, Chas., atty.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wors*, Chas., P. O. Aurora.
 Whottles, Mrs. D. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Whalton, Jas., P. O. Aurora.
 Wormley, Mrs. L. B., P. O. Aurora.
 Wormwood, O., P. O. Aurora.
 Warnick, G. G., far.; P. O. Aurora.

WINTON, BURR, by trade a carpenter and joiner; P. O. Aurora; born in Schuyler Co., N. Y., in 1801; was the second white child born in Schuyler Co., remaining at his native home until he was, at the age of 37 years, engaged in farming and the carpenter business; hearing so much of the Western country, his brother and sister then living in Illinois, and his father having made a visit West and speaking so favorably of the Western country, he emigrated to Illinois in 1836, settling at Aurora, then only eight families living in the town; was twenty-one days making the trip from New York to Illinois, coming by water and stage route; was unanimously chosen by the people of Aurora as Postmaster, in February, 1837, being the first Postmaster, which office he held for ten years with honor and credit to himself and the people; he was married twice, his first wife being Miss Mary Kilburn, of Connecticut, who died Aug. 30, 1842, and his second was Arabella S. Long, of Connecticut, born in 1813; two children, Lucius V., born July 9, 1829; Jennie A., born Oct. 16, 1839; His father, Samuel Winton, of Connecticut, was born in 1778; his mother, Ruth A. Hinmann, of Connecticut, was born in 1782.

Warnick, J. B., far; P. O. Aurora.
 Williams, J. C., far; P. O. Aurora.
 Warner, J. P., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wickizer, Mary Ann, P. O. Aurora.
 Wichizer, Jacob, min.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wydert, N. B., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wagner, Valentine, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wiltgen, Peter, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wolf, Matt, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Weber, Peter, clerk; P. O. Aurora.
 Witrie, Jacob, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Weber, John, lab; P. O. Aurora.
 Welter, Peter, mfr. boots; P. O. Aurora.
 Wanunda, Peter, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wagner, Peter, far.; P. O. Aurora.
WADDELL, JOHN H., far.; Sec. 17; P. O. Aurora; was born in Warren Co., N. Y., in 1829; is the son of Hugh and Eveline (Waldren) Waddell; he remained in his native State until 1857, engaged in farming; came West and settled in Du Page Co.; engaged in farming; remained there until 1865; he then came to Kane Co. and settled on the farm that he now lives on, and has been farming ever since. Married in 1861, to Miss Elizabeth Ward; born 1832, daughter of Dr. L. Ward and Lillie Barton Ward, who were among the first settlers in Du Page Co.; her father was the first doctor in that vicinity, having settled in Du Page Co. in 1835; her brother, Geo. Ward was Colonel in the U. S. Army, and participated in the Blackhawk war; died in California; Mr. Waddell's brother, Hon. Robert Waddell, was born in Johnsburgh, N. Y., July 29, 1833; was a member of Assembly in 1864, 1876-77; died at Johnsburgh, N. Y., of typhoid pneumonia, in 1877.
 Ward, John, bowling alley; P. O. Aurora.
 Wantz, Margaret, P. O. Aurora.
 Wright, J. H., far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Welter, John, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wagner, Theo., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilder, Burt S., farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilkie, C. M., dentist; P. O. Aurora.
 Wait, C. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Wolfsfeldt, Peter, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Wirbrook, Henry, P. O. Aurora.
 Wilder, Lewis, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilder, Mrs. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Wilder, George, surveyor; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilder, Joel, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Wheeler, Mrs. S. H., P. O. Aurora.

- Washburn, H. C., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 White, F., P. O. Aurora.
 Woodward, Sarah, P. O. Aurora.
 Willey, Sardis, P. O. Aurora.
 Wilkie, Ellen M., P. O. Aurora.
 Wilder, Warren, P. O. Aurora.
 Williams, J. C., P. O. Aurora.
 White, M., P. O. Aurora.
 Wilcox, G. R., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilcox, J. T., P. O. Aurora.
 Westover, Mrs. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Wendler, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.
 Weise, Lewis, butcher; P. O. Aurora.
 Webster, D. P., P. O. Aurora.
 Westcott, Mary L., P. O. Aurora.
 Weise, Albert, P. O. Aurora.
 Wentworth, J. P., P. O. Aurora.
 Welden, John, P. C. Aurora.
 Ward, J. R., P. O. Aurora.
 Wagner, Mrs. F., P. O. Aurora.
 Wilder, Hannah, P. O. Aurora.
 Waterhouse, W. H. mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Walker, E. M., salesman; P. O. Aurora.
 Walrath, Mrs. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Waterhouse, L. M., P. O. Aurora.
 Williams, G. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Wilson, James, gardener; P. O. Aurora.
 Wood, N. B., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilkie, J. L., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilkie, C. A., mer.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wallace, A. F., P. O. Aurora.
 Webster, J. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Warren, W. W., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Watkins, Daniel, engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Ware, Geo., P. O. Aurora.
 Woodward, T. D., P. O. Aurora.
 Welch, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Wolf, Sarah E., P. O. Aurora.
 Wright, Billings, mach.; P. O. Aurora.
 Williams, Adam, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Worden, R., P. O. Plano.
 Walter, G. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Winandy, Wm., fireman; P. O. Aurora.
 Whitmore, S. P., brakeman; P. O. Aurora.
 Webber, F., P. O. Aurora.
 Whitfield, John, cloth finisher; P. O. Aurora.
 Wekerlein, S., P. O. Aurora.
 Warner, Geo., P. O. Aurora.
 Woodman, Joseph, P. O. Aurora.
 Wagner, Catharine, P. O. Aurora.
 Wilson, O., dentist; P. O. Aurora.
 Waterman, E. M., engineer; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilbur, C. D., P. O. Aurora.
 Wheeler, Mrs. E. P., P. O. Aurora.
 Ware, Edwin, machinist; P. O. Aurora.
 Welch, Sarah, P. O. Aurora.
 Winton, L. B., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Willing, W. C., P. O. Aurora.
 Walter, Leonard, 2d, P. O. Aurora.
 Wolf, Frank, bartender; P. O. Aurora.
 Weminger, Fred., P. O. Aurora.
 Williams, N. O., P. O. Aurora.
 Welch, Nick., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Webber, H. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Weis, Peter, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 White, John, conductor; P. O. Aurora.
 Wood, Julia M., P. O. Aurora.
 White, M., attorney; P. O. Aurora.
 Walker, W., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Ward, Matt., P. O. Aurora.
 Ward, T. H., P. O. Aurora.
 Wade, Mary, P. O. Aurora.
 Wisbirke, Chris., P. O. Aurora.
 Wellin, W., P. O. Aurora.
 Winkler, J., P. O. Aurora.
 Wormley, Mrs. L. V., P. O. Aurora.
 White, Marcus, P. O. Aurora.
 White, T. F., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilson, J. H., cutter; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilson, Dr. O., dentist; P. O. Aurora.
 Wagner, Fred, lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wescott, J. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Woodruff, Lyman, mason; P. O. Aurora.
 Wentworth, A., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wright, S. S., cabinet mkr.; P. O. Aurora.
 Weddell, Andrew, blksmith; P. O. Aurora.
 Winegar, S. L., traveler; P. O. Aurora.
 Weise, Louis, P. O. Aurora.
 Wing, Mrs. E., P. O. Aurora.
 Wilkie, J. L., merchant; P. O. Aurora.
 Waite, C. B., attorney; P. O. Aurora.
 Williams, G. F., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilder, Joel, far.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilder, Mrs. Clark, P. O. Aurora.
 Waterman, D. B., Prest. C. R. & N. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilkerson, H., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Ward, Mrs. P. Z., P. O. Aurora.
 Winslow, L. A., phys.; P. O. Aurora.
 Winchell, W. F., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Weber, Milton, P. O. Aurora.
 Weber, P. H., lab.; P. O. Aurora.
 Wilder, Geo., surveyor; P. O. Aurora.
 Wensman, H. P., P. O. Aurora.
 Weeks, L. F., hardware; P. O. Aurora.
 Weeks, Chas., hardware; P. O. Aurora.
 Winslow, D. C., druggist; P. O. Aurora.
 West, W. P., P. O. Aurora.
 West, T. W., carp.; P. O. Aurora.
 Weston, L. W., P. O. Aurora.
 Williams, Elisha, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Weston, W. H., collector Gas Co.; P. O. Aurora.

Westover, Fred, bricklayer; P. O. Aurora.

Wingler, W., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Waddell, J. H., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Weise, N., laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Whatten, James, P. O. Aurora.

Weber, Geo., P. O. Aurora.

Welch, Mrs. A., P. O. Aurora.

Weidert, N., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Warm, John, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Wagner, Nick, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Weidert, N. B., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Wilcox, Mrs. R. R., P. O. Aurora.

Walker, James, foreman blacksmith dept. C., B. & Q. R. R.; P. O. Aurora.

YAGER, M. D., machinist; P. O. Aurora.

Yager, M. H., artist; P. O. Aurora.

Yeldham, W. H., painter; P. O. Aurora.

Young, J. R., farmer; P. O. Aurora.

YOUNG, PELEG, P. O. Aurora; was born in Orange Co., Vt., in 1817, remaining there until he was 21 years old; emigrated West in company with Mr. Royal Case, who is now living in Minn. Mr. Young first settled in Wis., remaining there but a short time; he came to Rockford, Ill.; there three years, engaged in farming; then to Sugar Grove, Kane Co., in 1841; moved to Aurora and built the residence where he now lives in 1875; in 1851, Mr. Young went East, and married Miss Sophronia Boyce, of Vt., daughter of the late Adam Boyce, of N. H.; died in Blackberry, Kane Co., in 1874, at the age of 85 years; Mr. Young's father, Nathan Young, was born in Strafford, Vt., in 1791; was Orderly Sergeant in the war of 1812; also, was a member of the State Legislature from Strafford; he died in Kaneville, June, 1869.

Young, Mrs. E. B., P. O. Aurora.

Young, H. C., engineer; P. O. Aurora.

Young, Albert, laborer; P. O. Aurora.

Yeedham, W. H., painter; P. O. Aurora.

Young, Wm., carpenter; P. O. Aurora.

Young, Wilhelmina, P. O. Aurora.

Young, Eliza, P. O. Aurora.

ZENNER, PAUL, P. O. Aurora.

Ziegler, Michael, foundry; P. O. Aurora.

Zack, Michael, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

Zengerlie, Nick, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

ZIEGLER, J. MICHAEL, brass foundry and lock manufactory; P. O. Aurora; was born in Germany in 1829; emigrated to America and landed in New York in 1854; thence to Newark, N. J., where he was engaged in a tool manufactory for eight months; thence to Aurora, where he commenced the blacksmith trade, and remained at this business for four years; thence took charge of the lock department of the C., B. & Q. R. R. shops, where he remained sixteen years. When Mr. Ziegler first came to Aurora, he was worth nothing; had to borrow money to pay his passage to Aurora; with hard labor he saved enough money to commence business on his own account; he is now engaged in manufacturing car locks for the C., B. & Q. R. R., having turned out over five thousand locks for that company; he is the patentee of the "car seat lock," which is used on a great many railroads throughout the United States; he has manufactured over eighty thousand of these locks; has employed at his shops six hands, where he is prepared to do all kinds of casting.

Zimmer, John, tinner; P. O. Aurora.

Zimmer, Chris., blacksmith; P. O. Aurora.

Zenner, Stephen, farmer; P. O. Aurora.

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- Roach, J. C. & Son**, Proprietors of Park House Livery, Sale and Boarding Stables.
- Stoddard & Ryan**, Manufacturers of and Dealers in Plain, Stamped and Japanned Tin Ware, Silver Plated Ware, Glass Ware and Wire Goods, 145 South River street.
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- Stickle & Fritz**, Marble and Granite Works, Original Designs a Specialty. Office and Warerooms south of Fitch House. Business established in 1856.
- Spaulding, A.**, Electropathic Physician. Agent for Dr. Kidder's Celebrated Electric Machine, Appliances, etc., 128 South Broadway.
- Slaker Bros.**, Dealers in Fine Groceries, Teas, Coffees and Spices, Yellow, Rockingham, Wood and Willow Ware. Fine Goods a specialty. 37 River st.

Standen, George H., Lessee of the North Aurora Mills, Manufacturer of Flour and Feed.

Thorwarth, J. F., Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries and Provisions, 27 N. Broadway.

Thorwarth & Fulton, Dealer in Hardware, Glassware and Crockery, Agricultural Implements, Pumps, Nails, Door Trimmings, Edge Tools, Saws and Shelf Hardware, 9 N. Broadway.

Tyler, Warren (Successor to Brady & Tyler), Insurance, Loan and Real Estate Agent (No. 2 Empire Block), No. 11 Main street.

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Taylor, S. B., Photographer, 43 River street.

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Mayborne, J. H., Attorney and Counselor at Law.

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Webster, W. H., Proprietor of Union Hotel. \$2.00 per day.

Ward, P. F., & Bro., Abstract of Titles.

Webster, Frank, Proprietor of Domestic Livery and Feed Stables.

LODI.

Adams, H., Carpenter and Builder.

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Beverly, Melvin, Carpenter and Builder.

Clyne, John, Dealer in General Merchandise.

Gale, John, Dealer in Agricultural Implements. Agt. for the Gilpin Sulky Plow, etc.

Kennedy, W. H. H., Attorney at Law.

Keefe, Cullen, Dealer in Live Stock, Agricultural Implements, Coal, etc.

Lathrop & Snow, Dealers in General Merchandise.

McNair, Robert, M. D., Physician and Surgeon.

Ormsby, M. M., Carpenter and Builder.

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Cooper, C. N., Physician and Surgeon.

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Sperry, D. R., & Son, Foundry.

Van Nortwick, J. S., Dealer in Fine Stock.

Way, Silas, Aparian, and Dealer in Honey and Aparian Supplies.

Wood, Theo., Dealer in Grain and Coal.

Young, N. S., Real Estate and Loans.

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Christiansen, C. E. J., M. D., Physician and Surgeon.

Mann, F., & Co., Manufacturers of Butter and Cheese.

Mieth, August, Blacksmith.

Mann, Hapgood & Co., Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes and General Merchandise.

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Rowell, S. C., Dealer in Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries, Hardware, Medicines; Country Produce taken in exchange for Goods.

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Betge, Charles, Sole Agent in Dundee Township for the Inman and National Steamship Lines.

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Clute, W. S., Manufacturer of Boots and Shoes, and Dealer in Leather and Findings.

Crabtree, L. A., Physician and Surgeon.

Dundee Record, E. F. Cleveland, Editor and Proprietor.

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Taylor, Geo. F., Cabinet Maker, Furniture Dealer and Undertaker.

Voorhees, John, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Harness, Saddles, Collars, Bridles, Whips, Halters, Combs, Brushes, etc.; Repairing done neatly and cheaply; all Work Warranted.

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Duff, John W., Stock Dealer and Buyer; Makes a Speciality of dealing in Milch Cows, Dundee Township.

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Bean, Charles F., General Stock of Merchandise, consisting chiefly of Groceries, Crockery, Notions, Boots and Shoes.

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- Christie, W. J.**, Dealer in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Provisions, Flour, Crockery, etc., No. 64 Chicago st.
- Clifford, Eugene**, Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery and Notary Public. Office in Bosworth's Block, Fountain Square.
- Christie, Will J.**, Publisher and Proprietor of the *Daily Bluff City*, of Elgin; a paper devoted to local and general news. This was the first daily newspaper published in Kane County. Has a circulation of about 850, and constantly increasing. All kinds of Job Work promptly and neatly done at this office, on reasonable terms.
- Clark, Dr. A. L.**, Physician and Surgeon. Office at residence, corner Spring and Division streets.
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- Elgin Board of Trade** meets every Tuesday, at 12 M., and closes at 4 P. M. Bulletin Board Announcements show the prices of many of the leading markets, both in this country and Europe.
- Elgin City Banking Company.**
Officers: J. A. Carpenter, President; Lyman Black, Vice President; S. S. Mann, Cashier; M. C. Town, Manager.
- Elgin Printing Co.**, Editors and Publishers of *The Daily News*. Established June 17, 1876. *Daily Herald* consolidated with *News* Oct. 30, 1877, making the most widely circulated paper and best Advertising Medium in the city. The best appointed Job Office in Elgin. Over 1,000 Cartoon and Business Cuts. Jewelers' Printing a Specialty.
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Before taking a patient to the Hospital, parties should see that all the formalities of the law have been complied with, without which even the Certificate of Admission may be unavailing. 1. A copy of the jury verdict must be known to be at the Hospital, or must accompany the patient. 2. Patients must always be sent by Sheriff's warrant. The friends of patients should always bear the warrant when they desire so to do. The verdict and warrant should both bear the county seal. 4. In all cases (paupers, so declared in the verdict, excepted), the bond required in the law shall be presented with the other papers. It shall, besides the principal, have two sureties, and shall bear the certificate of the County Clerk or a Notary Public, under seal, to the effect that either of the sureties is responsible for all the conditions of the bond. No female patient should ever be sent to the Hospital, except when attended by her husband or nearest relative, unless accompanied by one of her own sex.

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**A TABULAR STATEMENT SHOWING THE TOTALS OF THE FOOTINGS
OF REAL ESTATE, TOWN LOTS AND PERSONAL
OF ILLINOIS, AND THE GRAND TOTALS OF**

TOWNS.	IMPROVED LANDS.			UNIMPROVED LANDS.			RAILROAD LANDS.			TOTAL LANDS.		
	Acres.	Value.	Av. Val.	Acres.	Value.	Av. Val.	Acres.	Value.	Av. Val.	Acres.	Value.	Av. Val.
Aurora	17996 81	\$400490	\$33 36	716 85	\$ 20635	\$28 50	52 72	\$1960	\$37 00	18766 38	\$622976	\$33 19
Batavia	10454 91	209413	29 59	388 72	8797	22 62	3 02	126	42 00	10846 65	318336	29 34
Big Rock	20616 00	616777	29 92	1638 88	41423	25 27	.....	.....	.....	22244 88	659200	29 59
Blackberry	21251 19	502725	23 66	704 92	10080	14 29	.....	.....	.....	21956 11	502805	23 36
Burlington	16371 07	177854	10 86	5109 12	51397	10 00	.....	.....	.....	21480 19	229251	10 68
Campton	22269 11	448570	20 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22269 11	448570	20 14
Dundee	22566 71	593909	26 30	40 00	600	15 00	.....	.....	.....	22566 71	594209	26 28
Elgin	18510 57	628485	33 95	69 21	5718	82 87	842	175	21 87	18588 20	634278	34 12
Geneva	9479 74	307434	32 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9479 74	307434	32 43
Hampshire	22672 73	452676	19 96	243 00	5042	20 74	.....	.....	.....	22915 73	457718	19 97
Kaneville	21780 14	476756	21 89	641 26	9711	15 15	.....	.....	.....	22421 40	486467	21 69
Plato	20648 84	387310	18 84	872 49	12070	17 96	.....	.....	.....	21221 33	399380	18 82
Rutland	19229 98	290334	15 10	3665 25	30698	8 37	12 35	86	7 12	22907 68	321118	14 02
St. Charles	21467 51	579514	27 00	122 74	2118	17 22	40 25	552	13 80	21630 60	582184	26 93
Sugar Grove	21640 06	491520	22 71	666 06	9650	14 49	.....	.....	.....	22306 12	501170	22 47
Virgil	22173 18	324185	14 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22173 17	324185	14 62
County	300028 55	7187542	23 26	14678 50	207839	14 16	116 76	2890	24 78	323823 81	7398280	22 84

TOWNS.	HORSES.			NEAT CATTLE.			MULES AND ASSES.			SHEEP.		
	No.	Value.	Av. Val.	No.	Value.	Av. Val.	No.	Value.	Av. Val.	No.	Value.	Av. Val.
Aurora	1105	\$44470	\$40 24	2045	\$29260	\$14 30	35	\$1500	\$42 85	579	\$ 928	\$1 60
Batavia	672	15700	27 45	1445	18050	12 49	10	335	33 50	1174	2051	1 74
Big Rock	610	18061	29 61	2582	28989	11 23	25	1140	45 60	217	242	1 21
Blackberry	568	20710	36 46	2402	31117	12 96	23	890	38 69	2045	4061	1 98
Burlington	472	19369	41 03	2196	29189	13 29	.....	.....	.....	415	684	1 65
Campton	607	22703	37 40	2707	45671	16 98	2	100	50 00	560	1032	1 84
Dundee	601	23965	39 88	4130	55586	13 46	2	80	40 00	438	438	1 00
Elgin	1072	39350	36 70	3069	48348	15 80	23	955	41 52	184	264	1 43
Geneva	405	13115	32 38	1001	17262	17 24	.....	.....	.....	1150	2137	1 86
Hampshire	633	17884	28 25	3168	29243	.....	3	101	33 66	814	1218	1 50
Kaneville	775	26625	34 35	2356	29577	12 55	23	1030	44 78	1060	1712	1 61
Plato	620	16501	26 61	2484	32324	13 01	10	365	35 50	875	881	1 00
Rutland	592	23071	37 28	2937	41611	14 17	3	150	50 00	593	922	1 55
St. Charles	801	29780	37 18	3010	41022	13 63	.....	.....	.....	1062	1495	1 41
Sugar Grove	669	21129	31 58	2647	31802	12 01	46	1990	43 26	3158	4797	1 52
Virgil	484	16670	33 54	2288	24874	10 87	1	35	35 00	982	1965	2 00
County	10596	367993	34 73	40447	534215	13 21	206	8661	42 04	15306	24827	1 62

TOWNS (Continued).	Total of Value Columns Brought Forward	Medicines & Organs.			Annuities and Royalties.			PATENT RIGHTS.		Goods Materials and MFG Mach.	Articles.	Mn'facturers' Tools and Machinery.	Agricultural Tools and Machinery.
		No.	Value.	Av. Val.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.					
Aurora	\$153229	120	\$4140	\$44 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$189540	\$ 28385	.....	\$ 12900	\$ 1685
Batavia	58824	24	674	28 08	.....	.....	.....	.....	29842	28765	.....	20532	1615
Big Rock	62841	27	1025	37 99	.....	.....	.....	.....	2875	25	.....	25	2900
Blackberry	66777	25	905	28 86	.....	.....	.....	.....	16375	.....	.....	175	2004
Burlington	55196	3	120	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1500	.....	.....	.....	3603
Campton	81262	24	905	37 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	.....	3000	2424
Dundee	16707	26	1090	30 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	29950	14300	.....	17325	7930
Elgin	149871	79	2824	35 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	108395	213514	.....	114300	3282
Geneva	50099	28	915	32 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	13140	1200	.....	157	1886
Hampshire	58313	21	667	31 76	.....	.....	.....	.....	7070	.....	.....	142	4445
Kaneville	76746	30	1580	43 89	.....	.....	.....	.....	2500	40	.....	.....	5284
Plato	59486	9	275	30 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	350	.....	.....	395	2923
Rutland	73092	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	75	.....	.....	3911
St. Charles	94455	53	1927	23 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	17240	2195	.....	3190	3964
Sugar Grove	75168	23	898	38 61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9498	.....	.....	2803
Virgil	51285	7	282	40 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	6870	.....	.....	.....	3180
County	1264801	525	17887	33 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	427352	290960	.....	172211	57228

**OF THE SEVERAL COLUMNS OF EACH OF THE ASSESSMENT BOOKS
PROPERTY OF THE COUNTY OF KANE AND STATE
ALL SAID BOOKS, FOR THE YEAR 1877.**

Acres Wheat.	Acres Corn.	Acres. Oats.	Acres Meadow.	Acres other Field Products.	Acres Enclosed Pasture.	ACRES ORCHARD.	ACRES WOODLAND.
Acres. 100ths.	Acres. 100ths.	Acres. 100ths.	Acres. 100ths.	Acres. 100ths.	Acres. 100ths.	Acres. 100ths.	Acres. 100ths.
101 ...	2138 79	870 34	1917 39	149 35	4047 84	62 40	945 57
200 ...	4200	2250 ...	5100 ...	500 ...	7325 ...	351 ...	2020 ...
430 ...	3220 14	2655 91	4337 29	518 20	6756 15	115 37	3448 13
50 ...	3718 47	3077 56	3466 39	280 ...	8407 30	208 27	2767 35
23 ...	2821 26	2116 83	3478 78	108 15	6340 97	192 98	1680 09
...	2214 ...	1227 ...	2988 ...	119 ...	2440 ...	27 ...	400 ...
429 ...	4349 75	2217 50	4362 84	1218 84	7803 71	204 ...	2517 18
30 ...	2837 ...	1631 ...	3334 06	13 79	11468 72	126 62	1754 04
62 ...	3606 60	2634 16	5317 52	1160 73	4963 02	92 03	2949 96
136 ...	7182 55	2643 74	4521 ...	...	6247 84	121 27	1170 83
1461	35983 46	21324 04	40823 27	4059 18	67887 64	1500 94	19653 15

HOGS.			Steam Engines, including Boilers.			Fire and Burglar Proof Safes.			Billiard and other Tables.		
No.	Value.	Av. Val.	No.	Value.	Av. Val.	No.	Value.	Av. Val.	No.	Value.	Av. Val.
1794	\$ 5522	\$3 08	10	\$ 1960	\$ 196 00	50	\$2270	45 40	26	\$ 990	\$38 04
1262	3011	2 38	3	1375	458 33	11	715	65 00	2	50	25 00
3017	7072	2 34	1	1250	1250 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
2260	5008	2 21	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	40	40 00
1613	3379	1 97	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1553	4973	3 20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
487	1618	3 32	5	1950	390 00	8	315	39 37	...	...	...
785	2304	2 94	13	6218	478 31	40	1193	29 80	19	836	46 10
719	2165	3 01	2	275	137 50	7	210	30 00	...	...	...
1370	2090	2 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	185	37 09
3918	10410	2 65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1028	3884	3 70	4	345	86 25	...	...	...	...	...	...
697	1071	1 53	2	1900	950 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
1212	3201	2 64	3	470	156 66	9	255	28 33	3	155	51 66
3393	9461	2 78	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1522	4461	2 93	3	300	100 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
26730	76530	2 64	46	16043	348 76	125	4954	39 66	56	2256	40 28

Gold and Silver Plate and Plated Ware.	Diamonds and Jewelry.	Money of Bank, Banker, Broker or Stock Jobber.	Credits of Bank, Banker, Broker or Stock Jobber.	Money other than of Bank, Banker, &c.	Credits other than of Bank, Banker, &c., &c.	Bonds or Stocks.	Shares of Stock of Com- panies not In- corporated by the Laws of this State.	Pawnbrok- ers' Property.
\$1020	\$780	\$9000	\$1750	\$155875	\$ 4050	\$2750		\$400
160			4700	2316	72089	3900		
				6400	19750			
				3000	2300			
233	250	12728	236	79780	22500			
280	150			4712	172879	1000		
	50				25125			
					23425			
					11050			
					2485			
					2500			
					450			
					45092			
636	216				13545			
					8000			
					13900			
2320	1446	21728	9686	259568	428655	7650		400

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IMPROVED LOTS.			UNIMPROVED LOTS.			RAILROAD LOTS.			TOTAL LOTS.		
Lots.	Value.	Av. Val.	Lots.	Value.	Av. Value.	Lots.	Value.	Av. Value.	Lots.	Value.	Av. Value.
2351	\$1811570	\$770 55	2086	\$166580	\$70 85	21	\$185496	\$8833 30	445	\$2163646	\$485 54
846	322770	381 52	171	7805	46 00	2	127	63 50	1019	330762	325 31
23	10447	316 57	27	600	22 22				6	11047	184 32
278	58325	309 80	5	390	78 00				283	58715	207 47
23	3372	146 61	48	278	5 79				71	3650	51 41
977	179075	183 29	43	1820	42 32				1929	180895	177 54
2181	1433555	672 71	519	47882	92 25	11	3700	336 36	2661	1485137	558 11
915	244773	267 51	2	185	92 50	8	200	25 00	925	245158	265 05
143	31240	211 46	50	2485	49 70				193	33725	174 74
4	660	165 03	49	480	12 60				44	1140	25 91
1167	217915	186 73	85	2904	34 16				1252	230819	176 37
285	39977	140 27	12	240	20 00				12	240	20 00
			17	350	20 59				302	40327	133 53
0151	4353679	475 65	3105	232639	74 73	42	186523	4512 45	12300	4775261	388 28

Carriages and Wagons.			Watches and Clocks.			Sewing and Knitting Machines.			Piano Fortes.			Total of value column carried forward.
No.	Value.	Av. Val.	No.	Value.	Av. Val.	No.	Value.	Av. Val.	No.	Value.	Av. Val.	
887	\$28155	\$31 74	665	\$8989	\$13 51	772	\$11685	\$15 13	209	\$17500	\$83 73	\$153229
325	8584	26 41	393	2362	6 01	203	2724	13 41	52	3877	74 56	58834
243	5390	22 18	152	177	1 16	86	480	5 58	1	40	40 00	62841
249	3279	13 17	108	151	1 40	114	1106	9 70	10	415	41 50	66777
215	3673	17 08	128	206	1 61	82	1201	14 64	11	465	42 27	58186
178	4476	25 14	161	214	1 33	89	1238	13 90	7	555	79 28	81262
379	7613	20 09	405	1017	2 51	146	2240	15 34	14	895	63 93	95707
849	22213	26 16	1295	7793	6 02	499	5890	11 80	163	14507	89 00	149871
294	8351	28 40	388	2390	6 18	150	1814	12 09	32	2290	71 58	50009
274	4566	16 43	221	396	1 97	111	1465	13 20	5	285	57 00	58313
223	5180	23 23	164	553	3 36	93	1234	13 26	5	428	85 00	76746
242	3092	12 77	158	261	1 65	69	768	11 13	3	75	25 00	58486
251	4287	17 08	132	240	1 82	69	785	11 37	1	25	25 00	73062
535	10313	19 28	432	2326	5 38	136	2663	19 58	45	2905	62 33	94485
270	3896	14 50	161	496	3 08	76	1042	13 71	6	535	89 16	75148
107	2440	22 80	5	45	9 00	29	575	19 83				51265
5521	125498	22 73	4968	27616	5 56	2724	36910	13 55	564	44694	79 24	1264201

Bridge Property.	Property of Saloons and Eating Houses.	Household and office Furniture.	Investments in Real Estate and Improvements thereon.	All other Property not otherwise Listed.	Shares of Stock of State or National Banks.	Total Value of Personal Property.	Personal of Railroads.
\$10	\$1040	\$74665	\$ 45	\$16465	\$ 181250	\$838959	\$206785
		19789		3780	31500	273776	222
		2892				79283	
		4134				110730	120
		1703				71492	
		2930				94221	
		16425		10953		299030	
	4390	66692		29531	113750	963915	335
		18629		4955		121158	484
		4825		1803		100594	
		1645		250		100075	
		2544	280	2716		72934	
		3265				79903	40
	10	10205		5594	25000	200004	65
		5675		1325		102650	
		3270		100		86872	310
10	5440	217968	325	7702	351500	3633736	208361

GRAND SUMMARY.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

ITEMS.	.No.	Av. Val.	Assessed Val.
1 Horses of all ages.....	10598	\$34 73	\$367993
2 Cattle of all ages.....	40447	13 21	584215
3 Mules and Asses of all ages.....	206	42 04	8661
4 Sheep of all ages.....	15308	1 62	24827
5 Hogs of all ages.....	26730	2 64	70530
6 Steam Engines, including Boilers.....	46	348 76	16043
7 Fire or Burglar-Proof Safes.....	125	39 66	4958
8 Billiard, Pigeon Hole, Bagatelle, or other similar Tables.....	56	40 28	2256
9 Carriages and Wagons of whatsoever kind.....	5521	22 73	125498
10 Watches and Clocks.....	4968	5 56	27616
11 Sewing or Knitting Machines.....	2724	13 55	39910
12 Piano Fortes.....	564	79 24	44694
13 Melodeons and Organs.....	525	33 44	17557
15 Annuities and Royalties.....			
16 Patent Rights.....			
18 Merchandise on hand.....			427352
19 Material and Manufactured Articles on hand.....			290956
20 Manufacturers' Tools, Implements and Machinery (other than Engines and Boilers, which are to be listed as such).....			172211
21 Agricultural Tools, Implements and Machinery.....			57222
22 Gold and Silver Plate and Plated Ware.....			2329
23 Diamonds and Jewelry.....			1446
24 Moneys of Bank, Banker, Broker or Stock Jobber.....			21728
25 Credits of Bank, Banker Broker, or Stock Jobber.....			9686
26 Moneys of other than Bank, Banker, Broker or Stock Jobber.....			259568
27 Credits of other than Bank, Banker, Broker or Stock Jobber.....			428655
28 Bonds and Stocks.....			7650
29 Shares of Capital Stock of Companies and Associations not incorporated by the laws of this State.....			
30 Pawnbroker's Property.....			400
31 Property of Companies and Corporations other than hereinbefore enumerated.....			
32 Bridge Property.....			10
33 Property of Saloons and Eating Houses.....			5440
34 Household or Office Furniture and Property.....			237968
35 Investments in Real Estate and Improvements thereon (See Sec. 10).....			325
36 All other Personal Property required to be listed.....			77522
37 Shares of Stock of State or National Banks.....			351500
Total Value of Personal Property.....			\$3633736
LANDS.			
Improved Lands.....	309028 55	\$23 26	\$7187542
Unimproved Lands.....	14878 50	14 16	207839
Total Value of Lands.....			\$7395381
TOWN AND CITY LOTS.			
Improved Town and City Lots.....	9153	\$475 65	\$4353679
Unimproved Town and City Lots.....	3105	74 73	232059
Total Value of Town and City Lots.....			\$4685738
PROPERTY BELONGING TO RAILROADS.			
Lands other than "Railroad Track".....			\$ 2899
Lots other than "Railroad Track".....			189523
Personal Property other than "Rolling Stock".....			208361
Grand Total of all Property as assessed.....			\$16015638
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Acres of Wheat.....	1461 00	Acres of other Field Products.....	4059 18
Acres of Corn.....	35983 46	Acres of Enclosed Pasture.....	65887 64
Acres of Oats.....	21324 04	Acres of Orchard.....	1500 94
Acres of Meadow.....	40823 27	Acres of Wood Land.....	19653

**POPULATION OF KANE COUNTY,
By TOWNSHIPS.**

TOWNS.	1870.					1860.	
	Total.	Native.	Foreign.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.
Aurora.....	2033	1274	759	2017	16	1395	.....
Aurora City.....	11162	8091	3071	11013	149	5999	12
First Ward.....	760	594	166	748	12	.....	.....
Second ".....	480	380	100	474	6	.....	.....
Third ".....	1037	873	164	1008	29	.....	.....
Fourth ".....	497	354	143	486	11	.....	.....
Fifth ".....	639	318	321	639	.....	.....	.....
Sixth ".....	1368	833	535	1368	.....	.....	.....
Seventh ".....	929	692	237	922	7	.....	.....
Eighth ".....	1448	1089	359	1444	4	.....	.....
Ninth ".....	1465	1156	309	1403	62	.....	.....
Tenth ".....	1225	786	439	1225	.....	.....	.....
Eleventh ".....	1314	1016	298	1296	18	.....	.....
Batavia.....	3018	2231	787	2972	46	2338	15
Batavia City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1606	15
Big Rock.....	829	645	184	829	.....	911	.....
Blackberry.....	1173	985	188	1171	2	1080	.....
Burlington.....	919	687	232	919	.....	886	.....
Campton.....	957	745	212	956	1	1027	.....
Dundee.....	2079	1320	759	2079	.....	1888	1
Elgin.....	1298	997	301	1298	.....	1390	.....
Elgin City.....	5441	3989	1452	5360	81	2797	.....
Clinton City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	544	.....
Geneva.....	1829	1350	479	1789	40	1505	.....
Geneva City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	997	.....
Hampshire.....	1049	815	234	1049	.....	1049	1
Kaneville.....	999	840	159	998	1	1072	.....
Plato.....	1004	773	231	1002	2	1007	1
Rutland.....	960	682	278	960	.....	1013	.....
St. Charles.....	2281	1720	561	2261	20	2491	6
St. Charles City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1816	6
Sugar Grove.....	787	667	120	779	8	967	2
Virgil.....	1273	944	329	1272	1	1209	.....