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NORTHVILLE

Its Social and Moral aspects—A sketch of the business firms and professions—the peer of any village in the Northwest.—The town as seen by a Chicago editor.

[From Chicago Ocean Advertiser.]

Northville is pleasantly situated on

the Flint and Pere Marquette railway,

twenty-five miles to the northwest of

Detroit. It has a population of about

1,000 souls, and is surrounded by one

of the most farming districts in Michigan.

In its social and moral aspects,

in the mechanical arrangement of its

streets and avenues, and its cottage

architecture, it is the peer of any

village in the Northwest. Bluff

valleys, intervals and beautiful wood-

lands vie with each other in giving

charm to the surroundings of this

pretty village. From the base of the

outlying hills, scores or more of large

fountains give volume and beauty to

the clear cold brooks that flow by and

through the village. The surround-

ing country is the most productive of

staple winter apples of any section in

Eastern Michigan. It is the home

of the famous "Steel's Bed," which

is grown here in perfection and in

great quantity, the orchards frequent-

ly yielding a revenue of from \$500 to

\$3,000. The mercantile manufac-

turing interests of the town are in a

flourishing state.

The Michigan School Furniture

Company is doing a large and suc-

cessful business in the manufacture

of school seats and desks. The wood-

work is the most perfect of any we

have ever seen. Not a foot of de-

fective lumber is allowed in the make-

up of this beautiful furniture. The

walnut, ash and oak grown here are

the most perfect in grain and fiber of

any timber to be found in Michigan.

The castings are of extra weight, fine-

ly japanned and made in such man-

ner as to cover both ends of the wood-

work, giving it additional strength as

well as immutability to the kind of

the mischievous schoolboy. Two seat-

bings is perfectly noiseless, and is a

marvel of strength and durability.

The curved flat back and folding

seats made in this establishment af-

ford the most beautiful and comfort-

able sitings ever seen in an Ameri-

can school-room. The Chicago Board

of Education recently ordered 1,500

of these sittings for the Jones school

building in that city. This company

are filling orders for their tables,

desks and seats all the way from the

Missouri river to the Atlantic. For

the past half year Mr. Harrington,

the presiding mechanical genius of

the company, has been successfully

approaching the perfection of all

classes of school furniture. And now

with enlarged capacity in machinery

and capital, and with the super tact

of the new Superintendent, Mr. F. R.

Beal, there is scarcely a limit to the

success of this company in the next

decade.

L. W. Hatton & Co. are doing a

fine business in the carriage and wag-

gon line. Their work is done in good

style and their sales reach \$20,000

yearly. Mr. Hatton is also a business

partner in the ownership and manage-

ment of a large flour mill here.

W. A. Wood is doing a good lo-

cal trade at the Argo flour mill.

Mr. Wood is a recent purchaser of

these mills.

In the mercantile trade Mr. W. P.

Mungerford is doing fine business,

with yearly sales of \$25,000 in general

merchandise.

Jenman & Swift are successful

dealers of long standing in general

merchandise, their yearly sales run-

ning up to \$40,000.

Randolph & Amherst have a fine

store of drugs, paints, oils, groceries

and toilet goods, and do an annual

business of \$18,000.

L. G. N. Randolph does a good

business in general merchandise.

A. E. Rockwell has a fine jewelry

store, with an excellent stock of

watches, clocks, jewelry, plated goods,

pictures and frames, and is rapidly

increasing his trade.

C. R. Stevens has a fine drug store,

very nicely arranged, and deals also

in paints, oils, groceries, etc.

Beal & Northrop are large and

successful dealers in general hard-

ware carrying a large stock, and

doing a business of \$25,000 annually.

Mr. A. E. Carpenter is their foreman

in the tin and stove department.

John Sands & Co. are the leading

furniture dealers of the town. They

handle a fine class of goods, and do

the undertaking of the village and

surrounding country.

In harness and saddle Y. O.

Whipple and his neighbor, Henry

Kahler, are both doing a fine business

and are worthy of the highest success.

In the millinery and fancy goods

line there are three stores, each of

them having a successful and increas-

ing trade. Miss M. H. Wheeler has

a large and very rich stock of goods

Mrs. S. Williams has recently opened a store in the millinery line, from which she retired several years since, and Mrs. S. Gardner has a fine trade in the same line.

A. S. Lapham & Co. are doing a large and successful banking business. They are men of fine business qualities, and have long been identified with the leading business interests of the town.

E. K. Simonds is engaged in general insurance, and has in addition, to his local business, a large supervisory relation to other portions of the State. R. B. King is running a good business in pine and birch and lumber, lath, shingles, cash doors and blinds. The professional interests of the village are in the hands of excellent men. Dr. J. M. Swift is an old and successful practitioner, and has been honored with many places of trust at the hands of his fellow-citizens.

Dr. James Hueston has a large practice and has well earned the success he has attained in this noble profession.

J. T. Jackson is the leading dentist of the village, belongs to a well-known dental family, and has attained a high place in his profession. Judges Mrs. Yerkes and E. S. Woodward are the leading attorneys of the place.

There are some excellent mechanics here in almost every line; amongst them, Elias Perrigo and D. A. Fellow both fine painters, Peter Barley and A. F. Bedford, carriage-makers, M. Greer and J. McElroy, joiners, and H. M. Harrington, engineer. To the school furniture works.

The churches and high school are in a flourishing state. The clergy are able and cultured men, the principal of the high school a man of mark in his profession.

There are many wealthy farmers here, who have retired from their farms for the advantages of the village school, and the refined social life obtains here.

Mr. W. F. Hungerford, F. H. Best, Judge Yerkes, L. W. Hutton and Edward Norton have recently built fine residences. The architecture of each unique and attractive. There is a growing pride in carriage architecture here, that is distinguishing this village from the neighboring towns.

Wandering up and down these streets one feels everywhere the impress of the taste and beauty, and sound quiet that mark the life of this elegant village. With many thanks for personal favors from Mr. R. P. Allen, of the Allen house, and our old friend Ed Simonds, and friends little of the spirit of Northville's Record, we take our leave of a charming village with

best regards to the kind and plen-

ary

residents in future days.

THE SABINE VIRGINIA.

Rome, like every other city, except New London, Conn., was founded mainly by men. But the Romans, lacking wives, sought them by rule. Proclaiming an international festival, they called in visitors from neighboring States. Then in the midst of the celebration they selected and carried off for wives the Sabine maidens. This trait of violence has always been a favorite theme with artists, and appears glorified in picture galleries.

Nebraska now has women. In 1870 the excess of males over females there was 17,875. But it is the Nebraska regret that Gov. Sibley is dead, and that with him died a philanthropic scheme for forwarding the Eastern surplus of school mistresses beyond the Mississippi, and even the Mis-

ouri. The demand for such teachers is so great as to-day in Nebraska as to-day in New England.

History repeats itself, and Nebraska—if all other expedients fail—will imitate the Romans. More than a thousand trans-continental passengers weekly traverse Nebraska, from side to side. No train but bears scores of damsels, the glory and honor of the nation, who could supply the wants of the Nebrascans, as the Sabine women supplemented the Roman State. Hundreds of matches made when the cars have been accidentally derailed. What wonder if Nebrascans should stop the iron horse on purpose, and even repeat the immortal audacity of Roman youth among the Sabine girls? Such assaults can scarcely be averted, unless by some association which will furnish the Nebrascans' wives on terms as easy as the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad have furnished them fares, such as low prices, fares and interest, long credit, first payment long-deferred, great bounty on prompt payment, &c., &c., &c.

PROF. J. D. BURKE.

"The strongest propensity in a woman's nature," says a surly editor, "is a desire to know what is going on, and the next thing is to boss the job."

Since the hard times struck Nevada they have raised the price of killing Chinamen to seven dollars.

San Francisco paper keeps a regular place set apart in its columns for earthquake department.

Where is "parts unknown?" asks a correspondent of the Danbury News. To which Railey answers, very truthfully, "Where they don't advertise."

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