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OSHKOSH, the capital of Winnebago County, is the second city in the State in respect of size, wealth, commercial importance and social prominence. Soon after 1820 the Indians established trading posts upon or near the site it now occupies, though no actual settlement was made until 1836. Located on the west shore of Lake Winnebago, it extends along both banks of the upper Fox River for nearly three miles, to Lake Buttes des Morts, covering an area of some eight square miles, one half of which is closely built upon. The river which divides the city is 600 feet wide at this point and spanned by four substantial bridges, two of them railways. Twelve miles above the Wolf River falls into the Fox, thus affording direct communication with the rich lumber regions of the northern portion of the State and Michigan. During the navigation season, lines of steamers extend to New London, on the Wolf River, Berlin on the upper Fox, and Green Bay; and the largest sailing vessels can reach the harbor of Oshkosh, through Lake Winnebago and the lower Fox, as easily as they can any lake port. Its transportation facilities by rail are equally complete and fortunate. The Wisconsin Central is the most direct route to St. Paul and Minneapolis on the northwest; the Milwaukee, Green Bay, and Marquette branch of the Chicago and Northwestern gives direct connection north and south; and beside these are the Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western, and a branch of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul. No city in this section of the Union possesses more or greater natural and acquired advantages than Oshkosh, and these have been seized and utilized by the enterprising spirit of its people, whose persistent energy and courage are proverbial. Four times has the city been visited by disastrous fires, in 1859, 1866, 1874, and yet again in the year immediately following. But it is to day, with its more than twenty thousand inhabitants, its busy industries and its extensive commercial operations entitled to the rank it holds as the second city in the State and the “Queen City of the Northwest.”

The general trade of the city is much larger than the number of its people would at first seem to warrant or predicate, and reaches several millions annually; the lumber and manufacturing interests more than double it, these alone for the last year approximating $8,000,000. The transactions in lumber covered more than half this sum, and this industry, combined with the various manufacturing enterprises, furnish employment to about 4000 persons. The city is surrounded by a rich and fertile region, and the great extent of country naturally tributary to it offers a wide and flattering field to men who can command industry, brains and money.

Oshkosh is well and substantially built. Its principal business blocks are of brick, and very many of its private residences are surrounded by handsome grounds, and indicate the refinement as well as the wealth of their possessors. Education and religion go hand in hand. There are twenty-four religious organizations, representing the leading denominations, many of whose churches would be an ornament to any city. The high school is notably the finest and most complete building of its kind in the State, while the State Normal School, the Northern Wisconsin Insane Asylum, and the Opera House, are also conspicuous. The public and the law libraries, one daily and several weekly newspapers, three banks, excellent water; gas and fire service are efficient, and should not be overlooked. Add to all these features the two score saw and shingle mills, the dozen saws, door and blind factories, the flour and iron mills, the carriage manufactories, the packing houses, and the numerous other enterprises that abound, and it will be easily seen that Oshkosh deserves the high rank she enjoys and the commercial prosperity she has achieved. The city is in a most excellent and satisfactory financial condition. The assessed valuation of real and personal property is about $8,000,000, while the bonded debt is only $150,000. Its banking institutions have a combined capital of $500,000, are solid and conservative, yet liberal withal, and afford their patrons every possible facility and convenience. And no one can have any transactions with its representative business men without being convinced of their promptness and reliability. The city was incorporated in 1853 and from that time to the present its growth has been steady, constant and healthy. Its natural, material, and social advantages are unsurpassed, and its citizens are abreast with the age, in a part of the country that is noted for its restless energy, ambition and activity. They are alert, thrifty and hospitable, and its manufacturers and merchants are in league with the best and highest interests of the city they are building into so great prominence and power. Following is a list of the leading and representative commercial enterprises of the place.
Eagle Iron Works.—This business was established thirty years ago by Messrs. J. F. Morse & Co., of which firm Mr. C. C. Paige, the present proprietor, was a member, he becoming sole owner eight years ago. The establishment is a very extensive one, covering an area of ground measuring 175x125 feet, on which are erected a foundry measuring 125x60 feet, a machine-shop 50x125 feet in dimensions, with a pattern-room 30x75 feet overhead, and a fine office measuring 25x60 feet. The establishment is equipped throughout with machinery and appliances of the best and most improved description, and gives constant employment to upward of forty skilled mechanics. Mr. Paige manufactures steam-engines, steam-pumps, circular saw-mills, gauge edgers, turbine water-wheels, etc., and executes foundry and machine work of every description. He has unsurpassed facilities for turning out work of the best description, and produces a grade of manufactures equal if not superior to anything made in this country. Mr. Paige is a gentleman who is held in the highest estimation in social and commercial circles for his strict honor and integrity. All orders are promptly filled, and it is his endeavor to merit by the strictest principles of commercial probity and fair dealing a continuance of the support the house has already enjoyed. All who enter into business relations with him will derive advantages difficult to obtain elsewhere. Mr. Paige, who is one of the most enterprising citizens of Oshkosh, is president of the Electric Light and Power Co., of this place, whose finely-equipped establishment is situated opposite his own works.

O. McCorison, Furniture, Wholesale and Retail, Nos. 80 and 82 Main Street.—The conspicuous and flourishing establishment of O. McCorison, wholesale and retail dealer in fine furniture, Nos. 80 and 82 Main Street, is one of the first in its line, and none in this city maintains a higher reputation for the superior class of goods handled. Mr. McCorison, who is a native of the State of Maine, and has been in the West upward of thirty years, was formerly in the same line of business in New London, Wis., some sixteen years, selling out there and coming to this city about ten years ago, and starting the prosperous business he so successfully conducts. He first opened on Main Street, diagonally across the street from his present location, moving into his present commodious store about a year ago. He occupies two floors and basement, 40x80 feet in dimensions, and carries a heavy and magnificent stock of elegant and artistic furniture in the latest styles and designs, exquisite upholstery goods, ornamental fixtures and kindred articles; the patronage, which is exceedingly large, being drawn in a great measure from the wealthy and leading families in the community. Mr. McCorison served with credit in the First Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry during the late war, and is an esteemed and public-spirited citizen, as well as an excellent business man.

J. F. Harnish, Flour and Feed, corner Main & Ceape Streets.—In reviewing the various business firms in Oshkosh, we find none more worthy of mention, than that which is at present so successfully managed and conducted by Mr. J. F. Harnish, who is an old and experienced dealer in flour and feed, and maintains his establishment at that high standard of excellence which it has always held in the trade and among the community. The business was founded eight years ago by the firm of Harnish & Andrews, of which Mr. Harnish was senior partner. By the retirement of Mr. Andrews, two years ago, Mr. Harnish became sole owner of the valuable business, which he has conducted with great success and to the entire satisfaction of the public ever since. Mr. Harnish deals at both wholesale and retail, and has secured a first-class trade. His goods are of superior quality, and are so varied as to enable all classes to obtain those grades of flour and feed most suited and adapted to their respective wants. He has resided in this enterprising city for the past fifteen years, and is one of the leading representative citizens of Oshkosh. His birthplace is Pennsylvania, but he determined to cast his lot with the growing West, where his energy and perseverance would have a full opportunity of developing to the best advantage.
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Buckstaff, Edwards & Co., Manufacturers of Caskets and Coffins, Chairs and Cradles, and Wholesale Dealers in Undertakers' Supplies, Nos. 149 to 170 Kansas Street.—A review of the leading industries of Oshkosh—its mercantile and manufacturing interests—reveals the existence here of many noteworthy concerns engaged in the multifarious branches of commercial and industrial pursuits that go to make an important centre of business activity. Of these, special mention should be made of the representative and notable establishment of Buckstaff, Edwards & Co., manufacturers of caskets and coffins, chairs and cradles, and wholesale dealers in undertakers' supplies, whose capacious and well-equipped premises cover an area running from Nos. 149 to 170 Kansas Street, and in which they afford employment to a little army of hands.

This vast and prosperous enterprise was started in 1883, and its stability and flourishing condition to-day more than attest the wisdom that inspired its inception and the untiring energy and excellent business ability that from the first have characterized its management. The products of this admirably-conducted concern maintain a uniformly high standard of excellence in the trade, and, as a result, are in very steady demand all over the country. This concern was established in 1883, and from the start the enterprise proved a positive and permanent success. The premises occupied cover a large area and comprise several capacious buildings, including a factory 64x160, coffin-finishing and storehouse 48x176, chair-finishing rooms 40x134, and chair storehouse 48x100, all of which buildings are three stories in height. All are supplied with heavy steam-power and thoroughly equipped with the most improved machinery and appliances, and upward of 175 workmen are employed. An immense and magnificent stock is constantly carried, embracing superb caskets, coffins, and burial-cases, elegant and artistic funeral furniture and equipments, exquisitely finished hearses, beautiful candlesticks, robes, trimmings, and general undertakers' supplies; also an extensive and excellent assortment of cane and wood seat chairs and cradles, the annual output being upward of 25,000 chairs and 10,000 coffins, besides heavy transactions in the various other articles made and handled. The firm is composed of Messrs. Daniel C. Buckstaff, Noel H. Buckstaff, and Richard H. Edwards, all natives of this State. This enterprising and prosperous firm maintain a branch establishment at Lincoln, Neb., in which a very fine business is also transacted.

Conlee Lumber Company, Manufacturers of Lumber, Shingles, Doors, Blinds, etc.—In compiling a review of the mercantile and manufacturing industries of Oshkosh, it is the aim of the publishers to select for the subject of each sketch such firms and establishments only as are representative, or have attained prominence, each in its respective line; and therefore it is that the well-known and extensive concern, the Conlee Lumber Company, manufacturers of lumber, shingles, doors, blinds, etc., should be represented as a notable and leading establishment of the kind. This ably conducted and prosperous enterprise was originally started in 1869 by E. N. Conlee, who carried on the business until 1882, when it became duly incorporated under the laws of the State, trading under the name of the Conlee Lumber Company, of which the following named gentlemen are the officers and directors: E. N. Conlee, president and treasurer; J. H. Jenkins, vice-president and secretary; C. M. Conlee, and J. H. Conlee. The premises occupied are very extensive, the entire plant covering 15,000 square feet of ground, and include a frontage of 1000 feet on the Fox River; also several buildings, saw-mill, planing-mill, large factory, warehouse, offices, etc., and employment is afforded to upward of 300 hands. A logging camp also is maintained on the Wolf River, in the upper portion of this State, where over 150 men are employed getting out logs for transportation to this city. This company ship heavily to all parts of the American continent, the annual transactions amounting to an enormous figure. The gentlemen comprising this company are men of unmistakable business ability, of energy, and enterprise, and of the highest integrity in all their dealings and business relations. They are, in a word, admirable representatives of the successful American business man.

J. A. Barnes, successor to Sutton & Barnes, Manufacturers of Planing-mill and Saw-mill Machinery, Marion and Market Streets.—This popular and prosperous concern was established in 1869, and from the start this pushing firm have enjoyed a large and substantial patronage, the trade to-day being very extensive. Being thorough masters of their art, and excellent business men besides, and turning out an A1 line of machinery, it is in the natural order of things that they should have attained to prominence and prosperity. The works comprise a machine-shop and foundry 62x34 and 40x60 feet in dimensions respectively, supplied with full steam-power and improved appliances, and a large force of skilled and expert workmen is employed. The firm are patentees of a combination pin machine, a exceedingly ingenious contrivance, and meeting with very much popular favor hereabouts, and is also sole manufacturers of the Sutton & Barnes Slasher, or Cut-off Saw Frame, a new device to take the place of the railway cut-off. It is a better machine for doing the work; it operates easier, swinging on pivot centers, and runs with a straight belt, there being no corner to turn, which is a saving in belts; and the expense of the machine is less than any other of the kind on the market. The counter-shaft is separate from the machine, and has a tight and loose pulley 10x44, and ought to run 700 revolutions a minute. The house also has the right to manufacture and sell the John A. Miller Patent Saw-Sharpener, and are prepared to fill all orders for this machine. In regard to its merits it is hardly necessary to speak, as it has become an absolute necessity in every saw-mill. Send for circulars. The present individual member of the firm is Mr. James A. Barnes, a native of England, long favorably known throughout the community here.
H. W. Leach, Surveyor and Civil Engineer, Notary Public, No. 140 Main Street.—Among the leading professions in the West that of the surveyor and civil engineer ranks among the foremost. As "Westward the course of empire takes its way," landmarks are to be put down and farms surveyed. As the town increases in size, lots are to be staked, streets, avenues, and boulevards planned, parks laid out, and all done so that no confusion may arise respecting the boundaries, to engender complicated lawsuits among adjoining owners. Prominent among the leading surveyors and civil engineers in this State is Mr. H. W. Leach, whose office is at No. 140 Main Street. He was born, raised and educated in the city of Oswego, New York State, and came to Oshkosh in 1850. From a comparatively modest beginning he has built up a large and influential patronage and has won an excellent reputation in each branch of his profession. His facilities for transacting business are of an unusually complete character, enabling him to offer special advantages to customers and to execute all orders in the promptest and most satisfactory manner. Mr. Leach is deservedly popular in social circles, and is ex-Captain of the Oshkosh Guards. Personally he is a genial, courtious gentleman, honorable, liberal, and fair in all transactions, and well-deserving of the success he is achieving.

"Union Steam Boiler Works," Battis Bros., Market Street.—This ably conducted and prosperous concern was founded in 1848 by M. T. Battis (father of the present proprietors), who carried on the business up to about one year ago, when, owing to his death, the establishment passed into the control of his sons and successors, Battis Bros., who have since continued the business with unvarying success. Being thoroughly conversant with the wants of the trade, enterprising and energetic, and devoting close attention to every detail and feature of their concern, the result is hardly be other than the large measure of public favor they enjoy. They manufacture all kinds of steam boilers, smoke-stacks, brichets, tanks, boiler-plate, and sheet-iron work, and in this line are not surpassed by any firm in the State. They also execute repairs of every description in the most excellent and expeditious manner. The shops are ample and commodious, being 40x100 feet in dimensions, and a large staff of first-class workmen are employed, the office being spacious and finely fitted up. The individual members of the firm are Messrs. H. L. and A. F. Battis, natives of Oshkosh. They are both men of the highest integrity and of unquestionable skill, and are widely known and highly esteemed not only in business relations but in private life as well.

C. R. Hamlin, Real Estate and Loan Broker, Deputy U. S. Marshal and Special Treasury Agent, No. 140 Main Street.—The varied commercial industries of the city of Oshkosh, as a whole, comprise almost, if not everything, that is to be found in the older and larger eastern cities. Prominent among these enterprises is that of real estate and loan brokerage business, and this city is fortunate in having that portion of its business conducted by Mr. C. R. Hamlin, who occupies the premises No. 140 Main Street, where he has an admirably adapted suite of offices, which are thoroughly arranged for the speedy transacttion of his already large and rapidly increasing business. He is prepared at all times to execute transactions for the purchase and sale of real estate, collect rents, and superintend the letting of business and dwelling houses, besides the loaning of money on the most advantageous terms upon bond and mortgage. He also manages estates for non-residents, paying taxes and assessments upon the same, at the most reasonable rates. Mr. Hamlin has been a resident of Oshkosh for twenty-five years, and besides enjoying a large and lucrative business has been repeatedly elected to office. He was elected sheriff of the county in 1860, and was appointed deputy provost marshal of this district during the rebellion; he has held the position of Wisconsin treasury agent and deputy U. S. marshal for sixteen years, and at the present writing is coroner of the county. He enjoys the fullest confidence and esteem of his fellow towns men, and by his straightforward and honorable conduct makes hosts of friends among the business men of this portion of the State, and is regarded as one of its most enterprising and public-spirited citizens. Mr. Hamlin is eighty-two years old, possesses a very retentive memory, and transacts his daily business like a man of forty years.

N. G. Clark, "The Syndicate," Books, Silverware, Jewelry, etc., No. 141 Main Street.—One of the most substantial and enterprising merchants of this flourishing city of Oshkosh is to be met in the person of Mr. Clark, successor to the firm of Clark, Williamson & Co., who originally founded this establishment some five years ago, the senior member becoming sole owner and proprietor a few months since. With a conspicuous and eligible location at No. 141 Main Street, two spacious floors, 55x100 feet, and a basement are occupied, the latter for storage purposes. The store is grandly lighted, and has been conveniently appointed for the attractive and advantageous display of the large and elegant stock which they contain. The stock comprises a great variety of all kinds of silver and silver-plated ware, and a full and most desirable assortment of the newest novelties in jewelry, and every description of fancy-goods, to which is added a full line of books from the standard publishing houses of the country. Choice and complete in all the departments it is intended to represent, it has been selected from original sources with great care and discrimination, and reflects in the most creditable manner the excellent taste and rare judgment for which the gentlemanly proprietor has become distinguished. The lowest prices compatible with the superior quality of the goods he handles are the rule, and he possesses every possible facility and advantage for the successful and efficient transaction of his continually augmented business. Originally from Niagara Falls Out., Mr. Clark has identified himself closely with the interests of this community since taking up his abode here, and no man more fully enjoys the general esteem and regard of its people.
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Frank Wille, Hardware, Stoves, etc., No. 29 Main Street.—A well and favorably known concern in this line in the city is the reliable and deservedly popular house of Frank Wille, dealer in hardware, stoves, house-furnishing goods, etc., No. 29 Main Street, which is altogether among the most staple, best equipped, and ablest managed establishments in the business in Oshkosh. This flourishing concern was founded in 1867 by the firm of Wille & Floetz, who conducted the business up to 1890, when it passed into the hands of Mr. Wille (one of the original partners), the present proprietor, who has since continued it alone with marked success, his trade to-day being at once large, prosperous, and permanent. He occupies capacious quarters, comprising store and floor above, 32x75 feet in dimensions, besides upstairs shop 20x10 in rear of premises, and carries an exceedingly fine stock, including stoves and ranges, hardware, tinware, and general house-furnishing goods; also a full and excellent line of musical instruments, the latter being stored on the second floor; and is also agent here for the Brand Stove Co. of Milwaukee. Mr. Wille is a native of Germany, and has been a resident here some twenty years or so. He is a man of strict integrity and of untiring energy and enterprise, and is in fact well endowed with the qualities that invariably lead to success in all the walks of life, and which are proverbial of his countrymen the world over.

Richard Hackett, Machinist and General Blacksmithing.—Foremost among exponents of the machinist’s art in this city is Richard Hackett, than whom none engaged in this line in Oshkosh maintains a higher reputation for skill and superior workmanship. Mr. Hackett, who is a native of New York, and has resided here some twenty-five years, started in business on his own account in 1889. Prior to that period he had filled the position of master mechanic for fifteen years in the shops of the Northwestern Railroad Company in this city, which he left to embark in this enterprise. Being a man of unmistakable skill and of long practical experience, and turning out an excellent order of work, he may be said to have virtually bounded into public favor and prosperity, the business to-day being at once large and substantial. The works are ample and commodious, being 50x100 feet in dimensions, supplied with heavy steam motive power and thoroughly equipped with the most improved appliances, upward of twenty workmen being employed. All kinds of machinist work and general blacksmithing are executed, and logging sleds, lumber wagons, etc., are built, the work leaving this establishment being not surpassed by any turned out in this section of the country.

D. Mierswa, Manufacturer of Wagons, Carriages, etc., conr. Ceepe & Moore Streets.—Among the leading exponents of this useful and interesting art in the city may be mentioned the name of D. Mierswa, manufacturer of wagons, carriages, etc., corner Ceepe and Moore Streets, than whom none in this line of business in Oshkosh have been more fortunate in establishing and maintaining a higher reputation for the general excellence of the work turned out. Mr. Mierswa who is a native of Germany, and has lived here some thirty-one years, started in business on his own account fifteen years ago. Being an excellent and first-class workman himself, and devoting close attention to the wants of his customers, and being besides a man of push and enterprise, he steadily won his way to public favor and prosperity, and built up the extensive and substantial trade he to-day deservedly enjoys as the fruits of his skill and energy. The shops are ample and commodious, comprising a two-story structure 50x75 feet in dimensions, and employment is given to eight experienced and skilful workmen. Besides new work, all kinds of repairs are executed in the most excellent and expeditious manner, the fullest satisfaction being rendered in every instance.

Birely & Son, Dealers in Watches, Diamonds, and Jewelry, No. 151 Main Street.—The elegant jewelry establishment of which Messrs. Birely & Son are the enterprising proprietors, is without exception the best exponent of its line of trade in Oshkosh. The house has been established eight years, and by strict attention coupled with a straightforward system of honorable dealing it has won its way into the front rank of our most substantial and prosperous mercantile establishments. The pieces of jewelry supplied are splendidly made, admirably arranged and equipped, while the stock comprises a very large assortment of fine gold and silver watches, of the finest foreign and domestic movements, jewelry of the handsomest and most unique designs, diamonds of the purest water and other precious stones, silverware, fancy articles, and in fact everything usually found in a first-class establishment of this kind. This house is so well known, and has retained its old customers for so long a time that its reputation for honorable dealing is established beyond the requirements of praise. Mr. J. B. Birely is a gentleman whose inflexible integrity and public-spirited disposition have won for him the esteem and respect of all classes. His son, Mr. H. R. Birely, is an energetic, clear-headed young business man.

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J. A. Froelich, Druggist, No. 181 Main Street. —Sixteen years ago Mr. Froelich first engaged in his present avocation, for the past year having occupied the handsome store centrally located at No. 181 Main Street. Finely fitted up and appointed with special reference to the purpose, it is convenient and spacious, being 25x100 feet in dimensions, and contains one of the largest and best selected stocks to be found in the city, embracing drugs and medicines of all kinds, the most approved proprietary remedies, toilet articles, fancy-goods, perfumery, physicians' supplies, soaps, sponges, etc., and supplemented by a full and complete line of paints, chemicals, oils, and varnishes, and also a full line of surgical instruments. All his goods are of the freshest and best quality, and several competent and courteous assistants are always ready to serve patrons. The compounding of physicians' prescriptions receives special and pronounced attention, and as Dr. Froelich is an educated and practical pharmacist, and presides over this department in person, his consummate care and skill have procured for him a most reliable reputation with the medical practitioners and residents of this locality. Born in Germany, Dr. Froelich has been an honored citizen of Oshkosh for the last twenty-five years, and by his uniform courtesy of manner, has attained a high position in the trade, and is cordially esteemed by the entire community.

McKenzie & Crawford, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Hard and Soft Coal, and Salts Office and Dock, Foot of Main Street.—This enterprising and prosperous firm embarked in business about eight years ago, and have occupied their present commodious quarters about five years. Mr. Crawford brought the first carload of hard coal for domestic use, and also the first stove that was called the "Morning Glory," to Oshkosh. Mr. Crawford individually had been in the coal trade, previous to taking Mr. McKenzie into partnership, nine years, being the pioneer of the coal trade here. This firm handle a very superior line of coal and salt, are upright and honorable in all their dealings, and being withal men of unmis- takable energy and push, they have been enabled to build up the very extensive trade they to-day enjoy as the fruits of their well-directed efforts. The yard and premises, which are situated on the river front, are 100x175 feet in dimensions, and an immense stock is constantly carried, shipments being made to all points in the Northwest, and over a dozen hands being employed. They also run a line of steamboats between Oshkosh and Green Bay, stopping at all intervening points. The individual members of the firm are Messrs. F. J. McKenzie and J. H. Crawford, natives of Wisconsin, and both well and favorably known in commercial circles in the State as straightforward reputable business men.

MANITOWOC.

One of the most active and enterprising cities in the State of Wisconsin is Manitowoc. It is favored in many respects. Situated upon the shore of that broad inland sea—Lake Michigan—its climate is highly salubrious and its mean temperature considerably modified by the proximity of such a vast body of water.

The city has had both a rapid and a substantial growth. From small beginnings it has now developed to be a city of over 7000 population, while there are over 2000 more living at the Rapids. The citizens are as thrifty, industrious, and well-to-do a body of people as can be found in the States. Their "go-ahead" spirit is illustrated in numerous ways, notably in regard to lines of communication, manufactures, commercial facilities, and municipal improvements. Manitowoc is the capital of Manitowoc County, and is situated upon the shore of Lake Michigan, at the mouth of the river of the same name, 105 miles north-east of Madison and 75 miles north of Milwaukee. The county of Manitowoc was formed by the Legislative Assembly of the original Territory, and was early in the 'Forties settled by a number of farmers and lumbermen. Its lands were fertile, access easy via the lake, and the population received frequent accessions, while the village of Manitowoc grew in proportion as the centre of trade and general shipping point. Its growth after incorporation was rapid and indicative of its brilliant future, and in 1860 we find here a population of 3035. In 1865, in spite of the war of the rebellion, the inhabitants had increased to the number of 4197, and the place presented many substantial improvements. Ten years afterward Manitowoc had 5724 inhabitants, of whom 3226 were males and 2498 females. By the State census of 1885, it appears that Manitowoc City had the following population by wards: 1st ward, 1640; 2d ward, 916; 3d ward, 2744; 4th ward, 1581 or a grand total of 6581, of which 3338 were males and 3243 females, while there were in addition eight colored persons. These figures are gratifying as indicating the city's solid expansion. It is equally noticeable for its handsome appearance, its business thoroughfares being lined with modern blocks of stores, warehouses, etc., while her merchants are noted for their resources and spirit of enterprise, and control a widely-extended circle of out of town