

TRANSACTIONS
WITH
ACCOMPANYING PAPERS AND DISCUSSIONS
OF THE
WISCONSIN DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION,
AT THEIR
TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION,
HELD AT
Sheboygan, January 11, 12 and 13, 1882.

The tenth annual convention of the Wisconsin Dairymen's Association convened at the court house in Sheboygan, Wednesday, January 11, at 7:30 P. M., President Beach in the chair.

President Beach introduced Wm. H. Seamans, Esq., mayor of the city of Sheboygan, who extended to the members of the convention the heartiest welcome:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Dairymen's Association —
It devolves upon me to extend Sheboygan's welcome to you, the assembled dairymen of Wisconsin. This duty would be one of the highest pleasure and satisfaction, could I invoke to its performance words which would even fairly express the warmth of that welcome, and the debt of gratitude we feel that we owe to our dairymen. As I am unable to put this into fair form of speech, you must be pleased to accept the will for the deed. We are glad to have you with us. It is recognized that agriculture stands at the head of the industries of the world, and dairying is the highest attainment of the agriculturist, calling into requisition the utmost of intelli-

gence, skill and integrity. In this line Wisconsin has taken front rank, and we of Sheboygan county are proud of our position in Wisconsin's advance. This development is largely due to the work of your organization. Through your meetings in discussion and interchange of views and plans, and competition in results, you have infused interest and given intelligence and pride to the dairy pursuit. Our county has well profited by these teachings, and has also proved a worthy contributor to your membership and instruction.

This season of your meeting is the one best adapted to your time and purposes. When our city is at its best, in the summer time, you have other and practical work on hand. Could you be with us then, you would find all nature assisting to make your visit pleasant. Grand old Lake Michigan — now so sombre and uninviting in appearance — would then be smiling you a welcome, in accord with us. Leaving the heat and dust of your homes in the interior, you would find here the cool, refreshing air which makes Sheboygan so desirable as a summer resort.

Without these aids, however, if you have the time, we will gladly show you some interesting evidences of enterprise in our people; some tokens that we have not rested simply upon what nature had given to our location. We have here three unrivalled chair factories, whose joint productions are annually 850,000 chairs of varied styles, being nearly five manufactured every minute of working time; tanneries, aggregating in the value of their productions much more than chair factories; furniture manufactories, iron enameling works, foundries, breweries, and many other industrial establishments. Then, too, we have an artesian well, bored to the depth of 1,475 feet, flowing a great volume of water, utilized with pipes and hydrants for purposes of a fire department, and also greatly esteemed for the medicinal properties of the water; if you will taste it you can vouch for its goodness — as a medicine.

I mention these objects of interest, because the Sheboygander is modest, and not given to trumpeting our titles to fame, and you might not otherwise have heard of them.

Permit me again to bid you welcome, and to express the wish of all that you may have pleasure and profit in this meeting, and we bespeak for you a good attendance and earnest, intelligent co-operation from the dairymen of Sheboygan county.