

breaking bulk, and goods purchased in New York and shipped by way of the Lakes reach us by water and are landed within the village, thus enabling our merchants to sell heavy freights at a low price as compared with the markets of other inland towns where such goods are carried over rough roads. This means of communication will furnish a cheap and reliable avenue for carrying off our surplus products, and when the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers is completed, as it shortly will be, we shall find a ready market on the Mississippi for our timber of all kinds, whether manufactured or cut ready for the manufactories of the large cities.

WATER POWER.

In water powers, Shawano county has more than almost any other county in this section of the State, and what adds to their value, is the fact that they are so equally distributed through almost the entire county, and can be made available in nearly every town. The Embarrass river affords valuable sites for mills in the towns of Bell Plain, Pella and Grant, several of which are already in use. The stream is unvarying and the water abundant. Red river has power enough to run a hundred first class mills and manufactories. Wolf river can easily and without any heavy outlay be made available for a dozen or more mills and machine shops. Mill Creek, in township twenty-six and twenty-seven of range fourteen, has several good sites for mills. Shawano lake and its outlet give a good power at a little expense. The outlet between Lake Shawano and White Clay lake will furnish a good power for a grist or saw-mill. These sites can now be purchased at reasonable prices; in fact some of the best of them can be purchased of the State at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

MANUFACTURES.

Our county has as yet made but little advance in the direction of manufactories, although there is considerable talk of starting various branches. The county affords advantages in water powers and material second to none. At present we have two grist-mills, three saw-mills run by water power, and four by steam; one wagon shop, six blacksmith shops and a Potash establishment.