

elegant villas, with the remainder capable of cultivation. In regard to water power, it is one of the most favored counties in Wisconsin."

Watertown, aptly so named, is a city of about 11,000 inhabitants, situated on both sides of the Rock river, at a line between Jefferson and Dodge counties. It is distant 129 miles from Chicago, and 280 miles from St. Paul. At this point the Watertown and Madison branch of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway forms a junction with the Chicago and St. Paul line of the same road, affording the city ample railroad communication with all points. The Minneapolis and Wisconsin division of the C. & N. W. R. R. also touches the town. The Rock river furnishes a magnificent water power at this place, which has been utilised by the erection of three dams across the stream. It is a point of considerable business importance, and a number of extensive manufacturing enterprises are successfully carried on. There are several large flouring mills, a brick factory, saw mills, foundries, pottery works, wagon factories, and factories for the production of sashes, doors, blinds, and cabinet ware.

As an educational centre, Watertown is worthy of mention. Two colleges of more than local importance have their seat in this city; one of them is a denominational school under the patronage of the German Lutherans, and the other is the College of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, a branch of the celebrated Catholic college of Notre Dame, in Indiana. Two large halls, with a capacity for seating over 1,500 people, afford opportunities to the citizens for availing themselves of all the current amusements in the way of drama, opera, or lecture. Watertown is well stocked with the means of grace, as there are twenty flourishing churches within its walls, and the satisfactory amount of "prosperity within its palaces" may perhaps be referred by some to the church-going proclivities of its people, evidenced by the large number of slender spires that spring from its busy streets, holding their long fingers up far into the azure air in a manner significant of warning to the wrong-doer.

The comfort of the traveling public is catered to by several comfortable hotels, and the pushing life of the energetic residents finds variety and rest in trips to Lake Mills, a summer resort ten miles south of the city. From Watertown to this latter point, and in fact throughout the entire locality, finely graded roads offer seductive bait to citizen and stranger to enjoy their smoothness and attractiveness of the local scenery, behind a spanking team which a very moderate outlay will always secure. The foreigner "doing" America need not think he has seen our country until, among other points of interest, he has paid a visit to Watertown and the splendid section of the Golden North-West in which it lies.

PORTAGE CITY.

Portage City, the shire town of Columbia county, Wisconsin, is situated at the head of navigation on the Wisconsin river, as well as on the ship canal which connects the Wisconsin with Lake Michigan. The population