

Methodists have a church edifice at Buffalo Grove, and hold services on alternate Sabbaths at the school-house in Polo. Rev. S. F. Denning is their Pastor. Besides these, the Unitarians have occasional services at Union Hall. The Methodists, Episcopalians and Presbyterians maintain large and thriving Sabbath Schools.

There are large and flourishing Lodges of Odd Fellow, Good Templars and Free Masons. The first-named hold their meetings at their own Hall on Franklin street—said to be one of the finest in the State. The Good Templars and Masons hold their services in Union Hall.

Among other advantages possessed by Polo we must not fail to notice its Young Men's Association. The Association has been formed but a short time, but has already acquired a library of about one hundred volumes, to which it is making large additions. The number of members is respectable, and constantly on the increase.

There are now two free schools in operation, and the project of a graded school is being agitated with a fair prospect of success. As the town grows, educational facilities must and will keep pace with progress in other respects.

The population of Polo is now estimated at from seventeen hundred to two thousand. It is the commercial center of a large extent of territory, drawing a heavy trade from more than one-half of Carroll county on the west, and from a large share of Ogle county on the east. We know of one house alone whose cash receipts amount to over fifty thousand

dollars per annum. The business of Polo is well "backed up" by the surrounding country, an evidence of which is found in the fact that there is no station on the Illinois Central Railroad which ships a larger amount of grain in each year.

The manufactures of Polo are just in their infancy. During the year 1858, Messrs. Goodwillie, Jimmerson & Cairns erected a large steam planing mill and sash, door and blind factory, at a cost of \$4,000. In the fall, F. O. Wilder commenced the manufacture of melodeons, pianos and harmoniums, and continues to increase his business at a fair rate. Messrs. Geo. Hantley & Co. are soon to commence the manufacture of R. K. Frisbee's patent broadcast sower and drill combined. There is no place in the West where a manufactory of agricultural implements will *pay* better than in Polo. An immense number of implements are sold here each year, which could be as cheaply manufactured here as elsewhere. We have no doubt our citizens would furnish a large amount of "material aid" to any such enterprise. Coal is easily obtained, timber can be procured near by, while provisions and labor can be had much more cheaply than in the large cities. A woolen factory is much needed here, and would prove a profitable enterprise to any one who might engage in it.

Bauilding materials are plentiful and cheap. There are four stone quarries in the vicinity, from which is taken first-rate blue and gray limestone. Pine lumber comes from Chicago, and is sold in Polo at low rates.

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