

Oregon—Northern Illinois—Statistics of Ogle County—Winnebago Forum—Grand Detour Manufacturing Company.

improved to any extent, and will be another season. We know of no town where mechanics are better patronized than here, and there is still room for more, and their work is much needed."

The next number announces the death of the *Rockford Pilot* and the dying condition of the *Chicago American*.

The article on Grand Detour seems to have aroused a citizen of Oregon, for on the 28th of October appeared an article "pulling" that town. The writer gives the following business statistics of the place: "One clock and watchmaker, one saddler and harness maker, three carpenters, two cabinet makers, two painters and glaziers, one turner, one wheelwright, two masons and plasterers, two shoemakers, one blacksmith, one chair maker, three tailors, ten barbers, two stores, one grocery, two taverns, and six attorneys at law."

Nearly a month later, we find an article boasting of Northern Illinois, and setting forth its capacities and advantages. In this article is a statement that from June, 1841, to November, 1842, the settlers in this vicinity had paid at the Land office in Dixon, about \$280,000—showing a rapid progress, as the settlement of this section had commenced only five or six years before.

The *Register* for December 9 gives the following statistics of Ogle county, which may be well compared with those of the present day:

"We have seventeen saw-mills, two Distilleries, one Seminary of learning, sixteen School Houses and places of public worship, ten Stores. The estimated quantity of wheat raised the present year from three hundred and

fifty to four hundred thousand bushels to say nothing of other grain, pork, beef, &c. The amount of money paid into the Land Office within the last year, by our actual settlers, is not far from \$100,000.

"In addition to the River timber, which extends from one end of the county to the other, on either side of the River there are twenty-one groves, containing from one-half to six sections, or from three hundred and fifty to three thousand eight hundred and forty acres of timber each; and so distributed over the whole as to accommodate every township in the county (which embraces twenty-one townships) at ninety-eight sections, or 62720 acres, (which we believe is too low from the information we have been able to obtain,) and distributed as it is, it places nearly every quarter section of prairie within reasonable distance of timber, which will give about one acre of timber to every six of prairie. We designed to say something of our villages, which are seven in number, but want of room prevents us this week. The rapid growth and settlement of our county is undoubtedly without a parallel in the history of the settlement of any country in the world."

The first number of the second volume is dated January 27, 1843, showing that omissions had been made during the previous year. It also purports to be "published by the Proprietors," but does not inform us who the proprietors are.

In February, we find a notice of the *Winnebago Forum*, a new Whig paper then recently started at Rockford. If our memory serves us correctly, the *Forum* was the immediate predecessor of one of the papers now published in that city.

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