

Her history is in the making. Nevertheless, she has already developed a volume of trade and industry which rivals that of the elder town; while her transportation and manufacturing interests are growing rapidly. Nature has endowed her with a fine harbor, and with many other physical advantages, and her citizens are characterized by energy, intelligence, and resourcefulness. That they are not destitute of buoyancy and good humor is also obvious from the following testimony of a local bard:—

"Our town keeps up a steady pace, remembering she's in the race, and must not lag behind; on land and water whistles blow, and everybody's in a glow, as you will surely find; the grocer's wagon runs about, the baker's ditto stands without, and bread comes to your door; by day the saw mills whizz and boom, by night the furnace lights the gloom, while streams of metal pour. Lift up your eyes, behold, the Bay, a theme for any poet's lay, presents itself to view; there noble vessels ride with ore, or grain brought from a distant shore, across these waters blue; and there is many a dainty sail at home alike in sun or gale, disporting, in the breeze; oh, say, of all the towns around, which any of you yet have found, our Midland is the cheese!"