

HISTORY OF THE BEAVER VALLEY.

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BEAVER VALLEY, April, 1873. [Paper No. 12.] FALLSTON—EDUCATIONALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.

In the year 1833, "Fallston Academy" was built and dedicated for school and religious purposes, throwing open wide its doors for all who felt called to instruct the people intellectually, or in the principles of religion. It was free to every denomination, without respect to creed or forms or ceremonies, and answered well the purposes for which it was built.

Did you ever see an old style Methodist and true "Blue stocking" in a "Deer" tunnel? Put a couple of those worthies together at that day, and the effect would be similar to that of steel on flint; the fire would fly, indeed it means business.

Those days have passed, but we have the old academy yet. From its walls, the irrepressible youth of the town have gone forth to battle the world, and wrest from it, whatever there is of good in it for them.

THE TOWN TO DAY is about 700 people, mainly connected in some way or other, with the various manufactures of the valley. They compose a very industrious and well behaved community.

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A race is permanently constructed, a mile and a half in length, which conducts the water upon which a long row of manufacturing establishments is erected. There is a respectable building of brick for schools and for public worship.

The head of steamboat navigation was at one time at Fallston, or terminus of the falls of Beaver. To render this practicable, a dam of fifteen feet was erected by the State at the mouth of Beaver, at which there are locks sufficient to pass through boats.

There is no cause for gloom or despondency on this account, however, as the industries of the town were never in a more flourishing condition.

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A large saw mill, owned by Messrs. Miner & Co., employs several hands and does a large and good business. Immediately above this is the lead keg factory of M. T. & S. Kennedy.

ADVANTAGES OF THE PLACE. In mentioning the several industries of this town as specifically as I have, it has not been the intention to advertise the business of any firm, but simply to show what can be done and what ought to be done in the town.

NEEDS OF FALLSTON. The town needs more of thrift and activity among the people than now characterizes it. Not that the people are indolent. This is by no means the case; but they are content to sit down, enjoy what they have, and passively allow other points to attract their citizens, and those desiring a place to invest, from them.

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