

Hallstead and Great Bend

HALLSTEAD is naturally one of the most beautiful and inviting spots, not only in Susquehanna county but in this region of the United States. It was organized as a borough in 1874, and was named for a former president of the D. L. & W. railroad. It was created from Great Bend township, the village of that name lying across the Susquehanna river and almost immediately opposite.

The town is situated on the apex of the well known fifty-mile curve of the river and is nestled amid the foot hills of the Blue Ridge mountains. The river here is deep, wide and clear, and it affords fine fishing and boating for the numerous visitors who go there for rest and recreation in the summer. Black bass, pickerel and other species of fish are plentiful in season and the sport is so good that it has given much fame to the place.

It was on the banks of the river in that locality that Susquehanna county

The population as a whole is cultured and refined. The high school building is one of the finest in the state; there are fine churches of several denominations.

It is quite a musical community, there being a male quartet, a good brass and reed band and two orchestras among its musical organizations and the people of the town and visitors are frequently regaled with music of a high order.

A good base ball team is another organization of which the citizens are justly proud and it provides enjoyable recreation during the season.

The shops of the D. L. & W. railroad afford employment for a large number of men, many of whom have their homes in the town.

The Hallstead Blue Stone Company is a large enterprise, handling flagstone, lumber, mine props, telephone and telegraph poles, etc., and its goods ar

ed peaks of great beauty. The town derives its name from the bend of the river.

BLACK HORN LEATHER COMPANY

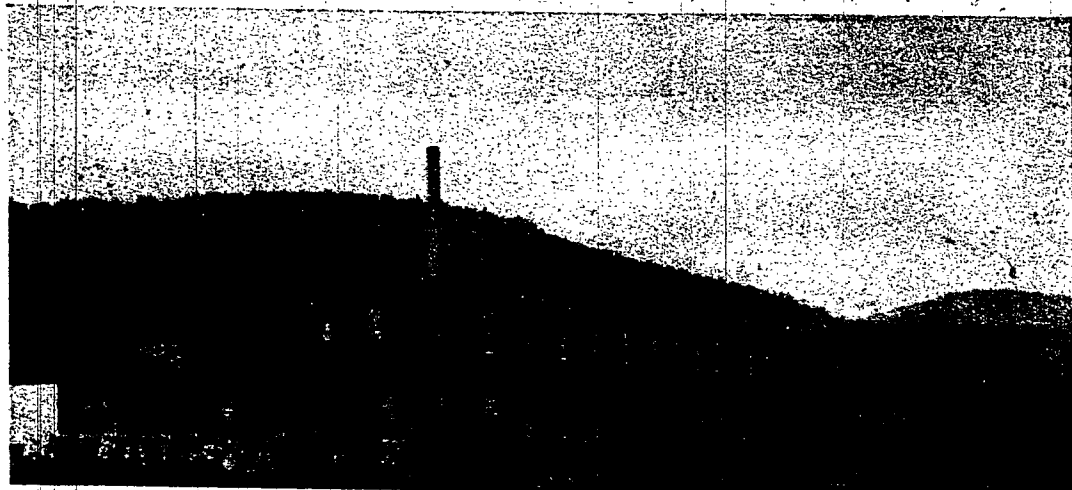
Elegant Garments From Tanned Chamois Skins

WHAT is without doubt the largest industry in Susquehanna county is the tanning establishment of the Black Horn Leather Company, situated in Great Bend. It is an establishment that is fast gaining a foothold in the commercial circles of the United States and its products are so excellent and unique that, notwithstanding hundreds of men and women are employed and that the plant is fitted up with all kinds of machinery and apparatus, it is difficult to supply the demand. In July, 1904, the company purchased the Keystone factory and property (some thirty acres) in Great Bend and

ed the lightest, softest and most stylish leather garment ever made for the bodily comfort of sportsmen, automobilists, golfers, skaters and for winter driving. It is as warm as a fur coat, and as light as a feather—weighs a little over six ounces.

Besides manufacturing jackets, vests, drawers and what may be termed strictly as garments, the company also turns out large quantities of leggings and spats, socks, hospital shoes, heel protectors, finger cots, mitts, foot slips, tobacco pouches, razor, knife, scissors, comb, sabre and gun cases, money belts, shopping bags, hot water bottle covers, table silver cases, and what is one of the most popular articles on the market—funnels for gasoline straining. These funnels have supplied a long-felt want at garages and among automobilists. The funnels are cut at an angle so as to hang free all around. A draw string is provided and the whole gives full straining surface instead of at apex only, as in the case of a piece of chamois bagged loosely into a funnel.

The name of the company is derived from the black horns of the chamois, from which will in all probability figure as one of the best known trade-marks in America.



PLANT OF THE AMERICAN CHAIR MANUFACTURING COMPANY, HALLSTEAD.

of the "Advertiser" for a long time, conducted a job office of his own for while and later was foreman of a large printing concern for six years. He moved to Hallstead in 1897, where he has since conducted the "Herald."

of their line for selection. Mr. Harms, the treasurer, is also the local manager. He is one of the most enterprising, energetic young business men in this section, and much of the success of the company is due to his unceasing watchfulness of the company's interests and fine executive ability, for he knows all that is going on, at all times, in the mechanical department as well as handling the voluminous business of the office. Mr. Harms is personally very popular in Hallstead, where he resides in a handsome home facing the Susquehanna

AMERICAN CHAIR MANUFACTURING CO.

Largest and Leading Industry in Hallstead

THE American Chair Manufacturing Company is one of the important industries of Susquehanna county, located at Hallstead. It was incorporated and began business in 1892. The plant was moved to Hallstead in June, 1900. The company employ on an average about 100 men, sometimes more sometimes less, depending upon the condition of business. The output is from 100 to 200 chairs per day, depending upon style, quality, etc. They make a medium and high grade line of wood and upholstered seat rockers, morris and mission chairs, selling from as low as \$1.75 for a little child's rocker up to \$20 for large hand carved pieces in solid mahogany. Their largest selling market is in New York city, and in addition they are well represented by their own salesmen and have a large trade established in New England, the Atlantic and Pacific states.

The officers of the company are: President, William J. Hand, vice president, Charles D. Hand, secretary, James H. Harms, general manager, J. F. Merrill of New York city. Dr. A. R. Merrill of the local director. A large portion of the capital is located in and about Hallstead, but the majority is held by Scranton parties.

The concern uses large quantities of mahogany and quartered oak lumber, the former coming from Cuba, Central America and Africa, and quartered oak from Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi; considerable quantities of such local woods as birch, maple and beech are also used.

G. H. HOFFMAN P. S. ROSS

Hallstead Blue Stone Co.,

Wholesale Dealers in

New York and Pennsylvania Blue Stone,

LUMBER, Mine Props, TELEPHONE

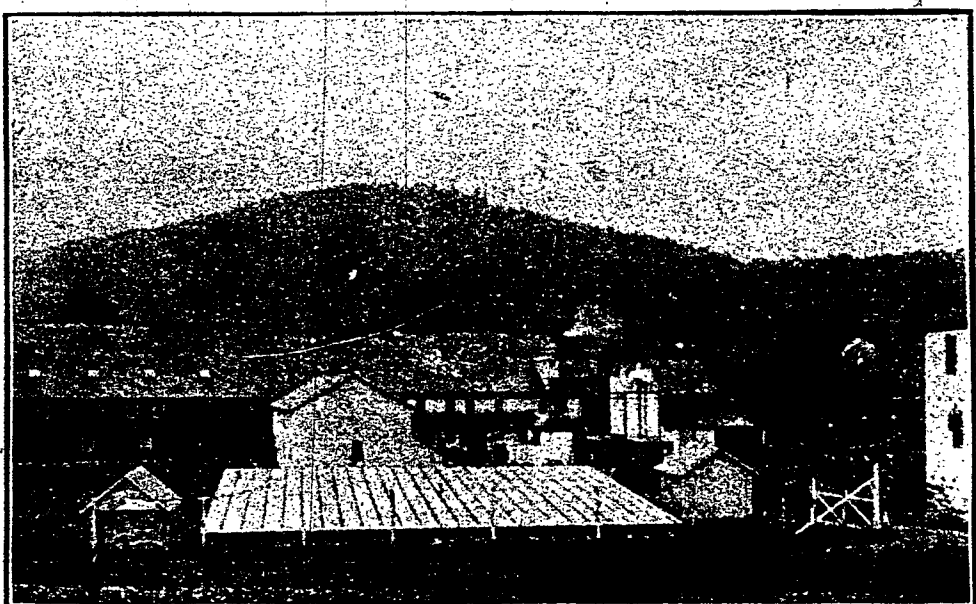
And Telegraph Poles.

Hallstead, Pa.

Mine and Railroad Timbers Bought and Sold

DOCKS AND WAGONS

Hallstead, Pa. Great Bend, Pa. Conklin, N. Y.



PLANT OF THE BLACK HORN LEATHER COMPANY, GREAT BEND.

was first settled, (1777), and the region abounds with historical interest. The whole town presents a neat and

array of shade trees, and well kept lawns and yards, electric lights, a bountiful supply of pure water, etc., make it one of the "towns beautiful" in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

A fine driving park is maintained a short distance from town and race meets held at intervals are largely attended by some of the crack stables of race horses in the East. The track is one of the best known and many horses are kept there in training throughout the year.

The D. L. & W. railroad has large interests in the town, it being the west-

ward throughout the Eastern states. The town supports a bank, a silk mill, a couple of hotels, etc.

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The town is fortunate in having one of the best hotels in that region—the Keystone House, conducted by one of the most popular landlords in the county—Patrick J. McEvoy. There are several stores in the town and a number of comfortable homes, churches of

various denominations, a good weekly newspaper—the Great Bend "Plaindealer." There is good water power near the town and there are consequently excellent facilities for new manufacturing enterprises. The scenery in and around the town is beautifully developed. Here the Susquehanna river flows around the base of a spur of the Alleghenies, of which the lower out-

come is marked by a number of round-

ed the machinery and other appliances from Ireland, Pa. The present location possesses numerous advantages over that of the surrounding area. The ground for the Erie railroad was broken at Great Bend in December, 1848, and it was shortly afterwards finished to Binghamton. The largest industry in the town is the Black Horn Leather Company, formerly the Pennsylvania Tanning Company, a detailed account of which will be found below.

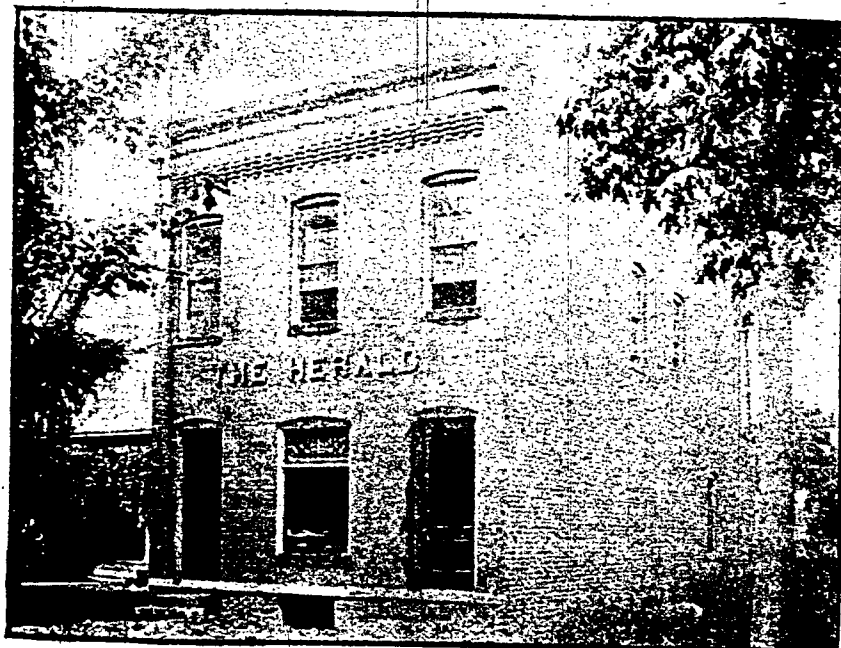
The principal industry of the company is the manufacture of chamois leathers. As soon as the plant was ready for operation the management introduced improved methods but adhered to the old, or French methods, of tanning chamois skins, introduced years ago, and which is the foundation of the present system of turning out chamois leathers that have no superior. This company tan chamois skins in pure cod oil, obtaining a by-product known as Moellon Degras, and it is the only tannery in the world using genuine New Foundland cod oil, to the exclusion of all other oils and greases, and they are the only producers of Moellon Degras, which is the oil pressed from tanning the skins and is used for stuffing upper leather. The output averages about 1200 skins a day. Owing to the installation of new machines

COUNTY HERALD

Ira A. Thomas's Model Printing Plant and Paper

THE "County Herald" is the name of the local newspaper, and it is one of the best and most enterprising weeklies in the county. It was established in 1893. In 1901 it was purchased by Mr. Ira A. Thomas, who, being a practical newspaper man, at once established new departments and other wise rejuvenated the plant. Besides a fine job printing outfit, he put in apparatus for the manufacture of post cards, and has done a good business ever since, particularly in cards of the beautiful scenery in and around Hallstead and Great Bend. The "Herald" building is perhaps the best and next best kept business establishment in the town. The interior is made of order and system and all business is conducted upon lines entirely opposite of the slipshod unsightly manner in which the average country newspaper plant is operated. Under the business management of Mr. Ira A. Thomas, the paper deserves a few of the better class business houses advertise spasmodically in the paper, but every business should advertise continuously in such a good home paper. It is conducted in the manner in which it supports its local press; never less, the "Herald" is prosperous as it gets considerable out-of-town advertising. The paper is fighting the battles of Hallstead every week, year in and year out, and such faithful service deserves the unstinted support of all the business concerns of the town

everyone of which is benefited by the paper either directly or indirectly. Mr. Thomas, the genial publisher and proprietor of the "Herald," was born in Woodhull, New York. At an early age he entered a printing office in his native town and mastered the rudiments of the "art preservative of all arts." Moving to Elmira, N. Y., he was employed in the composing room



COUNTY HERALD BUILDING, HALLSTEAD.

feet long by 44 feet wide and includes 37,136 feet of space. They have a dry kiln capacity for drying 10,000 feet of lumber per day. Up-to-date machinery of the best type is installed throughout the plant, which enables the company to produce goods at a minimum cost. They sell through the regular furniture dealers only, to whom they are always glad to send blue prints

FRED SIMPSON,

UP-TO-DATE

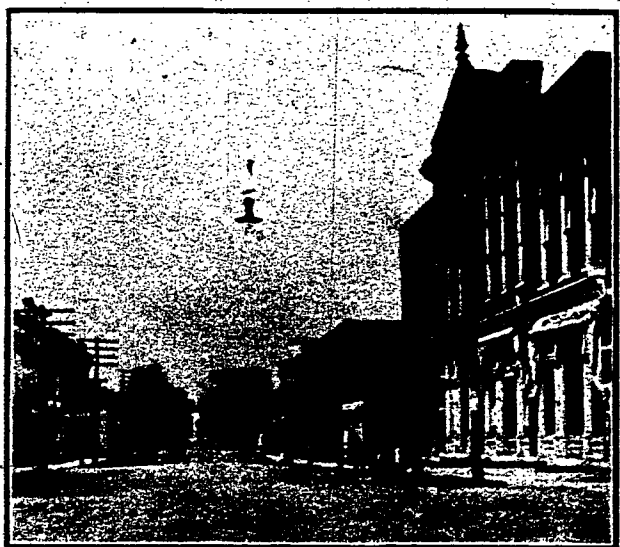
LIVERY STABLE,

GREAT BEND, PENN'A.

Cabs, Hacks, Carryall and Carriages.

People Carried to All Sections at Reasonable Rates.

Bus to and From Hallstead and Great Bend Meets all Trains.



STREET SCENE, GREAT BEND.

ern distributing point for its coal department, and the company's shops located there are the mainstay of the town.

Hallstead takes much pride in its Railroad Young Men's Christian Association. A handsome building has been erected by the association, an engraving of which appears in this issue, and it is fitted up with modern paraphernalia for the uplift and entertainment of its members.

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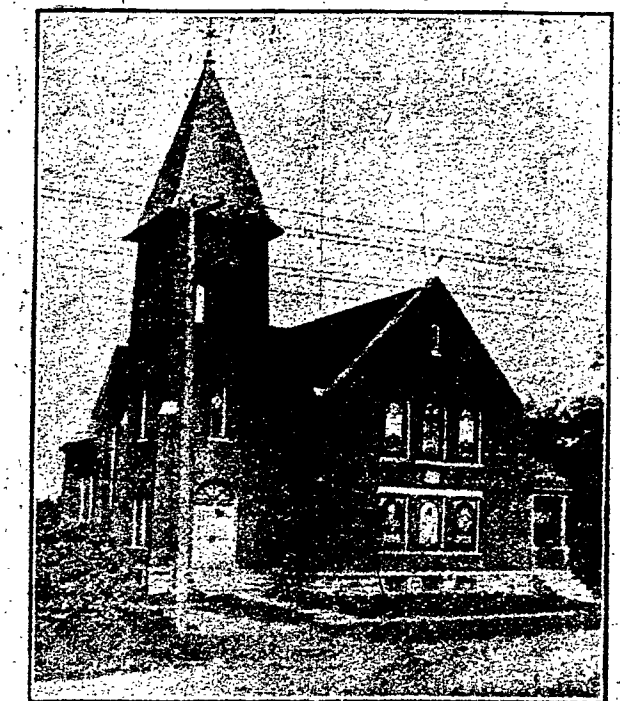
N. H. PARKE, MAYOR OF GREAT BEND.

the company now has excellent facilities for expansion and it is otherwise admirably adapted for becoming one of the largest tanning concerns in the United States. Its sales are increasing at a rapid rate.

Norman H. Parke, the general manager, formerly resided in Montrose, where he is well and favorably known. Mr. Parke very courteously detailed an attaché to pilot the "Democrat's" representative through the plant, and what was observed was a revelation. Large and spacious rooms present an animated scene. Thousands of chamois skins, imported from the markets adjacent to the haunts of that black horned animal in the Alps in Europe, are to be seen in every direction, undergoing the different stages of progress which finally result in a leather as soft as velvet and so durable that an automobile jacket, a vest, or some other garment made on the premises by skilled women operatives, will last a lifetime. This leather is washable (the only one) and articles of apparel manufactured from it are dyed in rouge, golden buff or natural, double black or all white, brown, grey and other colors, and being suede finish like the finest glove leather, are strong and durable and are guaranteed to remain as soft as velvet when washed. The Black Horn Chamois Leather jacket for men, and Norfolk jacket for women, is pronounced



INTERIOR VIEW OF FRED SIMPSON'S LIVERY STABLE, GREAT BEND.



BAPTIST CHURCH, HALLSTEAD.

KEYSTONE HOUSE,

Patrick J. McEvoy, Prop.,

Great Bend, Pa.

Comfortable Rooms

Best Table of any Hotel in this Region

Steam Heat, Electric Call Bells, First-Class Sample Room.

Rate, \$1.50 Per Day.