

coal, water, etc., than Montrose possesses, are ideal locations for:

- Iron and brass foundries.
- Shoe manufactories.
- Fruit-brandy distilleries.
- Clothing manufactories.
- Cider-bottling establishments.
- Trunk manufactories.
- Automobile manufactories.
- Stone quarries.
- Lime, plaster and cement plants.
- Lace mills.
- Woolen mills.
- Cotton mills.
- Concrete building blocks.
- Tanneries.
- Pickling and preserving works.
- Agricultural implement manufactories.
- Plow works.
- Button manufactories.
- Electrical apparatus.
- Sash, door and blind mills.
- Stove works.
- Mineral paint works.
- Jewelry manufactories.
- Iron and wire fencing.
- Cold storage plants.
- Ink manufactories.
- Paper making.
- High-class hotels.
- Trolley lines.

The above are mentioned merely at random; other enterprises not enumerated could no doubt be profitably carried on in various locations in the county.

All Should Work Together.

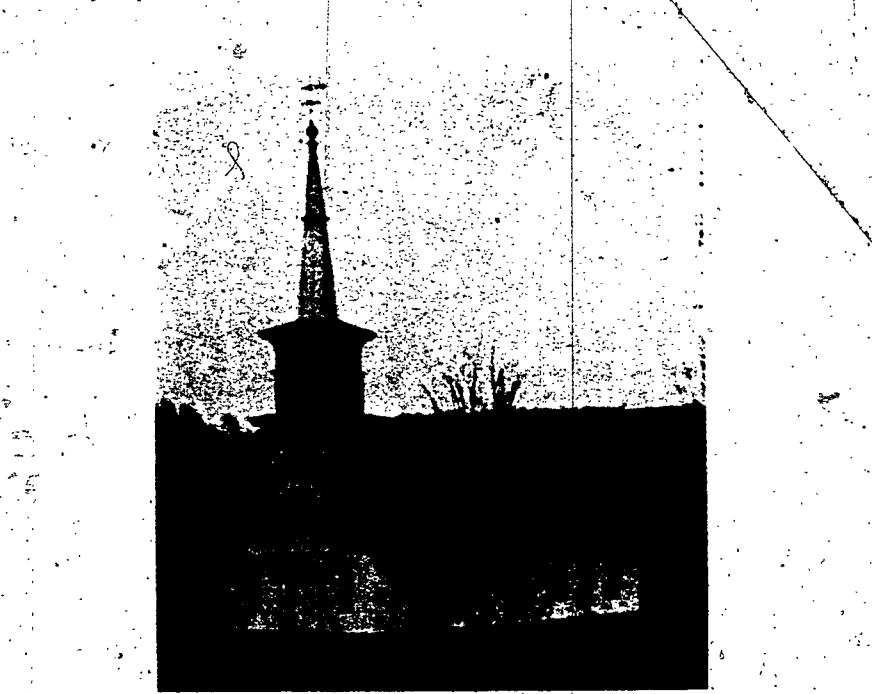
What is needed as a starter in all of the larger towns in the county is for the enterprising, influential citizens to get together and form boards of trade, commercial exchanges and such like bodies and all work together. Such organi-

zations can actively look after the general interests and welfare of the respective communities and accomplish a great deal in a short time. It will determine to bury personal animosities, selfishness and "set in" accord for the "greatest good to the greatest number." In fact, progress and enterprise cannot be expected in any community which fails to carry out such a program. The county as a whole and the various towns and villages composing the county must go forward or backward; they cannot hope to make much headway unless they unite and do things. Of course, there are always in every community, large and small, a few sour, grouchy pessimists who obstruct, if they can, all movements for growth and improvement. Ordinarily, however, they are a small minority and would be considered only as minor obstacles. Placate them if possible but go ahead irrespective of their knocks if it is found that they cannot be induced to "see anything in it" for anyone besides their own precious selves.

Our Rural Sections

Are peopled with citizens who have vigorous minds, powerful bodies and they being men and women of the soil their strength is in their nearness to Nature. Our farmers, dairymen and stock-raisers are as a whole industrious, wide-awake and as enterprising comparatively as other business people, for their vocations are conducted upon business principles and in a businesslike manner. Go where you may in the county you will find comfortable, cheerful country homes; good barns; substantial fencing; modern, well-kept agricultural implements; fine horses, cattle, swine, sheep and poultry. In blooded cattle there are some famous herds of Holsteins, Guernseys, Devons, Jerseys, Ayrshires in various sections of the county. Leicester, Shropshire, South-

apples, for instance, are raised and marketed in large quantities, and our county is recognized by city buyers as one of the best apple countries in the Middle States. Pears, quinces, plums, grapes, strawberries and raspberries are the other kinds of fruits which go to make up our horticultural products. are admirably adapted for the culture of sugar beets and the manufacture of sugar from beets in mills for that purpose would be a profitable undertaking for any town in the county. An important device has recently been perfected which will be of the greatest aid in the preparation of the ground for the



BAPTIST CHURCH, CLIFFORD.

In vegetables, we raise good supplies of cabbage, Irish potatoes, squash, pumpkin, turnips, beets, sweet corn, tomatoes, celery, cauliflower, beans, parsnips, peppers, mangel, wauzel, carrots, cucumbers, etc. Considerable maple syrup and sugar, honey, butter, eggs and cider are also marketed by our farmers. As culture of beets and other crops planted in rows. It is an automobile tractor, and is destined to come into general use wherever drilled crops are cultivated on a large scale. Those who are interested in beet culture can no doubt get all information necessary to begin operations by corresponding with

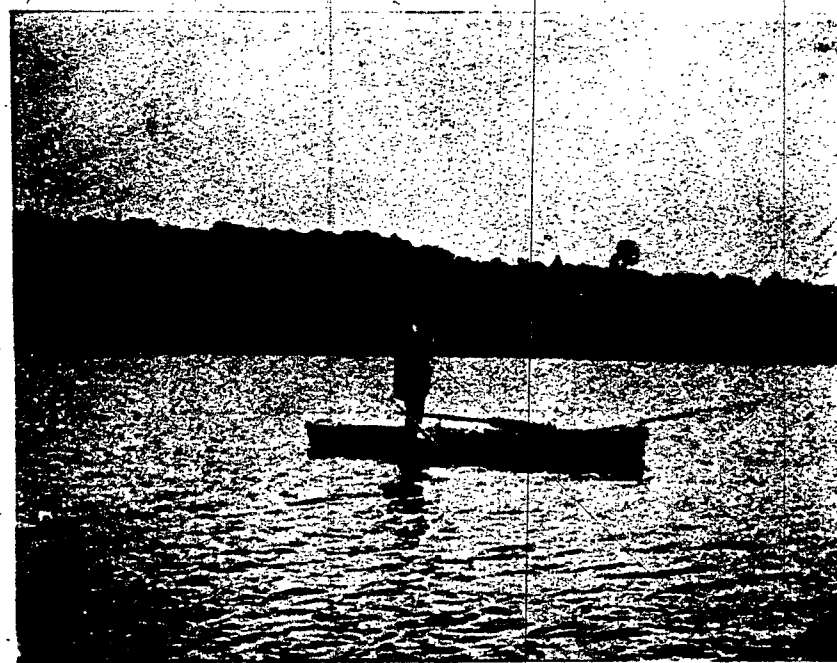


BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF BROOKLYN.

a grain producing section we do not, however, compare favorably with some other counties in the state. Considerable buckwheat is raised, more than enough for home consumption with some to spare for outside markets.

Good Money in Farm Produce.

Raising produce for market is a business almost anyone with energy, a little capital and of ordinary intelligence can not only make a good living at, but



FISHING SCENE, FOREST LAKE.

good money, almost anywhere in Susquehanna county. As an indication of the fine opportunities offered in this line of business, we quote some prices prevailing in the Montrose market early in December—the prices local merchants were paying for farm produce: Eggs, 40 cents per dozen; potatoes, 50

Rainfall and Temperature.

Refreshing rains fall at frequent periods, followed by a mild temperature and a blue sky. Drouths, like the one nearly all of Pennsylvania has passed through during late summer and autumn just past, are infrequent, and the period of excessively dry weather referred to affected this county as a whole less than almost any other part of the state.

Trees and Foliage.

In nearly every town and village in the county one finds handsome cottages and residences in the midst of well kept grounds. Maples and horse chestnuts

are the species of trees used generally subject through the columns of the paper. A number of well-known persons responded, including Miss Emily Blackman, historian; Dr. C. C. Halsey, A. X. Bullard, Rev. J. W. Raynor of Montrose, Prof. S. S. Thomas of Lynn, E. A. Watson of Brooklyn, Prof. W. L. Thacher of Harford, E. W. Bolles of Fairdale, Jasper T. Jennings of New Milford, W. M. Tingley of Hopbottom, John J. Jordan, State Historical Society, Harrisburg, Editor Taylor, of the Republican, and



RAILROAD Y.M.C.A. BUILDING, HALLSTEAD.

Susquehanna County Agricultural Society.

The Susquehanna County Agricultural Society has done splendid service in stimulating the pride of our farmers, horticulturists, poultry-raisers and stock-raisers to higher ideals in their respective branches. It is now in the 63rd year of its existence and the annual fairs held under its auspices are important events for Montrose. These fairs occur in the middle of September of each year and give to the county in general and Montrose in particular, much distinction and pleasure. The fairs are not only from all parts of the county but from many points beyond its boundaries. The grounds owned by the association are situated on one of the most picturesque elevations in the Montrose region, where Nature has been lavish in furnishing a spacious park that calls forth much admiration from all who behold it. Hundreds of prizes are awarded each year which tend to foster the greatest productive capacity of the soil and for other high achievements of the engaged in rural pursuits. Fairs are held in the county at Harford, Uniondale and Lawton.

Editor Northrup, of the Sentinel, also lent their assistance, in their papers.

A date for a meeting was finally set, and on Saturday, May 31, 1902, a meeting was held at the court house in Montrose, A. Lathrop being chairman and W. D. B. Ainey secretary. There was a full and free discussion of the

society was organized with the following officers: President, W. L. Thacher; secretary, C. C. Halsey; corresponding secretary, W. D. B. Ainey; treasurer, Henry C. Tyler.

The first annual meeting was held January 10, 1891. At this meeting officers were elected for the ensuing year



LAWSVILLE CENTRE.

at follow: President, B. E. James; vice-presidents, E. L. Weston, Mrs. L. T. Birchard, H. N. Tiffany, Miss Mary Chamberlin, Ana Warner, Miss Louise Whalen, W. M. Tingley, J. T. DuBois, W. L. Thacher, E. W. Bolles, E. B. Boothice, Miss E. C. Blackman, U. B. Gillett, J. T. Jennings, W. L. Kaugin, R. S. Thomas, Miss Jane Simpson, S. D.

ist the officers in gathering history and historical relics. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and arrangements made for the incorporation of the society.

Good Old Ages.

The meeting in January, 1902, was noteworthy in having the names of aged people from various parts of the county recorded whose combined ages was 1,381 years, or on an average of over 86 years, showing these rugged hills are conducive to long life.

The librarian's report showed that many books and relics had been donated. Prof. James retired and W. C. Crusier was chosen president. The other officers remained as they were.

A bequest was made that year by the late F. G. Boyd of nearly \$1000. This gave new enthusiasm to the earnest workers and plans for the establishment of a home for the society were advanced. The name was later changed to the



METHODIST CHURCH, SPRINGVILLE.

Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association.

The question of a home for the society had been frequently discussed at length and a fund started, a number of gentlemen giving \$100 each and others smaller amounts. But in January, 1904, Gen. Edward R. Warner presented the



REFERENCE ROOM, PUBLIC LIBRARY, MONTROSE.

society with \$4000 for the erection of a suitable building.

The treasurer's report showed that \$2,112.63 was now on hand. The officers elected that year were: H. A. Denny, president; C. E. Moxley, vice-president; G. A. Stearns, recording secretary; Miss E. J. Brewster, corresponding secretary; F. I. Lott, treasurer; Dr. J. G. Wilson, librarian.

The Society's Building.

In 1902 ground was broken between the court house and the high school building for the society's home and much material placed on the ground for the building, when a communication was received from Francis R. Cope, jr., stating that the Cope family, which had in early years owned large tracts of land in Susquehanna county, would like to provide a memorial library building for the county, and plans were made to merge the existing historical society and its funds with the Cope proposition; but the site first chosen was not deemed large enough for the dual purpose and the Tyler corner, facing Monument Square, was secured, and the Cope executors given the freedom to erect a home for the society. This building is one of the handsomest in the county and the free library has been added to from time to time until it is one of the best in the state.

At the seventeenth annual meeting, held January 10, 1907, Francis R. Cope, jr., was chosen for president; H. A. Denny, vice president; Geo. A. Stearns, recording secretary; F. I. Lott, treasurer; Dr. J. G. Wilson, librarian.

The 1908 meeting of the society was held January 18. The report of the librarian showed



MAIN STREET, SOUTH GIBSON.

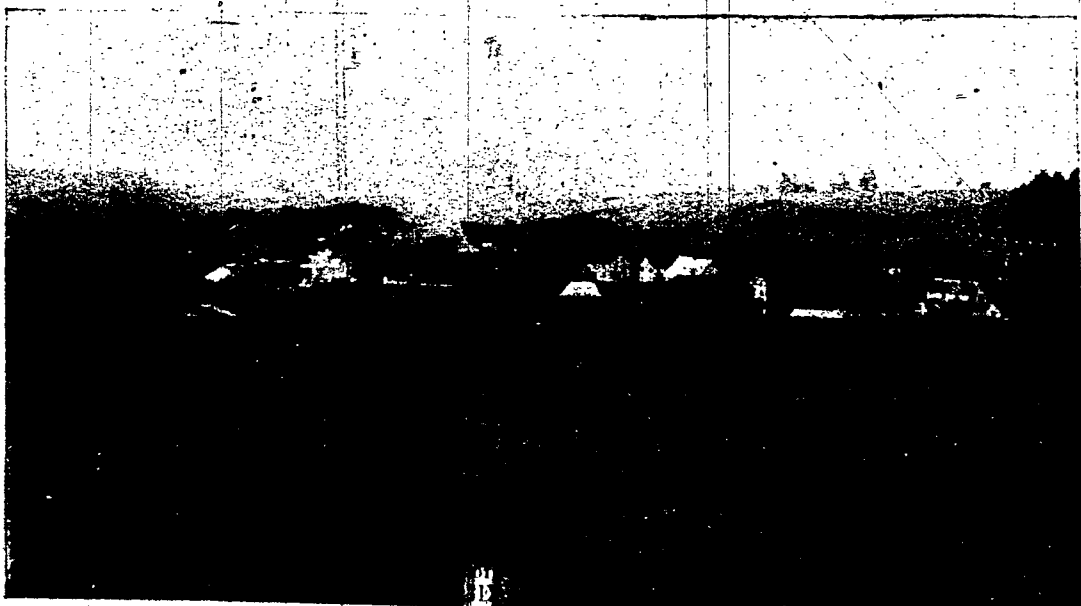
down, Cotswold and Oxford down sheep; Yorkshire, Essex, Berkshire, Chester White, Poland China and other good breeds of swine, and plain and fancy poultry abound in the county.

Horticultural Products.

Fruits, and vegetables, especially fruits, are given much attention in all parts of the agricultural regions of the county. Large orchards are not as frequently seen as those of moderate size, yet there are some parts in which winter

cents per bushel; apples, 50 cents per bushel; onions, 75 cents per bushel; turnips, 40 cents per bushel; chickens, 10 cents per pound; Veal, live, 6 cents per pound; lambs, live, 4 1/2 cents per pound; dressed pork, 6 and 7 cents per pound. The supply is fairly even equal to the demand. Farmers find ready sale for such produce as above quoted, as well as for cider, maple syrup, pop corn, etc., all of which are easily raised and at very little expense.

Many parts of Susquehanna county



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF SOUTH MONTROSE.



HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, HARFORD.