

Black Hawk County

La Porte City

December 20th

Halted this evening at La Porte City in the township of Big Creek, Black Hawk county. The village is situated on Wolf Creek; was laid out by Dr. Jesse Wasson, formerly of La Porte, Indiana; and numbers about two hundred and twenty-five inhabitants. The several trades, &c. are represented here by men seemingly of considerable enterprise. The merchants and mechanics are S. R. Osgood, dry goods dealer and grocer; Brooks & Ings, grocers; Lewis Turner, dry goods dealer and grocer; W. Ings, harness maker; George Banger, shoe dealer; W. Arner, tailor; William Wilson, and Buffum & Oaks, blacksmiths; Morgan Loomis, and C. C. Charles, wagon makers; and J. S. Rolph, house and sign painter.

The Hotels are the City, where we are stopping, kept by Wm. Fox; the New Brick, by S. W. Fero, and the Ottawa House. The physicians are Wasson & Oren; the lawyers, George Bishop and R. B. Sherman. Otis G. Day is teaching the public school. John A. Fosdick has an extensive steam saw, shingle and lath mill; B. W. Culver has a brick yard, and N. C. Turner is building an oil

mill. There are two limestone quarries within one-fourth of a mile of the village. There is timber in abundance on Wolf Creek, as well as on the Cedar, which latter stream flows one mile east of the village.

La Porte City was settled in April, 1855, and hence is less than four years old. It is the only village or point of the least importance between Vinton and Waterloo. Its distance is fifteen miles from either place. Being surrounded by a rich country, and possessing every element of success, we see no reason why it should not have a rapid and continued growth. It will be an important station on the Cedar Valley Railroad which will probably run directly through the town. Dr. Wasson showed his good sense and judgment in sticking his stakes here. Mr. Bishop is a worthy man, whose track we crossed years ago in ramb-ling through the Genesee Valley. Mr. Sherman is quite a young man, and is a land agent as well as lawyer.

Our halt here was sudden and unexpected, and is being made more agreeable than we had anticipated.

Cedar Falls

December 21

We came to Waterloo this morning with Doctor Wasson, who drives a span of fast horses; and from the beautiful county seat of Black Hawk, to Cedar Falls, where we halt for the night, we came by stage. The country between La Porte

City and Waterloo is a fine tract, in the heart of Cedar Valley, which valley is as fertile and, in all respects, as inviting to settlers, as any we have seen in our wanderings through the wide West.

We halted in Waterloo long enough to share sumptuously at the dinner table, with our friend, Sylvester Bagg, Esq., who is always full of good cheer—to say nothing of any other fullness. It does one as much good to look upon his round and ruddy face in a cold winter day as upon an open fire-place, with half a cord of well-burning wood in it.

Waterloo, with the music of her water-fall; her elegant private houses; her peerless court house; her neat church edifices; her excellent schools; her good hotels and other indices of thrift and culture, is an attractive place to the traveler. When the Cedar Valley Railroad is opened from Cedar Rapids to Waterloo, the latter town will be a still more stirring point. Mr. C. J. Plato's elegant and tasty bank building, is now completed and occupied, and we noticed a few other improvements since we passed through Waterloo last September.

Of Cedar Falls we have but little to say. Its present condition and prospects were fully set forth in the *Times* last fall, when the Editorial Convention met here. The town has the elements of prosperity, and is destined to become one of the largest cities on the Cedar. The Cedar Falls Railroad, and not the Cedar Valley, as stated by a

correspondent in the *Times* of December 23rd (issued in advance of date) is to here form a junction with the Dubuque and Pacific road. As stated by the same correspondent, Cedar Falls has five churches. One or two houses of worship are completed or projected. Rev. Mr. W. K. Walton, late of Dubuque, and now pastor of the Baptist Church here, is to be ordained December 23rd. Mr. George Secord, of the American, is as attentive to travelers as ever.

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Anamosa, March 25, 1859. -441f

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