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#### THE MORMONS AT NAUVOO

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The story of the Mormon exodus, after its advance had crossed the Mississippi, does not form part of Illinois history, but so thrilling are the incidents of that long march, and so vitally are they connected with the driving forth of the participants from this state, that the tale of it cannot be entirely ignored. That first company, which had crossed the river on ice in midwinter, had their families with them. The first night in camp, nine children were born. For days the cold was intense, the keen winds sweeping down across the bare prairies; the nights becoming so many struggles to keep from freezing. Wood was scarce, the stock of food inadequate, and large numbers became permanently crippled from exposure. The long-wished-for Spring found them not halfway to the Missouri, and facing fresh difficulties. Snow, sleet, and rain combined to make the prairie soil, across which they must travel, a sea of black mud almost impassable; heavy downpours so swelled the streams as to result in weeks of delay. The winds of March brough more sickness than the storms of Winter. Coffins, formed of tree-bark, were made, and in these men, women, and children were laid away to rest. Such graves continually marked the progress of Mormon travel.

Want developed disease; yet, in all their suffering, brother-hood was constantly in evidence. Self-denial was the rule, and each scrap of food any possessed was shared equally. Young men gave up their places in the column, walking back to portions of the frontier where they were unknown, and hiring themselves out for wages, that they might thus purchase provisions for the aged and destitute. Others halted in their pilgramage, broke the sod, and raised grain for the sustenance of their brethren.

Nor during these months of trial among the vanguard were those left behind in Nauvoo any less burdened. Constantly harassed by their Gentile neighbors, as already described, their property sold for a song, or taken from them by fraud and force, their power of self-protection constantly waning, greater portion of their remaining energies to the completion of that Temple, which they already realized must immediately be deserted to its fate. Never since the dispersion of the Jews does history afford any parallel to the Mormon attachment to this quaint and beautiful edifice. In every stone it was assoicated with, and symbolical of, their religion. Its erection had been enjoined upon them as a sacred duty by their first prophet and his successors. From the beginning, it

it was a labor of love; hardly a Mormon woman but had truly denied herself to make gifts in its behalf; scarcely a Mormon man who had not served the tenth part of his year upon its walls. Therefore, in this stress of their final lingering on Illinois soil, even while they were parrying the sword thrusts of their advancing enemies, the little remnant continued to labor upon it, until they completed even the gilding of the angel and trumpet on the apex of its lofty spire. Its a closing work, they placed on the entablature of the front, like a baptismal mark on the forehead.

"The House of the Lord;
Build by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
Holiness to the Lord!"

#### As Colonel Kane wrote:

"For that one day the Temple stood resplendent in all its typical glories of sun, moon, and stars, and other abounding figured and lettered signs, hieroglyphics, and symbols, but that day only. The sacred rites of consecration ended, the work of removing the sacrosanota proceeded with the rapidity of magic. It went on all through the night, and when the morning of the next day dawned, all the ornaments and furniture, everything that could provoke a sneer, had been carried off, and, except some fixtures that would not bear removal, the building was dismantled to the bare walls. It was this day that witnessed the departure of the last elders and the largest band that moved in one company together. The people of Iowa have told me that from morning to night they passed westward like an endless procession. They did not seem greatly out of heart, they said; but at the top of every hill, before they disappeared, they were to be seen looking back, like banished Moors, on their abandoned homes, and the far-seen Temple with its glittering spire. After this consecration which by outsiders was construed to indicate an insincerity on the part of the Mormons as to their stipulated departure, or at least a hope of return, their foes set upon them with renewed bitterness."

This Temple, upon which had been bestowed so much of labor and love, was, only two years later, October 19, 1848, totally destroyed by the torch of an incendiary.

By this time of the final departure of that lingering remnant from Nauvoo, the advance of the remarkable column of pilgrims was at Grand Island, on the distant Platte. No picture of the great march through the wilderness can exceed the one sketched by Colonel Kane, before the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

"At this time, say two months before the final expulsion from Nauvoo, there were already, along three hundred miles of the road between that city and our Papillon Camp, over two thousand emigrating wagons, besides a large number of nondescript turnouts, the motley makeshifts of poverty; from the unsuitable heavy cart that lumber on mysteriously with its sick driver hidden under its counterpane cover, to the ctazy two-wheeled trundle, such as our poor employ for the conveyance of their slop-barrels-this pulled along, it may beg by a little drugged heifer, and rigged up only to drag some such light weight as a baby, a sack of meal, or a pack of clothes or bedding. Some of them were in distress of losses upon the way. A strong trait of the Mormons was their kindness to their brute dependents, and particularly to their beasts of draught.

"Besides the common duty of guiding and assisting these unfortunates, the companies in the van united in providing the highway for the entire body of emigrants. The Mormons have laid out for themselves a road through the Indian Territory, over fourhundred leagues in length, with substantial, well-built bridges, fit for the passage of heavy artillery, over all the streams, except a few great rivers where they have established permanent ferries. The nearest unfinished bridging to the Papillon Camp was that of the Corne A Cerf, or Elkhorn, a tributary of the Plattet distant, maybe, a couple of hours' march. Here, in what seemed to be an incredibly short space of time, there rose the seven great piers and abutments of a bridge, such as might challenge honors for the entire public-spirited population of Lower Virginia. The party detailed to the task worked in the broiling sun, in water beyond depth, and up to their necks, an if engaged in the perpetration of some pointed and delightful practical joke. Their chief sport lay in floating along with the logo, out from the overhanging timer up the stream, guiding them until they reached their destination, and then plunging them under water in the precise spot where they were to be secured.

"Inside the camp, the chief labors were assigned to the women. From the moment when, after the halt, the lines had been laid, the spring wells dug out, and the ovens and fire-places built, though the men still assumed to set the guard and enforce the regulations ofpolice, the Empire of the Tented Town was the better sex. They were the chief comforters of the severest suffering, the kind nurses who gave them in their sickness those dear attentions with which pauperism is hardly poor, and which the greatest wealth often fails to buy. And they were a nation of wonderful managers. They could hardly be called housewives inetymological strictness, but it was plain that they had once been such, and most distinguished ones. Their art availed them in their changed affairs. With almost their entire culinary material and a

very few condiments, they brought their thousand and one receipts into play with a success that outdid for their families the miracle of the Hebrew widow's curse. They learned to make butter on a march, by the dashing of the wagon, and so nicely to calculate the working of barm in the jolting heats, that as soon after the halt as an oven could be dug in the hillside and heated, their well-kneaded loaf was ready for baking, and produced good leavened bread for supper."

It was thus that, day by day, this wonderful advance was conducted. In the early Spring of 1847, a body of one hundred and forty-three picked men, with seventy wagons drawn by their beat horses, left Omaha to make the trail for those who were to follow. They carried little with them but seeds and farming implements, relying almost wholly on their rifles for food. They made long daily marches, moving as rapidly as possible. Behind them toiled on more slowly a second party with five hundred and sixty-six wagons, carrying a large quantity of grain. By the last of July, these hardy pioneers reached the valley of Salt Lake, and choosing this for their final halting place, began, that same day, their labor with the plough. Behind them, struggling sternly on across a thousand miles of desert, streamed the seemingly endless procession of Mormon wagon trains; while yet farther away in distnat Illinois, the deserted Temple looked down from its high bluff on the waters of this Mississippi, a desolate memorial of a community passed away for ever from its shadow.

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Explanation of abbreviations -- n stands for north, e for east, s for south, w for west, q for quarter, h for half, a for acre, rr for railroad, ex for except, cor for corner, pt for part, frl for fractional, r for road, SH for schoolhouse, cen for center, und for undivided, vil for village. Last figure is section number.

#### TOWN OF GANEER

#### Township 31, Range 13 East

Narcisse LEBEA wh swq nwq 7 Chas. CHAMBERLAIN eh & swq swq 7 Stephen JESSUP wh swq 12 Godfrey BURCHARD e3/4 seq 7 Chas. CHAMBERLAIN wq seq 7 Joseph LECLAURE eh neq 8 L. B. BOUDREAU wh nwq 8 Francis BLANCHETTE wh swq 8 Arthur RIGG nwq 9 Mathias HARRIS eh swq 9 Morris MILLER seq 9 J. C. Lane Est. e3/8 nh neq 10 LONE & BRAYTON w5/8 nh neq 10 Robert GIBSON nwqr 10 M. D. WELLS seq seq 10

Robt. GIBSON eh swq 12 Robt. GIBSON wh seq 12 G. C. BRAYTON est. seq 14 G. D. WELLS e 3/4 neg 15 S. J. LAKE w3/4 nwq 15 Albert WOOD eh eh seg 15 George HOAG nh 16 Clement RICH eh swg 16 Francis BLANCHETTE wh nwg 17 Isaac LE SAGE swq 17 Joseph BELISLE eh neg 18 Mitchell RIVARD wh neg 18 HILL, Sidney n end wh nwq 12

Subdivision of sh of sh Sec 19, T31, Range 13 East

M. D. L. HUNTER Lots 1,2,3,4 John LAW wh seq 26 S. HICKS wh new 29 Joseph BLANCHETTE eh nwq 29 same neq swq 29

A. A. WHETMORE seq swq 29 H. S. WHETMORE swq seq 29 John LAW wh neg 35 same w side seq neq 35 J. H. ALEXANDER eh seq 36

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#### Township 30, Range 12 West

J. H. ALEXANDER frl wh neg 1 John TEVERBAUGH frl sh neq 1 Orison KELSEY frl nwq 1 Fred SIGEMUND seq seq 2 M. A. STOREY neq neq 11 Joseph BOUDREAU seq neq 11 W. H. DEFAULT nwq seq 11 J. MUNYON Est. neq neq 12 George HOLAH sh neq 12

James MIX seq swq 12 same wh neq 13 same swq swq 13 same seq seq 13 WOOD & PALMER sh & nwq neq 14 Jas. BRADLEY w of rr sh swq 14 WOOD & PALMER seq 14 J. H. ALEXANDER seq neq 12

#### TOWN OF BOURBONNAIS

#### Township 31, Range 12 East

Peter BOUDREAU neq neq 1 Ed GRANGER nwg neg 1 Charles GRANGER sh neg 1 same nwq 1 Gervais LAMBERT wh seq 1 Moses DUPUIS neq neq 2 Hermidas MONJEAU neq nwq 2

Daniel VANMETER nh neq 28

Olivier RAYMOND nwq nwq 2

same nh swq neq 28 Alex LORD eh eh swq 2 Octave LONGTON wh eh swq 2 same nwq 28
Donata LEVREAU eh seq 2 same frl neq 29 Alex LORD wh seq 2 Michael BRAIS eh swq 3 same wh wh swq 3 Peter J. GADBOIS neg 4 H. BROSSEAU eh nwq 4 Paul GIROUD wh eh swq 6 same eq nwq 7 John BENOIT eh wh neq 8 same wq neq 8 same eh nwq 8 D. BENOIT, Jr. wh eh swq 8 Elilien LANGLOIS wh eh nwq 9 same e of rr e of eh wh nwq 9

Jos. GADBOIS, Jr, w of rr wh nwg 9 E. LANGLOIS ne dor wh swq 9 Laurent BREAULT eh seg 9 Moses SENESAC seq neq 10 Nelson GRANGER neq swq 1

Gervais LAMBERT eh wh swq 1

Exavier RAYMOND wh wh swq I

Gervais LAMBERT seq swq 1

Telesphore RIVARD sh eh neq 22

The swb nwg 23 same wh nwq 23 S. R. MOORE se cor a of rr neq 26 L. GOUDREAU eh nwq 26 same nh swq neq 28 same e of rr nh sh 29 same w of rr nh sh 29

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Sub-division Jacques Jonveaus Reservation

M. MESSIER in lot 2 nh Daniel VANMETER s end lot 4 nh

Daniel VANMETER nh sh S. ZOPF lot 4 sh sh

The following was taken from the Chebanse Herald, a weekly newspaper. The date of the paper is unknown.

CHEBANSE, AN EPITOME OF EVENTS, DATES AND FACTS, CONCERNING THE EARLY HISTORY OF CHEBANSE. SKETCHES OF EARLY SETTLERS WHO WERE LOCATED HERE BEFORE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION FIRST OFFICERS. BUILDING OF THE ICRR--LAYING OUT OF CHEBANNSE IN 1854. HISTORY OF THE FIRST BUSINESSMEN AND VARIOUS CHANGES UP TO THE PRESENT TIME. SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, SOCIETIES, SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, ETC.

#### CHEBANSE TOWNSHIP

Chebanse Township occupies the extreme northern portion of Iroquois county, with Kankakee county for its north bound, the Iroquois river on the east, and Milk's Grove on the west, Ashkum for the Southern boundary; embracing as its area some 62 sections of land. For location and all conditions necessary to make first class township, Chebanse has no superior, and long before the building of the I.C.R.R. there were many farms under excellent cultivation on both sides of the County line.

When Maurice KIRBY first came into the State he was informed by the settlers that the finest land in all the State was to be found on "White Woman's Creek," (now called Langham,) and that CASSADEY, the famous speculator of Danville, was going to enter the whole of it.

The highway of travel from all of the country around the upper Sangamon, the Okaw, the Embarrass and Big Grove, to the lake Urbana, known as the "Butterfield trace," passed through here, near the line which was afterwards followed by the Illinois Central. There is no definite information in regard to Butterfield or why the trace received his name. For twenty years it was the greatest hog and cattle route in the State. The FUNKS and others who ranged all over the state picking up hogs and cattleg began driving to Chicago (hitherto unknown,) instead of Galena.

#### EARLY SETTLERS

Early in 1843, B. F. BRADY and his two brothers came from Attica, Ind., and bought land near the mouth of Langham and made a farm of it. The land was bought of the State and was known as the "State Land".

The boys built a log cabin and lived there a number of years. B. F. BRADY was one of the first Justices of the Peace in this part of the country and was elected to the second board of supervisors in Iroquois county.

Before township organization, voters from here went to Mt. Langham, on the east side of the river, to vote.

In 1865 Mr. BRADY removed to Kankakee where still resides.

In 1846 William FARMER settled near Langham creek. In 1854 he sold to Adolph PONCELET, the Belgian Consul of Chicago. He put Mr. HARBAVILLE on the land and then entered into arrangements to get his country people to settle on the lands. He was successful in bringing a number of families in 1856. Many families of that nationality still reside in the eastern end of Chebanse and Ashkum townships, led here through the influence of Mr. PONCELET. Mr. PONCELET lost his life by drowning while on his way from Chicago to see his possessions, in the spring of 1857. The sloughs and streams were all swollen by the heavy rains; when at Blue Island he asked if he could ford, and no one being able to understand English he misunderstood the answer, and in making the attempt to ford his team became mired down and he perished in the stream.

In 1848 Mr. OSTRANDER built a saw mill at Sugar Island. Three years later it was sold to Mr. WEBSTER, who put in a run of stone. Since then it has passed through various hands until 1876, when DOLL & IRPS bought it and rebuilt on the south side of the river, also putting in a new dam. Under their management the mill has been a success, and through their enterprise and energy they now enjoy increased patronage.

The first school in this section started in 1848, with O.S. WHITEHEAD as teacher.

On August 29-30, 1863, occurred the terrible summer front which will be forever memorable to those settlers whose crops, which for many constituted their all, were swept away in a single night. The wretchedness, misery and poverty to which many were reduced through this misfortune bars description. Many who had just began farming were thus broken up. Those who owned stock were compelled to sell them for little or nothing, and in many instances those who could not sell gave them away or killed them.

The names of many of the towns along the I.C.R.R. are known to have been of Indian origin. The general impression is that such names as Chebanse, Ashkum and Watseka were derived from tribes living in the state at that time, which is incorrect. The names of Chebanse and Ashkum were never known here until applied by the I.C. From what tribes these names were derived is unknown.

#### TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION

The township of Chebanse was organized in 1856 by the election of Jesse BROWN, supervisor; A. M. FISHBURN, clerk; Levi LINDSAY, assessor; A.W. FISHBURN, collector; B. F. BRADY and P. E. KINGMAN, justices of the peaces. In 1867 the question was again submitted to the voters of the county whether they would continue under township

organization, and the vote was unanimous in favor of the existing organization.

The vote in the county, taken in 1867, for or against annexing to Kankakee county all of town 29, ranges 10,11,12,13 and 14, being a strip four miles wide across the north end of the county, resulted in the county in the negative; in Chebanse, however, it was affirmative by 287 to 33, owing to the fact that our trade and business relations were with Kankakee.

#### THE VILLAGE OF CHEBANSE

was laid out in 1854, in the center of the northeast quarter of section 14. The plat embrased about 60 acres, including the railroad strips on each side. The business of the company, including the selling of lots, was entrusted to Mr. S. EAVERS, the first station agent. A. T. ALLING was the second. T. D. WILLIAMS, the next station agent, remained here until the breaking out of the war. He was by birth an Englishman. He came to America alone at the age of 14 yrs., and soon after enlisted and went to the Mexican war, under Capt. George B. McCLELLAN, and after his return was sent, on that officer's recommendation, to West Point, where he graduated. In the fall of 1857 he married and came here as a representative of the railroad. At the breaking out of the rebellion he felt that his adopted country which had educated him was entitled to his services, and he raised Co. G 25th Regt., and marched to the front. Late in 1862 he was promoted to the position of Colonel, although he had been acting as such for some time. On the 30th day of December, at the battle of Stone River, he was wounded but would not keep out of battle. On the 31st his color bearer was shot down; and seizing the fallen standard he pressed to the front and was endeavoring by word and jesture to rally his troops when he received a mortal wound from which he died on the 3d day of the following month. No truer or braver soldier went forth to the conflict then Col. WILLIAMS. Prompted by those instincts which sympathise with down-trodden suffering humanity, he, with hundreds of thousands brave boys, gladly gave his life that the Government and her institutions, and laws enacted in the history of humanity and dedicated to freedom might never become pollute by the touch of treason or slavery.

The next agent was Mr. JOHNSON, who served till 1863, when he was succeeded by W. L. MOREY, who continued in the office until his death, which occured in November 1870. A. S. MERRILL, the next agent appointed here, was killed by being knocked from a car while switching. He was clinging to the side of the car, hanging out at arm's length, when he was carried suddenly against coal house standing just south of the freight house, and thrown from his position under the cars. He lived but a few days after the accident.

He was followed by Wm. SMITH, who was also killed in July 1876; while standing upon the track giving orders, he was knowed down by an engine which was then backing in upon the main track; and the trucks of tender passed over his body killing him instantly. The funeral attended by fully 5000 people. The railroad company ran two special trains, bringing many residing and adjoining towns.

David LAVERY, of Kankakee, was the next agent appointed. He served from 1876 until January 1882, when as a recognition of faithful and efficient service, he was appointed agent at Kankakee. Milton DORSEY, then ticket agent at Kankakee, was appointed agent here and still continues in the same position. During the year, he has spent with us it is hardly necessary to say that he has given the best of satisfaction, besides being alive to all the interests of the company he is thoroughly accommodating and obliging.

#### THE FIRST TELEGRAPH OFFICE

was put in and maintained by the citizens of this place in 1872. It was conducted in this way for several years, when it was taken charge of by the company. The first operator was Luther STILES. For a number of years, P. E. HALL had charge of this office; he is now agent at Buckley, Ills. W. H. HARVEY the present incumbent has had charge of the office for the last six months and has proved himself competent in every respect.

#### **MERCHANTS**

HARRINGTON & SPAULDING were the first merchants. They built a store on the east side of the track in 1854, which was burned in 1858. Amos FISHBURN built the next store on the same side, and in 1858 sold to Washington GARLOCK. SPAULDING & HARRINGTON sold to R. J. HANNA, who came here from New York city with his brother-in-law, James FRITH, who improved a part of section 11, just north of town, now known as the SCOTT farm. The depot and freight house was built by Mr. HANNA, who continued to work at his trade until he became a merchant. In 1858 he sold his stock to GARLOCK who continued in trade till 1859 when he sold to Bliss SUTHERLAND, who continued in business for a year and then settled on a farm on Section 12.

Charles BARD was the first shoemaker. In '56 E. W. DODSON opened a store, he was at that time deputy county surveyor. Jerome BARD and T. D. WILLIAMIS commenced buying corn here in 1860.

Joseph LEONARD succeeded FISHBURN in business in the winter of '58. He was the son of Rev. J. H. LEONARD, pastor of the Seamen's Bethel, Chicago. In the same year he built a store north of the others on the east side. In the sale of lots belonging to the R. R. company, the two blocks on the west side, extending from the Kingsbury corner north to the county line, were reserved for some time, it being the intention of the company to use them in erecting repair shops, as the point is half way between Chicago and Champaign.

LEONARD sold to BROADHEAD and HANNA in 1861, and they to E. S. RICHMOND in 1862, who remained in business until 1866, when he sold to R. S. RAUGHLIN.

In 1857, A. M. BALDWIN built a store north of the others and enngaged in business for two years when he sold out and went to farming. Mr. HITCHCOCK started the first tinshop and hardware store, which with the drug store of J. W. WARNER and the shoe shop of Silas MOOREHOUSE was swept away by fire in 1858. First hotel was built by Geo. CARTER, of Warrington Eng., and the building is occupied by Mrs. BUCKLEY.

#### SCHOOLS

There was no organized district until 1860. The first, a subscription school, was held in a small building 14x16, erected south-east of the depot. Soon after another house was built, and few years later, an addition was built there to, and in '72 the building was enlarged to its present size. Under the principal-ship of Prof. L. S. ROWELL, the Chebanse High School enjoyed the reputation of being the best school in Iroquois County. The present board of directors are Messrs. A. B. CHASE, E. W. BROWN, and A. MARSHALLL. T. D. WILLIAMS was the first school treasurer. Thos. S. SAWYER is the present official.

The building known as the Chebanse House, was built by Mr, HITCHCOCK in 1858, and was used as a tinshop until 1860, when it was enlarged by A. JACKSON. It was purchased by Theo. BABCOX in 1864, who after improving it opened it as a public house. In 1866 J. C. VANORMAN opened the Van Hotel and continued in the business until 1879.

J. H. WAY was the first physician and joined with his practice, the lumber trade. Mr. SISSON started the first regular lumber yard in 1863.

#### THE FIRST WAREHOUSE

was built in 1860 by Jos. LEONARD. It occupied the site where Kinney's elevator now stands. It was afterward bought by the TRUE Bros. and moved north of the county line where it was used as a storage room for flax seed, in connection with a large elevator which they also built. It was afterwards sold to KNOTT & KENAGA who built a large dry house. While drying grain one night in 1875, it caught fire and was burned to the ground. Immediately after another warehouse was erected on the same sight by the LOIT Bros., of Chicago. It was used by them several years when they rented it to MILK & CHASE. G. P. & C. H. COMSTOCK built the elevator of Capen & Co. in 1867, and sold it to F. J. TAYLOR. At the time when TAYLOR engaged in the business and for several years after the amount of grain boughht and sold and cribbed here was enormous, and forms an important part in our history. In 1873,

1,226,500 bushes of corn, amounting to 2453 car loads, were shipped from this place. The freight paid amounting to \$64,392.12, as may be seen from the following report giving the number of cars shipped and freight paid per month:

	No. Cars	Charges	Chgs. Prepaid
Jan. 1873	255	\$ 69437.68	
Feb.	122	3,287.65	
March	275	6,397.05	
April	92	2,252.62	
May	141	3,538.72	\$ 24.56
June	285	6,864.77	
July	336	8,047.47	
Aug.	245	5,342.74	946.85
Sept.	208	7,467.26	718.99
Oct.	248	6,109.95	668.24
Nov.	158	3,762.77	
Dec.	88	2,511.51	13.29
	2,453	\$62,020.19	\$ 2,371.93
		2,371.93	
Total for 1873	2,453	\$64,392.12	

During that year carpenters were kept busily at work erecting cribs, and every vacant lot and strip of land was appropriated for that purpose. If the cribs had been placed end to end they would have made a continuous crib of over a mile long, not including a number of cribs that were erected on the east side of the track. Early in the spring a steam sheller was purchased which continued in operation during the season.

In 1867 Mr. MILK laid out his addition to Chebanse. In 1870, H. D.DENENT, now Sec'y of State, in company with others, built the flax mill and during the stacking season employed about 35 men and a number of teams. At this mill the straw was reduced to tow, which was pressed into bales and shipped to Dixon, Ill., where it was manufactured into bagging material. The amount of straw used annually was about 2,500 tons. Several years ago the mill was removed to Cabery, where it now stands, though not in operation.

The Water Norks Company was organized under the laws of the State for joint stock corporations, Aug. 21, 1874. The certificate bears the names of L. MILK, J. PORCH, and F. T. McKEE, as corporators. The well from whence the supply is derived is 120 feet deep, 20 feet of which was drilled through solid rock. A stone tower 36 feet in height was then erected, upon which is placed a tank of 1,000 barrels capacity. This was surmounted by a wind-mill until recently, when it was taken down and an engine put in, which now insures a constant supply of water. From the tank pipes were laid through the tank, and nearly all the houses on the principal streets of pipes leading from the mains. For over eight years it has been in successful operation and is an institution of which our citizens feel justly proud.

Another important acquisition is the telephone between this place and Kankakee; by means of it we are brought in direct communication with Momence, Grant Park, anid all towns on the Southwestern R.R. to Cabery. It is largely patronized, being much more convenient than the telegraph. It is the intention of the company to connect these lines with Joliet and Chicago as soon as practicable.

Several years ago FARLEY & PORTER commnenced manufacturing the Continental Washing Machine. They fitted up a building on the county line, putting in an engine, lathe, saws, planes and other machinery, and ran for two seasons, during which time they manufactured and sold a large number of machines. The machine was one of unquestionable merit and when properly handled, but not withstanding the business was not a success. The machinery was afterwards used by A. JACKSON, who for a while manufactured a machine known as the Globe Washing Machine. The machinery has since been returned to Chicago.

S.S. BAKER, Manufacturer of BAKER's improved Telephone, has from a small beginning worked up a large patronage. The instruments manufactured by him are models of neatness and excellence. He has sold telephones in all parts of the U.S. and Canada, and in every instance they have given the best of satisfaction.

Two years ago STREETER & MILLER, started a creamery in the Kingsbury building. Last spring they built a creamery opposite BURRILL's livery stables, and employed three men with teams to collect the cream. They churn once a day and their shipment of butter per week amounts to about 700 pounds. They intend to extend their routes next year, which will cause the addition of several more teams.

#### CHURCHES

#### THE METHODIST SOCIETY

Mr. Andrew MOTTER, A worth member of the church, came here and pre-empted a farm on the N.E. quarter, of sec. 17, in '55. As there was no church or religious service of any kind, he used to assemble the people in the freight house and Preach the gospel. He died in '62. Timothy YOUNG was the next to preach the gospel. He came to N. Y., and settled on a farm near Langham creek, but feeling that he was needed in the ministry, he left his farm and commenced as a local preacher. He also took appointments in the itinerant work. There were several supplies when Rev. H. A. HOBBS was appointed to this charge by conference in '63. Rev. A. G. GOODSPEED, now at Odell, was appointed at this place, in '66, and remained here two years, during which time, by his earnest efforts, the church was built, and the organization at Clifton greatly benefited. A subscription had been started by his predecessor, Mr. GOODSPEED failed to raise money enough to purchase the material, but went to Chicago and brought the lumber on three months' time, of an entire stranger, upon his personal pledge of payment. He secured a reduction of freight, and hired Chas. MARTIN to superintend the work. The building was put up at a cost of

\$2,775 including furniture and bible. At the expiration of the three months, Mr. GOODSPEED was able to fulfill his pledge without inconvenience to himself, the people responding willingly. The lot was donated by the railroad company. Rev. W. T. KERR, is the present pastor. This membership is about 75.

#### BAPTIST SOCIETY

The meeting previous to the organization of the Baptist church, was held at the residence of H. P. HAVENS, June 13 '66. At a subsequent meeting hold at the house of J. J. TYLER, there were present, H. P. HAVENS and wife, Mariah TUTTLE and Hannah CALHOUN. Rev. J. M. WHITEHEAD of Kankakee, was present, and it was resolved to meet July 5, to perfect the organization, and the churches of Onarga and Kankakee were invited to sit in council at that time. At the council, which was held at the school house, there were present several delegates from the church at Kankakee. The Rev. D.W. MORGAN, from Onarga and the Rev. R. GILBERT, from Antioch. The new church was duly recognized, and the following services were held: Sermon, by Rev. R. GILBERT: charge to the church, by Rev. Mr. MORGAN: right hand of fellowship, by Rev. Mr. WHITEHEAD. The lots were donated by the R. R. company, and the committee appointed to solicit means for the erection of a church. Rev. G. W. LEWIS, was the first pastor, he preached every alternate Sabbath, for one year. The church was built in approximately '67-'68, and was the largest church in town. The trustees, were Messrs. TYLER, BAKER and GARDNER, and together with Mr. BUCKINS comprised the building committee. The church was 36x60, and cost \$3,000. The Rev. A. H. ESTEY, was called as pastor, in '71. He was succeeded by Rev. Mr. WILDERMAN, and Elder PALMER and S.M. BROWN, have also served as pastors. In '80, the church was totally destroyed by fire. For some months afterwards they held services every alternate Sunday, in the Congregational church, but do not at the present, continue as a society.

#### CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY

A meeting for the purpose of organizing the Congregational church, was held at the residence of R. S. LAUGHLIN, Sept. 6, '68. mR. LAUGH-LIN acted as chairman, and H. G. WYCKOFF, secretary. A council was called to meet Oct. 27, at which time the Rev. Mr. BRUNDAGE, of Paxton, Rev. Mr. WATSON, of Loda, Rev. Mr. BEECHER, of Kankakee and Rev. Mr. WYCKOFF, of Monee were present. Rev. BRUNDAGE, was appointed to preach the sermon, and Rev. BEECHER, to extend the right hand of fellowship. The church was then organized with the following officers: R. LAUGHLIN, O. ROADIFER and S. ROBINSON, Trustees; M. ELLIOT and W. O. ROADIFER deacons; H. G. WYCKOFF, clerk and treasurer. Rev. Daniel MILLER served as pastor one year. The congregation worshipped half a year in PORCH's hall, one year in the Baptist church and a few months in the Mlethodist church. A. J. FOORD, D. ROADIFER, James FLEMING, James M. BURROUGHTS and F. J. TAYLOR, were appointed building committee. They purchased a lot and proceeded to build a church 32x46, which is well seated and furnished at cost of \$2,400. Rev. J. H. DIXSON, is the present pastor, he preaches at this place and in Clifton, every Sabbath. The membership is 43.

#### CATHOLIC SOCIETY

In the early times, catholic services were held in the house of William O'ROARKE. Fathar PERNIN had charge of the mission, though before him, Father VANDERPOOL, resident priest, at L'Erable, said Mass here occasionally. The church was built in '67. It was 32x60 costing \$2,500. Father SCHROUDENBACK, was the first resident priest, in '70, for one year. After him, Father KUKANBUCH served the church two years, since that, Father GONANT has served up to the present time. They built a parsonage, in 1873, at a cost of \$1,300. The members of the church organized in '78, The Chebanse Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society. The society numbers about 60 members and is in a flourishing condition.

#### THE NICKEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

was instituted about six months ago by the young people of the Congregational church. They hold a concert every month, embracing in the program singing, recitations, readings pertaining to the missionary work, etc. The society consists mainly of the Sunday School Scholars, who pay five cents per month, which, with the proceeds of the concerts, is forwarded to the American Board of Missions. The society has been successful in every respect and well deserves the patronage bestowed upon it by the citizens of this place. The officers are, Rev. J. H. DIXSON, Pres., Burt. BURROUGHS, Vice President, Frank ELLIOT, Sec'y., Miss Mary PORTER, Treas.

#### CHEBANSE LODGE

No. 429, A.F. & A.M., was instituted Oct. 1, A.L. 5865, with the following charter members: E. W. WARREN, M. BURRIS, E. H. FOSS, H.A. HOBBS, W. FURGESON, W. H. SWAIN, H. HODGES, J. W. VANMETER, L. G. BLANCHARD, E. S. RICHMOND and C. S. WOLCOT. The first officers were J. W. VANMETER, W.M., E. H. FOSS, S.W., R.I. BURRIS, J.W. The present officers are L. A. KINNEY, W.M., F. F. PORTER, S.W., A. BABCOX, J.W., Geo. W. BURNS, Treas., R. J. EYERLEY, Secy., John BURRILL and Wm. SANDS, Deacons and J. S. GREEN, Tyler. The lodge numbers 57 members and is in a very flourishing condition. In '80 the building known as the Brown House was bought and remodeled, making a large spacious hall below, using the apartments above for the lodge rooms. The meetings are on Wednesday night, on or before the full moon, and the Wednesday night two weeks after.

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