

County Ramblings – Stockbridge

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Having staid away from Stockbridge more than four years, we concluded to make that place a short visit last week.

We were appropriately equipped for the journey with a good livery rig from the stable of Messers Clark & Marsh, of this village, and proceeded on our way. Along the route we took particular notice of the farms and the owners, crops &c. After passing a few miles beyond Dansville the wheat crop is almost an entire failure, there being hundreds of acres that will not be harvested. This is owing to the cold weather and the small amount of snow last winter. The oats and corn crop however, makes up for the wheat. Mr. F.R. Greenman has one of the handsomest farms, and the nicest buildings that we passed on the road. He is courteous and gentlemanly farmer, of the citizens should be proud as his neighbor.

Arriving at Stockbridge we put up at the Stockbridge Hotel, and fed Clark's horses on a little marsh hay. That institution is the poorest excuse for a Hotel that we ever saw in our lives, and is a burning disgrace to the place. We will not particularize, because we learn that a lady is obliged to manage the whole concern, and this will go a great way in excusing the poor accommodations.

The village has the finest location without an exception that we ever saw. It is a beautiful plain, as level as a house floor, beautifully decorated with large oak trees that the original proprietors had the sense enough growing.—The building are nearly all built facing the beautiful public square. By the way, is not that square a little too public? It is properly fenced it would add greatly to the general appearance of the place.

establishment was erected last summer and is now turning out a large amount of superior work. The citizens have shown good taste in the selection of a School house site, which they have taken pains to ornament with a splendid grove. It is a very inviting place for children, and is well improved by them. A beautiful large brick Church belonging to the Presbyterian denomination grces a sightly elevation, and the Episcopalians are about to build a new Church for their worship.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. William Martin, the only lawyer in the place. He has a very nice location and is doing an immense business in the way of collecting pensions and Soldiers bounty. He is a very pleasant man and took particular pains to show us about at to make our visit pleasant.

The next morning, after taking in a good supply of green backs and other “refreshments” we started for home by a different route, stopping a short time with Mr. James Reeves, one of the wealthiest farmers in town. He has a splendid farm and a very large crop of wheat, corn and oats. He is a very interesting man to converse with, being a very intelligent man, having read the *Ingham County News* for the last six years, besides other newspapers. It is not necessary to state that he is a republican of the right stamp, and in our opinion his name could be used to good advantage for some high position.

Stockbridge on the whole is a very wealthy town and needs only a railroad to make it a point of great interest. We are glad to learn there is hope of getting one built soon. The politics of the town are all right now, notwithstanding they were a little mixed last spring, and will, we trust, redeem herself by giving the republican ticket the fall a round seventy five majority.

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