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FARMINGTON CHEESE.

Stands High in the Markets of the United States.

A GREAT INDUSTRY BUILT UP WITHIN TEN YEARS.

And Growing Larger Every Year.

The most prominent industry in this locality is represented by the three thriving cheese factories, located at Farmington, Franklin and Novi, and conducted by our enterprising townsman, Senator Fred M. Warner. These factories have proved a great boon to the farming community, providing a convenient market for an unlimited quantity of milk. They also have required a good deal of money, to a number of merchants and to the business of the village not only in their trade with the state and country at large, but in bringing what is not a small benefit to our people, a cash market at the doors of the factories to the shops and stores of our merchants and merchants. Such enterprises have had the effect of giving our side observers with the quite natural result that the successful proprietor has been elected to build improvements to start similar factories in other places, a design which, by the way, if it contemplates the removal of the popular and level-headed senator from our midst, would be promptly voted down by the entire populace of this vicinity—we cannot spare him.

HON. FRED M. WARNER,
Proprietor of Warner's Oakland County Cheese Factories.

Considering the comparatively short time these factories have been in operation, they have established an enormous trade, a statement that is amply corroborated by the following facts and figures: The factory in Farmington began operations in 1890 and made the first year 80,000 pounds of cheese, while during the last year it has turned out no less than 190,000 pounds or 30,000 pounds more than double what it produced the first year. The Novi factory began in 1894 with an output of 88,000 lbs. for the first year, which in turn has increased to 240,000 pounds for last year. It too has more than doubled on the first year's work. The Franklin factory, which began in 1895, turned out 18,000 pounds the first year as compared with 85,000 pounds last year. During the eight years it has been running, the Farmington factory has consumed 13,500,000 pounds of milk; while in four years Novi has taken 5,000,000 pounds, and in three years Franklin has used 3,500,000 lbs. of milk. From this milk the Farmington factory has manufactured 32,400 boxes of cheese, the Novi factory has produced 11,500 boxes and the Franklin factory has turned out 7,400 boxes.

By referring to the above figures we find that in the few years these factories have been running they consumed the immense quantity of 22,000,000 lbs. of milk; enough to fill 917 railroad cars with a capacity of 24,000 lbs. each, and from this milk, together with other necessary materials there have been produced the enormous aggregate of 51,000 boxes or what consumers claim to be the best cheese on earth.

When this industry is presented in its real proportions, it cannot fail to impress itself upon our readers as a great advantage to a farming community, hence no one will be surprised to learn of the rich harvest the farmers of this vicinity have reaped from the sale of their milk to these thriving factories. The actual amount of money paid for the milk used, however, may astonish even the patrons of the factories, for during the years they have been operated, an aggregate, remember of only fifteen years for all three, there has been paid to farmers no less than one hundred and sixty thousand dollars, an average of $10,666 a year. In addition to this outlay there is paid yearly for help in the factories $2,500 and nearly as much more for material.

But what is done with all this cheese? A very natural question to raise at this point. To answer it we need only allude to the fact that Mr. Warner has secured as customers about three hundred of the best retail grocers in the state, men who handle no variety but "WARNER'S OAKLAND COUNTY CHEESE," while of course he is not lacking in customers for market outside of this state.

It is unnecessary to dwell upon the fact that much time, labor and capital have been required in building up such an industry, and in establishing such a large substantial trade. Senator Warner has not been found lacking in any of the essential qualities in the conduct of any enterprise to which he has turned his hand, a fact to which the present condition of his factories and general business interests gives ample proof.

Mr. Warner has always taken an active part in politics, local and state, and has been a host in the counsels of the republican party. In 1894 he received the nomination for State Senator of the 12th district, Oakland and Macomb counties. The district was considered hopelessly democratic, but he entered the campaign with a determination to succeed, and when the votes were counted in November it was found he had carried the district by the hands one majority of 2,065, running ahead of his ticket in every one of the forty six precincts except three. In this township out of a total vote of 400 he received 268 to his opponent 81 and eight scattering, which gave him a majority more than three times as large as his opponent had votes. In 1896 he was again elected to the State Senate by almost the same majority, and it can be said that his opponents at both elections were two of the best men in their party. He has served on our village council seven years, four of which he was the village president, elected without opposition, and he has also been a member of the school board six years.

In the recent republican state convention he was a prominent candidate for secretary of state, but circumstances over which he had no control, prevented his nomination. He took his defeat good naturedly and is in no way "sore," as the politicians say, and has been working hard for the success of his party at the coming election.

C. M. Doherty & Co., are about to make a new departure in their business by adding a complete stock of furniture. The new goods will begin to arrive this week, and more will follow as soon as the necessary room can be arranged. This is a branch of trade much needed in Farmington, and there is no doubt but their sales will be large.

To Brother Publishers.

We wish to say a word in regad to the illustrations in this issue. The half-tones were furnished by the Harper Illustrating Syndicate, of Columbus, Ohio. Their bid on the contract was the lowest of all received, and for promp service, a thing so necessary in a work of this kind, they are all that can be desired.

FARMINGTON'S BANK.

A Model Institution is the Farmington Exchange Bank.

With the exception of a railway, there has been nothing more needed in Farmington during the last ten years than a good looking bank. We have one now, thanks to the enterprise of some of our wealthy citizens, and one that is well adapted to transact all the business that our people are likely to require for many years. The Farmington Exchange Bank was organized the first of January of this year and opened business in the new brick bank building on the 18th day of April, but a little over three months from the time of organization.

HON. P. DEAN WARNER,
President Farmington Exchange Bank.

The building is well equipped for a general banking business with a fire-proof vault containing a burglar proof safe, and safety deposit boxes sufficient to accommodate all in the community who have valuable papers, plate, or treasure of any kind for which they desire safe keeping. The office fixtures are up to date and so arranged that one man can handle an immense amount of business with expedition and precision. The bank is officered as follows:

President, P. Dean Warner; Vice Pres., C. J. Sprague; Cashier, C. M. Wilber; Directors, P. Dean Warner, C. J. Sprague, Fred M. Warner, S. D. Holcomb, and Geo. W. Whipple. The officers are all stock-holders as are also O. W. Whipple and M. B. Pierce.

Being conducted as it is, under the direction of those who are well known as most substantial and worthy citizens and who give the bank a financial backing of at least $100,000, no one is surprised at the rapid development of business since the first day that the doors were opened to the public.

C. J. SPRAGUE,
Vice President Exchange Bank.

The president is a man whose honor and integrity are unimpeachable in this community where he has spent so many years. He is perfectly familiar with the details of a banking business, having conducted local business for Detroit banks, hence the general verdict is that no better qualified person could be selected for the position.

Of the cashier, we are free to say that he is strictly a home product; we know him; and know him to have always been what he is now, a conscipolously honest, painstaking and efficient in the performance of duty, a corrate and thorough in business methods, quick and accommodating in all transactions with customers or patrons, a splendid young man for the position he so admirably fills in the Farmington Exchange Bank.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Sarah Fendt entered school Monday.

Eva Beattie made the school a pleasant call Thursday.

Mac Ellis received the highest standing in 6th grade history last week.

The scholars of the high school were pleased to have their old schoolmate, Grace Lapham, with them Monday.

H. N. McCracken was in Pontiac, Monday, looking over teachers examination papers.

The 8th and 9th grade history class are now taking up the administrational period and studying the different political parties in connection with it.

The advanced history class has finished the French Revolution and will take up the study of the "Tale of Two Cities" in connection with their future work.

A written review in physics was held Tuesday a. m., which resulted in standings ranging from 60 to 100. Less committing and more careful thinking is needed.

School report for the month ending Oct. 28:

High School—Days taught, 20; total attendance 613; average daily attendance 30.6; number pupils enrolled 35.

Intermediate—Days taught 20; total attendance 536; average attendance 26; pupils enrolled 33.

Primary No. of days taught, 20; total days attendance, 656; average attendance, 33; pupils enrolled, 42. Those not absent during the month: Mary and Mable Westfall, Alta Joinis, Willie Hyde, Mosher, Hugh Kennedy, Carl Hogle, Willie Ely, and Cassie Hawkins.

Main Street, looking east from C. M. Doherty & Co's., 1898.

Photo by Geo. Hoessom, Northville.

The high school is holding conventions Tuesday mornings for opening exercises, and are deriving much benefit from it. Beginning with the township caucus we will carry it through to the nomination of state officers.

The debate in the 5th grade language last week, on the question "Resolved that the cow is more useful than the horse", resulted in favor of the negative. Leaders: Bessie Seeley, negative; Leo Gildemeister, affirmative.

The Junior class was organized Monday and elected the following officers: President, Don Button; Vice Pres., Carl Ely; Secretary, Grace Green; Assistant sec., Myrtle Wright; Treasurer, Alice Newton. The remaining member is Maud Wilcox.

The teachers of the three rooms hold a meeting every Monday p. m. for the purpose of discussing methods and becoming acquainted with the work of the whole school. The standings of each scholar are looked over by their teacher, every two weeks.

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Publisher's Notice.

In giving our readers this illustrated number, we have been to a large extra expense, and in order to cover the extra cost we must dispose of a large number of extra copies. There is not a subscriber on our list but what has a friend who will be glad to receive a copy. Extra copies can be secured at this office for only five cents each. We shall be pleased to have you order for one or more, while the supply lasts.

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