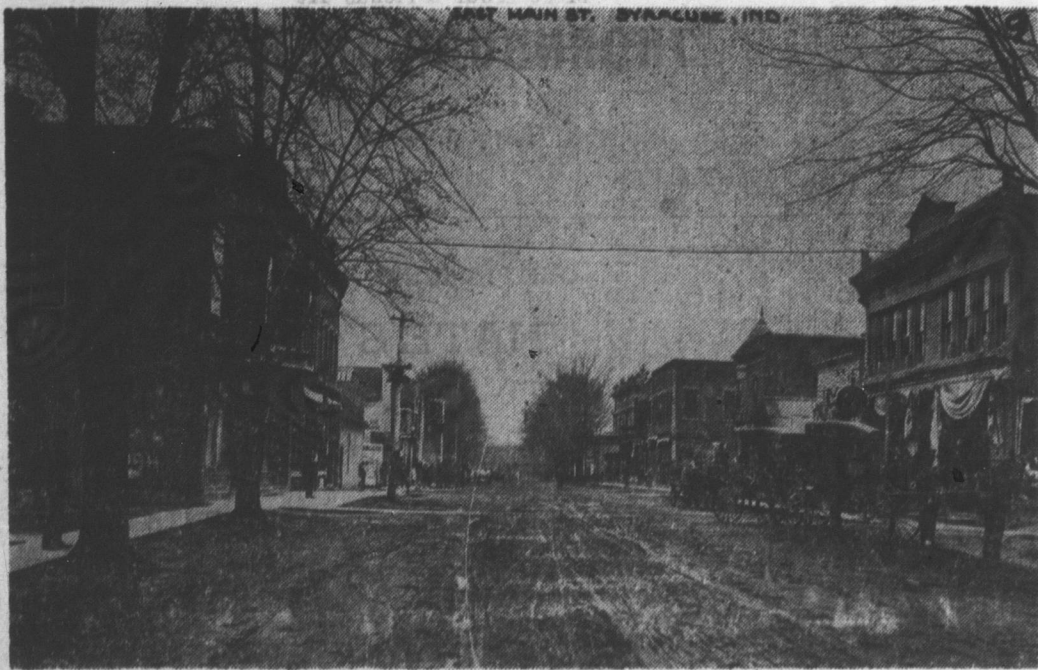


Syracuse Scenes at the Turn of the Century



Street Sweeper of 40 years ago.

The following officers were elected to serve the present year in Syracuse Lodge No. 454 F. & A. M. for the year 1876.

Preston Miles—W. M.
Milton Hapner—S. W.
Hugh Callender—J. W.
David Fry—Treasurer.
Joseph Rippey—Secretary.
E. E. Miles—S. D.
Michael Nichol—J. D.
James Benner—Tyler.

March 4, 1875—Landgraver and Whitehead are cutting from seven to eight thousand feet of lumber daily but as yet the saw logs are increasing on them.

Mr. A. Strohm, of this place is the general agent for a beautiful lithographic family record and marriage certificate. A nice ornament for any dwelling.

Protracted meeting in now in progress at the Evangelical

church conducted by Rev. Mr. Overmeyer.—1908.

June 18, 1908—Word received from Harry Culler states that he is stationed at Norfolk, Va. on the Steamship "Franklin."

Miss Mabel Hillabold will begin a kindergarten class in the old brick school house Monday morning. Children between the ages of 3 to six admitted at \$1.25 for the term of four weeks.

July Fourth—At Syracuse—A great big day. 4 A. M.—Grand Cannonade; 8 A. M.—Band concert; 9:30 A. M.—Horse races; 11:30—Band concert. Afternoon fantastic parade, foot races, water races, ball game. Evening—Naval battle on Syracuse lake, this will be followed by an imposing pyro-technical display on water. Final band concert. Farmers should come and make the day one big picnic and visit your city cousins.

Oct. 29, 1908—The Advance Radiator Works which began operations April 25, is forced to double its capacity to take care of its business.

Jan. 14, 1909—For Sale—A one-cylinder Cadillac, newly painted and all parts in good condition. It must be seen to be appreciated.

Feb. 18, 1909—A new library was just opened in the east basement room of the new high school building. Mrs. Ida Knorr is in charge as librarian. It is small yet, having some what less than a thousand volumes.

Dec. 17, 1908—Supt. C. C. Bachman has received from the State Department of Public Instruction a commission for the Syracuse high school. This graduating class will enjoy the distinction of being the first class to graduate from the new building and from the Commissioned High School.

Lillian Hamman, Savilla Strieby Fay Cory, Mary Miles, Hazel Vorhis and Glen Gordy took the examination for teachers' license last Saturday.

A meeting was held in the assembly room of the school house for the purpose of organizing the the High School Alumni. Thirteen members were present. The following officers were elected: President, Preston Miles; vice-president, Edna Wolfe; secretary, Mabel Hillabold and treasurer, Jay Gordy.

Dec. 9, 1875—The population of Syracuse is now in the neighborhood of 500.

Dec. 23, 1875—Among the advertisers in the Enterprise are: Stetler and Kindig, S. L. Ketring & Co., General Stores; Francis Landis, Furniture, Coffins, ready made Shrouds; Joseph Bushong, Gracey and Provision Store; Keefer & Crowl, Grocery and Provision Store; David Yonce, Drug Store; Widner & Acker, Painting, House, Sign & Ornamental.

LOCAL NEWS

From The Syracuse Journal, Walker and Fancil, Printers and Publishers, April 30, 1908, to April 29, 1909, \$1.00 per year. Journal office was located on the southeast corner of the public square, Main and Huntington streets.

Prof. C. C. Bachman left Tuesday for three weeks tour of the west. He expects to go to the coast and absorb everything of interest in sight.

Blanche Strieby, Ruth Miles, Jay Gordy and Preston Miles left Monday for Angola where they will attend the summer normal.

May 7, 1908—C. E. Wilcox drove his ambulance to Goshen, Tuesday and had it rubber-tired. He has also purchased a new carter device, the Armleder cot, which will make everything more up to date.

May 21, 1908—The Shakespear club entertained their new members last Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Heerman. A dutch supper was served. New members are: Ethel Kitson, Jessica Ketring, Savilla Strieby, Vera O'Dell and Ruth Miles. May 20th this club begins its eighth year on the study of the immortal works of the man after whom it was named.

May 28, 1908—The new State Bank of Syracuse after taking over all the assets of the old bank, began business May 11, with a cash capital of \$25,000. Officers are Silas L. Ketring, Aaron A. Razor and W. M. Self. Directors are J. P. Dolan, John Stillwell and R. N. Desjardins.

June 4, 1908—Decoration Day services were the most successful and enjoyable for many years. The opera house, where a program was given was well filled. 300 people were in the parade which marched to the cemetery.

June 11—In the issue of June 11, a picture is shown of Audry Snyder, doing his trick on his unicycle. He will sail from New York next Wednesday on the "Urania" for England. Mr. Snyder is well known over the United States and the larger part of Europe as one of "The Marvelous Merrills" or "The Wizard on Wheels." The trio is booked for forty-eight consecutive weeks in England, Germany and other countries. Audry says he is seriously thinking of quitting his present profession and going into business in Indiana.

SOUVENIR EDITION

Gay Nineties Revue

Syracuse, Indiana

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TOTALS 148 IN 1875

We present the following items from the school report:

Enrolled in Primary Department, 53; average attendance, 48 1/2.

Enrolled in Intermediate Department, 46; average attendance, 43 1/2.

Enrolled in Grammar Department, 49, average attendance, 47 and 7-eighths.

Total enrolled 148, total average, 140.

This is a very good showing for our schools. Very few schools average 75 percent on enrollment. We have a greater attendance of foreign students than any of our rivals. In fact more than all other graded schools in this county combined.

Respectfully
J. A. Kindig, Tp. Trustee.

April 1, 1875—J. P. Dolan has returned to Syracuse after a visit of a few weeks to Chicago and other places in the west.

April 22, 1875—We believe the German Baptists better know as "Dunkards" have at last concluded to build a church in this place this season.

Mr. Milton Woods, we are told has purchased the Lake House property in this place.
May 6, 1875—The public schools of this place commenced for the spring term yesterday with E. M. Chaplin, principal and Miss Amy Aber assistant.

Our popular furniture man, Frank Landis, has just completed a fine hearse at an expense of about \$150 to \$200, and is now prepared to attend with it at all funerals where it is desired.

May 31, 1875—The first mail over the B. & O. for this place was received yesterday.

We understand that Frank Blanchard has purchased a farm lying a few miles from town, of Mr. Westlake.

May 27, 1875—Following the public meeting to consider incorporating the town those present voted not to do so. Our town will doubtless close its eyes for another Rip Van Winkle snooze for a quarter of a century in duration.

Two citizens of this county, Kuhn and Moorehead, while fishing recently in Tippecanoe lake, caught a spade fish weighing 126 pounds.

June 10, 1875—The pioneer drug store in this place has changed hands. Mr. Sharon Hall, the former proprietor, has sold the stock of drugs to Eli Holloway of this place and Preston Miles, of Milford, who will continue the business at the old stand.

July 8—The bridge on Huntington street across Turkey Ck. is about completed.

New Paris

April 22, 1875—Sunday morning, April 11, the alarm of fire was sounded and it was discovered to be in the rear of T. C. Simmer's Drug Store. They succeeded in getting out about two-thirds of the contents. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Wm. Harriman, cabinet maker, is preparing to build a nice shop on Main street. Other parties are preparing to build as fast as circumstances will permit and if we don't have any more conflagrations. New Paris will show itself yet, but five fires in ten months tell pretty strong on a small place like this.



This Picture by Courtesy of St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press and W. R. Frank's West Twins and Boulevard Twins of the Twin Cities.

LIST IMPROVEMENTS MADE HERE IN 1875

Before the first survey was made for the line of the western extension of the Baltimore and Ohio R.R., Syracuse was a quiet inland town of no great importance, and only noted for the picturesqueness of its location and the fertile country and beautiful scenery surrounding it, and known only to those in the immediate vicinity, and the pleasure seekers of the surrounding towns and villages. It had a respectable population and was the center of trade for a section of the country extending for miles in every direction, yet like many of its sister villages, it was thought to have reached the maximum of its greatness and not a few croakers were found who would sagely shake their heads as they pronounced it a finished town.

No sooner was it definitely ascertained that the Baltimore Company had located the line of their road on the survey made through the town, than a wonderful impetus was given to the spirit of improvement which had so long lain dormant in the breasts of our citizens and the streets of our once staid and quiet village were crowded with strangers seeking for locations, a respectable number of whom are now citizens of our town. But perhaps we cannot better illustrate the growth of Syracuse since the inception of the railroad, than by giving in detail the number of buildings erected, together with the additions and improvements made to those already built and the estimated cost of the same. Beginning with the old town proper, we find that north of Main and east of Huntington streets the following improvements have been made:

Morgan Snyder, 2 story brick dwelling, \$2,000; school house, three-story brick with basement including well, outhouse, bell, &c., \$9,803.10; Dr. D. C. Kelley, office, \$500; N. Basny, dwelling, \$600; Noah King, dwelling, \$600; Wm. Moore, improvements on dwelling, \$700.

West of Huntington and north of Main streets we find the following: H. Venhamon, brick dwelling, \$2000; John Howard, dwelling, \$1000; W. J. Brady, dwelling, \$1000; Samuel Bashore, steam saw mill, planing mill, &c., \$5000; Sharon Hall dwelling,

\$1,600; Sharon Hall addition to storeroom, \$400; Lape and McConnell, store room, \$800; Henry Hendrickson dwelling, \$2,500; Mrs. Phoebeus dwelling, \$800; Joseph Bushong dwelling improvements, \$200.

South of Main street are the following: Joseph A. Kindig brick dwelling \$1,800; John Weir brick business house, \$3,000; Wm. Bowld business house, \$1,500; Lape & McConnell business room, \$600; Joseph Bushong bakery, &c., \$800; Wm. Bowld dwelling, \$1,500; S. L. and Adam Ketring, 2 dwellings \$1,500; Ed Miles, dwelling, stone, \$1,200; C. Harper, dwelling, \$1,000; John Miles, dwelling, \$800; Hugh Callender, dwelling, \$800; John Coy, addition to dwelling, \$500; George Darr, dwelling, \$700; Samuel Akers, dwelling, \$1,000; Frank Landis, dwelling, \$1,000; A. J. Kitson, improvements on dwelling, \$600; E. A. Miles, improvements on dwellings \$400.

Messrs. Lape and McConnell finding their water power insufficient to meet the demands made upon their mill, have recently built an addition to it and placed there in a forty horse power steam engine at a cost of about \$3,000.

In Ketring's addition to the town of Syracuse the following buildings have been erected during the year of 1874: John Broombaugh, dwelling \$1,500; Solomon Broombaugh, dwelling, \$800; S. L. and Adam Ketring, 4 dwellings, \$3,200; James Riffle boarding house and dwelling, \$1,200; D. S. Wynant, dwelling, \$700; A. Green, saw mill, planing mill, &c., \$8,000;

Present indications warrant us in predicting a bright future for the business prospects of Syracuse. Several brick business houses are in contemplation and undoubtedly a score or more of dwellings will be erected in early spring. It is considered almost certain that the B. and O. R. R. will erect as soon as spring opens, a commodious elevator, passenger house and telegraph office at this place, and when completed we are confident that Syracuse will become one of the best grain markets on the line of the road. We can only add that our business men are energetic, wide-awake and public-spirited, and fair-dealing with all are bound to succeed.

Local News of Many Years Ago

The following items were taken from the Syracuse Enterprise which started publication January 7, 1875 with J. P. Prickett, Editor and Proprietor.

On a romantic island surrounded by the placid waters of "Nine Mile Lake" adjacent to the village, Messrs. McCrory and Wy-song have erected a commodious hotel at a cost of about \$2,000, where thousands of tourists and pleasure seekers from all parts of the North and West find a pleasant home during the summer months.

Mr. John Wynant paid the first freight bill on goods shipped over the B. & O. road to this place while Wm. Wallis paid the charges on the first package of express.

Those of our subscribers who expect to pay their subscription in wood are requested to bring it in immediately. Nothing but good dry hard wood will be received on subscriptions and for such the market price will be allowed.

A protracted meeting—Rev. Mr. Coates officiating has been in progress here for some time. Mr. Coates is the pastor of the Church of God in this place and is said to be a gentleman of ability and full of zeal in his sacred calling.

JAN. 14, 1875

Born—On Thursday, Jan. 7th West Main street, a daughter to the wife of Eli Holloway.

There will be a social hop at the hall this evening for the benefit of the Syracuse Cornet band. Lets all go and give the boys a benefit.

Mr. S. L. Ketring has already commenced getting brick and stone upon the ground preparatory to building a fine two-story brick business house, the coming season.

The first term of school since the erection of our school building will close in a few weeks and we are glad to know that it has been successfully managed by Mr. E. M. Chaplin, Samuel P. Evey and Miss Amy Aber, who taught the various departments.

March 11, 1875—We counted forty teams on Main street at one time on Saturday afternoon.

The best yard wide sheeting in town at S. L. Ketring & Co. for 8 cents per yard.

Judging from the number of trains run over the B. & O. R. R. daily and the long string of cars composing each train, we infer that this important line is doing a remarkably good business considering that the road was completed only about two months ago.

The Syracuse Silver Cornet band has secured the services of a very competent and efficient teacher, Mr. W. H. Mershon, of Warsaw. The band is composed of the following gentlemen. Geo. Miles, leader; Al Acker, J. S. Wynant, E. E. Miles, E. F. Holloway, M. F. Wynant, Frank Landis, W. H. Widner, A. J. Kitson, C. Whistler and Milt Patterson.

Mr. Wm. Bowld drove his high spirited team over to Milford one day last week and while the horses were standing in front of the Attleberry House in that place, the horses became frightened at something and ran a furious pace through the streets, smashing the buggy to which they were attached into fragments. Mr. Bowld secured another buggy and drove to Syracuse in twenty-five minutes and swears that he could have made it in twenty minutes by the watch, had he had a whip.

For a number of days the ground has been covered with a glare of ice.

Mrs. Hugh Callender returned home a few days since from an extended visit with friends and relatives in Ohio. They have gone to housekeeping in their new dwelling on Main St.

Feb. 25, 1875—Francis Ott, John N. Juday and Edson McNutt, of near Ligonier, took through this place on Saturday, last, three large loads of corn in the ear. One load contained well on to sixty bushels.

In Hillabold's addition A. M. Jones has erected a small dwelling at a cost of about \$600.

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