

FIRST ASSESSMENT PAID IN QUICKLY

Enthusiasm Over The Automobile Factory Continues Unabated

RAPID PROGRESS BEING MADE

Papers in The \$100,000.00 Gaylord

Motor Car Co. Will be Filed by Middle of The Coming Week

GENERAL HISTORY OF THE PROPOSITION

Its Success Means Much to Gaylord and Otsego County and Everybody is Boosting it Along in a Magnificent Manner—Great Demand For The Herald and Times.

If anyone ever supposed that Gaylord had any resemblance to a margin that person was most woefully mistaken in his calculation. In place of being a "dead one" it is way over on the other side of the lot where there is something doing and that a remarkably lively gait.

It may have been playing a little along the line of the Big Van Winkle stant for a time, but there has been a sudden awakening of the spirits and a shaking up of inactivity into action in such a manner as to compel everyone to sit up and take notice.

Of course, everyone has heard someone tell that story about things going to the dogs and all that was necessary was to hold the funeral; but that sort of talk can be found most anywhere and it doesn't count for anything except to make the fellow who talks it feel a little more sore at himself.

The events of the last fortnight in Gaylord have been something of a revelation to the people of the entire section. The old nags of Vim and Push and Energy have been driven a fast heat and they have all come down the stretch together getting under the wire so closely together that the judges have not been able to discover that either had any the best of the race. They have all been making toward prosperity and the people generally have crowded the grand stand and have applauded the race with more enthusiasm than have ever they done before since the county has been placed on the map as one of the integral parts of the state of Michigan.

Just look how it has been done: The proposition to establish an automobile factory came up in a most unexpected manner and the evening following the suggestion a meeting was held by the citizens. The meeting decided that it was a good proposition and the following night another meeting was held. It was decided then to push the proposition to a finish. The enthusiasm of the whole community was wrapped into the proposition. A committee started out in each direction to see what could be done and every member of the committee had a determination to make the proposition go. A committee went to Detroit to make a careful investigation of the matter and that committee came back and reported that everything was found to be as had been stated to the

people here. The meeting which listened to the report of the committee decided unanimously to "form an automobile company." A committee was named to solicit subscriptions for the stock in the proposed company. Forty-eight hours later the stock had been pledged. A tentative contract was made with Mr. Guy Hamilton, an expert automobile man of Detroit, to superintend the new concern. Mr. Hamilton went immediately to Detroit to secure machinery and parts for the new automobile and get active results along that line as speedily as possible under instructions from the special committee of the subscribing stockholders. A notice was sent out that the first payment of 20 per cent on the capital stock of \$100,000.00 would be due beginning on Monday of this week. The receipts were prepared and handed to each of the two city banks and the subscribers notified to pay at either bank and to assign their stock to either Mr. A. B. C. Comstock or Mr. F. A. Kramer for purposes of incorporation. By Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the time of bank closing, every subscriber had paid in his required amount with the exception of a single individual who had been called out of town and his payment was made the following morning. In fact at least three-quarters of the amount was paid in at the banks before Monday evening. Ten thousand dollars, more than this in fact, as some have already paid their second assessment, are now in the banks available for work in constructing the new plant and purchasing equipment and doing other work. The papers in the matter of incorporation have been prepared and as soon as certain formalities can be completed, probably by the middle of the coming week, the papers will be filed with the Secretary of State at Lansing. Now, isn't that interesting reading for the citizens of Gaylord and, in fact, is it not a remarkable bit of history for any place? Why have not the people of this community reason to feel proud over the matter as far as it has gone and why are they not entitled to be just a little more than usually exuberant and enthusiastic. They are certainly entitled to make a little more than ordinary disturbance and be immune from the molestation of the marshals. But, it might be well to suggest that there should not be too much expected as a matter of immediate results. The splendid energy which has characterized the action of the people in respect to this matter is a cause of greatest commendation, but it takes time to effect an organization of a large industry, to erect buildings to get the product tried out and placed before the purchasing public and to equip a plant in such a manner that there can be seen the development which it is fully believed will come out of this new venture. People must be content to await results and it is fully believed that the good results will be forthcoming as rapidly as possible for there is to be nothing left undone which will put the industry forward at as rapid a pace as possible. Mr. Hamilton arrived Thursday afternoon to assist in completing the organization. It is quite likely that on Tuesday evening of the coming week a meeting of the stockholders will be held for the purpose of selecting a Board of Directors and the directors will immediately meet following this and select a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Following this action the board of directors will immediately bestir itself concerning the matter of letting a contract for the new buildings to accommodate the automobile plant of the Gaylord Motor Car Company. Of course there is a deal of interest concerning the matter of the location of the new plant but this is a matter along with other details which it is impossible to state at this time because it will be a matter for the board of directors to decide. No delay, however, will come along this line. It might be stated that the suggestion has been made by Mr. Hamilton that the first buildings constructed be something along this line in order that the greatest speed possible may be had in the matter of getting to work in the plant. That the main building be erected on a basis of approximately 60x100 feet, one story high and that aside from this a paint shop and a boiler and engine room be erected. It has also been suggested that the buildings be constructed either of brick or concrete, but these are also matters which the board will decide.

The first car which is now being designed by Mr. Hamilton, will be built at some machine shop in Detroit in order that the car may be properly tried out in every particular by the time the buildings are in readiness here. As stated, in last week's publication, the car will be of an entirely new design and will have a wheel base of about 110 inches and will have probably 30 horse power. It will be a car which will find a ready sale, for it will be of a design for which there is a big demand in all parts of the country.

The formation of this company and the establishment of so important an industry in this village is looked upon as the initial step toward a new, a better Gaylord. The success of this industry certainly will mean the bringing of other industries to this place and the forging ahead of the village to become one of the leading commercial centers of the northern part of the state. It is certain that no town is better located, more healthful or more desirable as a residence place than is Gaylord. Its transportation facilities are now good but they promise to become much improved in the near future by the construction of the eastern division of the B. C. G. & A. road, work on which it is believed will be begun in the very near future. The surveyors placed the grade stakes through the village a couple of weeks ago and now the surveyors are working at a point about 5 miles east of this village. The construction equipment of the road has been busily engaged for several weeks at a point just outside of Boyne City where the grade is being made more uniform, and it is understood that as soon as this work is completed work will be begun on the extension east of this place. As an instance of the local sentiment in connection with the promise of the industrial development of this place we desire to state that a considerable number of extra copies of the Herald & Times were printed last week, but the great demand for them soon disposed of every spare copy we had. In order that everybody may have a copy or such copies as desired to send to their friends and to tell the good news to all, telling the whole story of the automobile proposition. It is not only good news at home but also good news abroad, and the people here who have so zealously worked for the success of this proposition, no matter how great or how small their labor has been, are deserving of the fullest commendation and the most hearty congratulation, and we desire to say that we take pleasure in most heartily congratulating them all.

During the last week the stock could have been doubly subscribed in the new concern. Many people outside of the place have been asking for blocks of the stock and some good sized premiums have been offered for stock even before its being issued. Traveling men, business and professional men from outside, have been continually asking for the stock, but there is not a dollar of it to be had. The local people took it all and believe they will hang to it. A story is going the rounds about a certain party who was in a lower state town from this section and who was talking about the new company being formed, was asked by the business man with whom he was talking if he had gotten hold of any of the stock. "No," was the reply. "You blankety blank fool," was the reply the business man is said to have made to the negative answer. This story is not told to reflect on anyone but simply to show that outsiders do not think that the people of Gaylord have made a serious mistake in taking hold of this proposition in the enthusiastic manner they have. The splendid "pull together" idea has certainly been most magnificently exemplified. Now that the wagon is going in the right direction don't let it get into any deep rut, but keep it on the good road where it can roll along without interruption. It's a good thing and brings good cheer to everybody.

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HONOR MEMORY OF SOLDIER DEAD

An Appropriate Observance of The Day is Being Arranged

The memory of those brave soldiers who fought on land and sea and who have laid down their arms, finished the strife of life and gone to join that great army which has crossed the dark river to an eternal rest, will be observed in an appropriate and fitting manner in this village. It has been arranged that the memorial service should be preached by the Rev. Charles Wolfe, pastor of the Baptist church, on Sunday morning, when the service will be of a union character. Special music has also been arranged for this occasion. The members of the Grand Army and the Women's Relief Corps are asked to meet at the church parlors prior to the morning service. The regular Memorial Day services will be held on Monday afternoon, the veterans relief corps and citizens meeting at the Court House square at 1 o'clock and as soon thereafter as possible the line will be formed headed by the Gaylord City Band, followed by the council, members of the Grand Army, the Women's Relief Corps, school children and civic societies, and under command of George Nicholl as march-officer of the day, will proceed to the cemetery where the customary exercises in connection with the decoration of the graves will be held, after which the column will proceed back to the village. At 2:30 o'clock, or as soon as the line returns from the cemetery, special memorial exercises will be held at the Congregational church at which time an appropriate address will be given by the Rev. T. G. Rich, pastor of that church. There will also be special music and the usual features customary to the due and appropriate observance of the occasion.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS

List of Letters remaining unclaimed for in Post Office Gaylord, Mich., May 23, '10: Boss, Mr. Edwin F. [2] Hagerty, Mr. Geo. [2] Kolditzski, Albert [2] McDonald, G. A. Scott, Mr. A. E. Smith, Pay P. [2] Persons calling for above please say advertised. F. M. Towle, P. M.

CITY TEAM BROKE EVEN LAST WEEK

Lost to Wolverine Thursday and Won From Waters Sunday

The City ball team dropped a ragged game to a combination from Wolverine and Indian Rivers Thursday. The game was loosely played and runs were simply done up in a nice little parcel and handed to Wolverine with a "you first, Gaston" stamp. The score:

Table with columns: WOLVERINE AB R H O A E, and rows for individual players like Roberts, L., and totals.

Table with columns: GAYLORD AB R H O A E, and rows for individual players like Blodgett, B., and totals.

Sunday it was all different. The new uniforms were here and the boys were so cheery and looked so much like really, truly ball players that they frightened up and walloped Waters. At first it looked as though Gaylord would have a walk-away when we scored four runs in the first inning, but Waters sprang a surprise and shut them out the other eight; and slipped over a couple of tallies in the eighth and ninth. It looks rather equally in the ninth with the bases crowded and only one down and a run needed to tie the two fast inlets plays retired the side. The score—

Table with columns: WATERS AB R H O A E, and rows for individual players like Humphrey, B., and totals.

Table with columns: GAYLORD AB R H O A E, and rows for individual players like Burlingame, B., and totals.

Two-base — Two, Williams; stolen bases—Hutchins [2], Nos, Mossman [2], Bull, Carpenter; bases on balls off nos 3, Williams 2; struck out by nos 8, by Williams 2. Umpire—Chakysanki.

BASE BALL NOTES

Manager Greenback has arranged a ball game for this Friday afternoon between the Gaylord team and the crack Indian River team. The game will be at Bucks Park. Another game has been arranged for Decoration day and will be played on the local grounds between the Gaylord team and the Cheboygan team. Game called at 3:00 p. m.

The Gaylord team have handsome new suits of gray trimmed with maroon, and present a very natty appearance. The boys certainly look well enough to play good ball, in fact, if they play as good as they look handsome, they'll get there Ely.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Esten Cooke, Wednesday evening, June 1st at 7:30 o'clock standard time.