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In Evansville, on the 20th inst. by Rev. J. Watts. Henry Pratt and Nancy B. Francisco, both of Brooklyn, Green County.

The Evansville Citizen, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 1866, Evansville Review

On Monday night of last week the store of D. H. Pratt was entered by burglars and several pieces of goods taken from the shelves and all the cash from the money drawer. The amount taken as far as can be ascertained is about fifty dollars. On the night previous a store was entered in Brodhead and goods stolen, also at Stoughton on the following night. Somebody is traveling in the business.

June 29, 1870, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

The place to buy your
DRY GOODS,
GROCERIES,
Ready made Clothing,
Crockery and Glass Ware, Stationery, Hats, Caps,
Boots, Shoes, and in fact, a general
assortment, is at
D. H. PRATT'S
THE
Cheapest
Store in town.
Eggs wanted for which the cash will be paid
Evansville, June 15, 1870.
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July 20, 1870, Evansville Review, p. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

PRATT & GRAY'S
is the place to buy your
DRY GOODS
GROCERIES,
Hats & Caps, Boots & Shoes
CROCKERY WARE,
READY-MADE CLOTHING
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We keep on hand always, a full stock of
General Merchandise,
which will be sold
As Cheap as the Cheapest
BUTTER & EGGS
taken in exchange for goods, or CASH will
be paid for eggs, if preferred.
Evansville, May 1, 1872.

July 21, 1875, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

BANK OF EVANSVILLE.
The following named persons are now
shareholders and directors of the Bank of
Evansville:
L. T. Pullen, J. C. Sharp,
D. M. Rowley, C. F. P. Pullen.
C. M. Smith, M. V. Pratt,
F. H. Treat.
The officers are: L. T. Pullen, Presi-
dent, M. V. Pratt, Vice President, J. C.
Sharp, Cashier.

September 19, 1877, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

OLD SETTLERS' STORIES

VOL II No. 7

Editor of the Badger

In response to the request of my friends, I will pen a few lines to let you know the trials and experiences we had in the long, tedious journey from New York state to Wisconsin Territory and in making our home in the west.

I, Susan Pratt, was born in Ellisburg, Jefferson Co., N. Y., November 22, 1822.

In 1844, my sister, Sarah Pratt and myself thought it best to go west to visit our sister, Jane E. Pratt Washburn, for she was lonely so far from home and needed some one to cheer her in her lonely hours.

Sister, Jane E. Pratt was married to Ira F. Washburn, October 8, 1840, and on the 15th she left her home to go to one her husband had provided for her in Janesville, Rock Co., Wisconsin Territory. On the 22nd of October they were ship-wrecked on Lake Huron, and lost everything but a few things they had in a trunk, so when they

got to their house it was a bare house and she could see nothing to commence with. Had they got home without this wreck they would have had plenty to begin housekeeping with. I will now leave sister Jane.

Sister Sarah and myself left our parents in Brownsville, Jefferson Co., N. Y. (for our father had left Ellisburg and moved to the place named), September 3rd, 1844. We started with a large number of friends, Peter Van Patten and family, Geo. Fall and family, Wm. W. Washburn and John Lee. We left Sackett's Harbor the evening of September 3rd, and arrived in Oswego the next morning, the passengers all pretty well shaken up. We had to stop for a few days to repair the boat, the Oneida. We left Oswego in the evening. After all were silent in their berths for the night, we were all startled when the signal said we were leaving for the far west and it seemed a long ways to leave parents and friends. I think it was eleven or twelve days before we arrived in Milwaukee and we were all very happy when we landed. We found the people very pleasant and they did the best they could to make it pleasant for us all. The hotel was so crowded they had to make beds on the floor. Two besteads were in the room we occupied and two extra beds on the floor. The candle was blown out before the gentlemen came in. They had to search rather hard before they knew which bed they were to occupy, for they were sent to one and then to the other, but at last they found their partner and then all was quiet for the night. The next morning one and another had to tell his hardships in finding his wife and children but all were happy, for they felt soon they all would be at their journeys end. All expressed a great desire to get home or the place they expected would be home. We were waiting patiently for Ira Washburn and Frederick Van Patten, who were to meet us, but as we were disappointed the best thing for us to do was to go with the team that was going to Janesville. Mr. Fall was to remain to see to our goods and be there to meet Mr. Washburn and Mr. Van Patten. We left Milwaukee as soon as they were already, I think about eight o'clock in the morning. The wagon was pretty full, for ten was the number that was in our company, with our baggage. John Lee remained with Mr. Fall, till Mr. Washburn and Mr. Van Patten arrived or till they could find them. We started with much anxiety, for we know we were going to a new country, and we hardly knew what might happen, still sister and I were cheerful, and anxious to get to our sisters. I cannot remember much about the first part of our journey or the surroundings, only that we thought the country beautiful, we could not see any woods for it was all prairie. The first place we stopped for refreshments was called "The Travelers Home". We got there about twelve o'clock and I think we made no other stop until late in the evening, when we stopped at this last tavern, they all seemed very nice and were anxious to have us well cared for, but so many had called there was but little left for hungry people. All they had to satisfy our hunger, was warm biscuit and milk, and they were anxious for fear of more coming. They had not much for them and but little for us. We stayed there that night and the next morning we started, for some did not find it comfortable to sleep and we knew we had to go where we could find something to eat. We did not have our breakfast till about ten o'clock, then the breakfast was good, very plain but plenty. From there my memory does not quite give me knowledge to say where we went or where we stopped. We must have stayed another night, for we got to Indian Ford where the teamster expected to cross with his team about noon. But the river was too high and we were quite disappointed for we were tired. If we stayed with the team we would have to ride twelve miles, but if we could cross it was only four miles to Mr. Van Patten's. He had been west, built him a house and returned to York state for his family, Sarah, Frederick, David and Hiram were in the home in Wisconsin that their father had built, waiting his return with the rest of the family. We were anxious to get to some place for rest for we were tired. I did not feel the journey as much as the others. Sister was in poor health though she was always busy, and the journey was too much for her. William Washburn had been sick before he left York state. Mr. and Mrs. VanPatten were not used to such tedious journeys and they had two children to care for. Mrs. Fall was always so cheerful. She had two children, they were good.

Well, we decided the shortest way would be the best. There was a boat, a canoe, so small that only two or three could ride in it at a time. William thought he would try it first and sister and I thought we too, would go across the Rock River and we took one of Mrs. Fall's children. When we got into the boat, one end was gone, and there was but one paddle to guide the little craft. We could not sit down, nor stand, so we rested ourselves by sitting on our feet, with one hand on one side of the boat, the other on the other side and we crossed very nicely. Then William went back and got Mr. VanPatten, Mrs. Fall, and the other child. He was tired out and did not want to cross again, so Mr. VanPatten went back after his wife and children. They came very nearly going

down for the swift current was almost too much for him still they got to shore. We were powerless for nothing could we find ot help him, but kind Providence had helping hand for which we were so thankful.

The next thing to do was to start on a four mile walk. No roads, all high grass and to add to our pleasant walk it began to rain. Soon it poured down, but there was no turning back, for the team had gone. The children could not walk so they had to be carried. When we had gone about three miles we saw a house someone had built since Mr. Van Patten had started East for his family. We all went in. There were two or three sick with the ague and fever. This many very kindly offered to take us the rest of the way and he yoked up his oxen and we all climbed into the cart. As we came in sight of Mr. Van Patten's, the Catfish creek was between us and the house and the creek was pretty high. The kind stranger said he would try to get us across and we crossed a few at a time. The water was up to our knees while we were on planks to raise us up. Sarah Van Patten was very much afraid for she thought we were Indians. Our wagon did not arrive until dark so we had to stand the inconvenience of wet cloths. The next morning a fresh supply of clothing was at our pleasure. Soon Ira and Frederick came, I think about nine o'clock in the morning. We soon started, expecting to see sister Jane about two o'clock. After awhile the team was rather tired so Ira thought we would stop to feed the team. A house was near so we went in and to Sister's surprise she knew the family. They had sent their children to school to her in the East. They wished her to teach their children as they had three to go to school and only eight in the district. They gave her two dollars a week, the school to commence the first of December. I was to teach the school in the Van Patten district for a dollar and half a week.

We arrived at sister Jane's about four in the afternoon, and we did not know her she had so changed. The house was rather small for such a family for they had to keep help, as it was haying time with them. The stock was large in number; they had sheep and a thousand came in after we had come. Wm. Washburn hired out to his brother for ten dollars a month by the year. The Territory of Wisconsin seemed very sad to Sister and me, but we thought when we got to teaching it would not be so lonely and the winter would soon pass. I was disappointed for the district wanted a man teacher. I had plenty to do, for sister Jane needed me, so I stayed with her. I bought nine sheep, working one week for a sheep.

The 27th, sister Sarah was taken in a fit at the home where she was teaching, Mr. Pearce's. I went up to take care of her and to teach if she was so that I could leave her. The family was so large and the house was so small, we felt she must be more quiet, so John Boyce sent one scholar a boy he had taken. His name was Roe. I was with Sister eight weeks, every one was so kind, had we been in our own home we could not have received better care for Sister. The winter was not so cold as we expected, still the wind was so severe, we felt the cold even more than we did in York State. There was no snow, nor did Rock River freeze over so they could cross with a team.

I went to a quilting one afternoon, and we had to cross the river. We went in a boat a part of the way and afoot on ice the rest of the way. It was at Mr. Inman's seven ladies were there, and in the evening the gentlemen came. There was twenty-one in the room down stairs.

After tea was cleared away, benches were brought in for seats. They all had a good time and about eleven o'clock went home. The guilt was up stairs and the way we had to go was on a ladder that went part of the way and we had to climb the rest. It was a little strange to go up in that way.

The spring was very nice and early. Sister and I were to teach the same schools, commencing in May. Mr. Van Patten came after us and we were in season to be inspected and begin the first of May. On Sunday I went to meeting in the house I was to teach in. The minister was a young man and for his text he had the word "New". He said "This is a new school house, perhaps you are to have a new teacher, look at this new country, every month new flowers". I thought his sermon was fitted for the time. Monday I went to teach and taught one week. I had but four scholars as every one wanted their children to work. There was no public money as all had been spent for winter teaching. So I did as they wished and gave up, for they felt too poor to pay to have a school as it would all come on one or two to pay.

I did not try to get another school for I was intending to go back to York State in the fall. I stayed with sister Jane, spun my wool into stocking yarn and sold it for seventy-five cents a pound.

In June Pa came to Wisconsin and thought of having the family move west and Sister and I thought it best to remain till we could see which way was the best for the family. Mother was ready to leave and come west if we thought it best.

Sarah had a chance to buy forty acres of land, four ready for working, and a small log house for one hundred dollars.

She thought it would be a home for Mother for she would be anxious to be near her own family, so she bought it and we paid for it and were living in it when Mother, Sister and Brother came. It was three miles from Fulton. The next winter I taught school ten miles northwest of Beloit. They had not had a school before and I had from fifty to sixty scholars, and taught six months. They wanted me another month but I had not been home but twice in seven months and sister Jane wanted me to come and stay with her. This was in 1846. It was the sickly season, not well ones enough to care for the sick. Ira took me to Mothers.

Sarah was teaching in the district where Ira lived. Mother felt sad to have me go back with Ira and Sarah so I stayed till Thursday and brother Collins took me back to Ira's. We went on the horse back. When we got there we found Sarah sick, also Ira, George and their little boy, so I found plenty to do.

I was there three weeks and two days and had to be taken home with a felon on my left hand. In a few days I was taken sick, they sent for a doctor but every one was busy and it was one week before we could get one. Dr. Evans with Dr. Warren came about two o'clock at night. They were so tired that when they were fixing the medicine they almost went to sleep. Pa said he dare not give it to me. They said they had slept but little for the past week only what they slept in their carriage, but not to fear for they knew what they were about. Everyone will remember that sickly season that lives to think about it.

I taught school the next summer in the district where Sarah taught the summer before. Sarah remained at home for the dread disease consumption had fastened its fatal grip upon her. Pa was at Ira Washburn's and was taken sick and lived but two weeks. He passed away September 15th, and Sarah September 22, 1847. The next winter I taught in one part of Mr. Webb's house near home.

Now I will tell you who I am. March 3rd, 1848, I was married to Wm. Washburn. We lived on a farm and had good crops, but it was hard to get anything for what one raised. My husband ran the first reaper in our part of the country, it was a McCormick reaper. That winter William took his grain that he had to Milwaukee and one load to Chicago. He was gone seven days and sold his wheat for fifty cents a bushel. All we could get for butter was seven cents a pound and store pay at that, In Janesville. But we lived and had plenty to eat, but our clothing was limited, for we did not get much money. Still we knew others were in the same way and it did not hurt our feelings very much, for we looked for better times, for the railroad was coming near. It had got as far as Belvidere I think. In 1852 or 1853 it was within one mile of our place, Afton. Then Afton was a large place, we have known eleven stages to come there to take passengers to Janesville. They could not carry all, and people had to open their doors and keep them, as there was no hotel in Afton at the time.

This must close my story.

Mrs. W. W. Washburn, Morgan Park, Illinois.

The Badger, November 30, 1895, Evansville, Wisconsin

Village Election.

We went to press a little too early last week to publish the result of our annual charter election, although it carries no very important significance yet we desire to publish it as an item of incident rather than accident.

For President—M. V. Pratt.

Trustees—D. B. Huckins, W. W. Garfield, Byron Campbell, Lewis Spencer.

Clerk—James H. Hoskins.

Treasurer—Reuben Winston.

Supervisor—M. V. Pratt.

Justice of the Peace—D. M. Rowley.

Constable—H. W. Smith.

The vote was the lightest we have had polled for a number of years. But little opposition was made—none with the expectation of defeating the caucus nominations.

We mentioned last week that we probably had a pro billiard license board this year; but this is not the case by reference to the men elected.

We knew that Mr. Pratt loves a game of billiards, and foreshadowed the result accordingly. In justice to Mr. Pratt, while he loves a quiet game of billiards he is an avowed temperance man, and will do more perhaps to suppress the insolence that is too apt to be the accompaniment of the billiard room than some who have been elected President solely on that issue.

The only officer of any importance (besides the Supervisor) is the Street Commissioner. This is an office of some profit, and should be an elective one instead of appointment. The Board will have an eye to this, and select the best man, regardless of applications or interferences. This is right, and will command the good judgment of the ones we have chosen to control our destinies (municipal) for the next twelve months.

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Execution Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of and under seal of the Circuit Court for Rock County, on the 25th day of November, A. D., 1879, against James Baxter and in favor of M. V. Pratt, I have this day levied upon the following described piece of land lying in the town of Magnolia, in said County, as the property of the said James Baxter, to wit.: The south half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the south-east quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the south-west quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of Section nine (9), Town No. three (3), Range ten (10) East, and will sell all the right title and interest of the said James Baxter in and to the said land, to the highest bidder, at public vendue, on Thursday, the fifteenth day of January, A. D., 1880, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, on the front steps of the Bank of Evansville, in the Village of Evansville, in said County.

Dated, November, 29th, 1879.

J. J. COMSTOCK, Sheriff.
J. M. BALLARD, Deputy. 32t6

STATE OF WISCONSIN

January 7, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

A telegram received by his brother here Wednesday, last, that D. H. Pratt, who for a number of years has resided in Denver, had just died. Mrs. Pratt died of consumption in Denver some years ago, and there her remains have since been. A reply to the telegram was "bury him by the side of his wife." Mr. Pratt was well and favorably known here, and it caused a thrill of sadness when the telgraph brought the news of his sudden death. Particulars will be received by mail.

July 14, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. M. V. Pratt left Monday night for Denver, to take charge of the effects of his brother, the late D. H. Pratt. He will be absent about a couple of weeks.

July 14, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

The following particulars of the death of D. H. Pratt have been received: "He left Denver about a month before his death in his usual health upon a trip to the mountains. While in the mountains he had a severe attack of rheumatism and went to Cottonwood Springs to try the baths, and during the four days he was there he bathed three times, and afterwards said the baths cured him. When returning to Denver he took the train at a physician who rode a distance with him, who told him the trouble was rheumatism of the heart, but expressed the opinion that if he would take the medicine regularly and had good care, after reaching Denver, he would recover. He seemed better for sometime after the physician left him; then he seemed to lose faith in the medicine and declined to take any more. He soon seemed to be failing and twelve miles before reaching Denver he closed his eyes and soon quietly passed away.

July 21, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Assembly Nomination.

It will be seen by the proceedings of the convention published elsewhere, that Mr. M. V. Pratt was put in nomination for member of Assembly. Mr. Pratt has been a resident of Evansville for ten years, having moved hither from Spring Prairie, Walworth county in Sept. 1870, and engaged at once in the mercantile business, (a pursuit of long practice in this State and Massachusetts.) Closing up his affairs in that line, he went into the egg trade, making heavy shipments to Philadelphia and eastward, wherever the trade demanded. He is a man of few words, and seldom engages in controversy upon any subject unless first attacked, and then he is able to give "evidence of the hope that is within him,"—clearly and forcibly, if he must.

He is shrewd in business affairs, and careful in his own council. His success is well marked by his surroundings. He has served upon the County board, and at the present time is President of the village corporation. If he is elected he will make a first class member, and represent his constituency rather than M. V. Pratt.

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October 13, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 2, col. 1, Evansville,

MATRIMONIAL.

GILLEY-PRATT.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, in Cooksville on the evening of Jan. 16th. 1884, Miss Nellie, daughter of Wm. and Ann Pratt, and Mr. Edward Gilley, of Cambria, Minn., were united in marriage, Rev. A. A. Drown officiating. The congratulations were exceedingly hearty. The relatives of each party feeling a mutual delight in their friend's happy choice. The gifts were remarkably substantial, as well as numerous. In contrast with much that glitters on such occasions, it was pleasant to think of the utility to a young bride of a hundred gold dollars for instance. There is a general feeling of regret that Cooksville is to lose one of her choicest young ladies.

Janesville Daily Gazette, January 23, 1884, p. 4, col. 3, Janesville, Wisconsin

MARRIED -- At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, in Cooksville, on the evening of January 15th 1884, Miss Nellie daughter of Wm. and Anna Pratt, and Edward Gilley, of Cambria, Minn., were united in marriage. Rev. A. A. Drown, officiating. The congratulations were exceedingly hearty. The relatives of each party feeling a mutual delight in the friend's happy occasion. The gifts were not only numerous but substantial. It was pleasant to notice for instance, the utility, to a young bride, of a hundred gold dollars, as contrasted with many presents that glitter on such occasions.

January 25, 1884, Evansville Review, p. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

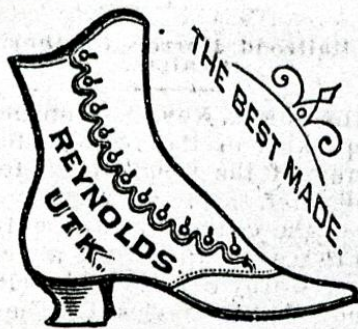
Hon. M. V. Pratt was elected treasurer of the school board at the meeting last Monday evening, in place of R. F. Woodbury, whose term expired.

July 14, 1885, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

The happiest man in Cooksville is Joseph Mayo. His niece and adopted daughter Nellie Gilley, nee Pratt, has arrived from Minnesota, and will spend the winter here. She was accompanied by another daughter-in-law of George Gilley's who now visits Wisconsin for the first time.

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Cooksville news, Evansville, Wisconsin



**WHY are REYNOLDS BROS.'
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**SOUTH SIDE MAIN STREET,
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November 3, 1886, The Enterprise, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

COOKSVILLE.

Since I wrote you last, Miss Minnie Allen of Stoughton has been the guest of Belle Rice for several days.

Mrs. Nellie Gilley and her infant son are spending the week at Joseph Mayo's. Mrs. Gilley is talking of returning to her home in Minnesota before very long.

February 11, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

We understand that Mr. C. A. Pratt formerly of this place, intends going into the boot and shoe business at Colorado Springs, Col. Mr. Pratt lived in Evansville a number of years and was at the time connected with that branch of business, and consequently knows just about what he is doing. When Mr. Pratt went west Evansville lost a good citizen and the neighborhood an excellent family. We bespeak for him success, for he has every qualification in business probity and moral integrity to acquire it. He is a fair dealer and a man that the community can rely on in all his social and business relation, and we can cheerfully recommend him to the business people of Colorado Springs.

March 11, 1890, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Edith Pratt was greeted with pleasure by her parents and many friends at the depot upon her arrival on the 1:48 train.

January 27, 1893, The Enterprise, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

The pleasant rooms of the W. C. T. U. were well filled last Monday evening, it being occasion of a reception given for Mrs. E. E. Pratt, who is soon to change her place of residence from this place to Ashland, Oregon.

During the evening a beautiful album, containing pictures of many of the members and a silver cake basket were brought in. With a few well chosen words, Mrs. V. H. Campbell presented these to Mrs. Pratt in behalf of the Union, as a small token of their love, and appreciation of her untiring labor for so many years in their society.

Mrs. Pratt returned her heartiest thanks, and hoped that the work might prosper in this place, especially that among the children, which she regarded as the most important of their many lines of work.

After singing "God be With you Till We Meet Again," the company dispersed, leaving many good wishes for the health and happiness of Mrs. Pratt and family in their new home.

October 3, 1893, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

A Good Family Has Left Us.

M. V. Pratt and family left for their future home in Ashland, Oregon Monday night, by the St. Paul limited. Every one regretted this complete exodus of an excellent family, although it was known a year ago, that such would be the case, yet strove to keep the thought away in dread of the farewell hour, when they must say adieu to all.

Mr. Pratt has been a leading spirit in political affairs, having served a term in the Wisconsin legislature, faithful and well, always championing the principles and policies of the Republican party. Mr. Pratt never swerved from his convictions of duty and his utterances were those from a heart sincerely fraught with the right.

Mrs. Pratt is a woman of Christian integrity, firm to the conviction of right, and unswerving in her devotion to temperance work in caring for children. She is a woman who no place likes to part with, and she carries with herself and daughter the highest regards of all.

Letter from Oregon.

ASHLAND, Ore., Oct. 20, 1893.

Wonder if any of our Evansville friends would like to know how Pratt's folks like their new home. Our impressions are very favorable, but everyone will understand that at this time it is simply impressions as we have been here only five days. A year hence I can give you something more than impressions.

Having left St. Paul at 3:15 P. M. we saw but little of Minnesota; at the next morning we were in North Dakota and I must say that the Western part of that state and the Eastern part of Montana is the most barren looking country I ever saw, a succession of gullies and sand hills, further on in Montana and Washington we passed through some fine country, but as our train wound up a river valley and through a tunnel 1,000 feet or more below the summit of a mountain peak, and down another river valley, I could not help questioning whether the Northern Pacific railway would ever have been built if nature had not paved its way by furnishing the river valleys. In due time we reached Puyallop Junction where our train divided, a part of it, with Edith on board, going to Seattle, thirty miles away, and the balance going on to Portland where we arrived in due time, feel-

river valleys. In due time we reached Puyallop Junction where our train divided, a part of it, with Edith on board, going to Seattle, thirty miles away, and the balance going on to Portland where we arrived in due time, feeling much better than when we left Evansville; also in due time we reached this place.

It is a place of about 2,500 inhabitants near the head of Rogue river valley, twenty miles from the California line and about sixty miles from the Pacific ocean and about 1,900 feet above it. The valley here is from three to five miles wide and the soil is as black and rich looking as that on Jug prairie; what more can we ask for.

To a Wisconsin man our surroundings in the distance look a little as though the earth is turned up on edge at an angle of about 45 degrees; yet that is all right to one whose boyhood was spent in New England, and very strongly reminds us of our early homes and consequently gives us a homelike feeling.

To make a story short, which is already too long, we like it here thus far very much. The weather is about like the finest Oct. weather that you ever get and I am assured we often get similar weather here in February while Evansvillians may be shivering with the thermometer thirty degrees below zero. The most of the people I have met come here from Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota, many of them for their health, without a single exception such men assure me they are much better than when they left their former homes and that nothing could induce them to return. This is a great peach raising country, most of the orchards have been set out within five years and of course are just getting into good bearing condition, judging from the acreage of orchards it would almost seem as though we may be able to supply the world five years hence. We also have plenty of very fine apples.

The city has an abundant supply of the softest kind of water brought from the region of perpetual snow in the mountains twelve miles away. This is furnished to residences at the extremely low price of 75c a month.

Yours Truly,

HON. M. V. PRATT

October 27, 1893, The

moral conditions of long life.”
Whitewater Register:—Hon. M. V. Pratt, formerly of this county, but of late years a resident of Evansville, has removed to Ashland, Oregon, on account of ill-health. Mr. Pratt is a man of ability and character, whose good influence will always be felt in any community where he may locate.

October 27, 1893, The Enterprise, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Sad News

DIED: At Colorado Springs, January 13, 1895, Mr. Clifford Pratt, of consumption.

This intelligence was received in Evansville on Thursday last from Miss Edith Pratt of Ashland, Oregon.

Mr. Clifford Pratt was for some time one of our prominent business men and his death will be a great shock to his associates. Some years ago he went west to live hoping that climate might prove beneficial to his wife; but they had not been absent so very long before the news of her death came back.

Mr. Pratt leaves four children.

January 26, 1895, The Badger, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Married: At the residence of the bride's parents in the town of Rutland, January 1, '96, by Rev. T. F. Murphy of Hartland. Miss Grace Speer and Wm. Pratt of Porter. The young couple will occupy the Copley place the coming season.

January 14, 1896, p. 1, col. 2, The Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

Cooksville news

Mr. and Mrs. Will Pratt are rejoicing over the arrival of a boy, Friday, March 12, 1897.

March 19, 1897, The Enterprise, p. 4, col., 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Pratt were Janesville visitors, Tuesday. We are informed that they anticipate making that city their future home, which will be very much regretted by their Evansville friends, who would much rather have them remain here.

April 2, 1897, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Hon. M. V. Pratt

Hon. M. V. Pratt died suddenly at his home in Riverview Park, Janesville, on Friday morning, April 8, 1898, of heart failure. he was fitting a small flower garden at the side of his house about 9 o'clock, when he tottered, sank to his knees, then fell full length and a noble life left this world almost instantly.

Martin V. Pratt was born at Easton, Mass., on the 10th day of November 1828, graduated from the Bridgewater, Mass., Normal school in the class of 1846, after which he engaged in teaching for a number of years. In 1858 he engaged in the boot and shoe business at Dunkirk, N. Y., but after a year spent in the Empire state returned to

Massachusetts, engaging in the manufacture of boots and shoes. In the fall of 1861 he came west and located in Bureau county, Ill., where he engaged in merchandising for a year when he came to Wisconsin, settling in Spring Prairie, Walworth Co., where he followed the same line of business. For nine years he remained a resident of Spring Prairie when he removed to this city and engaged in merchandising for a number of years with his brother Daniel and A. C. Gray, but at length disposed of his stock and engaged in the cold storage business, dealing principally in eggs.

For several years he served as a member of the school committee at Easton, Mass.; was treasurer of the town of Spring Prairie; was chairman of the board of supervisors; filled the office of president of the village board of this place before it was incorporated, as long as he would accept of it; was a member of the board of Supervisors of this county for three years; served nine years as a member of our public school board; served as Assemblyman in our state legislature from this place for two terms. Since the organization of the republican party he has been one of its most ardent advocates and earnest workers. Was president of the Evansville Pub. Ass'n, which first established this paper, and a more honest, upright person in all his dealings, we never met nor ever expect to meet.

Health failing him about three years ago, he moved to the Pacific coast where he engaged in business, but returned to this city in 1897, and soon moved to Janesville where he again engaged in the cold storage of eggs, in which business he continued up to his death.

In the year 1869, while residing in Spring Prairie, he was married to Miss Evaline E. Holmes, a native of Charlestown, Mass., and one daughter, Edith was born to them, who survive as good a husband and father as ever lived; they have the deepest heartfelt sympathy of this entire community, where the high respect and love for them is only equalled by their departed loved one. Truly his life was a busy, faithful one, as few equal and none can excel.

The funeral was held under the auspices of the Masonic lodge in the Congregational church in this city at 2 o'clock, p. m. on Monday, April 11, 1898; Rev. R. C. Denison, of Janesville, delivered the sermon, assisted by Rev. W. M. Short resident pastor, and all that was mortal of that noble man found a last resting place in our Evansville cemetery, where we are all proud to have him even in death, as we were always proud of him as a citizen.

April 15, 1898, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Obituary

Died: Friday morning, April 8, at his home in Janesville, Mr. M. V. Pratt, of heart failure, aged 69 years.

When the news of Mr. Pratt's death reached his old friends here last Friday all were greatly shocked for from day to day as they had visited Janesville he had been seen and was apparently in good health.

While working in his flower garden he suddenly fell to the ground and never regained consciousness.

Strange to say at that very moment his life-long friend and partner, A. C. Gray, accompanied by his little daughter walked into the yard.

The funeral was held from the Congregational church here last Monday afternoon, Rev. R. C. Dennison of Janesville officiating assisted by Rev. W. M. Short.

For many years Mr. Pratt and family resided on Madison street in the house now occupied by Mr. J. W. Christmas.

Some years since, his health failing him, he sold his home and moved to the Pacific Coast and spent two years.

Upon his return to Wisconsin he located in Janesville where he has since lived.

Mr. Pratt was a well known resident of Evansville being for many years associated in mercantile business with A. C. Gray.

The deceased was a gentleman who commanded the respect and confidence of his associates.

For several years he was a member of the school committee at Easton, Mass., his native home, he was treasurer of the town of Spring Prairie where he resided when in business in Walworth county; he was president of the Evansville village board for several years; was a member of our school board for about ten years, and represented this district in our state Republican party of which he has been a member since its organization, his hearty support.

In all cases he showed himself to be mindful of his responsibilities.

The deceased leaves a wife and one daughter, Miss Edith.

April 16, 1898, The Badger, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. M. V. Pratt and daughter Edith arrived from Janesville Thursday, and will make this city their home, residing in the Van Patten residence on First St. Their many Evansville friends extend a hearty welcome.

May 20, 1898, The Enterprise, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. M. V. Pratt and daughter Edith arrived from Janesville Thursday and will make this city their home, residing in the Van Patten residence on First St.. Their many Evansville friends extend a hearty welcome.

May 20, 1898, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

MARRIED

At the bride's home on First St., this city, Tuesday evening, June 7, 1898 at 8:30 o'clock by Rev. W. M. Short, Miss Edith M. Pratt and Dr. Fred E. Colony.

Both parties to this union of hearts as well as hands have practically grown up in this city, their virtues and value in society are too well known for comment or praise. Miss Edith is the only daughter of Hon. M. V. Pratt and wife, and a better, more honest and faithful and true wife no man could have, as all of her past life stands in evidence. Dr. Colony is what may well be termed a self-made man, having been left without parents at an early age, with the kind assistance of a few friends worked himself through college, graduated from the Rush Medical College of Chicago with high honors and now enjoys a fine practice in this city in company with Dr. J. M. Evans, as well as the confidence of a large circle of friends.

On account of the late bereavement in the family, the wedding was a very quiet affair, none but immediate relatives being present. The couple have the most hearty congratulations of all with the hope that their married life may be one of pleasure and prosperity throughout void of all clouds in the future.

June 10, 1898, The Enterprise, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin



Edith Pratt Colony

The many friends of Mrs. Hendrickson nee Winnie Pratt, will be grieved to learn of her sad and untimely death which occurred at Colorado Springs May 9. The deceased lived with her parents in this city several years and was a favorite with all. A year and a half ago she was married to Mr. Hendrickson of Colorado Springs. After several months of intense suffering she died of brights disease. Mrs. Hendrickson was a niece of the late Hon. M. V. Pratt.

May 27, 1899, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. M. V. Pratt was called to Boston, Mass., Friday on account of the death of her mother. Her grandson, Martin Colony, accompanied her.

January 23, 1906, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

WELL KNOWN EVANSVILLE WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Pratt Dies in Madison Hospital Following Long Illness

Mrs. Pratt died about two o'clock Friday morning in the general hospital, in Madison, where she had been for about ten and one-half weeks. For several months before going to Madison she has been failing and in very poor health. During the last month of her sickness she suffered considerably, but at all times was most patient and cheerful, following out the habits of a life time. Her death removes from the city one who had been of help to many, both in her own city, and in other parts of the world.

Her maiden name was Evaline E. Holmes. She was born in North Anson, Maine, April 24, 1841. On March 31, 1869, she was united in marriage to Martin V. Pratt at the home of her parents in Hyde Park, near Boston, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt at once came to Wisconsin and located at Spring Prairie, near Elkhorn, where Mr. Pratt had been previously and established a mercantile business. In 1871 they moved to Evansville and Mr. Pratt opened a store in a building on the site where the Eager block now stands, on Main Street. In 1893, the family moved to Oregon, where they resided for two years, followed by a six months residence of Los Angeles, Cal., then returning to Evansville. Mr. Pratt died in April 1898.

Mrs. Pratt leaves one daughter, Mrs. F. E. Colony of this city with whom she has made her home, and one sister, Mrs. Louise B. Gray, of Wellesley, Mass.

She had been a member of the Congregational church and of the Woman's Missionary society ever since she first moved to this city. In both she had taken an active interest, especially in the work of the young people, and for that reason it was especially fitting that the treble clef choir girls should sing at the funeral. She was a charter member of the local branch of the W.T.C.U.

The funeral was held in the Congregational church Sunday afternoon and was conducted by the pastor, Mr. D. Quincy Grabill. The church was filled with the many friends of this good woman. The interment was in the family lots in Maple Hill cemetery.

November 26, 1914, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Caryl Carpenter Becomes the Bride of Alden Pratt at Home Wedding

The marriage of Miss Caryl Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carpenter, to Alden Pratt, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Pratt, was solemnized at 8 p.m. Saturday in the home of the bride's parents, 269 East Main Street, the bride groom's father performing the ceremony.

The bride wore a gown of tan georgette and carried a bouquet of roses and sweet peas. Miss Halwys Pratt, Madison, was matron of honor and wore a gown of blue crepe. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Halwys Pratt.

Following the ceremony a two-course luncheon was served to the guests. The bridal couple left on a short wedding trip and will later make their home in Madison, where Mr. Pratt is employed as manager of the radio department in the store of the Richter Piano company.

The bride was graduated from the Evansville high school with the class of 1926. The bridegroom was graduated from the Mt. Carroll high school and later attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison. The newly weds have a large circle of friends in this city who wish them a most happy and prosperous married life.

February 28, 1929, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

EVANSVILLE COUPLE ✓ MARRIED THURSDAY

Miss Dorothy Mae Hartin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartin, 455 South Madison street, became the bride of Leslie George Pratt, this city, at a ceremony performed at 3:30 p. m. last Thursday in the Lutheran parsonage, Janesville, by the Rev. E. L. Larson.

They were unattended. The bride's parents and the groom's father attended the ceremony. The bride attended the Evansville public schools. The groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pratt, Beloit, is employed here.

May 7, 1931, Evansville Review

Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Pratt Receive Word of Death of Son From Government

The deceased is survived by his parents, a sister, Mrs. Harry Stoll, Milwaukee, and three brothers, Halwys, Madison; Alden, Kaukauna, and First Lt. Stuart Pratt now stationed in the Southwest Pacific.

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Mr. Pratt and the former Bertha Babler were married June 1, 1929. Mrs. Pratt is the daughter of the late Albert and Mrs. Anna Babler, Evansville. They have one daughter, Mrs. Robert Witt, Janesville, and three grandchildren. The Pratts formerly lived in Magnolia and now make their home on Lake Kashkonong near Ft. Atkinson. Mrs. Pratt is employed by Sears Robuck & Co., Whitewater, and Mr. Pratt is in construction work.

June 4, 1964, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin