

YOUNTSVILLE & WAVELAND HISTORY

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The Tattler proposes to give a few ideas concerning Ripley township, and to do so will commence at Yountsville and progress southwestward. —In 1842 Dan. and Allen Yount built a carding machine and fulling mill on Spring Creek. From this humble commencement has grown up one of the largest and most popular woolen mills in the State.

—In 1853 Dan. Yount built a large three story frame building, put in six hundred spindles and fourteen looms, and commenced the manufacture of cloths, flannels, blankets, Ac., on a large scale. His business steadily increased, till in 1803 he found it necessary to dam Sugar Creek and erect a substantial brick building, 50 by 90 feet, three stories high, which is filled full of machinery, and last year he built still another brick, 84 by 32 feet, also three stories. These buildings are covered with slate, and put up to last for centuries. Mr. Yount makes over five hundred yards of cloth daily. His annual purchases of wool amount to half a million pounds, and his annual sales of goods foot up near \$200,000. Within a stone's throw of Yount's factory is the fine flouring mill of A. J. Snyder, finished last year at a cost of \$20,000. Jack is one of those shrewd business men who turn everything they touch into gold. His mill can turn out a hundred barrels of flour per day, and his farms yield him thirty-three bushels of wheat per acre. In a whisper: Jack's politics are bad he is an awful Democrat.)

—Two miles below Yountsville is one of the most remarkable mill streams in the State. Bursting out on the farm of D. H. Gilkey are a series of springs, which form a never-failing stream of sufficient size to turn an overshot wheel. What is remarkable, this stream has in less than half a mile sufficient fall for three tip-top mill sites. These sites were all improved many years ago by Dan and Squier Gilkey, first by a carding machine, now owned by Mr. Julian, having a wheel eighteen feet in diameter second by a saw mill, having a twenty-two foot wheel, and third by the first good merchant mill built in the county, with a wheel twenty-four feet in diameter. The saw mill is now owned by Snyder & Smith, and the flouring mill by Deiwert & Son. These mills run the year round, and can operate when the mills on Sugar Creek fail for want of water.

—On Sugar Creek we have three good merchant mills, John A. Clark owning the first, Grimes, Hybarger & Learning the second, and Deer & Canine the third so that in a distance of four miles from where these lines are being written there are five first class merchant mills, capable of

grinding 200,000 bushels of wheat yearly. They all pay the Crawfordsville prices for wheat. At some other time we will continue this here, and tell of our soil, crops, roads, schools, etc. The New School Presbyterians had a big meeting at Alamo an Friday, Saturday and Sunday last. The Tattler did not go, because, he had no clothes good enough. (There, don't print that—it sounds green.) But in good, sober earnest, dear reader, don't you suppose there are hundreds kept away from church for the same reason? And do not many others wear more costly clothing than they can afford, merely because they do not wish to appear odd and unfashionable? Do not Christians and wealthy persons owe a duty to society in this regard? Dress less expensively if you wish the poor to attend divine service.

—The Tattler has a very vivid recollection of riding round and round on a horse in the broiling sunshine, treading out wheat on a "dirt floor," twenty-five years ago. How dizzy he got—how his head did ache! Then and now! How the world has moved! Then twenty-five bushels for a man and boy and four horses was a good day's work. Now Frank Humphrey sets his steam thresher on your farm and hulls you out from four to seven hundred bushels in a day. —The political cauldron has not come to a boil here yet. Is it "boil" or "bile?" If 'tis hile, the See-mores have, for they are very bilious. —Meredeth Rountree has sold the old Stover farm to Dan. Smith for \$(,000. —Tell Sim Williams that. Polly Ann is a man. after all. So Mrs. W. need not fret. —Still dry down here. Tell the Cincinnati Gazette man, who says there is the best prospect for corn since I, that the Tattler thinks he yarns.

TOM TATTLER WAVELAND 1 said 1 would write you an "occasional" from here, so 1 thought at the time, but what shall it be? I make no pretensions to the wit and wisdom of Mr. I'. W., or the sarcasm of the gentleman from Bristle Ridge.

—To say that the wheat crop in this neighborhood is good, say .11 bushels average, and Miat the corn would be very short for want of rain, all sounds trite, from, repetition. —I might describe our little village, as some of your correspondents have done theirs, that is, tell you that we have three dry goods stores, two grocery stores, one drug store, one tin store, five doctors, one dentist, one lawyer and a large number of as good mechanics as 1 IK west can produce, for are not Waveland wagons A. No. 1 that we have "nary" doggerly, very much to the disgust of some citizens of your city, and what's better, never intend to have, that we have one oft.be best schools in the country, and that, with some dozen exceptions, everybody "belongs to church." The Presbyterians have a good brick church, the Methodists have begun the work for a line brick, to be completed next year, and the Christians have a neat little frame. Grimes keeps the "big hotel," and the livery stable, but, now that I have told all this who will be interested

thereby?

—The Township Institute held their Convention at the Presbyterian church two weeks ago, winding up with a big pie ?ie. whereat "your humble" ate a very large dinner. The Convention was well attended by all denominations, and everything passed on 'harmoniously, and we hope will be followed by good results.

—We have but little disturbance from politics as those nuisances, politicians, have so far left us entirely alone, but we expect the quiet will be followed by a storm in the political elements whenever the campaign fully sets in. So far we have not had a political speech this season. But an ? this time. X. Y