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OVER \$100,000
IN BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN WAUPACA IN 1884

THE FREIGHT EXHIBIT
IT IS A GOOD POINTER

GOOD PROSECTS AHEAD

The REPUBLICAN has been looking over the exhibit of the building and improvements made in Waupaca during the past year and everything goes to show that the prediction made two years ago, that the tendency and course of the business men in this city was upward and onward and steady and sure advance, the watchword. The fire fiend swept away, the first month of the new year, the brick roller mill of Messrs. Baldwin & Oborn involving a heavy loss and breaking up the firm, but through the channels of circumstances and business enterprise two new firms grew out of it. Lord Brothers sold out to Baldwin & Bailey and they immediately took steps to change the old Star Mills into a complete Roller Mill at the cost of several thousand dollars. Fred Guldager in the meantime added other rolls to his mill at Crystal River two miles south of the city and with what flour was supplied from Amherst and other outside points, while the repairs were going on, Waupaca managed to have plenty of the staff of life. Messrs R. N. Roberts and Sam Oborn formed a co-partnership bought Williams & Foster's Feed Mill the saw mill property and the water power below, and commenced about the first of April, to build a new roller mill which was in complete running order about the 1st of Sept. The mill has a capacity of 125 barrels daily and cost \$30,000. And with the spur tracks laid from the Central's main line to our mills, gives Waupaca excellent shipping facilities for an export trade. These mills have given farmers a good home market for grain, much better than if buyers had bought on purpose to ship. The Waupaca Woolen Mills have also been the scene of much life and activity during the entire year. We read of mills shutting down in the east, and awhile Mr. J. W. Evans' mill in not the largest in the country, it has been busy and turned out good work as an increase of orders testify and it is only a question of a short time when Mr. E. will enlarge the capacity of his mills. This will be another incentive to our home wool growers. Mr. Evans has a nice power below his mil to donate to a Cotton Factory. Who will start the ball rolling for THAT enterprise in Waupaca? Two or three railroad companies have their eye on Waupaca. We hope the Business Men's Association will help push the manufacturing boom, so those R'y Corporations will make Waupaca a railroad center. Stranger things than that have happened in this country, and when the reaction comes and a revival of business takes place we look forward to still better and grander things for this city. The wagon and carriage manufacturing business has been steadily growing in Waupaca and the three firms engaged, Messrs Knight and Nelson, Jens Hansen, and P. A. House have all done well, and what is better turned out excellent work. A. M. and P. Hansen and Jens Hansen have made lots of breaking plows. John Rosche (foundryman) has also had a fair trade on his own Waupaca "Chilled Plow", C. Johnson has turned out plenty of excellent

leather at his tanner, W. H. Noyes the cooper has made scores of pork barrels at his shop. The harness makers, the blacksmith, the shoemakers, the tailors, the baker, the butchers, in fact all the industries we have, can not complain. The Tradesmen have all done fairly well and there was not a failure in this city in 1884. There have been from five to eight produce buyers on the streets the past year and the shipments in the aggregate amount to a nice sum. The same can be said of buyers and shippers of livestock. Mr. J. McCarthy being the "heaviest" man in that line. The dairy business has commenced to show pretty well in this part of the county. The Lind and Waupaca cheese finding a ready market, at paying figures. A great deal is sold right in this city. The Waupaca Brick yard has boomed and promises to boom still more the coming year. Waupaca as a summer resort is getting a name and fame, and lately the "Shealtiel" Mineral Springs of Dr. Calkins is getting an enviable reputation. A letter in another column from Buffalo N.Y. shows what is thought of it there. It will sell, that is certain, and the next best thing is, it is a Waupaca Institution, owned by a Waupaca man. And the water is the best that runs in Mother Earth. Dr. Calkins expended nearly a thousand dollars last year in improvements at his springs and the coming season he will put in bottling works and machinery for seltzerizing the water. Already the Dr. is assured a big trade. A year ago the REPUBLICAN under the head of "would like to see" said: "Another railroad"; "a lecture course"; "a good brass band"; "a business man's association"; "a good system of water works"; "a few more good tenant houses"; "a higher license tacked onto the business of selling liquor"; "a public park"; "a little more push in the way of advertising". It is gratifying to know that many of those wants were satisfied before the year closed. Waupaca has the "good brass band", "the business men's association", occupying a beautiful suite of rooms in Roberts' new block. The "license" was doubled last spring. There has been an increase of residence building, and while our city has commenced to wake up to the needs of a better fire protection by purchasing a steamer. Many are of the opinion that the "water works" will yet have a come to make a perfect system. As to a "public park" a committee has been appointed looking toward securing land bordering the lakes in the city for park purposes. There has been a judicious application of the "license money" upon the streets. Commissioner Hanson has turn-piked, clayed and hard graveled several miles of the principal streets of the city. The work has been done wisely, and well. The new cemetery has also been surveyed and platted, and a good deal of hard work done to make it presentable and acceptable for the last resting place of the loved ones. No one begrudges the money spent in beautifying this silent and sacred spot overlooking the placid waters of Shadow Lake. While there is considerable of the cry of "hard times" in many places, and some even in this section have commenced to pinch the dimes, there seems to be a prospect in the near future of a reaction. With a sound currency system which we enjoy it will be but a short time before confidence will be restored and prosperous times be the rule everywhere. In the spring Mr. Geo. L. Lord will complete his new brick stores upon the foundations already commenced on Main Street, and there has been some talk of an opera house block in the near future. Caleb Shearer will build a nice residence on a lot purchased of Mr. Warren on State Street just south of the Warren house. He has already commenced to get stone and lumber on the ground. Queen Anne Eastlake will be the style of the architecture. The planing mill men predict full as much building the coming season as last in this section. We doubt though, if the footing will show as much in this city. There is strong talk of a removal of the state agricultural college from the

University. If that is done we hope it may be located in Waupaca. It will be well for our people to look after it any how. Below we give the estimated amount of building and improvements in this city the past year. It is doubtful is another place in the state of 2,000 inhabitants can make as good a showing.

INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES

Roberts and Oborn; new roller mill and other improvements	\$30,000
Wis. Central Spur track to same	3,000
Baldwin & Bailey; change of mill into complete roller system, etc	6,000
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Fred Guldager Crystal River mill; in suburb of Waupaca; change to the roller system	3,000
J. W. Evans; repairs on woolen mill	100
Page Knight; new brick wagon shop	1,700
Hambleton & Shearer; additions to planing mill and new machinery	1,500
Nelson Bros; improvements and new machinery	700
A. M. Hansen; additions to shop	300
J. Rosche; new machinery in foundry and plow works	400
A. Arnold; ice house at brewery	200
Dr. Geo. Calkins; new buildings at his "Shealtiel" Mineral Springs	550
Jeffers & Penney; improvements and egg vats	200
Total	\$51,250

NEW BLOCKS, ETC.

R. N. Robert's Block	\$ 2,000
Lars Peterson; new brick block store	3,000
O. A. Olson; new brick store	3,000
Nels Jensen; new brick store nearly completed	2,500
Danes Home; repairs and improvements	200
Masonic Hall; est painting frescoing and refurnishing	1,500
Business Men's Association Rooms	1,500
School Building; new furnace, etc.	1,500
Lytle's Livery Barn; add	200
F. B. Vosburg; Vosburg House and barn additions and improvements	5,000
S. F. DeVoin; Hotel additions and improvements	1,500
Wis. Central House	100
Total	22,000

NEW RESIDENCES, BARNS, ETC.

A.G. Nelson; new residence	2,000
New barn	250
S. Cornwell; new house	800
J. H. Woodnorth; remodeling and repairs residence	1,200
Robert Peterson; new residence	600
Dr. Austin; improvements	1,000
C. Larson; new residence (sold)	600
Mrs. N. McArthur; add	400
W. J. Chamberlain; add	400
F. W. Spencer; new residence	800

C. Shearer, house on Union Street	650
Orin Hall's improvements	1,000
Dilldine; new house	450
P. Davis; new house	750
S. R. Sherwin; addition	250
J. J. Demarest; new residence	500
Lars Larson; improvements	150
Wm Cartwright; new residence	800
Fred Specht; new residence	475
Ed Selleck; new barn, etc.	175
Fred Adnerson	475
Mrs. Hoffmire; repairs	125
Mrs. N. Larson; new house	300
Ole Hermanson; repairing	100
Frank Stout; addition etc.	200
Rant Tuttle; addition	175
Mead Estate; on buildings	300
J. D. Koontz; addition	100
Darrow Bros; 2 houses	350
H. Witney; new residence	350
D. Varns; residence under construction est.	1,200
Frank Vantassel; do	1,300
Geo. Hanson; new brick residence	1,500
H. C. Beadleston; new brick residence	1,200
Lars Peterson; improvements on residence	500
James Nichlauson; new house	500
P. A. House, addition	75
S. Jensen; improvements	200
L. D. Bogne; residence	350
C. Peterson; new house	475
V. W. Ferry; new house	200
Mrs. J. Jardine; new residence	1,275
Ed Raymond; residence building	200
R. H. Bowman	150
Jas. Waldo;	150
W. C. Lord; repairs, etc.	75
Mrs. Chesley; repairs, etc.	75
H. Nordvi; barn addition	150
Louis Larson; new residence	475
Total	26,535
TOTAL FOR THE YEAR	109,785
Total 1883 about	60,000

FREIGHT SHIPMENTS OF 1884

Through the courtesy of M. F. Skinner the agent of the Central at this place we were permitted to glean the following facts for the consideration of our readers. We think the showing a good one. The exports for the past here months are more than double that of the same months a year ago.

FORWARDED:

	Pounds	Charges
January	2,389,641	\$3,568.31
February	2,760,917	4,871.94
March	2,707,848	4,504.35
April	1,326,245	1,996.99
May	619,874	958.53
June	302,860	496.41
July	1,148,032	743.78
August	635,777	830.72
September	1,790,998	2,086.59
October	3,706,248	6,050.88
November	2,986,840	5,328.06
December	4,021,882	7,257.24
 Total	 24,310,262	 38,715.78

RECEIVED:

	Pounds	Charges
January	608,289	1,506.66
February	141,419	614.07
March	1,019,236	1,689.35
April	1,317,321	2,213.49
May	1,309,219	2,113.78
June	1,110,499	1,883.33
July	1,814,915	1,897.70
August	890,943	1,688.06
September	1,057,842	1,871.47
October	1,670,998	2,400.15
November	580,508	1,260.80
December	927,547	1,440.38
 Total	 12,538,715	 20,120.38