

Immigration—Oshkosh.

The Milwaukee *Sentinel* says that a large number of immigrants from Germany are, or soon will be, on their way to this country, and that many of them will come directly to Wisconsin. We are glad to hear it, and we hope some of them will find their way to the western side of lake Winnebago. And in this connection, we wish to put in a word for Oshkosh.

We know it is usual to look upon the commendation of any particular locality, by its own newspapers, as a matter of course, and that very many grains of allowance are to be made in all such cases. And we know, too, that especially has exaggeration been charged upon the rising cities and towns of the West, in their attempts to set forth their own local advantages.

But yet we have something to say, and we rather blame ourselves for not having said it before, than for saying it now.

And first of our climate, which is a matter of prime importance, and always to be considered by the new comer. It is not mere indiscriminate laudation to say that there is probably no healthier location in the world than Winnebago County. The sanitary statistics of the country collected a few years ago by order of Congress, showed the fact that Wisconsin was the healthiest (except perhaps Vermont) of all the States of the Union. As compared with some States, not considered by their own inhabitants as unhealthy, the facts stated in the Report referred to, are somewhat startling. Take Massachusetts, for instance. The deaths in that State are reported as one in fifty-four per annum, while in Wisconsin the deaths were only one in one hundred and four. And this report as to Massachusetts corresponds almost exactly with a Report made about the same time by their own State authorities. The difference is certainly very great, and scarcely credible except on such good authority as we have cited. New York (State) and Pennsylvania are healthier than Massachusetts, but not nearly so much so as Wisconsin. And we believe that the average of health in Winnebago county is higher than in the State of Wisconsin, at large. There is here an exemption, almost entire, from fever and ague, and from the neuralgic affections which prevail in some other localities in the State, in a greater or less degree. Wisconsin, undoubtedly is much more free from the ague and intermitant fever than any other Western State, except Minnesota. But yet, in some corners of it they do make their appearance. Here we have almost none of it, unless the cases be brought here from other places. And the same may be said of the diseases of the respiratory organs. Diseases of a pulmonary and bronchial character are certainly very rare. In fact the air of Wisconsin generally is getting to be famous for its favorable effect upon the lungs and the breathing apparatus generally. What cases are to be found are almost invariably such as originated elsewhere.

Next to the matter of the climate is that of the soil. But we must put off till next week what we have to say on that and kindred matters.