

- Nov. 8. Shelden P. Mayhew and Rosa Dickenson, by E. Ransom, Jr.
 " 7. John L. Addis and Margaret R. Coleman, by H. Tiffany, M. G.
 " 10. Royal Lafferty and Sarah Jane Atherton, by E. Ransom, M. G.
 " 15. Henry B. Perry and Rebecca C. Dewey, by R. C. Dunn, M. G.
 " 29. Daniel J. Walker and Stella D. Rhodes, by L. Dow Gowan, M. G.
 Dec. 5. Patrick O'Donnell and Honora Shea, by Father Kilkenny, C. P.
 " 3. Jasper N. Kitterman and Philinda Mix, by I. W. Searle, J. P.
 " 16. John L. Kennedy and Amanda Shaw, by J. Cavitt, M. G.
 " 12. Rowland T. Lake and Jennie E. Hurd, by Horace Tiffany, M. G.
 " 18. Lewis E. Morton and Charlotte J. Christopher, by H. Tiffany.
 " 24. Simeon C. Chamberlain and Sarah Jane Cress, H. R. Halsey.
 " 27. Thomas A. Foster and Nancy Bangs, by Alvin Abbott, M. G.
 " 29. Wm. Nicholas and Mary M. Colwell, by R. C. Dunn, M. G.

What a fund of history there is in this plain record of the beginnings of many families whose lives are linked with the progress of this county. Fortunately for the county, the lessons inculcated of temperance and virtue bore fruit, and in almost every instance carried with them happiness and prosperity.

CHAPTER V.

PIONEER ASSOCIATIONS AND REMINISCENCES.



It seems as if there were something in partial isolation of mankind that develops the kindlier feelings of the human soul, enlarges its better impulses, and recreates mankind into more nearly the image of the true man. And this is true even of these men, some of whom led wild lives, and this was but the excrescent growth of the circumstances in which they were placed, and in no way affected the manliness of character which developed itself. It seems, indeed, as if it were a wise provision of nature that the opening of new countries should be attended with a renewal of the simpler life of man, and thus introduce new blood into the world of civilization. Few today can understand the feelings which animated the pioneer men and sustained them under every difficulty. Fewer still are they who comprehend the feelings of the pioneer women as they contemplated their surroundings and looked into the future, the horizon of which was darkened by discouragement and gloom. And yet they faltered not, but sustained their husbands by a trust in the outlook that was constant, and bore an abundant harvest. As wives, they were the most agreeable of companions; as friends, the most faithful and affectionate; as mothers, gentle as children ever had the misfortune to lose, who corrected the most pernicious of evils by the most tender management. Prudent from affection, though most

liberal of nature, they practiced economy from the love they bore their husbands, and at critical periods, preserved order in affairs from the care of which those husbands were relieved; she reclaimed her choice from despair, urged his indolence to exertion, and constantly admonished him to industry, integrity and manhood. The early settlers of Stark were naturally temperate and religious, and to them is due in greater measure, the enviable place which the county holds today in moral and physical, as well as financial strength.

The Stark County Mutual Protection Society, organized August 12, 1848, to oppose the operations of horse-thieves and gamblers, may be credited as being the initial association of pioneers, which led to the formation of many, if not all, of the secret and benevolent, agricultural and religious associations of the county in after years. The first meeting was held in the court house at Toulon. Myrtle G. Brace was temporary President; Hugh Rhodes, Secretary, and Wheeler B. Sweet, Organizing Secretary. Precinct committees were appointed as follows: *Toulon*—William Ogle, O. Whitaker and George Buchanan. *Massillon*—Edward Trickle, Thomas S. Clark and Allen Greenlee. *La Fayette*—Jacob Emery, William Pratt and M. Atherton. *Wyoming*—Capt. Butler, James Holgate and Joseph Newton. *Osceola*—William Dodd, John Lyle and Walter Fuller. Constitution and by-laws were reported. At this juncture Dr. Chamberlain moved the adoption of a resolution favoring an anti-gambling society in conjunction with the anti-horse-thief organization. The report was amended so as to cover this resolution, and the constitution adopted and signed. The original members were: Conrad Emery, George A. Worley, Henry Butler, Thomas Hall, Minott Silliman, Joseph Emery, Lewis Perry, Elijah McClenahan, E. Trickle, M. Chamberlain, T. S. Clark, William Bowin, David Emery, Henderson Truman, J. Emery, Jesse Emery, John Dodd, I. Ackley, J. Richty, John Pollok, Peter E. Pratt, M. Atherton, William M. Pratt, Joseph Atherton, Hiram S. Albright, Joseph Cox, Henry Brice, O. Whitaker, Joseph Newton, Lemuel Dorrance, W. H. Butler, John Pryor, Thomas Lyle, A. R. Butler, William Ogle, W. T. Fuller, Andrew Ilroy, W. M. Rose, Jacob Sumner, George Sumner, George Sheets, Hugh Rhodes, W. B. Sweet, J. W. Henderson, J. H. Barnett, H. White, Henry T. Ives, Nathan Snare, W. E. Elston, Joseph R. Newton, Philip Munson, Thomas J. Henderson, William O. Sment, John Turnbull, Brady Fowler, Walter Fuller, Jacob Holgate, M. G. Brace, Isaac Thomas, S. G. Wright, William Hall, Samuel G. Butler, Samuel Thomas, Ira Ward, William Moore, William Lyle, A. W. Harod, Matthias Sturm, Henry Sturm, Joseph Blanchard, Christian Gingrich and Thomas Dugan.

The revival of the anti-horse-thief organization was attempted August 10, 1860, and on the 24th, resolutions were adopted, asking the supervisors to consider the subject. General Henderson delivered an historical address before a meeting of old settlers in 1865, but there is no account whatever of the meeting being duly organized. A meeting of old settlers was held at Toulon, January 2, 1866, for the purpose of organizing a society. Dr. Thomas Hall presided, with Oliver White as Secretary. A committee was appointed to take a