

AGRICULTURE.

Otto ranks with the best agricultural towns of the county. Among the principal crops produced by its farmers are hay, oats, corn, potatoes, and fruit,—especially apples. But the predominating industry is grazing, and the production of butter and cheese. The former is chiefly made in families, the latter almost entirely in factories. Of these there are seven, which receive and manufacture the milk of about 2250 cows, producing yearly nearly 1,000,000 pounds of cheese. These factories are as follows:

Col. C. A. Ross has three factories, north from Waverly about six miles, near "Forty." About 1000 cows are in connection with these factories, and about 8000 cheeses are annually made.

Myron Barker, two miles northwest from Waverly, has a factory that uses the milk of about 300 cows, and about 2500 cheeses are made yearly.

The Tallman is located six miles due north from Waverly; the milk from 250 cows is used, and about 2800 cheeses are made annually.

The American Association Factory is located at Waverly, and uses the milk from 300 cows. 2500 cheeses are manufactured yearly.

Fred. H. Yerke, near Scott's Corners, has a factory that uses the milk from about 400 cows, from which about 3000 cheeses are made annually.

The agricultural statistics for 1835, together with the manufactures, school districts, teachers' wages, public money, etc., are given below:

Acres	42,139	County tax.....	\$660.52
" improved.....	7,252	Town tax.....	\$451.25
Assessed value of real estate	\$91,803	Grist-mills.....	3
Assessed value of personal estate.....	\$3,843	Saw-mills.....	6
Cattle.....	2,267	Falling-mill.....	1
Horses.....	296	Carding-machine.....	1
Sheep.....	3,087	Asheries.....	1
Swine.....	1,705	Tanneries.....	2
Fulled cloth, yds.....	2,632	Number of school dist's.	11
Woolen " unfulled, yds.	3,456	Public money expended.	\$163
Cottons, linen, etc., yds..	3,679	Teachers' wages and public money.....	\$259
		Number of scholars.....	507

Comparative statement of the agricultural statistics of 1855 and 1875, as taken from the census, are given below:

1855.	
Acres of improved land.....	11,049
" unimproved land.....	10,272
" meadow land, producing 2540 tons of hay..	2,985
" oats, producing 20,219 bushels.....	825
" corn, " 16,573 "	512
" potatoes " 6,686 "	87
Bushels apples.....	9,186
Pounds maple-sugar.....	10,312
" honey.....	3,070
Cows.....	1,229
Pounds butter.....	77,823
" cheese.....	208,476

1875.	
Acres of improved land.....	13,541
" unimproved land.....	5,395
" meadow land, producing 4,496 tons of hay.	3,650
" corn, " 10,844 bushels	251
" oats, " 29,044 "	1,047
" potatoes, " 10,859 "	89
Apple-trees, producing 22,137 bushels of apples	9,796
Pounds maple-sugar.....	3,012
Cows.....	2,181
Pounds butter made in families.....	63,280
" cheese " "	10,190

The population of the town of Otto is given for comparison, from the census returns of the following years:

1825, 601; 1830, 1224; 1835, 1731; 1840, 2133; 1845, 1110; 1850, 2267; 1855, 1094; 1865, 1006; 1875, 1089.

Waverly, in 1855, contained 277 inhabitants; in 1865, 344.

SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION AND WAR OF 1812, who are buried in the town of Otto.

John Boutwell was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and died Sept. 12, 1847, aged eighty-five years.

Benjamin Austin, soldier of the war of 1812; died April 14, 1852, aged eighty-seven years.

William Bull, soldier of the war of 1812; died Nov. 12, 1863, aged eighty-two years.

Humphrey Ingraham, soldier of the war of 1812; died Sept. 13, 1870, aged seventy-two years.

John Morris, soldier of the war of 1812; died Oct. 1, 1852, aged seventy-eight years and six months.

Joseph Satterlee, soldier of the war of 1812; died Dec. 15, 1863, aged seventy-four years and four months.

Jonathan Boon, soldier of the war of 1812; died in 1837, aged seventy years.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

HON. S. V. POOL, M.D.

This gentleman was born in Springville, Erie Co., N. Y., March 14, 1837, his father, Elmedoras Chase Pool, being a physician of forty years' practice.

Simeon received not only a common school, but an academic education. After leaving the Springville Academy, he commenced the study of his chosen profession in the spring of 1858, attending the first course of lectures at the Buffalo Medical College, from which institution he graduated with honors, in 1866. He subsequently (1872) attended lectures at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He practiced medicine in Colden, Erie Co., until his removal to Otto, in the fall of 1867, at which place he has continued his profession, having made for himself a large practice, which engrosses the most of his time and attention.

Dr. Pool has been a member of the Cattaraugus County Medical Society since first coming into the county, and one of the medical censors for most of the time. The duties of the censors are arduous, they having to examine every candidate for a license to practice medicine "who shall have complied with the requisitions of the laws of the State of New York," and if found qualified, to give a certificate to that effect.

In 1865 he married Miss Esther Maria Allen, daughter of Constant B. Allen, of Otto. His family consists of two children,—a son and a daughter.

Dr. Pool is a patriotic man, and very few have suffered more for his country than he. He entered the Union army in 1862, as 1st lieutenant, in the 154th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. He was promoted in 1863 to a captaincy, and served until the close of the war not only with

an honorable record, but having experienced a most eventful one. Participating in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, in the latter engagement he was taken prisoner, and endured the tortures of Libby and other Southern prison-pens for twenty months. While confined in the rebel prison at Charlotte, N. C., he effected his escape, Feb. 17, 1865, by running the guard, in attempting which many others had been shot. For four weeks he was a fugitive within the enemy's lines, skulking wearily along unfrequented paths by night, and hiding in the woods and marshes during the day; wandering over to him unknown roads, crossing and re-crossing the Blue Ridge Mountains several times, only to find himself as far from liberty as before, and receiving his nourishment chiefly at the hands of friendly negroes and sympathizing "crackers." After a walk of four hundred miles, on the 16th of March he found himself, to his unbounded joy, in the vicinity of a Union camp, and entered the Federal lines at French Broad River, eighty miles above Knoxville. During his journey, before reaching the mountains, he came to the Catawba River in the night time, to cross which he stripped off his clothes and tied them on the back of his head, expecting to have to swim, but the water was too shallow, and he waded across. Upon reaching the Union army, he went immediately to Washington and reported for duty.

Politically, Dr. Pool has always been a Republican. He has served as supervisor of Otto for three years, and in the fall of 1877 was elected to the State Legislature, assemblyman for the Second District of this county, by a handsome majority over Charles E. Gallagher, the Democratic candidate. In the State Legislature he served as a member of the committee on public health, and as chairman of the committee on Indian affairs. He was re-elected in 1878. Although bred to the profession of medicine, he has shown marked ability as a legislator, and were he ambitious of political honors, could have almost any office at the gift of his fellow-townsmen, so greatly esteemed is he in his town and vicinity. But he prefers the duties of his profession.

Dr. Pool is deservedly popular wherever known, whether in the sick-room or in legislative halls. He possesses the necessary qualifications of the successful physician,—knowledge, geniality of disposition, and firmness, blended with compassionate kindness.

ORSON COCHRAN

was born in Springville, Erie Co., N. Y., Jan. 26, 1815, and was the oldest son and the fourth child in a family of four girls and five boys. The second son, I. G. Cochran, was born Feb. 5, 1817, and was sent to Persia, in Asia, by the Presbyterian Missionary Society, in 1847, and died there in 1870; the third son is living on the old homestead at Springville; the fourth son, A. G. Cochran, is living in Great Valley, Cattaraugus Co.; the fifth son and youngest child was principal of the State Normal School at Albany, N. Y., for a number of years, and is now President of the Polytechnic Institute at Brooklyn, N. Y. Orson Cochran, being the oldest son, was kept at home to work on the farm and wait on travelers. He was sent to a common school, summer and winter terms, until eleven

years of age, then three months in the winter until fourteen. He subsequently attended the Springville Academy three terms, and taught school three winters. He commenced surveying land and roads in the spring of 1831, and did all of the surveying of roads in the town of Ashford, Cattaraugus Co., for several years. In 1833 he ran the first road up the Thatcher Brook from Gowanda to



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Dayton Summit, and surveyed several farms there; it was then almost a wilderness. He was married to Adaline A. Angle, Dec. 15, 1836, who was born at Glen Falls, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1817; she was the daughter of William Angle, of Amsterdam, Holland, and Margaret (Sullivan) Angle. In 1837 they commenced keeping house three miles west of Springville; cleared up fifteen acres of wild land, sold out in 1839, and moved into Otto in April, 1840. He was elected justice of the peace in 1850, to fill a vacancy, and has served seven full terms since. He was elected town superintendent of common schools in 1853, and served until the office was abolished.

His family consisted of six children,—Samuel D., born Nov. 4, 1838, graduated at the State Normal School in 1860, and taught school five years as principal of a high school in Mamaroneck, Westchester Co., N. Y.; died Sept. 4, 1865. Catharine H., born Dec. 26, 1840; married L. R. Newman, Feb. 5, 1862; died Oct. 26, 1865. William H., born Jan. 25, 1843; enlisted, in September, 1861, in the Ellsworth Regiment for three years; wounded at Fredericksburg by a ball through the foot. As soon as able, he was put into the commissary department as clerk, and remained in the war office until 1866. He then resigned his post and went to Grand Rapids, Wis., where he is now the cashier of the First National Bank of that place. Joseph Wilbur, born April 8, 1845; enlisted in the army in 1863, and served until the close of the Rebellion; studied law for a profession, and is now a practicing attorney in Grand Rapids, Wis. Emma F., born Aug. 12, 1852; married, Jan. 22, 1873, to George C. Dewey; resides in Otto, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. Anna F., born Oct. 21, 1855; mar-



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