

The immense Pineries at the source of these rivers are convenient to their various falls—taken into account with the scarcity of timber in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri—afford us treasures inexhaustible. They are at present demanded by these States. Most of these rivers empty into the Mississippi, and are navigable for rafts, whilst not a few are accessible at certain seasons to boats of large size.

On the south-west, the country abounds in Lead, which is extensively worked; on the north, the Copper mines have challenged the interests of Eastern capitalists. These mines give employment to labor, and offer a home market for immense agricultural products, as well as foster manufacturing on a most extensive scale. With all these, we have a system of railroads traversing the State, and reaching the most desirable points above mentioned—and without this advantage, many of these sources of wealth would be lost. Her natural scenery equals any State of the Union.

We have stated facts, and from them what are our most reasonable deductions? Is not her course in accordance with her motto, "Forward?" In 1840, Wisconsin had 30,000 inhabitants; in '50, 305,000; in '55, 552,000. In population she has out-stripped all the Western States, no one having increased ten fold in ten years. In five years she has nearly doubled her population, having increased 247,000; whilst Illinois, a growing and rapidly increasing State, has added but 30 per centum to her population.

The territory of Wisconsin is larger than either New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio or Indiana. The last, by the last census, had a population of 1,000,000, the next before, 2,000,000, the second, 3,000,000, and the first, in round numbers, 4,000,000. Wisconsin has a richer soil than New York, and more acres susceptible of cultivation than New York or Pennsylvania. The S. E. counties of Wisconsin are the only settled portions of the State, whilst the north and north-west are comparatively a wilderness. Taking the population of New York as 4,000,000 for our data of calculation, and taking into account that she has a larger proportion of sterile