

gave a name to the river, significant of the event—*Le-mo-wee**—*the river of memory*.

It takes its rise from extensive swamps and marshes near the dividing ridge in Monroe county, and has a tributary called the Little Lemonwier, which unites with the main branch eight miles north-west of this point. For many miles on the head waters of the main river, the land is heavily timbered with white and Norway pines, which have afforded a constant supply, since the earliest settlement of the valley, of immense quantities of this valuable timber, and which will no doubt continue during the present generation. The river is a very durable, permanent stream, at all times affording an abundant supply of water for the several privileges now erected, or that may yet be established. The whole valley is also abundantly supplied with hard timber, white and black oak, for fencing, fire-wood, &c., and no better lands for stock and grain farms can be found in the Great West, ranging at from five to thirty dollars per acre.

* *Le-mo-wee* may be very good Indian, for aught we know, and if this tradition deserves, as it would seem, our confidence, we presume the French phrase, *La memoire*—memory—is intended. On page 178, of the 2d Vol. of the Society's Collections, Judge Lockwood gives the orthography, probably from the customary pronunciation, *Manois*; and in the Stambaugh treaty with the Menomonees, of February, 1831, the same stream is spoken of as the "*Monoy or Lemonwier*."—See 2d Vol. Society's Collections, p. 435.

In turning to some MS. notes of conversations with my venerable friend, Col. John Shaw, of Marquette county, I find, he states it as his opinion, that the word Lemonwier is derived from the Indian word *le-min-wah*—*the place where the deer run*, in their running or sexual season.

Gen. W. R. Smith, the President of our Historical Society, remarked in conversation, that he had long been curious and anxious to learn the derivation and meaning of Lemonwier, but had not succeeded. It is a singular, rather pretty and euphonious name of a fine stream and rich valley of our State, and we hope its origin and meaning may yet be definitely determined.

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