

health, I present Mr. Harrison Ludington, Dr. Weeks, Wm. Brown, Byron Kilbourn, and Geo. H. Walker.*

The commercial prosperity of Milwaukee for the past, is largely to be attributed to the economy, industry, skill and enterprise of its inhabitants. Our people have been a prudent and economical people, throughout our entire history. Our leading and wealthy citizens have set most commendable examples of plainness of dress, manners, and the establishment of gayety, fashion, foppery, and snobbishness has been utterly eschewed by them as a class. Convenience and comfort have been the leading ideas in residences and grounds, and substantiality in stores and public buildings.

Who Built Milwaukee

I said that our people had been an industrious, a hard working people. Who have drawn from the quarries, the bowels of the earth, and from the forest, the huge mass of material that have built the thousands of our dwellings, stores, shops, and public buildings?

Who has leveled these massive hills and filled up the valleys and made the hundreds of miles of streets and sidewalks, but the noble army of mechanics and laborers who constitute so large and invaluable a portion of our population?

I said that our people were a skillful people. I apprehend that few among you, gentlemen, realize or know the extent of our manufactures. Other cities have congregated their workmen into great establishments, which attract the public eye and attention. Our manufacturers are scattered. To a great extent they are the owners of their own houses and shops. This is peculiarly true of our German fellow-citizens, and how great are the number of these, and how varied are their productions? They are scattered in every part of the city. Wagons, carriages, clothing, boots and shoes, cabinet work, and a great

*The weight of the smallest of these gentlemen is, say 220 lbs., and the largest, Col. Walker, 350 lbs.—E. D. H.