

but the supply giving out, American printed books were adopted. The desire for education is universal; and, as a whole, the people of New Glarus compare favorably in learning with other rural sections of the country.

The political partialities of the people are largely with the Democratic party, two-thirds usually voting that way; and it is another instance of the conservatism of these Swiss settlers that they have adhered, through all changes, to the political creed they first embraced when they settled here. For a man to change his political belief is quite as rare as to change his religion. Among the younger generation, the leaning is toward the Republican party; but members of both parties have almost unanimously supported at the polls, deserving persons who were well known to them, without regard to party affiliations.

Politicians are few; politics being a subject not so much discussed as among Americans. Elections are always conducted quietly, with but little of the jobbing and pettifogging usual at some places. J. J. Tschudy was the first Swiss elected to a county office in Green County. He served as recorder, then register, and afterward served four terms as county clerk. Matthias Marty was county clerk while Mr. Tschudy was register. John Luchsinger has, for the fourth time, been elected to represent the north district of Green County in the legislature, and was the first person of Swiss birth sent to the legislature from Green County, and has served longer than any other representative from that county.

No lawyers have ever found any encouragement to locate in the settlement. The few cases where their aid has been required were managed by the Monroe attorneys. There has been little need of the profession, as the people are too busy and economical to think of litigation.

Mr. Tschudy was the first to render assistance to the sick, having some knowledge of medicine, and being provided with a stock of medicines from his father, an experienced physician in Old Glarus. Rev. Mr. Streissguth afterwards administered medical aid to the settlers. A person by the name of Bonjour, a French-Swiss, dispensed drugs; but, in 1853, he was displaced by Dr.