

who are thinking of emigrating, especially miners, smelters, forest laborers, coal-burners, and builders, to go to the lead regions, where labor is scarce and wages are excellent.

In this way, the advantages of various regions of Wisconsin were brought to the notice of Germans. It is impossible to estimate the influence of these works, but the advantages they emphasize were those which the Germans were in search of: namely, good lands, within their means, and the conditions most favorable to health and liberty. It is plain, then, that the features of Wisconsin most attractive to them were: the climate well suited to Germans, the good soil, finely-wooded lands at low prices, and the good markets both with the east and south; while the constitution offered them a chance for political influence.

Wisconsin in favor in 1848.

Many Germans who came about 1848 confirm the statement that Wisconsin was favorably known at that time. Ziegler declares that he came with great preference for Wisconsin, which was receiving especial notice in Europe.¹ "In New York," says Charles L. Encking,² "every hotel-keeper and railroad agent, every one who was approached for advice, directed men to Wisconsin." Mr. Wettstein also states that from all sides he heard the most undivided agreement, and men who were acquainted with the historical development of the United States and had sharply watched its growth, gave with one accord the new state of Wisconsin the most advantageous outlook.³ In St. Louis, Rev. H. A. Winter,⁴ of that city, heard repeatedly of Wisconsin's healthful climate, and decided to come here.

¹ "Wie überhaupt nach den Vereinigten Staaten, so war von dem alternen Deutschland aus mein Blick mit besonderer Vorliebe nach dem Paradiese des gelobten Landes Amerika, dem in jugendlicher Frische und Schönheit erblühenden Wisconsin gerichtet."—*Ziegler*, pt. i., p. 199.

² A citizen of Fond du Lac, with whom I had a conversation regarding this matter.

³ *Wettstein*, p. 133.

⁴ Now a citizen of Madison. He has materially assisted me in reference to authorities.