

No lawyer has ever located in the settlement. The Swiss have a horror of litigation, and it is only when all other means fail that one resorts to courts of justice. The few cases in which the aid of a lawyer has been required were managed by attorneys from Monroe. With a people so industrious and economical, there can be little or no litigation. Possibly this characteristic may have been imparted in some degree to the other citizens of Green county, for true it is that in proportion to the population and wealth there are less days of court and fewer lawyers there than in any other like county in the state.

In a less degree this may be said of the physicians. The plain, simple habits of living, and regular exercise, combine with the healthful climate and pure water to keep the people healthy above the average.<sup>1</sup>

In 1861, when the civil war broke out, the Swiss in New Glarus and vicinity furnished their full proportion of volunteers, ninety-eight boys in blue, who did not dishonor the memory of their brave sires who fought the battles of Swiss independence in the fatherland.

In 1887, the Illinois Central railway projected and built a railway from Freeport, via Monroe, to Madison, the line running within three miles of New Glarus. Efforts were made to obtain a branch of this road to run to the village, but no definite promise could be obtained from the company. Pending the negotiations, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, whose territory had been invaded by the new road, sent its agents to New Glarus with a definite proposition to build a road from its terminus at Albany. With business-like promptness, the New Glarus people seized this opportunity to connect themselves with

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<sup>1</sup> J. J. Tschudy was the first to render assistance to the sick, he having some knowledge of medicine and a small stock of medicine when he came over. Rev. Mr. Streissguth afterwards supplied medical aid to the colonists; and later Bonjour, a French Swiss, dispensed drugs. In 1853 Dr. S. Blumer, a good physician from Glarus, arrived, and remained until 1866, when he removed to Iowa. His son, J. J. Blumer, M. D., has been located in New Glarus for twenty years, and is justly considered an excellent physician.