

road will soon be finished to Hagerstown, giving it a quick connection with Baltimore on the east, and supplying much needed facilities to a large part of the county.

It will be seen from the above that Hagerstown will soon be the point from which will diverge three Railroads, all going, by most direct routes, to the great centres of commerce of the Union, all passing through very fertile and highly cultivated sections of this county.

In turnpike roads this county is better provided than any other in the State. Some of its far-sighted and enterprising citizens having, a few years since, inaugurated a system which not only has given the county most admirable roads where they were most needed, but also has resulted in bringing from their tolls, large revenues into the county treasury. An example that could, and should be followed in every county in the State.

This county has very extensive water-power on the Potomac and its tributaries in almost every neighborhood. This has been improved to a large extent with flour mills and other manufactories. The brands of flour from this county have always borne a high character.

The price of land varies from twenty to two hundred dollars per acre, and when all of its advantages are considered, these rates are very far below those fixed on similar lands in Northern and Western States.

The dwelling-houses, and farm buildings are well constructed by the generality of farmers, and agricultural enterprise is quite a characteristic of the people—judicious economy with kindness and generosity are strongly marked in the practice of the people of the county of Washington.

In each of the three last named counties there exists the numerous descendants of those who emigrated from Germany, and were the first settlers of this part of the State.

All of the solid virtues which characterize the German people wherever found, are well developed in this class of the inhabitants of the counties of Carroll, Frederick and Washington.

The Fatherland on the Rhine has no cause but for exultation in the character of her children on the Potomac.