

One brickyard was on the eight-acre farm owned by W. Blackman where the Nahum Parker house was built in 1849. Benjamin Hoxie and his bride, Ellen Woodbury, daughter of the local merchant used some of the beautiful bricks in their home on Webster Street. Here, three daughters were born and the house was the scene of many activities of both young and old. Benjamin was a versatile man interested in horticulture, forestry, bee raising, cheesemaking and advanced farming methods, as well as being an expert carpenter and cabinet maker.

Page 71, Choice See in the Wilderness by Lillian Russell Porter. (A history of Cooksville Wisconsin and the Porter family.)



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B. S. Hoxie, postmaster at Cooksville, Rock County, has resigned and Mr. C. H. Woodbury succeeds him.  
November 14, 1866, Evansville Citizen, Evansville, Wisconsin

ACCIDENT.—We are informed by Dr. Smith, the attending Surgeon, that B. S. Hoxie, Esq., of Coopersville, and Mr. Cyrus Bates, of Porter, received severe injuries on Monday last, by falling from a staging upon which they were at work building a School house. The board which formed their stage contained a knot and on their attempting to pass each other the board broke, precipitating them both to the ground where they lay in a helpless condition until some accidental assistance reached them and they were helped home. Mr. Bates sustained a fracture of several ribs, and Mr. Hoxie received a severe injury to the knee.

On the same day Mr. Ezra Mann, of Porter, fell from a load of hay and fractured his shoulder.

POSTPONED.—The Methodist Quarterly Meeting which was to be held next Sunday, is indefinitely postponed.

Evansville, Wisconsin

**NOTICE** — The Bee Keepers of Rock County will meet in Convention at the Grand Jury Rooms in Janesville, on Wednesday, June 2d, at 10 o'clock A. M. All are invited to attend.  
B. S. HOXIE,  
Sec'y of Beekeepers Association.

Evansville, Wisconsin

March 27, 1867, Citizen, p. 4, col. 1,

May 20, 1868, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 2,

### Grant and Colfax Club.

The Republicans of Evansville met in the office of Jacob West, Esq., last Saturday night, and organized a Grant and Colfax Club, by electing Daniel Rowley, Chairman, and I. A. Hoxie, Secretary. Mr. Bennett moved that the chair appoint a committee of three on permanent organization. Chair appointed Messrs. Bennett, Johnson and Sprague, who reported I. M. Bennett, President; D. M. Rowley, Vice President; D. L. Mills, Secretary. An executive committee were elected, consisting of Messrs. Daniel Johnson, E. R. Sprague, E. W. Stearns, and G. S. Plaisted.

It was voted that the Club hold its meetings weekly, viz: on Saturday evening, at the office of Jacob West, Esq.

Voted that the President, Vice President, and Secretary, be a co-operative committee to assist in carrying out the objects of the Club.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to prepare by-laws, and report the same next evening. Chair appointed Daniel Johnson, D. L. Mills, and D. M. Rowley. Adjourned.

I. A. HOXIE,      D. M. ROWLEY,  
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**Mr. B. S. Hoxie**, one of the intelligent and reliable Republicans of Rock county, will be a candidate for Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate at the opening of the next session of the legislature. Mr. H. is a gentleman every way qualified for that, or any other position he may be called upon to fill, and if the Senate choose to make him their executive officer, they will do a good thing for their personal comfort and the good order of the session.

December 22, 1868, Janesville Gazette, p. 1, col. 2, Janesville, Wisconsin

**B. S. HOXIE.**  
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Ad for B. S. Hoxie, practical building and designer – Will prepare plans and specifications. Residence, Cooksville, where all communications may be addressed. Office in Evansville at the Review Building. March 15, 1870, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

**WORK HORSE FOR SALE.**  
A good young team horse 7 years old for sale cheap for cash, (or on time with good note) enquire at the Review office, of B. S. Hoxie, Cooksville, Wis.  
Cooksville, Aug. 3, 1870.

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August 3, 1870, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

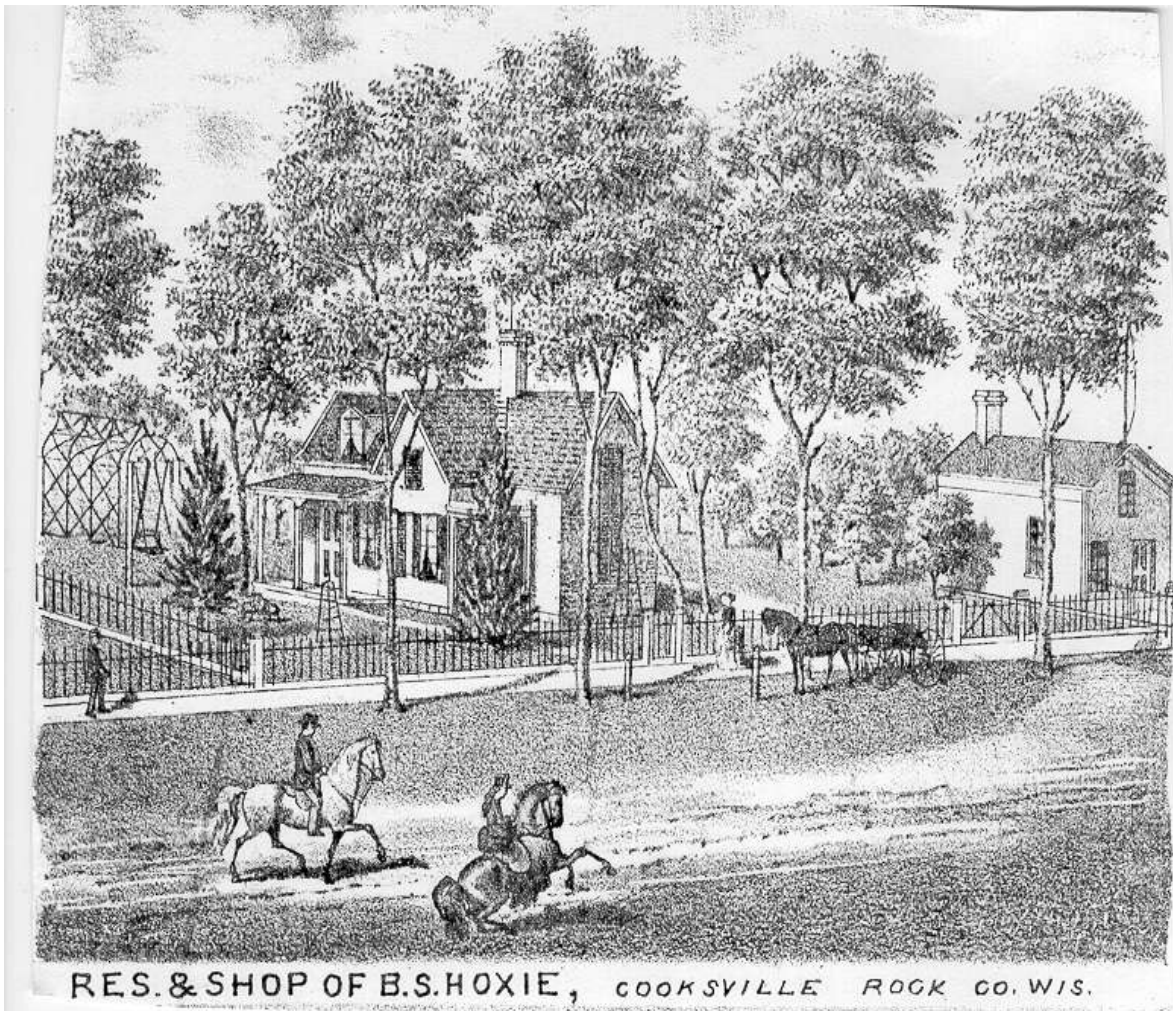
continued during the week.

**R** CHINA WEDDING.—Several sleigh loads from Evansville joined with old friends, relatives and acquaintances of Mr. B. S. Hoxie and wife, of Cooksville, made them a very pleasant and entertaining visit on the occasion of their twentieth anniversary wedding day. An elegant China-tea set was presented, with appropriate remarks from Mr. J. T. Dow, which were followed by the receipt, in behalf of his "blushing bride," who stood in utter amazement at his side, in a neat, impromptu speech, flavored with a little of the humorous, which gave zest to the occasion. These remarks were followed by others from Rev. R. W. Bryant, in wholesome advice to the bride and bridegroom, and to the company present. The gifts were wholly a surprise, but received with becoming grace and thankfulness. The bridegroom presented his lady with a silver plated set of tea knives.

When the table was cleared of the precious wares, it was reset with the substantial of life, in a very beautiful manner,—oysters, cakes and bonbons, crowded the ample board in the most inviting profusion. Free jokes and wise repartees, were indulged *ad libitum*, and bivalves stood at a discount.

The evening opened with a blinding snow storm, but soon cleared away, and with the shining moon, rendered the home journey, though a little cold, most delightfully pleasant.

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Mr. B. S. Hoxie, of Cooksville, is getting his lumber and apparatus to start a cheese factory at that place, this spring.

March 17, 1875, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

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The event occurred at Cooksville, on Thursday at 11 o'clock, Nov. 4th, at the residence of our brother, B. S. Hoxie, Esq., the bride was his eldest daughter—Eva. Mr. Everett Van Patten being the party of the first part, witnessed by the writer, his wife and son, and a few invited guests of the immediate friends and connections, Rev. Jenck L. Jones of Janesville, officiating.

At the proper time, the bride neatly dressed, of course, came into the room leaning upon the arm of her father, who, tremblingly, yet in a few appropriate words, gave his daughter into the marital embraces of her affianced, who arose and received her complacently, saying as much,—“just the thing I have been after these five years.”

An excellent repast was served in the ample dining room, and we think no table was ever graced with a neater bridal loaf than this one. We learned the cake and much of the savory viands were prepared by the bride's own skilled hands. A compliment to any young lady who has matrimony and housekeeping in view,

A few presents were made. One from the bridegroom's mother we noticed. But plain people count upon the substantial tokens of love and affection more than upon the gaudy show of silverware—borrowed for the occasion.

A waiting carriage took the happy couple to Evansville, and the cars to Madison, where a day or two was spent in “seeing the sights,” of the Capital city,

### Cooksville Cheese Factory.

The Cooksville Cheese Factory opened for business Monday, May 1st. The factory has been overhauled and put in thorough trim for business, and looks as neat as a maid's parlor.

Mr. Hoxie has put in a new 18-flue boiler, purchased of Snashall & Mygatt, of this place, and with steam pipes for heating and distributing water has made it just as convenient and handy as experience and skill could do it.

Mr. Geo. H. Kemp, who was employed last year so satisfactorily to the proprietor and patrons, will run the business this year. He is an experienced cheese maker and keeps every department of his factory as neat and tidy as it can possibly be.

It is not known with what success the early opening will meet with; but prospects now look encouraging for good results.

There is certainly not a neater looking, or more thoroughly appointed cheese factory, for its size, in the State than the Cooksville factory.

May 3, 1876, p. 2, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

—A runaway Saturday resulted in a complete demolition of the rear wheels of Mr. B. S. Hoxie's buggy, that was attached to the horse his daughters had just driven into town, standing hitched in front of Mr. Shaw's store. Mr. Magee's team taking fright at the cars, at the depot, did the mischief, for which the owner caused ample reparation, at Mr. Evans' wagon shop.

November 1, 1876, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. B. S. Hoxie of Cooksville, is manufacturing a good article of churn, and which he has christened "The Farmer's churn. It can be seen at the Grange Store.

April 4, 1877, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

(News from Cooksville)

B. S. Hoxie has been invited by the publisher of the Model Farms of Dwight, Ill. to furnish an article for that work on farm buildings.

January 6, 1880, Janesville Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

On invitation of the pastor, B. S. Hoxie will deliver a temperance lecture in the Baptist church at Union on Saturday evening, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

March 10, 1880, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. B. S. Hoxie, of Cooksville, spoke on the temperance question, as related to the churches, in that place Sunday eve.

April 28, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

At the sociable held at B. S. Hoxie's a week ago last Monday evening, a church society was organized with about twenty-five members, under the name of the Unity Church Society. The following are the Trustees chosen to represent the Society: J. K. P. Porter, President; J. T. Dow, Secretary; J. F. Fairgrievies, Treasurer; and Mrs. J. T. Dow and Mrs. J. K. P. Porter, Directors.

September 8, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Hoxie was nominated by the Prohibition party for Representative from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. B. S. Hoxie came to Wisconsin in 1846. He was born in Milton Main in 1827. He settled at Cooksville. A professional house carpenter, he did many of the fine residences and public buildings about the country. Wrote for journals and did architectural designs for Superintendent of Public Institutions's report.

September 30, 1882, Evansville Review

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B. S. Hoxie, of Cooksville, was  
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 ily by vote and pen, for we know  
 him to be true to the cause of tem-  
 perance and prohibition, and has the  
 ability to make a good working mem-  
 ber of that body. He is not an elo-  
 quent debater, but has sense enough  
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 to say. He is a man a little more  
 than 55 years old, having been born  
 in a log house in the town of Milton,  
 Piscataquis county, state of Maine,  
 on the 6th of August 1827; we came  
 there a little over two years before.  
 His early advantages of education  
 were confined to a district school of  
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 but managed by industry and perse-  
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 tice a house carpenter, and his skill  
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 Superintendent of Public Instruct-  
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 his articles on various agricultural  
 topics find their way into such pa-  
 pers as the Western Reral, Birdsell's  
 Clover Huller, and many other jour-  
 nals of a local and general character.  
 Politically he is a stalwart, morally,  
 he goes in for prohibition teeth and  
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Mr. B. S. Hoxie returned from Dakota Saturday, having taken up a claim twenty miles, we understand, from Frederic and one mile from the claims of George Kemp and Frank Newman.

Miss Cora Hoxie returned home Saturday from Milton, where we might have known she went to attend commencement exercises.

Miss Eva Van Patten came from Albany to spend the Sabbath at her father's and bid May goodbye. We would like to have seen her.

July 7, 1883, Evansville Review, "Cooksville" news, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. B. S. Hoxie, of Cooksville, was a caller at our office today on his way to Mankato, to attend the Northwestern Dairyman's Association, which commences there this week. the N. w. R. R. Co., consider the dairy interests of the northwest of sufficient importance to extend the courtesies of their company to some beneficent Wisconsin men.

February 12, 1884, Enterprise, p.1 , col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

CLIFF M. WELLS.

OUR SAY

A little more than a year ago we laid down the pen, likewise the stick and rule, with the most distant expectation of ever taking them up again in Evansville, but the best laid plans of mice and men "gaing aft a'glee," and here we are. The position we assume to-day is not so much from choice as from a train of circumstances over which we had no control. We left the business because failing health compelled us to do so, and to-day we feel more like relagation to private life than the perplexing duties of publishing a newspaper, however we will do the best we can while we are here.

We have no new pledges to reiterate. The paper will continue to be republican, because we believe the republican party is deserving of our unqualified approval for the patriotic principles it involves, and for the promoting of an honest and efficient administration of public affairs. Our principles on temperance and prohibition remain the same—unfixed in our nature and habits, and the Review will not be wanting in support it may give to that movement.

Our home affairs will ever receive our closest attention, and in this we invite the hearty cooperation of our friends and citizens everywhere, and from all parties, kith and kin alike.

Give us your aid and support, and draw on us at sight for anything consistent with our line of duty.

Truly, I. A. HOXIE.

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March 15, 1884, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Soverhill, teacher of the Cooksville school, and Miss Cora B. Hoxie, were callers at the Review office Saturday. Miss Cora expects to depart for Dakota in April, when she will spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Kemp.

March 28, 1884, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

been subscribed.

—Mr. B. S. Hoxie and wife passed through the place the other day, on their way to Albany, where Mr. H. will work at his trade this summer. Having sold his house in Cooksville where he has lived for nearly forty years, he feels very much estranged in this wide, wicked world. He may locate in Albany, where an elder daughter resides, or he may seek relief in the blizzards of Dakota, where another daughter lives. His hopes are fresh and buoyant but his future is yet unprovided for in a business line. He knows for sure that he is a prohibitionist, for sure,

April 25, 1884, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2,

Evansville, Wisconsin

—The horse that Mr. B. S. Hoxie drove Rev. Mr. Loomis over from Albany to attend his appointment at Cooksville, Sunday, died soon after reaching home. The horse appeared to be suddenly attacked soon after starting out of the stable in the morning, but kept up a fair jog until it reached home at night.

August 15, 1884, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. B. S. Hoxie has bought a lot on High Street, nearly opposite Frank Bemis and has commenced building a house on it for occupancy.

October 3, 1884, Evansville Review

B. S. Hoxie is building himself a new house on First street and when it is completed he and his family will become residents of Evansville. Few men know better how to build a house than he, and we shall expect something pretty nice from him.

October 18, 1884, Enterprise, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Jas. Gillies, of Brooklyn, son-in-law of Mr. Phillip Pond, of this place has bought a lot on First street south of Seymour Smith's and intends to commence at once to put up a residence. He will first put up a stable and then proceed with a house as expeditiously as the season will permit of. Mr. B. S. Hoxie, on the next corner south, is now raising the frame work of his new house.

October, 1884, Evansville Review, p.3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. B. S. Hoxie is rushing his buildings right along. He has his barn completed, and the frame to his house up.

October 28, 1884, The Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

T. F. Shurrum is plastering Mr. B. S. Hoxie's new house.

December 23, 1884, Evansville Review

The Road Question.

From Jefferson County Union.

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Ed. UNION:—I have been very much interested in reading the articles lately published in the Union upon this subject, for I have at different times during the past two years called the attention of the public to the useless waste and expenditure of money in road making. In fact, I think it is a misnomer to call it road making, and if there is any one law in our state that needs amending, it is that relating to our roads and bridges, for the whole system needs remodeling. Less than two years ago a convention of tax payers and farmers was called in our sister state of Iowa, to consider the matter of a change in their fundamental law relating to the matter of roads. And two hundred and fifty delegates from all parts of the state met at the capitol of their state and adopted a formula for a revised law. Now if that state cannot set us the example, let us make a new departure in this much needed reform. I know of road districts in some of our towns where no attempt is made by the path masters to have the tax worked out, and some even where not one dollar is expended. On town meeting day when overseers of the highway are elected, the rule is, not to get the best man, but to get one who will do the least work. A good man would be sure to lose his chance of a reelection in such a district. We have in fact no system of road making, consequently no definite plan for one or his successor to carry out. I am glad to see the Union give this matter space and attention, and I want one thing further to insure legislation; and that is a conference of prominent tax payers who are interested in this question, who shall formulate plans and see that the matter is put in proper shape for legislation this winter. It will be two years before our legislature will convene again, and a committee of twenty or thirty can do more effectual work than a larger body in the way of matured plans, and a proper bill to be incorporated into a state law. The time is short, and I suggest that the Union take the initiative and call such a meeting, either by delegates from the several towns or counties, or by call to those who are known will give the matter careful consideration.

Truly, B. S. HOXIE.

Cooksville, Wis., Dec. 27, 1884.

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New residence of Mr. B. S. Hoxie on First Street.

January 23, 1885, Evansville Review

**A SURPRISE.**

A social gathering of no ordinary character was held at the new residence of Mr. B. S. Hoxie, on First street, Thursday evening, to celebrate both a thirty-third wedding anniversary and inaugurate a new home for his family. Some seventy-five or eighty invitations were issued to old friends in Cooksville, new ones here, and others situated in different sections of the country. At an early hour, as many as could, assembled at the place appointed and repaired to the house, taking with them a good supply of dainties, which were the products of forethought, on which to feast at arrival, for they had but taken house possession the day before. Things were pretty well arranged (as all can vouch, who have ever had that duty to perform in a new house, especially in January, with the thermometer at 20 degrees below zero.) The weather was so cold that the

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The weather was so cold that the company was not so large as it otherwise would have been, but suffice to say, the house was filled from "kelson to truck," on work bench and tool chest.

They were recipient of a few presents, from among them was a fine hanging lamp.

After having spent a few hours in renewing old acquaintanceship, and finding new friends and citizen, returned to their homes, leaving host and hostes to regain themselves of the surprise.

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January 23, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

The outside work upon B. S. Hoxie's new residence progresses very slowly with the thermometer below zero.

February 10, 1885, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

*Editor Review.*

In your notice of the bill making contemplated changes in our road laws I apprehend you do not quite give your readers a correct idea of the bill, and as I happened to be one of the committee to help prepare it, allow me to say that the change proposed though radical is simple in its requirements. The bill first proposes to abolish our present system of district path master. 2d. That all road taxes shall be collected in money. 3d. This money shall be expended under the direction of the board of supervisors by a competent road commissioner, appointed by them. 4th. The Railroad Commissioner is not, to be the commissioner of High Ways: but the bill simply provides that it shall be his duty to collect facts and statistics to a certain extent, and by published circulars give this information to the several town boards. The bill contemplates a town and county system similar to that of Ohio, and Iowa and for that reason to unify the work in imposing a slight task upon our Commissioner of Railroads, as his clerical force is not over burdened with work.

This matter of our defective road system has claimed some of my attention for the past two years and I have contributed several articles to our state papers upon the subject, so if any odium or merit attaches to the bill I am willing to take my share of the abuse. I was told by a member of the legislature two years ago that a majority of the members were in favor of such a bill, but none of them seemed to be willing to introduce it. At the present session I found both the senate and assembly committee on Roads and Bridges, not only in favor of the measure but were willing to meet with a few interested, and so the bill with the above features was prepared and introduced by the chairman of the assembly committee, Mr. Cox.

There may be some objections to the change, as no doubt there will be but they are so slight when compared with its advantages that they should not obtain when the public benefit is to be considered. Therefore I have no hesitancy in urging a departure from our present method; and in conversation with hundreds of our tax payers from different parts of the state I find the universal opinion to be "It is time we had a better system".

Truly. B. S. HOXIE.



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Mr. Donald Mihills, has bought the lot lying next south of B. S. Hoxie's on First St., and will commence at once to put up a residence. The price paid was \$300.

[note: probably Doran Mihills] July 17, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Mihills has engaged B. S. Hoxie to take charge of his new house from the laying of the foundation to the topping out of the chimney.

July 31, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Some of the friend of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hoxie from Albany, chartered Mr. Frank Warren's new Buss last Tuesday morning and drove over for a days visit, and a right jolly set of ladies they were. Mrs. Eugene Warren, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Tibbitts, Mrs. S. S. Hills, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Bagley, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Frank Warren and Mrs E. Van Patten. The ladies for an after dinner walk were curious to know how tacks are were made, and so made a visit to the Tack factory, Superintendent Baker took pains to show them round and explained the modes operandi of making the useful things and why they were so ugly when the were wrong end up on the carpet. We all declared that these machines which ate nothing but bits of iron could make more noise than a whole omnibus full of Albany ladies. At 5 o'clock the driver said "all aborad," and adieux were said for the homeward trip well bleased with, this to many, their first visit to Evansville.

September 18, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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s of Cooksville; R. F. Woodbury and wife  
e of this place, and other friends who drop-  
s ped in for the same purpose.

u Mr. Dow has spent her summers at her  
- northern home for the years she has lived  
- south, and it affords her a pleasant relief  
l from the illis of the hot, season, and gives  
- her a zest for the pleasures of her home  
3 at her return. Regrets and congratula-  
s tions mingled freely with her departnre  
3 Tuesday morning.

October 2, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie goes to Viroqua and Sparta next week as one of the speakers at the Farmers' Institute. His subjects are Clover, the Red plumed Commander-in-Chief of the manural forces, and the How and What to build our Houses.

December 11, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Geo. Kemp, of Dakota, who arrived in Albany last week, reached her parental home in this place, Wednesday. Her return after nearly two year's absence gladdened a good many hearts besides her own, both at this place and Cooksville.

January 1, 1886, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie has a new silver plated harness to exchange for wood, either green or dry. Enquire at this office or at his house.

January 8, 1886, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Mary Kemp found open doors and open hearts awaiting her at Cooksville. She will remain with us the rest of this week and a part of next. Her sister, Miss Cora Hoxie was with her at the anniversary.

January 15, 1886, Evansville Review, p. 2, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

A party of young people rode over from Cooksville Wednesday night to make B. S. Hoxie's family an old-time visit.

January 29, 1886, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Everett Van Patten drove over from Albany Wednesday. His wife and daughter, Lula, have been visiting at the pater familias for some days. They returned Thursday, taking with them Mrs. May Kemp, who will remain until Sunday.

January 29, 1886, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Beals took a fine family group, Thursday. It consisted of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hoxie and their three daughters—Mrs. E. Van Patten, of Albany; Mrs. May Kemp, of Koto, Dak., and Miss Cora B. The family have all been at home on a visit and an opportunity of this kind is a prize to all.

January 29, 1886, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

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January 29, 1886, Evansville Review (Beals was a photographer)

Mr. B. S. Hoxie is making fair progress upon widow Gillies new residence on Church Street considering the catching weather. We see nothing to prevent the frame going up only from want of a foundation.

May 5, 1886, The Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

On Church Street B. S. Hoxie and Vic Kelsey have the frame up and nearly enclosed for widow Gillies new house.

May 14, 1886, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie fell from a staging, on which, he was at work, Thursday, and hurt his back so as to be obliged to take to his bed.

October 22, 1886, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie has an offer of \$11, a week and expenses, to attend Farmers' conventions, for a month and a half during their progress this winter. It will be much better than shoving a jack plane or shingling a house in January. He can do both nicely, but prefers the warmer side in winter.

November 12, 1886, Weekly Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie went to Lodi yesterday to attend the Farmers' Convention, to be holden in that place this week.

January 7, 1887, Weekly Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie left on the 10:15 train Monday morning for Beaver Dam to attend the Farmer's convention at that place. He reads an essay on "Clover as a fertilizer." From Beaver Dam he goes to Watertown to attend a convention, and from there to Oconomowoc for the same purpose intending to reach home by Saturday.

January 14, 1887, Weekly Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie returned Saturday afternoon from attending Farmers' Conventions and left again Monday. He goes to Galesville and several other points in the state and finally to St. Paul to attend the annual meeting of the State Agricultural Society.

January 21, 1887, Weekly Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

From the Stoughton Hub. The many friends of Miss Flora Douglas will rejoice to hear of her marriage, May fourth, with Wilbur T. Hoxie, the only child of the editor of the Evansville Review. They have our best wishes for their future happiness.

May 20, 1887, Weekly Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie went to Spring Valley Monday, to arrange for building a silo for Mr. H. N. Palmer, of that town.

June 17, 1887, Evansville Weekly Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

social reading.

—B. S. Hoxie has taken the job of building J. W. Morgan's new house on the Lewis Spencer lot, next to the F. B. church. He does it all, from the cellar to the garret—materials and labor. The total cost will be not far from \$2,000. I. M. Brink does the mason work.

August 5, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. J. W. Morgan is having a large new residence built near the Free Baptist church. Mr. B. S. Hoxie has taken the contract, complete and throughout and Mr. Isaac Brink is now enjoyed doing the mason work the excavation for he cellar being complete and the wall commenced.

August 6, 1887, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

to anyone wishing to see them.

—A few specially invited friends took tea at Mr. B. S. Hoxie's Friday evening, Aug. 5th, in respect to his 60th birthday. By a coincident not explained it was also the 24th birthday of his youngest daughter, who was present and did the honors of the table. Others of the family were invited, but owing to unavoidable circumstances, were not in attendance. We saw a nice set—four vols.—of Natural Histories lying upon his parlor center table and were shown a pair of gold, Masonic sleeve buttons, that were especially purchased for this occasion.

August 12, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville,

Wisconsin

—A number of our farmers are building silos, those in the village are Caleb Snashall on the — farm, and Albert Bemis. While B. S. Hoxie was building Mr. N. N. Palmer's in Spring Valley, he had frequent callers, to see what kind of a thing it was and how to build it, B. S. Hoxie has considerable experience in silo building, besides being a practical house builder, can furnish plans and give valuable suggestions to parties who contemplate building. It is important that the thing be started right or failure will result in the end.

August 12, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville,

Wisconsin

—Two gentlemen, Messrs. Staffaucher and Luckstiger, of Monroe, were in town one day last week to consult with B. S. Hoxie about building silos for each of their farms.

1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

August 12, 1887, Evansville Review, p.

—Mr. B. S. Hoxie has the new residence which he is building for J. W. Morgan about enclosed as far as roofing and shingling is concerned and will undoubtedly have it entirely enclosed

August 27, 1887, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr W. H. Morrison Supt., of the Farmers Instituts of this state and his estimable wife were the guests of Mr. B. S. Hoxie and family Saturday. Mr. M. in company with Mr. Hoxie were looking after the interest of the Institute which conveys in this place March 1st and 2d. We acknowledge a pleasant call at our office and regret very much our absence.

September 17, 1887, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

day. Sunday school as usual.

B. S. Hoxie took the evening train last Monday for Hudson, Wis., to be present at the opening of the series of '81 farm institutes to be held in the state this winter. Mr. Hoxie's principle topics will be Farm Buildings, including the house, and all out buildings. For himself and other institute workers he has spent considerable time in preparing plans, drawings and models, as object lessons, illustrating some of the best barns, hog houses etc., as used by our best feeders and breeders in the west. His correspondence in this line during the past summer, has enabled him to embrace the best features in preparing these plans and models and they will be presented in such a manner as to make this part of the work instructive and profitable. He also has colored charts showing the growth of the corn plant in its several stages in root and stalk, from the sprouting of the kernal to the matured corn. These charts also show the progress corn plant as planted at proper and improper depths in the soil and the results. As popular lectures when called for he has "Forestry or the Importance of Tree Planting," "What has Science done for the Farmer" and "Waste Places," this last topic will take up some things as met with by personal observation wise or otherwise.

November 4, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 2,

col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

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## Organize for Improvement.

Almost every day demonstrates a lack of some business organization of a nature that will secure to Evansville better opportunities of material progress that are now lost to us and which others enjoy at the expense of an organized or individual movement on the part of our people. Some have been so reckless as to volunteer the assertion that Evansville has seen its best days. We don't believe it. True, we have no natural resources to draw from, like lake ports or large water powers, but we have large well tilled farms lying all about us to draw from, and have social and material wealth in abundance, if it can only be brought into harmonious action, to accomplish a unit of results.

As it now is if there is never so good a prospect for business, there is no one to seize upon it and follow it up to tangible results. The approaching winter evenings, while leisure affords the opportunity, some organization might be gone into that would accomplish much for our people and the growing industries of the place, without waiting for the

## Hoxie Reunion.

The day appointed for the Hoxie reunion arrived full of sunshine though cool. Guests began to arrive early and the spacious parlors of Arthur S. Hoxie's residence, which was the old Solomon Hoxie homestead, was well filled and the beautiful lawn was gay with young and beauty enjoying swings and hammocks. Among the older members of the company were Heman Brown, John Hoxie, Stephen Hoxie, Eliza Hoxie, Jabez Collins of Morris. About 1 p. m. prayer was offered by Solomon Hoxie, of Whitesboro, after which a sumptuous dinner was served finished by an ample supply of ice-cream and fruit. An amateur photographer was present who photographed the entire company gathered on the lawn, from two positions. Some over 100 were present. Mr. S. Hoxie then called to order and nominated Thos. M. Rogers chairman. They proceeded to elect officers for the coming year. Stephen Hoxie was chosen president and Samuel Hoxie, Elisha Brown, Nettie Hoxie, Thos. M. Rogers, Peter Parker, and Kinney Bersley, Vice presidents and acting committee, Martha E. R. Dye, Sec. A letter was read by the secretary which is published in full below. Solomon Hoxie made a few appropriate remarks and was also appointed to prepare and read a history of the Hoxies at the next meeting which will be held at the pleasure of the company. Quite late the company separated, having enjoyed a very pleasant time and with fond anticipations of another unbroken reunion.

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and a letter from Benjamin S. Hoxie to S. L. Hoxie in Edmeston, N. Y. in the same paper:

EVANSVILLE, Wis., Aug. 19, 1887.

S. L. Hoxie, Edmeston, N. Y.

*My Dear Sir*.—Your letter of the 11th inst., with invitation to be present at a meeting of Hoxies to be held on the 25th, at Leonardsville, is just at hand. As it is not possible for me to be present, I can do no less than to write my regrets. I do know whether to call you all uncles, aunts and cousins or not, but presume you are all of these and more, for you are men, women and children and all good looking. So no ugly man was ever named Hoxie, and I have sometimes looked at the names of our prison convicts, and never a Hoxie can be seen. This is more than I can say for Smith and Jones, however. When I came to Wisconsin, 36 years ago, with my father's family, I supposed we were the only Hoxies in the state, but since then I have heard of many by that name, and no relation of mine so far as I can find out. As to ancestors my grandfather Hoxie went from Cape Cod to Kennebec Co., Maine and his sons were Matthew, Allen, Abner and Silas, so my father, Allen, took to himself a wife in Penobscot Co., town of Milo, and three brothers of his family each had three sisters and are all now alive and all in this state except one who lives in Kansas. My religious creed is not strictly orthodox, but I believe in one God (not many), have some quaker notion in my head, as did my father before me; never use profane language, never drank any spirituous liquors, nor never used tobacco, consequently I celebrate my 60th birthday the sixth day of the present month. In politics I am an out and out prohibitionist, and did not get to the legislature last winter because my opponent was a republican and got the most votes, but then I did better because I attended "Farmers' Institutes," talked clover, home-building, and tree-planting and hope somebody was benefited. I know I should enjoy being with your company to-day, for you will have something good to say and something good to eat. So God bless you all, uncles, aunts and cousins; live to do good and hate evil, love to make the world better for the time each shall spend in it. The change may come, it must come to all. The life that now is, is ours, make that complete, is the wish of the stranger.

B. S. HOXIE.

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The many relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell, to the number of about 20 enjoyed a reunion with them at their spacious and handsome residence east of this city on Friday, the party included Mr. B. S. Hoxie and family, Mr. Backenstoe and family and Mr. I. A. Hoxie and family, from this place.

December 1, 1888, The Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

Y --Mr. B. S. Hoxie has about completed the new school house at Albany which has kept him from his home in this place a larger part of the past summer and fall.

December 8, 1888, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

bullet hole in his floor.  
— B. S. Hoxie packed his grip with three lengths of board fence, a patent steam feed boiler, several articles of wearing togery, and set off Monday for farmer's institute work.  
— Messrs Robinson & Rolland took

December 13, 1887, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

At the annual meeting of the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society held at Platteville Jan. 10th and 11th, 1888, the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year:  
J. M. Smith, of Green Bay, Pres.;  
Hon. B. F. Adams, of Madison, Vice Pres.;  
B. S. Hoxie, Evansville, Sec.,  
Hon. Matt. Anderson, of Pine Bluff, Tres.,  
and A. L. Hatch, of Ithaca, Cor. Secretary.

January 17, 1888, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

—The many relatives of Mr. and  
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### A \$2000 Dwelling.

From B. S. HOXIE, *Evansville, Wis.*

This house was built at a cost of \$2000. The plans and elevation show the arrangement of rooms which, with nothing extravagant in style or finish, are very convenient and designed for every-day use. The frontage is to the east and north, the house being on a corner lot, with lawn terraced to sidewalk so that foundation shows 20 inches above grade line. Great precaution was taken to have the house warm in winter and cold in summer, and there are two thicknesses of paper besides sheathing-boards and siding. All windows are hung with weights and pulleys, storm windows being provided for winter and full length screens for summer. It will be noticed that the bedroom has a door communicating with the front hall, and also one to bathroom, to dining-room, and from thence to the kitchen. I find this a very good arrangement when company is expected or when visitors are present. With the exception of the kitchen one coal stove has been found sufficient to warm the lower rooms, including a chamber and library, the latter communicating with the sitting-room by an archway. The chimney is centrally located so that no heat is lost in winter. The dining-room has sideboard, china cupboard and dumb-waiter. The kitchen, as will be seen, has door to cellar and to wood or storeroom, while one end of the kitchen is devoted to cupboards extending from floor to ceiling, work table, drawers and revolving flour boxes below. Cook-stove, cistern, sink and pump, occupy the other side. Adjoining this is a closet which every housewife knows how to use to the best advantage. The house is painted brown with olive trimmings picked out with Tuscan red. The inside finish is butternut trimmed with black walnut, hard pine and white pine done is shellac, hard oil and varnish.

—One of Evansville's finest daughters, Miss Cora B. Hoxie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hoxie, of this city, was married at high noon to-day, to Mr. E. J. Green, of the firm of Green and Nicholson paper dealers of Janesville, Rev. J. H. Crooker, of Madison, officiating. The bridal party took the 2:08 p. m. train for Chicago.

October 12, 1889, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

### Happily Wedded.

On Saturday, Oct. 12th, 1889, the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hoxie of this place, always a bright and genial spot, was touched into fresh beauty every-where in honor of the marriage of their daughter Cora B. to Mr. E. J. Green of Janesville. Many relatives and a few near friends were present upon the happy occasion. The arrangements in detail were marked by simplicity and kindly thoughtfulness. A deep bay window at one end of the parlor had been transformed into a bower of green, bearing upon its back-ground the monogram "H. G." in pansies and geranium blossoms. To the right of this were seated the father and mother of the groom who were thus joyously celebrating the forty-ninth anniversary of their own wedding day. At the left stood the parents of the bride ready to yield into the keeping of one whom they have learned to regard the future joy of their youngest child. Miss Lella Dow, of Madison, playing the wedding march, when the young couple entered the room unattended, and standing beneath the bower arch, where cupid had left his bow and arrow, gaily trimmed with pink and white flowers, were pronounced husband and wife.

The ceremony, by Rev. J. H. Cooker of Madison, was brief, but most beautiful. Hearty congratulations and a fleeting half hour of social intercourse followed, when a tempting and bountiful repast was served. The young bride never looked lovelier than in her creamy-white bridal array. There were many beautiful gifts—tokens of sincere regard—from those in attendance and from many absent ones. Among these were an exquisite gold watch and

chain given to the bride by the groom's parents, and a handsome diamond ring from the groom to the bride. The groom also received a check of five hundred dollars from his father. One other remembrance, far too beautiful to pass unmentioned, even though, through a delay in the mails, it came after the guests had departed, was a generous supply of choice pansies from Wm. Koole of Baraboo. Accompanied by a thousand good wishes, the young couple left on the 2:10 train for a trip to Niagara Falls, Buffalo, and Toledo, for a brief visit with relatives. So do we who have found joy in the companionship of Cora Hoxie spare her from our midst that she may give equal joy to those who know her as Cora Green. ✓

### Competitive Premiums.

*Editor Review.*—It will be remembered by your readers that three prizes were offered last July by the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society of \$10.00 each and a membership of five years in the society for the best written essays with certain provisions and restrictions, on the following topics: "The Native Trees and Shrubs of Wisconsin," "The Wild Plants of Wisconsin" and "School Grounds". No. 1 was to be accompanied with specimens of wood suitable to be placed in the library of the society. No. 2 with specimens or drawings of plants, and No. 3 with plat of ground drawn to a scale representing one acre. These prizes were to be contested for by young men and ladies under twenty-one years of age.

The several essays were to be referred to a committee of three to decide on the merit of each not having any previous knowledge of who the authors were.

The President of the society appointed Prof. Jacobs, Mrs. Vio H. Campbell and Miss Lizzie Gillies to act as committee, and it is gratifying to know that Rock county ladies took the prizes. Miss Nora F. Adams, of Evansville, was awarded the prize on Native Trees and Shrubs and Miss Dora S. Haviland, of Janesville, was awarded that of Wild Plants. Competition on School grounds did not come within the requirements of contest and no awards were made.

B. S. HOXIE, Secretary.

Mr. Darlou Mihills is having a new barn built near his residence on First Street. Mr. B. S. Hoxie is doing the carpenter and joiner work upon it.

May 13, 1890, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. B. S. Hoxie has a few hyacinth and Easter Lily bulbs, for sale. Those wanting, call early.

November 18, 1890, Evansville Review

B. S. Hoxie, of this village has been given charge of the display of fruit and flowers at the state fair. Mrs. Vie H. Campbell will superintend the "woman's work" department.

February 4, 1891, "Evansville" news, Janesville Daily Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

Mr. B. S. Hoxie has several hands to help him at work upon his new house on First Street.

November 1891, Evansville Review

Mr. James Gleave purchased the new residence of B. S. Hoxie, now under construction on First Street, today. Mr. Gleave and family will be welcome to citizenship in Evansville once more.

January 1892, Evansville Review

—The annual meeting of the Wisconsin State Horticulture Society held in Madison last week was more largely attended by delegates and representative men from county and local societies than at any previous meeting. Most of the old officers were re-elected, Mrs. Vie H. Campbell, of Evansville, for Treasurer, received the unanimous vote of the society, and B. S. Hoxie for Secretary received all the votes except two.

A large membership gain was recorded this year and a number of local societies have been organized since the last annual meeting. Iowa and Minnesota sent delegates to this meeting and the Wisconsin commissioners to the world's fair held a conference with the society Wednesday afternoon to consult in matters pertaining to the state exposition. The commissioners expressed themselves highly gratified with their reception and the business methods of the society. Next annual meeting will be held in Madison the first week in February. The summer meeting will be sometime in June. Propositions will be received by the executive board.

—The Evansville Horticultural and Improvement Society met in the Assembly room of the Seminary, Friday night. The minutes of a former meeting were read by Sec. protempo, Rev. J. Scholfield. B. S. Hoxie read a paper on "Progressive Horticulture" which was good, and another paper with copious extracts from publications, by Prof. J. E. Coleman, on country roads. His remarks were practical and noteworthy of attention. The matter of our disgraceful and neglected streets is inexhaustive, and would occupy more than one essay or one evening's talk. While the people are engrossed with everything else, and possess acumen and ability to run a government, they cannot or do not, construct a highway that is fit to be called such. If some of our Farmers Alliances or P. of H. would drop matters that are too remote for the public to receive material profit, in this day, take up and put in force some practical results or improving our highways the country would receive earlier and more satisfactory results of their deliberations than we are fearful they ever will do now.

—Forty years ago Jan. 32 a young couple drove across the country to the home of a clergyman in the south west part of the town of Union. Last Friday the three daughters with their husbands and children came from Albany and Janesville as a surprise to celebrate the event in the parental home of Mr and Mrs B. S. Hoxie on First street, stoping over until the Sunday evening train.

RIPON BURNED.—Mr. Ryland

January 26, 1892, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

closed the work of its annual meeting Saturday. Executive committee for the year are as follows: President, M. A. Thayer; vice president, L. J. Kellogg; Sec. B. S. Hoxie, and the treasurer, Mrs. Vie H. Campbell members ex-officio; Henry Tarrant, Janesville; George Robinson Plattville; Daniel Huntly, Appelton; Daniel Williams, Summit; Franklyn Johnson, Baraboo; Prof. E. S. Goff, Madison; W. D. Barns, Shiocton; A. M. Ten Eyck, Brodhead; Wm. Ingalls, Fon du Lac; J. L. Herbst, Sparta; N. S. Babcock, Mathers.

President Thayer appointed the following standing committees:

Finance—Mat J. Anderson, Pine Bluff; J. M. Edwards, Ft. Atkinson; George Robinson, Plattville.

Arbor Day—Prof. E. S. Goff, Madison; B. S. Hoxie, Evansville; Mrs. Vie H. Campbell, Evansville.

Experiment Strtions—Prof. E. S. Goff, Prof. W. A. Henry, Madison William Toole, Baraboo; George J. Kellogg, Janesville; C. H. Hamilton, Ripon

Legislation—B. S. Hoxie, Evansville; C. E. Tobey, Sparta; W. L. Babcock, Mathers.

February 9, 1892, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

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—Mr. B. S. Hoxie and Mrs. Vie H, Campbell will address the people of Baraboo next week at the annual convention of the Agricultural and Historical societies. This is the fourth time this lady and gentleman, from Evansville, have been invited to speak at Sauk County conventions. Mr. Hoxie has also been invited to address the "Old Settlers" at their reunion at the same place next June.

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February 12, 1892, Enterprise, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mrs. B. S. Hoxie went to Janesville last Tuesday to visit her daughters—Mrs. Geo. Kemp and Mrs. E. J. Green, and while at the latter's house was attacked with pneumonia and had quite a sick time for a few day, but, we learn, is now recovering so as to be able to come home in a day or two.

February 16, 1892, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2,

Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. B. S. Hoxie is still sick at her daughters in Janesville, but hopes to be brought home the coming week.  
February 23, 1892, Evansville Review

B. S. Hoxie opened up the editorial columns of the Wisconsin Farmer last week.  
March 1, 1892, Evansville Review

Mr. B. S. Hoxie, of Evansville, for so many years Secretary of the Horticultural Society, has accepted the position as editor of the horticultural department of the Wisconsin Farmer. This is the right man in the right place and we welcome Mr. Hoxie to the journalistic field.—Beloit Free Press.

March 9, 1892, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville,

Wisconsin

—Mr. B. S. Hoxie is getting well along with the new house on First St., which he sold to Mr. Jas. Gleave. It will be a very pretty comfortable home for Mr. G. and his family.

March 18, 1892, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

—B. S. Hoxie has taken the contract to furnish and complete a house on first street for Marshal Fisher. This is one of the finest streets in town and will soon be all built up at this rate.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Antese have

May 27, 1892, p. 4, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

morning.

—The state commissioners of the Columbian Exposition will meet in Janesville, May 31st. Mrs. B. S. Hoxie of the county auxiliary board will meet with them and Mr. Hoxie, as Secretary of the State Horticultural Society will be in attendance on business connected with that society before the board.

—Mr. G. W. Roby reports that a

May 27, 1892, p. 4, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie, Secretary, goes to Baraboo Wednesday to attend a meeting of the State Horticultural Society.  
June 28, 1892, Evansville Review

Secretary B. S. Hoxie has placed his annual report, of the State Horticultural Society upon our table. The work is printed in finer type, accommodating more matter, and has a superior excellence from some of the former editions. The report shows a good condition of the society.  
July 19, 1892, Evansville Review

Mrs. Everett Van Patten was a caller at the Review office Friday. She speaks of Albany as being highly prosperous in its business affairs. H. N. Simons has his bank building nearly ready for business.  
August 30, 1892, Evansville Review

The Carpenters are hurrying up the Congregational parsonage; they have the finish of the upper rooms nearly all on. Boss Hoxie attends the State Fair a couple of days this week leaving the work in charge of Geo. Hayward. Van Patten is hard by.  
September 13, 1892, Evansville Review

After several months of fruitless delay, from causes beyond the power of the Board to control, the town hall has been located, staked out, and labor excavating and laying the stone foundation will begin Thursday. Mr. D. W. Worth, of Baraboo, does the stone and brick work, and B. S. Hoxie, the carpentry and finish work. The brick being contracted for at Jefferson, by the village, the frames and finish is furnished, under separate contract.

September 20, 1892, Evansville Review

B. S. Hoxie went last week to Onalaska to select building material and lumber for Mr. Colton's new house.

October 11, 1892, Evansville Review

**Appls for the World's Fair.**

The Wisconsin State Horticultural society sent out circulars a few weeks ago to the fruit men of Wisconsin, calling for Winter apples to be placed on exhibition at the World's Fair next May in Chicago. The circular gave explicit directions for picking, packing and shipping them to the secretary, B. S. Hoxie at Evansville. In order to secure the best results, besides paying liberally for the fruit, premiums were offered. During the past week a large number of packages were received containing some of the finest varieties of fruit grown in the northwest, principally from the northern portions of our state, Waupacca county largely in the lead.

The committee appointed to select the best varieties, assort and repack, consisted of A. L. Hatch, Ithaca; J. C. Plumb, Milton and E. S. Goff, of Madison, assisted by Secretary Hoxie. The specimens were extensive, including nearly every variety grown in the state, and it required a vast deal of labor to select perfect fruit, repack and properly label each sample and variety and retain a sufficient supply of the same to replenish samples as needed. These packages were all carefully replaced and shipped to Jefferson Park where they will be placed in cold storage for exhibition when the fair opens in May. The Review has been kindly remembered by these gentlemen, and many fine specimens of Wisconsin fruit can be seen on exhibition at our office.

October 25, 1892, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie received the glass for his building just the day before the Milwaukee fire. The firm was totally burned out.

November 1, 1892, Evansville Review

—B. S. Hoxie as Secretary, and Mrs. Vie H. Campbell as Treasurer, were elected by a unanimous vote to these respective offices at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society held in Madison last week. This is Mr. Hoxie's fourth term and shows that his work is appreciated by an increasing membership of the society. President M. A. Thayer, of Sparta, B. S. Hoxie and Prof. E. S. Goff were chosen to have full charge of the societies exhibit at the Columbian Exposition next Spring and it is probable that Mr. Hoxie will spend some portion of his time in Chicago the coming season. This will not however prevent him from taking charge of his work at home in the line of his profession as competent assistants will be provided at the end of the line.

February 17, 1893, The Enterprise, p. 4, col. 1,

Evansville, Wisconsin

Henry Campbell, wife and daughter Pearl, and Mrs. I. A. Hoxie, left for Chicago, Monday morning. Mrs. Campbell will take charge of the Wisconsin Horticultural exhibits, relieving Secretary Hoxie a few days.

June 27, 1893, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mrs. B. S. Hoxie is quite sick and is being cared for by Dr. J. M. Evans, Jr. Mr. Hoxie is yet in Chicago attending to the Wisconsin Horticulture exhibits of the World's Fair. Mrs. Hoxie is attended by her daughter, Mrs. Van Patten of Albany but being obliged to go home, Mrs. E. J. Green, of Janesville, is expected to take her place at the bed-side of her mother.

October 24, 1893, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2,

Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr. B. S. Hoxie came up from the Fair Saturday night to spend Sunday at home. His wife is much better.

October 31, 1893, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

**Real Estate in Evansville.**

From the records it will be seen that the real estate market in Evansville has been very active during the past few days. Among the list of transfers in this vicinity, we note the following:

Charles H. Hall and wife to Mary Hall, lot 2 block 20, Evansville.....	450
Eva J. Van Patten and husband to C. E. Robinson, lot 37, Hunt & Spencer's addition, Evansville,.....	1,600
Mamma Fisher to Dempster VanPatten lot 1, Spencer's 2d add., Evansville.....	225
Eva Knepper and wife, to Eva J. VanPatten, n 50 acres s½ se¼ sec. 1 town Magnolia.....	2,100
Chas. F. P. Pullen and wife to Allen M. Smith, lots 25 and 26, McEwen & Pullen's add., Evansville.....	550
B. S. Hoxie and wife to Thomag Gleave, lot 8, Spencer's 2d add., Evansville....	200
Thomas Gleave to B. S. Hoxie, lot 6, Spencer's 2d add., Evansville.....	200
John Roe and wife to F J Lamb lot 10 e½ lot 9 pt lot 11 Evansville.....	2,038
E S Hogue and wife to Dibble and Fisher lot 2 and 3 Babcock's add., Evansville..	1,500

March 30, 1894, Enterprise, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie is having a windmill put up at his residence for the purpose of establishing water works of his own.

July 24, 1894, Evansville Review

—The home of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hoxie was more than joyous this week the 6th, because of the birthday of Mr. Hoxie and also that of the youngest daughter Mrs. Green. Mr. Green was unavoidably detained at home, but Mr. and Mrs. Kemp of Madison, and Mr. and Mrs. VanPatten of Albany, with daughter Lula, and the new grand-son for his first visit, were all at the parental home.

August 7, 1894, Tribune, p. 1, col. 7, Evansville,

Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie has been in Madison this week in the interests of the forest protection association. This society hopes to get organized for work in time to accomplish something [by legislative enactments.

November 24, 1894, The Badger, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

—One of the pleasant gatherings of the season was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hoxie on first st. Three daughters, three sons-in-law, and three grand-children made up a happy party on Monday evening. The daughters remain for a few days visit at the home while Mr. Van Patten of Albany, Mr. Green of Janesville, and Mr. Kerap of Madison, returned on Wednesday. About twice a year this family meet in Evansville as the central point of attraction.

Miss Cora Harris gave her parents a very pleasant surprise on Christmas day it being the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. About 40 neighbors and relatives were present. A sumptuous dinner was served and the happy couple who had travelled lifes journey together for just 25 years were completely surprised with the many handsome and valuable presents bestowed upon them as well as the party arrangements entire so nicely, and well arranged by their loving devoted daughter.

December 28, 1894, The Enterprise, p. 1, col. 7, Evansville, Wisconsin

Three daughters, three sons-in-law and three grand-children had a merry Christmas greeting at the parental home of Mr. B. S. Hoxie. Madison, Janesville and Albany represent their respective homes, but Evansville is the initial point of attraction for the entire family about twice a year. The daughters remain for a few days visit, while Mr. Green, Mr. Kemp and Mr. Van Patten returned home on Wednesday.

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December 29, 1894, The Badger p. 1 col. 5, Evansville,

Wisconsin

Among others who went to Madison Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hoxie who went for a visit of a few days. They were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Camp. Mr. Hoxie wished also to attend the annual meeting of the Wisconsin press association.

March 16, 1895, The Badger, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie has been invited to take editorial charge of the agricultural and horticultural department of a new paper to be published in Minneapolis, Minn.

March 16, 1895, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Contractor B. S. Hoxie is rushing the two residences of W. W. Young and C. H. Wilder's right along having them nearly enclosed, each of them to cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500.

The Enterprise, May 10, 1895, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

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May 14, 1895, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie has just completed five rods of standard width granolyte walk in front of his residence which is now taking the lead of all others for durability and appearance.

May 31, 1895, The Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin also in June 4, 1895, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

—A finer sight is seldom seen than seven full bloomed buds on one night blooming cereous. We could not do justice to the pure white wax-like flower, which needs only to be seen to be appreciated. Many friends to flowers had the pleasure of seeing this plant at the home of I. A. Hoxie's. Two buds are expected to be out this evening.

Evansville, Wisconsin

September 3, 1895, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 4,

Foundation stone are being hauled on B. S. Hoxie's vacant lot on South First Street. Mr. Hoxie intends to build himself another house.

November 8, 1895, The Enterprise

Mr. B. S. Hoxie is making great headway on his new residence he is erecting on First Street.

January 18, 1896, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie seems the most enterprising building in town, having a new residence well along during the cold winter on First Street.

The Tribune, 1896, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie went to Watertown last Tuesday to attend the closing of the Farm Institute and will also attend the International Institute on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. His paper will be "Modern Homes".

March 10, 1896, The Tribune

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February 11, 1896, The Tribune, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Farmer's Institute, Jan. 28, 29, 1897

B. S. Hoxie, President; H. L. Austin, Sect.; Program & Cooking School.

January 2, 1897, The Badger

For farmers institute, farmers brought lunch baskets. Coffee & tea were provided. City Hall was used for meals and the Opera house for institute sessions.

1897, the Badger

B. S. Hoxie delivered paper at 1897 Farmers Institute. For men the Farmer's Institute had programs on crop rotation, manures, feeding for market, horticulture, butter making, milk testing, roads. Most papers were delivered by local men. Hoxie's niece Mrs. Vie H. Campbell delivered a talk called "The House That Jack Built."

January 23, 1897 Badger

corn the next year.

"Wisconsin as an Apple Growing State" was the subject of an address by B. S. Hoxie. Mr. Hoxie, though an architect and builder by profession, has made horticulture a subject of careful study for years; his position as secretary of the state society for a number of years and coming in contact with strong men in this line of work at the World's Fair, qualifies him to form some correct conclusions as to the possibilities of our own state for commercial orcharding. He spoke of the portion of our state as adapted to apple growing, and that we had already produced many good hardy varieties of apples, which were even now taking the lead in other states. Quite a fine display of apples was on the table grown in this vicinity, among which were our famous North Western Greening, McMahon's White and Windsor. He spoke of the value of good hardy stock on which to graft and cautioned farmers to buy only from reliable nurserymen.

H. C. Taylor in his subject "Economi-

February 2, 1897, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Farmer's Institute, speakers were sent out by the state institute fund. There were papers delivered by national, state and local speakers. Topics included apple growing, sugar beet industry (H. L. Austin. Butter making and testing of dairy cows (Leo Campbell), draining and tiling of marsh lands (G. W. Marks), cattle feed and selecting of cattle for breeding (W. W. Gillies), Dair cattle feeding to produce over 300 pounds per year rather than the average 150 lbs per year (Frank Lee).

Women's auxiliary to the Farmer's Institute was formed to have a lecture program each month on Saturday afternoons.

February 13, 1897 Badger.

**City Council Proceedings.**

At a special meeting of the city council held on Tuesday evening, June 28, 1898. Lyman H. Johnson was elected a member of the Board of Review from the First ward, and the resignation of Frank H. Devendorf as police justice was accepted, and B. S. Hoxie appointed by the mayor to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Devendorf's resignation.

July 1, 1898, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

bration.

Fire.

Fire broke out in the residence owned by B. S. Hoxie and occupied by P. C. Wilder and family on 1st St., Thursday evening, and got quite a start before the fire companies got it under control, but they as well as a large crowd of citizens were soon on the spot and saved the residence with but comparatively little damage. The fire started from gasoline stove in the kitchen, which was damaged the most. Almost the entire furniture was moved out into the street, causing no damage to it by fire and water. It was in all a very narrow escape from the entire destruction of the whole property, the interior of the kitchen part was in full blaze and is quite seriously damaged throughout.

September 30, 1898, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

B. S. Hoxie is to read a paper in the senate chamber on the "Preservation and Conservation of Wisconsin Forests." Mr. Hoxie favors the bill just introduced by the forestry commission appointed to examine our state lands two years ago, and the paper will be in the interest of that bill.

February 7, 1899, The Tribune

Mr. B. S. Hoxie is transforming his barn into a residence. This is a very pretty location for a dwelling.

May 23, 1899. The Badger

Mr. B. S. Hoxie is building a handsome small residence just west of his own house.

May 30, 1899, The Tribune

Mr. B. S. Hoxie has broke ground for a new residence on First Street.  
April 23, 1901, p. 3, col. 5, The Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. B. S. Hoxie received the sad news Tuesday, of the death of a brother who resides in California.  
May 7, 1903, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Everett Van Patten went to Milwaukee Tuesday morning to attend a meeting of the grand Masonic order of this state.  
February 23, 1905, Evansville Review

Everett Van Patten has purchased the homestead residence of the late Mrs. B. S. Hoxie and will modernize the same this season.  
March 21, 1906, Evansville Review

E. Van Patten was in Woodstock, Ill. yesterday to take notes on the operations of the fair which is being held there this week.  
August 30, 1906, Evansville Review

Everett Van Patten has improved his residence property on First Street wonderfully with a fine wide piazza all around the east and north sides of the house and new cement walks all around on both Highland and First Streets as well as various improvements in the interior of the residence. R. Hankinson preformed the carpenter and joiner work.  
July 10, 1906, Tribune

Mrs. Patridge has purchased the B. S. Hoxie house on First Street occupied by E. C. Fish and family, and will take possession of the same November 1<sup>st</sup>.  
October 26, 1906, Enterprise, p. 3, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Everett Van Patten, Jr. has returned home from his University work in Madison.  
August 5, 1915, Evansville Review

E. Van Patten was the local member of the Rock County Draft Board.  
July 19, 1917, Evansville Review

Everett Van Patten, Jr., left for Buffalo N. Y. where he has secured a position in the inspection engineering department of the Curtis Aviation plant.  
June 28, 1917, Evansville Review

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## EVANSVILLE EARLY IN THE FIELD

Rock County, though a county of splendid resources for grain farming, early saw the advantages to be gained by linking herself to the dairy interests and for many years Evansville was the only market where farmers could sell their milk, it in those days going mostly into cheese, for, be it remembered, this was before the days of the cream separator and the Bab-

cock tester.

As far as can be learned, the pioneer in the dairy business in this county, to furnish the farmers with a market for their dairy products, was B. S. Hoxie, a brother of I. A. Hoxie, who founded and ran for several years, The Evansville Review, the first issue appearing in 1866. Mr. Hoxie started the first cheese factory at Cooksville, on what is now known as the Miller farm. Soon he was followed by C. H. Wilder, who started and ran for a time, a factory for American cheese, close to the depot in this city. The third factory to start, using Rock county milk was that of Ed Deavoroux, at Jug Prairie.

These ran with varying degrees of m

## WEDDING CHIMES AGAIN RING AFTER 50 YEARS

"Put on your old grey bonnet  
With the pretty feathers on it,  
As we hitch old Dobbin to the shay  
And through the fields of clover  
We'll go on to Dover,  
On our Golden Wedding Day."

Might have been appropriately sung by Mr. and Mrs. Everette Van Patten yesterday when they completed their fiftieth year as man and wife.

Fifty years ago yesterday, this notice would have read like this: Married, November 4, 1875 at the home of the brides parents, Miss Eva Hoxie daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hoxie, of Cooksville, to Mr. Everette Van Patten, Rev. Lloyd Jenkins Jones, pastor of the Unitarian church Janesville, officiating. The bride was attired, etc.

After living on a farm near Cooksville for several years Mr. Van Patten embarked in the stock business in Albany, where he prospered, finally moving to this city about twenty-five years ago in order to more thoroughly educate their children, Miss Lulu, who is at home and Everette, Jr., who is now in business at Ponca City, Oklahoma.

This happy occasion was quietly celebrated by the gathering of a few friends and relatives, among them being Mrs. Mae Kemp, of Madison, and Mrs. Cora Green, of Los Angeles, California, both sisters of Mrs. Van Patten. A nice wedding dinner was served, the house decorations being yellow Chrysanthemums.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Patten have always been prominent in club and lodge work in both this city and Albany, and in both towns have endeared themselves to a large circle of friends who will wish that annually for many years they may still hitch Old Dobbin to the Shay on the fourth of November.

**CONGREGATIONAL COMPLETES ITS FIRST CENTURY**



**THE COOKSVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**Dedicated in 1879,  
Church Later Was  
A Town Hall**

Cooksville citizens had reason to rejoice during Christmas 1879. After many years of effort by various denominations, the village had dedicated its first church building exactly one week before.

The light brown brick structure would be known as the Cooksville Congregational Church. It was built and financed, however, by the entire community and would serve various groups throughout the years.

**MANY ATTEMPTS**

Two or three unsuccessful attempts had been made to build a church in the past, but for one reason or another, all failed. Methodists, Lutherans, Catholics, Unitarians and others instead held services in members' homes or the village schoolhouse.

Plans to build the church started in 1878. Under an agreement reached that year, the Congregationalists would own the building but allow all other Christian denominations and Christian ministers to meet there free of charge. The basement would be used by the Good Templars (a temperance group), Waukoma Grange and other local societies.

A building committee was selected at once. It consisted of Benjamin Hoxie, William Porter, Charles Miller, James Gillis and Edward Gilley.

Specifications and plans were drawn by Hoxie, architect and builder, who was also responsible for the painting and joiner work.

Excavation for the church started on April 10, 1879. The actual basement was completed two months later.

As construction continued, several fund-raising events were held to help pay for building materials and furnishings. One of these, held on Oct. 18, 1879, included the play, "Cool As a Cucumber," and a concert by the Cooksville Glee Club.

**TOWERS, MINARETS**

The Gothic style building with its circle head windows quickly took shape. Its vestibule was as tall as the main roof, with small towers and minarets topping each of the four front angles. An open bell tower was located in the center, directly over the vestibule. The 16-foot walls curved an additional six feet to the roof, making the auditorium 22 feet 4 inches tall from floor to ceiling.

Dark brown trimming complemented the light brown exterior. Henry Rogers skillfully did the interior woodwork in light oak



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**PORTER TOWN HALL**

**CHURCH  
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A dinner was served by area women between the morning and afternoon services. About 200 persons were seated at long tables in the basement.

A free-will offering was taken at the services, with the \$60 collected going to finish the basement and pay the remaining debt on the pews.

**MANY GROUPS**

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cieties and an amateur theatrical group formed by Helen Porter in the late 1890s.

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**PORTER TOWN HALL**

A few months later, the property was deeded to the town of Porter and Cooksville Congregational became the new town hall.

When a new school was constructed in the center of Porter Township around 1960, though, officials decided to move the town hall into the new, more conveniently located school.

And so the church, Cooksville's most architecturally significant structure, sat vacant year after year, patiently waiting for a new lease on life.

**CHURCH BUILDER WAS MAN OF MANY TALENTS**

**Hoxie Was Active In Village And State Affairs**

Benjamin Sargent Hoxie, who built the Cooksville Congregational Church more than 100 years ago, was one of the village's most prominent pioneer settlers.

A self-educated man, he was much more than a local architect and carpenter. Hoxie also was known for his statewide involvement with forest preservation, horticulture and the temperance movement.

**PIONEER FAMILY**

Born Aug. 6, 1827, on "Hoxie's Hill," Orneville, Maine, to Quaker parents, Benjamin taught himself to read and write. He and his family decided to travel west and arrived in Cooksville during 1846, only four years after the village was founded.

There, the 18-year-old boy found his skills as a carpenter were needed in the growing community. His brother, Isaac, opened a door and

sash factory two years later, but Benjamin continued to work on his own.

He soon met and fell in love with Ellen Woodbury, daughter of the general store owner and a Vermont native. They were married on Jan. 22, 1852, in Union Township by the Rev. R.E. Church, first pastor of the newly-organized Evansville Congregational Church.

Hoxie and his bride were soon expecting their first child and so he designed and built a 1½-story house on Webster Street later that year. Using red bricks made at a nearby farm, he constructed two intersecting, steep-gabled "wings" done in a modified Gothic revival style.

Perhaps the home's most striking feature is an elongated, two-story window on the east facade.

Daughter Eva Josephine was born in November 1852. She would be joined by Mary Adelia in May 1856 and Cora Belle in August 1863.

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# Church Builder Was Prominent Local Citizen

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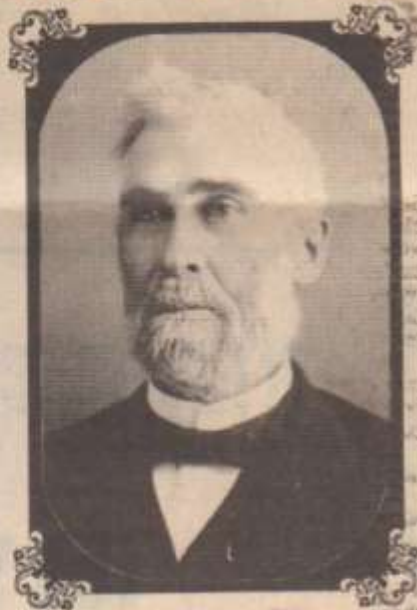
## 'Unity' Church

The Hoxie residence soon became a meeting place for those who did not attend religious services elsewhere. In the late 1850s, they formed a "liberal society" also known as the "Unity Church" or "Congregational Church." Meetings were held in the schoolhouse, with the Rev. Francis Lawson preaching.

Services also frequently featured sermons by the Rev. Jenkins Lloyd Jones of All Souls Church, Janesville. One of the area's favorite circuit preachers, Jones was the uncle of the famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

After Sunday morning services in Janesville, Jones would be taken to Cooksville by Hoxie, William Porter or Joseph Porter for afternoon or evening services in the schoolhouse.

The Sons of Temperance was also one of Hoxie's many interests. He was chosen Grand Worthy Patriarch and attended the organization's convention at London, Ontario, Canada, in 1862. The Rising Tide Chapter No. 123 was chartered in Cooksville two years later, probably with Hoxie among the charter members.



B.S. Hoxie

Jenkin Lloyd Jones. Eva became Mrs. Everett VanPatten while Mary married her father's cheesemaker, George Kemp.

## Cheese Factory

With the birth of his third daughter in 1863, Hoxie undertook two large projects—the construction of a Masonic Hall (also to be called "Hoxie's Hall") and the addition of a second story to his father-in-law's general store.

Perhaps Hoxie's most ambitious project of all would be the Cooksville Cheese Factory, built in 1875. It was capable of handling the milk of 600 cows, making it probably the largest in Rock County at that time.

The two-story factory, located west of the village, became the social-gathering place for the farmers who brought in their milk.

## Postmaster, JP

By 1876, Hoxie had been chosen postmaster and elected justice of the peace for at least three terms. When Cooksville celebrated the nation's centennial, Hoxie was among those selected to speak. He later would be named a notary public by Gov. William E. Smith on March 20, 1879.

When the townspeople began planning a new church, Hoxie was obviously the person to design and build it.

Done in Italianate style with spires, the building would become the town's cultural and religious center.

Both of Hoxie's older daughters were married in the church by the Rev.

## To Evansville

In 1884, however, the Kemps moved to Madison, leaving Hoxie without a cheesemaker. He apparently could not find an adequate replacement and therefore sold all the factory's equipment and moved to Evansville.

Hoxie went back to building houses in the Evansville and Albany areas. After retirement, he became a charter member and first president of the Wisconsin State Forestry Association, successfully pushing for Arbor Day legislation in the 1890s.

The Wisconsin State Horticulture Society, which he had joined in 1874, took up more and more of his time. Named recording secretary in 1882, Hoxie later served as executive secretary from 1888 to 1894. In 1893, he and N.A. Thayer and Prof. E.S. Goff arranged to have Wisconsin fruit exhibited at the Chicago World's Fair.

Hoxie was editing a book on the state's early horticultural efforts when he died peacefully in his sleep Dec. 5, 1901, at home.

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