

INTRODUCTION.

Yielding to a general demand for an Alpena Directory, the publication of this, the first volume of the work, was undertaken. It was done with the belief that the service would be appreciated, and would reflect credit on the city as well as on the publishers. The information has been collected and compiled by thoroughly competent persons, although more than ordinary difficulties have been encountered, chiefly from the fact that the city is unnumbered, and, in the outskirts, the names of the streets are, in many cases, not known to the residents on them, and houses are frequently so situated as to make it almost impossible to locate them accurately, at the same time the publishers have in no sense relaxed their efforts or spared expense to make it come up to their promise and the public expectation. The plan of the work divides the information contained in the book into four parts, the first 100 pages are devoted to a description of the city, miscellaneous information, embracing a street guide, city and county officers, church directory, list of secret societies, steamboat lines, and many other useful items. From page 101 to 326 will be found the alphabetical list of residents in the city; this is followed by the names of those living in other parts of the county, and the whole is supplemented by a complete classified business directory containing the names and addresses of all persons engaged in business or the professions, arranged under the headings to which such business entitles them. As an addendum, a classified list of firms located in other cities who are subscribers to the work will be found.

The portion of the work devoted to the city of Alpena contains 3,568 individual names, and this, using a multiple of 3, which is lower than that usually taken by directory publishers, gives a population of 10,704: the county portion contains 779 names, equal, by using the same multiple, to 2,337 inhabitants, making for the city and county a combined population of 13,041. As the U. S. census, taken in 1880, gave the entire county 8,789 inhabitants, it will be seen that the proportion of increase during the past three years has been nearly 50 per cent; a better showing, it is thought, than can be made by any other county in the state.

To those who have patronized and encouraged this publication thanks are warmly extended.

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