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\*(Indians never related their settlement to a city, but to a village.)

Cross Lake was "Ah-min-u-endo"--Lake of Gladness. This was the ancient mound-builders favorite resort, as is evidenced by his numerous works upon the shores. There is a tradition among the Indians that the Mountain or Great Spirit used to meet his red children at this point, and heal them of their diseases. As far as we are capable of judging, the aborigines were right in pronouncing this locality of Great medicine.

Without a doubt this local was perfect for pulmonary and other kindred diseases. People came from all over to regain their health and went away rested and relaxed. Many had the impression that they had been near the fountain of youth.

Our "village" had 4 general stores, a drug store, a shoe store, a general hardware and tin manufactory, a clothing store and a millinery establishment, four blacksmith shops, three sawmills, a feed mill, a first class hotel, two restaurants, a good local newspaper and several other small industries. Four churches lend variety to the spiritual needs of the community and three schools train the young. A worthy and well qualified physician cures the body aches and ills.

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## VACH COLLECTION

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Without a doubt for pulmonary and kindred diseases it a perfect paradise. People from abroad come here for pleasure and recreation, and go away with an impression that they have been near the fountain of youth. Good health

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is a great blessing. Health, temperate habits, with a proper amount of industry, in a country where nature is as lavish of her gifts as here, places a man in the middle of the straight road that leads to wealth.

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