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Maple River.

Maple River township contains all of township 36 north range 4 west and about one-half of township 35 north range 4 west, making it nine miles long and six miles wide. The Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad runs across the south end four miles and through the eastern portion nine miles, making the whole of the township within easy access of its facilities. A small portion of the land is rough and hilly, another portion gently undulating, the balance consists of high table lands, and the rich valley of Crooked Lake and river and the valleys of several smaller streams, with a variety of soil from the light sandy to the heavy clay. Millions of feet of timber suitable for manufacturing purposes, consisting of pine, cedar, hemlock, ash, elm, beech, birch, maple and basswood, offer special inducements to those seeking homes of business in northern Michigan. The township has about five hundred inhabitants full of life and energy, who are opening up, improving and making for themselves pleasant and beautiful homes in the rugged forest. Their experiments have proven that the products of this latitude can be as successfully and profitably produced as in any other part of our northern country. Although thinly settled the enterprise of its people has laid out and improved public highways at convenient distances so that all parts of the township can be reached with ease and pleasure. Four little towns- Pellston, Brutus, Alanson, and Oden are situated along the line of the G.R. & I. railroad within the township, and although young and small, business men and manufacturers are making profitable investments and there is still room for more. The financial condition of the township is excellent; taxes are light and the prosperity of the people render it easy to meet the demands for public expenditures. To the wise and excellent judgment of our township officers for the past few years in the management of its affairs the people of Maple River are indebted for the growth, development and prosperity of the township. Col. Isaac M. Lusk has proved himself in all the duties and relations of supervisor a capable and efficient officer above reproach, worthy and well qualified for all the duties pertaining to the position he has so long filled. The republicans of Maple River have often wondered that the stalwart labors of the Colonel in the management and victories of our party in town and county, and his qualifications and attainments fitting him for any position within the gift of its people, should have him unrewarded. Such inconsideration is disreputable to its leaders and a change in this respect will add to the strength and popularity of the party. T.B. Snyder is our popular and well-tried township clerk, and his strict integrity and general reputation will beyond a doubt insure

his re-election this coming spring. The other officers of our township have proved themselves prompt and efficient in the discharge of their duties; and the voters of Maple River may congratulate themselves if they are as fortunate in the future as in the past in the selection of their public servants. We all have an interest in the growth and development of this township, and believing that it offers special inducements to the farmer, the manufacturer, and business men, would respectfully ask those seeking a location to give it an investigation.

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