

## **H. C. McKinley, Veteran Editor and Publisher**

H. C. McKinley, for many years the veteran editor of the Herald, came to Gaylord in May, 1878 and took up board with the A. D. Marshall family who had just arrived, and began work on the Herald. Six years later he bought the paper, and though the country journalistic sea has at times been exceedingly tempestuous, yet he has safely weathered the fierce gales he was obliged to encounter, and is now riding at anchor for a season getting ready for another voyage, as it were. From small beginnings he has seen Gaylord and Otsego County grow and prosper, and though his paper has been instrumental in such growth and development. In 1880 the Baptist church as organized in Gaylord by Rev. Wm. Putnam, now of Lansing and being an adherent of that faith, joined the church by letter from the First Baptist church of Howell, and by his daily walk and conversation has endeavored to be circumspect and consistent and uphold the faith he espoused. It is a fact that Otsego County is especially well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. Cattle, sheep and swine all do well here. Otsego County is not an asylum from work, but it can furnish good homes for hundreds of people who are industrious and willing to work. Ideas are said to be valuable and we have an idea that at no distant day Otsego County will cut a more important figure in the commercial and agricultural reports of the state and country, by reason of her productive soil, delightful climate and industrial pursuits. There are abundant opportunities for those who are willing workers.

