



## The Stone Arch Bridge

The new three arch stone bridge that now spans the romantic Cuyahoga at Main street, Kent, O., is now receiving the finishing touches and is already open for business. The object of this little sheet is to announce this fact and represent the business interests of Kent. For many days the principal thoroughfare leading to our town has been obstructed by the erection of the bridge, but now there is a wide, open and substantial roadway across the river, and to farmers coming to Kent to do their trading, we would recommend the merchants represented in this paper. We have gathered a few facts relating to the bridge that may be of interest to our readers.

The contract for the erection of the bridge was given to T. B. Townsend, Esq., of Zanesville, O., in July, 1876.

The dimensions of the bridge are as follows: 275 feet long, 60 feet wide, 23 feet and 6 inches from spring line to top of coping, 45 foot span with 18 foot rise. The roadway is 40 feet wide and sidewalk on each side 10 feet wide. The whole amount of stone used is 5,100 perch. The average number of men employed during its erection was 60.

Commenced quarrying stone about July 20, 1876.

Commenced drawing the water from the river, Oct. 11, 1876.

The first stone was laid on the south end of east abutment, Oct. 11, 1876.

The work on the abutments and two piers was completed up to the spring line on the

13th of December, 1876, and the dam was again filled with water, and work discontinued for the winter.

Commenced removing the old bridge, Feb. 20, 1877.

Commenced laying stone on the west arch, on Monday April 30, 1877.

First key stone was laid on the south end of west arch about five o'clock P. M., on Monday July 2, 1877.

June 23, 1877 W. D. Archer was badly injured by the falling of a stone.

The west arch was closed on Tuesday July 17, 1877.

The center arch was closed on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1877.

North coping completed on Friday, Sept. 22, 1877.

The last key stone was placed in the East arch, at 9:45 A. M., on Saturday, Sept. 22, 1877, by C. H. Kent, Esq., Mayor of the Village.

The date stone bearing the inscription "Erected A. D. 1876," was laid the same evening by E. A. Parsons, Esq., County Commissioner from Kent.

The last stone of the bridge was laid on the south wall at 3 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, Sept. 25th, 1877, by Hon. Marvin Kent.

On Monday evening, Sept. 24, 1877, the first team crossed the bridge.

The total cost of the bridge to the county is \$17,778.53; twenty foot addition, side walk, fence, &c, &c, erected by the village, \$8,752.50. Total cost \$26,531.03.