

began to dawn. During the next quarter century or more Hoboken was the great pleasure resort for New York and its fame and beauty spread all over the world.

Hundreds of visitors crossed the ferry in a single day to spend a few hours in The Elysian Fields and along the River Walk. There were "delightful amusements and entertainment for all ages and classes", according to an advertisement appearing in the newspapers of early New York. Among the popular attractions were "Aerial Ways", a primitive form of the present Ferris Wheel, and a circular railway of which we will hear more later, for it may well be hailed as the beginning of America's railway system.