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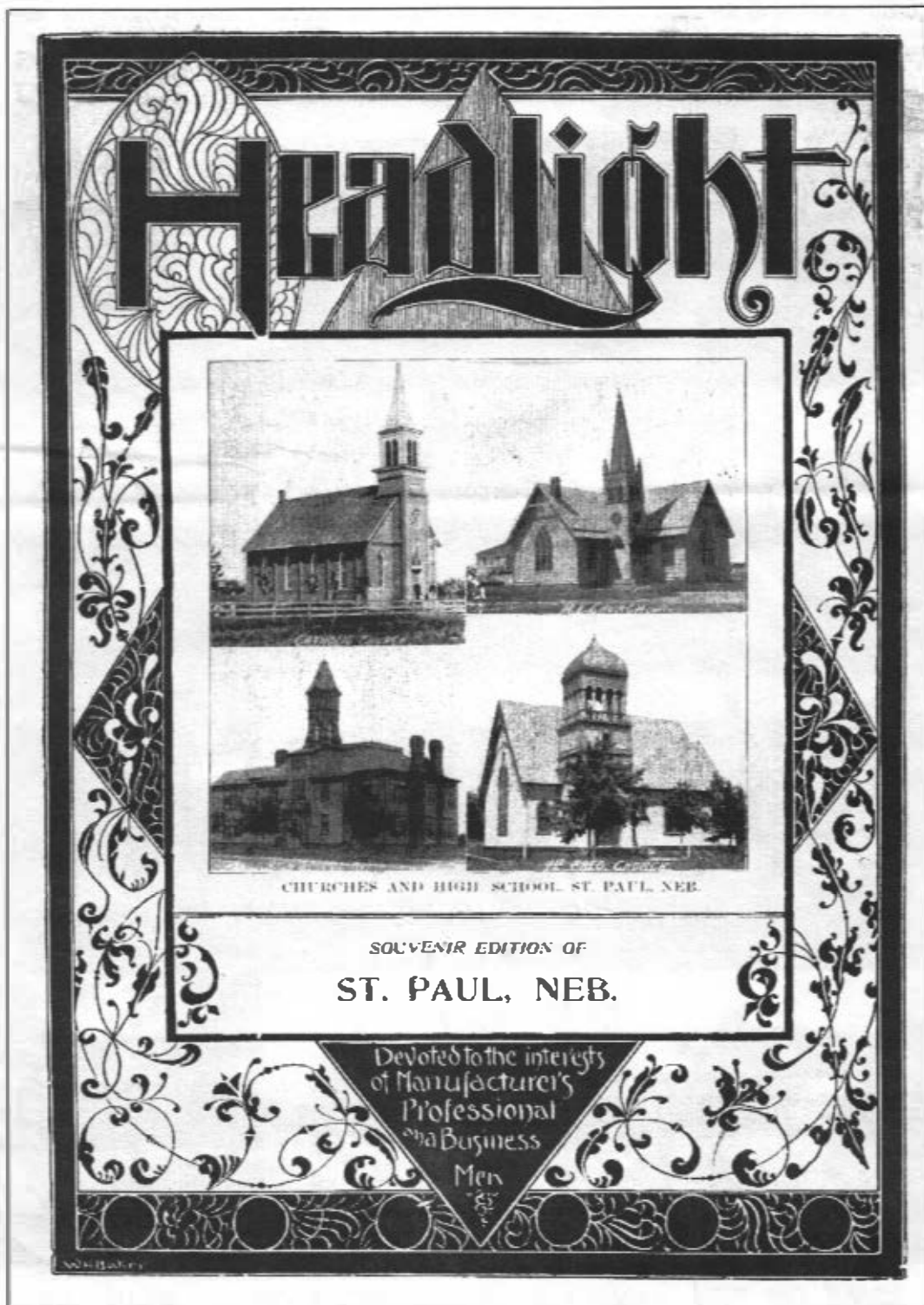
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Jim and Mary Sock Hedrick recently donated this promotional magazine on Saint Paul titled "The Headlight." It was published around 1900 and is quite rare. The following pages showcase the history of the people, businesses and churches of Saint Paul. Enjoy!

MME. DE NORVILLE.

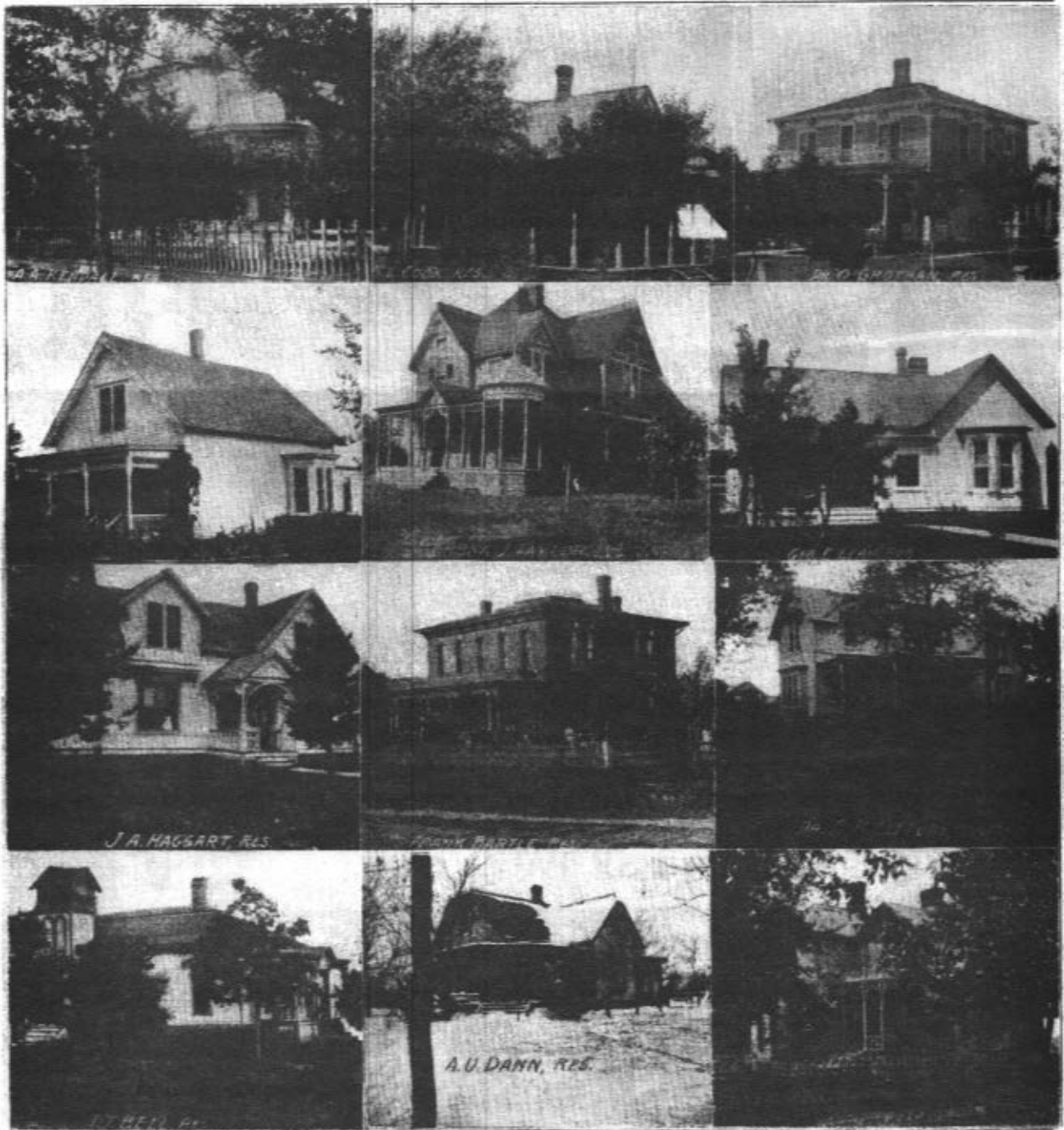
*Founder and Director of the De Norville School of Music,
Steinway Hall, Chicago, Ill.*

This institution, which was founded but a few years ago, has grown to such proportions that to-day it occupies a prominent position among the foremost of the musical colleges of the country. Here every branch of the musical category may be studied under the most proficient instructors. Mme. De Norville, the founder and director of the now famous institution which bears her name, is an instructor of long and varied experience. She is a native of Battle Creek,

Mich., where she began her musical studies at an exceedingly tender age, and so marked was her advancement that she came to Chicago to complete her education. She entered the American Conservatory, and while a student there won several valuable medals for the excellence of her singing.

Immediately after the completion of her course she was elected to the faculty, and remained as vocal teacher until she resigned to establish her own school.

Mme. De Norville is an exponent of the Italian method, although she does not adhere to it strictly, believing that a vocal teacher should be master of all branches of music and dramatic expression. So successful have been her efforts as a teacher that she now numbers among her pupils some of the very finest vocalists of the country, all of whom are proud to attest that they are graduates of her most excellent institution.—*American Graphic.*



SOME OF THE HANDSOME RESIDENCES OF ST. PAUL, NEB.

THE HEADLIGHT

Devoted to the Interests of Railroads, Merchants, Manufacturers, and Professional Men.

ST. PAUL, NEB.

Illustrated Views of a Few of the
Elegant Residences of
the City.

Portraits and Brief Biographies of Some
of the Leading Citizens.

A Handsome Exhibition of the Pretty City and
Prosperous County.

ST. PAUL, county seat of Howard County, Nebraska, has an estimated population of 2,000, and is situated 150 miles due west from Omaha, twenty miles north of the main lines of the Union Pacific and Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroads, both of which lines have branches passing through here. The city was founded in March, 1871, by N. J. and J. N. Paul, at the head of a small colony of Ohio men, some of whom are still residents of the place. The first building erected was the "Buckeye House," a two-story hotel and store building, with a large public hall, on the site now occupied by the First National Bank block. The first store was opened in October, 1871, by E. S. Chadwick, who soon erected his own building on the site now occupied by the handsome brick drug store of E. L. Wilson. The first bank was started in 1878 by C. M. Carter of Lincoln, and J. M. McLaughlin of Hastings, on the site now occupied by the postoffice block. This bank afterwards became the St. Paul National Bank, with N. J. Paul at its head, and is now known as the St. Paul State Bank. In 1881 the First National Bank, now the First State Bank, was chartered with A. E. Cady and Geo. E. Lean at its head, while the Citizens' National Bank, now owned and operated exclusively by ladies Eliza K. and A. McCormick was started in 1888, with Et

McCormick and T. F. McCarty at the head. We have three newspapers, three banks, five churches, railroads reaching out in five different directions, two hotels, four livery stables, one large wholesale grocery house, several large general stores, several exclusive grocery stores, one exclusive clothing store, one shoe store, three hardware stores, two lumber yards, three large farm implement establishments, a steam laundry, harness shops, one meat market, tailoring establishments, furniture stores, a cannery, a bottling factory, several blacksmith and plumbing establishments, three doctors, a resident dentist, numerous lawyers and a district judge.

We are connected by a long distance telephone with the outside world, and a shielded telephone service has just been established in the city. The erection of an electric light plant is being agitated and will without doubt be constructed in the near future. The city has a splendid water system, mains covering the entire city and a monster standpipe standing seventy-five feet high upon an eminence in the large Court House lawn, furnishing an excellent pressure of pure cool, sparkling water; this with the two volunteer hose and the hook and ladder companies, furnishes most excellent security from fire. It also serves to keep the many large and beautiful lawns green

and fresh and furnishes a maximum of growth to the shrubs and trees which make the place seem a veritable young forest. It is but fair to say that St. Paul shows more large and beautiful trees of all kinds with green, spacious lawns than any western city of its size and age. It has two large flourishing hotels; an open house furnishes a liberal amount of entertainment, a beautiful school building in which able instructors are holding the school up to the university grade, the graduates being accepted in the State University without further examination. Pupils come from all parts of the Loos Valley to enjoy the excellence of our school system. Another school feature is the business college, at the head of which is Prof. S. D. Smith, an accomplished educator. The growth of this educational establishment is remarkable; already it is being crowded for room, and a new college building is being advocated by the citizens and probably will soon be under construction. The growth of this place has been steadily commensurate with the actual needs and requirements of the people. There is nothing here of the mercenary sort; the substantial, solid brick blocks of this thriving city call forth contemplators' remarks from every stranger. The orderly conduct of its citizens, their thrift and activity, and yet their conservatism, are readily noticeable. The conservative character of its business men is best shown from the fact that there has not been a business failure in thirteen years, and in the twenty-eight years of its existence the machinery of the law has never closed but two small establishments. Years of prudent dealing with a large country constituency of the most exemplary and thrifty kind has helped both to a condition of stability that insures the city a permanent era of prosperity. Capital invested here returns an ample dividend. The country is being developed and brought into a condition similar to the staid old New England States. Thrift abounds and everywhere the wheels of industry turn to the mutual advantage of every citizen. The city is a standing invitation to a house-seeker, yet not a vacant house awaits him. He must build his home or lease one. Many new and costly residences are being built and others less pretentious. No city can offer better business inducements nor a greater return in social enjoyment, business thrift or healthful conditions than this model New England city of the plains.

JUDGE A. A. KENDALL.

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HOWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

Located 140 Miles Directly West of Omaha—The Garden County of the State—the Great Loop County No Longer an Experiment—Fine Climate, Good Water, Cheap Land, Black Soil, Plenty Rain, Abundant Crops.

HOWARD COUNTY is in the region known as the great corn belt of America and contains a greater aggregation of agricultural wealth than any similar area in the world. The soil on the plateau is a black composite of great depth while in the valleys there is an intermixture of sandy loam and all underlain by a brown clay subsoil and possessed of productive capabilities that are truly wonderful. The county was organized in 1871, with a population of about 2000. In 1880 the population was 4,410 and at the present time contains nearly 11,000 within its borders. A large percentage of the land embraced in Howard County was originally a railroad grant. The possession of these railway lands, however, although retaining sentiment to a certain extent perhaps, has in the main proved a blessing to the county. It was the means of keeping out the landless and shiftless classes, as the generally well-to-do condition of the farmers of today indicates.

Excellent water may be obtained anywhere at a depth of from 12 to 20 feet in the valleys and from 200 to 300 feet on the table lands. The county is composed of a series of broad, rich valleys alternating with gently rolling prairies, being about divided. It is situated very nearly the center of the State, and contains 16 townships or 288,480 acres of land, seventy an acre of which may not be utilized for agricultural purposes. There are 10 school houses in the county including the high school building at St. Paul, which was erected at a cost of \$15,000; an Elba, of \$5,000; and at Roskus, at a cost



of \$2,500. There are five river bridges, a good substantial court house, a large country house and very small isolated houses.

There are few, if any, counties in the State, of the same size and age, that contain a larger per cent. of forehanded farmers, men of considerable means, than does Howard County. Out of a population of 11,000, fully three-fourths are engaged in agricultural pursuits. The soil is rich and fertile, all that man could ask for and produces all that man could wish. Howard County is noted far and near as the banner live-stock county of Nebraska. She ranks first in quality and numbers of first-class imported pure bred horses, cattle and sheep. Her soil is adapted to all the tame grasses as well as being one of the very best counties for grain of all kinds. Horses, cattle and sheep make an exceedingly fine large



growth on the rich sweet grasses that grow in abundance in this county. Nebraska is a corn raising country, and where "Corn is King" hogs are certain to flourish. Thousands of hogs are shipped from St. Paul and the small stations in Howard County to Omaha, which is becoming one of the greatest live-stock markets in the United States. There are thousands of acres of unoccupied lands in the county, and nearly

any kind that a man could desire can be had at a reasonable figure. Good unimproved lands can be purchased for from \$10 to \$15 per acre, while the improved farms range from \$15 to \$30. Good farms can be rented when nothing but the farm is furnished by the owner, for one-third of the crop raised. When the owner furnishes the land, tools and seed the rental is one-half the crop raised.

Howard County is traversed with four lines of railroad, two of the Union Pacific and two of the R. & M. lines, making a total of about 300 hundred miles of railroad in the county, and there is not an acre of land within its borders that is at an unreasonable distance from some railroad town.

The county has 11 good towns and shipping points, viz: St. Paul, Elba, Dannebrog, Howard City, Warsaw, Cushing, St. Elroy and Farwell in the county while Palmer, Ashton and Wolbach are just over the line.

The great Loop country of Nebraska, especially Howard County, asks the young farmer who is just starting in life; it invites the farmer gardener who is doing fairly well, to come and investigate; it invites the urbanite with small means to come and start in such a way as he can; it lures the manufacturer who has had experience in the manufacture of furniture, wagons, carriages, plows and other agricultural implements, such as law mowers, chains, etc., to come and investigate; it invites the intelligent capitalist to come and see if he can not find here as great, if not greater opportunities for safe investment than in any other State. In short, Howard County invites all honest and intelligent people of every State in the Union and every country on the globe, to locate in her midst.

Call on or address H. L. Cook St. Paul, Howard County, Neb., dealer in improved farms, wild lands, stock ranches and first mortgage securities.

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DR. GEORGINA GROTHMAN was born at Saxbrock, Ill., in 1867, and resided in that State until 18 years of age. She was educated in Chicago, graduating from the South Chicago High School in 1885. Soon after she emigrated to Nebraska, and in 1888 was married to Dr. C. Grothman and began the study of medicine. The following year Mrs. Grothman entered the Northwestern University Woman's Medical School, Chicago, graduating with high honors, class of '91. The next year she served as house physician in the National Tenthredin Hospital in Chicago, after which she returned to St. Paul, where she very successfully practices her profession. Mrs. Dr. Grothman is a lady of much more than ordinary ability, a thorough student, careful, conscientious and sympathetic, and is

devoted to her profession. There is always a demand for women physicians, and her time is entirely taken up with her extensive practice. She is widely known and highly esteemed, and worthy of her enviable reputation as a physician.

DR. O. GROTHAN is a native of Norway, and when 12 years of age came to America and attended school for seven years. He then returned to his native country and attended school three years, after which he returned to America, locating in Louisville, Ky., where he attended college and graduated in medicine, class of '86. He then came to Nebraska, locating at South, where he successfully practiced his profession five years, when he located at St. Paul. In '92 he took a course at Rush Medical College, Chicago, graduating from that institution in '94. He has built up an extensive practice and is one of the most progressive and successful physicians and surgeons in the West, as well as a leader of prominence in the politics of the State, and has been highly honored by his fellow citizens in many ways. Although a Dem-



ocrat, residing in a Republican district, he was elected to the State Senate in '96 and served with distinction. His reputation stands very high in his profession and his services are much sought after in consultation by physicians of the State. On July 25, 1898, he was appointed surgeon of the Third Nebraska volunteer infantry, with the rank of major, by Gov. Holcomb, and served until the regiment was disbanded on May 11, 1899. Upon his return from the war he resumed his practice, which reaches far beyond his county and even to other States. He is also local surgeon of the R. & M. R. R., a member of the State Board of Health and was appointed a delegate to the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States for 1900 by the Governor of Nebraska.



church edifice, a one of which will be found in our group of churches, was erected in 1880 at a cost of over \$7,000. Dr. Cissell's ministry has been very satisfactory; the church has prospered beyond all precedent, and his call has equalled far beyond any of his predecessors.



REV. CLYDE C. CISSSELL, Clyde C. Cissell was born in Indiana in 1870 and was educated at the Northwestern University, Deacon, Ill. In 1892 he joined the Northern Indiana conference of the M. E. Church, and in 1895 was transferred to the Northern Nebraska conference by Bishop John L. Newman and stationed at St. Paul. The church of which he is pastor was organized in 1892 and at present numbers 175 members, being the largest Protestant church membership in the county. The

R. HARVEY, SURVEYOR AND CIVIL ENGINEER, settled in Nebraska in 1868, and filed a homestead entry in Howard County May 1, 1871. He assisted in the organization of the county in October of the same year and was elected County Surveyor. He has had 21 years' experience as a practical surveyor, and 28 years' U. S. deputy surveyor. For 26 years he has made a specialty of retracing Government surveys to determine and perpetuate LOST CORNERS. He is at present County Surveyor of Howard County.

REV. S. R. BOYD.

The Presbyterian Church of St. Paul was organized Dec. 26, 1879, and has been a flourishing organization from the start, which is mainly due to the fact that its membership is composed of a harmonious, earnest and unifying people. This church affords a pleasant and attractive home for all who lean toward this denomination, and they receive a most social welcome. It has had only three pastors in twenty years, and they were men beloved and respected by all. The present pastor, Rev. S. R. Boyd, is



the fourth one, and came to the field with his family about the first of last July. He is from a sturdy stock of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, many of whom have been ministers of the gospel. He received his school and college training at Mount Zion, Ill., and his theological instruction was received at McCormick Seminary, Chicago. He thoroughly believes in the West, and especially in St. Paul and Howard County.

HEADLIGHT

A. ADELBERTA KENDALL, of St. Paul, Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District, is a man of resources. Farmer,



A. A. KENDALL.

stock grower, editor and lawyer, he has taken an active part in making the history of the West. Born in Janesville, Wisconsin, March 2, 1851, he removed with his parents at an early age to Woodford, Vt., and lived there until 1870, attending the common schools near Bennington. In July, 1874 he came to Omaha, where he worked in a grocery store until May of the following year, when he removed to St. Paul and engaged in the business of stock raising with his brothers, George T. and A. G. Kendall. After four years he took up farming and followed this pursuit for three years, being entirely successful. In 1878 he was deputy sheriff of Howard County, a period when the life of an officer of the law was not always a bed of roses, and in 1880 he purchased an interest in the Phonograph a local newspaper. In 1887 Mr. Kendall was admitted to the bar and engaged in active practice during the ensuing six years. Dec. 21, 1893, Mr. Kendall was appointed by Gov. Crouse to the district bench to succeed Judge T. O. C. Harrison, who had been elected judge of the Supreme Court, and in the fall of 1894 he was elected to fill the unexpired term of Judge Harrison. In 1895 he was re-elected for four years.—Omaha Daily World-Herald of May 8, 1899.

Judge Kendall has declined to be a candidate for re-election, and has accepted the presidency of The American Home Association, a fraternal mutual insurance order, organized and located at St. Paul, Neb.

HON. A. E. CADY, BANKER AND WHOLES. LE GROCER is a native of Wisconsin, but is an old resident of Nebraska, and has been a prominent factor in the broadest and healthiest development of St. Paul. No man is more thoroughly identified with her interests than he, and his successful and honorable career has been marked by enterprise, public spirit and unflagging industry. His life has been as an open book, his word as good as his bond, and in the history of the town his part has been a most prominent and praiseworthy one. His interests have been varied, but he has won success in the different callings he has been engaged in, and industry, high-mindedness, energy and enterprise have marked his entire career. Mr. Cady conducted a newspaper for a time in Schuyler and afterwards located here, engaging in the banking business, he being president of the First National Bank. He represented the district in the State Legislature most ably and zealously and was the nominee of his party for Congress, making a most brilliant campaign and polling a far greater vote than his most sanguine friends anticipated. Mr. Cady is at present actively identified with the Nebraska Mercantile Co., a wholesale grocery house, he being its manager. Mr. Cady as a public official, business man and citizen, has always observed the very highest standard and he holds a high and honored place in the community.

T. T. BELL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, was born in Crawford County, Indiana, Sept. 2, 1853, and was admitted to practice in 1884. He graduated at Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1885. Admitted to practice in all the courts of Nebraska and the United States Supreme Court. He is an honest, vigorous and well-to-do lawyer.

CHAS. A. ROBINSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, is 26 years old; admitted to practice in 1894; graduated at Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1885, and admitted to practice in all the courts of Nebraska. He is a hustler and has a wide reputation as a collector. This firm has a branch office at Kearney, Neb., where they do a successful law and land business. They take great pride in their promptness in business and care of details. This is their secret of success.



FRANK BARTLE,
General Merchandise.

There are few commercial enterprises affording capacity for a wider range or more extended scope of operations than houses representing a general line of goods. The qualifications necessary to successfully handle a business of this character must be far more competent than is needed in ordinary business; so its successful operations must be classed among the most skillful merchants. He successfully conducts one of the largest general stores in the place. During his business career here he has been one of the most reputable, conscientious and reliable tradesmen, and one of the foremost in carrying a more than ordinarily select and varied stock, and has a well-known reputation for correct judgment in buying. His course has been such that the rich and poor alike can patronize him with confidence. His store is one of the most attractive in the place, and its arrangement is exceptionally marked for completeness. He carries a diversified assortment of general merchandise, and is unquestionably one of the most enterprising and wide-awake business men in town.

Mr. Bartle came here 22 years ago, and established this business 15 years since. He owns the premises he occupies, a two-story and basement brick structure 22x81 feet, completely packed with reasonable goods. He also owns and occupies one of the many handsome residences in the city, a cut of which will be found in our group of residences.

He has been specially prospered and has displayed remarkable foresight and business aptitude, everything over which he wields his magic wand seemingly "turns into gold."



N. J. Paul, President; Geo. E. Woodbury, Vice-President; Rogers Scribner, Secretary and Treasurer.

This mill was built and business established in 1881 and has been actively carried on since that time. It has a capacity of 125 barrels wheat flour daily and complete oatmeal and rye flour systems. It has recently undergone thorough repairs, and has been equipped with the latest improved milling machinery and is in all respects fully abreast of the times. A dynamo operated in the mill furnishes light throughout the plant. This mill is located in the midst of one of the best wheat growing belts of Nebraska, and does a large exchange business with the farmers, drawing them to this point from a long distance. The company does a large merchant milling business and is favorably known over a great portion of the State, where their product is highly esteemed and meets with a ready market. Using a large quantity of wheat, as they do every year, makes a first-class market for the farmers' grain and draws business for the home merchants from a long distance. This company makes a patent flour which they have named the "Choice of the Wheat," which is considered by those who have used it as fully equal to the best Minnesota flour. They also manufacture "White Rose," straight grade, and "Lillie White," standard grade.

MR. GEO. E. WOODBURY is a native of Illinois, where he was engaged in farming until 28 years of age. He then removed to Howard County, Neb., and has been extensively engaged in farming, and now owns two farms, consisting of over 500 acres adjacent to St. Paul, where he resides.

MR. SCHIBNER is a native of New York State, and came west in 1884, locating in St. Paul. He is secretary and treasurer of the milling company and is one of the leading and most progressive citizens, and a valuable adjunct to the business interests of the town.

Try "Pyru" for billiousness, For sale by Fletcher & Polansky.

C. W. FUNK, CLERK DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, was born in Chicago, where he received a good education. He came west in 1882, locating in St. Paul, where he opened a wholesale and retail business, successfully conducting it for 16 years. Having sold out his business, he was appointed clerk of the District Court in full an unexpired term of Hon. M. J. Baehr, who was appointed consul at Kiel, Germany, by President McKinley. Mr. Funk has shown signal ability in filling this office. He is an old-time Democrat, and the only candidate ever elected on this ticket in St. Paul precinct. He is a prominent and highly esteemed citizen.

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MR. FRANK GRUBER

THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL.

Frank Gruber, Proprietor.

In describing the advantages of St. Paul, special mention should be made of this hotel, as it is in every respect first class. The house is conveniently located and is a commodious building, having every appliance for convenience and comfort. The service and table are excellent, the rooms well furnished and all the surroundings are homelike and cheerful. Frank Gruber is a genial and friendly host, who does everything in reason to please his guests and he enjoys an excellent reputation as a business man and

progressive, upright citizen. The Commercial is the leading hotel and does a good business. Mr. Gruber is ever ready to promote the interests of St. Paul and is popular in the community. He has been in the hotel business in Nebraska about three years, and is a young man with all the qualities that go to make up a good landlord. He is fat, pleasant and accommodating, and always has his appetite with him, and consequently provides a bounteous table for his guests. The COMMERCIAL is headquarters for traveling men. Free bus to and from all

FLETCHER & POLANSKY,
Leading Druggists. Frank Polansky,
Manager.

There are not few business places in which there is combined such a vast array of beautiful objects, pleasing alike to sight, taste and smell as are collected in the modern drug store, the sparkling glassware, with its vari-colored contents, the rich, rare perfumes, and the varied and choice collection of novelties and other things go to make it attractive while the large assortment of medical agents for the cure of all kinds of pain, at some period of a person's life brings the drug store within the grateful remembrance of every member of the community. The drug house of this firm is one of the most complete in the place. By this statement we mean it contains an unusually large and select stock which includes all of the many articles that go to make up a complete assortment. These are arranged in a neat and attractive manner, and evidence that the proprietors are fully up to the times in the advancement of this profession. In this establishment the public have the benefit and safety of a reliable pharmacy, under the successful of gentlemen of experience whose knowledge of drugs and medicines has been obtained from close study and years of practice in the laboratory, as pharmacists and dispensing chemists. Physicians' prescriptions and difficult formulas are compounded from pure, fresh drugs. All the various drugs, chemicals, extracts, etc., are kept on sale; also pharmaceutical preparations, perfumes and proprietary medicines of standard value and reputation.

They are also the inventors of the celebrated "Pyrex," the best known remedy for biliousness, liver and kidney trouble. Mr. Frank Polansky, the manager, is a native of Bohemia, and came to America in 1874, locating at Clete, Neb., where he attended school and learned the drug business. He then came to St. Paul and was employed in Chas. Chinn's pharmacy until October, 1894, when he associated Dr. Fletcher and succeeded to the business. Mr. Polansky is a staunch Republican and is popular with all classes. He was elected clerk of Howard County over formidable opposition in 1897, and has filled the office with exceptional ability and to the entire satisfaction of the patrons of the office as well as the public in general.

Fletcher & Polansky are sole proprietors and manufacturers of "Pyrex" for Liver and Kidney trouble.



THE ST. PAUL REPUBLICAN, although by far the youngest of the three newspapers published in St. Paul, is generally conceded first place in points of circulation, newsiness, enterprise, originality and all the other qualities that go to make up a successful paper. It was established in August, 1861, by H. P. Thomas and was purchased in November, 1883, by Clark Perkins, who has since published it. The office of the Republican is equipped with modern improvements, including among other things a gasoline engine, a large cylinder newspaper press, two job presses and an endless variety of type and other necessities. Some idea of its extensive facilities can be found in the fact that the paper, a six-column quarto, is printed all at home. Sample copies of the Republican will be cheerfully sent free to any address. A perusal of its pages will give a fair idea of the progressive town in which it is published.

HEADLIGHT

ST. PAUL STATE BANK

Hon. N. J. Paul, President; A. C. Damm,
Cashier.

The most important factor in the commercial supremacy of any town is its banking institutions. This bank is thoroughly typical, not alone of the comprehensive growth and increasing importance of the industry, but whose career is a source of public pride, delineating as it does the general business enterprising, commercial sagacity and honor of its citizens. Legitimate and conservative banking is strictly adhered to, and it is prepared to offer liberal inducements to the business community. They solicit the accounts and business of bankers, merchants, capitalists and others, and give prompt and careful attention to collections on all points. We wish to call special attention to the officers and directors, all of whom are gentlemen of wealth, high character and business reputation, possessed of rare business sagacity, who have displayed remarkable ability in managing and conducting its affairs; to the success it has achieved.

The bank was established as the St. Paul National Bank in 1884 and in 1897 was merged into the St. Paul State Bank. Mr. Paul is a native of Ohio and came west in 1848, locating at Omaha, where for a number of years he was in the land department of the U. P. R. R. In 1871 he located a homestead and was one of the first settlers, and has the credit of locating and naming Howard County as well as locating St. Paul. Mr. Paul still resides on his homestead, which cost him originally \$18 and which he could now sell for \$8,000. He has held many positions of trust and honor, having been the first county commissioner, served as county judge and county treasurer, was a member of the Legislature and fought the bill locating and naming Howard County through the State Legislature.

He is a leading citizen, a man standing high in the community, active, progressive, reliable and responsible, and is not only well-to-do in this world's goods, but rich in the golden opinions of his friends and neighbors.

E. R. FLETCHER, M. D.

This place has a number of physicians who have gained honor and respected names throughout this locality, but none who meet with more profound consideration than this true, tried and honored professional gentleman. He has become endeared to the people in the surrounding country as well as the city, not only in a professional but also in a social way. He has had a practical experience of many years and is recognized as a skillful, sympathetic and conscientious practitioner. He is a cultured gentleman, standing high in his profession, and is a profound advocate of public progress.

Dr. Fletcher was born in Chicago, read medicine in St. Paul, Minn., and was graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago class of '59. He began his practice at Little Falls, Minn., continuing until 1873, when he removed to St. Paul, Neb., being the first physician in the Loop valley. He has a wide acquaintance and an extended practice, covering the entire surrounding country. He is also local surgeon of the U. P. R. R.

He is one of the most highly esteemed and respected citizens, and has always been prominent in the affairs of the community and foremost in every movement conducive to the best interests of the town and people.

J. W. TEMPLIN, CITY ATTORNEY, was born at Middletown, Ind., April 15, 1842, and when four years old removed with his parents to Iowa City, where his father, Hon. James D. Tomblin, was for many years an eminent and successful lawyer. He was educated in the public schools of Iowa City, finishing in the Iowa State University, and was admitted to the bar in 1863. He then opened an office and successfully practiced his profession until 1887, when he left his lucrative practice and removed to St. Paul, Neb., and resumed practice. He is a hard-working, diligent and thinking lawyer, giving thorough and careful investigation to every case, and avoiding legal controversy where possible to his own disadvantage. He is prominent in Masonic circles, and is at present Eminent Commander of the Knights Templar of St. Paul.



J. T. PARKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY, was born at Wilton, Maine, Aug. 11, 1836, and was educated at the Wesleyan Seminary, Kyrus Hill, Maine, and Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. He taught school and was school superintendent in his native State for a number of years and in 1862 removed to Nebraska, where he resumed teaching, continuing for nine years and until elected superintendent of the schools of Howard County. Upon his retirement from the office he began the study of law, reading one year in the office of John W. Tomblin and attending the law college of the Nebraska State University one year. Upon graduating from college he was admitted to the bar and formed a partnership with John W. Tomblin under the firm name of Tomblin & Parker.

J. A. HAGGART, ATTORNEY AT LAW, ABSTRACTOR OF TITLES AND REAL ESTATE BROKER, came to Howard County in 1873, when a boy, and settled on a farm, where he spent 10 years, growing up with the country. In 1884 he removed to St. Paul and was employed for several years in the County Clerk's office, during which time he prepared a complete set of abstract books, reading law at odd times in the office of Hon. J. N. Paul and Judge Kendall. In 1890 he was admitted to the bar, since which time he has practiced his profession. Mr. Haggart's long residence in the county and constant dealings with titles has made him thoroughly familiar with the quality of the soil, the lay of the land and the condition of the title in every part of the county. He makes a specialty of the law of real property, foreclosures, quieting titles, probate law and anything pertaining to real property. He has the only abstract books in the county, and will take real pleasure in furnishing reliable information to any one

concerning the quality, value and condition of title to any land in the county. He has several pieces of land for sale, comprising rough pasture land, at from \$1 per acre up to some of the finest and best farms on earth at \$25 to \$30 per acre. Correspondence solicited.

HON. RASMUS HANNIBAL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, came from Denmark with his parents in 1836, settling on a farm in Wisconsin. He removed to Iowa when 17 years of age and came to Nebraska in 1871, locating at Dannebrog, where he resided until coming to St. Paul in 1882. In 1885 he was elected Judge of Howard County, filling the position most acceptably for seven consecutive years and until elected State Senator in 1898, when he resigned to accept the latter position.

In no walk of life does the pursuit of the fittest hold with more potency than in official life. Ability finds ready recognition at the hands of the public, and true merit is seldom unrewarded. This county has many men whose success has been thus earned, none of whom are better examples of the rule than this gentleman.

M. H. SMITH, JUDGE OF HOWARD COUNTY COURT, was born and raised at Monticello, Ind. He read law and was admitted to the bar at Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1872. He commenced practice in Oxford, Ind., and removed from there to Fowler, Ind., where he was associated with Mr. Owen under the firm name of Smith & Owen, for about two years and until Mr. Owen was elected to Congress. He was then elected clerk of the District Court, which position he held for four years and until he removed to Nebraska in 1888. Judge Smith was appointed to his present position in December, 1898. He is most admirably adapted for the administration of this office, being in every way intelligent, prudent, of sound judgment, and fully appreciates the value of justice.

A. R. BROCK, Boots, Shoes, Etc.

The vast improvements that have distinguished the manufacture of fine boots and shoes in recent years is evidence of the better taste and cultivation of the people, for certainly no one article forms a more prominent part in the attire of well-dressed ladies and gentlemen. This emporium takes high rank in the commerce of this vicinity and commands a large, lucrative and increasing patronage. The store is handsomely and especially fitted up for the business and the stock comprises a full line of ladies, gentlemen and misses, boys and children's footwear, as well as a complete stock of rubber goods and kindred articles that belong to the business. Goods are purchased from the best known manufacturers in the country, and every pair is warranted. Prices cannot be duplicated for same quality of goods.

Mr. Brock is a native of Denmark, and came to America in 1868, locating at York, Neb., where he secured employment in a shoe store. Six years ago he came to St. Paul and established this prosperous business in a modest way, and by dint of industry, economy and fair dealing has built up a splendid trade. He has the only exclusive shoe store in the place and handles only first-class goods. He guarantees all his goods, and any defect is made good free of charge.

HEADLIGHT

PETERSEN & HERMANSON. Lumber and Coal.

These gentlemen have an intimate knowledge of the lumber business, and are among the most prosperous firms of the place, while the magnitude of the interests involved in such a line are of a most vital importance to a community, especially in a growing place like this. The stock carried would do credit to the prominent ones in large cities, and includes all kinds of rough and dressed lumber, lath, shingles, framing timber, doors, sash and blinds of every description, while nothing is wanting to properly class this as the representative industry of the place, and patrons will in the future, as in the past, find every element of satisfaction, both in variety of stock and the reasonable prices charged, which perhaps accounts for the substantial prosperity and success with which this enterprise has been rewarded. Personally they are using equal care in all ventures, whether made for themselves or for their patrons, and will upon all occasions endeavor to display honesty and integrity in every transaction with which they are identified.

They also have a yard at Dannebrog similar to this, under the able management of Mr. W. H. Sorenson. Mr. Petersen came to America from Denmark in 1879, and located in Sioux City, Iowa. One year later he went to Racine, Wis., and in 1882 came to Dannebrog, Neb., where he was engaged in blacksmithing, and later engaged in the lumber business at that point. Having sold out his interests there, he came to St. Paul and associated Mr. Hermanson in this business. Mr. Hermanson is also a native of Denmark and came to Howard County in 1872, opened up a farm and was successfully engaged in farming and market

until associated with Mr. Petersen in this prosperous business. They are both broad-gauged and enterprising citizens. Mr. Petersen has served on village and school boards a number of years, and Mr. Hermanson has represented his ward in the City Council several terms. They are both ardent supporters of Republican principles, sound money and good government and are prominent in the affairs of the community.

F. W. HOAGLAND. Photographer.

Probably in no branch of the industrial arts has more marked improvement been made in recent years than in that of photography, and it is with pleasure that we call the attention of our readers to a gallery which has done as much if not more, than any other in this section to further these improvements. The interest displayed in the profession exhibits itself in every detail of the business. The parlors and studios are supplied with all modern conveniences and are nicely furnished and conspicuously arranged. The reception rooms are decorated with an honorable variety of history of all kinds, all of which are productions of this gallery, and show to what a high standard of merit it has attained.

His experience has taught him valuable artistic taste in posing his subjects in an easy and natural position, without which there is always a stiffness and angular appearance to the picture; the soft, mellow tone given to his productions is sufficient evidence that he is master of his profession. He is an enterprising, wide-awake business man, has hosts of friends and enjoys an excellent reputation as an artist and citizen, and is held in high esteem by the entire community, both socially and financially.

JOS. KOTIK. General Merchandise.

The above house has been established for many years, and is the representative of one of the largest mercantile houses of the town in entitled to a foremost place in a review of this character. The growth and development of the business is but an illustration of the pluck and energy that is characteristic of the house. Here we find a store filled from floor to ceiling with a stock of goods, consisting of fine dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, hats and caps, clothing, gents' furnishings, etc., that would do credit to a large city. The store is stocked with handsome goods, and is a model of neatness in its every arrangement, offering every advantage to purchasers that can be found in the best establishments anywhere.

Mr. Kotik is a native of Wisconsin and began his mercantile career when but 15 years of age in a general store in Manitowish, Wis. He came to St. Paul in 1884 and found employment in a general store for six years, when he was associated with Mr. A. J. Jensen, and in 1890 succeeded to the entire business. He is a leading and very successful merchant, and in connection with his mercantile interests he owns two nice residences in town, besides other large interests.

He is a man of more than ordinary ability and business sagacity, progressive in his entire make-up, active, honorable and reliable, and is always among the first to encourage any movement conducive to the best interests and welfare of the town and people.

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PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS MEN OF ST. PAUL, NEB.

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SESTAK & FREEMAN. Central Meat Market.

There are no more enterprising and progressive business men in this section than those whose names form the caption of this sketch as is amply proven by the continuous success they have met with since the very inception of their business. Their premises are spacious and commodious, handsomely fitted up, amply provided with every modern appliance necessary for the successful prosecution of the business, and withal it is one of the cleanest, neatest and best-kept markets it has been our privilege to see. They are gentlemen in every respect, courteous and attentive to patrons, prompt with orders, give good weight, and sell at the lowest prices possible. They are practical and proficient in their business, and are at all times prepared to furnish the best cuts of fresh beef, veal, mutton, pork together with sausage, poultry, fish, etc., and carry a full line of the best brands of cured meats of all kinds; hence their patronage which is drawn from the best people of the vicinity is large and steadily increasing.

They pay the highest market price in cash for fat stock, poultry, hides, salter, etc., and buy nothing but the best butcher's stock and do their own dressing.

Mr. Sestak is a native of Bohemia and came to America in 1874 locating in Saline County, Neb., and ten years later removed to Elba, Howard County, continuing to St. Paul in 1884. He has had over 14 years' experience in this line and is practical and successful in the business. Mr. Freeman is a native of Polk County, Ia., came west in 1872 locating in Howard township, this county, and has been engaged in farming nearly all his life. He still owns an excellent farm near the city.

They are men of excellent business ability, unimpeachable integrity and enterprise, and fully deserve the large measure of public favor and patronage they enjoy.

TEMPLIN & PARKER, LAWYERS.

Reliable information furnished free to attorneys and business houses. Examination of land titles and mortgage foreclosures in Nebraska will receive prompt attention. Taxes paid for non-residents. Every possible effort made to adjust claims and collections without suit. Clients kept constantly advised.

CHRIS APPEL, COUNTY TREASURER, is a native of Denmark and came to America at the age of 20 years, first locating in Illinois, coming to Howard County in 1880. He was successfully engaged in farming and stock raising until elected treasurer of the county in 1887.

He has been actuated in the discharge of his duties solely by a desire to serve the people in the best manner possible, and has permitted no personal interest to conflict with a strict performance of his duty. He is perfectly familiar with every detail of his office, is affable in his demeanor, ever ready and willing to render any information and accommodate taxpayers, has been faithful to his trust and his accounts have always balanced to a penny. He has always supported and encouraged every laudable movement to enhance the interest of the county and carefully guarded its funds.

J. F. JEFFORDS.

Practical Watchmaker and Jeweler.

This is a leading jewelry house and is handsomely fitted up and neatly arranged for carrying on the business. The stock embraces a full line of watches, clocks, jewelry, silver and plated ware, optical goods, notions and novelties of unique and antique designs, etc. Repairing is neatly and promptly done at the lowest possible prices and warranted.

He also carries a full line of small musical merchandise, instruments and sheet music, Western Cottage organs, etc., and is prepared to furnish any make of pianos at factory prices. He has a fine soda fountain in connection, where healthy temperance beverages made from pure fruit juices and ice cream soda and ices are served. A fine line of choice confectionery, cigars and tobacco are carried. Mr. Jeffords is a native of Illinois, came to Nebraska in 1884, first locating at Wymore, where he remained four years. He came to St. Paul eight years ago and opened this prosperous business.

GEO. W. WEST.

Groceries, Queensway, Etc.

The grocery trade is one in which every man, woman and child is directly interested, for it caters to all alike the rich, poor, old and the young, of all conditions, colors and sizes, without reference to religious belief or political bias. The grocer is the missionary of home comfort, the apostle of good cheer, and above all men should be honest, just and liberal, for upon him most of all the civilized world depends. This is one of the most popular and prosperous grocery houses in the place and will compare favorably with far older competitors. The stock comprises a full and first-class line of staple and fancy groceries, bottled and canned goods, fruits, vegetables, dairy and farm products, pure teas and coffees and family supplies.

Mr. West is a native of Maryland, but came west in 1874, locating at St. Paul, where he engaged in general merchandise business for six years. He then engaged in farming and stock raising for three years and until appointed deputy county treasurer, where he remained four years. He then opened his present prosperous business, which he has successfully conducted ever since.

He is greatly respected by the community for his business ability, enterprise, industry and integrity, and justly merits the high esteem in which he is held.

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M. SABB, DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE, is a native of Assyria and came to this country in 1888. He began his business career by selling goods from a wagon in the Eastern States. He came to Nebraska in 1888 and established this business Jan. 1, 1889. Mr. Sabb carries quite an extensive stock, embracing staple and fancy dry goods, groceries, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes, etc., occupying premises 25x125 feet. He buys for CASH, allowing all trade discounts, and by selling for cash is enabled to meet any competition. He has built up a large trade by selling good goods at the lowest prices.

THEO. J. STEEN.

General Hardware and Saddlery.

Prominent among the many houses engaged in the stove, tin, and hardware retail trade may be mentioned this reliable and enterprising house. It occupies a strong position in the business community. The store is fully equipped with all the necessary tools and appliances, while the store is very neatly arranged for business purposes, being completely stocked with an elegant line of the best makes of stoves, with all their fittings and trimmings; also a full line of building, heavy and shelf hardware, mechanics' tools of every description, blacksmiths' wheels, pocket and table cutlery, house-furnishing goods, tin, rubber and sheet-iron ware of superior make, job work and repairing a specialty.

His present hardware business is a fitting monument to his industry, honesty and integrity, and no more honorable, liberal, fair-minded, true friend and just man lives in this part of the State.



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Historical Society announces 2005 programs & exhibits.

By Ron W. Sack and Mena Sprague

Howard County Historical Society's program committee has been busy developing a series of speakers, exhibits, programs and events for the 2005 calendar year. "We are delighted to be able to offer this quality of programming for all of Central Nebraska," stated Mena Sprague.

The 2005 schedule kicks off on Sunday, February 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the St. Paul Library in honor of Black History Month. Mrs. Ruby Washington of Grand Island will give an inspirational presentation. She was named both Nebraska's Mother of the Year and the National Mother of the Year. Refreshments will be served.

The remainder of the 2005 program schedule is as follows:

"The Road to Morocco: Journey to Understanding" video presentation and open forum on Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the St. Paul Library. "The Road to Morocco" video is part of a multi-year project studying the interaction of Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the United States. 70 American Jews, Christians and Muslims spent two weeks in Morocco in May 2000. This predominantly Islamic country has a rich history, which has seen Muslims co-exist with Christians and Jews for

more than 1,000 years. Exploring Morocco while closely interacting with members of other faiths allowed this group of Americans to examine their own convictions as well as the religious traditions of others. The Road to Morocco took them on a journey through time, a journey to knowledge, but most importantly, a journey to understanding. This videotape was made with support from the Nebraska Humanities Council. Refreshments will be served.

"Memory of the Camps" video presentation and open forum on Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the St. Paul Library. "Memory of the Camps" video is a record compiled by British and American film crews of the Allied liberation of Auschwitz, Buchenwald and other camps. Refreshments will be served.

The month of May brings a guest speaker and the unveiling of four new exhibits. The first is "Nebraska Farm Families During the Depression" on Sunday, May 29 at the Union Pacific Depot in the Historical Village.

Dorothy Rieke, the keynote speaker, reveals both the sad and the humorous experiences of a Nebraska farm family in the Great Depression of the 1930s. Sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council. Refreshments will be served.

Traveling exhibit "The Dust Bowl" will be arriving from Omaha and displayed in the Union Pacific depot at the Historical Village. This exhibit focuses on how transportation aided the people to leave the Great Plains during the 1930s. Sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council.

Traveling exhibit "Places of Origin: Cities and Towns European Immigrants Left Behind 1845-1914" arrives from Beatrice. This exhibit showcases 24 posters of Irish, English, Germans, Italians, Poles and East European Jews immigrants. It will be housed in the Union Pacific depot at the Historical Village. Sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council.

A new exhibit will be unveiled and it is titled "Father Macourek: Catholic Renaissance Priest." Artwork by the late Father Joseph Macourek has been donated to the Howard County Historical Society. Macourek was stationed at Sts Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in St. Paul from 1902-1906. Two paintings, a wood engraving and history of Father Joseph Macourek were donated by his relative, Richard Mudd, of Michigan. Local descendants of Macourek's are the Jerry Hanisch family of St. Paul.

Another new exhibit will be unveiled and it is titled "Those Saint Libory Melons: How the early settlers marketed and transported their products." Horak, Placke, Schwenk, Helgoth, and Franssen families share photographs and stories. It will be housed in the Union Pacific depot at the Historical Village.

Sunday, June 12, July 10, August 14, and September 4 at 2:00 p.m. at the Historical Village: "Living History Demonstrations." Join blacksmith Dave Sprague at the blacksmith shop.

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Two video presentations and open forums take place on Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the St. Paul Library. The videos include "White Man's Way," the story of the U.S. Indian Industrial School, located in Genoa, Nebraska, from 1884 to 1934, and "The Return of the Sacred Pole," the story of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and its reclamation of the Sacred Pole from Harvard University Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, November 27 will be the ever-popular "Annual Bake Sale." This bake sale takes place on St. Paul's historic Howard Avenue.

● On Sunday, December 11, the Historical Society hosts the Eleventh Annual "Holiday Tour of Homes." Join the Historical Society and tour some of the finest homes Howard County has to offer.

All programs are subject to change.

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