

## Mr. Henry J. Murphy

The subject of this sketch was born at Golden City, Colorado, on July 27th, 1876. At the age of six years he moved to Denver with his parents where they resided for about four years and then located in Minnesota. Mr. Murphy received his education in the schools of Minnesota until 1896 when he went to Valparaiso, Indiana, and in 1897 graduated from the Northern Indiana Normal School. Later he went to Chicago where he was employed in the wholesale and retail drug stores of that city for some time and afterwards went to Milwaukee and then to St. Paul and Minneapolis where he was engaged in the same capacity until coming to Courtenay in January, 1900, where he has assisted in promoting every public enterprise of any moment since. When he came to Courtenay he engaged in the drug business, purchasing the business of Dr. A. W. Macdonald. Young and full of energy and enterprise, he foresaw a remarkable future for this section of the state and at the first opportunity bought land and in this, as well as in the conduct of his drug business, he has been eminently successful. Starting the drug business in a small way, he has never lost an opportunity to make improvements and additions to the business until now he has one of the most elegant and up to date stores in the entire Northwest. At first he was located in a small building but is now occupying the fine pressed brick building erected by Dr. A. W. Macdonald and shown on another page of this magazine. His fixtures are the best that money can buy and they are so tastily arranged as to make his store a model of neatness and elegance and the marvel of those who visit the town, and a source of satisfaction and pride for the people of the town and the country around. Last year he installed a large and elegant soda fountain

such as is seen only in the larger cities of the country.

Mr. Murphy has just completed a fine residence on Fifth avenue. This is also a model of elegance combined with convenience and comfort and was built at a cost of about \$5,000. The interior is finished in hard wood and the decorations are simply grand, showing a rare and remarkably refined taste in their selection. The entire house is heated by a hot water plant and is fitted with bath, closets and lavatories. He owns and operates a private electric light plant in the basement of the drug store and lights the store and residence and the Presbyterian church of the village. The lighting fixtures in his residence are in keeping with the balance of the decorations and have only to be seen to be appreciated.

Mr. Murphy was married in August of 1900 to Miss Lottie Baum of Valparaiso, Indiana, and they have one bright little boy who is the light of their home.

While he has been busily engaged in attending to his drug and land business he also finds time to look after the affairs of this section of the county, being the able and efficient county commissioner for this district. Since his appointment last fall he has never failed to be

present at the meetings of the board and has also done a lot of personal work for the benefit of the county. He has shown the same remarkable enterprise and energy in the conduct of the affairs of the county that has characterized the conduct of his own business and the people are highly pleased with his administration and strict attention to their interests.

He now is the owner of quite a little land in the vicinity and his profits in the sale and conduct of his farms has been very satisfactory and his faith in North Dakota has been justified by results.



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