

ception that the fourth department was dispensed with. With the opening of the present year Prof. I. N. VanTassel was placed in the position of principal, Jennie M. Owen in the grammar, Helen Breen intermediate and Elizabeth Baillie primary. The work now being done covers a course of ten years. The schools are being brought to conform to the course of study prescribed by the state department, as rapidly as possible.

The enrollment is about 130 pupils with new names appearing daily upon the rolls. The attendance is regular and the interest in classes good, with very fair work being done by pupils. The school ground is a pretty knoll situated in the eastern part of the town and is nicely graded by nature and is well suited for a school site. Pleasant, wide and substantial walks lead from town to the school door. The board of education have under consideration the fencing of the ground which would add much to its beauty. A few trees should be planted about the grounds and no doubt this will also be done ere long. The building is heated by steam and the plant seems to be in fine working order.

The board of education is at present made up of the following gentlemen: Dr. A. W. Macdonald, president; Mr. C. A. Sanford and Mr. A. H. Robinson, with Mr. O. E. Norell, clerk, and Mr. Andrew Sinclair, treasurer.

Just a Sample

So many thousands still believe this state unfit for habitation that when they do come here and find that it is one of the best places in all the United States in which a poor man can make a home and gradually surround himself with comforts they think they are the first to have made the discovery, and spread the, to them, wonderful tidings.

A case in point of winning wealth is that of F. J. Miller of Buchanan who worked on the railroad as a common laborer for some time and eventually saved enough to buy a yoke of oxen. Then he got a quarter section of land and after years of work has amassed a fortune. This season from 130 acres of well tilled land he harvested 4,816 bushels of grain, as follows: 349 bushels of wheat, 606 bushels of barley, 1,170 bushels speltz and 2,691 bushels of oats—worth at market price over \$1,400. Besides that he raised on other land 3,000 bushels of wheat and 1,000 bushels of flax—worth \$3,000 more. He has sufficient stock and machinery, fair buildings, and it said sufficient funds to pay every bill which may be presented to him this fall. It is said that \$10,000 would not buy him out—and all secured with two strong hands and a willingness to "go against" hard work. And the best of it is he's only one of a score to be successful.

MR. H. THEO. NELSON

The subject of this sketch was born at Beaver Creek, Jackson County, Wisconsin, on October 30, 1877. For twenty years he resided on a farm with his parents with the exception of the time he was away to school. He attended the high school at Black River Falls, Wis., and afterwards graduated from the commercial course of the Black River Falls Business College. He came to Aneta, North Dakota, eight years ago and for five years was head clerk in one of the leading general stores of that town. He came to Courtenay in 1902, and



H. THEO. NELSON, Postmaster, Courtenay, N. D.

took a position in Syvertson's clothing store. There was soon a vacancy in the postoffice of Courtenay and Mr. Nelson was selected as the man who had the necessary qualifications to meet all the requirements of the office of postmaster and he received his commission in January, 1905. It was a wise selection and under his able administration the office has been raised to the third class and Mr. Nelson has made for himself a place in the hearts of the people that would be hard for any other man to fill.