

MR. ERNEST L. WARNEKE

One of the necessary factors in the building of a town and country is a good carpenter. Courtenay has been fortunate in this respect and prominent among the number of good mechanics who helped to build the town is Ernest L. Warneke. He became master of the trade in Wisconsin and followed government work for a number of years and during this time was engaged in the construction of ships, light houses, break waters, etc. He decided in 1891, that he would try his fortune in the west and located at Oakes in the southern part of the state in that year. Here he remained until 1901, when he



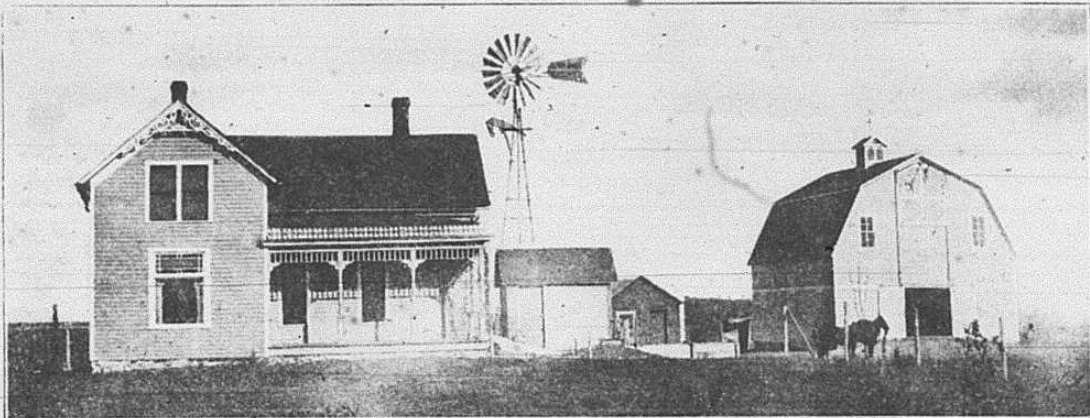
came to Courtenay and has been busily engaged in this town and the surrounding country up to the present time and his skill and handiwork have been demonstrated in some of the most substantial structures in the town. He is busy all the time, both summer and winter, and at present has a lot of work on hand. He has a well equipped shop and turns out a large amount of work from this institution. He employs a large crew of men and is in a position to give the building public that prompt and efficient service which is so much desired by builders.

William Dorn is his competent and able foreman and the two make a team that can do anything in the line of building.

HON. JAMES H. COOPER

James H. Cooper was born in Lee county, Ill., in the year 1868. He remained in the Sucker state until 1883, when he migrated to Dakota territory and located at Huron, in what is now South Dakota,

the development of this section of the state since that time. He was in the machine business for a time, but never lost an opportunity to buy land. He now owns 1,600 acres north of Courtenay and is practically independent through the rapid increase in the value of his holdings. He has al-



THE FARM HOME OF HON. JAMES H. COOPER NEAR COURTENAY, N. D.

and held a responsible position in the surveyor general's office for four years. In 1890 he located at Oakes in this state, and for some time was connected with the bank of Oakes, afterwards engaging in the machine business. In 1897 he located north of Courtenay and has been identified with

ways taken an active interest in politics and in 1904 was elected representative from this district and proved to be an able man for this important position. At the present time he is deputy revenue collector for the southern district of North Dakota.

James H. Cooper, Huron, Dak. 1883-1897