

The Courtenay Mercantile Company

The shrewd buyer always goes where he can get the most for his money no matter whether his purchases amount \$100 or \$1,000 annually. This fact accounts for the great success of the Courtenay Mercantile Co., incorporated. This concern commenced business here about three years ago and by fair and honorable dealing with customers they have built up a large and growing trade. Their stock includes a full and complete line of general merchandise, including dry goods, notions, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, clothing, and everything new, fine and fashionable in footwear. They also carry a large stock of staple and fancy groceries, fruits, flour, feed, produce and provisions and their prices are as low as goods can be sold for. This firm buys in large quantities and sells at the lowest possible prices. All goods sold by this house are sold strictly upon merit and will prove as represented. The firm is composed of J. B. Durkee, president, and C. W. Hensel, secretary and treasurer. This store can be safely recommended to the favorable consideration of the buying public.

MR. A. A. HOFFMAN

Among the prosperous business men and farmers in this part of the country is Mr. A. A. Hoffman. He came here from Ringgold County, Iowa, in 1901 and bought the E. F. Horn farm two miles south of town, consisting of three fine quarters of land and all the stock and machinery of the place and began farming on a large scale. Through good management and industry he has made a success of the business and a short time ago bought the Courtenay Meat Market and is now conducting that in connection with his farming operations. Mr. Hoffman has always paid considerable attention to the raising of fine stock and has raised principally Herefords until a short time ago he purchased three thoroughbred, registered Black Polls and will now breed from that strain. These are excellent beef cattle and it is the intention of Mr. Hoffman to be in a position to furnish a large amount of his stock for the meat market and put it in prime condition for the block right on his own farm. He will have a first-class man in charge of the market and will make many improvements in the business and will endeavor to satisfy every customer.

J. B. DURKEE

J. B. Durkee, the president of the Courtenay Mercantile Company, is a Columbia County Badger who was brought up on a farm near Leeds, Wis., and in 1885 started out as a telegraph operator for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and came west in 1887 and held down the Western Union Telegraph office at Jamestown until 1902 when he became interested in the Courtenay Mercantile Company and moved to Courtenay. Mr. Durkee is a man of sterling qualities and is one of the foremost business men and highly respected citizens of the village.

C. W. HENSEL

C. W. Hensel, secretary of the Courtenay Mercantile Company, was born August 12, 1874, at Arcadia, Tremplean County, Wis. At the age of five years he went with his parents to Minneapolis and shortly after the N. P. Railway was built came west to Jamestown, arriving there on the 3rd day of July, 1880. Here he received his education in the schools of Jamestown. He clerked in his father's grocery store until it was sold to J. H. Crum, with whom he remained as clerk until 1899 when he purchased an interest in the firm. Two years later he sold his interests there and purchased an interest in the Courtenay Mercantile Company.

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