

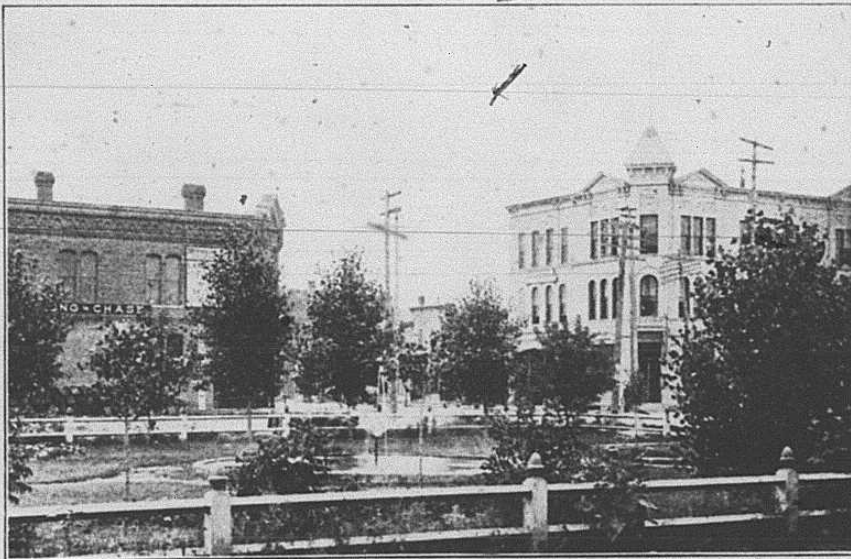
## THE COURTENAY GAZETTE

state. The Cooperstown and McHenry branch is also a valuable feeder for the main line and brings its full quota of business to Jamestown.

### *Educational Interests*

Jamestown is rapidly becoming a recognized educational center. The city schools are the oldest in this part of the state, the first term being taught in 1874. Since 1885 classes have been graduated from the high school every year. The schools now enroll about 800 pupils and employ 18 teachers. The course of study extends over a period of twelve years, eight years being devoted to the common school studies and four years to the high school department. The schools have for

sons, a well equipped science laboratory, five recitation rooms, library, wardrobes and lavatories, and, best of all, a fine gymnasium. The latter is located in the basement and is 42x80 feet in size with a 15-foot ceiling. Adjoining it are suitable dressing rooms and shower baths. The building will be heated by steam and provided with a good system of ventilation. The high school is free to the young people of the entire state and is attended by quite a number of non-residents who come from various parts of Stutsman and adjoining counties. It offers good courses for students who intend to engage in business, office work or teaching, or who desire to prepare for college. Its graduates can



*City Park, Jamestown, North Dakota*

many years been fortunate in being controlled by an excellent board of education. At present the same consists of Messrs. Alfred Steel, George C. Smith, J. E. Spurling, Sen. W. Wilder and Dr. J. A. Rankin. Supt. C. C. Schmidt has had charge of the schools during the past twelve years and is justly proud of their excellent condition. None but the best teachers are employed. Applicants for positions in the high school must be college graduates, and the other teachers are required to be graduates of state normal schools or the equivalent. The Jamestown schools rejoice in a new high school building which is almost completed and will be ready for occupancy next summer. It will be the finest school house of its kind in the state, having an auditorium that will seat 400 per-

enter any college or university in the northwest.

St. John's Academy is also located at Jamestown and is numbered among the leading educational institutions of the state. It was founded in 1890 by Rt. Reverend Bishop Shanley who was then residing at Jamestown. Four sisters of St. Joseph came from St. Paul to teach the few pupils then in attendance. There were twelve boarders the first year and fifty-five day pupils. The patronage has steadily increased. In 1900 a large addition was put up at a cost of \$18,000. This being in its turn altogether inadequate to accommodate the pupils a magnificent brick building is now under construction and will be ready for occupancy in September, 1906. The music course is thoroughly graded. Mr. W. M. Crosse of Leepsig, Berlin,