

COUNTY AND TOWN.

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JOHN SYVERSON & CO., is a firm composed of John Syverson, the well known resident of Cooperstown, and John T. Odegard, the Fargo capitalist. Mr. Syverson came to this country in 1869, direct to Mankato. In 1871 he went into business at St. James, Minn., with the firm of J. H. Herrick, general merchant. He continued with this firm for several years, until in recognition of his value as a salesman, he received an advantageous offer from Tobey & Edwards, extensive dealers in general merchandise at Nevada, Iowa, where he remained four years, gaining an experience in western business which has been of the greatest advantage to him here. The county was new and very much like this, except that it was given up to hogs and hominy, occasional cyclones, grass hoppers and frequent drouths. In 1880 he received an offer from John E. Olney & Co., merchants of Norfolk, Nebraska, to take entire charge of the dry goods department of their mammoth general store. This offer he accepted and removed to Norfolk, and gave the best satisfaction to his employers and the public, until his health failed him and he resigned his position to come to Dakota. He came direct to Cooperstown, and accepted a position as salesman in the old firm of Odegard & Thompson. Since coming here he has never experienced a sick day and believes this to be the most healthful climate in the world.

Upon the dissolution of the old firm he went into partnership with his brother-in-law, J. T. Odegard, in general merchandise and is now doing as fine a business as any house in the county.

John T. Odegard, the "Co." of the firm, is the well known machine man and capitalist, of Fargo, a partner of Fuller & Johnson, of Madison, Wisconsin, in their Dakota business. He likewise is a native of Norway and came to Mankato with some capital, and went to farming. He afterwards went into the machine business at the same point where he remained four years. He afterwards connected himself with Fuller & Johnson, as traveling agent, and subsequently removed to Fargo where he has been six years, selling in the mean time nearly \$2,000,000 worth of machinery. He is possessed of enough capital to guarantee the credit of John Syverson & Co. for any amount of money. He is still in Fargo collecting the debts due his firm, many sales having been made on three years' time, which has about elapsed. He is also interested in the fine marble quarries at Mankato.

John Syverson, Knud Thompson and N. C. Rukke are all brothers-in-law, having married the cultivated and accomplished sisters of Mr. Odegard; so the presumption is that they are all here to occupy and possess the county, and have come to stay.

The firm carry from \$12,000 to \$15,000 worth of stock and have done a business during the current year of from \$40,000 to \$70,000, mostly cash sales. They are at present doing business in the Thompson block, but will probably build a substantial store of their own in the spring. Their working force consists of three clerks besides Mr. Syverson, who are always busy and understand their business. The head clerk, W. C. Jamison, is a host in himself.

GREENLEESE & CO.

One of the brightest and most active firms in Griggs county is Greenleese & Co., dealers in flour and feed, composed of Geo. W. Greenleese and A. B. Cox, both young and active men, who have struck a line of business that is coming them money. Mr. Greenleese comes from Ottawa, C. E., originally;—was in Montreal with H. Morgan & Co., wholesale and retail dealers in dry goods, and afterward had the management of Gardner & Co.'s store at Rat Portage, in Manitoba. The firm did an immense business, and here Mr. Greenleese obtained a valuable experience. He afterward traveled for Shorey & Co., a Winnipeg firm. When the Winnipeg boom bursted, and the Manitobians cast longing eyes toward the fertile, temperate, and hospitable country of North Dakota, Mr. Greenleese came to Cooperstown, saw the magnificent advantages for trade in the county seat of Griggs, found a live partner in Mr. Cox, and embarked in the flour and feed business.

A. B. Cox, or "Beecher," as he is generally known about here, received a careful mercantile training with L. J. Walker, hardware merchant at Truro, N. S., his old home; Geo. Fulton, one of the bonanza firms of Nova Scotia, and afterwards with C. B. Whidden & Co., of Antigonish, for which firm he kept books. When the Whiddens started business in Cooperstown, one of the first moves they made was to secure the services of Mr. Cox as book keeper, a position he still holds in connection with his own business. He is a liberal, wholesomely sort of a westerner, and a first-class business man.

As a specimen of the business done by the firm, since May, they have sold fifteen car loads of flour and retailed 5,000 bushels of oats.

THE UNION HOUSE,

by Henry Retzlaff, is the only hotel, besides the Palace, in town, and is a snug hostelry, capable of accommodating about forty, where the traveler can always be guaranteed a clean bed, a good square meal, and a polite reception and careful attention. Its billiard and bar room is a quiet and orderly place, and is much frequented by the best people of the town. Mr. Retzlaff is a Prussian by birth, and emigrated to this country about fourteen years ago. He, with his pleasant wife, settled on a farm in Mitchell county, Ia., and remained in that county eleven years, until becoming enthusiastic over the magnificent opportunities for advancement in the golden Northwest, he removed to Dakota and settled down to the hotel business in Everest, near Casselton. The dead monotony of the low-lying and wet prairie wearied him, and upon making a short trip to Cooperstown he was impressed with the wonderful fertility of Griggs county, and the beauty of the county, sold out in Everest and built the Union house on one of the most available lots in the town. Mr. Retzlaff is a sterling business man, the possessor of considerable means, and one of the partners in the firm of Retzlaff Bros., our enterprising butchers and packers.

BOWDEN & BUCK.

The coal, iron and oil state, that gave a republican majority for James G. Blaine of 75,000, is represented in Cooperstown by Bowden & Buck, general merchants. Like nearly all of our leading firms the partners are young, active, and energetic men, who do not propose to wear out the bottoms of their chairs by waiting for few customers at big profits. They are eternal rustlers who believe that vigilance is the price of success.

Mr. A. L. Bowden was, until his advent in Cooperstown, connected with the large dry goods establishment of J. N. Ewer's Sons, at Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. Chas. C. Buck was for several years with the great general mercantile firm of G. M. McKelvey at the same point. The latter is the most extensive retail establishment in eastern Ohio, and the different departments comprise seven different stores. The experience gained in these old, methodical houses is of great value to the partners in their trade at this point. They know at a glance the wants of each customer, and generally manage to find the goods desired, in their large and constantly replenished stock. They own and have paid for their new and elegant business house on Burrell avenue, which is the best appointed and most convenient in town—affording them plenty of room not only for display, but storage.

They profess themselves pleasantly disappointed in the volume of business transacted since they commenced business about three months ago.

They carry in stock from \$12,000 to \$15,000 worth of goods, and propose in the spring to add to their large store in order to keep pace with their growing trade. They employ three clerks. Andrew Johnson, the efficient county sheriff, and accomplished salesman, is behind the counter, ready to wait on his host of old friends at all times. In connection with the store Mr. Bowden has leased and manages the Palace hotel, one of the finest hotel properties in North Dakota, newly furnished, and supplied with everything that luxury can suggest and the country afford. Mrs. H. S. Lenham, the agreeable and tireless landlady, a sister of Mr. Bowden, keeps an eye upon the internal workings of the hotel. The accommodations are for 250 persons. The house is supplied with billiard and pool tables, and is a favorite resort for the traveling public.

A. N. ADAMS.

The "hub of the universe" is represented in Cooperstown by Mr. A. N. Adams, the hardware merchant. Mr. Adams is a New Englander by birth, and after acquiring the trade of tinsmith and plumber, worked at it for several years in New England, and, thoroughly mastering all its branches, opened a hardware store and tin shop in Roxbury, a suburb of Boston. There for ten years Mr. Adams did business, and although he acquired an enviable reputation among business men for his promptness and fidelity, in the pressure of hard times he resolved to remove with his family to the west.

On his way to Kansas he got entangled in the current of emigration to the wonderful wheat belt of Dakota, and came to Fargo on a prospecting tour. So greatly was he delighted with the fertility of the country, its salubrious climate, and the unbounded chances for success afforded to a young and enterprising business man, that he resolved to make Dakota his home. After securing a job at his old trade in the metropolis of the Red River Valley at wages, treble what he or any other first-class workman could have obtained in New England,

he sent for his wife and family. He remained in the employ of Rolph Bros. in Fargo for very near a year, but at the founding of our town he was on deck with a determination to see if his old time energy, experience, and business ability would not conquer greater success in Dakota for him than it had in Boston. He built the neat little store now occupied by Greenleese & Co., and accepted an offer of Stevens & Eager to manage the tinware and stove department of their mammoth hardware store. He worked for this firm, giving them and his customers the best satisfaction for over a year, when he branched out into his present business, and now has one of the finest hardware stores and most convenient tinshops in the country. He is bound to succeed if energy, careful attention to business, industry and perseverance count. He is the owner of real estate in Boston, and above all of 320 acres of Griggs county dirt. He has come to stay, and expresses himself that New England, with its alternately icy and sloppy winters, its extremes of heat and cold, its slow humdrum methods of business, has no attractions for him.

His wife is an accomplished Boston lady, and he is surrounded by a pleasant little family. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are very active and consistent members of the Congregational church, and are great additions to the society of the Terminal Town.

HARNESS SHOP.

Nebraska sends, to swell the population of the garden of the Northwest, John McDermott, the proprietor of the Pioneer harness shop. Mr. McDermott is by birth an Ohioan; and how, with his popularity, he has escaped holding a federal office is a problem which might puzzle a politician. His first venture in the harness and leather business was in Pawnee City, Nebraska. His business was successful, and Mr. McDermott acquired a fair capital, and removed to Dakota in 1881, with the idea of increasing, rather than improving his health. He worked for some time with Henry Wold, of Valley City, and, as a compositor remarks, "you can't say too much about how he understands his business." He was afterwards one of the proprietors of the N. P. hotel; and the Sherman house, in Valley City. He made a good record as a landlord. In the spring of 1884 he sold out his hotel business, and removed to Cooperstown and started the first harness shop. He has done a first-class business, turned out the best work, and is in a fair way to prosper.

STEVENS & ENGER.

The pioneer hardware firm of Cooperstown, is composed of Julius Stevens and Anton Enger.

Mr. Enger was for several years engaged in business, as head clerk, with W. H. Roberts, general merchant, at Lanesboro, the most extensive establishment in that part of Minnesota. Mr. Enger gave general satisfaction to his employer and the public and was as a citizen highly esteemed. He was leader of the Lanesboro brass band, one of the best in the state. He was afterward in business in Grand Forks, until, in connection with Julius Stevens, a former townsman, and now brother-in-law (Mr. Enger having married Miss Iverson, a sister of Mrs. Stevens, last spring), started a hardware store at Mardell. Lightning did not strike Mardell, and the firm soon saw in Cooperstown a promising trading point, and removed their stock and erected their present commodious building.

The stock of the firm is always complete, and they do perhaps as large a hardware business as is done in any place of like size in Dakota.

Mr. P. A. Melgard, formerly with W. H. Roberts, is the bookkeeper of the firm, and contributes by his influence and industry, not a little to its prosperity.

They employ a cunning artificer in tin, named John Regnery, who is getting to be an old resident among us.

In addition to his extensive hardware business, Mr. Enger is county treasurer to which office he was re-elected in November, after having served as such for two years with credit to himself and profit to the public.

BERG & LARSON.

Is the name of a firm which is known in this section, wherever the seeder is heard in the spring or the harvester in autumn. The senior member of the firm, Rolff Berg, is a native of Fillmore county, Minnesota. His father, Siggor Berg, is one of the pioneers of that magnificent county, and has accomplished what every healthy, industrious and economical man can in Dakota—accumulate a competency. Mr. Berg came to Griggs county and settled on the prairie near Ottawa in 1883, and soon after, in connection with Mr. Larson, went into the machinery business in Cooperstown, still conducting his farm. He has a wife and one child. He is an active and enterprising citizen.

Mr. Albert Larson, the junior member of the firm, was born in Illinois, but removed with his father's family to Iowa in 1863. He came to Griggs

county in 1882, and has a fine farm north of town.

The firm is a very conservative one, perfectly reliable, and are bound to make money. Their sales aggregated over \$25,000 this year.

FARM MACHINERY.

During the season of 1884 the machine firm of Hoiland & Rukke, (P. L. Hoiland, of Aneta, and Commissioner N. C. Rukke, both excellent business men and first-class salesmen), did more business than anyone firm west of Fargo. Other business demanding their attention, and Mr. Knud Thompson being desirous of purchasing, they during the present month closed out to him, and he is now in possession getting ready for the spring trade.

Mr. Thompson was born in Dane county, Wis., of Norwegian parents; and was educated at Albion college in the same state. His first business experience was with Parker Bros., at St. James, Minn. Recognizing his particular fitness for mercantile business, they afterward started a general store at Huron Lake, and gave him the entire management of it. It proved a success and Mr. Thompson made money for his employers and himself. Resigning his position finally, he went to importing and selling horses, and finally removed to Brookings, D. T. He was one of the first men on the ground, and helped to build up that lively town. For two years he was engaged in the machinery business, and, as he facetiously expressed it, when asked if he made money,—made some notes which he has since collected. Always in the van of progress, he was the first man in Cooperstown, and by his tireless energy has done much to make the place what it is. He built the first store and the first dwelling house, and the first child born in the place was his bright little daughter. Mrs. Thompson was the first woman who settled in the village. He was married at St. James, Minn., in 1876.

In Cooperstown he embarked in general merchandise with J. T. Odegard, and the firm did a business of \$100,000 the first year, until they closed out to John Syverson & Co.

Mr. Thompson's faith in Griggs county is unbounded. "This is the best county I have seen, and I have driven through North and South Dakota this season," is his reply to the inquiry as to what he thinks of this section anyhow.

DAVIS & PICKETT.

Are the old, only, and original livery stable and feed store men.

They have a stable full of horses, carriages in abundance, two first-class buildings, and for over a year have done the business in the livery and dray line in Cooperstown. Mr. M. J. Davis, a young and energetic Michigan who is perfectly at home in the business, gives his personal attendance to the stable. Their business has been a rushing one, and they have always been found equal to all emergencies.

The feed store is an established and solid institution, well stocked at all times and presided over by R. H. Belden. The junior partner, Mr. H. G. Pickett, although confined closely to his bank, keeps an eye on all business with which he is connected, and with Mr. Davis, is to the front in any enterprise that is calculated to benefit the community.

MOORE & SANBURN.

Robert Moore and Samuel Sansburn are Canadians by birth and scientific blacksmiths by occupation. They came here with the original Cooper outfit three years ago, and each drove a span of mules in the famous procession that left Sanborn on that eventful morning to occupy the land of milk and honey. A hundred magnificent double teams, and as many men, pushing out into an unknown country, without a roof in sight for miles around, at the beginning of winter, was a fair sample of Dakota enterprise. Nearly two years ago they left the Cooper farm and started the first, only, and last blacksmith shop in Cooperstown. They are first-class workmen, steady and reliable, and are doing well.

GILLESPIE & BLOW.

are the proprietors of the sample and billiard rooms immediately west of the Palace. The gentlemen were formerly in Wheatland, and removed here in 1883. They keep in stock at all times the choicest brands of wines, liquors and cigars, and their place is the amusement headquarters in the city. The firm is possessed of an abundance of this world's goods. Mr. Blow is a single man; Mr. Gillespie is a solid resident of the Twenty-third ward, and has a wife and nice little family.

JACKSON & KNUDSON.

Carnes Hegge and Wm. Jackson, proprietors, is one of the institutions of the city, where a man can partake of the pleasant waters of Lethe, the water of fire, or the fruit of the vat which soothes, or the juice of the grape that invigorates or of the birch which discolors, or ginger ale which fills, or perchance, of the champagne which sparkles and costs like—everything. The firm own

their building, and are doing a fine business and keep an orderly and neat place, which is a great resort for the weary and disconsolate.

JOHN N. JORGENSEN.

the clerk of district court, was formerly with John J. Skuse, of Fargo. He came to Cooperstown at an early day with his family, built him a handsome residence on Gethsemane hill, and a commodious office on Burrell avenue, and has been doing a general land office business.

BYRON ANDRUS.

Judge of Probate, is also engaged in the law and loan business in Cooperstown. He is an early settler, and has done a vast amount of business in locating and perfecting titles for settlers, and buying and selling railroad lands. He owns his own office and valuable town property.

RETZLAFF BROS.,

who own and run the meat market on Burrell avenue, are careful and painstaking in their business, and are moderately successful.

MERRILL BROS. & LUCE.

Are first-class machine men, and agents for the Deering Twine Binder. It is expected that Mr. Joseph Buchheit will represent this firm this season in Cooperstown.

WOOD & CO.

Are the proprietors of a new feed and sale stable, and are young and energetic men who are bound to succeed in whatever they undertake.

MR. GEO. W. BARNARD.

Is one of our most prominent farmers and citizens, and has been postmaster since the office was established, and with his courteous and efficient deputies, Mr. Herbert P. Smart and Miss Minnie Barnard, gives the best satisfaction and conducts a model office.

E. C. WARD.

Mr. Ward is a metropolitan bootmaker, and an industrious and genial citizen. There is no better bootmaker in the Northwest.

J. C. YANCEY.

Is the happy proprietor of the tonsorial parlors on Burrell avenue, where he is to be found from sun-up to midnight, ready to shave, shake or cut hair in the most artistic style.

C. G. LANDE.

is the watchmaker of the place, and has the reputation of being a fine workman, and a good citizen.

NELSON KILL.

Is a blacksmith,—a good workman who is also engaged in farming.

The foregoing sketches are intended to include only the business houses of the place. Many unintentional omissions are made.

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