

THE VILLAGE OF NEHAWKA

Surrounded by Fine Farms and Extensive Orchards, Contains Enterprising and Prosperous People

Mr. Banning has been engaged in the implement business several years and buys only the best tools and any reference can be given as to his square dealing and business management.

Alva E. Stites.

This gentleman was born near Plattsouth, October 9th, 1887. His parents afterwards moved to Union where the young man received a part of his education, graduating at the high school. He attended the Highland Park College of Pharmacy at Des Moines, Ia., finishing his course in 1905. He filled a responsible position as a pharmacist in a Des Moines drug store for two years, at the end of which time he returned to Union



and purchased the drug store which he now owns. This event occurred in April, 1907. Besides carrying a full line of staple drugs and proprietary medicines, Mr. Stites is exclusive agent in Union for the Sherwin-Williams Paints, best in the world. He also handles fine toilet articles, stationery, wall paper, paints, oil, etc. Early this spring he partitioned his store, making two nice rooms, one exclusively for his drug trade and the other for wall paper, paints and the more cumbersome articles of his trade.

He has installed a fine soda water fountain and carries a full line of the best brands of cigars and otherwise improved all departments of his business.

Mr. Stites is a progressive, aggressive young business man fully alive to the needs of his trade. He has the distinction of being the youngest drug store owner in the United States, having been only nineteen years old when he purchased his present business.

The portrait given of him here is a good likeness and was taken a short time since.

Old Settlers' Reunion.

The twenty-first annual reunion of the old settlers of Cass county and adjoining counties will be held in Union on Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7. This is one of the big local affairs of the county and great preparations have been made to make this a success in every way. The program includes oratory, band music and sports, and every one attending is guaranteed a fine time. The organization giving this reunion is composed of the leading citizens of Union and vicinity, and they have uniformly made the affair one to be remembered.

A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to be present at the reunion this year. Any information desired will be cheerfully furnished by addressing Charles L. Graves, secretary, Union, Neb.

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METHODIST CHURCH—UNION

By reason of Nehawka's location, and its natural facilities, it is a most favored spot in Cass, the best county in the great state of Nebraska. From an agricultural point of view the land tributary to Nehawka is unsurpassed in the production of grain and fruit crops. The farmers in this section are all well-to-do, and the many beautiful and substantial residences that adorn the town is indicative of prosperity and contentment among the inhabitants. The churches and schools of Nehawka are among the best in the state, and afford every advantage to the spiritual welfare of man with every advantage along the educational lines for the children who grow up in the community, fitting them for the high school or preparatory college. In this immediate vicinity, can be found the greatest apple orchards in the land, one of which, owned by Mr. Isaac Pollard, is said to be one of the largest in the world, covering over two hundred acres.

Extensive stone quarries are located near the village, which employ a large number of laborers the year round, the output of which is many car-loads daily. Again, Nehawka is blessed with one of the best flouring mills in the state, and the flour manufactured is well known in many households for its excellent quality. Nehawka is also known for its country fair, which a few years ago was simply established as merely a little



NEHAWKA ROLLER MILLS

local affair, has grown in interest, until today it is known throughout Southeast Nebraska as one of the interesting and enterprising features of this wide-awake community. The town is located on the Lincoln branch of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, with about equal distance (18 miles) from Nebraska City and Plattsouth, the county seat of Cass.

The name of Nehawka (which means weeping water) was a post-office some time before the town was laid out, and was located across the creek. L. C. Pollard was postmaster at that time, and continued to perform the duties of that position for several years after the office was removed to this side of the stream. The town was laid out soon after the railroad was completed, or in 1887. The land upon which the same is located, was owned by S. M. Kirkpatrick, father of E. A. Kirkpatrick, who is still a citizen of Nehawka. The oldest resident in this vicinity is Uncle George Hanson, while S. M. Kirkpatrick came pretty soon after Mr. Hanson. Mr. Kirk-

patrick sold the 80 acres upon which the town is now located at an enormous figure to the townsite agent for the railroad company. The first saw mill in Nebraska was located here in an early period by Mr. Kirkpatrick. F. P. Sheldon opened the first store and is still doing business at the old stand, every year adding new friends to his long list. The first hotel was owned by H. G. Strong, and it is the same as that owned by John Bronson, the present owner. The first bank was organized soon after the town was located. C. H. Parmele, deceased, owning a majority of the stock, with several local men interested. Nehawka has two churches—Methodist and United Brethren—one of the finest public school buildings in Cass county. The building contains four rooms, but only three grades are being taught.

Here are the homes of ex-Governor George L. Sheldon and ex-Congressman Ernest M. Pollard, whose parents settled here in an early day, and many broad acres surrounding the village are still retained by the families, and not only does this immediate community, but the citizens of Cass county in general feel highly honored in the production of two such distinguished and able gentlemen. Nehawka today boasts of two good general stores, one of which, that owned by F. P. Sheldon, is one of the best equipped in Cass county, one hardware store, one drug store, two barber shops, two elevators, one bank, one doctor, one milliner and dressmaker, one lumber yard, one notion store, one pool hall, one blacksmith and general repair shop for vehicles and implements of all kinds, one livery barn, and last, but not least, a local newspaper which is doing most excellent work for the town and vicinity, whose "types" are manipulated by that genuine good fellow, T. J. O'Day, who is truly deserving of all the support possible.

The population of Nehawka is about 350 live, progressive people, who are always alert to the interests of the town and territory tributary thereto. The way to build up a prosperous community is for those whose interest lie in the building up of the town to patronize home institutions. There are so many business concerns who will send men to your community, offering to sell you goods cheaply, and at the same time make false pretenses. In patronizing such concerns, does it not appear clearly to you that you are tearing down home industry to build up others where you get no value of the money invested? Nehawka is a nice town and all who reside here are proud to call it home, while those who live within a radius of miles in either direction are benefitted by its location, should bear in mind the value which natural advantages of the town brings to them. Following will be found brief reviews of the live, energetic and progressive business and professional men of one of the most up-to-date villages in Eastern Nebraska:

J. S. Bronson.

This gentleman was born at Elizabethtown, Essex county, New York, on the 12th day of February, 1871. Mr. Bronson came to Nebraska in 1890 and since that time has lived in Cass county.

For the past fourteen years he has resided in Nehawka and followed various pursuits. In October of last year, Mr. Bronson leased the Nehawka hotel and has spent his time and money bringing that hostelry into a better condition to receive the traveling public than was formerly the case. Early in the spring Mr. Bronson had entire building completely and thoroughly renovated and put in the best possible shape. He has determined to give Nehawka a place to at the needs of the public and this spirit has the endorsement of all who have occasion to visit the little gem city of Cass county. Mr. Bronson is married and his estimable wife shares the responsibility of the hotel management.

The Nehawka Milling Co.

The pride of Nehawka and the surrounding country is its excellent mill, erected at a great outlay of capital only a few years since. In the erection of this modern enterprise, the fact is truly demonstrated that the citizens interested in its building had eyes only in the direction of the interests of the people of southern Cass and northern Otoe counties and the up-building of Nehawka. Such a mill is a credit to any city in the state, and the grades of flour made is considered equal to any manufactured in the great west. The building is a large, two-story structure, containing all the latest machinery and processes for turning out the very highest grades of flour. When you see flour branded "High Nehawka Patent" buy a sack of it and see how pleased your wife will be. She will make you better biscuits than ever, because she has the best material on the market out of which to make them palatable. The products of the Nehawka Mill have already gained a wide reputation for the excellent qualities, and the merchants who fail to handle them are not doing justice to their patrons.

The Nehawka Milling Company besides their fine flour, manufacture all kinds of mill stuff. The head miller is one of the best in the state, as his work will testify. The officers of the company are: F. P. Sheldon, president; A. F. Sturm, vice president, and M. D. Pollard, secretary. The mill is under the direct management of the latter gentleman, which is sufficient evidence that those who buy goods of these people get just such goods as represented. They always buy the best wheat, and this added to the modern facilities for manufacturing, cannot help but produce the best flour placed upon the market. All local merchants in Otoe and Cass counties should handle the Nehawka flour.



Dr. A. E. Walker.

The subject of this sketch was born at Plattsouth, September 8, 1873. After a course in the Plattsouth schools he attended the Normal Commercial College at Lincoln, graduating at that institution. Determined to follow the medical profession he entered Scudder Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio and graduated with high honors at that college May 12th, 1898.

The doctor first began his practice at Union, opening an office in that town August 9th, 1897.

He took a post graduate course at

the West Side Clinical school at Chicago, Ill. in 1898.

In 1899 he took a post graduate course at the Bennett Medical College at Chicago.

He again took a post graduate and specialty in surgery course in New York.

In 1904 and '05 he attended the New York Polytechnic and in the hospital connected with the school. During the same year he attended the college he attended regular lectures at the college.

For three months he was assistant surgeon at the New York hospital, Blackwell Island and during that time gained very valuable experience in that line of the profession.

In 1908 the doctor concluded to

child, a daughter of fourteen years of age. Mr. Sheldon has a commodious and attractive home, near the old home of his father which is now owned and occupied by former Governor Sheldon.

Frank Sheldon is one of the most prosperous business men in Nebraska, a factor in the growth and prosperity of Cass county and, withal, a most estimable citizen.

The Nehawka Bank.

This bank was organized September 14th, 1888, with a capital of \$5,000.

The first president of the institution was C. H. Parmele, of Plattsouth who held that position the first eight years of the bank's existence.

The former Governor Sheldon succeeded Parmele, and was in turn succeeded by J. M. Stone, who still remains at the head of the bank.

Mr. F. P. Sheldon is vice-president and D. C. West cashier. The latter gentleman has been in charge of the bank since its organization and has conducted its affairs with ability and care.

The best evidence of this is the



STREET SCENE—NEHAWKA

locate in Nehawka and moved from Union to that place January 17th, 1908.

The doctor has a commodious office which is fitted out with all modern surgical and other appliances necessary in modern medicine and surgical practice.

Miss Jessie Gilmour of Plattsouth precinct, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gilmour, who are old residents of Cass county, Mrs. Walker was formerly a teacher in the Nehawka schools, and his highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

Frank P. Sheldon.

This quiet unassuming man is a leading factor in the business life of Nehawka and Cass County.

Born October 11th, 1866, on the

fact that while the original capital of \$5,000 has been increased to \$25,000, it has been done entirely from the surplus earnings of the bank.

Forty thousand dollars have been paid in dividends during that time and the history of the Nehawka bank stands alone and peculiar in Nebraska banking annals as an ably managed financial institution. The banking building, shown elsewhere, was erected in 1906 and is a model for convenience and the needs of the community.

The bank is provided with safety deposit vaults, largely used in the village, which is one of the richest communities in Nebraska. The Nehawka bank has no superior in the west for banking facilities and its record is that of a well managed progressive institution.



NEHAWKA BANK BUILDING

Sheldon homestead at Nehawka. Mr. Sheldon has passed the most of his life among the friends of his early days.

Lawson Sheldon, the father of Frank Sheldon and ex-Governor Geo. L. Sheldon, located on the present site of the village of Nehawka in 1855 and was one of the earliest settlers of Cass County.

Mr. Frank Sheldon attended school in Cass county and in April, 1888, concluded to enter business. He then established the store in Nehawka which he has ever since owned and conducted, it being the largest and leading one in Nehawka.

His business has always been characterized by fair dealing and his word is as good as most men's bond. Mr. Sheldon was married in 1891 to Miss Banning, the daughter of one of Cass County's pioneers and a most prominent man. There is one

Be Natural.
Sidney Smith said, by way of advice: "Whatever you are by nature, keep to it; never desert your own line of talent. Be what nature intended you for and you will succeed; be anything else and you will be a thousand times worse than nothing."

A Crippled Organ.
Alfred at the window watching an old organ grinder with an old-fashioned, stick-propped barrel organ, and listening to the dulcet strains of "Home, Sweet Home," suddenly exclaims: "Poor old organ! She's only got one leg!"

Growsome Source of Inspiration.
Young, the poet, composed his "Night Thoughts" with a skull before him, in which he would place a lighted candle, and at times he would wander among the tombs at midnight to get sepulchral inspiration.



PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING