

THE VILLAGE OF GREENWOOD

Brief Descriptive Review of the Enterprising and Progressive Metropolis of Northwestern Cass County

One of the prettiest locations for a town in the state of Nebraska is that upon which Greenwood is situated. Notwithstanding its many misfortunes in the way of disastrous conflagrations, it is holding its own admirably in the way of improvements and a business point of view. Greenwood is situated in the extreme northwest corner of Cass county, twenty miles northeast of Lincoln, the state capital, on the great Burlington railroad, connecting the two great cities of Nebraska—Omaha and Lincoln—and 35 miles southwest of the great metropolis. The many beautiful homes with well-kept lawns and beautiful shade trees, fully denotes that residents of Greenwood live in God's own country and are indeed prosperous and happy. The country tributary is in a high state of cultivation and the farmers supplied from the tilling of the soil with plenty of cash to supply the wants of their families and lay up a surplus for the veritable "rainy day." Greenwood is one of the best shipping points in Cass county.

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Illustrations of Some of the Most Important Institutions and Biographical Sketches of Business and Professional Men

are several nice church edifices including Christian and Methodist denomination, secret and fraternal societies galore, all of which speak in glowing terms of the class of citizens of which Greenwood can boast. One of the largest enterprises is a mammoth manufacturing establishment, where agricultural implements are built and repaired. A beautiful park is another indication of the enterprise possessed by the good people of this pleasant little city. Her bank, her mercantile establishments, and in fact the general surroundings are further marks of the prosperity of the people. Take

worth, Livingstone county, Illinois. He was three years old when his folks moved to Nebraska, and settled at Lone Tree, now known as Central City, Merriek county. He attended the schools of the county for a time, then went to the St. Mary's college of Kansas, after which he took a course at the Fremont Normal. He was county superintendent of Merriek county schools for a term, and also taught in different places at intervals. His father being one of the pioneer merchants of Nebraska, he has always been in close touch with mercantile conditions and his judgment of values and styles of

Mr. Meeker came to Nebraska about 1880 and was one of the organizers of the bank.

Mr. Walton came to Nebraska about 1886 and has been connected with the bank since 1888.

The bank occupies a substantial brick building on the most prominent corner in Greenwood. In 1908 a two story brick addition was added to the original building and the interior remodeled, banking room enlarged and re-arranged. The first floor is now occupied by the bank, postoffice and drug store. Second story by telephone offices and lodge rooms.

Dr. E. L. Jones.

Dr. E. L. Jones was born in Fulton county, Illinois. When twenty-one years of age he went to Valparaiso, Indiana and took instructions at that place for two years. Afterwards he took a scientific course at the National Normal University, at Labanon, Ohio, graduating in 1872. After teaching two years in Illinois, the doctor came to Nebraska in 1893, and for several years occupied principalships in various schools.

R. D. McDonald.

Mr. McDonald was born at Ross Point, New York, and came to Nebraska in the spring of 1878, and settled near Elmwood.

He was married in 1880 to El-dora B. White of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Mr. McDonald came to Greenwood in 1882 and first went into business as a flour and feed merchant in which trade he continued for two years. Selling out this business he then engaged in the general mercantile trade. On the 20th of June, 1907, he bought the hardware stock of Edwin Metcalf and also that of Frank Maharma and consolidated the two making it a large and complete one.

Mr. McDonald has just had completed for his use a commodious store building, which is adequate for all use.

The stock, which is entirely new and up-to-date, comprises a complete line of shelf hardware, crockery, stoves, ranges, aluminum goods, etc.

Mr. McDonald is a solid established citizen and substantial and for many years has been a member of the Cass County Democratic Central Committee.

The J. V. Stradley Co.

This company was formed in 1906, and is composed of A. D. Welton and J. V. Stradley. Mr. Stradley, who is manager of the company, was born in Ohio; came to Nebraska with his parents in 1875, Greenwood being his home most of the time. For a number of years he engaged in farming and running machinery. In 1894 he accepted a position with the Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company as traveling salesman, served in this capacity for twelve years, and made many warm friends among the Knights of the Grip, as well as the local implement dealers.

In 1906, Mr. Stradley resigned his position and with A. D. Welton this company was formed and incorporated. The company occupies the largest building in Greenwood and handles everything in the implement line. Most of the standard farm machine factories are represented by this establishment.

Connected with the concern is a machine and blacksmith shop, in which a general repair business is done. This shop is equipped with both wood and iron working machines of the latest types.

Everything in wood and iron work is done by the most expert men who can be employed. All kinds of engines, corn shellers and threshing machines are rebuilt.

The Stradley Company is agent for the Minneapolis Threshing Machine Co., also the Ottawa Corn Sheller Co. The company has rebuilt engines and corn shellers on hand for sale at all times. The Webber wagons are sold and guaranteed by this house, and recommended.

The firm is also agent for the Capital City buggies and surreys, which are the best on the market. The Stradley Company also handles gasoline engines, pumps, wind mills and towers, also manufacture wagon boxes, shoveling boards, dump elevators, drag conveyors, stock tanks made to order. Everything this company handles is the very best of its kind, consequently a guarantee of quality goes with all goods.

Mr. Stradley is also directly offering a Nebraska product of more than ordinary interest. He is breeding a high grade of Shetland ponies, by long odds the finest in the state, as he has been awarded the highest premiums at the Nebraska state fairs. He has ponies in the plain and fancy colors and has sold a number of them at very good prices.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

Three or four grain buyers are permanently located here. The capacity of the two mammoth elevators is as large as those of any elevators in the state. This, combined with the stock shipped from this point annually brings up a grand total of several hundred cars. Knowing ones claim that the shipment from here will easily reach six hundred car loads annually.

The town of Greenwood from its incipency has made great strides, and but for her frequent and many conflagrations, would have today a population of 1000 people, and be

it all in all the good people of Greenwood are blessed with nearly all the natural comforts of this life, which makes life worth living in the town which they have chosen to make their home, and where happiness and contentment should reign supreme.

At the present time Greenwood contains three general stores, that would do credit to towns three times its population, one grocery store, two hardware stores, two confectioneries, one bank, two physicians, two blacksmith shops, one hotel, one livery barn, three elevators, three barbers



THE J. V. STRADLEY CO'S BUILDINGS

goods are excellent.

He located in Greenwood five years ago and opened a general merchandise store. The business has grown steadily year after year, and the increase for the five years has been fully sixty per cent over the original business. He has the leading business of his kind in Greenwood and is liberal and progressive in all his actions.

The stock is complete and always kept fresh and new. Mr. Stone makes a specialty of shoes, in which he deals in the leading and

The doctor was the originator of the Summer Normal Institute idea in western Nebraska and continued in this work until the year of 1902. In the fall of that year he began attendance at the Lincoln Medical College and graduated in the spring of 1905. Since graduating the doctor has practiced continually in Davey and Greenwood.

Mrs. Agnes J. Houston Jones was born in DeKalb county, Illinois. When about 6 years old her folks moved to Richardson county, Nebraska. In 1886 the family moved to



STREET SCENE—GREENWOOD

one among the best little cities in Nebraska. With all their disasters, the business men of the town seem possessed of that vim and grit which characterizes a live, progressive town, with a good class of wide-awake people, who are alert to the best interests of all who make Greenwood their abiding place. Her fine school house, of modern structure, speaks only in that tone of voice which gives credit to the town of having splendid schools, which are presided over by Prof. Wickland, who has given such general satisfaction as an instructor, that he has been re-employed for the ensuing school year at an increased salary. There

one wagon and implement shop, a telephone exchange, one butcher shop, an undertaker, a drug store, one lumber yard, and about 500 happy souls who are proud to call Greenwood their abiding place. Following are a few of the prominent business men of the town, of whom we are privileged to mention briefly in relation to their capacities of business, and as those who are the ones to whom credit is due for the interest they take in the welfare of the town and the community.

The Stone Mercantile Co.

Mr. W. M. Stone, the owner of the above company, was born at Chats-



PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING

best known makes for men, women and children. It is not possible to buy better shoes in any town.

First National Bank.

This financial institution was founded in 1884. It has a capital stock of \$25,000; a surplus of \$5,000 and undivided profits of \$1,000.

Its loans and discounts amount to \$97,000, while the deposits are \$125,000.

The first officials of the bank were John Fitzgerald of Lincoln, president; John R. Clark, of Lincoln vice president and N. H. Meeker, cashier.

N. H. Meeker afterwards became the president and A. D. Walton became cashier in 1889.

Lincoln county Nebraska, and took up a homestead.

Mrs. Jones passed her early years in that county.

She attended school in the Wesleyan University at Lincoln. The marriage of the Joneses occurred in August, 1895.

There are three especially interesting children of this marriage.

Mrs. Jones graduated in medicine in 1906 and has since practiced in Lancaster and Cass counties. Mrs. Dr. Jones has been appointed physician at the Home of the Friendless at Lincoln and took up her duties at that institution on the 1st of April.

This appointment while well bestowed evidences the high ability of Mrs. Jones.

While not so extensively advertised as some of the towns in Cass county, Cedar Creek is more than holding its own in the way of business and improvements in the village, as well. Cedar Creek was laid out in 1865, on the old line of the Burlington up Platte river valley, and has been a prominent shipping place ever since the building of the road through the town. It is situated about ten miles west of Plattsmouth. The original owners were John Inhelder and Isaac and George Sayles; the two latter, however, transferring their interest to Mr. Inhelder shortly after the town was laid out. Being situated so close to Louisville, and within such a short distance of Plattsmouth, the county seat, the growth has been of that slow but sure order as to be permanent. It is one of the best trading points in the county, surrounded as it is by some of the finest country that was ever viewed by man, whose occupants are all well-to-do farmers and stock breeders, and whose magnificent homes bear evidences of the prosperity which the tilling of the soil brings forth. In fact they are all rich, and possess the cash with which to buy their supplies which is a blessing to any community.

One of the largest stone quarries in the western states is located near Cedar Creek employing many men the year round, which proves very beneficial to the business interests of the town. Near the village are also located several very picturesque lakes which are filled with several varieties of very fine fish, and afford the pleasure seeker a pleasant resort for a few days recreation. There is no use of going so far away from home to seek such pleasures when the people of Cass county have such resorts right under their noses. Cedar Creek is the natural depot for a large scope of country adjacent, which yields a great wealth of the country's products. The town is peculiarly rich in opportunities for men with minds and ambition and is most wonderfully fitted for those who strive to reach the goal of their ambitions by earnest, intelligent efforts. In the past few years Cedar Creek has demonstrated this fact in the possession of a class of live, energetic young business men, who have the vim and grit to make things hum, and the town offers today such bargains in all kinds of merchandise and building material, that people come here from within a short distance of neighboring towns to make their purchases in this village. There is little more to be said of Cedar Creek only that the village has two large grain elevators, two good general stores, one hotel and one drug store, one good lumber yard and one barber shop, one well

regulated saloon, one doctor, one carpenter, one painter, one blacksmith soap, church, school house. Below will be found brief mentions of those who have aided in getting out this large anniversary edition of the Journal:

J. F. Wolff, General Merchant.

Mr. Wolff, who is one of the energetic young business men of Cass county, was born in Germantown, Neb., January 4, 1872, and came to Cedar Creek in 1887. For several years he worked on a farm and public works. Began as a mail route carrier in 1902, in which position he continued until February, 1905, when he purchased the general merchandise stock of Henry



Baker, which business he has continued ever since. Mr. Wolff carries everything that is sold in any establishment of this character, except lumber and drugs. His lines consist of dry goods, boots and shoes, hardware, groceries, notions, etc. By courteous treatment in his business relations with the farmers surrounding Cedar Creek, he has won this friendship to such an extent that he has increased his stock 100 per cent, and, of course, this means that he has also increased his business accordingly since he purchased the store. Mr. Wolff is also manager of the Independent Telephone Exchange, and was postmaster at Cedar Creek until last fall. His store is very neatly kept and a stranger entering the same will perceive at a glance that he is an up-to-date merchant in every respect. Mr. Wolff has a wife and one child and is proud of them. He is at the head of the column of those who are for Cedar Creek "first, last and all the time."

Cedar Creek Lumber Co.

Paul H. Roberts, manager of the above company, was born in Plattsmouth October 1, 1883, and is a son of Joseph M. Roberts, cashier of the



STONE MERCANTILE CO.—INTERIOR STORE VIEW



INTERIOR VIEW WHITE BROS' STORE