

THE VILLAGE OF MURRAY

all. Mr. George K. Gramlich, a stockholder, while not actively connected with the operation of the bank's affairs enjoys the good wishes and respect of all classes. Mr. Gustin and Mr. Gramlich have but recently been elected as directors, but taken from their business ability, the bank has been aided and strengthened very materially by their acquisition.

Both are estimable gentlemen, have beautiful farms and homes, are business men of the first rate, having acquired a very comfortable recompense by their efforts.

The community is surely fortunate in having such directors to direct the handling of their funds, and we are sure can safely go to either of them at any time in all confidence, and be treated as business men should treat you.

Mr. James E. Magee, the present vice president, is now sojourning in California and will in all probabilities retire from active banking in the near future, at which time one of the two newly elected directors will be advanced.

The bank does a commercial business which has steadily increased since the beginning. As an evidence of this fact it may be stated that a surplus of \$1,000 and undivided profits of \$5,000 have already accumulated.

The bank is under the immediate supervision and control of Mr. P. S. Crink, cashier, a man of 6 years steady experience in the banking business and does by his rapid business methods handle to the satisfaction of all, the entire business, but it takes long hours of steady work.

Fire Insurance is also written, the companies being representative ones, like the Aetna, of Hartford, the Columbia of Omaha, and others. The village of Murock is to be congratulated upon the accession of the Union State bank which has a bright future before it.

WABASH

Wabash, when it was laid out in 1886, promised to be one of the most prosperous towns in Cass county, but for several years it seems to have been going backward so far as growth is concerned. The town was laid out by Isaac Manion, who removed there from Eight Mile Grove and purchased a portion of the farm now owned by Henry Gerbling. The first store was opened by Stephen Hulfish, who moved a store building from Bushberry four miles west of Wabash. Mr. Hulfish established a store at Bushberry in 1880, and also had a postoffice established with himself as postmaster. Others soon came to Wabash after Steve. Geo. W. Woodruff soon started a hardware store, and then came Oliver Jacobs with a stock of goods, which was the outgrowth of a mammoth store under the firm name of Oliver Jacobs & Co., with Willis Horton as one of the firm, which was eventually the downfall, financially, of Mr. Horton, who at that time, was a man of considerable wealth. Steve Hulfish was the first postmaster, and continued in the office until 1894. Then George Hay was in the office for three years and then Mr. Hulfish was in charge again. The first lumber yard was kept by Gilbert & Adams. Geo. Towle whose farm is near Wabash, had the first elevator. A newspaper was established in 1886 by E. D. Hulfish, a brother of Steve. A fire occurred in March 1888, which destroyed the printing office and the big store building adjoining. A stock company was then organized, a new plant purchased and the paper printed by Alex Schlegel. It was destroyed by fire in 1889, together with several other buildings. These disastrous fires and the building of the Rock Island railroad, four miles away, seem to have been death blows almost to Wabash. The old land marks who are left to tell the tale are Steve Hulfish, M. V. Wood and W. J. Horton. The town today consists of two general stores, one drug and grocery store combined, owned by Steve Hulfish, one lumber yard, one hotel, one blacksmith shop and three elevators. It also has one bank, one church, one school house and about 150 people. The town is very prettily located, and the country is surrounded by a wealthy class of farmers, whose splendid homes are fit to class with many city homes. While it would seem that Wabash had lost its grit, it is yet a good trading point, and we hope that one of these days prosperity will overtake it with a new impetus.

Logical Argument.

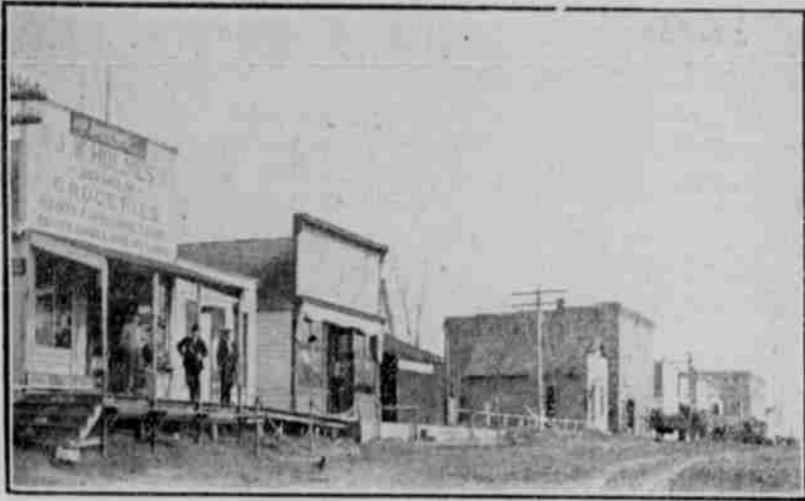
Chumpleigh had just been fined \$10 for exceeding the speed limit. "Now, your honor," he said, "I desire to make charges against this policeman who brought me here." "What charge?" demanded the judge. "Same as mine, your honor," said Chumpleigh. "If I was going 40 miles an hour in my car he must have gone 31 on his motorcycle, or he never would have caught me."—Harper's Weekly.

Situated $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles southwest of Plattsmouth on the Missouri Pacific railway, is the prosperous village of Murray. The town was laid out shortly after the railroad was surveyed through that section and the right of way established. However, there was a store located here before the road was even surveyed. The building now occupied by Holmes & Smith was built and occupied by S. G. Latta and a nephew of the same name, who opened the first business house with a stock of general merchandise. Before the location was established the nearest postoffice was Three Groves, four miles from Murray and when it was discontinued the postoffice here was established and Wm. Loughridge, who was the pioneer blacksmith, was appointed postmaster, and kept the office east of the railroad track where his shop and residence are yet located. John Al-

of a good lumber yard, three elevators, one drug store, one good hotel, one livery barn, a barber shop, a harness shop, two blacksmiths, one grocery store, one hardware and implement establishment a dealer in pumps and a hay press. Murray also boasts of one of the best schools in the county; a brass band of 20 pieces, and about 300 live, enterprising, up-to-date citizens. Following are a few brief mentions of those who denote their liberality by assisting the Journal in producing this anniversary edition:

W. G. Boedeker.

This gentleman is the cashier and stockholder of the Murray State bank, the sole financial institution of the place. Mr. Boedeker is probably the youngest bank owner in the state, being only 23 years old. He was born in Cass county and



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lison, father of Lee and James Allison, was postmaster at Three Groves and the postoffice located in his house. Dr. B. F. Brendel was the first doctor to locate upon the Murray townsite, has grown up with the town in business and otherwise. The town started out with a very fair prospect of being one of the best in Cass county. While progress in building was not as rapid as it might have been the town is considered one of the very best points on the line of the Missouri Pacific railroad, as a shipping point.

The land upon which Murray is located is a portion of the farms owned by J. A. Walker and S. G. Latta. The south side of the main street was owned by Mr. Walker while that north of the street was owned by S. G. Latta, where the residence portion of the town is principally located, and also the business portion of the town. In respect to residences the town is very unevenly divided. Murray is located right in

passed a good part of his life here, being a graduate from the Lincoln Business College and Cotner University.

He gained his first experience in banking at Arapahoe, Nebraska, under cashier Sam Patterson, being connected with a bank of that place for one year.

Mr. Boedeker bought the Murray State bank about a year ago. The bank building is a commodious brick building with ample facilities for handling the business of the district. Mr. Boedeker is favorably known in the community and is highly esteemed by all for his many qualities. There is undoubtedly a bright future before him, as his field of operations is steadily extending.

Harry G. Todd.

Mr. Todd was born at the home-stead of his father, Hon. Levi G. Todd, February 5th, 1864. The subject of this sketch lived on the home place for twenty years,



RESIDENCE OF H. G. TODD

the veritable garden spot of this section of the best county in Nebraska. For miles east, west, north and south the eye of mortal man never viewed more beautiful landscapes of the most productive soil, and the many fine farm residences and the many fine herds of cattle, beautiful horses and other stock are evidences of the thrift and prosperity of the farmers tributary to the beautiful city of Murray.

The citizens of Murray are of that class who believe in progression, and while the different fraternal and beneficiary societies are represented here the Modern Woodmen of America is the only one that own their lodge room. Two elegant church buildings adorn the village—Christian and Presbyterian—each of which is presided over by able and attentive pastors, with a large membership of both societies. The ladies of Murray are great church workers, and their sterling worth is denoted by the manner in which the churches prosper. The town is making an effort to keep abreast with other towns of the county and in a very creditable manner. The two general stores carry large stocks of such goods as their patrons demand and furnish a ready market for all products of the farm. Murray also has one of the most substantial banks in Cass county, whose interests are most carefully guarded by the efficient and genial cashier, Glen Boedeker. Murray also boasts

attending the schools of the county and working on the farm at intervals.

Upon attaining his majority he began farming on his own account and with the addition of a few years time, became prosperous beyond the average.

In 1891, Mr. Todd married Miss Alice Brown, the daughter of a neighboring farmer.

Eight bright, healthy children are the fruit of his happy union. In 1905, Mr. Todd built a new home on his farm which for beauty, completeness and convenience is one of the finest, not only in Cass county, but of all rural Nebraska.

The home farm comprises 420 acres, all in the highest state of scientific cultivation.

Besides this quantity of land, 300 acres of additional soil is owned by Mr. Todd, all within a short distance. A spacious front yard filled with choice specimens of foliage is a pleasing adjunct to the Todd place, which in every respect bears evidence of the refinement and pleasing home life of the family. If the Roosevelt farm commission had visited the Todd place, it would not have found anything upon which to content the hard lot in life of the poor farmer. Mr. Todd is a breeder of Percheron horses and short horn cattle of high grade.

John H. Cook.

This gentleman was born in Plattsmouth in October, 1875.

His early years were spent in and near Mynard, that town in which he received his education.

Mr. Cook moved to Murray ten years ago and for a time engaged in the painting and papering business. He made a success of it as he has in everything he undertakes.

Four years ago, Mr. Cook decided to go into the harness business and having made up his mind at once bought out the business of N. Klaurans. He made good from the start and soon added a first class line of wagons and buggies to his stock, dealing in the goods of reliable manufacturers.

A short time ago Mr. Cook took the agency for automobiles and he will soon have the residents of Murray and the surrounding country well provided with these vehicles.

Mr. Cook always stands in the front rank and may be depended upon to stand for Murray and Cass county all the time.

Edmunds & Brown.

This firm has been in business in Murray for the past six years and during that time has been successful.

A first-class stock of all kinds of lumber, all under sheds, is kept on hand, sufficient to fill any order that may be made. Everything of first-class building material, lime, cement, brick, etc., may be found at Edmunds & Brown's establishment.

Mr. J. W. Edmunds was born in Michigan and came west, as he believed opportunities to advance were better here.

Mr. W. C. Brown is a native of Cass county, and was born in 1879. Attending school for a time near home, he afterwards took a course of instructions at an educational institution in Tarkio, Missouri.

Shortly after returning home, he concluded to go into business and the firm of Edmunds & Brown was the result. Both men have good business ideas and conduct their affairs along the best line known to the lumber trade.

W. W. Hamilton, Contractor.

Will H. Hamilton, the contractor and builder is, in the true sense of the term, a self-made man. He has resided in Murray and vicinity for many years, and has the confidence and respect of all who know him.

For some time after coming to Cass county he followed farming, then removed to Murray, where he has for a number of years pursued the occupation of builder and contractor, and has proved a success in all his transactions. He has erected some very nice farm residences, and his work has been commended by all who have viewed it. His work in Murray has always proved satisfactory, and his contracts always lived up to in every way. Mr. Hamilton has quite a number of carpenters in his employ, and is prepared to make estimates on any kind of a residence, barn or other out houses. Mr. Hamilton has a wife and several children, is an upright, conscientious citizen, whose character is above reproach, and his word can be depended upon. His work always gives the best of satisfaction and these are the reasons why he is a busy man every day in the week except Sunday. When you want a new building or the old repaired or rebuilt, see W. W. Hamilton before you contract with any other carpenter.

Farmers' Elevator Co.

About one year ago, the farmers in the neighborhood of Murray conceived the idea of establishing a grain elevator at this point, and a stock company was soon organized for that purpose. There being two elevators already in business at Murray, they endeavored to purchase one of them, but the parties owning the one they wanted refusing to sell for what the company thought a fair price. They immediately selected a site and began the erection of the building, which was completed and ready for business last October. The stockholders, at their first regular meeting selected the following board of directors: W. D. Wheeler, C. D. Spangler, W. H. Puls, J. H. Young, Lloyd Gapsen, John Spangler and Glen Perry. At the same meeting the following officers were elected: W. D. Wheeler, President; C. D. Spangler, Vice President; W. H. Puls, Secretary, and Lloyd Gapsen, Treasurer. The capital stock is \$10,000, and the elevator built with a capacity of 25,000 bushels of grain. The structure is one of the most modern and up-to-date of any along the line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

The company also handles coal, binder twine, oil, paint, building material, wagons, buggies, etc. In the selection of a manager the board of directors decided that Mr. C. D.

Spangler was the proper man for the place, being a young man of excellent business qualifications, and one whose honesty and integrity could be relied upon. He was reared among the stockholders in this community, who are all substantial farmers of the vicinity. When the grain is in the country the Farmers' Elevator Company will always get their share of business, the elevator they desired to purchase going entirely out of commission.

Holmes & Smith.

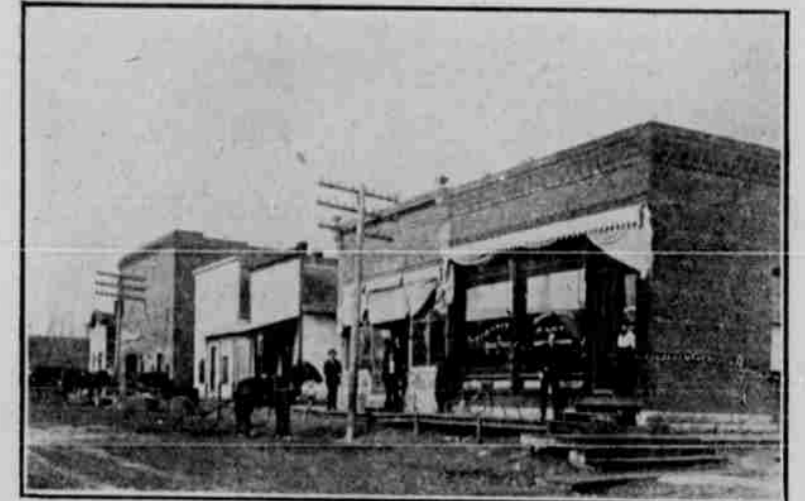
Mr. J. W. Holmes of the above firm was born in Cass county on a farm near Rock Bluffs in March, 1872. After being educated in the schools, he attended High school in Plattsmouth and from there he attended the Weeping Water Academy.

In September, 1899, he decided to go into business and opened a general store in Murray. The business succeeded from the start and grew with the development of the surrounding country.

Mr. W. S. Smith, the other member of the firm was born in Scott county, Iowa in July, 1867, moving from there to Clay county, Neb., in 1870, where he lived on a farm till March, 1903 when he bought a half interest in the business. He was educated in the district schools. He attended High school in Edgar, Clay county and from there attended business college in Omaha. Both members devote their attention to the needs of the community in which they live.

They are both young and active men and fully competent to handle a growing trade. The stock comprises everything usually kept in a general store.

They buy farmer's products and pay the highest prices for all mer-



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chantable articles. The firm is a credit to the town of Murray and to the county as well.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore.

The subject of this sketch is a production of Cass county. He was born in Mt. Pleasant precinct on the 20th day of August, 1867. After receiving a common school education he attended the Nebraska State Normal at Peru, from which he graduated in 1890. He also attended the Rush Medical college in Chicago, and graduated therefrom in 1895, and the Chicago Clinical school in 1899. Dr. Gilmore located in Murray in August, 1895, and has successfully practiced his profession there ever since. On Oct. 30, 1901, Dr. Gilmore was united in marriage with Miss Bessie Walker and to this union was born two lovely children—James Walker Gilmore and Helen Margaret Gilmore. Dr. Gilmore is not only a first-class physician, but he is also a first-class citizen and is always ready and willing to assist in any and every movement that is calculated to benefit Murray and the territory tributary thereto. He owns a fine home in Murray and also comfortable offices, divided into four departments. Surrounded as he is by a most estimable wife and one bright boy and lovely little daughter, Dr. Gilmore should certainly be one of the happiest mortals on earth. Added to this can be said he is in the enjoyment of a most lucrative practice, and is very popular with all who know him.

Don C. Rhoden.

This gentleman is the substantial, reliable and solid liveryman of Murray, ever ready to drive the traveling man or others who desire to be hauled over the beautiful and fertile acres of Cass county. Mr. Rhoden was born in Schuyler county, Mo., in 1861, and moved to Cass county with his parents in 1865. The family settled on a farm near Murray, and Don worked part of the time on the farm, and at intervals attended school. After attaining manhood he took up the trade of blacksmith, and after carrying on the business at Eight Mile Grove for two years, he got crippled in the left hand to the extent that he could not hold the tongs, and he sold out and went back to the farm. It has been twenty-six years since Mr. Rhoden was compelled to give up blacksmithing. About four years since he bought the livery barn in Murray, and has conducted the same at a fair profit to himself and to the advantage of the public.

His horses, buggies and carriages are all first-class and with reliable drivers is always ready and willing to carry those who desire from place to place in absolute safety and dispatch. Mr. Rhoden also buys and sells horses, and his reputation as a good judge of horses is splendid. He owns a pleasant home in Murray, and being surrounded by a splendid family, all of whom are valuable citizens, no one should be more contented with life than Don Rhoden.

The Doctors B. F. and J. F. Brendel.

Dr. B. F. Brendel was born December 14, 1854, and after receiving an education through the public schools he attended the Indianapolis Medical college, from which he graduated on March 20, 1882, and began the practice of his profession in Big Spring, Boone county, Ind., and continued to practice there for three years, moving to Murray, Neb., in September, 1886, where he

has successfully practiced ever since. Passed a most creditable examination before the State Board of Pharmacy at Omaha, March 24, 1887. Was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Josephine Parr, June 4, 1875, and the fruits of this union is three boys and one daughter—the latter, Miss Bessie, being the baby, and a most charming and accomplished young lady. Two of the boys, J. F. and Will, preferred to follow in the footsteps of their illustrious sire and became doctors, while Jeff, thinking, perhaps, that three physicians in one family enough, preferred the pure ozone on the farm. Dr. B. F. Brendel is the pioneer physician of this section, and his friends hereabouts are legion.

Dr. J. F. Brendel.

Dr. J. F. Brendel first saw daylight at Big Spring on the 4th day of June, 1876, and received the usual collegiate education before attending the Lincoln Medical college, from which he graduated on the 29th of April, 1903, soon after which he began practicing with his father, where he has continued a faithful and successful assistant. Was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Jameson of Weeping Water, December 28, 1908, and her location in Murray has proved quite an acquisition to the society circles of Murray. Dr. Brendel is a young man of sterling qualities, quiet and unassuming, and by his gentlemanly deportment has won hosts of friends. To know him is to like him.



OFFICE AND RESIDENCE OF DRs. BRENDL & BRENDL