

# THE VILLAGE OF EAGLE

The enterprising village of Eagle is situated in the Southwest corner of Cass county, two miles from the Otoe and Lancaster lines.

The town was laid out in the year 1886. The site upon which the town was located was donated to the Missouri Pacific railway company by Hon. Samuel McClintock, one of the largest land owners of that section, now deceased. It can be said to the credit of the deceased, that he was very liberal of his means where the interests of the people of the community in which he resided, were at stake. In turn, the railway company gave the town site to Mr. P. J. Nichols, who properly surveyed and located the town.

The first business houses erected were those of Sam English, A. O. Taylor and Mr. Kennard, (all general stores,) J. M. Ray, harness, and C. H. Reardon, hardware. These buildings were all erected so nearly at the same time that it is a question as to which one was completed first. These people have removed from the town, while Jim Latram who came early in the fight for the

activity, and a contentment, that all these pretty homes truly denote. Here will be found three churches—Methodist, German Lutheran and Evangelical—all possessing a live membership. While there are numerous other secret and fraternal societies represented, but two have active lodges—the K. of P. and M. W. A. Eagle can boast of a very fair school building, with four departments—primary, intermediate, 8th and 10th grades. The various departments have been the past year under the direction of competent instructors and right up with those of other villages of similar surroundings.

Located, as it is, Eagle should really be one of the most fortunate towns in the state. It is surrounded by a vast area of territory that must naturally come to that place to trade. Most of the business houses denote, from their well-kept stocks of goods and wares who the live ones are by their get-up-and-get-proclivities and keeping pace with the times. Below will be found a representation of Eagle's live and push-



RESIDENCE OF JAMES H. LATROM

best location, remains as a landmark, and still disposes of hardware and implements at the old stand. The town gradually increased in population until today Eagle has a population of 400 thrifty, prosperous and contented people.

The first train pulled over the Missouri Pacific was in August of the same year it was completed, and all were given a free ride to Lincoln and return.

Eagle is situated 14 miles east of Lincoln, and is in the neighborhood of 35 miles southwest of Plattsmouth, the county seat of Cass county. A postoffice was established in the town in 1887, and Joe Blanchard was the first postmaster. Today Eagle is a prosperous village, surrounded as it is by the finest agricultural lands in the world, where the broad prairies are at this season of the year alive with the tillers of the soil, and on every side can be seen on the grazing lands thousands upon thousands of head of the finest cattle and other stock. The first bank was es-

ing business men, who are always alert to the wants of their patrons:

### George C. Swartz.

This gentleman was born near Alvo in Cass County. He lived on the home place until about 15 years of age, when he went to Missouri, where he remained between six and seven years, clerking in general stores most all the time. While in Missouri, Mr. Swartz lived at West Plains about four years, and nearly three years at Polo, in both places he found employment in general stores. He then came back to Nebraska and soon after went into business at Wabash with a man named Joe McCaig. In September, 1906, Mr. Swartz moved to Eagle, bought his present store, and under the name of the Swartz Mercantile Company has been in business ever since. It is the leading store of Eagle, and has been ever since Mr. Swartz has had it under his control. Of a sanguine temperament, Mr. Swartz has been pleased to give the residents of Eagle

was employed as bar-tender for George Oberle, with whom he remained for two years or more. One year ago last November he bought the hardware and implement business owned by A. L. McDonald, where he has since continued in that line. Mr. Spahnle carries a full and complete line of shelf and heavy hardware, agricultural implements, and in fact everything pertaining to the business in which he is engaged, from a garden rake to heavier farming utensils, and his prices on all such articles are right with those who sell the same class in nearby towns. Mr. Spahnle is a clever gentleman, and understands the business in which he is engaged.

Being so well acquainted in this section of the country, and liked by everybody, he cannot help but do a splendid business.

### The Bank of Eagle.

This financial institution is owned by George Reitter sr. and George Reitter jr., being under the active management of the latter gentleman.

Mr. George Reitter jr. was born in Germany and came to this country with his parents, who came west to Nebraska City almost immediately after landing in this country. The family lived six years in Nebraska City and then moved to near Eagle in the spring of 1875.

The senior Reitter still lives on the farm a hale and hearty man of 74 years. He takes an active part in the management of his place.

The Reiters bought the Bank of Eagle which is a state bank, on May 1st, 1905, and have ever since managed and controlled it. The bank is very prosperous, having about \$100,000 deposits and a large line of business.

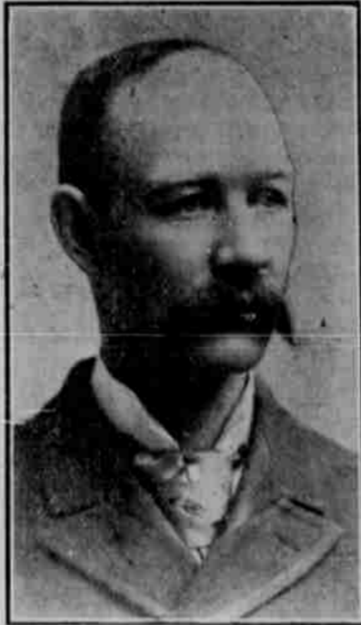
It is a commercial bank, and besides that branch of the business, makes farm loans in the vicinity. The bank's business extends over a radius of ten or twelve miles around Eagle and is steadily growing.

Mr. L. M. Milenz, who has been for so long cashier, resigned the first of May, 1909, to accept a more

with a full line of everything pertaining thereto, with a line of furniture and agricultural implements in connection. Mr. Latram's genial qualities has made for him many lasting friends, and by his splendid business ability has built up a business, of which anyone would feel proud.

He is one of Eagle's staunch business men, and his word on any matters pertaining to the welfare of the community is as good as gold.

In 1891, Mr. Latram was united in marriage with Mrs. Catherine Ax.



C. S. Trumble.

at the home of the bride's parents south of Eagle. Mr. and Mrs. Latram are the possessors of a palatial home, prettily located, and surrounded with modern improvements. Both are happy and contented, and have one son, Wm. J. Latram, who is one of those young men who any parents would be proud of. He is one of the most artistic painters and paper hangers in the county and with plenty of enterprise and energy to make his way in the world.

This gentleman was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1857. He first came to Nebraska in 1879, and after remaining in the state a short time



BANK OF EAGLE'S BUILDING

lucrative position in the banking department of the state, and was succeeded by George Reitter, a young man of high moral character and of sterling qualities, and with plenty of ability to look after this part of the bank's work.

### James H. Latram, Merchant.

The subject of this sketch was born in New York City in the year of 1854, and resided in that city until he had attained his majority, and, taking Horace Greeley's advice, he followed the Star of Empire in its westward course, he landed in Hamburg, Iowa, where he remained about two years. He then went to Nebraska City in 1885, where he lived for one year. In the winter of 1885-6 he went to Palmyra, Otoe county, and clerked for Dr. D. Wait in a hardware store, who finally opened a branch store at Eagle, where Mr. Latram went and took full control of the management.

Finally Dr. Wait sold out in Eagle, and in 1889, Mr. Latram opened up a new store in Eagle, where he has since continued in the business, keep an up-to-date hardware store,

returned to Sheridan county, Kansas, where he homesteaded a quarter section of land. He lived in Kansas for about nine years and then came back to Nebraska, settling one-half mile west of Eagle on a farm. Here he lived two years. He then moved into Eagle and bought the butcher shop in the spring of 1887. Mr. Trumble has owned that property ever since, although not very long time ago he leased it to a son who carries on the business now. About a year ago Mr. Trumble bought the drug store at Eagle and employs a manager to conduct it for him.

A year ago Mr. Trumble also bought the saloon at Eagle and has since conducted that establishment, carrying on an orderly and reputable place.

In the opinion of reputable citizens it is better to have a place of this sort than to have bootleggers infest the country with cheap articles of booze which contributes largely to homicidal actions of persons drinking it. So long as liquor is made Mr. Trumble believes it will be sold, and he prefers to sell it in the lawful manner himself. He has no wish to



SWARTZ MERCANTILE COMPANY'S STORE

a stock of goods largely beyond any other which has ever been placed upon the shelves of any store in the town.

The stock is one of a general character, and includes the best in dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, clothing, etc. The stock is kept fresh and new and clean and compares favorably with those in towns of twice the size of Eagle.

The picture here shown of the store was taken December 24th, 1908, and shows only about one half the crowd which had assembled the day before Christmas, the other half being in the large roomy store.

### Max Spahnle, General Hardware.

This young business man was born and reared upon a farm in Lancaster county, within six miles of Eagle, where he lived until about ten years ago. For four years he farmed within a mile of the town. After which he came to Eagle and went into the hardware and implement business, in the rooms under the Opera House. After selling out his



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established in 1891, by J. Q. Adams, Mr. Adams being president, and his son, A. C. Adams, cashier. They carried on the business of banking until 1905, when George Reitter, sr. and George Reitter, jr., became possessors of the bank, with M. L. Milenz as cashier. Mr. Milenz resigned his position on the first of May and the officers are now as follows: George Reitter, sr., president; George Reitter, jr., vice-president, and George Reitter, a son of George Reitter, jr., is cashier.

At the present time the following is a complete list of the various business houses of the town: Two general stores, two hardware stores and implement dealers, one drug store, one grocery store, one barber shop, one livery barn, three blacksmith shops, one undertaker, one pool hall, one meat market, two doctors, real estate agents and one saloon.

Eagle is nicely laid out, has cement walks in all parts of the town, with shady streets, cozy cottages and handsome homes, giving the town a general appearance of commercial

emulate the joint keepers of prohibition Kansas.

### Jonathan Adams & Son.

This gentleman is 56 years old, having been born in Clay county, Ill. He came to Plattsmouth with his parents in 1863. The family made Plattsmouth their home for a number of years, the children going to school, and entering various occupations in that town. Mr. Adams moved to Eagle in 1892, and took an interested and active part in the management of the Bank of Eagle, which had been established by a brother in 1889. After being five years in the banking business Mr. Adams removed to a farm in the neighborhood of Eagle and lived there for five years. In 1903 he bought the lumber yard at Eagle and with his son, Guy H. Adams, established the firm of Adams & Son.

Guy H. Adams, the junior member of the firm is a first-class business man who received his education in the Lincoln Business College. He is thorough in all his interests and carefully attends to all the details of the business.

The firm handles lumber of all kinds and building material for every sort of structure from a shanty to a modern home. They also sell paints, varnishes, lime, cement, brick, etc. Mr. Adams, senior has lately finished a fine home in which there are a number of unique features, prominent among them being the lighting system. It is known as the cold process gasoline lighting, and is perfection for homes in small towns. The Messrs. Adams have a fine reputation and are well thought of by all classes in the community in which they live.

### Still They File for Office.

Candidates for several of the county offices Wednesday and Thursday morning got into the running by filing their applications for places on the primary ballots. Miss Mary Foster, the present efficient and able superintendent of schools, filed her declaration for a place on the democratic ticket, while E. E. Odell of South Bend filed for a similar place on the Republican ticket. It had been suggested that no nomination be made in opposition to Miss Foster, but Mr. Odell seems to want to experience the feelings of the man beneath the steam roller and insists on getting his, which he doubtless will. Martin L. Friedrich, the present county commissioner, has also filed his name as a candidate for re-nomination and hopes to be re-elected. Ben Beckman is the first candidate for road overseer to file his application for a place on the ticket. At this fall's election there is to be chosen precinct assessors by the people and candidates for these positions will have to file their declaration to get on the ticket at once. There is one assessor to be elected in every precinct and the city of Plattsmouth will have two. Road overseers and justices and constables are also to be elected in the several districts and precincts.

Talk in the Democratic ranks for sheriff seems to have practically simmered down to Ed. S. Tutt of this city for the job, although this morning a good sized boom for Ed. Carr of Eagle developed, while other candidates mentioned from this locality include Ed. Rummell, Andy J. Snyder and George W. Snyder. County Clerk Rosencrans, who was strongly urged to enter the race, seems to look askance at the nomination and does not declare his candidacy. A boom for Cam Seybert was also launched, but he deprecates the talk. Tutt is the only out-and-out avowed candidate. He served the county as deputy sheriff under John McBride and is a popular young man as well as an able one. He made a good officer and should he defeat Sheriff Quinton the county will find no mistake was made in his selection. Any of the other men mentioned are strong candidates and would make excellent officials.

It is reported that Judge M. Archer may be a candidate for county judge and also that C. E. Metzger will accept the nomination from the Democrats for register of deeds. Neither of these men are known to be candidates in the sense that they seek the nomination. Both are well known and popular in the county and will make excellent races and, if elected, excellent officers.

George Lushinsky is now in the race for county clerk, a petition asking that his name be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for the primary nomination of the Republican party being filed with the county clerk. George's petition is drawn according to law and signed by the requisite number of electors. This insures Wade Windham some opposition in the primaries. A. N. Speer has filed as a candidate for justice of the peace from Center precinct.

It can be safely announced that unless something unforeseen occurs between now and tomorrow evening, Judge M. Archer will file his name as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for county judge. Judge

Archer will give Judge Beeson a strong race for the election and is a good candidate.

### Endeavor to Get New Trial.

Judge Travis this morning held district court to hear the motion for a new trial in the case of John C. Clarence convicted of murder in the second degree, for the killing of John P. Thacker. Attorney Clark who represents Clarence had filed a motion for a new trial alleging particularly that newly discovered evidence had been found, which consisted of the action of a fraternal organization in holding up payment on a policy for insurance upon the life of deceased until the trial to determine whether or not Thacker was the aggressor in the trouble with Clarence, and also alleging that George Cole, one of the witnesses for the state had claimed to have received \$20 for his testimony. Cole testified in substance in the trial that Clarence had threatened to do Thacker up when talking with him and also that Crawford, one of the witnesses for the defense had a bad reputation. Also that he had had trouble with the defendant over a team which he had bought of him. The usual allegations that the verdict was not sustained by the evidence and that the court had erred in instructing the jury are also made a part of the motion.

The morning was spent in arguing the motion. County Attorney Ramsey offset the allegations concerning the testimony of George Cole which allegations were backed by an affidavit from a man to whom Cole is alleged to have made the statement of receiving \$20, intends to produce a brother of the man making the affidavit whom it is claimed was present when the statement was made, and who will testify that no such a statement was made as is alleged in the affidavit.

For this purpose testimony will be taken this evening after the train from Union on the M. P. railroad arrives. The motion is being warmly contested and attracts a great deal of attention.

It is probable the hearing will not be finished until late this evening. The principal point of the defense seems to be upon the allegation concerning the insurance policy and the testimony of Cole.

Hon. Matthew Gering is assisting Mr. Ramsey in resisting the motion as he did in the trial of the case before the court. The counsel for the state profess to believe that there is small room for belief that the verdict will be set aside and are confident it will be sustained. The counsel for the defendant on the other hand, is equally confident and entertains hopes of getting a new trial.

### To the Better Land

The funeral of the late Mrs. C. A. Hagerstrom was held yesterday from her late home, the sad occasion being marked by a large gathering of the friends of this most estimable lady, anxious to pay the last tribute of respect to a fine woman. Rev. John Swanson, pastor of the Swedish Mission church, preached a sermon full of splendid tribute to a worthy woman and a sincere and earnest Christian. Drawing many useful lessons from the upright, faithful life of the noble lady, Rev. Swanson pointed out that she lead the way for all who would live in the hopes of a life eternal and dwell among the blest. At the conclusion of the ceremonies at the house, a large funeral cortege proceeded to Oak Hill cemetery, where interment was had. The pallbearers were all old-time friends of the deceased, being L. G. Larson, Peter Carlson, Charles Rydberg, A. Plostrup, Louis C. Anderson and William Fahsion.

Mrs. Hagerstrom at the time of her death had reached the ripe age of 74 year 9 months and 17 days, being born on September 24, 1834. She was married in 1864 to C. A. Hagerstrom, they moving to this country and locating in Iowa in 1869. After ten years in that state, Mr. and Mrs. Hagerstrom moved to Plattsmouth, coming here in 1897, and having ever since resided here. Deceased is survived by her husband alone, no children having blessed their union.

In his deep sorrow at losing the companion of his life, Mr. Hagerstrom has the sincere sympathy and condolence of all. In her lifetime Mrs. Hagerstrom was a most lovable woman and one whom all loved for her simplicity and gentleness. She was what is always known as a home woman—one of those rare and noble characters who serve to make life better and brighter for their having lived. Always a sincere and earnest Christian she sank to repose with the utmost faith in the higher life. Her friends, who are legion in number, cannot but feel that in her passing they lose one upon whom they could rely for sympathy and aid when troubles came to them and their sorrow is most profound.