

CLOSSON, No. 13280—OWNED BY LUKE L. WILES

LUKE L. WILES.

One of the Progressive Young Farmers and Stock Breeders of Cass County.

One mile southwest of Plattsmouth, resides Luke L. Wiles, one of the most prosperous breeders of Red Polled Cattle in Southwest Nebraska. His farm is an ideal one for stock breeding purposes. Beginning on comparatively a small scale he has reached the position of one of the principal breeders of pure bred Red Polled cattle in the west, as a visit to his farm and a view of his herd will fully demonstrate. Closson No. 13280 heads the herd, and when in good breeding condition will weigh one ton. The demand of the present time is for beef and milk, the two greatest food products of the common people. For generations, almost, there has been a difference of opinion among breeders and cattle owners as to how their efforts should be directed in securing these staple products, in order to secure the greatest advantage in profits, and yet furnish the most acceptable article of food for the consumer. The problem is soon solved in the minds of breeders after taking a view of the Red Polled herd at the Wiles farm. A look at the fine male (Closson No. 13280) whose picture appears above, and the many young males and females of this fine herd and all doubt drops from the mind of the visitor, who can not help but favor the cattle bred by Mr. Wiles.

Mr. Wiles herd numbers about forty head of pure bred registered cattle, among which are some of the very best female animals, any of which will bear the closest inspection of the most proficient cattle men of the country. Some of these females will weigh 1,700 pounds.

The Red Polls are natives of Norfolk and Suffolk counties, England. They are solid red in color and are hornless. They are universally referred to as being docile and quite

hardy. As a dairy breed the Red Polls have always been held in high esteem, many of the cows proving most extraordinary producers. Mr. Wiles has proved a great success in breeding the dual purpose Red Polls, adopted for beef and milk. He makes a speciality of breeding these cattle, and last year sold quite a number of males and females which went to Western Nebraska and Iowa, and the purchasers send in the most flattering reports of their services and excellency.

Of course it is not likely that a breeder will purchase any of these high bred cattle without first looking over the herd, and Mr. Wiles would wish them to. He would much prefer all who desire to invest in the pure Red Polled cattle to come and see his herd. It will pay them to do so. And the writer will vouch for their well treatment while under Luke L. Wiles hospitable roof. He is by nature one of the most genial gentlemen to meet, and he is able to give all visitors a true history of his herd and the secret of his success in raising such fine cattle. Mr. Wiles owns a fine farm and has an excellent wife who will just as cheerfully welcome all visitors to their hospitable home as Luke himself. Mr. Wiles will promptly answer all inquiries in reference to his celebrated herd of Red Polls, and those who desire to make a personal observation, he will gladly meet at Plattsmouth and convey them to his farm in his own private conveyance. Address all communications to Luke L. Wiles, Plattsmouth, Neb.

German Presbyterian Church.

This church was instituted September 10, 1876, under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Schwartz, who remained with the church for about two years. The society worshipped for some time in the German school house then located in the northwest part of the city. They now have a fine frame church building on the corner of Main and Ninth street, but at present are without a pastor.

PLATTSMOUTH TELEPHONE CO.

A Home Enterprise That Should Have the Undivided Support of Home People.

Had it not been for the organization of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company the people of Cass county would be compelled to pay double the amount they are paying for phone service. If they will look back eight years they will realize this fact. It has broken up in a manner, one of the most gigantic monopolies that was ever permitted to do business in Cass county. The people of Cass county who owe this to the Plattsmouth Telephone and today the farmer, the merchant and the mechanic have invested money in the independent company. They all realize the fact that people were paying an enormous price for services from the opposition company, and it took grit and energy to buck the Bell monopoly, but men were found who possessed the courage to lead in the matter and today the Plattsmouth Telephone Company owns and operates eleven rapidly growing exchanges, serving in the neighborhood of three thousand subscribers.

The people have confidence in the management of the home company to the extent that they are not afraid to invest their money in telephone securities. This may explain in a measure why the Plattsmouth Telephone Company has a list of over two hundred local stock holders to whom it pays a quarterly dividend of two and one-half per cent, and has not paid less than ten per cent yearly during the past eight years. This company owns a franchise and terminal contracts in South Omaha, with which point long distance connections are made with the Independent Company of Council Bluffs, making South Omaha the gateway for Iowa long distance business into Nebraska; and owing to the rapid development of the business of the Independent Company in and around Omaha, it will be necessary for the company to double the capacity of its long distance lines during the coming season in order to properly handle the growing volume of business that is being offered to its lines leading to Lincoln, Kansas and Missouri connections. From the recent annual report issued by the Plattsmouth Telephone Company to its stockholders, which contains much valuable information, not only to the large number of stockholders, but to all who desire to learn of the many improvements that have been made by this company in the past year. The report of business of the company shows that their long distance toll lines have been greatly strengthened during the past year by the building of a standard long distance line with heavy thirty-foot poles, carrying three copper metallic circuits from Plattsmouth to Omaha, also the same construction from Plattsmouth to Louisville. Two additional copper circuits has been added from the county seat to Union, at which point connection is made with the Nebraska City-Kansas City long distance lines.

The Havelock exchange has been completely rebuilt and made an all-able plant; also a neat three room brick office building has been erected, with a new switchboard and office equipment and the company's business at Havelock has increased thirty per cent in the past two months, in consequence of improvements made.

At Elmwood a seven room brick building with living rooms for the manager has been completed in the past few months. A new switchboard and office equipment of the latest type have been installed and the company is now prepared to take care of a large amount of business at Elmwood. It is the intention of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company to own its own buildings in each city and town where they operate an ex-

change. They now own buildings at Plattsmouth, Elmwood and Havelock, pictures of the two former appearing elsewhere in this paper.

To the excellent management of T. H. Pollock is due the credit for the unprecedented prosperity and manner under which the Plattsmouth Telephone Company has been sailing from its very inception, and we predict, under his efficient supervision, that inside of the next five years the dividends will reach at least 15 per cent annually and perhaps more. Other officials are Thos. E. Parmele, president; C. C. Parmele, vice president; and J. N. Wise, secretary.

St. Luke's Church.

The first services of the Protestant Episcopal church held in Plattsmouth were in the old Masonic hall, located on Main street on August 3, 1860, under the charge of Bishop Talbot. For several months the congregation used the Masonic hall, and at intervals a warehouse, also used for school purposes, on Main street. The first regular rector was Rev. Isaac A. Hagar, who continued his work from June 16, 1861, to July 16, 1865. The church organized under the name of St. John's November 27, 1864, with wardens and vestry as follows: John Black, John Pattimer, William H. Anderson, D. H. Wheeler and William Ford. On March 19, 1865, Rev. George C. Betts assumed the rectorship, coming to it from the Methodist church, over which he had been officiating in Denver, Col. A donation of about \$11,000 made in 1866, by Mrs. Edmund Murray Young of New York City induced a change of name to St. Luke's, this being a condition of the gift, and enabled the congregation to erect a church building, a handsome gothic structure on the corner of Third and Vine streets, in the fall of the same year and the spring of the same year succeeding. The first services were held in the new church May 12, 1867, its dedication taking place on June 16, of the same year, under the charge of Bishop Clarkson and assistant clergy. On the 15th of July following, Rev. Henry St. George Young became rector, succeeded in November 1871, by Rev. H. C. Shaw, who remained with the church one year. Rev. A. R. Graves took charge in November, 1872, and was succeeded by Rev. H. B. Burgess, formerly professor in a theological college, in June, 1874. The grand



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

old man is with us yet, and his very walks in life is indicative of the goodness of heart and cheerfulness of spirit therein contained. Mr. Burgess has been rector of St. Luke's church for over thirty-five years and no man ever resided in a community so long that had more friends and less enemies. He is a friend to the friendless in the truest sense of the term, and he has already done his duty toward mankind and woman kind, and while his days are almost over here below, his everlasting home will be over the Great Beyond, where happiness will be supreme, and where his name will be entered on the Grand Record as one who did his work good on this earth for suffering humanity in leading them on the right road to righteousness. The church has two working guilds—St. Luke's and St. Mary's—composed of energetic old and young ladies, who are now endeavoring to build a new rectory that this grand good man and his excellent companion may live in that comfort justly due them the balance of their days on this earth.

The First Methodist Church.

The first organization of this church in Plattsmouth occurred on June 29, 1857, with twenty members under the pastorate of Rev. Hiram Burch. The first trustees were L. G. Jefferies, Ezra Bradford and William McCarty, the first two of these being succeeded in 1866 by B. Sparlock and S. Duke. Succeeding Mr. Burch the church has been under the spiritual charge of the follow-

ing ministers: Revs. Philo Gorton, J. Spelman, M. Amsbury, J. G. Miller, David Hart, J. B. Maxfield, J. J. Roberts, J. W. Presson, Charles Mackelvey, M. Adair, J. S. Orr, George De La Matry, John Gallagher, S. P. Wilson. A further record of the early pastors of this church we have been unable to secure.

In 1869 a commodious church structure was erected on the west side of Sixth street, between Main and Pearl. This building was sold and renovated for a store room several years ago, and is now occupied by M. Hild as a furniture store. The membership gradually grew under the stimulus of protracted meetings and earnest pastoral efforts until today the church can boast of one of the most magnificent church edifices in the state, situated on the corner of Seventh and Main streets. It contains every thing modern to church edifices of this date, and complete in every particular. It is an ornament to the city and a credit to the Methodist church. The church is blessed with a membership reaching over two hundred with a good working Sunday school of over a hundred and a Young Men's Bible Class. The present pastor, Rev. A. A. Randall, is a gentleman of considerable ability, and is not only loved by his entire congregation, but is most highly respected by all our citizens.

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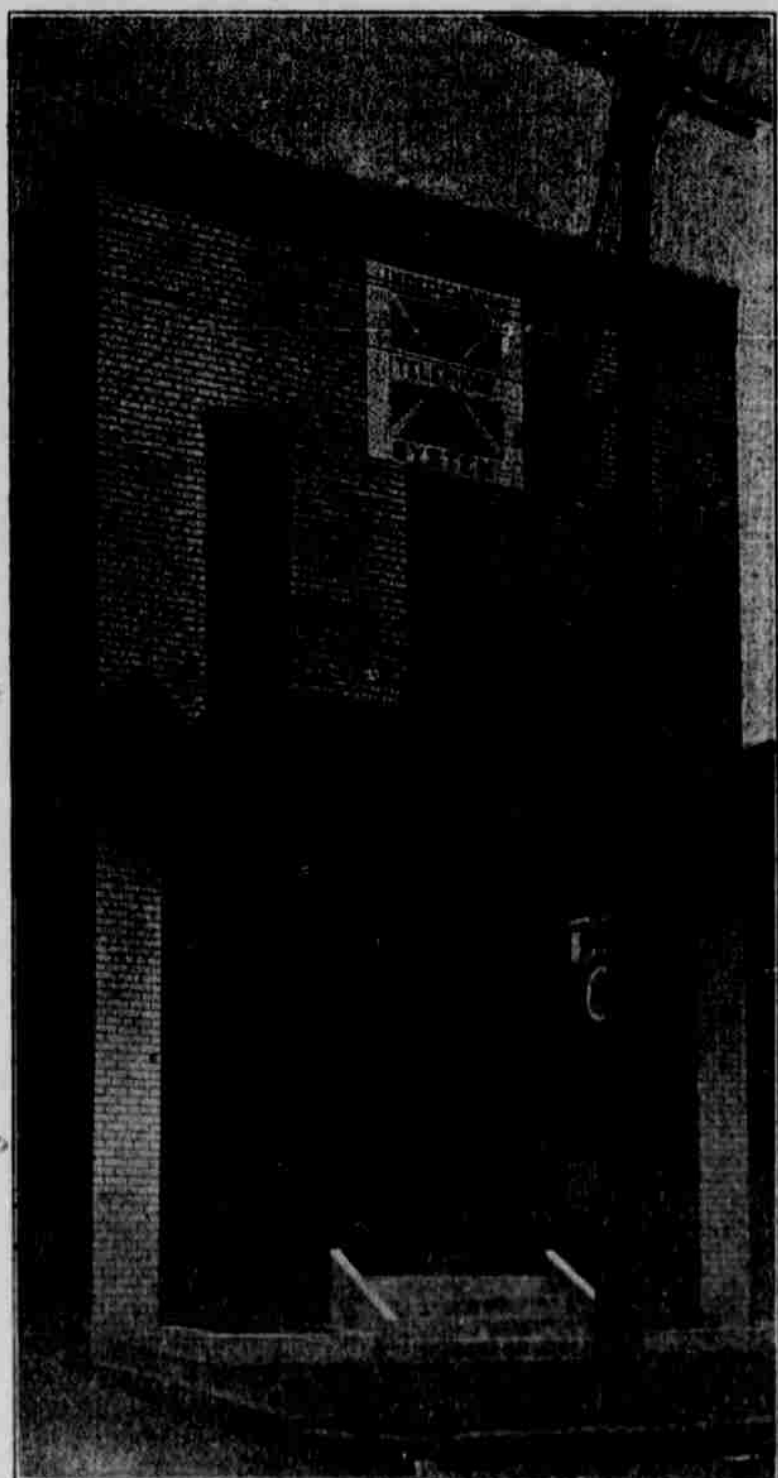
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