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Its Progress and Prosperity

Taken From Lincoln Trade Review

Situated in the fertile valley of the Middle Loup river lies Loup City, the county seat of Sherman county, and one of the most promising towns of the state. During the past few years Loup City has experienced a reign of prosperity that is phenomenal in many ways. Prosperity abounds in this county for it is one of the most fertile in the state of Nebraska. In the valley, land values range from \$50 up to \$100 per acre, and are suitable for crops of all kinds. Outside the valley, may be found the upland prairie, suitable for cultivation and also affording excellent pasturage facilities for cattle. It has not been until recent years that the real value of the farms of Sherman county has been realized. Judging from the past, one is safe in predicting that the land values of Sherman county have not nearly reached their height, and it is said by many in position to know that the land of Sherman county selling at its present price of today is cheap land and a good investment for any one.

There will be seen within the next few years a phenomenal growth in population, as well as increased prosperity of all kinds in this county, and it behooves one to watch carefully its growth, for it will be a record-breaker, and as in the past will in the future make even a greater mark than heretofore.

The country surrounding Loup City is no doubt the most fertile in Sherman county the surroundings most picturesque and the climate healthy and invigorating.

Loup City is today a city of

Excellent Financial Condition

The finances of Sherman county are in excellent shape. This county has at the present time only a small indebtedness which will be wiped out within the next two years and the county placed out of debt for all time to come. It is the consensus of opinion of the business men that the county should be run on a business basis and to vote bonds for the construction of a much-needed court until the county is cleared of all past debts, and then when that has been accomplished it will be an easy matter, by the voting of an additional three or four mill levy, to run but a short time, to construct for Sherman county a court house worthy of note and sufficient for the needs of the county. The above in brief is the plan of the business men of the county now. Even better than the finances of the county are those of Loup City, for this city has not at the present time a single cent of indebtedness. They carried on extensive civic improvements without having a single bond and for these accomplishments the town is to be congratulated.

The prosperity of the county and the people therein is practically demonstrated by the combined bank statements of Loup City, which aggregate at present time the following sum. Capital stock and surplus, \$110,449; deposits, \$472,611; loans, \$399,112. The prosperity of the banks is

evidenced from their statements as shown above and their consideration for the safety of the depositors is shown by the fact that they have cash on hand aggregating \$158,000, or far above that required by law.

Another new financial industry that has recently been established



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in the state. Here the owner of the park, Henry Jenner, has collected many curios of great value, which are open to inspection. A complete menagerie of many and various kinds of animals are caged here for public inspection, and aside from these many interesting features of the park, are botanical gardens, trees of various kinds and almost every form of amusement that one would expect to find in a place of this kind. The park is well kept up, lighted throughout by electricity, and it gives to Loup City excellent op-

portunities for instructive amusement on all occasions.

Fine Opera House
Loup City recently opened one of the finest opera houses in the state of Nebraska. The opera house has been completed at a cost of \$25,000, with excellent outside appearance and inside accommodations. The electric wiring was done by C. R. Sweetland of that city and speaks well for the home talent work. Thos. Daddow is the proprietor of the opera house and brings to Loup City through this many excellent shows and entertainments.

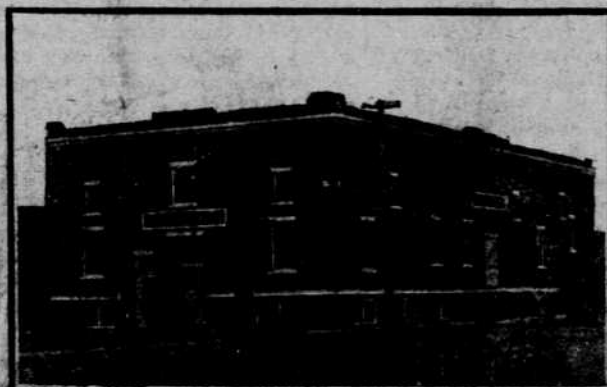
ings of any small city in the state. This hotel was recently completed by Mrs. Viola Odendahl at a cost exceeding \$25,000, and is known as the Hotel Frederick. It is modern in every way. In addition to the new hotel, the city claims another excellent hotel, the equal of any in any town of similar size in the state. This is the Milburn hotel, owned and operated by E. A. Milburn. The city, with its most excellent hotel facilities has set a criterion to be followed by many towns in the state, for there is no one thing that will create so favorable an impression on a visitor as decent hotel accommodations in a town. In this, Loup City, with its excellent hotels is at the top.

There are many new buildings and business improvement of late and the town is to be congratulated upon the appearance of its business buildings. There are many modern stores finished complete within and without in the best manner possible and this gives to the city the appearance of prosperity it deserves. In general, the retail stores are perhaps above the average.

A necessary facility to a town is good waterworks system. In this respect Loup City can claim a great deal, for they are equipped with a modern and sanitary water system, with mains practically throughout the entire city, giving an excellent quality of water to the consumers at the rate of 20c per 1,000 gallons. The plant is municipally owned and has proved a great success.

Loup City supports two prosperous newspapers, the Times and the Northwestern. The latter is one of the old established newspapers of the state, and its editor, J. W. Burleigh, has done a great deal in boosting for his town and county and making his newspaper a valuable asset in the community. It has the largest circulation of any newspaper printed in Sherman county and might be considered THE COUNTY NEWSPAPER OF SHERMAN COUNTY.

We have attempted herein to enumerate a few of those important things for which Loup City deserves credit. Many of these have been accomplished within the last few years, and it appears that Loup City is just attaining its stride in its quest for greater business and more prosperity.



Loup City's New Opera House



Mill and Electric Light Plant, Loup City, Nebraska

about 1600 population, and it has only started to grow. It enjoys excellent railroad facilities, being reached by both the Burlington and Union Pacific lines. Within the next few years, when the surrounding country shall have come into its own and its real merit realized, it is safe to anticipate that Loup City, which must serve as a financial, business and distributing point for this territory, will greatly increase in population, wealth and general prosperity.

Successful Commercial Club

Business men of Loup City are well organized into a commercial club that has done much for the prosperity of the city. The club at the present time numbers some seventy-five members, all active in the work and taking a great interest therein. E. G. Taylor is at the present time at the head of the club, with W. S. Waite secretary. To tell of all the numerous accomplishments and the benefits accrued to Loup City from this active club would take so much time and space that it seems unnecessary to list its accomplishments here, but in passing from this commercial club of Loup City it is to be congratulated upon its work in the past and spurred on to even greater work in the future. What a live commercial club can do for a town has been demonstrated in many instances in this state and Loup City is an example of this, for too much credit for the phenomenal growth and prosperity of Loup City cannot be given the members of this live club

in Loup City is the First Trust Company. The directors of both the First National bank and the Loup City bank are stockholders of this new firm. It is engaged in a general trust company business, handling trusts, mortgages, loans, providing for the exchange of land and security investments among the people. This company was organized in April of this year, and has a capital stock of \$25,000. It will no doubt prove a valuable asset to the community and aid materially in bringing investors to Sherman county.

In civic improvements, Loup City surpasses many towns of proportionate size. One of the features of Loup City, is its wide, well lighted streets. The roads are well kept up, thus affording farmers easy access to the city. The town is lighted thoroughly throughout and has now over 25 miles of cement walks.

Park Development

One of the features of Loup City is the excellent park to which they have immediate access. This park is the pride of the citizens of Loup City, and there is no other town in the state of Nebraska that can claim a park of this kind for their home town. The merits of this park cannot be appreciated without a visit to it, for it is difficult to explain the many interesting features of it. The park is known as Jenner's park, and it is situated immediately outside the town in a beautiful canyon. Here shade trees are abundant and in natural beauty it is not excelled by any similar place

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