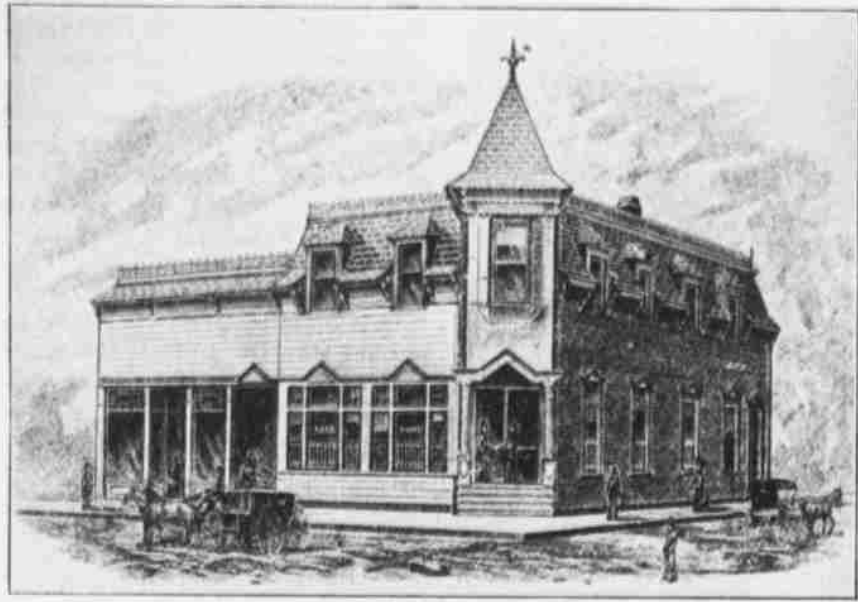


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with the bank is steadily adhered to, and all customers are being cared for who have the necessary financial responsibility. The bank is recognized as a great benefit to the north end of the county.

H. H. Funk.

Mr. Funk is the proprietor of the only drug store in Hemingford, an interior view of which is seen in the above half-tone. His first knowledge of this terrestrial sphere was in Benton county, Ia., April 1, 1877. One year later his parents moved to Phelps county, Neb. Mr. Funk attended the public schools for a time, and followed it up by graduating in the most learned institutions in the state, among which are the Bryant Normal, Stromesburg, in 1898, and the Wesleyan University one year later. He then engaged in teaching the "young idea" for two years in Phelps county and one year in Franklin county, this state. In 1901 he came to Box Butte county, and for two years was the principal of the Hemingford public school at Hemingford. Last April Mr. Funk purchased the Fitch drug store at Hemingford. He is progressive, up-to-date and a valued acquisition to any community. May 10, 1902, in Hemingford, Mr. Funk was bound in holy nuptials to Miss Myrtle Brown, an estimable and highly educated young lady of Lincoln. A bright little boy is the result of this union.

C. J. WILDY, HEMINGFORD. One of the Most Successful Business Men and Merchants in Western Nebraska.

Among the early settlers and prosperous business men of Box Butte county there is none more deserving of favorable mention than our friend and fellow citizen, C. J. Wildy, of Hemingford. Mr. Wildy located here in 1886, and is therefore one of the first settlers. Two years later he engaged in the mercantile business at Nonpareil and remained there until the town became deserted by the loss of the county seat, when he transferred his business interests to Hemingford. Mr. Wildy is the personification of honor and his daily dealings with hundreds of customers there is not one of whom who would not accept his word as readily as they would his note, which is as good as the gold itself.

Mr. Wildy is quite a factor in the potato market and buys and sells thousands of bushels each year. He will close this potato season with a shipment of over 100 cars, the largest known quantity ever shipped by an individual from this section of the country.

In 1890 Mr. Wildy was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Neeland, who served two terms as county superintendent of schools. On this occasion Mr. and Mrs. Wildy went on an extended trip to Europe. Two bright and interesting children are the fruits of their union.



Funk's Pharmacy, Hemingford.

W. F. Walker, our efficient postmaster, is an old resident of the precinct and one of our substantial citizens.

Funk's pharmacy carries a good stock and is able to meet the wants of the people in its line satisfactorily.

Clark Olds & Co. operate a blacksmith and general repair shop and are now planning extensive improvements in their line.

The Commercial hotel, D. O'Keefe, proprietor, enjoys a nice patronage.

Anton Uhrig and H. R. Green are the hardware merchants, and do a good business.

C. A. Burlew conducts a general store and has a good patronage.

A. H. Pierce looks after the needs of the public in the livery business.

E. L. Everett conducts the tonorial and billiard parlors.

Raymond & Quivey have a store house and potato cellar containing 20 cars of seed potatoes in storage.

Hemingford is quite a cattle shipping point, the estimated value of cattle shipped in 1903 being more than \$75,000. Horses to the value of \$10,000 were shipped; sheep, \$3,000; dressed hogs, \$1,500. It would be difficult to estimate the value of the wool, butter, eggs and poultry, but a conservative estimate would be \$4,000.

The potato crop raised by the farmers here was about 200 cars, valued at \$70,000. This does not include the crops of those farmers who reside near here, who marketed their products at Beren, Marsland or Girard.

Hemingford has a splendid public school which has a large attendance. A. M. Clark is principal, Miss Della Reed, grammar grade; and Miss Susie Hopkins, primary.

Four ministers of the gospel, Rev. Schultz, Rev. Gudmundson, Rev. Bur-

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later, \$11,900; six months later, \$22,000; one year later, \$48,000. The loans increased in the same proportion.


Every year all the profits are carried to a surplus or a reserve fund, which leaves them in the business as a security to depositors. At present, capital, surplus and reserve is \$8,500.00. So far neither principal nor interest have been sacrificed on any loan. Conservative rules have been followed from the first. The bank's list of depositors now numbers 165 and is constantly growing. The policy of accommodating those customers who carry their idle funds



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Portion of Interior View of H. L. Bushnell's Store.

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BOOTS AND SHOES
HEMINGFORD NEBRASKA

Hemingford.
 Hemingford is situated 20 miles northwest of Alliance, on the highest table between the Niobrara river and Snake creek. It is the oldest town in the county, and the first postoffice (Carlisle) and the first school in the county were established there. It was a contestant for the county seat honors at the first election, in March, 1887, but its business men would not "vote often and late," and, consequently, the county seat went to Nonpareil. But it won out with the Burlington Route against the then county seat, and won out again in the next county seat fight, against Nonpareil and Alliance, in 1889. Hemingford, at that time, was one of the best towns in the Panhandle of Nebraska. Nearly every quarter-section tributary to it was a well tilled farm, and until the year 1893 the crops had been something wonderful. But the continued failure of the small grain crops compelled a large percentage of the farmers to pull out, and the result was that Hemingford went down with the country surrounding it, and in 1896 Alliance dealt it another telling blow by voting the county seat away from it.

We cannot describe the business importance of that old rival any better than by stating that, at one time it supported three banks, five general merchandise stores, three hardware stores, three drug stores, two newspapers, three hotels, two grain elevators and a full complement of other industries, such as blacksmith shops, shoe shops, etcetera, etcetera. During the season of 1891-2, there were shipped from that station upwards of 260,000 bushels of small grain, besides a vast amount of potatoes and other articles.

While Hemingford is not near as bustling a town as it was in its palmyest days described above, it is still a brisk incorporated village of about 250 inhabitants, and until a few months ago justly boasted of being the largest creamery station in the United States.

Below is a partial list of the lines of business represented in Hemingford.

C. J. Wildy has the largest store and stock of goods in town and does a large wholesale and retail business. He has been in business here for many years. During the last year's potato season he bought and shipped over 100 cars of potatoes, representing about \$36,000. He deals in everything, whether in the selling or purchasing line, and is an all round hustler.

A. M. Miller, our genial miller and coal and lumber dealer, does a large business in his line, and the mill is one of the best trade inducements we have. Both the mill business and that of C. J. Wildy have ample capital to operate on, which is very advantageous to the town.

The First State Bank, under the new management, has come rapidly to the front as a financial institution, and is now fully able to care for the business of the people in this vicinity. It has the confidence of all to a greater extent than any other bank that has been here, having for its stockholders men of capital and integrity.

H. L. Bushnell has a general store, carrying a fine line of goods. He also has a butcher shop in connection. Combining merchandising with potato farming on his excellent farm, one-half mile west of town, Mr. Bushnell, with the help of his sons, has made a nice little fortune in the last seven years.

B. E. Johnson carries on a vehicle and implement business, and also buys cattle and potatoes. He is also very successful.

Dr. Elkner attends to the physical wants of the people, and has been very successful.

W. M. Fosket is the auctioneer and there is none better in this section.

A. D. Millett is this year's assessor and was formerly engaged in the coal and feed business here.