

# C. J. WILDY'S

General Merchandise Establishment

AT  
HEMINGFORD



EXTERIOR VIEW



INTERIOR VIEW

THIS is one of the oldest and largest mercantile establishments in the county. Mr. Wildy carries an immense stock and deals in most everything--General Merchandise, Lumber, Coal, and in fact anything his patrons want. He is probably the largest Potato shipper in western Nebraska, handling nearly 100,000 bushels of last season's crop.



Ranch of J. F. Whelan.

**James F. Whelan.**

Down east in the state where it is said the festive mosquito is as large as turkey gobblers, New Jersey, in 1851, Mr. Whelan arrived on this mundane sphere. With his parents, two years later, he went to Waukegan, Ill., where after a residence of four years they removed to near Monmouth, Ill., where Mr. Whelan's father engaged in farming for one year. All the years following, until 16 years ago, Mr. Whelan was employed in various occupations near Monmouth. In 1888, with his family, he came to Box Butte county and engaged in ranching. At present Mr. Whelan owns five deeded quarter sections, but controls five quarters besides under long lease. The ranch view above will give the reader but a vague idea of the success of this worthy and respected citizen whose stock holdings will figure up 100 head of well-bred cattle and nine work horses. At Sunbeam, Ill., November 3, 1879, Mr. Whelan was married to Miss Martha E. Roberts. One son, now a young man, is the issue.

**Ham Hall.**

Controlling and owning 5,400 acres, with 150 head of fine Durham bovines and 50 head of well-bred horses, it can easily be said that Mr. Hall is among the foremost of Box Butte county's ranchers. He is a native of old Virginia, being born in Chris-



Ranch of Ham Hall.

tianburg, that state, April 20, 1859. When Ham was aged four his parents moved to Ohio, and of course Ham went "wid 'em." The ten years following he was a regular attendant at the parental table and going to the village school. Mr. Hall then decided to shift for himself and he



Hemingford Roller Mill.

went to Indiana, where he worked on a farm for eight years. Tiring of the monotony of wage life, he came west to Sheridan county, Neb., and took up a homestead, which he later sold and then located in this county, on the spot where he now resides. Mr. Hall is an accommodating neighbor and his friends in this section of the country are numbered by his acquaintances.

In 1890 Mr. Hall was married to Miss Elizabeth Grant; six children, three boys and three girls, are the issue. The above is a view of Mr. Hall's unpretentious home, which he recently built and which he is rapidly improving.

**A. M. Miller.**

Mr. Miller is the proprietor of the Hemingford Roller mills, which he purchased in 1893. He was born in McHenry county, Illinois, and at the age of nine went with his parents to Kankakee county, in that state, where he continued to reside for 15 years more. Mr. Miller served four years during the war of the Rebellion in the 76th Illinois, receiving his discharge when the war closed. He was present at the battles of Vicksburg, Champion Hill and Jackson, Miss., also at Blakely, where every third man in his regiment was lost. Mr. Miller then returned to Illinois and remained there until 1886, when he

**Henry Lichte.**

This sociable old German, whose ranch view is seen above, is a native of the "Faderland," where he was given birth in 1846. At the age of 16 Mr. Lichte enlisted in the Hanover army and served against the Prussians for one year, when the war ended. He then returned to his old home and remained until 1869, when he emigrated to America, locating first in Chicago, where he resided six months. Then he spent two years as a farm hand near Danville, Ill., and afterwards put in seven more years at Payette county, Ill., in like capacity. Mr. Lichte then journeyed west to Le Mars, Ia., and purchased a farm for himself, which he tilled until 1885, when he removed to northwestern Nebraska, locating at Rushville for one year. He then took up his present homestead, one fourth mile from Dunlap, which now consists of 1,280 acres, and feeds a fine herd of Durham stock, a portion of which is



Henry Lichte's Ranch.

Iowa, where he worked on a farm for seven years. He then came to the adjoining county of Dawes and took up a homestead claim, on which he has since resided. Mr. Delsing was married 15 years ago to Miss Mattilda Holschlag, to whom seven children, six girls and one boy, were born.

**Leo Fronapfel.**

Mr. Fronapfel, whose home ranch view is shown above, is one of those sturdy, honest Germans born to work

which is under fence, and a herd of 73 head of horses and other stock. About the premises, good corrals, out-houses and barns are everywhere in evidence, giving the visitor a favorable opinion of the whole surroundings. Mr. Fronapfel was born in Germany, December 25, 1862, where he remained the first 19 years of his life. He then crossed the ocean to America, and for seven months worked in the rolling mills of Pittsburg, Penn. He then went to Cummings county, Neb., near Wisner, and



Leo Fronapfel's Ranch.

seen in the above ranch view. In the fall of 1878, in Atwood, Payette county, Ill., Mr. Lichte was married to Miss Elizabeth Rothenmund, to whom six children, three boys and three girls, were born.

**William Delsing.**

Located within three miles of Dunlap is the ranch of William Delsing, which is one of the most fertile and productive in this section of the country. It consists of three sections of land and it is stocked with 100 head of fine Durhams, 12 head of horses and tons of stacked hay. Mr. Delsing was born in Germany in 1863 and remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of 16, when he came to America and located in

His tireless efforts to succeed in life is ample proof of an active brain, and the desire of his life is about completed. He is one of Box Butte county's most successful ranchers, owning seven quarter sections, all of

for two years worked as a farm hand. In June, 1885, he came to Box Butte county and homesteaded a claim. Fifteen years ago Mr. Fronapfel was married to Miss Mary Murphy, seven children being the issue.

**Rather Inconsistent.**  
Physician—"You have to give up drinking whisky for a few months."  
Patient—"What shall I drink?"  
Physician—"Drink milk; it contains all the elements of blood."  
Patient—"But I'm not blood-thirsty."—Ex.

True worth is in doing, not in seeming.



Wm. Delsing's Ranch.