

NORTH PLATTE.

HOTEL FACILITIES.

The first place with which the new arrival must necessarily have business relations is a hotel; for, in the process of nature, he must eat and sleep. It is therefore but proper that the public should be notified where the best accommodations in this line are obtainable. There is no business in the make-up of a town that effects its reputation abroad so much as does its hotel facilities. If these be poor, discredit is reflected on the whole community; but, if good, no better recommendation could be given than these cheery words from one acquainted with this place: "Yes, North Platte has an excellent hotel known as the Pacific Hotel."

PACIFIC HOTEL.

of which L. D. Jackson is proprietor. This, the leading hotel of the city, occupies a three story frame building erected at a cost of \$20,000. The Pacific Hotel has fifty large, comfortable rooms, including office, sample room, parlor, dining and bath rooms. That this is a first class hotel, we are in a position to judge after having stopped there several days. The rooms with their comfortable beds are all carpeted, furnished and heated; while special care is taken regarding the sanitary condition. The dining room service is another feature worthy of special mention. Its tables, at which one hundred guests can be accommodated, are supplied with every delicacy the market affords; and the waiters are unusually kind and obliging. Being located in the same building as the depot, the Pacific Hotel is a very convenient stopping place for traveling men, who realize the fact and give it the patronage so justly deserved.

L. D. Jackson, the genial proprietor, has had twenty-five years experience in the hotel business including every position from bell boy to landlord, and is therefore capable of conducting the establishment understandingly. Since he assumed the control of the house last May, the patronage has perceptibly increased. Mr. Jackson has a happy faculty of immediately placing his guests at their ease and making their surroundings so home-like it is with reluctance that at the call of duty the onward journey is resumed.

Among our Pioneers

The writer hereof is always pleased to give credit to whomsoever credit is due and especially to the pioneers, for he himself belongs to that body. In writing up the history and resources of North Platte and Lincoln county, it would, indeed, be incomplete without a kindly mention of that pioneer and public spirited citizen.

CHAS. McDONALD.

whose name is known and revered in every household in the county. It has been truly said that, in a figurative sense, he is the father of the town. He was born amid the cedar-covered hills of Tennessee; but arriving at the age of maturity he left the overcrowded state of his nativity and with ambition and integrity as his stock in trade landed in Nebraska in the year 1855. For nearly half a century, he has been one of the state's honored and progressive citizens. By frugality and industry he has amassed a competency and is now enjoying the comforts of a happy home and a well spent life. Mr. McDonald has experienced all the vicissitudes accruing to the lot of the average frontier-man, such as Indian outbreaks, prairie fires and grasshopper scourges, but his is an example of the "survival of the fittest." His earlier days in this locality were spent as a homesteader, ranchman and buffalo hunter, but in 1872 he located in the city of North Platte and became actively interested in building a city. Six years later he established the

BANKING HOUSE OF CHAS. McDONALD, which still has an existence under the same title, and its individual responsibility is \$75,000. This will ever bear the proud distinction of being the oldest bank in Lincoln county.

This bank is located in the McDonald block, a fine two-story brick building 50x100 feet, which stands opposite the union depot. It forms a leading feature of the monetary interests not only of this city but of this and other adjoining counties. The building is well equipped, has a large brick vault including an all steel safe held shut by an automatic time lock, the safe being considered absolutely burglar and fire proof. Mr. McDonald is assisted in his duties by Simon Goozee who acts in the capacity of teller.

Yes, the word, deed and purse of Mr. McDonald have contributed largely to the upbuilding of every landable enterprise in North Platte and the county in which it is situated; and the people of the county appreciating his services as a public benefactor have elected him to many important offices, among which may be enumerated membership of the board of county commissioners, superintendent of public instruction and several others, all of whose duties were discharged to the satisfaction of his constituency and with credit to himself. Among his many Lincoln county possessions is a 540 acre tract of land adjoining the city of North Platte, and a handsome home within its borders which is the abiding place of his happy family.

There is scarcely a more pitiable object in all the world than the man who has "missed his calling" and is struggling along a pathway nature never intended him to tread. Though examples of this kind are so common we have never yet been able to conjure the feeling of compassion that surges over our souls when contemplating such a misappropriation of talent. Occasionally, however, one meets a man identically fitted by nature for the occupation he has chosen to follow. During our stay in North Platte, we found two men so well qualified to some

the duties of the medical profession, and who were discharging them so nobly. We cannot refrain from giving in this special edition a sketch of

DRS. BEDELL AND THOMP.

Whose likenesses appear in these columns and who have such pleasant office rooms over the North Platte National Bank.

In the two years they have been associated together a peculiar similarity of manner has become characteristic of both. When either of them enters a sick room it is with a smile and an immediate procedure to engage the patient in pleasant conversation—in short to "visit" in a way to allay fear and quiet the nerves. The only evidence that a keen diagnosis is being made is an occasional query which is often masked by a joke. They evidently arraying all the patient's powers of will and imagination on the positive side of his complaint. To their cheering presence must be attributed in part alike their popularity and their success. But the real foundation of their popularity and their success is a thorough scientific medical training, coupled with an instinctive power of diagnosis.

By the existing partnership they are able to combine the experience of some years' practice with the later and extensive advances both in medicine and surgery, and are doing a class of surgical work and obtaining results that are seldom excelled in city practice unless more favorable hospital surroundings.

Indeed, it is as surgeons that these gentlemen especially excel, and they make a specialty of surgical operations required by female sufferers. Dr. Bedell was a time surgeon of the United States Hospital at Denver, where his theoretical acquirements were supplemented by a wide and varied practical experience in medicine and surgery.

Both are close students of their extensive library and believe in applying up-to-date principles. As a result their medical and surgical practice, has out-grown, not only the limits of their own town and county, but those of the state as well.

Who does not enjoy meeting and greeting those known in the years gone by? One of the pleasantest things connected with our itinerancy is the fact that, go where we will, there is either a familiar face seen or, in conversation with an apparent stranger, names known to both are recalled. Thus, though our duties may at times call us hundreds of miles from home, we never quite get beyond the realm of acquaintance.

Eighteen years ago they lived in Ida Grove, Iowa, the home of ye writer, a physician whose skill was known far and wide and who was frequently called to neighboring towns on missions of consultation over some mortal very near the river of death. However, much to the regret of all his acquaintances, the doctor executed a de-

termination to proceed farther west. Imagine our surprise, then, after a lapse of eighteen years to recognize in DR. N. F. DONALDSON, of North Platte, the former Ida county physician above mentioned. Upon inquiry of Dr. Donaldson as to how the world had used him since our last meeting, we learned that success had crowned his every effort and prosperity had waited at his right hand. Ever since coming here Dr. Donaldson has been the local physician and surgeon for the Union Pacific railroad company. We understand that no one was more competent to fill such a responsible position than a graduate of

over the First National bank, Dr. Dennis may be found attentive to the ills of all who desire his services.

DR. W. E. EVES.

Imagine the "tales of woe" that are poured into a physician's ear in the course of twenty-seven years of actual practice! In 1868 Dr. Eves, with medicine case in hand, walking from the door of Jefferson Medical college of Philadelphia—his Alma Mater—and from that day to this has been distributing the panacea of which his medicine case has ever been the abiding place—to heal the ills of suffering humanity. It has been seven years since Dr.

to let the case go by default and save the fee, if one's rights are worth defending at all, they are worth defending well and to do this able lawyers should be employed. The bar is especially strong and one of its most prominent members is

JUDGE THOS. C. PATTERSON. Judge Patterson came into existence on the "Emerald Isles" but on January 1st, 1854 became an adopted son of Uncle Sam. So true a citizen of our empire did he become that, although only sixteen years of age when the call was made for troops to defend the rights of the United States, he laid aside school books and pencils, and marched forward into battle glory with Co. E. 19th Illinois where he served until the war closed and an honorable discharge freed him from army duties.

respected so long.

DR. V. LUCAS.

was born in Indiana, but came to Iowa at an early age, having been raised at Chariton. In 1895 he graduated from the Nebraska Medical college in Omaha, and in 1896 took a post graduate course at New York City at which latter place he assisted for a time in the New York city hospital. He has an office over the First National bank. The doctor has a large and constantly increasing list of patients and carries on a general practice in both medicine and surgery having been successfully consulted in some of the most serious cases of illness known in the county. He answers all calls either by day or night, promptly, and is a very pleasant gentleman both in the sick room and in public life. Dr. Lucas has a fine library and is a reader of all the leading medical reports and believes in progress and in keeping in line with all the discoveries made by a profession in which he is winning his way to the front rank.

Of all the physicians it has been our privilege to mention since beginning this write up,

DR. FRANK F. DENNIS.

is the first one of that class of good Samaritans who go about quietly and unostentatiously with their small phials and little white pills and colorless, tasteless fluids to bid dread disease to take its flight and in its stead rest and ease come to abide with the sufferer. The reader will at once infer that we mean the

HOMOEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN

Dr. Dennis claims the Buckeye state

occupied by

E. E. NORTHRUP, D. D. S.

"talking shop," in the course of remarks we asked: "Do you guarantee your work?" "Certainly," responded Dr. Northrup, "I guarantee every bit of work done, and in case it does not prove satisfactory the money is refunded." "However," he added after a pause, "I have never had occasion to pay back any money." He then went on to state that the real art of dentistry is not so much in extracting teeth and

prominent legal firms in the state is that of HOAGLAND & HOAGLAND, Of North Platte. They occupy offices in the M. Donald Block, where they have one of the finest law libraries in the city.

Hon. J. S. Hoaglund began the study of law upon his arrival in Nebraska in 1872, and since being admitted to the bar eight years later has been a prominent figure in Nebraska professional and political circles. His first place of

residence in the state was at Lincoln, where he served one term as sheriff of Lancaster county. His title of "Hon." was received as the result of a two years attendance at the Legislature as a representative of the republicans of our own district. For the very good reason that Judge Hoaglund was a soldier during the late unpleasantness, his interest in the G. A. R. organization is very deep. He is also a very prominent member of the I. O. O. F.

fitting plates; as in saving the teeth and filling the cavities by pivot, crown, and bridge-work, the minutiae of which he took pains to explain. "But," he said, "the people as a general thing have not been educated up to that, and think I am talking to make money." Dr. Northrup has practiced dentistry twelve years—one third of the time in this city—after having graduated under eminent specialists in his line. By temperament he is ideally fitted

for his work, being gentle and deft in manipulation, genial in manner, and absolutely self possessed.

LEGAL PROFESSION.

A learned and skillful physician is always in demand and too high an estimate cannot be placed upon him; just so it is with the disciples of Blackstone. It is an important matter when a man is defending his character, moral rights or his property that he seek good counsel. Rather than employ an unworthy attorney it is better

fraternity, having several times been states representative from Nebraska to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Judge Hoaglund has had an extensive experience in law practice, including a number of cases in the United States Supreme Court, which involved constitutional questions of national importance. His entire career has been marked with unusual success.

Mr. W. V. Hoaglund is a son of the senior member of the firm, and whose profile is herein shown. He is a

graduate of the Nebraska State University's law department. Though a young man, through his active professional experience in the higher courts, in the more important classes of litigation, Mr. Hoaglund has already established a substantial legal reputation throughout the state. Socially, as well as professionally, W. V. Hoaglund has no peer among his associates. Thus it will readily be seen that these gentlemen are well prepared to discharge the duties devolving upon them from an immense clientele, and are prepared to conduct cases in all the courts.

A. H. DAVIS, ATTORNEY

Mr. Davis, who occupies the respon-

sible official position of city police judge, was too much occupied with professional affairs the day we called to spare time for imparting to us any more information than that he makes a specialty of commercial law, contracts and adjustments, and that he is the county representative of several eastern loan companies; also that he has some choice lands for sale at prices beyond compensation. Correspondence solicited and promptly attended to.

happened to be in his course he jumped into it like all stampedes would have done and swam to the opposite shore, a distance of eight miles. He was recaptured after many days of hard chase in the Alabama swamps and was then christened "Old Mobile," a name that he will bear till age takes him to the bovine paradise.

Around his ranch home are all sorts of curios, wild animals, etc., while fancy bridges span the irrigating ditches and a great variety of trees adorn the premises—in fact its not unlike the

surroundings of the house of ye writer and his park, though upon a larger scale.

This North Platte ranch is but a garden patch in comparison to what the Colonel has in the Big Horn mountains up in Montana, at a station on the Burlington road known as Cody. Here he has a ranch containing 20,000 acres, 1,600 cattle, 50 miles of irrigating ditches, and the country and soil is said to be favorable for grain and fruit. These lands will be placed upon the market for sale some time next year, when we expect to visit and give our readers a more extended description of them.

Col. W. F. Cody was born in Scott county, Iowa, in 1845, and is therefore 52 years of age. We gleaned these facts from his sister Julia, Mrs. Goodman, therefore reliable. At the age of 8 years he was taken to Kansas with his parents, where his father was killed by a band of Kansas ruffians in 1857. Cody was then 12 years of age and he realized that there was a responsibility upon him in the way of looking out for the support of his mother and sisters. With a true and brave heart, he began work and engaged in the cattle herding business—first, assuming the role of a young "cow-boy," and later secured a position with the great cattle kings of the plains, Messrs. Majors, Russell & Waddle, and before he had reached his teens had made a trip to two across the plains in the capacity of a bull-whacker for the above named firm. He then assumed the dangerous occupation of an Indian scout, fighting them when called upon to defend the whites, and at the same time was securing boarders for his mother and sister from the revenue of which the family was supported, for there was no money in the "cow-boy" game. After William, as he was always known, had arrived at the age of 17, he enlisted with the Kansas Jayhawkers and fought for his country as did thousands of other gallant boys in blue. At the close of the war the then made Colonel took up the "pony express" work across the dangerous plains from Nebraska City to the mountains via Laramie and Ogden, carrying the U. S. mail. After he had followed this hard and extremely dangerous life for a few years, he settled down in Lincoln county, his present home, and engaged in the cattle and ranchman's trade, and was elected a member of the Nebraska legislature, representing the great cattle district and was known as the "cowboy legislator." He was always a self-appointed Indian scout and Indian soldier, and was always to the front if any danger was apparent and the settlement always felt safe so long as "Bill Cody" was around. He was a great buffalo hunter and the westerners christened him "Buffalo Bill," under which name he has become famous the world over. His schooling was of course neglected as was the case with all those having been raised upon the frontier, but he had "horse sense" and a self-appointed serving man and having gained a fair knowledge of law, etc., by reason of his having served in the legislature, the people of his county elected him to the office of justice of the peace.

In 1870 Cody went upon the stage, taking a leading part in the Buffalo Bill combination company which was the stepping block to his world-wide famous "Buffalo Bill Wild West" show which has received high commendation in home and foreign countries. This show will be at Omaha for one month next season during the Trans-Mississippi exposition.

Personally, Col. Cody has many noble traits of character. It can truly be said of him that he has a kind heart, filled with bravery. Kindness and liberality is his religion, and if more people would adopt these traits and cut off the hypocrisy, it would be a better world and a much happier one. Yes, Col. Cody can truly be called a philanthropist and a benefactor to his fellowman. For instance: Many of his old former cowboy and scout associates have become pauperized and incapable of support and this big hearted Buffalo Bill has their names and addresses, and he has caused them to be placed upon his pension list and sends them \$25 or \$30 a month each. His money goes just as free in other directions, for upon his first visit home after the World's Fair he presented his certified check to the four churches in the city and ordered it to be divided equally by a committee. The citizens in return gave him a public banquet at the opera house. The colonel puts a great deal of time and money into the irrigation Fair association and as a partial recognition for this the citizens erected a stone statue on the fair grounds of the colonel, life size, at a cost of nearly \$800. Everybody in North Platte and Lincoln county have a high regard and much esteem for the subject of this sketch.

When Col. W. F. Cody shall have passed off the stage of life, it will put an end to all the novelty attached to an Indian hunter, a great and buffalo killer, for there will be no original "Buffalo Bill Wild West Shows" existing, and in fact the show he is now operating may run the same as did that of F. B. Forman, but it will not be the same, nor will it be as interesting, because the central figure—W. F. Cody himself—will not be there. Yes, when he is gathered in the "grand round up," the last and greatest type of true American sports, has gone, and no history of the United States written in the future will be complete without a prominent sketch, with appropriate illustrations of him, the great showman, illustrious frontiersman and philanthropist.

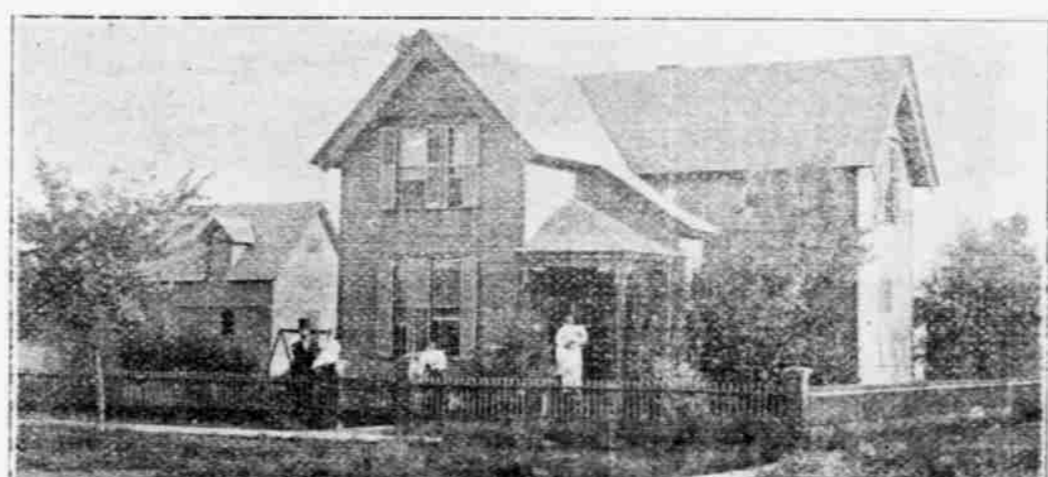
IN CONCLUSION. We desire to thank the many public spirited citizens of North Platte for judicious support and kindly encouragement in making this special issue of THE TRUCK a success.

The people of whom we have made mention are the ones who have contributed greatly to the upbuilding of this city and vicinity and are accordingly the ones entitled to respect and patronage from all who have the common sense best interest at heart.

We found others—and citizens and business men, too—although favorable to the upbuilding of the city, declined to allow us to write a sketch of themselves or their business. Many of them advertise in the North Platte papers, assisting generously with any enterprise which tends toward the city's welfare and we regret exceedingly that they were too modest to desire a representation in this issue.

We also found of that class to whom we will devote just space enough to state ought to have lived before the flood when churches, schools and newspapers with their attendant benefits were unknown.

But to the enterprising citizens who were instrumental in making the city what it is and were the means of transforming these once vacant fields into the fine little city you now have, and who can recognize in a measure the Power of the Press, we wish our broad brimmed hat, and as the breezes sweep through our floating tresses, make our profoundest, most respectful editorial bow.



RESIDENCE OF DR. McCABE.



FARM SCENE IN THE PLATTE RIVER VALLEY.



COL. W. F. CODY'S RANCHO.



ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT



WILCOX BROS. DEPARTMENT STORE.

the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, as is the subject of this sketch. The North Platte school board was for a number of years presided over by Dr. Donaldson, and many other official duties of a public character have been satisfactorily performed by him since his advent to this city.

The front rooms over Streitz drug store are occupied by the doctor as an office; while the ones in the rear are the shrine of his happy family. We take pleasure in thus being able to chronicle the prosperity of one known and

Eves gathered up his household effects—including a family—and removed from the former abiding place in Williamsport, Pa., to our own beautiful city on the Platte, and established a home one block west of the M. E. church. It is at his residence that the doctor's office is located. Dr. Eves is a member of the United States board of pension examiners and is a very prominent citizen as well as a popular physician.

While seated in the handsomely equipped parlors in the Ottman Block,

REAL ESTATE. and has listed for sale thousands of acres of lands at from \$4. to \$20. per acre. The cheaper ones being dry, and the more expensive irrigated lands. He also writes insurance in all the old line fire and life indemnity companies.

Mr. Patterson is a gentleman respected by all who know him for his legal knowledge and professional integrity. One of the best known and most