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## DAVID CITY

Is situated in the geographical center of Butler county, one of the finest agricultural counties in Nebraska. The seat of government was located here and the town laid out in 1873 on a fine plateau of high land, with wide streets and a public square the size of a full block in the center of the business portion, now adorned by one of the finest court house buildings in the state, built in 1892 at a cost of nearly \$70,000. It is built of red brick, trimmed with Colorado grey stone. It is of modern architecture and is an ornament to the city and county.

David City now has a population of 3,500 and is one of the solid business centers of Nebraska and can boast of more solid brick blocks than any city of its size in the state. Nearly three sides of the public square are solid brick fronts, two and three stories high and all occupied by business—not an empty store room in the town—which speaks well for the business enterprise of the city.

There are also many fine residences of frame and brick, several costing \$10,000 each and are neat and commodious. In fact when one looks over this little city he wonders how this was all brought about in so short a time in a country once called the sandy desert.

David City is divided into three wards; is a city of the second class governed by a council. The Hon. Matt Miller is the present mayor. He is now serving his second term. Mr. Miller is widely known in this state, having settled here in 1870 coming from Wisconsin to this state. He is now practicing law—he was appointed Judge of the Fifth District of Nebraska and served one year, when he became a candidate for election on the Democratic ticket and was no doubt elected, but owing to some irregularity in the count of the vote, the other fellow was counted in, and Mr. Miller, refusing to make contest for the place, let the matter drop and is content with his practice of law; he served in the Nebraska legislature two terms from this county, being elected on the Democratic ticket.

### CHURCHES.

M. E.

This congregation has a large brick edifice built in 1891 at a cost of nearly \$20,000. Its seating capacity is about 600. Rev. G. H. Woulton is the present pastor. This is a strong church and has a good influence in the community.

### CONGREGATIONAL.

This denomination has a fine edifice built in 1879. It is a wooden structure costing about \$6,000. This is also a strong church. Rev. A. W. Ayers is the present pastor.

### BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Baptists have a good church building, built in 1883. It is a wood structure with good seating capacity. It cost about \$4,000. This church has a good influence in this community. Rev. Mr. Kennedy is the present pastor.

### LUTHERAN.

The Lutherans have a fair church edifice built in 1890, costing about \$3,000. This church has no regular pastor at present but has a supply. It is well attended.

### HOLINESS CHURCH.

Have a church building, and Geo. L. Brown fills the place of pastor at present.

### THE CATHOLICS

Have a good house of worship, built in 1877. This is quite a strong church, Father Box holds regular services here every Sunday.

### SCHOOLS.

The Central High school is a brick structure, two stories, built in 1889 at a cost of \$16,000, and two ward school buildings built of wood in 1888, all good buildings of modern architecture. Professor Vanceton is in charge of the city schools. He is now in the third year of service here; he is a gentleman of high culture and education, and is well liked. He has raised the standard of the schools greatly since coming here; his work is of high standard and he is liable to remain some time. There are four grades and twelve rooms; the school employs thirteen teachers and pays from \$45.00 to \$115.00 per month. There are enrolled 713 scholars.

### SOCIETIES.

Masonic, I. O. O. F., G. A. R., W. R. G., S. of V., A. O. U. W., Modern Woodman, K. of P., Fraternal Order of Protectors; all well attended.

### WATER SYSTEM.

#### STAND PIPE.

This plant was put in by the city in 1888 at a cost of \$30,000. Water is pumped from well 350 feet deep. The water supply is abundant. The city is

well supplied with hydrants for fire protection, and a liberal supply for the entire city for use in the residence portion. There is an independent fire company and hook and ladder company well supplied with hose carts and a liberal amount of hose and hook and ladder wagon well equipped. The water system is nearly self supporting.

### ELECTRIC LIGHT.

This plant was put in by James Bell in 1880 at a cost of \$13,000. It is owned and controlled by him; the city contracts for light by the year, thirteen are lights. This plant supplies the city and the business houses and residences with all the lighting they need at a reasonable price and is an ornament to the city as well as being very useful.

### RAILROADS

David City is the junction of three systems of railroads; Union Pacific, Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley and Burlington & Missouri, which give fine services and shipping facilities.

### DAVID CITY HAS

- Nine dry goods stores.
- Seven grocery stores.
- Three drug stores.
- Four hardware stores.
- Two furniture stores.
- Four implement stores.
- Two clothing stores.
- Three hotels.
- Three restaurants.
- Three livery stables.
- Three printing offices.
- Three butcher shops.
- Three elevators.
- Three lumber yards.
- Three banks.
- Three millinery stores.
- Twenty-five professional men, doctors, lawyers, etc.

### NEWSPAPERS.

Butler County Press, C. D. Casper. David City News, A. H. Betzer. Peoples Banner, F. B. Lemons. Central Nebraska National Bank. is located on one of the choicest business corners in the city in a two story brick building. Its banking room is a commodious room, fitted up nicely and conveniently arranged for business. Its furniture is antique oak. There is a long brick vault—fire proof—for the safe keeping of deposits, and time lock safe. This bank was organized Nov. 7, 1887, as a National with W. M. Buntry as President and Hon. Geo. R. Colters as Vice-President, who is now the cashier. It has a capital stock of \$50,000, surplus \$10,000, undivided profit. The board of directors are composed of some of the most solid business men of Butler county. The board meets every Monday morning and passes on all loans and makes a thorough examination of the bank. This bank enjoys a good patronage and has the entire confidence of the business men of the county and the general public as is proven by the business done. Their deposits will generally average \$175,000 and during the recent financial depression this bank held the entire confidence of its patrons. This bank has as exchange agents, National Park Bank, N. Y., First National Bank of Chicago, U. S. National Bank of Omaha. Hon. George R. Colters, the cashier, is a gentleman of thorough business ability, as is shown by the business of the bank. He is held in high esteem by the men of Butler county. He served as the representative of this county in the last legislature, being elected on the Republican ticket. He came to Butler county in 1887.

**DAVID CITY STEAM BRICK MANUFACTORY.**  
W. H. Bushell owner and proprietor. This enterprise was established two years ago, on the old system of manufacturing brick, and is now running under the latest improved system of stiff mud wire cut brick, with all the latest improved machinery. The clay is a yellow potter's, and is found here in large quantities, being a 16 foot vein, lying two feet below the surface. The kilns in which the product is burned are the round draw draft of which there are four and will burn 40,000 each every four and a half days, making a capacity of 10,000 per day. The capacity of the machinery is 24,000 per day. The coming season Mr. Bushell expects to put in a continuous kiln of sufficient capacity to burn the entire out put of the yard, being 24,000 per day; having put in the last season some improved machinery which enables him to produce the finest quality of brick. The face of the brick is smooth and free from checks and of even surface, and acute angles, equal to most of the dry pressed brick in finish and of a deep red color. The brick are very dense and fine grained. He is also producing a fine quality of vitrified brick, suitable for paving, also rock-face work. This enterprise is highly appreciated by the people of David City and of other towns adjacent, as is proven by the large number of brick blocks and dwellings built from the product of this plant. On personal examination we

found the brick in the kilns to be well burned and of even color, showing that the work was done mechanically. This enterprise employs 18 men and adds much to the benefit of David City.

### POST OFFICE.

J. A. Cook took charge of the post office July 1, 1883 under the present administration so he is in line politically with Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Cook came to this county in 1877 from Lewis county, West Virginia. He is one of the stand-bys in his party, he has spent most of his time since coming here in the county court house, as deputy treasurer, deputy clerk and deputy sheriff. He is a gentleman and knows how to run the post office successfully. His untiring patience and pleasant countenance make many friends.

The post office is located in the east end of a large room fronting the court house square and in the center of business. It is nicely fitted up with patent metal combination lock boxes, 757 in all besides a large number of general delivery boxes. Everything of the latest style and pattern.

### W. B. THORP

Came to this state in 1860 from Pennsylvania and settled in Seward county, was appointed county treasurer to fill vacancy caused by M. A. McPherson, as an expert to examine and straighten the books of Mr. McPherson who was a defaulter. Mr. Thorp was elected to fill the same office for three terms in succession and came to David City in 1877 and opened the Butler county bank (now the First National) continued in the banking business for twelve years in this bank and the David City bank when he sold out his banking interests and went to California for his health and after regaining this he returned to David City and was appointed state bank examiner by the state board and served as such for two years when he resigned and one year later entered the drug business, which he is now following. He carries a fine stock of drugs, books, stationery and druggists sundries does his full share of business in this line. Mr. Thorp owns considerable lands and town property and is one of the solid men of this county. In 1889 he built a fine large opera house on the south side of the court house square, which he still owns and manages, the seating capacity of his opera house is 1,000, is well patronized and is good paying property. Mr. Thorp put \$1,900 into this enterprise. He has done his full share toward building up David City; is a gentleman of liberal ideas; is very public spirited and has had much experience; and has the confidence and esteem of the business men of David City and Butler county.

### REAL ESTATE, LOANS & INSURANCE.

Doty & Knight one of the leading firms in this line; they are doing a large business, the last year amounted to over three hundred thousand dollars, which speaks well for them and the property of David City and Butler county, especially when it is their first year in business as a firm together. Mr. Doty is well known in this state as a R. R. contractor having been interested in that business for nearly twenty years last past and made a success of the business, he did the work for the U. P. R. R. when they built through Butler Co. and went also to build through this locality. Mr. Doty has accumulated a fortune; he owns large tracts of real-estate and considerable city property. Mr. Knight is a young man of good business pluck and understands how to meet people, especially if they are looking for real-estate making a good combination for a business firm. They have on their books a large number of good farms for sale at reasonable prices, for Butler county land sells readily here for from \$30 to \$55 per acre for improved farms.

### HARNES AND SADDLERY.

J. G. Blessing, owner. This business was established in December last. Mr. Blessing lines in Arlington Nebraska. The business is conducted and managed by F. E. Breniza who is a practical harnessmaker having had 12 years experience in this line. He is a young man of thorough business ability, and intends making this one of the leading businesses of David City, and by his close attention to business, merits the confidence and patronage of the people. He carries in stock a full line of harness, both double and single, mostly of his own make. He also carries in stock a good assortment of saddles, trunks, valises and lap robes. He is located in a brick block one door north of Perkins' hotel on south side of the court house. Any one wishing to find him, look for the sign of the dapple grey horse, in the front window.

### WHOLESALE DEALERS IN BUTTER EGGS, POULTRY AND FEED.

M. S. Rick & Co. These gentlemen do a general business in their line, buy for cash and ship to the eastern and western market in car load lots direct to New York, San Francisco and many other cities. They are enterprising gentlemen and are always on the alert for customers and are ready with their cash to pay the highest market prices for good articles in their line. Their business was established two years ago. They have a cold storage building 24x50 feet, three stories besides the basement; it has two cooling rooms, one for butter and one for eggs, with capacity for ten car loads. They also have a factory for working over butter and packing in tubs ready for shipping. This process prepares the butter for market equal to any factory butter. They have a superior process for handling eggs and can warrant every egg they ship to be fresh. They ship poultry in car load lots alive, or in packages dressed. They handle green fruits in car lots, also take in for cold storage for other parties all kinds of perishable goods.

### DAVID CITY ROLLER MILLS.

George Etting & Co., proprietors, do a general milling business; produce all kinds of flour, feed, corn meal, buck wheat flour and rye flour. This mill was built in 1883; is 36x50 feet, three stories with an addition 22x30 two story, has a capacity of 100 barrels; has six double set of rollers, with other machinery of first-class make.

This mill was all refitted last year with new machinery including a new process of bolting, which places it first class in every respect. The product of this mill is partly sold in David City and adjoining towns, and balance shipped to distant places. They buy mostly winter wheat from the farmers in this county. They also do a large exchange trade from adjoining counties; they always pay the highest market price for their wheat, and sell their flour on the strongest kind of a warranty. They make two brands of flour, the Best is the fancy patent crystal, which has already gained a wide-spread reputation. The other is Diamond Dust, a second patent this also has a large sale. This enterprise is one of the solid things of David City and Butler county, and does its full share toward building up this city. The proprietors have the full confidence of the people, and are well patronized as is shown in their increased business. David City's people are proud of this enterprise. The firm is composed of Geo. Etting, Wm. Quad, Henry Glade.

### DAVID CITY BROOM FACTORY.

QUADE & COLEMAN, proprietors.—This plant was established in November last and is now doing a flourishing business. They are manufacturing fine quality of brooms. They buy their corn mostly in Butler county, and sell their brooms all in this state, partly to grocery jobbers and partly to the retail trade. This is a new enterprise for David City and should be well patronized and encouraged, as it already is. Home manufactures is what Nebraska people ought to encourage.

### HOTEL JENKINS.

This magnificent hotel was built by a stock company in 1887 at a cost of \$37,000, is 160x175, three stories high, and has 52 guest rooms; it is fitted up in first-class in every part. It is a brick structure, built of red brick with stone trimmings.

The proprietor, Mr. James Bell refitted the house from bottom to top with new furniture, carpets and fittings last March. Mr. E. J. May, the manager and landlord, who assisted in the work, is a genial gentleman and an old hand at running a hotel and fully understands his business. He has followed the hotel business 17 years, most of the time in Indianapolis, Ind., and Nebraska. This hotel is the finest in this state for the size of the city, and is run in first-class style and caters to the traveling public and has an enviable reputation. The help and service in this hotel is as good as in any hotel in any city, is strictly first-class, especially in the dining room, everything is as neat as wax and gives one an appetite to step in. The office and dining rooms are large and very conveniently arranged, have good light and ventilation. The entire building is lighted with electricity, and the rooms, halls and stairways are all carpeted with fine Brussels carpet, and the beds are clean and comfortable, in fact, the traveling pilgrim finds no better accommodations in all his travels. This hotel is well patronized by the traveling public and the people of David City are justly proud of the Hotel Perkins.

### MACHINE SHOP.

Charles Heamas, proprietor and owner, manufactures water tanks made of wood, iron and steel. Brass castings and general repair shop, this plant was established 1884 in a small way; and has

grown to be quite large in proportions, is run by steam engine ten horse power. Mr. Heamas is an enterprising gentleman and is bound to succeed in this business. He is going to put in a complete stock of farm implements, he has just bought his stock and will have it ready for the spring trade and expects to meet any of his competitors prices; and his machinery and goods will be first class in every way. He is located on F street, just north of the U. P. R. tracks, where he can always be found.

## BUSINESS FIELD

It is particularly gratifying to be able to record so many changes in Lincoln's business circles that mean additional recognition of Lincoln's importance and appreciation of Lincoln's advantages by Lincoln's business men. Within the past month there have been many changes in concerns that were branches of other houses or that had outside connections, by which the control of the same has passed into the hands of Lincoln parties, to the manifest advantage of this city. The most recent of these affects the Whitebreast Coal and Lime company, which now becomes a distinctively local concern. The Whitebreast Coal and Lime company was organized in 1885, succeeding the Whitebreast Coal and Mining company, of Ottumwa, Iowa. It is the agent of the Whitebreast Fuel company of Chicago, and the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. of Denver, with both of which it has maintained close connections. John T. Dorgan, the manager, has held a considerable block of stock, but the controlling interest, formerly owned by J. C. Osgood, has been held by the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. The Lincoln company, since its inception, has done a large retail and wholesale coal business, the annual business running away up in the hundred thousands. The treasurer of the company has resided in Chicago, and the heavy bank deposit of the company has of necessity been largely kept in Chicago. Within the past few days John L. Dorgan, and Finney and have purchased the Osgood stock in the Whitebreast company, giving them a controlling interest. Mr. John T. Dorgan, the present secretary and manager, becomes a large holder and is made treasurer so that hereafter the business of the company will be transacted in this city. The wholesale business, which was handled direct from the mines will be done from Lincoln, and this branch of the business will be rapidly extended and developed. At a special meeting held in Denver Monday E. Finney was added to the board of directors. Mr. Finney one of Lincoln's most prominent business men proves to be a valuable addition to the company. At the annual meeting to be held in May some further changes may be made. The Whitebreast company, under Mr. Dorgan's management has been singularly successful, and a very rapid future advancement is assured. Mr. A. C. Cass of Denver, it should be stated, will remain president of the company.

Within the past week or ten days there has been a noticeable movement of grain, and there is a marked increase in the railroad tonnage.

There is reason for congratulation in the fact that the number of foreclosures and sheriff's sales has not been so small in years as at the present time.

It is the general feeling that there will be a lively spring trade in all lines.

The Lincoln Clearing House association held a meeting Thursday afternoon, Messrs. I. M. Raymond and S. H. Burnham, of the American Exchange national bank, made a report of the preliminary meeting of the Missouri River Bankers' association held in Kansas City, and there was a general discussion of the purpose of the new association. Mr. Raymond stated that he had invited the association to hold its next meeting in this city, and that the invitation was accepted. The clearing house ratified Mr. Raymond's action in the matter. This meeting will probably be held some time next month, and it will be the most important yet held. Lincoln and the other cities will consider the advantages and disadvantages of a bank union and decide whether they want to go in.

Frank M. Blish manager of Dun's Mercantile Agency, furnishes the following business summary for the week, to THE COURIER:

"The past week has been a very dull one locally, both with the wholesale and retail trade, this condition being emphasized by the extreme weather of the first half.

Sales for January, as nearly as can be gleaned will show an average falling off of fully one-third as compared with January a year ago; but it might be added in this connection that January '93 was better than common.

Prices of staples continue very low, sales are in smaller quantities and repeated oftener, all pursuing a conservative policy and avoiding debts as much as possible.

Outside collections are reported fair, showing in fact some slight improvement.

Money is in fair demand and the legitimate wants of good borrowers are being supplied. Deposits increase slowly.

There is a general feeling that better times are coming but a remarkable diversity of opinion as regards the date of their arrival. This confidence in the future is a favorable feature however, and will have its effect.

There have been no local failures of consequence during the week, and comparatively few in the state. Opinions are that fall and winter purchases, were so much smaller than ordinary as to make much less trouble from bills maturing in January and February, than was anticipated by many. The record of failures thus far would seem to bear out this supposition. Purchases for spring business are very light and the talk is all economy. There will be no scarcity in the ice crop. Tuesday's blizzard settled that matter very quickly.

J. F. Morris, of the Rudge & Morris company, furniture, one of the most prosperous concerns in Lincoln, has not been a resident of this city for two years. He is now living at Niles, Ohio. The business affairs of the company were concentrated this week by the purchase of Mr. Morris' stock by C. H. Rudge and C. J. Guenzel. The company is incorporated and there will be no change in the name.

M. G. Perkins, of Omaha, manager of the American Press Association, who comes into close contact with the newspaper publishers of the state, informed a COURIER representative yesterday that so far as he can learn, there has not been a single failure of any consequence among the newspapers of Nebraska during the past year. He states that publishers generally report a national improvement in business, and are confident that this year will be universally prosperous.

The advance agents of the various theatrical companies that come to Lincoln, all report a decided improvement in business since the holidays.

Mr. Blish's review will hereafter be a regular feature of THE COURIER.

POLITICAL TALK

That aspiring young Lancaster county farmer who purchased a flag and put it in the hands of some women with he arranged to have it presented to him at a public gathering, as a gift from an organization to which, they belonged, and who arranged with the same persons, to have him selected as a delegate to represent their corps at a national meeting, though they had their own delegates, and who agreed to pay his own expenses but desired to have it understood they were defrayed by the society, will hardly reach the lieutenant-governorship, to which he aspires.

In the event that Lancaster county candidates for other state offices should not be successful in securing a nomination, F. D. McClusky, of this city, may be a candidate for the nomination for superintendent of public instruction.

For all Texas points via the Missouri Pacific route February 13th. City ticket office 1201 O street, Lincoln, Neb.

H. C. Young and J. J. Buttler are getting up a large crowd for Texas February 13th via the Missouri Pacific route. Call and see them before making your arrangements elsewhere. 1201 O street, Lincoln, Neb.

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HUMPHREY'S SPECIFICS No. 1 and No. 7, cure Coughs and Colds, and prevent Pneumonia and Consumption. Price 25c each. For sale by all druggists.