

Churches in Good Financial Condition

Jenner Brothers and the Amusement Park They Built

Plans Being Made for Big Tabernacle Meeting in Early Spring

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Mr. Editors and readers of The Northwestern; here's to you. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Regardless of how many times the tide of battle may have been turned against us in the past year, or how often discouragement may have been ours, or even though grief may have crossed the threshold of our hearts, yet there is much for us to rejoice over.

We are still here, and that for a purpose. It may be hard for some of us to understand, or discover what that purpose is in life. But after all, the best still lies before us. If I don't have anything else in this world I want the bright light of hope to shine on before.

This is my greeting to you.
The purpose of the Methodist Episcopal church in Loup City is service to God and man.

We cannot brag very much about the work of the past year.
We have been holding our own in most of the departments.

The department of our Ladies' Aid has been second to none in Kearney district.

The young people's work has been handicapped somewhat because of the number of our young people have been scattered by going away as teachers and students.

While during the past two years we have received over a hundred people into the church. We have also sent a number of our best workers away to be a force and influence elsewhere. Some have married and moved away. We don't state this as an inducement for some "unappropriated blessings," to join the church. But we will do our part if you come our way. Others have gone to fill responsible positions.

While these removals have been a loss to us, we are glad there has been a gain somewhere else.

As to material things. New pews were added to the main room of the church during the past year and are paid for. The church is not in debt at the present time. Along the line of new movements, The Boy Scouts have been organized and uniforms procured. We expect great things in the future from the "awkward squad."

We expect to go right on in the work of the Master's Kingdom. We are going on to build up believers, and to convert sinners.

We do not expect to let down the New Testament of Jesus Christ. We have adopted the "Forward Movement" plan for the next year, which means a willing sacrifice and service by all.—L. V. Slocumb, Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church.

ST. JOSEPHAT'S CATHOLIC.

About twenty-five years ago, Father Stuart, a Jesuit, visited the Catholics around this vicinity, who were then widely scattered. It was Father Stuart who obtained the present location of the St. Josephat's church. It was donated to him under the condition that he would build a church thereon.

The few Catholics then around Loup City assisted Father Stuart financially with whatever they could in building the first church and school. But in June, 1896, the church was completely destroyed by a cyclone, and the foundation, now covered with wild grass, still marks the place where the old church stood.

The school building remained intact and herein divine services were held by Father Stuart, who went to his reward about five years ago; then by Father Boleslaus Radka, who now resides in Ashton. In the year 1906, Father Irenaes Jarka, as assistant to Father Augustyn at Ashton, said Mass in that old school building every Sunday. The congregation numbered then about forty families.

The school building became too small for the growing congregation, and it was Father Radka who planned and built the present St. Josephat's church.

In the year 1906 the school building was moved for the first time from its foundation to the north and then repaired for further services until the new church could be used for that purpose. The ground was broken, sand and brick hauled, and Mr. John Ohlsen was the building contractor. The church was finally finished in 1908, and stands today as one of the finest buildings as to the inside and outside.

The non-Catholics of Loup City were very generous in helping us financially and we are therefore very grateful to them for their kind cooperation in helping us to build a splendid house of God, and which is surely an ornament to our peaceful city.

Father Joseph Kolaska, now residing at Elyria, Nebr., was appointed as first pastor of this congregation in year 1908, but who was soon succeeded by Father Alexander Cudzinski in the same capacity until the 1st of September, 1915, when Father Jarka took possession again of St. Josephat's parish.

The congregation has now grown to 150 families so that our church is now too small and it is hardly large enough to hold one-half of its members.

As the old remodeled school building into a dwelling house by Father Kolaska was no longer fit for a residence priest, Father Jarka together with the parishioners resolved to move that good old and historical build-

ing to the rear of the church grounds for other usages in the future. This was done by our own people. The ground was broken for the new pastoral residence also by our own and willing people of the congregation. Sand in sufficient quantity has been hauled by the members of the congregation. Brick also was hauled. Father Jarka was not idle, and he also helped wherever his help was needed most. The plans of the building were drawn by John Ohlson & Son and the contract awarded to the same firm. The building is now nearing completion.

To raise the money for the rectory was a hard task for Father Jarka, but he succeeded. Now, as ten years ago, the non-Catholics came to our aid, and once more we are thankful and grateful to them for their kind assistance. The members of the congregation also have donated as much as it was in their power, whose names will be published at some later date together with their kind donor's names outside our church.

The rectory, when completed, will be another ornament to our beautiful city and modern in every way, a credit to our town, the contractors and the congregation.

Father Jarka looks forward for other improvements on the church grounds. He thinks, as also the congregation, of building a parochial school to accommodate 150 pupils. Boarders will also be acceptable.

There is all reason why a peaceful city like Loup City, should progress, because where there is peace there is unity, and where there is unity there is strength. We must boost, must stir, must be alive, otherwise we will retrogress, fall back. Flowing water is sweet, standing water will stagnate and finally evaporate.

The people of Loup City must be like the flowing waters and progress and sweeten the community with their good will towards one and all. Then, and only then, Loup City will be and ought to be one of the leading cities of the west.

GERMAN.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity. I. Cor. xiii, 13.—Of all the churches of our city, the German Evangelical church may rightfully claim to be the youngest. Founded in 1898, by the Rev. Jennrich it has grown and prospered, suffered relapses and prospered again. As to the various causes for these ups and downs in the history of the congregation, little need to be said; they are caused by the leaving of members, frequent change of pastors, general indifference of the community. We do not like to refer to our shortcomings, but it is all the more pleasant after that to mention what has been accomplished in the past, is being done in the present, and should be done in the future. The church was built in 1901 by the efforts of a united congregation. Then followed a period

of steady and faithful work in the efforts of the various ministers to strengthen the congregation. The result of this work was the building of a parsonage under the able leadership of Rev. Juelling. He in his turn was succeeded by the present pastor, who was forced however after a stay of not quite a year and a half to resign his position on account of his eyes failing. His successor will in all probability be Rev. Schulze, from Lexington, Missouri.

Some forty members belong to our church, popularly called the German church. A choir of no mean ability, and of great faithfulness, and a Ladies' Aid society of some 23 members do what lies in their power to assist the pastor in his work. Let us work onward, let us strive upward, let us look forward and build the Church of our Lord with great rejoicing.—Rev. F. W. Guth.

Ashton.

"Let us carry on the work of the Lord."

Ashton is by rights the mother church of the St. Paul's church at Loup City. St. Mathew's at Ashton was founded years before, and was growing and flourishing when the work at Loup City had not been started. In 1901 things were reversed.

Many of the old settlers moving away, others being called away by death, weakened St. Mathew's to such an extent that the parish was established at Loup City and St. Paul's became the stronger congregation.

The present pastor found about seven members when he arrived, and was admonished by the district. "To strengthen that which is about to die." The new pastor succeeded in establishing English services and that which was about to die a year ago is today a live and flourishing congregation. Individual members number close to thirty and all are enthusiastic and interested in the growth of the congregation. The congregation now plans to greatly increase the value of the church property and the beauty of the church, by painting the same, putting in new windows, screening the same, repairing the floor and making other necessary improvements. Where there is harmony, there is success, where there is interest, there also is growth, and St. Mathew's at Ashton has proved this fact to be true. Let us give thanks unto the Lord for his help and guidance, let us praise his name, for he has been gracious unto us, and his strong right arm has been our support. Much has been done, but let us not rest upon our laurels; there is still more to do, let us be up and doing while it is yet today, there cometh the night in which no man may work.

SWEDISH CHURCH.

A report over the Christian work in the Swedish Mission church of Loup City:

We have certainly had a year of success. When I stop and look back from the day when I begin my work in this city, I am obliged to say that

Gods blessing has been with us in all our work. I have, during this time organized a young people's society, and a choir which now supply us with good songs in all our meetings, and the membership of the church has increased and also in power, faith and strength in their christian life, and will hereby in one word say if you want to be a light in this world be a christian, it will buy not only in this world but in the coming.

Christians, live so that some others can live also. My testimony stands for clean christian life and to do the right work for my Lord Jesus Christ.—Rev. Theodore Young.

Men are mighty queer creatures, or whatever else you choose to call 'em. Some of 'em will raise merry hedges if the baby lets out a chirp and then they'll turn right around and pile into bed and snore all night like a buzz saw in operation.

Yes, girlie, your dear old grandmother may have smoked a clay pipe in secret, but she didn't powder her nose or show a yard of her leg in public.

Peace in America and good will to ourselves. The rest of the world is raising too much hell to be included.

TWO DEAD SHOTS

In connection with this squib we are printing a picture of T. H. Elsner and his friend, Fred Hoage of Grand Island. We secured this pic-



ture unbeknown to these two gentlemen and it is an excellent likeness of them when rigged up in their hunting togs. Both are very good shots and take much pleasure out of the trap events that are frequently held here.

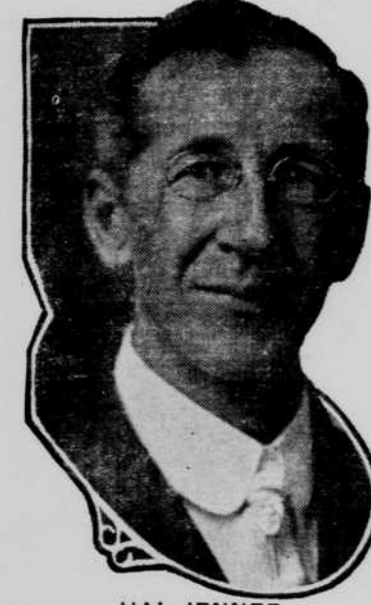
It would not be exactly right to call these two gentlemen business men. It would be far more correct to call them public benefactors.

For closely related with the history of Loup City, is the history of the Jenner Brothers and incidentally the history of Jenner's Park. Business calls for recreation after the hours for business are over; recreation calls for a place of recreation. What better place at the proper time of the year than Jenner's Park?

The Jenner Brothers came to this country in the year 1882, farmed for several years and then moved to Loup City, where they still reside. What is now known as Jenner's Park is the greater part of a piece of land bought by these gentlemen in the year 1898 and converted into a place for public amusement. Most of our citizens

tree is home grown, a product of Nebraska soil. A few only realize what ability, ingenuity and taste it takes to successfully lay out and complete an undertaking of this kind.

Your great parks in the cities have beautiful trees, flowerbeds and lawns; some also contain animals of all kinds, domestic and foreign, but no city in the United States of this size has a park like Loup City has. There, everything is done according to directions, the workmen who execute the orders of their superiors have no interest in the work outside of getting it done. How different here! Every tree planted by the owners, many of the animals caught by themselves, every foot of soil put there by their own hands, all the planning, sketching and plotting is original work. Everywhere their own ideas are carried out. Most of the



HAL JENNER



BOB JENNER

Know what work and time it took to convert a wild and tangled underbrush into the beautiful park it is today. The Jenners can tell you of the dirt used to fill in, of the tedious work to remove the underbrush, of the continuous struggle with the creek running through the park, which at every heavy rain overflowed its banks, flooded the park and drowned most of the animals. At present the brothers are constructing a large dam twenty feet high, which when completed will cut the troublemaking creek into two parts and forever hinder it from overflowing the park. And all this labor is done by hand; no dynamite is used to tear up the soil. The plow, drag and spade are the tools of the workers. By hand the brothers have grabbed out the underbrush, by hand they have planted all the trees; every

buildings are the result of their labor, the dancing pavilion where you have spent many happy hours dancing, Lover's Lane where you probably first dreamt love's young dream, or where you took "her" walking for the first time. It should be dear to us; it belongs to us, takes its part in our lives we live here; it is home. Do you remember the first time you tried to hit the Mexican, or the first time you tried your skill at the shooting gallery? Not only because it is a home proposition should we be interested in the park, but because it is more; because it provides for us and our children clean wholesome amusement; because in patronizing it you are showing your appreciation of the efforts these two gentlemen who are striving to give to Loup City one of the best parks in the state.

Two hundred million pennies are in circulation in Chicago, and yet the Windy City is facing a penny famine and is beseeching the government to send it more millions. Some villages never do get enough.

A wise man controls his anger. Further comment is superfluous.

Beware of the convivial spirit. His attractiveness usually lies solely in his conviviality.

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