

front of the mercantile interests of southwestern Nebraska. They are occupants of a store, 150 feet in length by 25 in width, with cellar, all of which space is fully utilized. The stock consists of dry goods, groceries, clothing, furnishing goods, flour, provisions, etc., and each department is full and complete, with a most excellent class of goods. In the grocery and provision department, an extensive jobbing business is conducted, a feature that is growing in importance from month to month. The house is also in the enjoyment of an extensive retail trade, extending for miles around. The cash system is a prevailing feature of the establishment, and everybody knows that means low prices. Mr. Allen is a man of long experience, and was formerly for eight years identified with the wholesale trade of this state, being connected with a Lincoln establishment. The services of four or five men are required in and about the establishment, which is the largest and most complete general store in the Republican valley.

WILCOX & FOWLER

are prominent representatives of the mercantile interests of McCook and their establishment stands well to the front, both as regards popularity and extent, and character of business transactions. This house was originally inaugurated something over four years ago, under the style of Wilcox Bros., and changed to the present about three years ago. The stock carried consists of dry goods, clothing, groceries, boots, shoes, hats, caps, etc., and all the various departments are replete with a most excellent class of goods. They are the occupants of a building 50 feet in length by 22 feet in width, with cellar, all of which space is fully utilized, and comprising one among the largest general stores in Red Willow county. Messrs. Wilcox & Fowler are formerly from Gilman, Illinois, both are experienced business men, Mr. Wilcox having been engaged in mercantile pursuits for the past 21 years. Mr. Fowler is the present vice president of the McCook board of trade, and no man or firm have been more active or persistent in their efforts to advance the interests of the town, and none enjoy a better commercial standing. Appropos of business matters, they keep a store for the people, carry good and honest goods which are sold at a reasonable profit, and fair and honorable methods has gained for the establishment a prestige and popularity second to no other similar concern in this city or county.

JOSEPH MENARD

dealer in dry goods, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes and groceries, has been located in this city over four years, coming here from Chicago. Mr. M. is the owner of the Menard Opera House block, 100 feet in length by 50 in width; one half of the ground floor, together with basement, is devoted to his mercantile business. The opera hall is 50x70 feet, provided with good stage, scenery, etc., seated with chairs, and contains seating capacity for about 500 people. As regards the mercantile business, Mr. M. carries one of the largest and most complete general stocks in southwestern Nebraska. All the various departments are full and complete with a most excellent class of goods, and that the establishment has always maintained a place well to the front in business matters is a fact well known to all old residents of this city. The store is conveniently located and is a popular trading place. Mr. Menard has been engaged in the mercantile business for the past 20 years, he is an honorable, fair-dealing man, and has done not a little to advance McCook's advantages as a trade centre, and market place for a large area of the surrounding country.

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING AND CARPETS.

Under this head we are pleased to refer to the large and finely stocked establishment of L. Lowman & Son. This house was established here about three years ago, but the firm have been doing business in the state for the past 15 years. They are the occupants of a well located store, 100 feet in length by 25 feet in width, with basement 25x70 feet, all of which space is fully utilized. As above indicated, the stock consists of dry goods, notions, clothing, gent's furnishing goods, hats, caps and carpets. The basement is devoted to the display of carpets, and the stock carried is by far the largest and most complete in the city. All departments are distinct and separate, and the goods carried are of a superior character. As a result, the better class of patrons have been secured. This house enjoys a large city trade, resulting from the superior line of dress goods and notions always found in stock. An important feature of this estab-

lishment, is a complete dressmaking department. This feature is under the supervision of an experienced modiste, and the facilities for the production of ladies' garments of every description, are equal to the best similar concerns of the large cities. Messrs. Lowman & Son are experienced merchants, and knowing what is required in such a business, always strive to merit the approbation of patrons, by keeping the latest and most desirable goods, and selling the same at reasonable prices.

C. H. ROGERS

general merchant, commenced business in this city in 1882, and his is the oldest establishment in McCook at the present time. Mr. R. is the occupant of a store 90 feet in length by 24 in width, all of which space is filled to the utmost capacity with goods. As above indicated, the stock carried is of a general character, that is, consisting of dry goods, clothing, groceries, hats, caps, etc., and all the various departments are well and completely represented. This house has always been a popular trading place, and has always maintained a position well to the front in business matters. Mr. Rogers passed through all the hard times incident to the pioneer days of this section, and if any man in the place deserves success, it is he. He has always kept a store for the people, and always tried to merit the approbation of those who have for years been numbered among his patrons. He has always maintained a system of prices as low as is consistent with a safe business, and in the future, as in the past, will strive to merit the good will of the people of McCook and surrounding country.

B. LAWLER

of the general merchandise trade is located in the McEntee hotel block, and during the past three years that he has been doing business in the city, has gained hosts of friends, and a position in business matters not far from the front. Mr. Lawler is the occupant of a handsome store room, 24x60, with cellar, all of which space is fully occupied, and with a stock so complete as to enable the establishment to meet every legitimate competition, either in goods or prices. The stock embraces dry goods, clothing, groceries, boots, shoes, hats, caps, and everything in fact that pertains to a first class general stock, and low prices has secured a most satisfactory patronage. Mr. Lawler came here from Peoria, Illinois; he is a man of experience, and always strives to merit the good will of patrons by keeping such goods as the people want, and selling at live and let live prices.

THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Jonas Engel, manager, was established January 1st, '87, and stands to-day, in the front rank of McCook's mercantile interests. This establishment is located on one of the most eligible corners of the city, in a handsome brick block, 50 feet in length by 25 in width, and filled with a stock that would be a credit to any city however great. The Famous is the only exclusive clothing house in southwestern Nebraska, and as a result, it has secured a trade extending throughout this and adjoining counties. The stock embraces everything in the line of men's and boys' clothing, furnishing goods, hats, caps, trunks and valises. The stock is made up from the best fabrics and in the latest styles, many of the finer goods being equal in style and finish to the best tailor made garments. This company came here from Northern Indiana, where, for more than 20 years they were engaged in business. Mr. Engel, the manager, formerly from New York City, has been identified with the clothing trade for a fourth of a century, and has made a success wherever located. He is a firm believer in the efficacy of printers ink, and is one of the heaviest advertisers in the state. As a result The Famous has become well known throughout all southwestern Nebraska, as one of the best stocked, best conducted one priced clothing houses in the state outside of Omaha and Lincoln. The Famous is really a metropolitan feature, and an honor to the business circles of the city in which it is located.

HARDWARE, STOVES AND TINWARE.

This department of the business interests of McCook is unusually well supplied, and as one of the leading representatives of the above line, we are pleased to refer to the large and well stocked establishment of Lytle Bros. & Co. This house, established in 1881, at once assumed and has always maintained a foremost place in business matters, and is one of the largest and most completely stocked in southwestern Nebraska. The firm are owners of a similar concern in Benkelman, this state. This house is under the management of A. E.

Lytle, who has been a resident of the valley for the past 16 years, and is one of the oldest pioneers in this part of the state. They are the occupants of a store 140 feet in length by 25 in width, all of which space is fully occupied. The store embraces shelf and heavy hardware of every description, tools, cutlery, barb-wire, wood stock, cooking and heating stoves, tinware, etc. A tin shop is a feature of importance, and the facilities for all kinds of job work are first-class. This house is centrally located, is a popular trading place, and the best similar concerns of the larger cities cannot offer better opportunities to the purchasing public.

W. C. LATOURETTE & CO.

dealers in hardware, stoves and tinware, commenced business in McCook about six years ago, and are the pioneers in their line in the place, and one of the oldest business houses of any character. They are the occupants of a substantial brick store, 90x25 feet, well filled with goods and comprising one of the best and most completely stocked general hardware stores in the valley. The stock embraces shelf and heavy hardware of every description, tools, cutlery, cooking and heating stoves, barb-wire, guns, pistols, ammunition, and everything in fact, that pertains to a first-class hardware establishment. Tin and job work of every character is also a feature of importance, and the facilities in this department are also first-class. The goods are all new and fresh looking, and bear the brands of the best makers in the country. No establishment in southwestern Nebraska is better prepared to meet the wants and requirements of the public, and no house can or will sell a better class of goods or at lower prices.

COLEMAN BROS.

dealers in hardware, stoves and tinware, have been doing business in this city about two and a half years, and that they have gained a position well to the front as regards the character and extent of business transacted, none will deny, who are acquainted with the facts. This firm, which comprises E. E. J. R. and G. E. Coleman, are also the owners of a similar enterprise at Culbertson, and the management of this establishment devolved upon the first named. They are the occupants here of a building 130 feet in length by 22 in width, all of which space is fully utilized, and comprising a stock that is complete to the smallest detail. The stock consists of shelf and heavy hardware of every description, tools, cutlery, stoves, ranges, tinware, barb-wire, pumps, wind-mills, and everything, in fact, that pertains to a first-class establishment. Tin and job work is a specialty, and two first-class tinners are kept busy most of the time in that department. They manufacture nearly all the tin stock sold, which is superior in every way to that usually handled by the trade. The above firm are formerly from Guthrie county, Ia. They are practical men, always fair and honorable in business matters, and as a result, are doing a leading business in the line.

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING.

This department of the business interests of McCook is unusually well represented, and as a leading element in that line, we are pleased to refer to the large, well stocked establishment of Pade & Son. This firm commenced business here about three years ago, and to-day we find them at the head of an enterprise that is not only a leading feature in the mercantile interests of this place, but one that would be a credit to a much larger city. They are the occupants of a salesroom, 22x80, together with a ware room, 22x60, all well filled, and embracing everything that belongs to the furniture trade, from a common wooden seated chair to the elegant chamber and parlor suit, and consisting of the best and most stylish goods made. The sale of carpets, window shades, curtains and fixtures, children's cabs and carriages, frames and mouldings, is also a feature of importance. The undertaking department is no less complete. It is provided with a good hearse, and a full stock carried. Messrs. Pade & Son are both practical men, the elder for many years engaged in the manufacture of furniture, while the son, H. E., has had long experience in both the wholesale and retail departments of the business. Briefly speaking, the establishment is far in advance of the similar concerns of towns of this size, and offers many desirable advantages to the purchaser.

LUDWICK & TROWBRIDGE

are leading representatives of the furniture and undertaking business and worthy of more than a passing notice in this connection. This house was established about four

years ago, and is the pioneer of its class in this place at the present time. They are the occupants of a store, 100 feet long by 25 wide, all well filled with a stock that would be a credit to any town however great. The stock is complete with everything from a common wooden chair to the elegant chamber or parlor suit, and the goods are of the latest and most desirable styles. The undertaking department is no less complete, and is provided with a good hearse. Mr. Ludwick is a professional embalmer, and no house in southwestern Nebraska is better facilitated for doing business in this particular line. The sale of carpets, window curtains, frames, children's cabs and carriages, is also a feature worthy of note. They are prepared to do anything in the line of repairing, or make new work in a most satisfactory manner. Messrs. Ludwick & Trowbridge are honorable, fair dealing men and no furniture house in the valley can or will do better by patrons.

THE DRUG TRADE

of McCook is unusually well represented, and as the leading feature in that line and an establishment that would be a credit to any city in the state, we are pleased to refer to the large well stocked store of Dr. S. L. Green. This house, established about six years ago, is the pioneer of its class, in this place, and one of the leading elements in McCook's mercantile interests. The building occupied is a handsome and substantial brick structure, 80 feet in length by 24 in width, two stories high, the second floor being occupied by the Masonic fraternity for lodge purposes. The stock is strictly a legitimate drug stock, consisting of drugs, medicines, paints, oils, wall paper, toilette and perfumery goods, and the thousand and one articles of use and ornament found only in the best similar concerns of the largest cities. The interior arrangements and fixtures are attractive, not the least conspicuous of which is an elegant soda fountain. Experienced druggists and pharmacists are employed, making the facilities equal to that of any drug house in the state. The special feature of this house is purity of goods, the complete character of stock, and the careful and reliable methods of doing business.

A. MEMMEN

(successor to McMillen & Weeks) druggist and pharmacist, has been doing business in McCook nearly two years, coming to this county formerly from Pennsylvania. Mr. McMillen is the occupant of a handsome brick store, 75 feet in length by 25 in width, all of which space is fully occupied with a stock of goods that would be a credit to a much larger town. The stock embraces pure drugs, medicines, paints, oils, glass, wall papers, toilet and fancy goods and artists' materials of every description. Each department is full and complete, and the goods carried of superior character. The establishment is provided with a handsome soda fountain, and in its appointments and arrangements is first-class in every particular. Mr. McMillen is an experienced druggist and pharmacist, and an honorable, fair dealing man, and during his career here has not only gained hosts of friends, but secured a fair proportion of the drug business of this city.

G. M. CHENERY

of the drug trade is next on the list, and worthy of a prominent place in this review. This house, known as the City Drug Store, was established about three years ago, and at once assumed and has ever maintained a position in business matters well to the front. The stock embraces pure drugs, medicines, paints, oils, blank books, fine stationery, toilette and perfumery goods, fancy articles and druggists' sundries in great variety. The stock and fixtures embody all the elements of a first-class drug house, and offer every advantage to the purchaser that would be found in the best similar concerns of the largest cities. Mr. Chenery is an experienced druggist and pharmacist, and no man in Red Willow county can or will do better by patrons.

WILLEY & WALKER

of the drug trade are next on the list and deserving a place in this review of McCook's business interests. This house was established about five years ago, and is really one of the pioneer features of this city. This establishment is well and completely stocked, and while no attempt at show and flourish is observable, the establishment embodies all the essential requirements for successful and reliable business transactions. The stock consists of pure drugs and medicines, paints, oils, toilette and perfumery goods, all of which have been selected by experienced hands, and with especial reference to purity and desirability. Dr. A. J.

Willey of the above firm is an old, experienced practitioner of 35 years' standing, several years an army surgeon, and for the past six years has occupied the position of surgeon for the R. & M. railway company. Mr. Walker is an experienced druggist and pharmacist. Thus it will be observed that the establishment above referred to is possessed of peculiar advantages, all of which tend to commend it to public favor.

WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Under this head we are pleased to refer to the large, well stocked establishment of F. L. McCracken & Bro. This house was established about four and a half years ago, and is now not only a prominent feature in the mercantile interests of McCook, but would be a credit to a town several times larger than his city. The above firm are the occupants of a store 60 feet in length by 25 in width, all of which space is fully utilized, making one of the largest and most complete stocks in the state outside two or three of the largest cities. The stock embraces gold and silver watches, clocks, jewelry, silver and plated ware, pianos, organs, and musical merchandise of every description, including sheet music, books, etc. The proprietors are practical and experienced watch makers and jewelers, and they are prepared to execute all work of a mechanical nature, that pertains to such a business, equal to any house in the west. The establishment is provided with a water motor for running machinery used in repairing, manufacturing, etc., and is undoubtedly the only establishment of its class in the state possessed of like facilities. Briefly speaking the establishment embodies all the essential elements of a first-class jewelry and music store, and is a credit to McCook's business circles.

W. GEO. SHEPPARD

is a practical watchmaker and jeweler of 17 years' experience, and makes a specialty of the mechanical feature connected with the jewelry trade. He also carries a good stock of watches, clocks and jewelry, and musical instruments and merchandise, making the Estey organ a specialty. Mr. Sheppard learned the trade in Europe and was five years with the well known jeweler, T. J. Highland, London, England. He understands thoroughly all the intricacies of watch work, and we do not hesitate to commend him to all who desire the services of a first-class watch maker and jeweler.

C. M. NOBLE

the grocer, takes the lead in his line, and is the owner of the largest and best stocked exclusive grocery house in Red Willow county. Mr. Noble has been identified with the mercantile business interests of McCook for the past six years, two or which he has been engaged in his present occupation. He is the occupant of a store 60 feet in length by 25 in width, with basement of cellar, all of which space is fully occupied with a stock of goods that would be a credit to a much larger city. The stock embraces staple and fancy groceries of every description, flour, provisions, fruits, vegetables, china, glass and queensware, the latter department being a conspicuous feature, and the stock by far the largest in the city. The stock is not only full and complete in all the various departments, but many goods are observed that are rarely found outside the metropolitan cities. The special features of this house are good and fresh goods and low prices, and with fair and honorable methods, the establishment has not only become a popular trading place, but is also prepared to meet any legitimate competition, both as regards goods and prices.

H. B. BERRY

of the grocery trade has been a resident of McCook for the past four and a half years, the last year engaged in his present occupation. Mr. Berry has recently moved into an more commodious quarters on Main Avenue, directly opposite the post-office, where with enlarged stock, and improved facilities, he is prepared to meet every requirement of the trade represented. Mr. Berry is the occupant of a store, 25x50, which is filled to the greatest capacity with a most excellent class of goods. The stock embraces staple and fancy groceries, provisions, queens and glass ware, canned goods, wood and willow work, fruit and everything in fact that belongs to a first-class grocery establishment. Mr. Berry is now centrally located, and with a new and fresh stock, he is prepared to meet any legitimate competition either as regards goods or prices.

HERRMAN THOLE

the west side grocer, has been established about one year, but he has been a resident of this vicinity

for the past eight years, was here nearly two years before the town was located. Mr. Thole is the only exclusive dealer in groceries in what is known as West McCook, and as a result has built up a good trade. He is the owner and occupant of a substantial frame building, 22x60, which is filled to the utmost capacity with a most excellent class of goods. The stock embraces staple and fancy groceries, provisions, cigars, tobacco, fruits, vegetables, canned goods of every description, wooden ware, and everything in fact that pertains to a general grocery business. No similar concern in the valley carries a more complete stock, or a better selection of goods, and no dealer tries more earnestly to please patrons, and merit the good will of the public. Fair and honorable in all transactions, Mr. Thole has gained the confidence of a large trading constituency, and none can or will do better by purchasers.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

This department of the business interests of McCook is unusually well represented, and as the leading feature in that line, we are pleased to refer to the large and finely stocked establishment of Bowen & Laycock. This house was established about a year and a half ago, and outside of Omaha and Lincoln, is undoubtedly one of the largest and best stocked boot and shoe houses in the state. In addition to an extensive local retail trade, this house has many patrons in the neighboring towns, and also does quite an extensive jobbing business, a feature that is constantly increasing in importance. They are the occupants of one of the handsome store rooms in the Menard Opera House block, 100 feet in length by 25 in width, all of which space is fully occupied, and comprising a display that would be a credit to any city however great. There is nothing that pertains to the best metropolitan shoe house, that is not fully represented in stock. Mr. Bowen of the above firm is a resident of Boston, and identified with the wholesale trade, hence the management of the business here devolves entirely upon Mr. Laycock, a young man of experience, and who during his career here has gained hosts of friends. This house not only offers every opportunity to purchasers that could be found in the best similar concerns of the largest cities, but dealers of southwestern Nebraska will also find it to their advantage to purchase stock here, as by so doing they can save enough in freight to make a fair profit on sales.

J. E. GANSEBOW

dealer in boots and shoes, has been located in McCook for the past three years, coming here from the state of Illinois. Mr. Ganschow has built up a reputation here for honesty and integrity, and secured a trade that might well be envied by many more pretensions concerns. He carries a large and well represented stock of boots and shoes, embracing everything in the line from the smallest to the largest and from the cheapest to the most expensive and from D. to E.E. His stock bears the names of the best and most popular manufacturers in the country, and offers every advantage and opportunity to the purchasers that could be found at the best similar concerns of the largest cities in the country. Mr. Ganschow is a practical shoemaker, has been engaged in the business for the past 18 years and is thoroughly familiar with its every detail. He knows and appreciates the wants and requirements of patrons, and with fair and honorable methods in business matters has gained a footing here that enables the establishment to meet any legitimate competition in this section of the state.

GEO. HUNTINGTON

dealer in boots and shoes, opposite the Commercial House, and although a comparatively a newcomer to the city, is possessed of excellent facilities for supplying wants of patrons in his line. This house was established in October of last year. Mr. Huntington coming to Nebraska from Michigan. The stock carried embraces everything in the line of boots and shoes, from the smallest to the largest, and from the cheapest to the best. There is nothing that pertains to foot wear in fact that is not fully represented. The goods are not only new and of stylish make, but a system of prices has been placed upon the same that cannot be dis-combated by any legitimate dealer.

MCCOOK BOOK & STATIONERY CO.

Berry & McColl, proprietors, is not only a popular feature in the business interests of this city, but the support and maintenance of such an enterprise speaks well for the intellectual status of the inhabitants. This enterprise was inaugurated about one year ago, by Geo. B. Berry, who came here

from Chicago, where for several years he was connected with one of the leading book and stationery houses of that city. In June of the present year, the above company was organized, L. W. McConnell becoming a member of the firm. Mr. M. is also late of Chicago, and formerly identified with the drug business. Their stock and establishment embodies all the elements of a first-class book and stationery store, and as regards the character and completeness of stock, is scarcely inferior to the best similar concerns of the larger cities. The stock embraces, blank, school and miscellaneous books of every description, stationery, notions, etc. The above firm have purchased, and will soon occupy the building now occupied by the postoffice, and which will greatly enhance their facilities for doing business. This building is centrally located, 50 feet in length by 22 in width, and will be filled up in modern style, and with a stock materially enlarged, the McCook Book & Stationery Co. will be one of the most complete establishments of its class in the state, outside two or three of the larger cities.

THE TRIBUNE'S STATIONERY DEPARTMENT.

wholesale and retail, is quite an important and growing feature of that establishment. A complete and well selected stock of printer's goods is carried, envelopes, flats, ruled goods, card board, straw board, etc. Besides their line of working goods, regret and calling cards, plain and fancy writing papers, blank books, legal and hand blanks, school books and school supplies of all kinds, writing tablets, inks, files, ink stands, pencils, pens, and the like, is among the completest in Western Nebraska. Good quality goods and reasonable prices are the rule of the department.

E. A. THOMPSON

McCook's efficient postmaster, and a dealer in books, stationery, news literature, fruits, confectionery, cigars, etc., is the next claimant of our attention and worthy of more than a passing notice in this connection. Mr. Thompson has been identified with the business interests of this city for the past four years, and for a little more than two years past has occupied the position of postmaster. This is a presidential office, and the position of postmaster one of more than ordinary importance, and it is but just to state, that under Mr. Thompson's management, the affairs have been conducted in a manner highly satisfactory to both the people and the department. It is conducted on business principles, and we do not exaggerate when we say that the McCook post-office is one of the best arranged and best conducted country offices in the state. Mr. T. will soon occupy the new brick building now under course of construction, adjoining the TRIBUNE office, which will be handsomely fitted and make the office worthy of still greater commendation.

BREWER & WILCOX

dealers in live stock, cut beefs, fish, game, poultry, etc., are the representatives of one of the most important features of McCook's business interests. The above firm was organized about two years ago, succeeding Mr. Brewer, who has been doing business here the past five years. They are the owners of two large and well equipped meat markets in this city, and are doing the leading business in the line represented, in southwestern Nebraska. In the butcher business, there are few, if any, in the state that do a more extensive business, as they slaughter and dress an average of about 100 cattle per month, to say nothing of the hundreds of hogs and sheep killed. For several years, they have handled nearly all the live stock marketed, and have done not a little to building up and maintaining a market in this city. They are also extensive packers, which feature of the business will in the future be materially enlarged. They are provided with the most excellent market facilities, both establishments, in this city, being constructed in the most substantial manner, provided with cold storage and all modern conveniences. They not only do the leading head business, but wholesale and retail all along the line of the R. & M. railway.

THE R. & M. MARKET.

R. A. Coupe & Co., proprietors, are next on the list and worthy of prominent mention in this connection. This firm came here from Falls City, this state about one year ago, and notwithstanding the comparatively short career here, have gained a place well to the front as regards the character and extent of business transactions. The proprietors are all practical and experienced men, and understand the business thoroughly in all its details. They are the owners of a