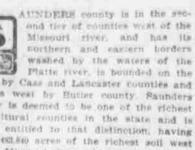
## Saunders County's Have More Than Realized Their Expectations



washed by the waters of the Platte river, is bounded on the south by Cass and Lancaster countles and on the west by Eutler county, Saunders county is deemed to be one of the richest agricultural counties in the state and is justly entitled to that distinction, having some 482,840 acres of the richest soil west of the Missouri river, which is divided into high prairie and rich bottom lands. In Saunders county exists one of the oldest. settled places in the state, Ashland, formerly called "Saline Ford," being strusted on Salt creek, at the old crossing of the government trail from Plattsmouth west.

The principal crops is of course, corn. and its products in the shape of fat hogs and beef. The farmers of Saunders county are among the most prosperous of any in the country, most of them being out of debt and having a surplus of money in the which have large substantial church editifully located on an elevation in the north-lican Valley railroad, another market store, one exclusive clothing and gents furbanks and taking life easy. Many of them, fices. of rathroad crossing the county in different adorned with lovely shrubbery. nication with the cities of Omaha and with any city of its size and are substan- University of Nebraska or for the active Flouring ills and grain elevators abound it, in fact, possesses, Lincoln by telephone, and even farther fially built. Three banks supply the ac- participation in the life of business.

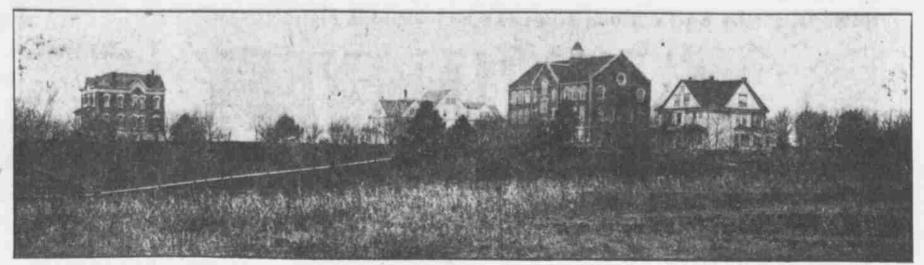
contentment of the owners of the land. ences, conduce to the happiness and conatment of the rural population and change is not desired. The towns are beautifully laid out and are adorned with many substantial and comfortable homes, occupied by the business men as well as many retired farmers. Nearly every town In the county has a city water system and electric lighting plant, and most of them are municipally owned and operated. Besides the crops of grain and hay produced, the farms have orchards of all kinds of fruit grown in a northern elimate, and often more fruit is allowed to waste for want of consumers than is saved.

The population of the county is truly cosmopolitan in character, people from many countries of Europe as well as from nearly every state east of the Missouri river, being residents and neighbors.

Besides the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad's main line from Chicago to Denver Saunders county has branch lines from Ashland to Schuyler belonging to the Burlington and also a branch line of the Union Pacific from Lincoln and Omaha to Bearice and the Chicago & Northwestern from Omaha to Lincoln and west from Fremont) through the northern portion of the county, as well as the branch of the Sloux City & tem and electric lighting plant. Western from Ashland to Sloux City.

is situated fifty miles west of Omaha at abreast of the time of advancement and of the Union Pacific railroad in the south-Northwestern. It is a city of about 2,500 mends its citizens there is one more insti- nection with Omaha and Lincoln and the two large department houses, one general in the early history of Ashland became in the state are not only many people of several different nationalities, all tution of which the citizens are especially territory to the west of itself by the Union merchandise store, two hardware stores, the history of Saunders county. The old quite prominent. It was a depot of sup- streams, but his two large department houses, one general in the early history of Ashland became in the state, as there are not only many people of several different nationalities, all tution of which the citizens are especially territory to the west of itself by the Union

mony and business activity. church building, beautifully situated and both sexes from a wide and extending tersplendidly maintained. Besides this, there ritory,



LUTHERAN ACADEMY BUILDINGS AT WAHOO

Eand is this county is selling, when any a delightful rite on one of the highest ing the only one in the county, and is ceris sold, at prices that seem fabulous com- boints in the city limits and is a cause of tainly a tribute to the spirit and musical pared with the prices of comparatively a pride to all the people of the county. The sentiment of the community, few years ago. Seldom is any farm land site of the city is such that it has a nat- Ashland is a city of some 2000 inhabisold for less than \$100 per acre and often the price paid is higher. The condition ward in taking advantage of this feature state. It has direct connection with the of the farms and their improvement are and has established a sewer system under east and west, being on the main line of sufficient evidence of the prosperity and municipal ownership. It has also lately the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy rail-



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with an excellent corps of teachers. A of learning and culture that is attracting market for grain, hogs and cattle, Catholic, who have a large and commodious fluence the progressive young people of

are some nine or ten Protestant societies. The buildings of this institution are beau-

having retired from active participation The streets of Waboo are of commodious fine view of the immediate surrounding of the county, on the Fremont, Elkhorn & cream parlors, four saloons, one implement in the management of the land, reside in width, regularly laid out at right angles country. The campus has the appearance Missourf Valley railroad, affords market shop, two lumber yards. This sum does the towns, sending their children to high and furnished with substantial cement side- of a lovely park, among whose shady facilities for the northern portion, while not, however, include the milling, grain schools and enjoying the conveniences of walks and shaded with beautiful trees, well groves the four buildings of the institution the towns of Colon. Mead, Yutan and and cattle business. Wahoo's business city life. All puris of the county are in kept and trimmed. The residence portion are situated. The following departments Leshara, in the eastern part of the county, section has been practically rebuilt during convenient and rapid communication with is beautiful with many large, commodious comprise its course of studies: The acadthe larger cities outside, having four lines homes, with large lawns, well kept and emy, normal school, school of business.

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elegant court houses in the state occupies the Swedish Lutheran church building, be-

Beautiful homes, with all modern conven- present installing a municipal water sys- an excellent high school building and five does one see such well kept and superior. During the last season this county raised churches of different denominations. Two

banks and stores of all kinds to supply the needs of the surrounding country. Its patrons are drawn from the three counties of Cass, Lancaster and Saunders. It owns its water plant and its streets are laid out squares and furnished with permanent cement walks. It contains many residences done in modern style, and is the resting place of many retired farmers, locating here for the educational advantages offered in its splendidly conducted high school. Ashland is also the frequent resort of those who are devoted to the alluring art of capturing the finny denizens of Salt creek, and is annually visited by many of the disciples of old Isaak Walton, Ashland is said to have the largest ice house in the world, owned by the Swift Packing company and located on the side of a small lake, which is fed by the waters of Sait creek. It is a favorite place for the shooting of wild geese and ducks in their season, being adjacent to the Platts river. Here is the junction of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad and the Sloux City & Western, and the Schuyler branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, having the largest railroad yards outside of Omaha and Lincoln. Two large grain elevators and a flouring mill furnish a market for all the farmer's grain.

west part of the city and commanding a town, Cedar Bluffs in the northern part nishing store, three confectionery and ice

away. Rural mail routes are established commodation for the transaction of busi- Wahoo can also boast of the possession besides affording markets for the home well established and owned by the men in nearly every town in the county, and All the business places in Wahoo are all over the county, and the country folks ness. One of the most commodious and of a grand pipe organ, lately installed in product, also import large quantities of who have been in business here a long wheat from other states,

most countles in the state in farm prod- that "honesty is the best policy." ucts, and in every other way, in com- Saunders county has more farms in profortable as well as beautiful homes, portion to its size than almost any other healthy climate, good roads and progress county in the state, but it is by no means sive and intelligent people.

purchased the old water works and is at road, between Chicago and Denver. Has of neatness, system and order. Seldom county and 289,000 under cultivation.

First Settler of Saunders County.

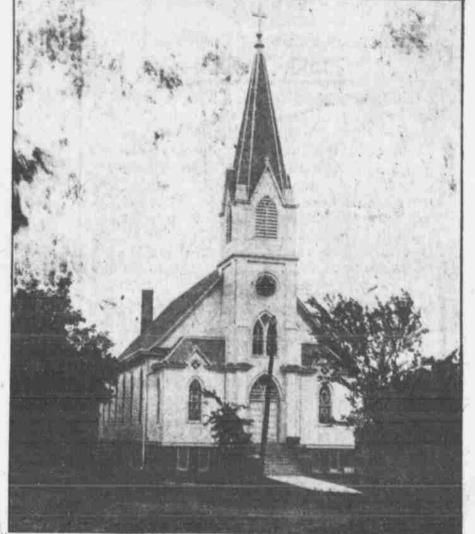
school of music, school of art. Here the kets for the products of the farms through- blocks of stone and pressed brick, giving to the city the appearance of stability that

time. They are all thoroughly reliable and Saunders county stands with the fore- their business exemplifies the old adage

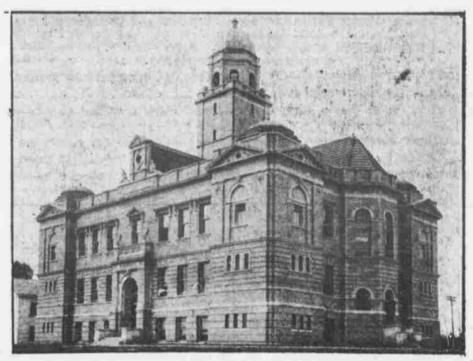
one of the small countles. There are 438,-The retail stores of Wahoo are models 000 acres contained in the farms of this

> 173,000 acres of corn, 33,000 acres of wheat and 65,000 acres of oats. The farmers of this county sold and shipped out last year 4.590,000 bushels of corn. 440,000 bushels of wheat and 222,006 bushels of oats. This county leads all other countles of the state in the sale and shipment of corn. It also leads all other counties of the state, with the exception of Custer, in the sale and shipment of fat hogs. In 1807 this county marketed 75.514 fat hogs and 17,639 beef cattle. Besides this they sent to market 146 horses and 21,700 sheep. This county also marketed in the same year 3,878,000 pounds of flour, 3,520,000 pounds of mill feed. The county also stands well in the dairy and poultry industry, as the farmers shipped last year 571,000 pounds of butter and 716,000 gallons of cream. They also marketed 62,000 dozens of eggs and 675,000 pounds of dressed poultry.

There are 12,555 cows kept on the farms in this county, where 517 hand separators were used during the last season. This county also leads all other counties in the state in the number of acres of tame grass. The report for 1908 shows it to have raised 29,900 acres of clover, 10,000 acres of timothy and 3,000 acres of alfalfa. This county also stands third in the state in the number of fruit trees in full bearing. It Vestern from Ashland to Sloux City. Having a superb town hall and owning Wahoo, the county seat of the county, its own water and lights it is proving itself pretensions located on the Beatrice branch lines of business are well and thoroughly Saunders county has a valuation of \$47,-



LUTHERAN CHURCH, WAHOO.



SAUNDERS COUNTY COURT HOUSE, WAHOO.

the junction of the Schuyler branch of the progress and the trend of modern thought. West part of the county in as beautiful a Some idea of this can be formed by the 157 miles of railroad and 1,300 miles of built a sod house at Saline Ford. The adoptic of the Union Pacific and the Lin- with the productions of that art. Besides disc. It contains two banks, hotels, stores, coin & Fremont division of the Chicago & all these advantages to which Wahoo com-

of whom dwell together in the utmost har- proud and feel Jistified in mentioning with Pacific railroad. Weston is another town four drug stores, two furniture and un- government trail from Plattsmouth and plies for the freighters and emigrants. The tered over the entire county. There were a certain feeling of exultation. Here is the located on this same line of road, about dertaking establishments, four jewelry Nebraska City by Fort Kearny. Fort Lara- first business enterprise of Ashland was twenty people living in the county in It has a high school and two ward schools seat of the Luther academy, an institution seven miles from the county seat and is a and silverware stores, two meat markets, mie and Fort Bridger passed through the a store for general merchandise by Fuller 1880 and 1886 in 1868. In the early days the two art studios, one book and stationery present site of Ashland. On the 10th of & Moe. The war of the rebellion virtu- site of Wahoo was a favorite camping large portion of the residents are Roman wide attention and drawing within its in- Maimo, located on the Otoes, a tribe of Indians Dean built a mill at Ashland and at the owning all the land south of the Platte. first general election in 1867 the county. Wahoo derived its name from a shrub of organized October 8, 1867, and had a vot- cine plant.

seat was located here. The county was bush that was the Indians' favorite medi-



WEST WARD PUBLIC SCHOOL, WAHOO.





ONE OF WAHOO'S BUSINESS BLOCKS

## Most Recent of Electrical Investigation, Experiment and Application

as the telephone was in its early generous hospitality. size, which may be placed anywhere on owner. one of which might be called the ear and presence of an unseen force. the other the tongue, as it is the province of one to receive what is spoken and the other to speak. With this box on his desk

has entertained at his cabin more than from the most delicious, bor savers, for they can be regulated to from the servant problem. They are easily For use in the sick room there are foot do. For example, the kilowatt hour is the ANY of the imperfections of the 2,000 prominent visitors from all parts of crisp, golden brown waffles; toasting any degree of heat by a turn of the hand moved from room to room, consume dust warmers with cozy soft covers that slip amount of electricity that will pump 190 which is quite as remarkable which the guest is obliged to partake of coffee percolators, corn roasters, tea ket- are either too hot or too cold.

soonkeeper, it is more wonderful. The delphia twenty-five years ago, and going number of other things. inventor calls it the dictograph, part of to the island for a few weeks' vacation, the name indicating exactly what it will was impressed especially with the island, for it will talk when spoken to; there which was then a wilderness. Today it has is nothing in its operation to suggest writ- a very different appearance, and the cabin ing, as the latter part is an inconspicuous in which he lives is fitted up with every little box, some six by eleven inches in modern convenience, all the work of the

the deak and which catches the slightest. The place is secretly wired, and every whisper as well as the ordinary tone of thing is within the power of electricity. voice within a radius of fifteen feet or Electricity opens the doors, closes the more, and it transmits the exact words windows, operates fans to make breezes, and tone to any other office and to any and many are the jokes played upon his other person with perfect distinctness. The visitors by Mr. Willis, for not even a box has two circular openings in its fac , book can be picked up without feeling the

Electricity in the Home. to anyone in his employment in any part warm season had been solved in a manner sequence." ings, as though the two were in the same Today the progressive woman has only to in the National Geographic Magazine, de- catch has fallen off 65 per cent. The fish- its exportation to other markets. clation is perfect. The master of the busi- tric heater, run her sewing machine with- is a wonderful revelation. During its gov- only to gold in value of output.

oven far surpasses any other. The heat seal, were made a closed reservation, and has been explored for gold, while only creded those to Hawaii by \$4,000,000, and poles. Hermit's Electrical Home. Is regulated in the most even manner, as this protected the fur seal till it faced that grant plants and the first seal till it faced that grant plants are proved in the most even manner, as this protected the fur seal till it faced that grant plants are proved to the manner, as this protected the fur seal till it faced that grant plants are proved to the most of popular understanding that which is secured by means of ordinary to the proved the first plants for the unit by which electricity, as served nary fish plates furnished by means of ordinary that it is absolutely cleanly ing. life. James Willis, the hermit of Willis this range is that it is absolutely cleanly ing. Island in the Delaware, near Yardisy, and occupies a minimum amount of space. The fur trade began with a value of eries, and flaking a Alaska, which promises steadily to ad- to consumers, is measured. The "kilowatt nections. The experiments conducted by

telephone seem to have been the country. Mr. Willis requires every stands for the breakfast table that toast and are entirely sanitary. Elec- on and off in a second and heating pads gallons of water twenty-five feet; that will overcome by another invention visitor to register in a large book, after a slice of bread perfectly in a minute, the ironing board with heavy irons that trie radiators, in a wide range of sizes for the invalid or convalencent.

Electrically heated from are time and la- vacuum cleaners exempt the housewife and other apartments in a short time.

and prices, are just the thing for taking Electric vibrators for massaging impart feet; that will run a sawing machine for ties, aluminum griddles that are clean Washing machines run by electricity the chill off the dining room on a cold strength to the muscles. An apparatus for twenty hours; or a church or an for a days. In many respects, says Mr. Willis was a business man in Phila- and smokeless, water heaters and any eliminate rubbing and save morning after the heat is turned off from drying the hair is operated at a cost of a service, or a three-ton truck for one mile. wear and tear on the clothes. Portable the house and tempering the bath room fraction of a cent per hour. Buffing ma- These are some of its uses as a power

chines clean silverware and all metal producer. In lighting a kilowati hour is work. Motors that are attached to the sewing 16-candle power incandescent lamps. That

machine are invaluable to the busy mother quantity of electricity will heat a quart with many little garments to make. The chafing dish for four hours, machine can be run as fast or as slow as one desires, noiselessly, and saves a woman from that fatigue that is the result are conducting experiments upon a new of hours spent at the sewing machine. system of rail joints which appears likely Lucky, then, is the woman with elecknown of the economical im- decline, due to pelagic scaling, so that dur- output to date scarcely exceeding \$2,500,000, tricity in her home and a liberal purse, for within her reach are all these luxuries.

Adopts Composite Telephone.

a frame or bed with two channels intowhich the foot of each rall slides, and two iron wedges of special section are driven up "This vast region is inhabited indiscriminately, and as a result the Amer- of lesser commercial importance include delphia & Reading has adopted the device tion of each chase or channel resembles When the gas range made its initial bow by a few savages, and is not likely ever to loan fur seal herd has been practically an petroleum, tin, lead, sliver, gypsum, mar- for the transmission of routine messages that of a hook turned towards the web of the rail. The wedges are cylindrical in form, and the section, which is somewhat complicated, varies with each pattern of rail. Plates of this kind on the Paris for telegraph transmission. The system Metropolitan railway, with a space of one metre between the points of support, have the mouthpiece, ner hold a receiver to the placed about the house and site and ported cities from Alaska material, mod. pany on the Morse wires between Cres. seem found to carry a load of the span, without ear, as with the telephone; still the enun. and dream before the span, without and permanent in con- sons and Ellendale Forge on the Schuyi- placed in the equipment and permanent in con- sons and Ellendale Forge on the Schuyi- placed in the span, without clation is perfect. The master of the busi- tric heater, run her sewing inactine with struction. The taxable values in 1907 were still a susquenanna branch. Seven teleness may sit at his desk to carry on a out any physical effort, do all manner ernment by Russia, land and aquatic fors
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Several railway and tramway companies

## Great Value of Alaska to the United States



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