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AS LATE as the year 1856 the settlements in Nebraska were very scattering. The few pioneers who were brave enough to cross the "Big Muddy" in search of new homes in the wilderness, settled on the wooded streams as near as possible to the eastern boundary of the state. Indians were abundant and large

ment. In 1857 treaties were concluded with the Indians which enabled the government to sell the land and by attending these sales, J. W. Clark, the father of our city, for whose daughter Stella is named, secured titles to numerous tracts in this section. Most of the first settlers in this immediate vicinity have moved away or died, but we have still with us

Our Souvenir Edition

In presenting this edition to the public we believe we can truthfully say that never was so elaborate and complete a work of its kind published in a town the size of Stella, and we hope that our patrons may derive some satisfaction from this fact. It has taken a vast amount of labor and time to perfect the book, but we have been encouraged in our undertaking by nearly every citizen, the exceptions being three or four men who were amply able to assist, but who prefer to have other people's money advance the community in which they live while they sit idly by and reap the benefits. We wish to thank all our friends for their liberal help which made the edition possible and for our part we will allow the work to speak for itself.



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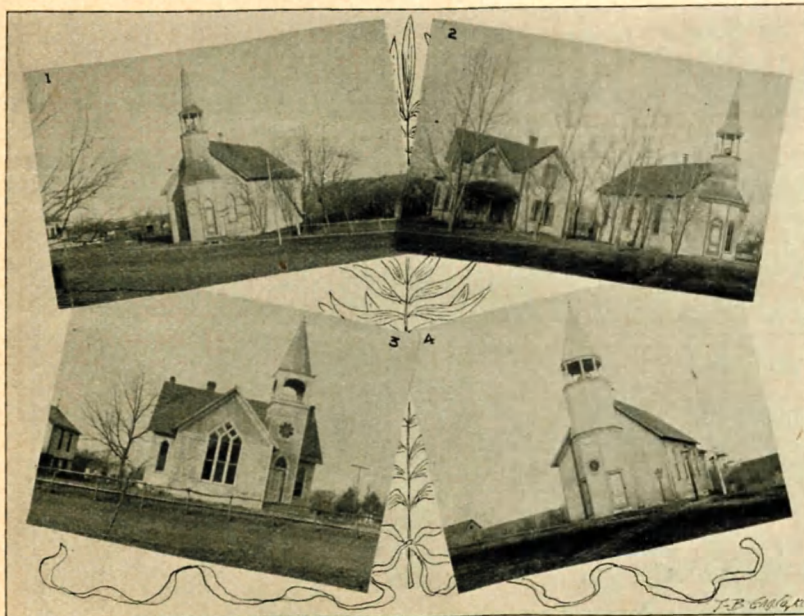
VIEW ON MAIN STREET

game was plentiful. The pioneers were mere squatters on the land they occupied as at that time it had not yet been surveyed and opened for settle-

some, who as early as 1855, located on farms which they have occupied ever since. At first the crop most relied upon was spring wheat. Corn did not do well, but cultivation has so changed the soil and climate that spring wheat rarely makes a crop, while corn is a sure crop. Winter wheat and oats also produce an excellent yield most years. For a long time the early settlers labored under the impression that fruit would not grow here, but in recent years the peach, pear, apple and grape crops have added no small amount to the farmer's income. Berries of all kinds are raised in great profusion and other varieties of fruit have been introduced with good success. All grasses, including alfalfa, are well adapted to this climate, and this with a supply of good water makes this an ideal country for stock raising.

Along some of the smaller streams near Stella croppings of a coal formation have been found in abundance and in 1885 the Jones brothers dug in search of coal beds. Their efforts were not rewarded with success, though it is believed that with perseverance and improved machinery with which to go deeper than they succeeded in doing, coal beds of no small proportions would be revealed.

One would scarcely think to see our prosperous little city today that only twenty years ago the whole site now covered with pretty, comfortable homes and fine business blocks, was a



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STELLA'S CHURCHES

1 METHODIST 2 LUTHERAN AND PARSONAGE 3 BAPTIST 4 CHRISTIAN



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STELLA'S POST OFFICE

cornfield. Yet such was the case and there are many residents here still who have seen the town encroach upon the cornfields until the original corporation limits were far exceeded. The farmers who settled here as early as 1857 were obliged to go to Aspinwall for their mail. During the palmy days of Brownville, many were attracted to that city, and later, Nemaha City, Dawson and Humboldt received a share of the trade from this section.

Farmers in this locality, being so far from the Burlington railroad, naturally desired to get better railroad facilities for the shipment of their products, and in August, 1881, a public meeting was held in the "Muddy" school house, south of town. There were farmers from north and south and business men from Falls City, who had come to discuss the proposition of trying to get a railroad and locate a new town at this point. A proposition was submitted to the Missouri Pacific company and a few weeks later the preliminary survey for a road to run from Hiawatha to Omaha was made. Grading was begun Sept. 6, and finished as far as Stella, Nov. 25. The next month the track was laid and a switch put in. On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1882, the station building was raised. From a mere switch Stella began to spread out, and in the fall of the same year there were twenty-five business firms in the new town. One thing necessary to the existence of the place was a post office and this was moved bodily to Stella from Dorrington, a star route office which stood on the corners one and a half miles west.

The first house erected in Stella belonged to Dr. Livingston and occupied a prominent position in the middle of what is now Main street. It was first built near the present site of the Lutheran church, but when the streets were laid out it was moved south onto a lot next to the Blair property. The remains of the house are still to be seen, though the building itself was struck by lightning and burned in April, 1882, Mrs. Livingston being killed by the bolt.

The pioneer merchants of Stella were Moore & Higgins, Graham & Easley and Hull & Coldren. John Higgins started the creamery and

Nutter & Knapp were the first stock buyers, Metzger & Fisher the first millers. Nearly all the first stores



WYATT BLOCK AND MASONIC HALL

were located on Second street, but as the town grew it became evident that Main street, which runs lengthwise of the ridge on which the town is built,

was a much better location for business houses and the first merchants either moved their buildings or built new ones on that street.

The young people of that period of Stella's history, in order to add pleasure to the winter months, organized two clubs, and in November, 1883, the "Hasty Pudding Club" gave a drama entitled "Enlisted for the War." Later the "Stella Amusement Club" opened their new hall with a grand Thanksgiving ball. The bachelors also had a "Big Six" organization.

The first wedding which took place within the corporate limits of Stella was that of D. G. Palmer and Miss Martha Grant, who were married in October, 1883. The first birth was a son born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coldren, August 16, 1882.

The village of Stella was incorporated in 1882 and the first village board consisted of L. G. Ciphers, chairman; A. Graham, Sol. Jameson, John Higgins and G. M. Gates. C. M. Shepherd was clerk and George Smith, marshal. Of these officers only L. G. Ciphers, Sol. Jameson and George Smith are still here. The school district was organized in October with the following officers: Moderator, H. D. Weller; director, T. W. Moore; treasurer, L. F. Quint. H. D. Weller is the only one of these who still resides in Stella.

The Baptist church at Prairie Union was the first religious organization in this part of the county. It was organized March 3, 1867. Within the corporation of Stella the Methodists are the oldest organization, and they began the erection of their church in October, 1882. The edifice was dedicated on Sunday, Aug. 26, 1883, and the first pastor was Rev. G. W. Southwell. The next denomination to establish a church in Stella was the Christian, whose building was dedicated Nov. 25, 1883. The church was organized by Rev. R. C. Barrow, state evangelist. The Lutherans organized their church here in March, 1884, and the first minister was Rev. J. W. Kimmel. The Church of Christ (Scientist) is the latest addition to our list of religious denominations and was organized in 1887.

The first flouring mills were built in 1882 and were owned and operated by Metzger & Fisher. Later Jameson Bros. put in a mill and elevator. In 1887 the Metzger & Clark mill burned, a loss that was a great blow not only

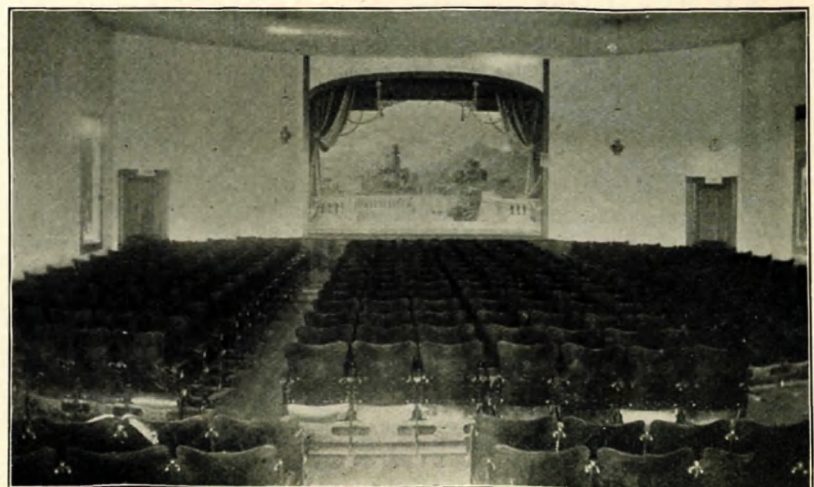


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INTERIOR OF NEW OPERA HOUSE

to the gentlemen themselves but to the community. A new mill was built, however, with the finest of improved machinery and in 1896 this too was burned. At present Jameson Bros. operate the only mill but we have two elevators, one the property of H. E. Clark & Co. and the other belonging to Clark & Wirt.

In 1887 Stella boasted "water works." A reservoir was built on Main street where Fourth street crosses it. Pipes were laid and water was served to patrons of the "works."

Stella was very proud of a female band which was organized under the leadership of J. M. Evans in 1888. It was composed of the best musicians our city boasted and was a most pronounced success. Stella has also had several other good band organizations and at present the Stella Cornet Band under the leadership of J. D. Palmer furnishes the music for all occasions.

In the year 1888 the fire fiend again visited the thriving little village and destroyed the general store of I. F. Rathbone and the millinery establishment of Mrs. R. A. Cupp, both of which stood on the corner where The Press office now is.

During a severe storm on May 2, 1891, lightning struck A. J. Baldwin's harness shop, setting fire to the building and it was only by the most heroic efforts on the part of the citizens that the whole east side was prevented from burning. As it was the fire destroyed four buildings and with the exception of Wheeler's implement house, they have never been rebuilt. From this time most of the business houses were built on the west side of the street.

In March 1897 another fire laid in ashes three business houses on the west side and entirely consumed the stocks of W. H. Walrod, E. F. Good and B. Stramer. These were rebuilt of brick with fine plate glass windows and all the essentials of modern store buildings.

Stella has come rapidly to the front the last few years and many fine residences and stores have been built.

One building of which we feel particularly proud is the opera house which was erected by a stock company in 1898. It is 44x90 with raised floor,



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RESIDENCE OF E. F. GOOD

companies that play here always compliment our people very highly on having so fine an opera house.

Our telephone company was organized in 1899 and we have excellent service in this line. Many of the farmers have 'phones and the company expects to run out one or two new lines into the country in the summer.

Recently an Electric Light, Heat and Power Company has been granted a franchise and soon our streets, as well as our stores and residences, will be lighted by electricity.

One item that is so frequently overlooked in small places is good sidewalks and with these Stella is well supplied. Our sidewalks are nearly all of them built of brick with stone curbing, those in the business portion being twelve feet wide.

Stella is a town of many lodges there being no less than nine orders represented here. Of these the Masonic and Ancient Order of United Workmen are the oldest. The Woodmen of the World, Modern Woodmen of America, Knights and Ladies of Security, Fraternal Union of America, Degree of Honor, Royal Neighbors and Woodmen Circle are also here.

Among the social organizations are the Ladies' Research Club, Dramatic Club, Stella Dancing Club, Amusement Club, Athletic Club and the Etoiles.

There are good openings in Stella for a creamery, a canning factory, a sugar beet mill, a cereal factory, a brick yard, and its location on the main line of the Missouri Pacific between Omaha and St. Louis gives it excellent railroad facilities.

The farming lands in the vicinity of Stella are the richest in the west, a failure of crop being unknown. When the yield of corn does not make forty bushels to the acre it is counted a poor crop, and sixty to seventy bushels to the acre is often reported. Other crops do well and fruit is a good investment. As will be seen by reading the following pages the farms are well improved and the general condition of the whole community is vigorous and healthy. A large number of the land owners rent their farms and live comfortably in town from the proceeds. Land is valued from \$45 to \$100 an acre according to improvement. Market facilities are the best, as the Missouri river rates obtain here.



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DR. HULL'S BLOCK

seated throughout with opera chairs and furnished with fine scenery. The



THE FLORENCE HOTEL



1 MISS FLORENCE JONES 2 MRS C. H. KINDIG 3 MISS MARGARET WALSH 4 C. H. KINDIG, PRIN. 5 O. W. NICKEL

STELLA'S SCHOOL TEACHERS

Our Schools

The first school in Stella was begun in July, 1884, in the Ferguson & Coldren hall and continued with but one week's vacation until the next June. A school house was built that same year on the hill where the present structure stands, but this was struck by lightning three years later and burned. Another building was put up in 1888 and this is still used. At first only two teachers were employed but this number has been gradually increased until now we have five teachers and in 1898 the congested condition of the lower rooms made the building of another room necessary. Accordingly a lot was purchased on Vine street and a comfortable house built for the two primary grades. The schools are being kept up to the highest standard of excellency, as is evidenced by the large number of tuition pupils in attendance. The total enrollment is 181. The school board is now composed of the following gentlemen: M. W. Knapp, president; W. H. Hogrefe, treasurer; J. G. McBride, secretary; J. J. Warfield, E. W. Lawson and J. W. Jameson.

Prof. C. H. Kindig, the efficient principal who took charge of our schools last September, is giving excellent satisfaction to the patrons and is well liked by all his pupils. He was born in Tazewell county, Ill., April 2, 1861, and moved to Sutherland, Iowa, in 1871. In 1891 he came to Nebraska and two years later graduated from the Lincoln Normal University. He taught one year each in Adams and Burchard counties and three years each in Filley and Courtland. Prof.

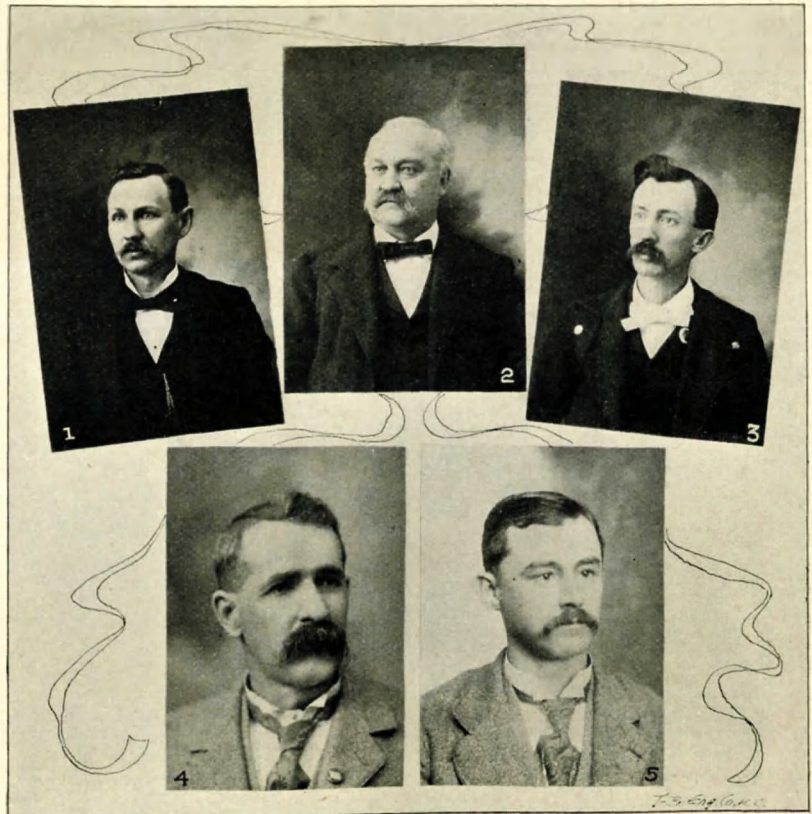
the A. O. U. W., R. H. and S. & D. of P.

Prof. O. W. Nickel, the assistant principal, was born April 23, 1869, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He attended the public schools there until he was 16 years of age when he moved with his parents to Salem, Iowa, where he matriculated at Whittier College, graduating at the age of twenty with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He taught two years in Henry county, Iowa, when he joined his parents in Lincoln to which place they moved. He taught in Lancaster county and for three years has been teaching in the schools of Richardson county. He began teaching here last September and has proven a most excellent instructor and able assistant. Prof. Nickel was married to Miss Iva McCray of Porter, Sept. 1, 1900.

The fifth and sixth grades are in charge of Miss Florence B. Jones and the progress made by her pupils this year amply testifies to her ability as an instructor. Miss Jones was born at Salem in this county, Jan. 9, 1881, and attended the schools of that place, graduating in 1898. Since that time she has taught two terms in the country and came to Stella last fall. Her pleasing manner and enthusiastic work inspire her pupils to their best efforts as well as make for her many friends among the people of our city.

Miss Margaret L. Walsh, who has the third and fourth grades, was born in Brownville, Nebr., Nov. 10, 1880. She removed to this city with her parents in childhood and has spent the most of her life here. She graduated from the High school here in 1896 and afterward spent a year in the University at Lincoln. This is her first experience as a teacher but her excellent

Kindig and Miss Elmina Peabody of Nemaha county, were married Nov. 26, 1891. The Professor is a member of



1 E. F. GOOD 2 S. TIMERMAN 3 S. P. HINDS 4 J. H. OVERMAN 5 H. B. WOODING

STELLA TELEPHONE COMPANY

qualifications and energetic spirit assure her a successful career.

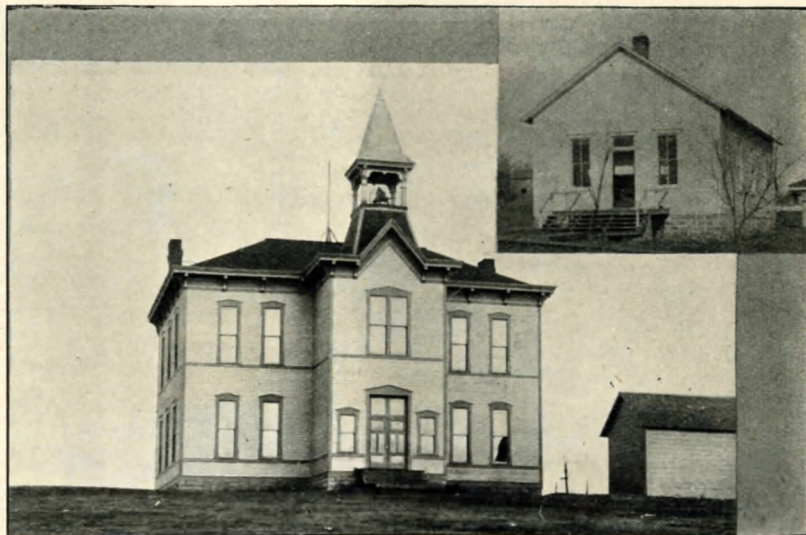
Mrs. Kindig, who has charge of the primary grades, is an experienced teacher and makes a specialty of kindergarten and primary work. She has been most successful in her chosen line and has few equals. She has taught fifteen years, beginning in the district schools of Nemaha county and afterwards teaching in the graded schools of Adams, Burchard, Filley and Courtland. She has handled everything in the grades including the principalship, but prefers the primary work. Mrs. Elmina Peabody Kindig was born March 20, 1871, in Nemaha county, Nebraska. She was married to Prof. C. H. Kindig, Nov. 26, 1891. She received her education at Lincoln and took a course in the primary and kindergarten department of the Normal University of that place in 1893. She is a member of the S. & D. of P.

Stella Telephone Co.

Among Stella's most popular public institutions is the telephone exchange. For a town of this size it has a larger patronage than any similar concern in the state. The company was organized in September, 1899, and in October the construction work was commenced, under the supervision of H. B. Wooding, the electrician. The "central" is located in the postoffice building and J. H. Overman is operator. The company has thirteen miles of "bridged" country line, and ten miles of copper metallic toll line. The system is connected with the county lines on each side of us, so that the patron can talk to any town in Richardson, Nemaha, Otoe, Cass and Johnson counties in this state, and in Brown county, Kansas. The organization of the company and its successful management is due to S. P. Hinds, the secretary and treasurer. The president of the company is E. F. Good, and S. Timerman is the other stockholder.

Rev. T. M. Coffey

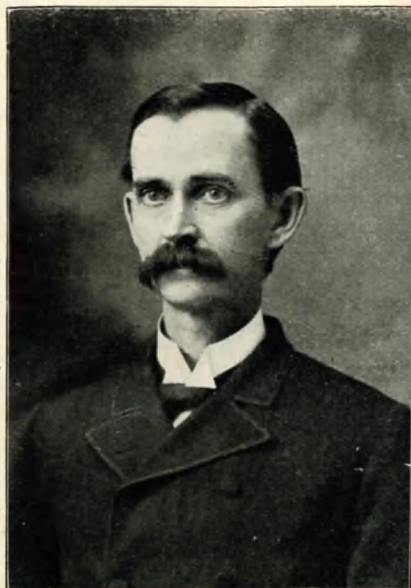
Rev. Coffey has but recently identified himself with the fortunes of Stella, having come here in November



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STELLA'S SCHOOL HOUSES

last year. From the first he and his estimable wife have held an enviable position in the esteem of our citizens



REV. T. M. COFFEY

as well as the members of their own church. T. M. Coffey was born in Griggsville, Illinois, April 2, 1855, and after completing a course in the High school of his native town attended the Shurtleff College and Theological school at Upper Alton, Ill. He has served as pastor of Baptist churches in the following towns in the order named: Piasa and Medora, Ill.; Silver City, Bloomfield, Farmington, Jesup and Dow City, Iowa; Elk Point, South Dakota. He has spent about twenty years in active ministerial work. Thomas M. Coffey was married to Miss Lillie M. Hathaway, at Bloomfield, Iowa, July 5, 1883, and they have six children—Grace Harden, Allen Meredith, Inez Christine, Maud Mary, Myrna and Paul, all at home.

The First Baptist church of Stella, was organized March 19, 1891. The church possesses an excellent house of worship with modern conveniences. It will seat about 200 and is furnished with opera chairs. Joining the auditorium on the front is a lecture room with folding doors which can be thrown open when occasion requires. The pastors of the church since its organization are F. C. Bingham, L. W. Terry, J. J. Williams, and the present pastor. The Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and Ladies' Aid are auxiliaries.

H. B. Wooding

The efficiency of our local telephone system is justly accredited to the electrician, Harry B. Wooding, whose knowledge of electrical science made possible the excellent service now rendered. Only the best materials were used in the construction of the line by Mr. Wooding's advice and both the company and the patrons are well satisfied with the result. H. B. Wooding was born Nov. 14, 1870, in New Haven, Conn., and came to this vicinity in 1881, and settled on the farm now owned by him four and a half miles northeast of Stella. He received a high school education and has made a study of photography and electrical science and has become very proficient in both. The views in this book, with two or three exceptions, are Mr. Wooding's work.

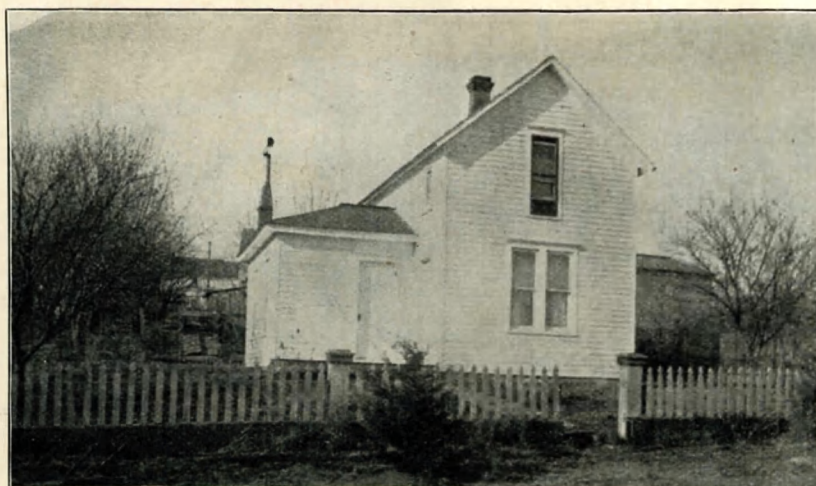


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RESIDENCE OF J. H. OVERMAN



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INTERIOR OF TIMERMAN'S DRUG STORE

A. E. Timerman

One of the principal reasons for Stella's having a reputation of being a wide-awake little city where something is always "going on," is that she has a number of young business men who keep everything moving. Among the number is Albert E. Timerman, proprietor of the drug store that bears his name. His store occupies a room 22x60 with a large wareroom in the rear, on the west side of Main street, and every available inch of space is taken up with a fine line of drugs, druggists' sundries and musical instruments. He is ably assisted by his pharmacist, Mr. C. W. Robbins. Mr. Timerman was born in Nemaha county, July 3, 1873, the next year going with his parents to Jewell county, Kansas. In 1877 he went to Superior, at which place he was educated, coming to Stella in 1896. In partnership with his father he ran a saloon in Shubert during the years 1897 to 1899. In January, 1900, he purchased the drug store of E. G. King. He was married to Miss Lee Allemand, June 6, 1900, and they live in their own home on Main street just north of the Baptist church.

J. W. Jones

Ever since Stella started "Jim" Jones has been identified with the town, having been a veritable "Jack-of-all-trades." He is now clerking for G. F. Leming in the hardware store. James W. Jones was born in Gallia county, Ohio, July 22, 1861, and came to Richardson county in 1872, settling on the place just north of Jesse Hays' home farm southeast of Stella. Jim's father was a coal miner, and made excursions to Iowa, Missouri and Kansas to work at his trade. On one of his trips to Iowa he took Jim along and the latter assisted in digging coal for a year. Most of the time until 1886 he farmed, that year coming to Stella where he did odd jobs until 1888. He then drove to Denver where he teamed



A. E. TIMERMAN

for about a year. In 1889 he worked for Jameson Bros. in their old corn meal mill till it burned, when he was with Kennedy & Leming in the implement business for three years. He then went back to milling, which he continued until the past year, with the exception of a few months as buttermaker in the creamery. He owns his home on Vine street. He was married to Miss Louise Monod, of this place, June 19, 1891, and they have two children, a girl and boy. Mr. Jones is a member of the Fraternal Union of America order.

Thomas James

Thomas James was born in Montgomeryshire, North Wales, in 1857, and came to America in 1869. He settled in Allen county, Ohio, and resided there until 1882, when he came west and located in Richardson county, buying his present farm of 100 acres, one mile north of Stella in 1889. He was married to Miss Annie Thomas of Ohio, Feb. 6, 1883, and three children were born to them—Willie, Bessie and Clara, all at home. Mrs. James died Aug. 13, 1898.

M. A. Fouts

The Eldorado hotel on Main street, is run by this gentleman in a manner that keeps its ten rooms crowded most of the time. He is an experienced hotel man and takes especial pains to make his guests feel at home. He was born in Putnam county, Ind., Feb. 18, 1845, and in 1855 moved to Appanoose county, Iowa. In 1864 he came to Nebraska, settling in Sarpy county. He moved to Holt county, Mo., in 1875, where he remained until he moved to Rulo, in this county, in 1894. He came to Stella Nov. 3, 1900, and purchased the Eldorado hotel of Lee Speer. He was married to Miss Celestine Wright of Indiana, in 1864 and she died in 1886, leaving five children—Mrs. Lucy Close, who lives here and acts as hostess at the hotel; Lucretia, wife of A. K. Swain, of near Falls City; R. D., of Craig, Mo.; Virgie, wife of George Doup, of Papillion; and Lafe, who clerks at the hotel.



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THE ELDORADO HOTEL

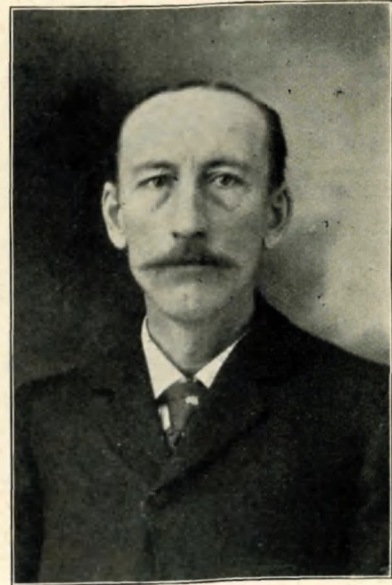


P. H. REIMERS

P. H. Reimers & Son

This firm enjoys the distinction, not only of having the most thoroughly and best furnished butcher shop in a brick building put up for the purpose, in this part of the state, but it is a generally accepted fact that the gentlemen composing the firm are both first-class butchers. Last year they put up a brick building especially for their business, having the ice boxes and furniture made to fit and put in place before the building was finished. The room is 60x22 feet, with a corner off the front occupied by the barber shop, and is fitted up with about \$1,200 worth of fixtures, including a Stevens ice box and cooler. At the rear of the building is a well appointed ice house

with a capacity of 280 tons. The senior member, Peter Henry Reimers, was born in Holstein, Germany, Dec. 27, 1836, coming to America in 1866 and settling in McLain county, Ill., where he worked at his trade of butcher till 1882, when he came to Nebraska, settling on a farm near Verdon. After four years of farming he and his son, John, went into the butcher business at Verdon in 1885, where they remained until the spring of 1893, when they came to Stella. P. H. Reimers was married at the age of 25 years to Miss Anna Martens in Germany, and they have nine children—John C., George, at Verdon; Minnie, of California; Herman and Fred, of near Humboldt; Maggie, Anna, Emma and Irvin, all of Stella. Mr. Reimers is a member of the W. O. W. order. John C. Reimers, the junior member of the firm was born in Germany, Oct. 13, 1860, and came with his parents to America in 1866. He received his education at the common schools of McLain county, Ill. He came west with the family in 1880, and in 1885, he ran a butcher shop in Clark county, Kan., but gave this up to go in with his father at Verdon. He came to this place with his father, in 1893. During his residence here he has served three terms as a member of the village board, and always takes an active interest in Stella's public affairs. He has invented a practical lard press,



J. C. REIMERS

with continuous pressure, which is said to be one of the best in use. J. C. Reimers was married to Miss Flora B. White, at Witchita, Kan., June 3, 1886, and they have two children—Elmer Allen, and Edna Anna. Mr. Reimers is a member of the W. O. W. and A. O. U. W. orders. Both of the above firm own their residences on Main street. Irvin E. Reimers is assisting his father and brother in the shop, and is a hard-working, exemplary young man.

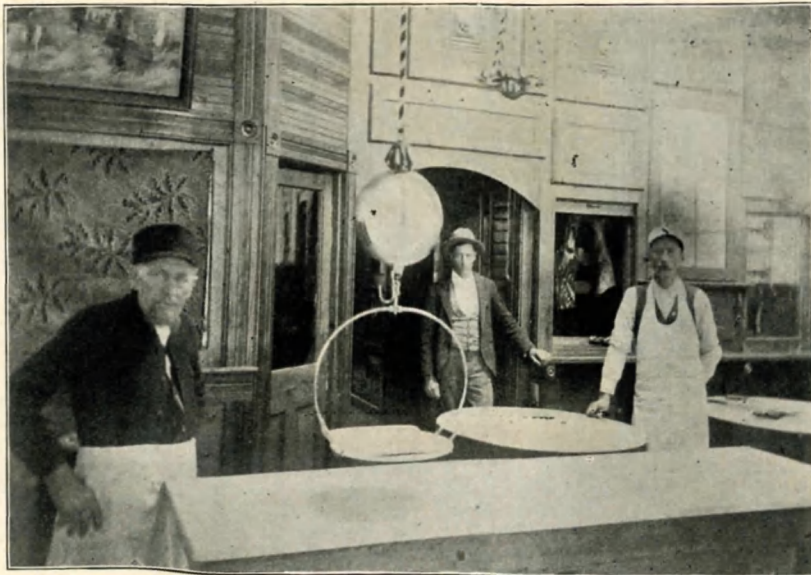


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INTERIOR OF REIMERS' BUTCHER SHOP

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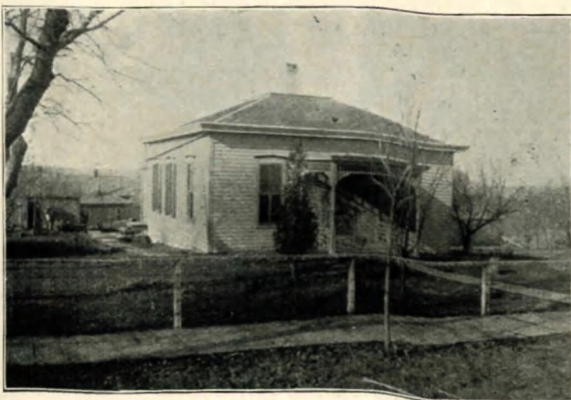


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FARM RESIDENCE OF T. R. EDWARDS

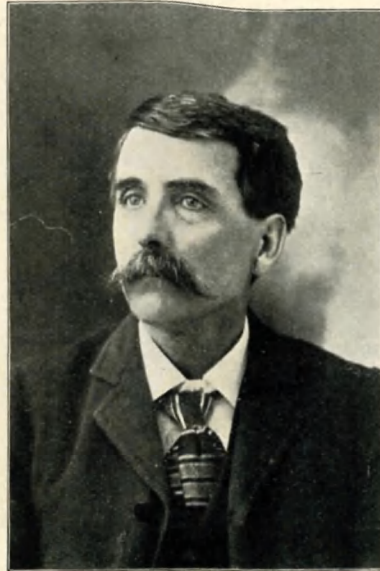
T. R. Edwards

The acres over which T. R. Edwards exercises control comprise a typical Nebraska farm. The neatness and air of prosperity which surround his home vouch for his tireless activity in keeping everything in the best of order. Thomas R. Edwards was born in Ohio, July 16, 1849, and moved to near Rochester, N. Y., in infancy. At the age of five years he moved to Iowa county, Wisconsin, and was a resident of that section until 1871, when he came to Prairie Union in this township. In 1878 he bought his farm of 160 acres three miles northeast of Stella and he also has eighty acres in Nemaha county which is rented by the Bowen brothers. Mr. Edwards was married Jan. 26, 1875, to Miss Margaret Higgins, of Nemaha county, and they have four children—Elsie, who is attending the Conservatory of Music in Chicago; Charley, Sadie and Roy, who are at home.

J. M. Raper

An ambitious man, if energetic and economical, can very soon build up for himself a good business with very little capital in this country of ours. An exemplification of this fact is found in the restaurant of John M. Raper, which has grown steadily in popular favor since its establishment here in 1898. Mr. Raper is a confectioner of ten years experience, and conducts a model restaurant and is careful and painstaking in his efforts to please his many customers. He was born in Monroe county, Indiana, Sept. 23, 1848, and moved in infancy to Brown county, Ill., where he remained four years. In 1875 he moved to Hancock county, the same state, and during the next twenty-three years he resided in Nodaway county, Mo., three years; Hiawatha, Kan., three years; Lincoln county, Kan., eighteen months; Butler county, Neb., five years; Perkins county, four years; Morrill, Kan., one year; Dawson, Neb., four years; Shubert three years; finally locating in Stella in November, 1898. Mr. Raper married Miss Angeline Roseberry, Feb. 29, 1872, in Hancock

county, Ill., and they have five children living—Charles, who lives in



J. M. RAPER

Shubert; Will, a barber in Omaha; Cora, wife of George Randall, of Shu-

bert; Albert, also a barber in Omaha; and Neva who is at home. Mr. Raper enlisted at Quincy, Ill., in February, 1864, in the 151st Ill. Inf., and served two years in the army of the Cumberland.

J. N. Montgomery

Born in the Hoosier state February 1, 1842, Jasper N. Montgomery lived there until his 21st year when he left the home in Hamilton county to answer the call for volunteers. He enlisted in September, 1863, in Co. E, 34th Ind. Inf., and served about three years in the southern division of the army under Gen. Butler. In 1866 he came west and settled near Peru, in Nemaha county. After five years residence there he moved on a farm four miles north of Stella, which he sold in 1891 and purchased his present farm of 80 acres three and a half miles southwest of Stella. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Montgomery married Miss Sophia A. Allen, of Rockport, Mo., in 1870, and they have five children—Mellie, wife of M. Ritchie of Prairie Union; Dr. A. W. of Stella; Maude, who is teaching school in the Harris district; Kittie, wife of W. S. Wilsey of Stella, and Guy, at home.

J. W. Curtis

One of the most respected and progressive farmers who comes to Stella is John W. Curtis, who has a pretty farm of 160 acres in the Pleasant Hill neighborhood, three miles north of Stella. He was born in Miami county, Ohio, Nov. 11, 1842, and in 1850 moved with his parents to Delaware county, Ind. In February, 1878, he came to Aspinwall precinct of Nemaha county, Neb., and three years later purchased the farm he now occupies. He enlisted in August, 1862, in Co. K., 44th O. Inf., and served two years in the army of the Ohio. He married Susan L. Neal in Madison county, Ind., Oct. 5, 1871, and they have eight children living—Della B., wife of Arthur Sanders; Anna O., wife of Scott Hinkle; John W., jr., Clyde O., Frank, Joseph, Edna and Harry, all at home. Mr. Curtis is a member of the Masonic and W. O. W. orders.



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FARM RESIDENCE OF J. W. CURTIS

D. A. Walker

Porter township can boast of many beautiful farm homes but none excel that of Dietrich A. Walker. This gentleman was born at Hanover, Germany, in 1837, his father being a farmer. He came to America in 1856, going first to Cincinnati, where he remained two years, then moving to near Springfield, Illinois, where he farmed for eight years. He got the western fever in 1866, however, and landed at Brownville, Neb., on Nov. 2 of that year. He farmed near Brownville for five years and then bought a quarter of land on the creek four miles west of Stella, now owned by Jack Kleckner and occupied by Ike Kroh. He improved this in fine shape for a stock farm. In 1894 he wanted a farm which was not so rough and purchased the R. G. Shue farm of 160 acres one mile south of his old place for \$7,750, selling the other farm to Kleckner. The Shue place does not look much as it did when Mr. Walker moved onto it. He has built a fine house 16x26 with an ell 16x20, a barn 30x42 with a cowshed on the south 14x30, the hay loft having a capacity of fifty tons; a corn crib 24x40 with driveway, and a hog shed on the east side. The farm is one of the best in Richardson county and could not be bought today for \$100 an acre. In 1878 Mr. Walker married Miss Rebecca Hall, who died three years later after two children had been born to them, both of whom died in infancy. Mr. Walker was married again in 1884 to Miss Ida Shrauger, and they have one son—Tory L.

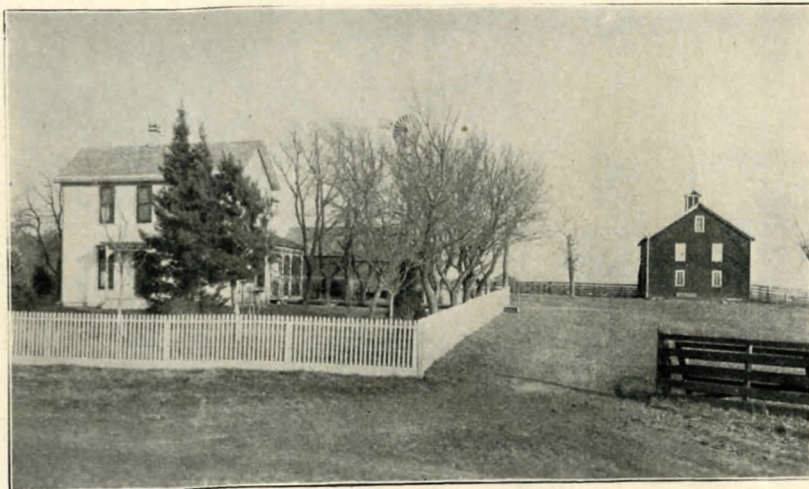
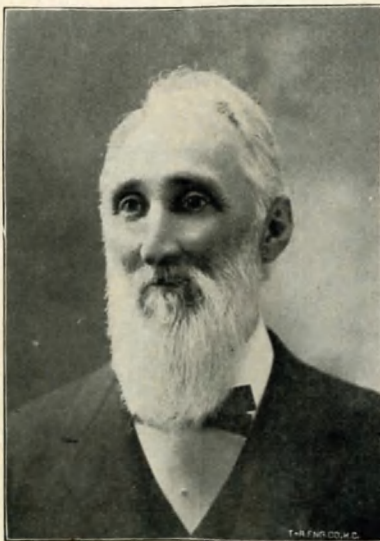


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FARM HOME OF D. A. WALKER

gallery until 1864, when he enlisted in the civil war in Co. I, 45th Iowa Inf., and served five months. He then

to Nebraska and settled one mile south of where Stella now stands. He lived here until 1872, when he went to Smith county, Kan., and homesteaded a farm, at the same time running a store at Cora. In 1882 he returned to Stella and went into the livery business. In 1888 he purchased the Florence hotel and after operating it for three years, went to Aurora, where he managed the Burlington eating house for two years. He then returned to Stella and resumed control of his hotel, which he has continued to run ever since. In 1899 he sold his farm of 240 acres, one mile south of town, and purchased seventy acres of the Ben Coons place just across the road, and which adjoins Stella on the south, and has put out over 3,000 fruit trees of all varieties. He was married to Miss Emily C. Cupp, of Van Buren county, Iowa, July 16, 1867, and they have five children—H. W., who lives on the farm south of town, and who invented the famous "Lowe's Rotary Duplicator;" John C., who is studying law in New York City; Daisy, who is at home; Ella, wife of J. G. Miller of Omaha; and Stella, who is attending school in New York City. Mr. Low is a member of the A. O. U. W.



N. H. LOW

N. H. Low

The Florence Hotel is situated one block east of the Missouri Pacific depot and is owned and managed by N. H. Low, who purchased it of J. W. Clark in 1888. It is a house of thirty-two rooms with three stories and a basement. Nathaniel H. Low was born December 24, 1840, in Washington county, Pa., and in 1859 he went south, living in various places in Kentucky and southern Illinois. He finally landed in Birmingham, Iowa, in 1861, where he operated a photograph

went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he ran a bakery until 1867, when he came

J. E. Gilbert

This gentleman has resided in this community for the past twenty-two years. He was born Jan. 1, 1858, in Henry county, Ill., and came here in 1878. After making a trip to the western part of the state with a government surveying party, he purchased the place now owned by J. E. Winfrey three miles northwest of Stella. It was then a wild farm and Mr. Gilbert improved it and sold it to its present owner in 1890, at the same time buying 120 acres of Wm. Paul, two miles east of Stella. He lived there six years when he sold the farm to John W. Wixon and moved to this city. In 1898 he built his present neat home on Elm street. Last fall he purchased the 160-acre farm two and a half miles southwest of Stella, known as the McDonough place, of I. W. Harris, which he will move onto this spring. He was married to Miss Carrie Timerman of this place, Dec. 25, 1882, and they have four children—Earl, Bertha, Ray and Ione.



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RESIDENCE OF J. E. GILBERT



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H. D. Weaver

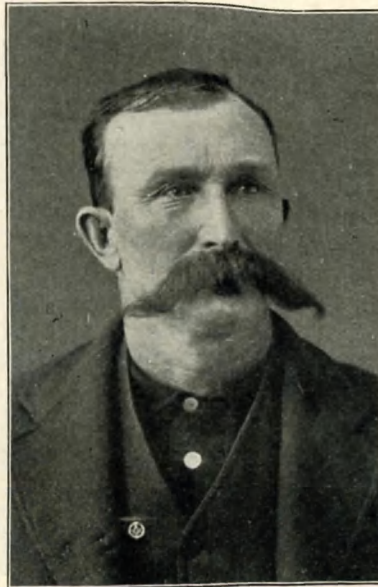
To mention Henry Weaver is to call to the mind of everyone in this section a typical farmer, a generous friend, a genial host, an astute business man and withal so public spirited a citizen that any community may well be proud to claim him as one of its members. There is no enterprise for the public good which does not find in Mr. Weaver an ardent advocate and a staunch supporter. His time and means are used freely to promote public improvements as well as to bring the greatest possible amount of happiness to his family and friends. His farm home is a model in all respects. Weeds, broken gates or tumble down buildings have no place on the Weaver farm and within the house his good wife keeps pace with her husband. H. D. Weaver was born in Clarion county, Pa., March 26, 1847, and removed to Carroll county, Ill., in 1865. It was during his residence here that he met and married Miss Martha Shafer, their wedding taking place Feb. 20, 1870. Three years later Mr. Weaver came to this township, and for some years he was postmaster of Flowerdale on his present farm, the office being discontinued after this town started. He was also justice of the peace for many years. He has 320 acres in the home farm and also owns 100 acres two miles east of Stella, upon which his son, Albert, lives. Mr. Weaver is principally interested in raising stock, having given over most of the active farm work to his sons. He has a fine herd of Polled Angus cattle. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have six children—Albert, George, Effie, wife of John Weddle; Lulu, Frank and Perle.

Frank Withee

An historical edition of any paper in this locality would, indeed, be incomplete without a biography of Francis Withee. He has lived in this vicinity for more than forty-two years and has kept a daily diary of events since 1874, to which record we are indebted for information concerning the early history of this country. He was born in Washington county, Ohio,

FARM RESIDENCE OF H. D. WEAVER

Nov. 16, 1844, moving with his parents to Keokuk, Iowa, in 1848, when after



FRANK WITHEE

two years, he moved to Van Buren county, Iowa, where he remained eight years, receiving a scanty com-

mon school education there. He came to Nemaha county in June, 1858, and helped to break prairie for the next ten years, during the breaking season. On Nov. 1, 1862, he commenced his first freighting trip across the plains to Denver, starting from Nebraska City with ox teams and the outgoing trip taking forty-seven days. The return trip was made with mules and required only sixteen days. He also made several trips of the same kind in 1864 and 1866. May 2, 1864, he moved onto the farm now owned by him, occupying a house south of his present home, the remains of which can still be seen. In 1878 he moved into his present home, on the north eighty, and last fall he built a new house which he intends to add to. For eleven years he held the office of assessor of Porter township, and he was one of the organizers of his school district, the position of treasurer being held by him eighteen years. He married Miss Mary E. Elmore of Porter township, April 5, 1871 and they have four children living—Jesse, who is now in Humboldt, Luella F., Ephraim and Joe Henry, all at home.

W. S. Bain

Winfield S. Bain was born September 6, 1848, at Monticello, Wis., and at the age of seven years went to McLeod county, Minn., with his parents. In 1862, when the Indian outbreak occurred, they moved to Minneapolis for safety. When the war broke out Mr. Bain enlisted in Hatch's battalion, Minn. Vol. Cav., in which he served two years, and in 1866 he enlisted in the regular army for three years. He moved to Jackson county, Iowa, in 1873, where he learned the trade of plasterer and stone mason. In 1878 he moved to Riley county, Kan., where he remained until he came to Stella in 1889. He is kept busy at his trade here and he owns his home in the east part of town. In 1877 he was married to Miss Helen J. Smith, in Jackson county, Iowa, and they have four children, one son and three daughters, all at home. The oldest daughter, Grace, graduated from the High school here last year and has been attending the Normal at Shenandoah, Iowa. Mr. Bain is an active member of the A. O. U. W. order.



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BARN ON THE FARM OF H. D. WEAVER

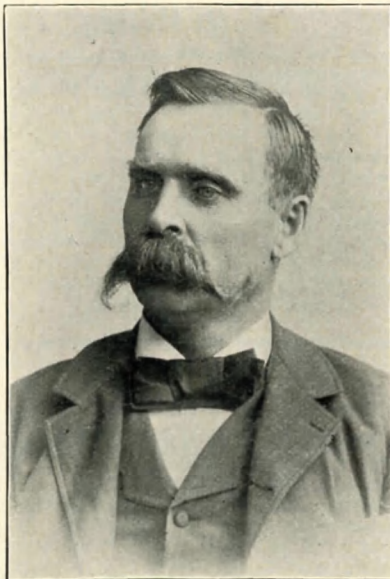
W. H. Wheeler & Son

This firm has one of the largest department stores in southeastern Nebraska. The senior member of the above concern came to Stella when it was truly in its swaddling clothes and the magnificent store over which he presides is a monument to his business sagacity of which any man might be proud. William H. Wheeler was born in Columbia county, New York, Aug. 19, 1848. His parents soon afterward moved to Pennsylvania where William received a scanty school education of a few months. At the age of seventeen he came to Nebraska, going to Pawnee county, where he worked by the day or month for several years. In 1875 he married Miss Helen Van Norman in that county, and in 1878 they moved to Humboldt, where Mr. Wheeler engaged in the livery business until 1882 when he came to the then new station of Stella. Here he first went into the lumber business, but in less than a year he sold out and in partnership with W. D. Easley bought the hard-



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INTERIOR OF WHEELERS' DEPARTMENT STORE

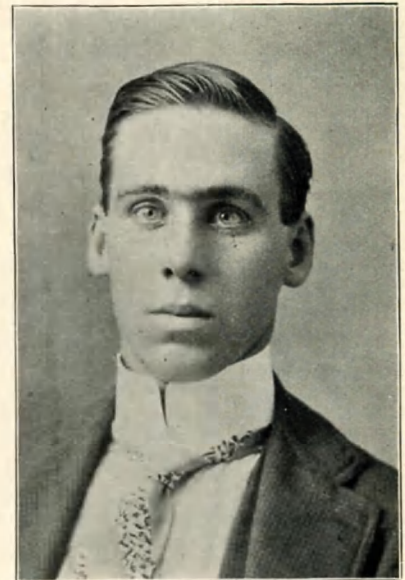


W. H. WHEELER

ware store of Ferguson & Coldren in a frame building that stood across the

street from where the Florence hotel now is. They soon followed the business portion of the town to the top of the hill, however, and built a frame building on the site of the present store. In about a year Mr. Wheeler purchased the interest of Easley, and enlarged his business by taking in a line of furniture and going into the undertaking business, a few years later adding a hearse. When the building boom of 1898 came, Mr. Wheeler built his present substantial and convenient business home and added groceries, dry goods, shoes and notions to his lines, making a large department store of it. It takes nearly 7,000 feet of floor space to carry on this business, as it practically occupies three floors 22x132 feet. This is all heated with a hot air furnace. A freight elevator runs from the basement to the undertaking room on the third floor. Not only this but in Mr. Wheeler's own language, "it's all paid for." Mr. Wheeler is an example of the self-made man, whose good habits, honesty and energy have enabled him to attain his present high position. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are the parents of three children—Annetta, who is now attending the Conservatory of Music at Lincoln; Esburn and Florence, who are in the store. Miss Flor-

ence is the dry goods clerk and is one of the best in her line. Esburn



ESBURN WHEELER

Wheeler, the junior member of the firm, is a "chip of the old block," and has just attained his twenty-first year, his father celebrating the event by making him a partner in the business. He has taken special courses in embalming at both Lincoln and Omaha. His habits are the best and his many good qualities have made him an endless list of friends, both in a business and social way. As soon as he finished his education in the High school of this place he put on his working clothes and has been of material worth in building up his father's business. Mr. Sam Walker is the gentlemanly manager of the dry goods department and Mr. B. M. Derstine presides over the tinshop, which occupies a portion of the basement. The firm does all kinds of tin work, including guttering and tin roofing. The whole establishment is a model of neatness and is one of the first institutions shown a visiting stranger by a friend, when "showing him the town."



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RESIDENCE OF W. H. WHEELER

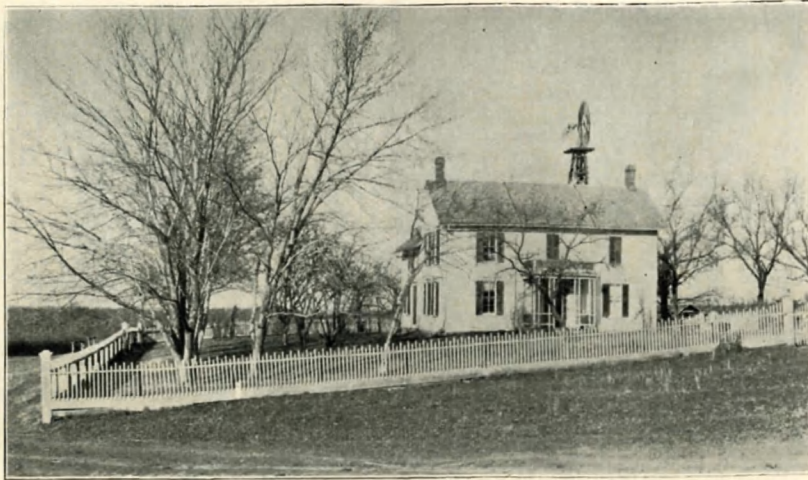


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FARM RESIDENCE OF BARNEY MULLEN

Barney Mullen

Every year an increasing number of the farmers of Nebraska give more attention to stock raising. The fertile soil produces such an abundance of corn that the price of that staple fluctuates and the practical farmer has found that it pays better to turn the corn into beef and pork. Among the pioneers in stock raising in this section is Barney Mullen, who owns a fine farm of 760 acres six miles southwest of Stella. From a small beginning he has increased his business of feeding stock until now he feeds, on an average, 250 head of cattle and 300 head of hogs each year. His farm house is large and situated in a beautiful natural grove. Within the home one meets with the generous hospitality and genial sociability which makes a sojourn at the Mullen home a never-to-be-forgotten delight. Barney Mullen was born in Champaign county, Ohio, Dec. 22, 1836, from which place he went to Cass county, Ill., in 1856. After four years in that state, he came to Nebraska and settled on the farm where he still lives in 1860, which makes him one of the oldest settlers in this vicinity. Besides this farm he owns 320 acres in Pawnee county, near Burchard. Mr. Mullen was married to Miss Susan M. Hays, Nov. 8, 1868, and they have three sons—James L., now in business in Galveston, Texas; Frank and Ben, both of whom are at home. Mr. Mullen is a Master Mason.

Mrs. E. A. Ulmer

It will be noted that the headgear of the feminine portion of Stella's inhabitants is as ornate and stylish appearing as that of any women anywhere, and it is a natural inference that the town possesses a good milliner. Mrs. Ulmer is the proprietor of the oldest established milliner store in the city and though she has been in the business only since August, 1899, she has applied herself so dilligently to acquiring the trade that her business has flourished and eclipsed all former records. Her business sagacity, her pluck and excellent judgment are well known qualities and have made failure impossible. Mrs. Emma

A. Morris was born in Warren county, Ill., April 11, 1859, and was married to



MRS. E. A. ULMER

H. L. Ulmer, March 16, 1880. They have four children—Josie E., Allison E., Harold M. and Gladys M., all at

home. Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer moved to this vicinity in 1884, and besides their residence on south Main street, they own the two business buildings, one of which is occupied by the milliner store and the other by an implement house. Mr. Ulmer buys and ships poultry. He is a member of the W. O. W. and his wife belongs to the K. & L. of S.

Jack Plasters

One of the neatest and best kept farms in the neighborhood of Stella is that of Isaac Lee Plasters, four miles northwest of Stella. He was born near Brownville, March 6, 1862, and soon after his father moved to town where Jack went to school until he was about fifteen years of age, when he went to farming near there. In 1888 he came out and settled on his present farm of 160 acres. He was married to Miss Grace Paris in Nemaha county, January 1, 1888, and they have three children, two boys and a girl, all at home attending school.

L. B. Vader

Leman B. Vader was born in Nemaha county, Jan. 30, 1871, and has lived in this vicinity ever since. He purchased his farm of eighty acres three miles north of Stella, of Lovel Vandever in the spring of 1899, paying \$50 an acre for it. He was married to Miss Josie Jarrett of this place, in January, 1894, and they have one son and two daughters. Mr. Vader is a member of the K. & L. of S.

Walter Vandeventer

Having been born and raised in this immediate vicinity, this gentleman may properly be styled a type of Nebraska's jolly farmer. He owns eighty acres four miles southeast of Stella, but lives on the Vandeventer homestead which adjoins it on the west. Walter J. Vandeventer was born Sept. 17, 1867, in this county and was married to Miss Katurah Mason, Dec. 23, 1886. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.



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THE VANDEVENTER HOMESTEAD

Asa Bush

Asa Bush was born in Wayne county, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1831. He lived there with his parents until he was ten years old and attended the common schools. In 1841 the family moved to southern Wisconsin and eight years later they went to the northern part of that state where they lived for twenty years. In 1854 Mr. Bush married Miss Arlett S. Roberts and but thirteen years later death claimed her and their two children. In 1870 Mr. Bush married Miss Olive A. Felch, of Canada, and they have one child, Mrs. John Chism, who with her husband and children, lives with them. On the 27th day of August, 1870, the Bush families landed in Porter precinct. The subject of our sketch purchased the farm where he still lives, paying \$5 an acre at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Bush own 200 acres of land in Porter precinct and 160 acres in Greeley county, Kan. They were among the pioneers of Richardson county, having come here twelve years before Stella was put on the map. Their farm is well improved and the buildings are commodious and substantial. Mr. Bush is regarded as one of the solid citizens of the county and deservedly so. John C. Chism, who lives on the Bush farm, was born in Monroe county, Kentucky, Feb. 8, 1864, and in 1885 came here and settled in Porter precinct. He married Miss Viola Bush December 3, 1890, and they have two children, Mabel and Ralph. Mr. Chism owns 160 acres in Greeley county, Kansas. He is a member of the W. O. W. order.

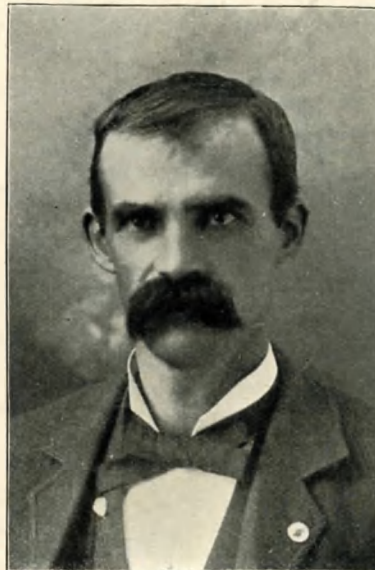


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FARM HOME OF ASA BUSH

the harness making trade at Salem in 1878, and in 1880 in partnership with Forbes & Russell, he started a shop at

came to Stella, and with his brother, E. P., built and opened a harness shop. In 1887 Mr. Baldwin bought E. P.'s interest and continued the business adding an insurance agency to his line. In 1891 his building burned and he was compelled to start again, which he did at once in a building that occupied the lot on which the post office now stands. In 1897 he dropped the harness business and gave all his time to insurance, and in April 1900, he went on the road in the employ of the Nebraska Underwriters of Omaha, as general agent for this state. Mr. Baldwin owns his home, and has a well appointed office in the Clark building. He has been justice of the peace for four terms, and is one of the best dispensers of justice the town has ever had. He was married to Miss Emma E. Jennings at Salem, Oct. 1, 1882, and they have five children—two boys and three girls, all at home. Mr. Baldwin is a member of the A. O. U. W.



A. J. BALDWIN

Nemaha City, during the boom times of that burg. In December, 1882, he

A. J. Baldwin

This gentleman can be truthfully called one of Stella's pioneers, as he came the year the town was platted and has been an active citizen ever since. Abel J. Baldwin was born at Miami, Indiana, March 14, 1861, and came with his parents to Nebraska in 1866, and the family settled on a homestead west of Salem. He went to the common schools and then took an academic course at the Salem and Falls City high schools. He learned

Luke Fisher

Here again we have a farmer whose place is a model of neatness at no matter what season of the year, the hedges being trimmed and the road around the farm free from weeds. He also has one of the prettiest rows of shade trees all along his east line that grows in this country. Luke Fisher was born in Tazewell county, Ill., on April 20, 1842. In 1872 he went to Smith county, Kan., for two years, after which he moved back to Illinois for two years. Then he lived two years in Mills county, Iowa, coming to his farm four miles north of Stella in the spring of 1880. While he lives on the farm, he rents the land, having retired from active work himself. He was married to Miss Melissa J. Bocoek of Fulton county, Ill., in September, 1866, and they have four children—Nellie, wife of C. A. Larimore; Clara, wife of Joe Wagner; Edna, wife of John Higgins, all of this vicinity; and Olive, who is at home. Mr. Fisher served in the army during the civil war in Co. I, 47th Ill. Inf., as corporal from August, 1861, to February, 1863, and was once wounded, being shot through the right foot at the battle of Corinth. He is an active member of the Masonic and Ancient Order of United Workmen societies.



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FARM HOUSES OF LUKE FISHER



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INTERIOR OF McBRIDE'S DRUG STORE

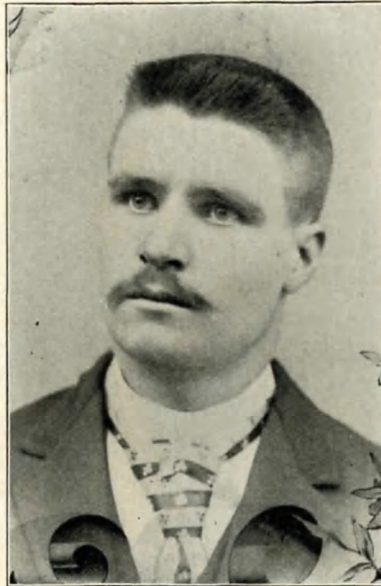
J. G. McBride

That name is incomplete without the addition of the title "The Busy Druggist"—a title won by push and energy and proudly worn as a badge indicating how our popular druggist has achieved his success. Born among the braes and heather of bonny Scotland, Jan. 23, 1869, he was brought to America by his parents when but five years old. The family settled near Seneca, Kan., where Mac's ideas were first taught how to shoot. In 1884, he moved to Pawnee City and attended the academy, going to school day times and clerking in a drug store evenings. His Saturdays and summer vacations for three years were spent behind the counter when he went to Elk Creek and clerked for one year in a drug and grocery store. He also clerked a year in a drug store at Liberty. In the summer of 1890 he went to Colorado and worked in the mines, afterwards returning to Pawnee City as prescription clerk for J. F. Griffith. This position he held for five years. In 1895 Mr. McBride came to Stella and purchased the M. T. Hill stock of drugs of Cain & Hays, and has been one of our most public spirited citizens ever since. His store room is 22x80 and well filled with drugs and notions. The "central" for the Nebraska Telephone company, the Inter-State and the county telephone lines are all located in his store. Last year Mr. McBride purchased the John Allen property on Elm street and can now sit under his own vine and fig tree. On Oct. 16, 1894, a minister of the gospel was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Jennings at Table Rock, and it did not take him long to change Miss Alberta Jennings to Mrs. J. G. McBride. Gregg J., aged two years, is the only child. Mr. McBride is secretary of the school board and has for his assistant in the store, Mr. W. P. Snow, who is a very efficient and courteous clerk.

George Helmick

One of the most successful farmers of the Mount Hope neighborhood is George W. Helmick, who has a choice

farm of 240 acres three and a half miles south of Stella. The farm is



J. G. McBRIDE

improved with large house and barn and other good buildings. Mr. Helmick was born in Jones county, Iowa,



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FARM HOME OF GEORGE HELMICK

Sept. 3, 1855, and in 1877 he came to his present farm. He was married March 5, 1877, to Miss Ellen Flemings, of Linn county, Iowa, and they have seven children—five boys and two girls all at home. Mr. Helmick is a good citizen and his family are held in high esteem by all their neighbors and acquaintances.

Isaac Adams

On a neat farm of forty acres four miles north of Stella lives "Uncle Ike" Adams. He has good farm buildings and a large young orchard. He was born October 27, 1823, in Clinton county, Ohio, and came west in 1868, settling near Falls City in this county, where he lived until 1897. He then moved to his present home. He married Miss Mary J. Rhonimus, of Ohio, in 1849, who died in 1866 leaving five boys, four now living—Wm. R., who lives in Wyoming; Frank, of Kansas City; Horace, who is in the Indian Territory; Ernest, in New York City. Mr. Adams married again in 1873 to Mrs. Jane Henderson of Ohio, who died in 1875. In 1880 Mr. Adams married Mrs. Annie J. Barnes of Salem, by whom he has three children—Roy, Nancy and Albert, all at home.

August F. Moritz

The steady and persevering efforts of our German farmers have made them among the best tillers of the soil to be found in our country. Notable among this class in this vicinity is August F. Moritz, who was born in Prussia, Germany, Aug. 2, 1865. He came to America in 1880 and settled near Humboldt. After he became of age he rented land in this vicinity until he purchased of Eli Knapp the 80-acre farm now owned by Jason Timmerman, which he sold in 1893, buying the farm he now lives on, five and a half miles west of Stella. He has eighty-four acres in an excellent state of cultivation and has made many fine improvements on the property since it came into his possession. He married Miss Mary Ransford, of Missouri, Feb. 27, 1889, and they have three children, one girl and two boys, all at home. Mr. Moritz is a member of the A. O. U. W.

George Benson

Wherever one goes in the West he is pretty sure of meeting some person who hails from Illinois, and in and about Stella there are numerous representatives of that state. Among them is George Benson, who owns one of the finest farms in this section. Mr. Benson was born Feb. 29, 1852, in Henry county, Ill., and from there moved to Aspinwall precinct, Nemaha county, Nebraska, in 1868. Twenty years later he bought what was known as the Henry Wolf quarter, two and a fourth miles west of Stella, paying \$38 an acre for it, and its value is more than twice that amount at present. He has built one of the largest and nicest among the many pretty country homes in this locality. The house is 18x28, two stories high, with an ell 16x16 feet, also two stories high, and he has a barn 36x44, having hay room for forty-five tons. Mr. Benson was married Nov. 6, 1873, to Miss Bridget Oats, at Peoria, Ill. They have six children—Agnes, wife of Albert Weaver; Ella, wife of Milton Stanley; Charlie, Etta, Mary and Mabel, all at home. Mr. Benson is a member of the A. O. U. W.

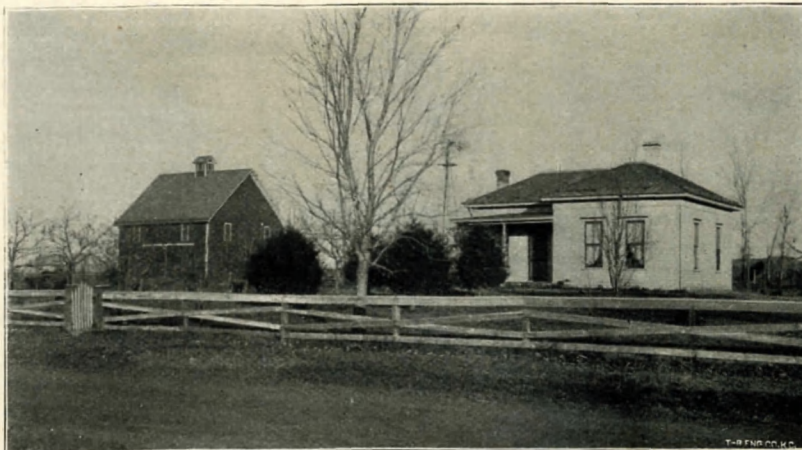


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FARM HOME OF J. F. SPIVEY

the seminary; Hays City, Kan., 1895 to 1898, since which time he has been in Stella. Rev. Zimmerman's excellent

atorical Association—1892-3; trustee of Midland College in 1899, and vice-president of the Nebraska Y. P. S. C. E. Union in 1900.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Stella, Neb., was organized by Rev. J. W. Kimmel, March 9, 1884, with twelve charter members. The following ministers have served as pastors: Revs. J. W. Kimmel, J. G. Griffith, P. Ewald, P. B. Holtgreve, W. C. McCool and H. Zimmerman. The church has entertained the Nebraska Synod, has sent two men into the ministry, one of her laymen was elected a delegate to the General Synod, and one is now serving as treasurer of the Nebraska Synod. The present membership is 135, and the auxiliaries of the church are the Sunday School, Endeavor Society, W. H. and F. M., and a Ladies' Aid Society. The church property consists of a church and parsonage valued at \$5,200. The church seats 200. Visitors compliment the church property as being one of the neatest in the West.

Rev. H. Zimmerman

A little more than two years ago the Lutherans called to the pastoral charge of their church here, Rev. Henry Zimmerman, a young man of sterling character, of pleasing address and enthusiastic devotion to his profession. He was born March 14, 1870, in Adams county, Ill., but grew to manhood in the "Sunflower" state, whither his parents removed during his childhood. He graduated from the normal department of the S. W. Kansas College, at Winfield, Kan., in 1890, afterwards attending Midland College, at Atchison, from which institution he graduated with the degree of A. B., in June, 1893. In 1895 he finished a course in the Western Theological Seminary and was licensed to preach in 1893, being ordained two years later. He was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Freeman, on June 20, 1895. Rev. Zimmerman has served the following charges: Barnes and Greenleaf, Kan., during his course at



REV. H. ZIMMERMAN

qualities have received recognition abroad as well as at home, he having been vice-president of the Kansas Or-

J. F. Spivey

The strikingly neat appearance and substantial improvements of J. F. Spivey's farm home two miles southwest of Stella, always cause the stranger in passing to ask "who lives here?" He has just finished a new barn 34x36 which adds much to its appearance. John F. Spivey was born in Henry county, Ill., March 27, 1867, and came to Richardson county in 1887, settling first on a farm one and a half miles west of Stella for two years, after which he purchased the farm he now lives on. Three years later he rented the farm and went to Fillmore county for four years, coming back to his Richardson county home in 1896. He was married to Miss Allie Shellenbarger, Sept. 26, 1889, and they have one daughter—Eda, aged eight years.

Ed. Kroh

The above is the proprietor of one of our dray lines. He was born in Ogle county, Ill., April 8, 1868. He came to this vicinity in 1872, and farmed until 1899, when he purchased the dray line of Elmer Ford. He is an A. O. U. W., M. W. A. and K. of P.

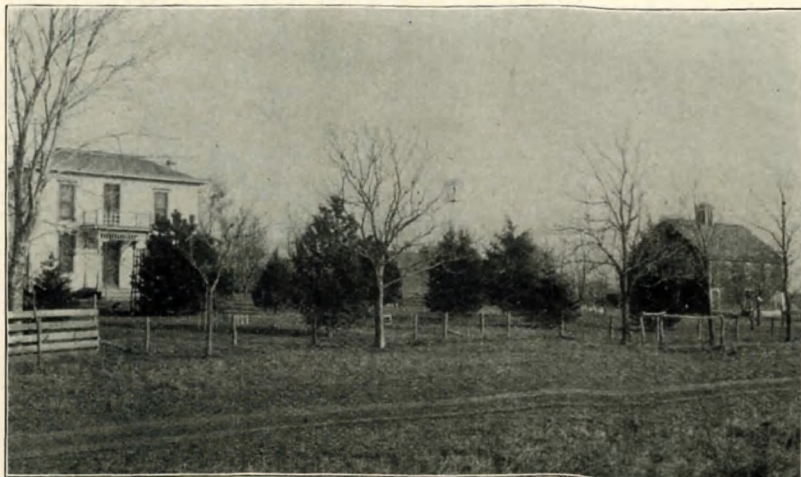


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FARM HOME OF GEORGE BENSON



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"Jeff." Robb

One of the neatest country homes near Stella is the residence of Andrew J. C. Robb, situated one and a half miles west of town. It is on a fine farm of 160 acres which has been well improved and kept in the best of repair by its energetic owner. Only last year he erected a fine large barn 24x36 with room for twenty-five tons of hay. Mr. Robb was born in Butler county, Pa., July 17, 1860. He moved to Henry county, Illinois, in 1879, and eight years later came to this place. While in Illinois he learned the butcher business, at which he worked until 1887, when he began farming. He married Miss Alice M. Spivey, Feb. 16, 1887, at New Windsor, Ill.

E. Lyanna

It is seldom that a journeyman printer retires from his profession and makes a successful farmer, but this is the case with L. Edward Lyanna. He was born in Geneva, Switzerland, September 17, 1831, and lived there until 1850, learning the trade of printer and bookbinder. In the latter year he came to America, stopping first in Hancock county, Ill., for five years. He then worked at his trade in St. Louis until 1856, when he went to Omaha—then a mere village, and worked six months on the Weekly Nebraskan, after which he came to Brownville. Here, in partnership with ex-Gov. Furnas, he published the Nebraska Advertiser for four years. In 1861 he pre-empted his present farm home three miles northeast of Stella. He has since added eighty acres to it and now has 240 acres of fine land. He was married to Miss Claudine Boissonnet of France, in St. Louis in 1863, and they have three children—Julie, wife of Wm. Culp; Louise and Paul, both at home. Mr. Lyanna is an active member of the Masonic order.

Fred Fankell

One of the more recent additions to Stella's quota of business men is Fred

FARM HOME OF A. J. C. ROBB

K. Fankell, who has been making new buggies out of old ones for the inhabi-



F. K. FANKELL

tants in this section for the past three years. His work in this line is unexcelled, and he is assisted by his son,



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Will. They also handle farm implements, buggies, wagons, etc. Frederick K. Fankell was born Aug. 22, 1855, in Jackson county, Iowa, and moved to Mercer county, Ill., in 1884. In 1897, he came to Stella with his family and went into the implement business with his brother, H. C., but since March, 1900, he has been by himself. By trade he is a buttermaker and painter. Mr. Fankell was married Dec. 23, 1879, to Miss Laura Thompson, in Jackson county, Iowa, and they have five children—Will, Ella, Maud, Addie and Eva, all at home. Mr. Fankell is a member of the M. W. A.

Jack Henderson

Here we have an old "resider," having been in this locality for more than forty years. John Henderson was born in Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 8, 1840, and in 1860 came with his father onto the farm known as the Henderson homestead four and a half miles northeast of Stella, eighty acres of which he now owns. When Stella started in 1882 "Jack" came here and put up the third building in town to be used by himself as a livery barn, which he conducted successfully till March, 1898, when he sold to J. E. Gilbert. In 1891 he purchased the neat home north of the Methodist church where he lives. He is at present overseeing his farm and serving as street commissioner for Stella, making the best officer that it ever had in that capacity. He married Miss Maria Jones of Stella, in 1889, and they have two children—John M. and Willa, both at home. Mr. Henderson served from Sept. 8, 1861, till Jan. 20, 1866, in Co. H., 8th Kan. Vet. Vols., joining at Leavenworth, Kan. He was in the army of the Cumberland, and was wounded in the right arm.

W. G. Helmick

William Grant Helmick lives on one of the Helmick farms three and a half miles northeast of Stella and has a well kept place. He was born June 1, 1868, on the Helmick homestead. On March 7, 1900, he married Miss Effie Brown, of Nemaha county and they have an infant daughter.

RESIDENCE OF JACK HENDERSON

J. R. Cain

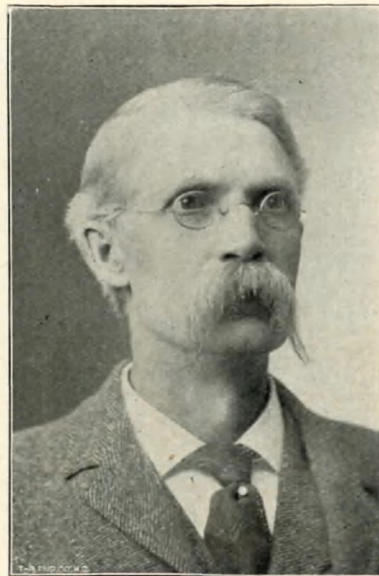
It is safe to say that no one person in Stella boasts so large an acquaintance or counts among them so many warm personal friends as James Robert Cain. He was born, Dec. 29, 1843, in Platte county, Mo., and came with his parents to Richardson county in 1856. The family settled near Arago and Mr. Cain attended the common schools of Missouri and Nebraska. Five months at Camden Point academy completed his education and he started out to test his strength in the world's contest. He worked on the farm until 1865, when he made a freighting trip across the plains to Denver with oxen. Having returned he worked in the clerk's office at Falls City six months and afterwards clerked in a store at Rulo six months. For a year after that Mr. Cain followed the furrow on the farm, finally returning to the counter a few months at Arago. D. R. Holt was elected county treasurer at that time and Mr. Cain clerked for him six years. While thus employed he made a complete set of abstracts for the county. In 1873 he clerked for a clothing firm in Falls City a few months and then went into the general merchandising business in partnership with George Powell. In a short time Mr. Cain bought Powell's interest and run the business a year alone. In 1880 he sold a half interest in his store to D. R. House and after another year Mr. House bought his interest. Mr. Cain was elected county treasurer in 1881, and was re-elected in 1883. Three years later he came to Stella and bought the Bank of Stella, owned by Hull & Ferguson and the State Bank of Stella, owned at that time by Sweet Bros., the purchase being made for a corporation, and Mr. Cain has been identified with Stella ever since. He was married to Miss Martha K. Kirk, on March 18, 1867, at Covington, Ky. On Jan. 9, 1882, his wife died leaving three children—Mrs. McCoy, now of Beatie, Kan.; Sue A. Cain, of Falls City; and J. R., jr., who lives here, and who is a member of the legislature from this county. In August, 1883, Mr. Cain was married to Miss Lettie J. Ingram, at San Jose, Cal. They have four children—Ingram, Nellie May, Harry N., and Jean, all at home attending school. Mr.



PHOTO BY WOODING INTERIOR OF THE STATE BANK OF STELLA

Cain is director and cashier of the State Bank of Stella, director of the

Bank at Shubert, in all of which he has stock. He makes his home in Falls City, where he has one of the most comfortable dwellings in the city. He also owns 160 acres of land in Holt county. Mr. Cain is a 32nd degree Mason and has filled every station in the lodge chapter and commandery. From June, 1881, to June, 1882, he was Grand Master of Masons of the State of Nebraska. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. For many years it has been the habit of a Stellaite in doubt or trouble to go at once to "Bob." Cain. His advice has been freely given and very many thankful hearts are filled with gratitude for his thoughtful kindness. A true type of the chivalrous gentleman, so rapidly disappearing, he is courteous in his manners, agreeable in conversation and a most welcome guest in any home.



J. R. CAIN

Richardson County Bank at Falls City and president of the Farmers' State

The State Bank

The State Bank of Stella was organized in January, 1886, with the following incorporators: Sol. Jameson, J. L. Slocum, Geo. W. Holland, B. R. Williams, J. R. Cain, Chas. L. Metz. The president, vice-president and cashier of the original organization still retain those positions. The bank is one of the most solid institutions in the state and has a capital of \$30,000 and a surplus of \$30,000. The present officers are: President, J. L. Slocum; vice-president, I. W. Harris; cashier, J. R. Cain; assistant cashier, J. R. Cain, Jr.; directors, J. L. Slocum, I. W. Harris, W. H. Hogrefe, S. J. Kleckner, J. R. Cain. During the absence of J. R. Cain, Jr., who a member of the legislature, Mr. Bert Harris is acting as assistant cashier.

Sam Johnson

Sam H. Johnson was born in Meggs county, Ohio, Nov. 14, 1854. He came to this county 1880. He owns 560 acres in this vicinity. He rents his land and lives in Stella. He married Miss Maggie Blazer in Holt county, Mo., Aug. 1, 1875, and they have two children, Charles L. and Frank H., who are running the farm.



PHOTO BY WOODING FARM RESIDENCE OF W. G. HELMICK

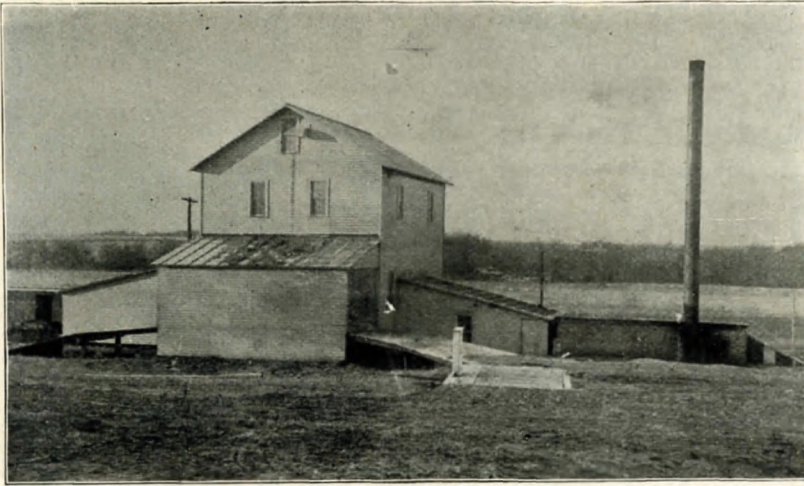


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STEAM MILL OF JAMESON BROS.

Jameson Brothers

The first elevator in Stella was erected by Jameson Bros. in 1882 and for five years they merely bought and sold grain. In 1888 they enlarged their plant by adding machinery for making corn meal. On April 30, 1889, their plant was destroyed by fire, but with their characteristic energy and pluck, they rebuilt immediately on the same site and moved into their new quarters in July, 1889. Three years later this mill was sold to the Stella Grain Co. and was run as a Farmers' Mutual for two years and within the past year it has been bought by Clark & Wirt. Jameson Bros., having sold their mill and elevator, went into a stock company known as the Stella Corn Meal Mills and a 600-barrel mill was built at a cost of \$11,000. This mill was closed on account of the depression of business in 1894, and Jameson Bros. leased their former building from the Stella Grain Co. and successfully operated it until they built their present fine mill in 1899. February 22, 1896, the mill built by the Stella Corn Meal Mills stock company burned, entailing a great loss to the stock holders. At present the firm of Jameson Bros. has one of the best equipped mills in this section. It has a capacity of about 300 barrels and was built at a cost of about \$8,000. They do a large business, selling the flour output both for export and home consumption. The major part of the corn meal is shipped to the southern states. Solomon Jameson, the senior member of the firm, was born July 11, 1848, in Miami county, Ind. He came to Kansas in Sept. 1866, settling in Brown county where he farmed for a while and afterward went into the grain business with his brother, Jesse. He was married Nov. 12, 1879, to Miss Loretta Van Hook, of Hiawatha, and they have two children—Bessie M. and Thomas Floyd, both at home attending school. In 1882, Mr. Jameson came to Stella and with the exception of six months spent in Kansas City the past year, he has resided here continuously ever since. In 1890, he built what was at that time the finest house on Main street. He sold this to Robt. Wood in April 1900, and removed his family to Kansas City while he traveled for the grain firm

of Daniel P. Byrn & Co., of St. Louis. Last fall he gave up traveling and with his family returned to Stella.



MARVIN DAVIS

Mr. Jameson has served on the school board several terms. Jesse W. Jameson, the junior member of the firm, was born in Miami county, Ind., Dec. 18, 1854, and resided there until 1867, when he went to Brown county, Kan. During his residence there he farmed and later went into the grain buying business at Leona and other points in Kansas. After seven years in the grain buying business in that state, Mr. Jameson came to Stella in 1882, and since his residence here has served the public in many capacities, having been on the school board for years and also a member of the town council of which he is chairman at the present time. He has also been chairman of the Republican County Central Committee and is a leader in his party. He is also a member of the K. of P., M. W. A. and Masonic orders. Mr. Jameson married Miss Emma Shuck, of Doniphan county, Kan., Nov. 23, 1882, and they have three children—Guy, who is miller for the firm; Jay and Hester M., both attending school. Mr. Jameson's home is on Elm street.

Marvin Davis

Although he has been identified with Stella but two years, Marvin Davis has built up a large restaurant business and made many friends. He was born at Riverton, Iowa, Feb. 19, 1877, near which place he was raised. He clerked in a clothing store at Shendoah, after taking a course of study at the Normal there. He came to Stella in 1889 and in company with Willis Lytle, bought out the restaurant business of Sam Hoagland. After a few months he purchased Lytle's interest and moved up the street to his present location. Mr. Davis has fitted up a neat ice cream and oyster parlor, and is prepared to cater to the wants of the most fastidious. He was married to Miss Ethel Byrd, at Riverton, in July, 1889, and they have an infant daughter. Mr. Davis is a member of the M. W. A. order.

Henry Wolf

One of the most reliable contractors and builders in Stella is Henry W.



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CARPENTER SHOP OF HENRY WOLF

Wolf, who has been in this vicinity since 1876, and has built a great many of the more substantial buildings in and around Stella. He was born in Northumberland county, Pa., April 15, 1841, and in 1865 moved to Carroll county, Ill. In 1873 he came to this county, settling first at Falls City, but three years later moving to the farm now occupied by George Benson, which he sold to the latter in 1888 and then moved to Stella. He has a commodious shop on Main street and is a thorough carpenter, having learned the trade in 1859. He enlisted in Co. C, 47th Pa., and served three years in the Army of the Potomac in the Gulf Department, during the civil war. He is a member of the K. of P. order, but has never tried matrimony. Mr. Wolf served the public in the capacity of county commissioner from 1881 to 1884.

I. L. Callison

It is a well known fact that Stella boasts of the handsomest dental parlor in this part of Nebraska, and also that it is owned by one of the best dentists who has a shingle out in these parts. Dr. I. L. Callison came here and started in business in a small way ten years ago, but by careful attention to the details of his profession and the superiority of his work has built up a large business. He now occupies the commodious and well lighted front north rooms in the Clark block, which are comfortably and elegantly furnished. The Doctor has a perfect knowledge of anesthetics, and his office is equipped with all the necessary appliances for doing any work in his line known to the profession, and he makes a specialty of crown and bridge work. Isaac L. Callison was born in Dallas county, Iowa, Feb. 29, 1864, and at the age of six years came to Nebraska, living in Antelope county and at Columbus during his youth, going to the city schools of the latter. After taking special courses in dentistry at St. Louis, Kansas City, and the Iowa University, he commenced practicing in St. Louis in 1889. He came to Stella in January, 1890, and for eight years occupied a front room in the Florence hotel, until he moved into his present rooms in 1898. Mr. Callison is a single man and a member of the Masonic and Fraternal Union of America orders.



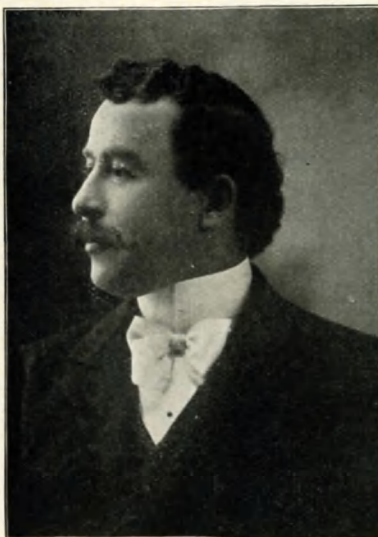
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INTERIOR OF DR. CALLISON'S DENTAL PARLORS

Joe Ackerman

Joseph Ackerman was born in Bazil, Switzerland, Feb. 14, 1854. He was educated in the common schools of his native country and like all Swiss lads,

and settled in St. Louis, remaining there two years. He came to Stella in 1882 and rented farm land in this vicinity for eight years, when he purchased his present home, two and a half miles northeast of town. He has eighty acres of land well improved and has the reputation of being one of the most painstaking and thrifty farmers in this section.



DR. I. L. CALLISON

served in the army. He spent two years in Germany where he was married, Nov. 27, 1877, to Miss Anastasia Hotinger. In 1880 he came to America

I. W. Harris

As an example of what can be accomplished by good management and industry the position now occupied by I. W. Harris in our community is an inspiration to young men whose capital is mostly ambition instead of hard cash. Isaac W. Harris was born Aug. 19, 1847, in Clairmont county, Ohio, and seven years later moved to Bureau county, Ill., where he resided until 1872. In that year he came to Nebraska and settled on the home farm four and a half miles south of Stella. This farm contains 480 acres and he also owns 810 acres of other farm land in this vicinity, twenty acres of one of his farms being within the corporation of Humboldt. Mr. Harris purchased the C. C. Simmons farm of 320 acres, two miles west of Verdon, two months ago, for \$20,000. Mr. Simmons purchased it back a few weeks later for \$21,000. Mr. Harris then bought the Mart Gerger farm of 160 acres three miles southwest of Stella, \$8,700 being the price paid. Mr. Harris is vice-president and a stockholder in the State Bank of Stella, a director in the Farmers' State Bank of Shubert, and is president of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Richardson County, which carries risks amounting to more than \$1,500,000, and is the largest organization of its kind in the state. Mr. Harris has been president of this company since its organization. He was married to Miss Rosa Hassler, of St. Louis, Mo., in 1868, and they have six children—Carrie M., wife of R. A. Clark, of Stella; George W., who lives at North Yakimo, Washington; Bert L., who assists in the State Bank in the absence of the assistant cashier; Guy, Olive and Lucile, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have a fine large house and frequently entertain their many friends who are sure to respond promptly to an invitation to be a guest at their hospitable home. Mr. Harris is one of the most extensive stock raisers of this part of the country, and his farm is arranged with special conveniences for feeding,



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FARM RESIDENCE OF I. W. HARRIS



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Wm. J. McCray

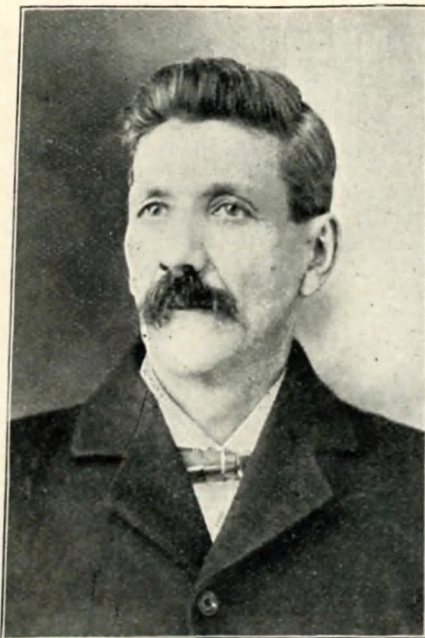
Another of the substantial and prosperous farmers of Porter precinct is William J. McCray, who was born in Whiteside county, Ill., Nov. 23, 1842. He moved to Jasper county, Mo., in 1868, and came from there to Richardson county, Neb., in 1885. He first purchased the 160-acre farm now occupied by J. L. Lambert. In 1892 he sold that and bought the place upon which he now lives, five and a half miles southwest of Stella. He has 420 acres of the finest farm land in this section and it is well improved. Like many of our most successful farmers, Mr. McCray raises a great deal of stock for the market, and has many acres in timothy and clover. He has served the people nine years as county commissioner, and several terms as school officer, and always made an excellent official. Mr. McCray married Miss Lucy Moran, of Norwalk, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1871, and they have eight children living—Fanny, wife of Wm. Chism, who lives south of Stella; Arthur, who assists his father on the farm; Iva, wife of Prof. O. W. Nickel of Stella; Nellie, Alice, Myrtle, Blanch and Lela, all at home. Mr. McCray is a member of the A. O. U. W.

Sam Hoagland

This citizen of Stella is ably assisted by his wife in carrying on one of the best restaurants of our city. He is located in his own building on the east side of Main street, and has it especially fitted up for his business with lunch counter, oyster and ice cream parlor, and a magnificent lot of show cases for his candies. He also has a good bake oven, which is presided over by his son-in-law, Tom Valentine. Sam. Hoagland was born in Newark, N. J., Aug. 17, 1847, ten years later going to Tazewell, county, Ill., where he remained twenty-three years, learning the trade of wheelwright. In 1883 he came to Nebraska and lived at Humboldt two years, then coming to Stella. He worked at his trade here until 1889, when he moved to Omaha for two years, returning here and going into the restaurant

FARM RESIDENCE OF W. J. McCRAY

business. He sold this in 1898 to John Swihart, going back into the



SAMUEL HOAGLAND

wagon shop until March 1900, when he again went into his present business. He was married to Miss Annie Garret,



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Nov. 7, 1872, in Tazewell county, Ill., and they have three children—Ettie M., wife of John Shrader; Grace B., wife of Tom Valentine; and Raymond, who is at home. Mr. Hoagland is a member of the A. O. U. W.

F. G. Marts

F. G. Marts is one of the veteran clerks of the town having been at this business since 1888, and all except two years for W. H. Hogrefe. In 1898 he purchased a 20-acre tract north of town of John Holman and left the store, but after a year he sold it to Will Paul and went to work for W. R. Wyatt in his store as manager. Last January he returned to the store of W. H. Hogrefe. Mr. Marts owns his residence in the west part of town, and has just purchased the 80-acre farm of Homer Martin, two and a half miles northwest of Stella for \$4,000. Felix G. Marts was born in Shelby county, Ill., Nov. 29, 1851, where he remained until 1875, when he moved to Hastings, Neb., where he lived nine years. In 1885 he homesteaded a farm in Sherman county, Kan., coming to Stella in 1888. He was married to Miss Adeline McCantz of Shelby county, Ill., August 20, 1871, and they have five children—Will, who is in Colorado City, Colorado; Mae, who is at home; Carlie, wife of Art Bright; Lydia and Lena, also at home.

D. J. Pugh

Davis Jackson Pugh lives on his 80-acre farm one mile north of Stella. He is a veterinary surgeon and does no active farm work himself. He was born in Brook county, Virginia, April 30, 1828, and in 1838 moved with his parents to Hancock county, Ohio. In 1849 he commenced his profession of veterinary. He came to Richardson county and settled on his present farm in 1881. His first wife was Miss Maria Matthews of Ohio, whom he married in 1848. Seven children were born to them six of whom are still living—George, of Michigan; Henry, of Oklahoma; Margaret Hubbard, of Wisconsin; Newton and Elmer, near Stella; Anna Tracy, of Wisconsin. Mr. Pugh married the second time to Miss Lydia Logan of Hancock county, O., in 1869.

RESIDENCE OF SAM HOAGLAND

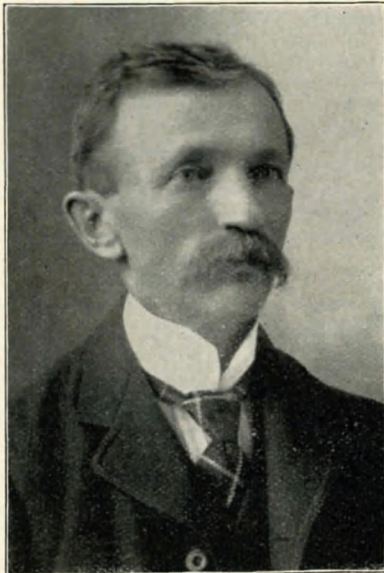
W. H. Hogrefe

Among the first persons to recognize the importance of Stella as a trading point, was W. H. Hogrefe, who has, by careful business methods, honesty and fair dealing, built up one of the largest and best mercantile establishments in the city. William Henry Hogrefe was born at Wittorf, Germany, June 18, 1852, and came to this country in 1868, settling at Corning, Mo., where he clerked for several years, finally going into business with Henry Roselius. When Stella was started in 1882 Hogrefe & Roselius started a branch store on the corner now owned by Ulmer. After a few months this business was sold to Geo. Drain, and Hogrefe & Roselius built a large frame store building on the corner now occupied by Mr. Hogrefe, and the latter gentleman moved his family here at this time. After five years Mr. Hogrefe purchased his partner's interest in the business and has continued it very successfully ever since. In 1898 the present magnificent brick



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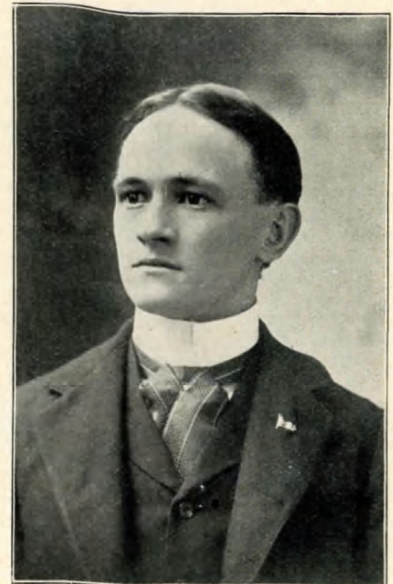
INTERIOR OF W. H. HOGREFE'S STORE



W. H. HOGREFE

store building was put up by Mr. Hogrefe and the floor space occupied by

his immense stock of general merchandise is nearly 4,000 square feet, besides a cellar 22x60 feet. Mr. Hogrefe was married in 1877 to Miss Effie Martin, at Corning, Mo. They have three children—Harvey, Ruby and Hazel. Harvey, who was educated at Midland College, at Atchison, is now occupying the position of head clerk for his father. Besides his mercantile business, Mr. Hogrefe is one of the directors of the State Bank of Stella. He owns two farms near here and one in the western part of the state. Mr. Hogrefe is an exemplary man in his every walk in life, and has been one of the leading and influential members of the Lutheran church since its organization here, and has been superintendent of the Sunday School for seven years. Mr. F. G. Marts assists in the store. Mrs. Hogrefe and her daughters have been living in Lincoln this winter, where the girls have been attending the university. Mr. Hogrefe is a Mason and an A. O. U. W. The Hogrefe home is one of the largest and prettiest in our city and is surrounded by a beautiful and neatly kept lawn. The house is conveniently arranged and the young peo-



HARVEY HOGREFE

ple of the family entertain their friends frequently. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hogrefe are ideal entertainers and scarcely a day passes that they do not have some guest at their table.

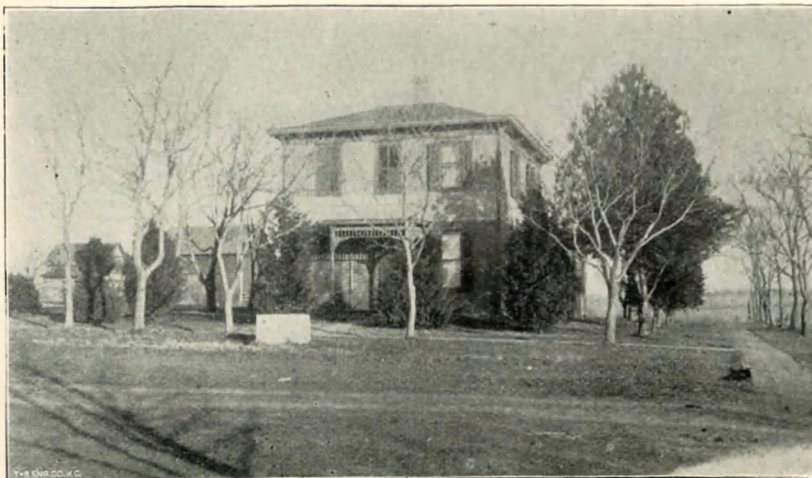


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RESIDENCE OF W. H. HOGREFE

Harve Shrader

As a stone and brick mason and plasterer Harvey Shrader is kept busy in season, his work always giving satisfaction. He was born near Barada in this county, May 11, 1871, and came to Stella with his father in 1882. He learned his trade in 1888 and has followed it ever since. At the time of the cyclone at Reserve, Kan., in 1896, he went there to assist in rebuilding it, and remained there two years, after which he worked in different parts of the state until 1900, when he moved to Stella and now occupies his father's house. He was married to Miss Nellie Reasoner, of Reserve, August 28, 1900.



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R. H. Pritts

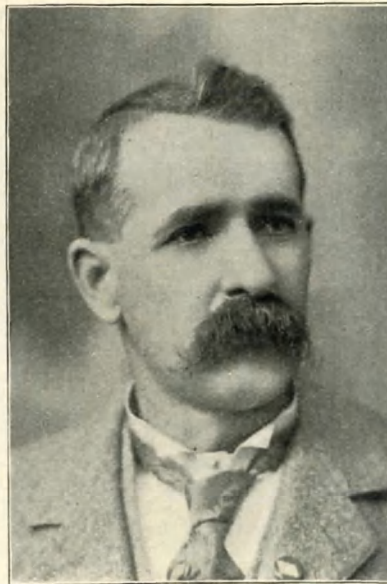
Among the retired farmers who have come to Stella to live is Rudolph H. Pritts, who has been so successful in tilling the soil, that he now owns 480 acres of land near here, 240 of which joins the corporation on the southwest. He also owns 320 acres in Logan county, O. T.; 330 acres in Box Butte county, Nebr., and 160 acres in Cheyenne county, Kansas. His farm near town is splendidly improved with a large house, barns, fine orchard and feed lots and his residence in town was built last year at a cost of nearly \$3,000. Mr. Pritts was born in Somerset county, Penn., Sept. 15, 1843, and in the spring of 1867 he came to Nebraska, renting a farm near Verdon. When he arrived there he tells us he only had \$18 of this world's goods. After four years he purchased 120 acres near Cupola school house which he sold in 1882 and purchased his farm near Stella. He married Miss Lizzie Ziegler, of Somerset county, Penn., in June, 1866, and they have two children—Emma, wife of Martin Gergen, and William, who married Miss Ella Higgins, Sept. 28, 1897, and now occupies the home farm south of town. William was educated at Cotner University, Lincoln, and is a member of the W. O. W. order. R. H. Pritts is a member of the W. O. W., A. O. U. W. and K. & L. of S. orders.

J. H. Overman

Among Stella's most progressive business men is J. H. Overman, the present postmaster. Since the founding of Stella, he has been identified with her best interests and is one of those who may be relied upon to favor any measure for the up-building of the town. He has built especially for the post office, one of the neatest and most convenient brick buildings in this part of the state. James Harvey Overman was born in Clark county, Ind., Jan. 10, 1852, his parents moving west soon after. They first came to Mills county, Iowa, but after a few months moved to Rockport, Mo., his father being identified with some of the events which made the early his-

CITY RESIDENCE OF R. H. PRITTS

tory of Atchison county. In 1858, Mr. Overman moved with his family to



POSTMASTER J. H. OVERMAN

St. Deroin until the civil war broke out in 1862, when Mr. Overman, Sr., enlisted and moved his family to St.



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Joseph for greater safety. It was here that J. H. received his education while his father fought. When the latter returned from the war he remained in St. Joe for several years, working at his trade of coopering. In 1868 J. H. occupied a position as clerk in the store of A. L. Kerr & Co., at St. Deroin. This position he held until the summer of 1872, when he accepted a similar position in the store of J. A. Campbell at Severance, Kan. He remained with this firm three years and then returned to St. Deroin and clerked for A. J. Ritter until 1879. On March 24, 1878, he was married to Miss Lucinda M. Thomas and the same year he received the appointment as postmaster at St. Deroin. In 1879 he went to Corning, Mo., and clerked for W. H. Hogrefe and later came to Stella, when the firm of Hogrefe & Roselius started a branch store here. In December, 1883, he leased the Florence hotel, which he conducted for five years. He then formed a partnership with M. H. Vandeventer and went into the mercantile business. At this time he was elected township treasurer, which position he held with honor until 1893, when press of other business compelled him to refuse the office. In 1897 the firm of Vandeventer & Overman dissolved and in 1898 he received the appointment of postmaster for Stella, which position he is now filling with credit to himself and the city. Mr. Overman is also interested in the telephone company of this place and is operator, the "central" being located in a room in the post office building.

Daniel Kroh

Daniel Kroh was born in Northumberland county, Pa., May 2, 1841, and in 1852 moved to Ogle county, Ill. In 1872 he came to this county. He owns eighty acres, well improved, one and a half miles west of Stella which he rents to Theodore Weaver. Mr. Kroh purchased the Tappe residence and moved to Stella last year. He married Miss Eve Dreiblebeis in Carroll county, Ill., May 27, 1866, and they have six children—Sara Adeline, wife of Alvin Wixon; Saphronia L., wife of Robert Wood, jr.; Fanny Agnes, wife of Lou Gergen; Edward E., Daniel S. and Minnie F., at home. Mr. Kroh served three years in Co. E, 92nd Ill. Inf.

FARM RESIDENCE OF R. H. PRITTS

S. B. Griffith

Of all the personalities one meets in Stella there is, perhaps, but one that a person never forgets. A ten minute conversation with Silas B. Griffith will so impress his characteristics and eccentricities upon one that he will be remembered as long as memory lasts. There never was another genius like him, with his droll humor, his eloquence and his never-failing good nature. A stranger meeting him is surprised to find such a ready command of fine language in one whose appearance would not indicate it—for his wearing apparel is one of "Doc's" eccentricities. Silas B. Griffith was born March 3, 1833, in Bucks county, Pa., and continued to reside there until 1858, when he moved to Lee county, Ill. Five years later he settled in Pawnee county, Nebr., and after a residence of five years there he moved to his farm one mile west of Stella. One corner of his farm is inside the corporation and on this corner he built in 1888. He is the possessor of 312 acres of land, all well improved and while still living on his farm he was elected assessor of Porter precinct for three years. Mr. Griffith married Miss Annie B. Kocher, in 1857, in Luzerne county, Pa., and they have five children living—Allie, wife of Herschel Smiley, now living in Colorado; Henrietta, wife of Erastus Bockock, now in Oklahoma; Elmer, Will and Albert, all living in this vicinity. Mr. Griffith is a K. of P.

Capt. A. E. Evans

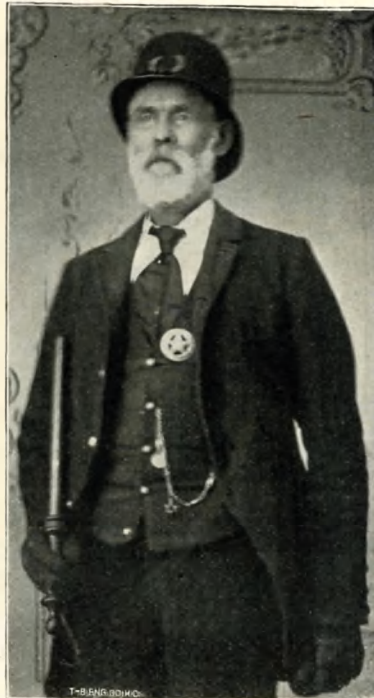
The dignity and soldierly bearing of our city marshal make him a conspicuous figure on our streets. His uniform becomes him well and under his rule our streets have been models of cleanliness, no matter what the weather. Amos E. Evans was born Feb. 14th, 1824, in Licking county, O., and lived there the greater part of his life. His first move was made in 1865, when he went to Madison county, Indiana, living there two years. Between the years 1867 and 1883, he resided in McLain county, Ill., and Sumner, Miami, Lynn and Franklin counties, Kan. In 1876 he was marshal for one year at Osawatamie, Kan., and in



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FARM RESIDENCE OF J. Q. GARDNER

1883 he came to the vicinity of Dawson in this county. In 1888 he was marshal of Verdon one year and in 1890 went to Pawnee and farmed for three years. In 1893 he came to this vicinity and six years later purchased his home on Vine street. He has been the efficient emissary of the law here since March 1, 1900, and has proven a most popular marshal. Mr. Evans was married Nov. 25, 1865, to Miss Emmerine Sourwine, in Madison county, Ind., and they have four children—Ellen, wife of Chas. Hesser, living at Stillwater, O. T., John H. and George W., living near Stella, and May Belle, who is at home. Capt. Evans' war record is an interesting one. He enlisted as 1st sergeant, March 15, 1861, in Co. A, 4th O. Inf., for ninety days. In Nov., 1861, he re-enlisted as 1st sergeant in Co. F, 48th Ind., and served four years and three months in the Army of the Cumberland, being promoted to captain just before he was mustered out. He was wounded twice, being shot once through the left leg and once through the left shoulder.



CAPT. A. E. EVANS

John Gardner

A person in this vicinity who wants to show a stranger the prettiest residences in the country near Stella, is careful to drive by the Gardner home. A neat and industrious farmer, Mr. Gardner takes pains to have his whole place look as well kept and attractive as possible. John Q. Gardner was born April 26, 1859, in DeKalb county, Ind., where he lived until he came to Nemaha county, Nebr., in 1880. The next year he bought 280 acres where he now lives, five and a half miles southwest of Stella, 110 acres of which he sold to Lou Gergen last year. Mr. Gardner was treasurer of Porter township for two terms. He married Miss Mary A. Gergen, of Humboldt, Feb. 5, 1884, and they have one daughter—Lola Elma. Mr. Gardner is a member of the A. O. U. W.

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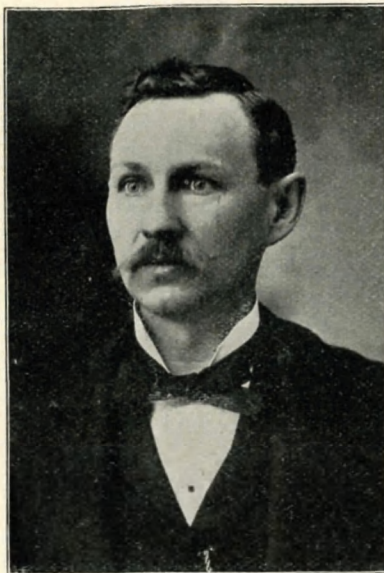
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FARM RESIDENCE OF S. B. GRIFFITH



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DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT OF E. F. GOOD & CO.



E. F. GOOD

E. F. Good & Co.

The firm of E. F. Good & Co. has only recently been established, beginning business under that title on January 1st of the present year. Both members of the firm, however, have been here for some years and both have had considerable experience in the mercantile business. The first of February the new firm bought the stock of C. H. Thomas and their store now occupies the two fine large rooms in the R. A. Clark block, each 22x80 feet, the groceries, hardware and furniture occupying one and the dry goods, shoes, notions and clothing departments, the other. They carry a large and well selected stock and are ably assisted in attending to the wants of their customers by Mr. Willis Lytle. Very few of Stella's business men are native Nebraskans. E. F. Good, the senior member, is one of these, however. He is a wike-awake business man and one of the most popular merchants in Stella. His efforts to please

his customers and keep pace with the latest demands of fashion have brought him a large trade. Elmer F. Good was born in Nemaha county, Jan. 8, 1865, and was educated at the common schools and the State Normal at Peru. At the age of eighteen he left the home on the farm and taught school for two years, after which he was cashier in a bank at Brock for six years. He came to Stella in 1896 and opened a stock of clothing and furnishing goods in the Utz building, which burned the next spring. He then moved into the Malone & Davis building on the east side of the street and later occupied the Hull building until the R. A. Clark block was finished, when he moved into his present elegant quarters and added to his line a fine stock of dry goods and notions. Mr. Good was married to Miss Rua Valentine, of Anderson, Iowa, Dec. 8, 1892, two children being born to them—Ethel D., and Wilma. Mr. and Mrs. Good have just moved into their handsome new residence on Main street, a cut of which appears on page 3 of this book, which he built at a cost of \$2,500. Mr. Good is a member of the M. W. A. W. S. Wilsey, the junior member of the firm, was

born in Schoharie county, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1867, and moved to Pawnee county, Nebr., with his parents the following year. He lived on a farm near DuBois until 1892, when he became a clerk in the mercantile establishment of James Richardson in that town. He came to Stella in 1895 and clerked for W. R. Wyatt for three years, when he purchased an interest in the Cash Bargain House, the firm members being E. F. Good, C. H. Thomas and W. S. Wilsey. The latter sold his interest to C. H. Thomas and returned to Wyatt's store where he clerked for eight months, when he purchased an interest in E. F. Good's store, the firm name now being E. F. Good & Co. He was married to Miss Kittie Montgomery, March 23, 1898. He is a most exemplary young business man, and is a member of the M. W. A.

A. B. Davidson

Austin B. Davidson owns his farm of 120 acres four miles northwest of Stella, and is one of our most respected



W. S. WILSEY



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GROCERY DEPARTMENT OF E. F. GOOD & CO.

farmers. He was born in Pike county, Ind., April 23, 1856, and in 1864 went to Atchison county, Mo. In 1877 he moved to Nemaha county and the next year he purchased his present farm. He married Miss Minerva Dressler, of Nemaha, Sept. 14, 1880, and they have four children — Leslie, Nellie, Myra and Floyd, all at home. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

John Banker

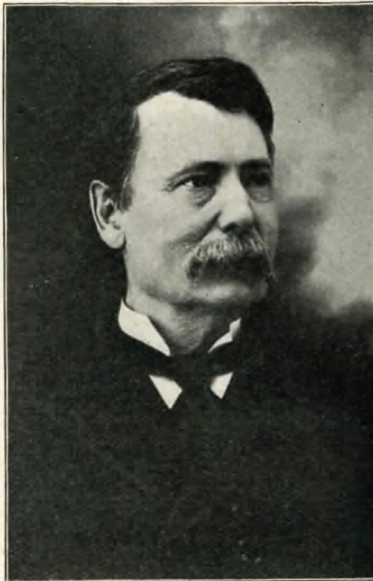
Nearly all the eastern states are represented among the citizens of our town and even Minnesota with her propensity to gobble up all the good things possible, has contributed her quota to our business men. Accustomed to a climate where it was necessary to hustle in order to keep warm, John Banker brought the energetic spirit and progressive methods into his mercantile establishment here and though a new comer, has won precedence rapidly among our merchants. Mr. Banker was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Feb. 3, 1860. He attended the public schools of New York and later received a diploma from the Lansingburg Academy, New York, to which state he had gone with his parents in 1861. In 1880 he went to Concordia, Kan., and clerked in a store for five years. He then went on the road for a queensware and glassware house of St. Joseph, and for eight years he continued a "knight of the grip." He came to Stella in January, 1900, and opened a "Racket" store in the Clark building on north Main street, but in a few months he moved into the Hull block. The room is 22x80 feet and every available inch of space is utilized in displaying the great variety of goods handled by this gentleman. Mr. Banker married Mary E. Henninger, of Concordia, Kan., April 12, 1887, and they have one son, John H. Mr. Banker is a member of the W. O. W.

Rev. S. A. Goldsmith

The present pastor of the Methodist church is a member of the Illinois conference, but is serving as supply on this charge. He came to Stella in 1899 and conducts services here each alternate Sunday. His excellent ser-



PHOTO BY WOODING INTERIOR OF THE RACKET STORE OF JOHN BANKER



REV. S. A. GOLDSMITH

mons attract many people who are not members, to his church, and he makes all feel cordially welcome. Rev. Goldsmith was born in Ontario and received his early education at the Normal school in Toronto. He is also a graduate from the Wesleyan University of Bloomington, Ill., and the Drew Theological Seminary, of Madison, N. J. He has received the degrees of M. A. and B. D. from these institutions of which he is now an alumnus. The Methodist church is one of the largest in the city and is seated with opera chairs.

Clark & Wirt

This firm is a late addition to the grain buyers of Stella. They came here last October from York, Nebr., and purchased the "Farmers" elevator and completely overhauled it. They put in new dumps for both ear and shelled corn, and it now has a capacity of 15,000 bushels. Mr. J. F. Clark manages the business here while Mr. Wirt lives at York and attends to his other elevators. Julius F. Clark was born in Hillsdale county, Michigan, March 23, 1856, and in 1867 moved to Freeport, Ill. In 1880 he went to York, Nebr., where he lived until 1894 when he went to Everett for four years. He returned to York in 1898, coming to this place last fall. He learned the butcher business in 1878 and followed it until 1890 when he went into the grain business. He married Miss Lucy A. Stubbs, Sept. 25, 1882, at York, Nebr., and they have three children, two girls and a boy. The family occupies the Grant property on Vine street. Mr. Clark is a member of the Macabees. George W. Wirt was born in Summit county, Ohio, March 18, 1847, where he resided until 1858 when he lived near Mendota, Ill., for seventeen years on a farm. In 1875 he went to York, Nebr., where he still lives. He has been in the grain business since 1882 and owns six elevators in the state. He is a widower and has one daughter—Lulu, who teaches school at Fairbury, in this state.



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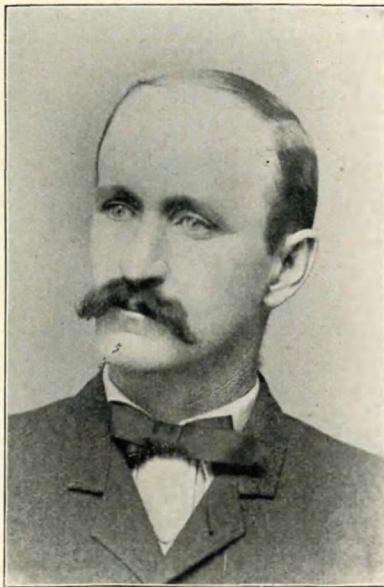


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OFFICE AND LUMBER YARD OF HAYS & LAWSON

Hays & Lawson

One of the solid and most successful business firms of Stella is Hays &



M. L. HAYS

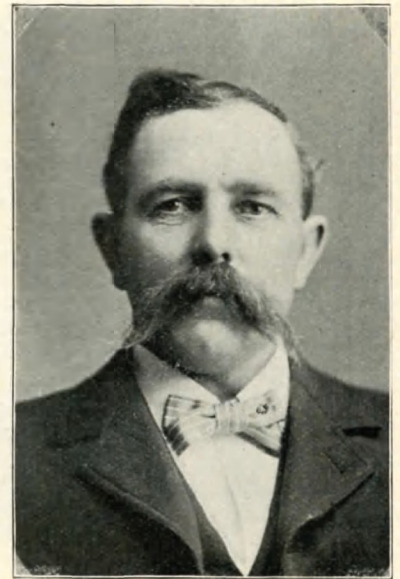
Lawson, proprietors of the lumber yard. The space occupied by their sheds is nearly an acre, and their stock is one of the largest in this part of the state, invoicing over \$7,000. Besides carrying a complete line of lumber, they deal extensively in coal, lime and cement. During the last year a large and convenient office building was erected, in which they are now located. M. L. Hays, the senior member of the firm, has had an eventful business history, and was one of the first men to make Stella his abode, coming here in 1884 and going into the lumber business with Al. Fowler. After two years, he went into the drug business which he carried on for about five years, and then went back into the lumber business with A. Graham. He has remained in this business ever since, but has changed partners several times—A. Graham selling to J. L. Hays and the latter to E. W. Law-

son, the present junior member. Mr. Hays also owns a half interest in the lumber yard at Shubert, and is the possessor of 40 acres of land one mile south of Stella. His residence on Elm street is one of the finest in our city. Besides attending to his numerous other duties Mr. Hays has been called on to serve the public in the capacity of councilman for four terms, which position he is now occupying. Michael L. Hays was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., Nov. 17, 1850, and with his parents came to Iowa in 1855, two years later moving onto the old homestead one and a half miles southeast of Stella, where he farmed and attended the common schools. He was married to Mrs. Mattie L. Walsh in February, 1886, and they have one son—Herbert M., who is attending school here; and Mrs. Hays has a daughter—Miss Margaret L. Walsh, a teacher in the public schools of this city. Mr. Hays is a member of the A. O. U. W. Mr. E. W. Lawson, the junior member of the firm, has also been closely identified with Stella's best interests for many years. He came here in 1887 and for four years presided over the schools successfully as principal. In 1891 he accepted the position of assistant cashier in the State Bank, which office he held with honor for three years. He then resigned and purchased a half interest in the lumber business at this place and Shubert.

He is a stockholder and director in the Stella Opera House Company, and is a member of the school board, his early training making him especially valuable in the management of school affairs. Elias W. Lawson was born in Harrison county, West Virginia, Feb. 9, 1857, and was educated at the State University of that State. He came to Dawson, Nebraska, in 1885, where he taught school two years before coming to Stella. He married Miss Grizell Page, at Dawson, Aug. 24, 1887, and they have one daughter—Ruth. Mr. Lawson is a Mason, and has been Worshipful Master; he is also a member of the A. O. U. W.

Karl Rauch

A. Karl Rauch was born in Turin-gen, Germany, Dec. 9, 1864, and came to America in 1888, settling near Humboldt, in this county. He now lives six miles west of Stella. He married Miss Matilda Fritsch, Dec. 15, 1890, and they have two boys. Mr. Rauch is an active member of the Modern Woodman order, and is a most progressive citizen.



E. W. LAWSON



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RESIDENCE OF M. L. HAYS

Eugene Allemand

In the territory contiguous to Stella there are quite a number of people who came from France to settle in America. Among them none have prospered more deservedly in their new homes than E. N. Allemand, who not only has an excellent farm of 560 acres, five and a half miles northeast of Stella, but is also the possessor of a nice residence in town. Eugene N. Allemand was born in Hunte Marne, France, May 16, 1836, and came to America in 1854, settling in Chicago where he worked at anything he could get to do for four years. The only schooling he was able to get was in his native land and even that was cut short by his having to go to work at the age of eleven years. After leaving Chicago in 1858, he went to St. Louis and after doing all sorts of work for some time finally became a chef in a restaurant. For the first time since coming to America he received wages commensurate with his labor and was able to lay by something. In 1860, he went to St. Joe where he followed his profession for two years, then he returned to St. Louis where he remained eighteen months, coming from that place to Aspinwall by boat in the fall of 1864. He was married to Miss Adelle Decuille, who was a native of Paris, at St. Louis in 1863. Together they came to Nebraska and settled on the farm which they still own. In 1890 a house was built in town and the family moved in but Mr. Allemand still continues to oversee his farm. There are four children—Georgiana, wife of Peter Monette; Leona, wife of A. E. Timerman; Frank and Grace who are at home.

J. W. Vaught

Born in Vermillion county, Ill., Feb. 13, 1871, Mr. Vaught came to Nemaha county, Nebr., with his parents in 1888. During that year the family tested the fertility of Nebraska soil and became so confident of its superior qualities that a farm was bought. In 1894, Wesley purchased a farm of eighty acres and cultivated it for five years, when he sold it and bought the drug stock of E. G. King.



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FARM HOME OF EUGENE ALLEMAND

After a few months trial he concluded that the hardware business was better suited to his taste and he disposed of

A. E. Camblin. He occupies a fine brick building 22x106 feet with large plate glass windows in front and a convenient tin shop in the rear. Mr. Vaught has not yet chosen a companion to "halve his sorrows and double his joys." He is a member of the local lodge of M. W. A. He is assisted in the store by his brother, Cloyd F. Vaught, who is a most efficient clerk.



J. W. VAUGHT

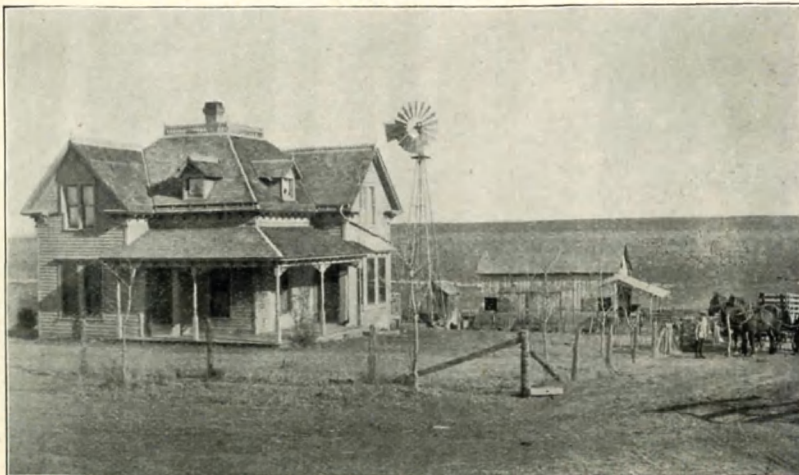
the drug store to A. E. Timerman and purchased the hardware stock of

T. E. Williams

Thomas E. Williams is one of the thrifty farmers of Prairie Union, and lives on a farm of eighty acres two and a half miles northeast of Stella. He was born in Breconshire, Wales, March 5, 1846, coming to Sauk county, Wisconsin, in 1852. In 1869 he came with his parents to where Verdon now is, part of his father's farm being in the present corporation. Mr. Williams lived in Red Oak, Iowa, from 1874 until 1886, carrying on a plumbing business. In 1886 he went to Plattsmouth, Neb., where he was in the oil business for six years, when he came to his present location. He married Miss Lizzie Evans, of Nemaha county, Oct. 16, 1878, and they have two daughters—Maggie A, wife of Arthur Ritchie, and Florence M., who is at home. Mr. Williams is very enthusiastic about the fruit industry.

Rice & Rice

This firm of father and son, are in the shoe and shoe repairing business. In April, 1898, T. R. Rice came to Stella and opened a repair shop, his father following in a few months. In September, they put in a stock of shoes. N. J. Rice was born in Trumbull county, O., March 31, 1837. In 1850 he went to Caldwell county, Mo., where he learned the trade of shoemaking of his father. He came to Falls City in 1894. He married Miss Kate C. Merchant in Kingston, Mo., May 30, 1867, and they have two sons—J. A., of Kansas City; and T. R. Mr. Rice was a member of Co. C, 4th Prov. E. M. N. T. R. Rice was born in Kingston, Mo., July 20, 1875, and is an upright young business man. He is single and lives with his parents at their neat home on Elm street.



RESIDENCE ON ALLEMAND FARM OCCUPIED BY P. MONETTE

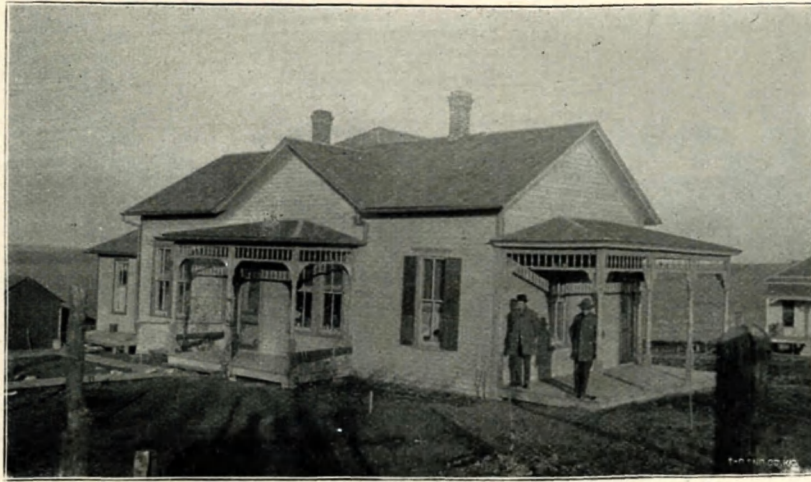


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John W. Wixon

Stella cannot boast very many old soldiers but that we are proud of those we have goes without saying. Mr. Wixon is one of them and he is not only a soldier but an excellent farmer as well. Through his industry and economy he has accumulated a competence and now owns 360 acres of good Nebraska soil. John W. Wixon was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1839, where he remained until 1854 when he went to Bureau county, Ill. He then moved to Bond county in the same state and after a short residence there, moved to Dakota county, Minn., in 1860. Three years later he returned to Illinois and after residing there five years, moved to Green county, Iowa. He remained there but a year when he came to Nemaha county, in July, 1869. He has lived in this vicinity ever since and in 1891, moved to Stella, where he has a pretty residence in the north part of town. He married Miss Almira Benson, in Henry county, Ill., Apr. 27, 1867, and they have six children—Alvin J., George E., William L., Frederick G., Samuel D. and Ida M., wife of Sherman Sayer, all living in this locality. Mr. Wixon enlisted in 1st Minn. Inf., Apr. 22, 1861, and served until the fall of 1863, when he was discharged for disability. He re-enlisted in the 4th Ill. Cav. in 1864 and served one year. Mr. Wixon's son, George, was a member of the 1st Nebr. in the war with Spain, and went as far as Honolulu when he was sent home on sick furlough. Mr. Wixon is a member of the Masonic order.

Theodore Schutz

Stella's only jeweler, Mr. Theodore Schutz, is strictly a Nebraska product, having been born in Brownville, July 22, 1864. At the age of seventeen he commenced his trade of watch repairing, which has been his constant employment since that time. His father was the first jeweler in the state, having put in a stock of jewelry at Nebraska City in 1856. Theodore Schutz came to Stella in February, 1886, and placed his bench in a window of the

RESIDENCE OF JOHN W. WIXON

Malone & Davis drug store which was then in the Hull building, where he



THEODORE SCHUTZ

remained until 1899, when he moved to his present location in the south window of the Timerman drug store.



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FARM RESIDENCE OF MORT GILBERT

In 1895 he added a neat stock of jewelry, watches and clocks, to his business of repairing, and has kept enlarging this until now he has a fine assortment in his line. No business man in Stella has a better reputation for honesty, and all who know him are his friends.

J. S. Mann

In John S. Mann, Stella has a horse milliner of which she may well feel proud. He has a shop equipped with up-to-date tools for making anything in the harness line, and carries a large stock of supplies of all kinds. Mr. Mann was born near St. Joe, Mo., Feb. 20, 1852, and in 1861 moved to Doniphan county, Kan., where he remained for eleven years, going into a harness shop to learn the trade in 1868. He lived for a short time in Colorado and also in Texas. He came to Stella in 1884. He was married to Miss Nannie Hoverson in Doniphan county, Kan., in 1890, and they have one daughter—Sibyl.

E. T. Lambert

Edward T. Lambert was born at Aspinwall, Dec. 24, 1863, his father having come to Nemaha county in 1859. Ed. lives on one of his father's farms five miles northwest of Stella. He married Miss Maggie J. Jones, April 27, 1888, and they have one son and two daughters.

Mort Gilbert

This gentleman is one of the neatest and most successful farmers in this section, and his farm always shows it as you pass by at any time of year. He has eighty acres one and a half miles southwest of Stella, nicely improved. Mortimer Gilbert was born in Henry county, Ill., Dec. 14, 1850, and came to his present location in 1881. He married Miss Susie Meer in 1871, at Green River, Ill., and they have one son, Fred L., who with his wife, is now making his home with them. Fred enlisted in the 1st Nebr. during our late war and served fourteen months in the Philippines.

C. D. Gentry

A native of the "Bluegrass State" who has wandered far from his "Old Kentucky Home" is Clifton D. Gentry, who was born in Madison county of that state, Nov. 22, 1844. In infancy he moved with his parents to Buchanan county, Mo., and afterwards lived in Andrew and Holt counties, until 1861, when he went to Colorado and located near Denver. In 1865 he came to Richardson county and began buying and shipping stock near Arago. When Stella started in 1882 he left there and bought the farm he still owns two and a half miles south of town, where he has 160 acres of fine land. Mr. Gentry has a nice home on his farm, the lumber for which came on the first freight train that brought supplies to the infant Stella. In 1900 he retired from active farming and moved to town, while his sons, Ed. and Henry carry on the farm work. He is both a Mason and an A. O. U. W. He was married to Miss Sarah E. Jones, Jan. 26, 1871, at Arago, and they have four children—Lee T., now living in Oklahoma; Charles Edward and Henry, on the farm; and Ninon C., who is at home.



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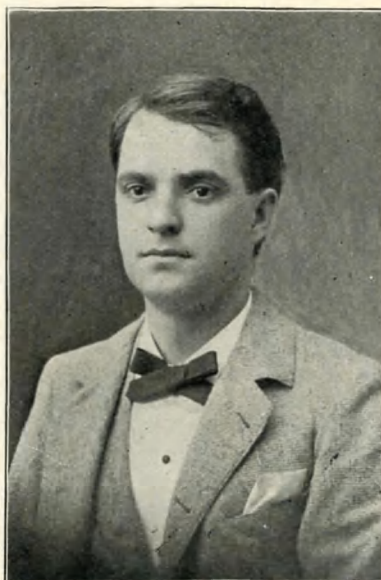
COTTAGES OF B. M. DERSTINE

was elected representative by the largest majority of any candidate in

tees. On August 24, 1898, Mr. Cain married Miss Minnie Haggard, a daughter of one of the pioneers of Nemaha county, Kans., and the possessor of great musical ability. She is not only an exquisite singer but is a master of the piano as well. Mr. and Mrs. Cain have one daughter, Helen Martha. Mr. Cain is a Mason, also a Knight Templar, being Worshipful Master of the local lodge. He is an orator of more than local note, having taken an active part in the political campaigns for the past five or six years. He is often called upon to make extemporary speeches upon many occasions.

J. R. Cain, Jr.

Although a young man, J. R. Cain, Jr., is pointed to as a model man and one whose example is well worthy of emulation. The people of Stella are especially proud to claim him as a fellow citizen. In both his business and social relations he is pleasant and agreeable and has made himself a general favorite. James Robert Cain, Jr., was born at Falls City, Nebr., August 4, 1876, and was educated at the public schools of that place. Soon after leaving school, the position of assistant cashier in the State Bank at this place being offered him, he accepted. For almost seven years he has held this position and discharged the duties pertaining thereto with the greatest efficiency. At the age of twenty-two he was elected mayor of our city, which position he filled with honor to himself and credit to the town and he served on the county republican central committee from 1897 to 1900. In November 1900, he



HON. J. R. CAIN, JR.

the county and enjoys the distinction of being the youngest member of the house. He is serving on five comrit-

B. M. Derstine

Benjamin M. Derstine is one of our few old-time apprenticeship tradesmen. He learned the tinner's trade at Aberdeen, O., by an apprenticeship of four years, and has been in charge of the tinshop at W. H. Wheeler's for the past ten years. He was born at Washington, Ky., May 3, 1837, and in infancy went with his parents to Aberdeen, O., where he lived until 1858, when he moved to Ripley, Ohio. On Sept. 30, 1868, he married Miss Amanda Bell, and in 1870 he moved to Dayton, O., where he lived until he came west in 1883. He first settled at Willis, Kan., at which place he remained until he came here in July, 1890. Mr. Derstine has an interesting war record, having enlisted in the 7th Ohio Cav. and served two years and ten months. He was made first duty sergeant and promoted to first sergeant, then advanced to 2nd Lieut. in command of Co. A, 7th O. V. C., serving in the Army of the Ohio and Wilson's Cavalry Corps, and was one of the officers in command of the guard which conducted Jeff Davis from Atlanta to Augusta, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Derstine are the parents of three children, two of whom are living: Chas. B., who enlisted in the regular army just before the outbreak of the Spanish war, and after six months service in the south was transferred to the hospital corps, and is at present chief clerk of the medical supply depot at Manila, P. I., his time expiring this month; Mary B., wife of Fred Wixon. Mr. and Mrs. Derstine own two neat cottages in the west part of the city.

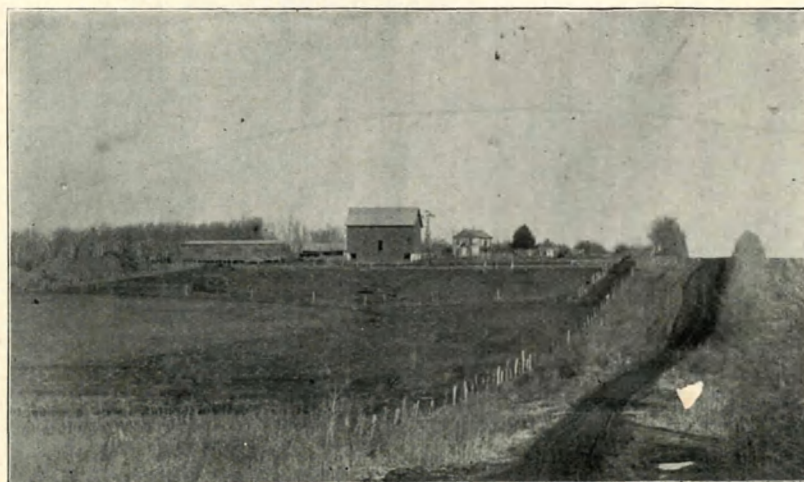


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FARM HOME OF C. D. GENTRY

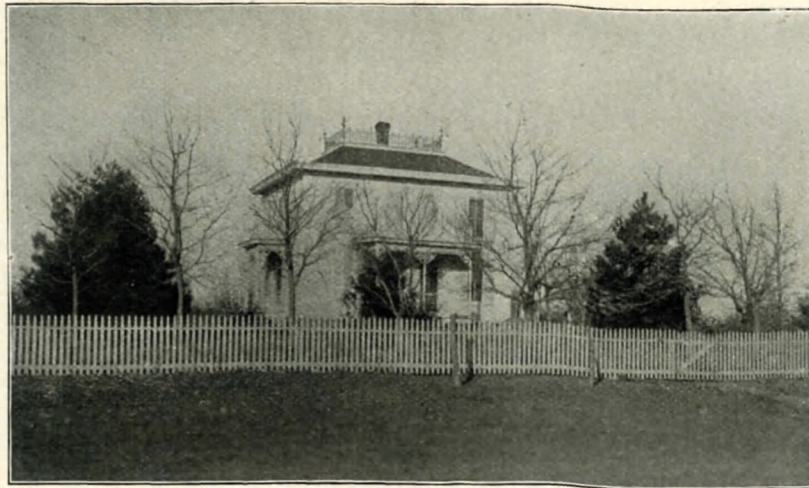


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FARM RESIDENCE OF ROMAIN TIMERMAN

Romain Timerman

Romain Timerman came to Richardson county by team from Illinois in 1868, and the same year he purchased and moved onto forty acres where his house now stands, four miles southeast of Stella. He has added to this until he now owns 240 acres of good land all in one body, and his improvements are among the best in the Muddy Center neighborhood. Mr. Timerman was born in Jefferson county, New York, Dec., 26, 1844, and in 1851 moved with his parents to Henry county, Ill., where he remained until he came to Nebraska. He enlisted in Co. B, 9th Ill. Cav., in August, 1861, and served four years and two months, being promoted to bugler. He was married to Miss Caroline Luckuck, of Henry county, Ill., in February, 1869, and they have three children—George, who lives one mile east of Stella, and Charley and Louis, both at home.

J. A. Vaught

John A. Vaught was born Feb. 26, 1849, in Vermillion county, Ill., and in 1888, came to Nebraska, buying the John Talbot quarter, two and a half miles west of Stella. He also owns the eighty north of Dan Kroh's farm. He was married to Miss Mary Tucker, of Vermillion county, Ill., in 1870, and they have four children—Wesley, who is in the hardware business in Stella; Cloyd, who clerks for Wesley; Dora, w.ife of Jake Robinson, of Oklahoma; and Carrie, who is at home.

Dr. A. W. Montgomery

One of the most popular among our young professional men is Dr. A. W. Montgomery. Always genial and with a faculty of looking on the bright side of things the Doctor has a wide circle of friends. He has a neat office fitted up in the R. A. Clark block on the north side, and has a good practice. Asa Witter Montgomery was born in Nemaha county, Nebr., Nov. 1, 1872, and came to this county in 1889, and was a graduate from the High school

of this place in that year. He then attended Rush Medical College at



DR. A. W. MONTGOMERY

Chicago, graduating from this in 1896. He then practiced his profession at Watson, Mo., for a year, and then a



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FARM HOME OF JOHN HOLLAND

year at Pleasant Hill, Nebr. He located in Stella two years ago. He is a member of both the Masonic and M. W. A. orders.

J. J. Warfield

Although from Missouri this gentleman doesn't have to be "showed" when it comes to painting or paperhanging. He has been in this business here since 1882, with the exception of two years when he was in Oklahoma. He is now serving on the city school board. Jefferson J. Warfield was born in Smithville, Mo., April 25, 1848, where he lived until 1868, when he went to Atchison county for four years. In 1872 he learned his trade at Leavenworth, Kan., and worked as a journeyman painter in almost every state in the Union, until he came to Stella. He married Miss Grace Cross at Lenora, Mo., in 1869, who died two years later, leaving a son, who is now in Billings, Mont. Mr. Warfield married Miss Maggie Jones of this place in June, 1891, and they have three sons. They own their home and seven lots on Main street.

J. H. Holland

John H. Holland is one of the most substantial farmers who live in the vicinity of Stella. He is comfortably situated on a choice 160-acre farm four miles southwest of this place. The farm is well improved with a commodious house, large barn and other outbuildings. Mr. Holland was born in Jo Davis county, Ill., Dec. 27, 1844, and in the spring of 1866 he went to Omaha. He lived there and at Council Bluffs and Red Oak, Iowa, until 1871, when he came to this county and purchased the farm upon which he now lives. In 1877 he rented his place and went to Russell county, Kan., where he farmed until 1891, when he returned to his Richardson county home, living here since. He still owns 640 acres in Russell county, Kan. Mr. Holland served as assessor of that county while there. He married Miss Mary F. Crook, of near Salem, Feb. 8, 1880, and they have two sons and two daughters, all at home. Mr. Holland served in the civil war in Co. A, 15th Ill. Inf.

J. L. Hays

Away back in 1857 this gentleman came to Muddy precinct and he has lived here and "grew up" with the country. He is now numbered among the wealthiest of our citizens, owning 800 acres of this rich soil in one body, the nearest point being only a mile south of Stella. He has one of the most beautiful farm homes in this part of the state, with natural timber and a picturesque artificial lake at the foot of the hill upon which the house stands, filled with the finny tribe. The house is large and well kept and there is a fine large barn with yards, sheds, etc., for the economical feeding of stock, which business Mr. Hays has been more or less engaged in for years. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., Sept. 21, 1841, and in 1857 came with his parents to the homestead now owned by him. The Hays place was one of first to be settled in the county and was known all over the state by the early traveler. Mr. Hays married Miss Viola Freed, Jan. 19, 1883, and they have two daughters—Gertrude and Nevada. Mr. and Mrs. Hays moved to Council Bluffs last fall for the purpose of giving the girls a better chance for higher education.



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FARM RESIDENCE OF J. L. HAYS

High School. Five years ago he went into the barbering business, learning

mick building opposite the Florence hotel. In 1898, he moved up on Main street in his present location and now has a neat two-chair shop. His brother, Sam, assists him on Saturdays. Mr. Wixon was married to Miss Mary B. Derstine, Nov. 7, 1894, at Stella, Nebraska. He belongs to the M. W. A. order. Mr. and Mrs. Wixon live in the Davis house on Elm street, and their friends are often entertained in the style characteristic of this popular couple.

George W. Smith

The well-making business is of considerable importance in this section and George W. Smith is past master in this line. He was born in Virginia, June 5, 1857, and went to southern Missouri. He came to the eastern part of this county in 1864. He married Miss Eunice Hudson at Arago in 1878, and they have five children—Lydia, wife of Ed. Workman; Rhoda, wife of Henry Klein, of Auburn; Charlie and two small girls at home.



FRED WIXON

the trade in the shop of Thomas & Grider and six months later he started a shop of his own in the Hel-

H. A. Creed

Two years ago Henry A. Creed moved into Stella and purchased the Kyes residence on north Elm street, where he now lives. He was born in Sangamon county, Ill., June 13, 1858, and came to this township in 1879, settling first on a farm three miles southwest of town in 1889, and sold it to Wesley Vaught a few years later. Since that time Mr. Creed has rented land until he came to Stella. He married Miss Laura F. Coons, Nov. 8, 1883, and they have one daughter—Edna B.

Fred Wixon

As an example of "home production" Fred G. Wixon is "Simon pure," he having been born four miles north of Stella, August 13, 1872, and having lived in this vicinity ever since. He moved into Stella with his parents in 1889, and was educated at the Stella

Peter Kesler

Peter Kesler was born Jan. 25, 1823, in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he lived until 1856 when he moved to Somerset county. In 1881 he came to what was then known as Dorrington, one mile and a half west of where Stella now stands. He came to Stella when the town started and built the house where he now lives in the east part of town. He worked at the carpenter trade until 1884, when he retired from active labor. He enlisted in Co. K, 2nd Maryland Inf., September, 1861, and served two years and three months in the Army of Virginia. In 1844 he married Miss Elizabeth Lenhart, and six children were born to them, three of whom are living. In 1853 his wife died and in 1855 he married Miss Susana Stephanus, who died in 1858 leaving two children. Mr. Kesler then married Mrs. Juliana McClosky. They had five children—Wesley, Emma, wife of L. Ellinger; Lydia, wife of John Porter, of California; Harman, who also lives in California, and one dead.

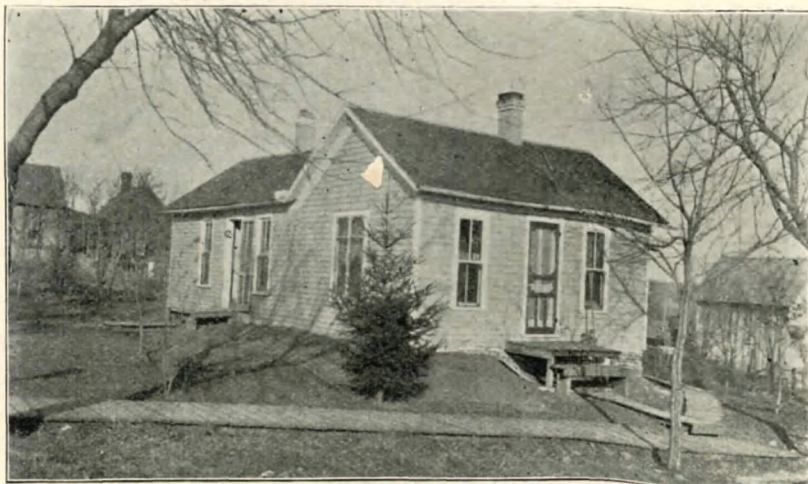


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RESIDENCE OF A. J. BALDWIN



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FARM RESIDENCE OF MRS. W. R. YOUNG

Mrs. W. R. Young

As one drives southwest into the Mount Hope neighborhood, he is especially impressed by the elegant farm home of Mrs. W. R. Young. W. R. Young was one of the oldest settlers, having come to near Verdon in 1868 and he moved onto the present family place of 160 acres, in 1887. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, Aug. 6, 1843 and died Oct. 18, 1900. Mrs. Carrie Young, was born in Mohaska county, Iowa, Dec. 10, 1851, and came to Barada township in this county in 1867 with parents. She married Mr. Young Feb. 22, 1872, and there are eight children—Nettie, who is one of faculty of the college at Clinton, Ky.; Floyd, who lives at Joplin, Mo.; Myrtle, who teaches music at Joplin; Howard, William, Minnie, Clifford and Carrie, all at home.

J. R. Brockman

Here is one of Richardson county's pioneers, having arrived here August, 1860, by team from Illinois, in company with James Shrader. He settled half a mile west of Porter Center school house where he is still located, and is one of that township's most respected citizens. He was married to Mrs. Glafey J. Shrader in Porter township, Feb. 28, 1869. James R. Brockman was born in Athens, Ill., March 10, 1839, and he lived in that vicinity until he came to Nebraska. J. R. and N. S. Shrader, who live near, are stepsons of Mr. Brockman. The former owns a 40-acre farm adjoining his father on the north, while N. S. rents part of his father's quarter section.

Dr. G. V. Allen

This gentleman is one of Stella's latest acquisitions, as he moved here and hung out his sign in January of this year. He has fitted up elegant office rooms in the R. A. Clark block, and has been having a good practice since his arrival. George V. Allen was born in Johnson county, Mo., July 24, 1872, but in infancy moved to Pennsylvania, where he lived until he

went to Pawnee county, Nebr., in 1886. He received his education at the



DR. G. V. ALLEN

academy in Pawnee City, then moving to Topeka, where he graduated from the Kansas Medical College,

standing second in a large class. In 1898, he located in Murray, Nebr. where he enjoyed a successful practice until he came here. His reason for coming to Stella was to obtain a wide field than Murray afforded. He was married to Miss Clara McDonald, of Topeka, May 25, 1898. Mr. Allen is Modern Woodman of America.

Peter Allen

J. Peter Allen was born in Davie county, N. C., May 30, 1852, and came to Nemaha county in 1886, where he lived until he came here in 1891. He is now employed at Clark & Wirt's elevator, and owns his home in the eastern part of the city. He married Miss Charlotte Adams in Indiana, Feb. 11, 1875, and they have nine children

J. R. Spivey

James R. Spivey was born March 31, 1840, in Indiana, and moved with his parents to Rock Island county, Ill., in 1849. He remained at home, going to school part of the time, until he attained his majority when he went to Mercer county and purchased a farm, in 1864. The next year he sold this farm and bought another in Henry county where he continued to work his farm until 1883, when he retired from active labor. In 1890, he came to Nebraska, having previously purchased the two farms near Stella now occupied by John Spivey and Jeff. Robb. The same year he built his fine residence on north Main street. Mr. Spivey has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united in marriage in Sept. 1861, was Miss Edith Dusenbury and they had four children—James, who lives at New Windsor, Ill.; John, who lives south of town; Alice, wife of Jeff. Robb west of town; Jane, wife of Chas. Rinker of St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Spivey died in 1874, and Mr. Spivey's second marriage was with Miss Isadore Goodhue and they have two children living—Elias, who lives at Almira, Mo., and Clark, who is at home. Mr. Spivey was a soldier, having enlisted in Co. C 102nd Ill. Inf. in August 1862, and served seventeen months in the Army of the Cumberland.



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RESIDENCE OF J. R. SPIVEY

H. E. Clark

In an early day, long before Stella was thought of, the land upon which our thriving city stands was only part of a large and productive farm owned by J. W. Clark. In his capacity as agent for his father in this section, H. E. Clark was living near where Howe is now located when the project of building a town here was first discussed. With his usual energy and promptitude, Mr. Clark came to Stella to look after his father's interests and has ever since been one of our foremost citizens. His early residence here makes him one of our pioneers and as such he is acquainted, one might say, with everyone who has come and gone, in the years since Stella was founded. His business ability has won for him a competence and a prominent position in affairs, while his kindness and geniality have made him a favorite guest at any social gathering. Harry E. Clark was born July 26, 1861, at West Covington, Ky., and received his education at the common schools of that place and Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1874 he went to Connecticut and remained two years with his grandmother. He then went to Fayette county, Ill., where he remained about eighteen months, when the Western fever took him to Miami county, Kansas, in 1878. The following year he went to Brown county and in 1880 came to Howe, Neb., where he was living when Stella started. In 1882 he came to this place and besides being his father's manager of affairs here, his business has been buying, selling and improving lands, buying and shipping grain, and he is also a notary public. Mr. Clark was in the lumber business from 1883 to 1888. He has 1700 acres of land in Richardson county, in which is included many of our finest farms, all of them being well improved and many of them provided with good buildings. He also owns 460 acres of the good soil of the Sunflower state and 360 acres in Fayette county, Illinois. His home in Stella is one of the prettiest in town and he has several other properties which he rents including one business house. Mr. Clark married Miss Blanche E. Monod, of Sabetha, Kan., Dec. 18th, 1885, and they have three children, two girls and a boy. Mr. Clark is a



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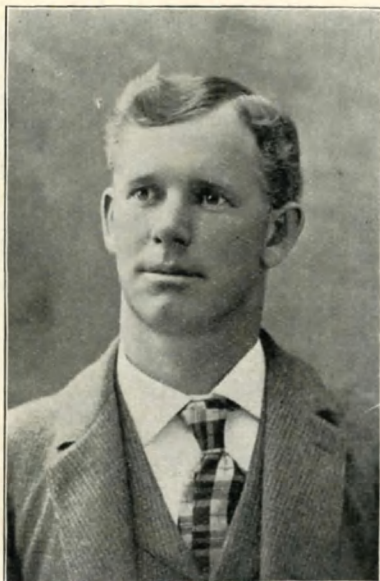
RESIDENCE OF H. E. CLARK

K. of P. and a Shriner Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Clark enjoy the reputation

their delightful home is sure to be a very merry one.

Lou. Mourer

Luther M. Mourer was born in Union county, Pa., Feb. 21, 1856, and in 1875 went to Hancock county, Ohio, where he lived for seven years. He came to Stella and farmed near here for five years, when he moved to town and in 1889 he started a dray line here. Three years later he sold this and went to Oklahoma for three years. He then returned to Stella and bought the dray business of John Tolley, which he still owns and operates. He owns his home on Elm street. He married Miss Ida A. Logan, of Hancock county, O., in 1880, and they have five daughters and a son. The oldest daughter, Katie, is now attending the conservatory of music at Lincoln. Mr. Mourer is an A. O. U. W. and M. W. A.



H. E. CLARK

of being the most liberal entertainers in our city and an evening passed at

W. P. Montgomery

One of the most industrious farmers in the vicinity of Stella is W. Perry Montgomery, who owns an 80-acre farm three miles northwest of this place. He was born in White county, Indiana, July 31, 1844, and came to Nebraska in 1865, living on rented land in the northern part of Nemaha county for four years, when he purchased his present farm. He married Miss Lavina Armstrong in Nemaha county, in January, 1877, and they have six children—four girls and two boys. Katherine, one of the daughters, is attending school at Auburn. Mr. Montgomery is an A. O. U. W.

John O'Brien

Among Stella's carpenters is John H. O'Brien, who was born May 1, 1858, in Peterboro, Canada. He came to Falls City in 1872 where he lived eight years. He came to Stella in 1890. He was married to Miss Sarah O'Donnell in February, 1881, and they have eight children—four boys and four girls. Mr. O'Brien owns his home in the east part of town and is a member of the Fraternal Union.



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H. E. CLARK'S FARM OCCUPIED BY GEO. DAVIS

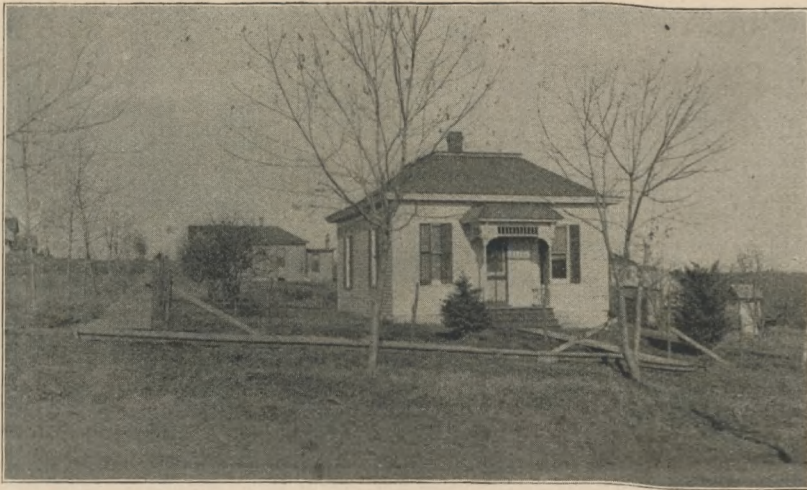


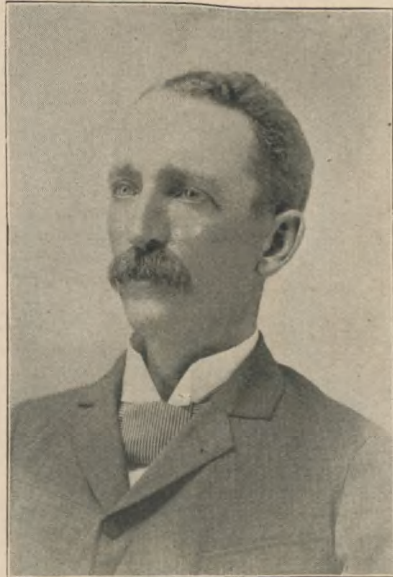
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RESIDENCE OF L. G. CIPHERS

L. G. Ciphers

Lewis G. Ciphers was born in Ashland county, Ohio, Oct. 15, 1843, and in 1851 removed with his parents to Davis county, Iowa. When the war broke out he was among the first who enlisted, going as a private in the 3rd Iowa Cav. For four years and one month he battled for the Northern cause and was three times wounded, and a prisoner for two months. Mr. Ciphers learned the trade of blacksmithing in Guthrie county, Iowa, in 1865. On March 26, 1867, he married Miss Elizabeth A. Clinton, of Fairfield, Iowa. In 1878 Mr. Ciphers opened a blacksmith shop at Salem, Nebraska, which he operated until he came to Stella in 1882. From that time until March, 1898, he was one of Stella's most popular blacksmiths, but failing health at that time compelled him to abandon the bellows and anvil. Mr. Ciphers has twice served as township treasurer to the perfect satisfaction of the people and at the last election was made assessor of Muddy township. He owns his residence and two other cottages which he rents. He also owns the blacksmith shop run by R. E. Huff. Mr. Ciphers is a member of the Masonic and A. O. U. W. orders.

in a barn south of the Florence Hotel, at which place he boards. He was



L. F. GILBERT

born in Rock county, Wis., Jan. 27, 1854, and in 1857 went to Clayton

G. H. Timerman

George H. Timerman owns an eighty one mile east of Stella, which he purchased of J. W. Coons in 1894. Mr. Timerman is a Richardson county product, having been born only a few miles from Stella, Nov. 13, 1869. He married Miss Lena Krug, Feb. 28, 1894, and they have one daughter.

L. F. Gilbert

Good horses and mules have nearly as much to do with the successful cultivation of the farm as the farmers themselves. L. F. Gilbert is directly interested in the breeding of fine horses, as he is the owner of "Hazlemar," one of the best Hambletonian stallions in this part of the state, and he also owns a Mammoth Kentucky jack. Mr. Gilbert keeps his animals

county, Iowa. He went to California in 1884, and in 1894 came to Stella. He is a single man.

Eli Knapp

Eli Knapp was born in Potter county, Pa., June 11, 1849, and in 1862 went to Wisconsin with his parents. After a year he moved to Minnesota, where he remained until 1870 when he came to Nebraska. A year later he returned to Minnesota and worked in the pine woods four years, and then farmed four years. He came to this vicinity again and rented land until he purchased the eighty now owned by Jason Timerman. He sold this to August Moritz and purchased the 20-acre farm now owned by Will Paul, afterward selling it to Wm. Holman. In 1895 he purchased his present farm of 143 acres of T. G. Ferguson, and he has since improved it with a good house and other buildings. The farm is situated two and a half miles north of Stella. Mr. Knapp married Miss Rosa B. Lake, of Olmstead county, Minn., April 8, 1876, and they have three children—Guy G., Roy and Fay. Mr. Knapp is an A. O. U. W.

Charles Shafer

One of our solid citizens is Charles Shafer, who was born in Mahoney county, Ohio, March 30, 1843. He removed with his parents to Trumbull county in infancy, where he resided until 1862. In 1865 he went to Alabama for six months and then went to Pennsylvania for a few months. From that time until 1871 he worked in Peoria county, Ill., coming to Nebraska in the spring of that year, and purchasing a quarter section of land four miles northwest of Stella. By his industry, thrift, and economy his original 160 acres has increased to 367 acres of the best property a man can own—Nebraska soil. He has a fine house on the farm and he also owns two neat cottages in town. Mr. Shafer enlisted in Aug. 1862, at Warren, O., in Co. B, 105th O. Inf. and served until June, 1865. He was severely wounded in the leg at Chicamauga and was twice taken prisoner, being paroled each time. Mr. Shafer is a single man.



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COTTAGES OF CHARLES SHAFER

D. A. Shufelt

Daniel A. Shufelt was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., Dec. 15, 1851, and in 1860 went to Wisconsin where he stayed until 1870, when he returned to New York. He came to Nebraska in 1881. He married Mrs. Mary J. Bush, Aug. 26, 1888, and they own their farm of 120 acres five miles southwest of Stella. Mr. Shufelt is an honest, upright citizen, and is a member of the A. O. U. W.

Dr. J. A. W. Hull

Stella's pioneer physician is Dr. Joseph A. W. Hull, who was born at Covington, Ind., March 11, 1857, moving with his parents to Brownville, Nebr., in 1869. After six months his father settled on a farm west of Falls City. Joseph studied medicine under the direction of Dr. Shaw of Falls City and then graduated from the Medical College of Ohio, at Cincinnati in 1880, at the age of 23, after which he practiced for two years at Salem. When Stella started he came here and put up the fourth building in the town, near the corner opposite the Florence Hotel, to be used by him as a drug store. His practice was so large, however, that he sold the drug business to Malone & Mason in 1884, since which time he has devoted all of his attention to the practice of his profession. He now owns the south half of the brick block on Main street occupied by the Racket store below and his office rooms above. This was the first brick business building put up in Stella, being built by him in 1883. Dr. Hull has taken a post-graduate course in New York and also one at London, England. He owns several valuable properties in Omaha and 320 acres of land near Oklahoma City, O. T., and is a heavy stockholder in the State Bank of Stella and Merchants and Farmers Bank of Shubert. He was married to Miss Lavina Biggerstaff, of Plattsburg, Mo., Oct. 11, 1882, and she died on Feb. 8, 1892. He was married in May, 1896, to Miss Byral Hays, of Stella, who has a wide reputation as a singer and is a general favorite wherever she appears in public. Dr. Hull is a Mason, belonging to the



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FARM RESIDENCE OF D. A. SHUFELT

chapter and the commandery, and has held the office of Worshipful Master

at the birth of the first child born in the town.



DR. J. A. W. HULL

here for two years. As the pioneer physician of Stella, Dr. Hull presided

"Squire" Shrader

Henry C. Shrader was born Feb. 17, 1832, and moved in infancy to Henry county, Indiana. In 1839, he moved again, locating in Blackford county where he lived until 1850. In that year he moved to Rush county and after a residence of six years there went to Marion county. He landed in Nebraska, Feb. 17, 1869, his first location being within four miles of Barada where he farmed until Stella started when he came here, March 2, 1882. He owns his home on 5th street and a house in the east part of town. He married Miss Martha Overhizer in Blackford county, Ind., May 1, 1857, and she died March 16, 1880. There are five children—Ida, wife of W. D. Elmore of near Humboldt; Emma, Belle, Harvey and John.

M. W. Knapp

Stella's dairyman, Miles W. Knapp, is among the old settlers of this country, having come here in 1870. He was born in Potter county, Pa., Sept. 28, 1847, where he lived until 1862, when he went to Wisconsin, after a few months moving to Minnesota, where he lived for nine years. He came with his father to Nebraska in the fall of 1870, and lived for a while at Nemaha, helping to break up the land wherever he could find work to do. He rented land for about eight years and in 1880 purchased his present farm, one mile north of Stella. For the past nine years, Mr. Knapp has supplied the Stella public with milk in all kinds of weather, making his rounds twice a day. His farm consists of 120 acres. Mr. Knapp is considered one of the substantial and public spirited citizens of the community and holds the responsible position of president of the school board. He was married to Miss Fanny Proctor in Muddy township, Oct. 2, 1873, and they have six children—Edward and John, who live in Nemaha county; Eli, who is a street car conductor in St. Louis; Bessie, Anna and Richard, all at home. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.



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FARM RESIDENCE OF M. W. KNAPP



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Wesley Kesler

For more than fourteen years this gentleman has presided over the Missouri Pacific section at this place. It goes without saying that he knows his business, or he would not hold his job, so anything more that we might say would be superfluous. He owns his home in the east part of town and is one of Stella's substantial citizens. He is an active member of the Masonic, I. O. O. F. and M. W. A. orders. Wesley Kesler was born in Somerset county, Pa., Aug. 28, 1859, and in 1878 went to Carroll county, Ill., where he remained until 1880, when he went into the dairy business at Freeport, Ill., for one year. In 1881 he came to Stella and worked on the railroad track for two years, after which he worked eighteen months in Metzger & Clark's mill at this place. He then accepted a position as foreman of the section at Huron, Kan., where he stayed sixteen months and was transferred to this place, where he has been ever since. He was married to Miss Mary E. Ladd, of this county, May 26, 1889, and they have one child living—an infant son.

Sam Jones

Samuel R. Jones was born in Gallia county, O., April 2, 1866, and in 1879 came with his parents to a farm one and a half miles southeast of Stella. He has lived in this vicinity since. For ten years he was employed in the lumber yard here and worked one year in the same business at Shubert. He clerked two years for J. F. Utz in his grocery and dry goods establishment here. Mr. Jones owns his home on Elm street and in his business of mason finds plenty to do. He married Miss Perle Coons, March 17, 1895, and they have two children—a boy and a girl.

Francis Clark

Probably Stella has no citizen more industrious and honest than Francis M. Clark, the cabinetmaker, whose

RESIDENCE OF WESLEY KESLER shop is just east of the Florence hotel. Mr. Clark is a finished workman, and



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FRANCIS CLARK'S SHOP has all he can do at all times. He was born in Whiteside county, Ill., Jan.

21, 1856, and moved with his parents to Jackson county, Iowa, in 1867. He worked at his trade in Milford, Kan., from 1884 till 1892, when he came to Stella. He first opened a cabinet shop on Main street, but a few years later he built his present room 14x16 feet, which makes him a pleasant place in which to work. Mr. Clark is single.

George Withee

Here, again, we have one of the oldest settlers of this country. In fact, George Withee, was one of the very first to come to this part of the state, arriving here in June, 1858. He was born in Washington county, O., Jan. 10, 1839, and in 1848 moved to Lee county, Iowa, where he lived two years and then went to Van Buren county, Iowa. In 1858 he came to Brownville, Neb. The next year he went out to the mountains as a "cattle puncher" going through the South Pass on the old government trail to Salt Lake. In 1865 he bought and "broke out" his farm of 160 acres one mile northwest of Stella. In 1885 he rented his farm and spent thirteen years in Yam Hill county, Ore. He married Miss Eliza A. Howe, of Nemaha City, Dec. 25, 1862, and they have six children living—Mary N., wife of Edgar Tarrant, in Mead county, S. D.; Lydia, wife of S. H. Graham of Portland, Ore.; Nora, wife of Frank Titus, Rapid City, S. D.; Albert, Fred and Alta, all in Yam Hill county, Oregon.

E. Monod

Edward Monod was born in Neuchatel, Switzerland, Sept. 19, 1832, and in 1857 he came to America, settling first in Dane county, Wis. He came to Stella in 1882. He enlisted in Co. K, 43rd Wis. Inf. in June, 1864, and served till the end of the war in the Army of the Cumberland. He married Miss Anna Meillier, of Switzerland, March 5, 1858, and they have nine children—Anna, wife of John Hawley of Madison, Wis.; Mary, wife of A. Mayhew, of Summerfield, Kan.; Isabelle, wife of Henry Wilson, of Great Falls, Mont.; Blanche E., wife of H. E. Clark, of Stella; Louise, wife of J. W. Jones, of Stella; Rose, Edward, Etta and John, all of St. Joe.

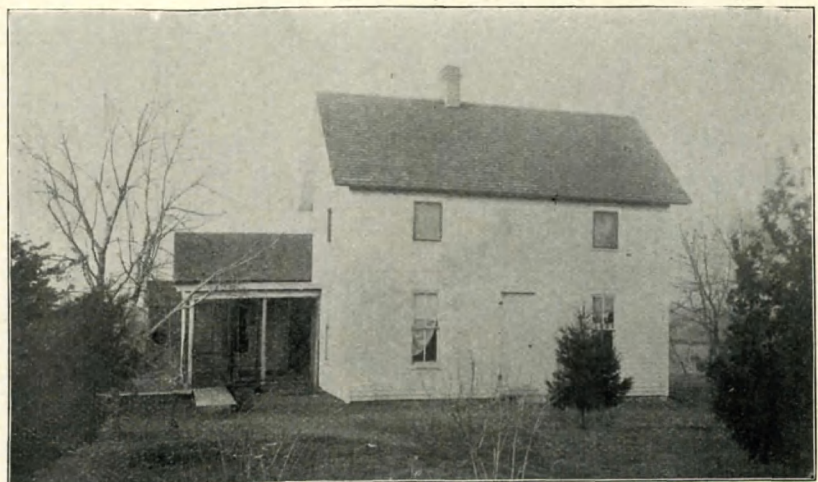


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H. E. CLARK'S FARM OCCUPIED BY JOHN JENKINS

Frank Timerman

One of the most popular and energetic farmers in the vicinity of Stella is Frank Timerman, who owns a fine farm of 160 acres three and a half miles southeast of Stella. He was born in Henry county, Ill., Oct. 24, 1858, and came with his parents to Richardson county in the spring of 1869, settling on the farm now owned by him. Being the youngest son he was left to carry on the farm after his father became too old for active work, and until the latter died in 1899 at the age of 78 years, Frank and his wife cared for him. Since his father's death Frank purchased the interest of the other heirs in the home farm. Frank Timerman was married to Miss Alvira Jones, of this township, Dec. 25, 1876, and they have five children—Lydia, wife of Chas. Noa; Lota, wife of Chas. Bright, and Amos, Minnie and Robert, at home. Mr. Timerman is a member of the A. O. U. W. order, and was road overseer in District No. 3 for five years until 1899, when he refused to serve longer.



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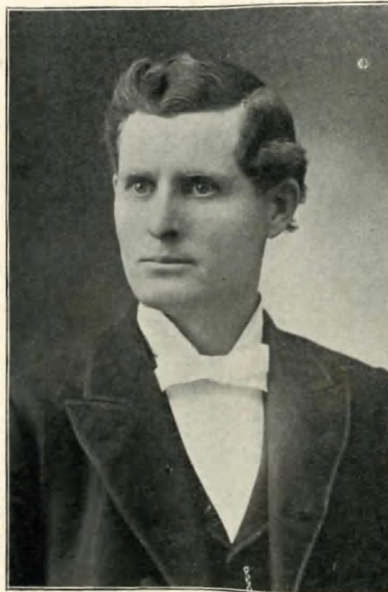
FARM RESIDENCE OF FRANK TIMERMAN

at the State University at Boulder, Col., from which institution he was

years in this state, the last two years being spent at Cotner University. He was married to Miss Emmaline Thomas, of Fillmore county, Nebr., May 10, 1885, and they have three sons. Rev. Wright is resident minister of the Christian church at Verdon and gives half of his time to the Stella church. The church here was organized by Rev. R. C. Barrow, the state evangelist, and the building was erected in 1883. The present membership is 104.

R. E. Huff

Rufus E. Huff was born August 11, 1870, in Bates county, Mo., and came to Brownville, Nebr., in 1873. In 1879 he went to Pawnee county. He lived three years each at Bern and Burlingame, Kan. He came to Stella and leased the Ciphers blacksmith shop in 1898, and is doing a good business there. He was married to Miss Gertie B. Gibbs, of this county, Jan. 17, 1891, and they have three sons and a daughter. Mr. Huff is a member of the M. W. A. order.



REV. A. K. WRIGHT

graduated in 1882. He came to Nebraska in 1885 and has preached fifteen

Robert Wood

One of the oldest settlers and most respected citizens of this part of the county is Robert Wood, who was born in Jefferson county, Ind., August 19, 1831, living there till he came to this county in 1870. He has 320 acres four miles south of Stella. In March last year he purchased the Sol. Jameson property on Main street and moved to town, leaving the farm in the care of his sons, Robt., Jr., and John. Mr. Wood married Miss Margaret McKeand, in February, 1858, and they have seven children—Robt., Jr., John, Lincoln of Oregon; Andrew of Indiana; and Jennie and Minnie, at home. He enlisted in Co. E, 40th Ind. Inf., Sept. 1864, serving nine months.

Rev. A. K. Wright

The pastor of the Christian church has done much to build up the local church and keep up the organization. He is a ready speaker and is much beloved by his congregation. Allen K. Wright was born in Pottawattomie county, Kan., May 15, 1861, and removed in infancy to Boulder county, Colorado, where he resided until his twenty-fourth year. He was educated

J. T. James

Here we have one of Muddy township's oldest settlers, one who has lived here since 1866. Jenkin T. James was born Nov. 13, 1852, in Breckonshire, South Wales, and at two years of age came to Pennsylvania with his parents, soon afterward moving to Meigs county, O. In 1866 he came to Muddy township in this county where he has lived ever since. In 1879 he purchased 120 acres, five and a half miles northeast of Stella, upon which he lived until 1899, when he sold it to J. L. Slocum for \$50 per acre and purchased the 240-acre farm of N. H. Low one mile south of Stella, which he has named "Village View," and upon which he has just built an elegant new house. He was married to Miss Margaret Thomas, May 3, 1880 and they have nine children—four boys and five girls.



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RESIDENCE ON "VILLAGE VIEW" FARM OF J. T. JAMES

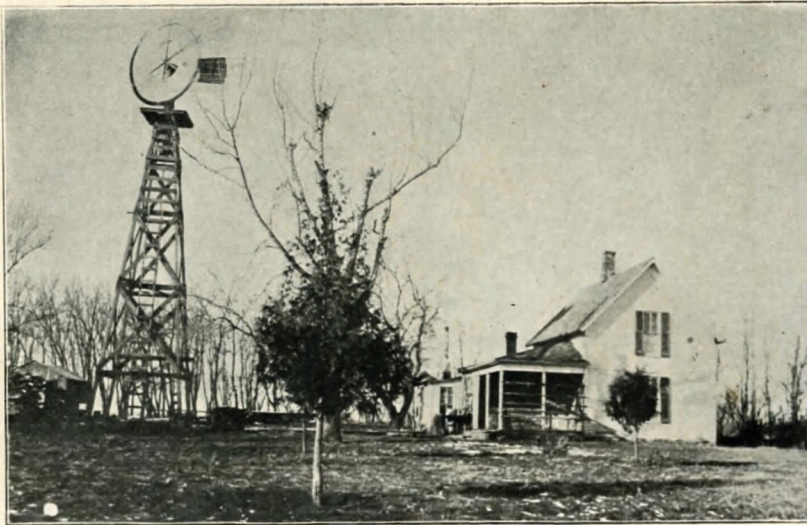


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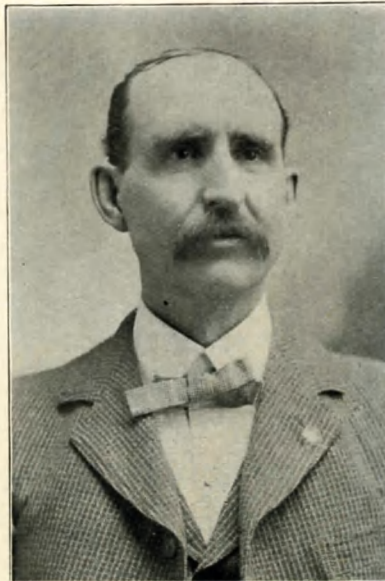
FARM RESIDENCE OF NORMAN SMILIE

Norman Smilie

For nearly thirty years Norman Smilie has watched the progress of Southeastern Nebraska, having come to this locality in 1872. He owns a choice farm of 120 acres five miles northwest of Stella, but has retired from active work and now lives in Stella, occupying A. Vanderveer's cottage on Elm street. Mr. Smilie was born in Fayette county, Pa., Sept. 9, 1836, and in infancy moved with his parents to Fulton county, Ill., where he lived until 1872, when he came to Nebraska. In 1891 he rented his farm and with his wife went to Oklahoma and Colorado on a pleasure trip, being gone about three years. Mr. Smilie was married to Miss Mary M. Hodge, May 31, 1874, in Muddy township, and they have one child—Laura, wife of Noah Allen, who lives on the farm. Mr. Smilie enlisted in Co. H, 77th Ill. Inf. and served from August, 1862, till January, 1864.

W. R. Wyatt

"Judge" Wyatt ranks among the early merchants of Stella, Moore & Wyatt being the style of the firm that built the first store on the Main street of the infant city. Mr. Wyatt was born April 2, 1856, in St. Joseph, Mo., and moved in infancy to Doniphan county, Kan., where he resided until 1875. In that year he went to Peoria county, Ill., but remained there only two years when he returned to Doniphan county. In his youth, he worked on the farm and in his nineteenth year began teaching. This vocation he followed three years and then clerked for two years. In 1882 he came to Stella and became the junior partner in the firm of Moore & Wyatt. In 1887 he went into business for himself and in 1894 erected a fine brick building 22x100 feet with a cellar and all modern conveniences. In February of this year he sold his stock of merchandise to C. H. Thomas, but he still owns the building it occupies. Mr. Wyatt has always taken an active part in politics and has served as councilman



W. R. WYATT

and city treasurer. In 1899 he was elected county treasurer on the Democratic ticket and has filled the office most acceptably. His election compelled him to move to the county seat, and by this means Stella has unfortunately lost one of her staunchest supporters and most public spirited citizens. He now resides in Falls City, where he owns a nice home on Harlan street. Mr. Wyatt married Miss Louisa Renfro, of Doniphan county, Kan., Jan. 3, 1883, and they have five children—Robert, Charlie, Maudie, Jessie and Margaret. Mr. Wyatt is a Shriner Mason, and a member of the M. W. A., A. O. U. W., I. O. O. F. and K. of P. orders.

Will Paul

Wm. H. Paul has 20 acres one mile north of Stella. He was born in Clayton county, Ia., Mch. 21, 1877, and came here in 1878. He married Miss Mary J. Allen, Feb. 27, 1898. He is a W. O. W.

H. C. Fankell

Here is a type of the western hustler who knows no such word as fail. He was born in Jackson county, Iowa, Sept. 27, 1858, and was reared there until he was nineteen years of age. He then went to Kansas for a year, and then to Gage county a year, after which he returned to Iowa for three years. He came to Stella in November, 1884, and farmed in this vicinity for four years, after which he went on the road selling buggies. In 1889 he went to work for W. H. Wheeler, remaining with him for six years. In 1896 Mr. Fankell went into the implement business for himself, and soon after took in his brother, Fred, as a partner. In the spring of 1900 H. C. sold to Kroh & Wixon and went on the road for the Milwaukee Harvester Company. At the end of the season he purchased his implement business back and is now located opposite the opera house on Main street. He was married to Miss Queen E. Clark, of Jackson county, Iowa, Dec. 23, 1879, and they have five children—three boys and two girls. Mr. Fankell is an A. O. U. W.



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RESIDENCE OF H. C. FANKELL

D. P. Shellenbarger

Another man who came west "to grow up with the country" is D. P. Shellenbarger, who is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born March 11, 1841, in Fayette county and left his hilly eastern home for the level prairies of Illinois in 1846, settling in Fulton county where he lived until 1853. In that year he moved to Warren county and after a short residence there went to Marshall county. He lived there two years and moved to Woodford county where he remained from 1855 to 1857. Tazewell county next became his home for one year, after which he returned to Warren county and continued to live there until he went to Kansas in 1867. He settled near Fort Scott for a year and then went back to Illinois, making his home there until 1883, when he came to Nebraska and bought his farm half a mile west of Stella. He has 240 acres of fine land and has recently erected thereon an elegant new house from which the whole town of Stella can be seen, as well as an extensive expanse of the surrounding country. He has also excellent barns and sheds for his stock and the whole appearance of his place betokens the careful farmer. On Feb. 18, 1866, Mr. Shellenbarger was married to Miss Anna C. Ulmer, in Warren county, Ill., and they have seven children—Allie M., wife of John F. Spivey; Alfred, Maurice, Harry, Leonard G., Arthur H. and Gertrude V.



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FARM HOME OF D. P. SHELLENBARGER

does the wheelwright work in Mr. Loughridge's shop. This gentleman

in 1874, settling near Shubert. He came to Stella in Feb. 1898. He was married to Miss Anna Argabright, Aug. 10, 1892, and they have three children—one girl and two boys.

James Loughridge

In May 1900, James Loughridge came to Stella and erected a new blacksmith shop fitting it up with the latest appliances for his work. He is a thorough blacksmith and has built up a fine business. He is an exemplary young man, and has made many friends here. He was born in Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 8, 1871, and moved to Plattsmouth, Neb., in 1880. Five years later he went to Murray where he remained until he came to Stella. He married Miss Lulu Brown, of Murray, Oct. 23, 1895, and they have one daughter. Mr. Loughridge is a member of the M. W. A. Marvin Jones



JAMES LOUGHRIDGE

was born in Clayton county, Iowa, May 17, 1867, and came to this county

Wales has contributed a good many of the citizens in and around Stella, and probably not one is better known than James Morris, who owns a large farm of 240 acres, two miles northeast of Stella. Mr. Morris was born in Douwless, Wales, Aug. 22, 1849, and in infancy came to America with his parents, first stopping in Maryland. In 1854 he moved to Johnstown, Pa., and four years later to Mason City, Va., at which places his father ran a store. He lived in Pomeroy, Ohio, from 1861 to 1869, and then spent two years in Coalburg, Ohio, coming to Nebraska in 1871, and settling in this township near Prairie Union. As soon as he was old enough James went to work in the mines in the east. Soon after he came here, he purchased a farm four miles north of Verdon, which he sold in 1885, and bought his present farm of George Arnold. The farm originally consisted of eighty acres and Mr. Morris afterwards added 160 acres purchased from Mrs. Bectal. He was married to Miss Adeline Partch, of Muddy, Dec. 25, 1872, and they have ten children living, John and William being married and living in this vicinity. The rest are all at home. Mr. Morris belongs to the W. O. W. order and in the winter has been organizer for this lodge for the past eight years.

Noah McDowell

Noah W. McDowell was born June 3, 1852, in Westmoreland county, Pa., and three years later moved to Linn county, Iowa. In 1871 he came to this county, his father purchasing eighty acres near where Stella now stands. Noah moved to Stella in 1890 and owns a neat residence in the west part of town. He was married to Miss Lotta Jones in 1885 and they have two sons and six daughters. Mr. McDowell is an honest, industrious gentleman.



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FARM RESIDENCE OF JAMES MORRIS



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John H. Coons

Porter township boasts of many good farmers, but none are better than John H. Coons, who owns a good 160-acre farm five and a half miles southwest of Stella. He has good substantial farm buildings and a large orchard, and is conveniently situated for stock feeding. He was born in Sangamon county, Ill., March 11, 1860, and nine years later moved with his parents to Nebraska, arriving at Brownville, where the family remained one winter and then moved onto a farm half a mile south of where Stella now stands. John has farmed in this vicinity ever since. He married Miss Louvellen Rosenbarger, March 9, 1886, at Stella, and they then moved up near Auburn where they lived for six years. In 1892 they bought their present home, then known as the Marquette place. They have one son—Arlo.

Martin Gergens

Martin Gergens has a farm of 160 acres, two and a half miles southwest of Stella. He was born in Ohio, March 27, 1861, and in infancy came to this vicinity. In 1893 he purchased his present farm. He married Miss Emma Pritts, Aug. 23, 1893.

A. F. Moritz

Amil F. Moritz was born in Nemaha county, Nebr., March 10, 1870, and has always lived in this vicinity. He lives on one of his father's farms six miles southwest of Stella, which he has occupied for eight years. He married Miss Ota Shellenbarger, Dec. 27, 1893.

W. S. Wrighton

"Williams" have figured very conspicuously in the history of the United States the past four years, and while our popular liveryman may never become President, he is a worthy emulator of the nation's leaders in that he puts forth every effort to please the people. Right well does he succeed too, as the extensive patronage ac-

FARM RESIDENCE OF J. H. COONS

corded him amply testifies. William S. Wrighton was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, May 23, 1860, and four



W. S. WRIGHTON

years later moved with his parents to Albany, Kan. In 1866 the family

moved to this county, locating seven miles southwest of Salem. Mr. Wrighton farmed there until 1899, when he came to Stella and purchased the livery business of J. E. Gilbert. He has materially improved the barn and has added new rigs and horses. Mr. Wrighton was married to Miss Elizabeth Boyd, of Salem, March 20, 1884, and they have three children.

L. M. Swan

Lewis M. Swan is a painter and paper hanger, and has been in Stella since its birth. He was born in Bureau county, Ill., March 27, 1842, moving to Atchison county, Mo., in 1857. He then moved to this state and farmed near Peru till 1862, when he went into the grain warehouse at that place for five years. He then commenced his business of painting. In 1882 he came to Stella and has been here ever since with the exception of three years in Falls City. He married Miss Georgiana Chapman at Peru in 1864, by whom he has three children living—Jennie, wife of J. W. Wolf, of Tarkio, Mo.; J. Wilson of Osawatomie, Kan.; and Lewis of Stella. Mrs. Swan died in 1874 and in 1882 Mr. Swan married Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes of St. Derois, and they have three children—Aurora B., Emmert and Earle. Mrs. Swan has a daughter—Minnie Hayes, who lives at Guide Rock, Nebr. Mr. Swan owns his home and is a W. O. W.

Alvin Curtis

Alvin Curtis, besides owning and operating a good farm of eighty acres, three miles north of Stella, runs a corn sheller several months of the year. He was born March 15, 1851, in Miami county, Ohio, and in 1865 moved to White county, Ind., where he remained for about two years, and in 1868 came to Nebraska with Isaiah Curtis, his uncle, making the trip by team. In 1881 he purchased his farm of E. K. Kentner, and improved it by putting up all of the buildings now on the place. He married Miss Alice O'Donnell, Aug. 23, 1874, and they have four children living—Samuel, who is clerking in Auburn, and two sons and one daughter at home. Mr. Curtis is a member of the W. O. W.



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FARM HOME OF ALVIN CURTIS

Sidney Timerman

The subject of this sketch was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., March 22, 1847, and moved with his parents to Henry county, Ill., in 1851, and in 1869 came to Richardson county. After two years he left here and farmed in Jewell county, Kan., five years, and then moved to Superior, Nebr., where he ran a hotel and saloon until 1895, when he came to Stella and has been in the saloon business ever since. For four years he occupied the Ulmer building on the east side of Main street, but in 1899 he moved into the Clark building on the west side, which place he now occupies. For several years he owned an interest in a saloon at Shubert. In 1899 he erected a fine two-story residence on Main street, and a few months ago he purchased two pretty cottages on south Main street of Dr. Hull. He is also interested in the telephone company. Mr. Timerman enlisted in the 9th Ill. Cav. at seventeen years of age and served about two years during the civil war. He married Miss Sarah Shuck at Nemaha City in 1871 and they have three children—Albert E.; Georgia, wife of Fred Gilbert; and Verda, who is at home attending school. Mr. Timerman is an Odd Fellow.



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RESIDENCE OF SID. TIMERMAN

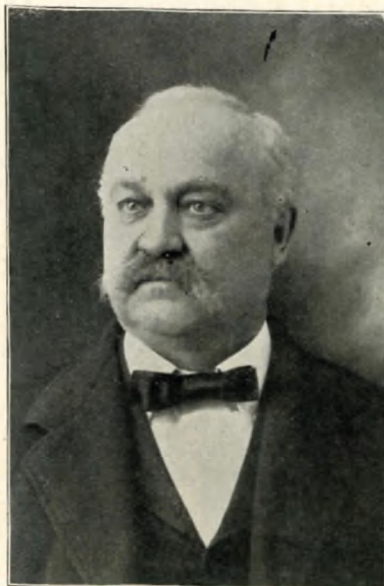
living—Mary, John, Mike, Katie, Will, Erin, Hannah and Alphonso, all living

Lloyd Mason

One of those settlers who came here in an early day by team from the east is Lloyd L. Mason, who lives on his farm of 240 acres four and a half miles northwest of Stella. He was born in Hardin county, Ohio, Nov. 13, 1847, where he lived until 1873, when he came here by team, making the trip in thirty-five days. He was married to Miss Lydia A. Spitzer, of Hardin county, Ohio, in 1867, and they have eight children—Findlay, of Oklahoma; Emmett, who lives on eighty acres of his father's farm; Sallie, wife of Will Griffith; Mary, wife of Jesse Thompson; Oscar; Florence, wife of Ben Doss; Grace, wife of Will Curtis; and Jessie, who is at home. Mr. Mason is an A. O. U. W. and is now serving his fourth term as assessor.

William Bourke

Right up at the head of the class of early pioneers will be found William Bourke, who lives four miles northeast of Stella. He was born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1825, and followed the business of gardening until he came to America in 1856. He remained in New York nineteen months and then went to Peoria county, Ill., where he lived for five years. In 1858 he married Miss Bridget Corbett, in Peoria county, to whom he was engaged before she left Ireland. In 1862 they started for the great west, coming by boat to Aspinwall in March of that year. They first rented land near where they now live, for two years, and then they purchased their home farm, to which they have added until they now have 480 acres, 240 of which is one and a half miles south of the home place. They have nine children



SIDNEY TIMERMAN

on the home farm, and Cecelia, wife of Henry Farrell, living near Dawson in this county.

J. H. Paradise

A pretty farm of eighty acres two and half miles southwest of Stella is that of James H. Paradise, who came to Richardson county in 1885 and after renting land in this vicinity for four years purchased his present farm. Mr. Paradise also owns the P. M. Gilbert eighty, one mile west of his home. He was born in Putnam county, Mo., but in infancy moved with his parents to Illinois. In 1877 he went to Mahaska county Iowa, where he lived until he came here. He married Miss Margaret Sarvis, April 17, 1881.

Church of Christ, Scientist

The advent of Christian Science in Stella was in 1887, it being first taught and demonstrated by Alfred and W. S. Farlow. A Sunday School was first organized in 1892, and in 1895 a church organization was effected. The services are held each Sunday at 11 o'clock in the Masonic hall. These services are conducted by readers instead of a preacher, the first reader reads from "Science and Health, with key to the Scriptures;" by Mary Baker Eddy, and the second reader reads from the bible.



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COTTAGES OF SID. TIMERMAN ON S. MAIN STREET

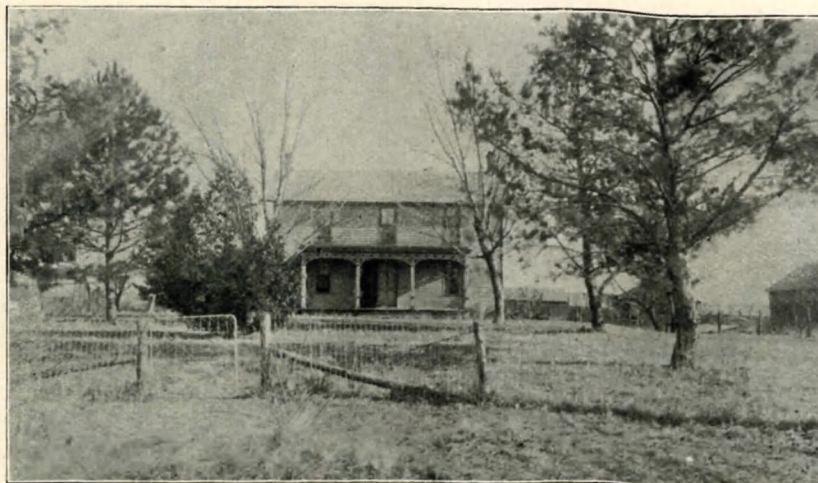


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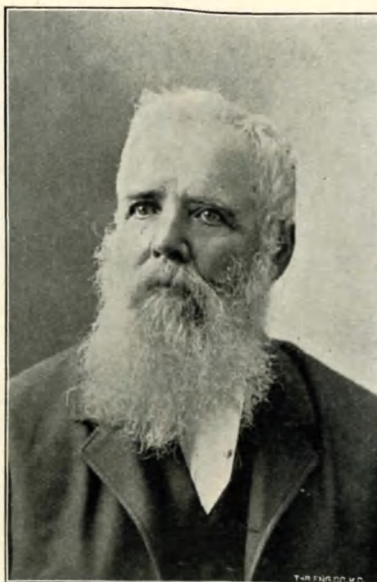
The good Keystone state was the birthplace of Alex. Rankin McMullen, one of Muddy township's most successful farmers and stockraisers. He was born in Indiana county, Pa., Dec. 6, 1862. He attended the common schools there and afterwards took a course at Elders Ridge Academy. In 1884 the family came west and settled on their farm near Stella, upon which Mr. McMullen now lives. It consists of 560 acres of land and is well improved, having a neat and commodious house and barn and numerous other buildings. Mr. McMullen not only farms on a large scale but feeds and ships a great many hogs and cattle. He married Miss Nellie Tynan, June 14, 1893, and they have one child, Helen Mildred. Mr. and Mrs. McMullen are among our most popular entertainers and an evening at their home is one of the most agreeable pastimes known to their friends.

Andrew Tynan

Among the emigrants who came to New York from the old country in the year 1846 was a thirteen-year-old Irish lad who had left his home in Kilkenny and started out to find for himself a place in the greatest country on earth—America. His ideas of its magnitude were somewhat vague, but his determination and courage knew no bounds and so it happened that when at last he set foot on the soil of the longed for land and found that there were wide discrepancies between his dreams and the hard realization of being a friendless and penniless youth in New York City, he never lost heart nor faltered. His name was Andrew Tynan, and he worked at anything he could find to do until 1853, when he came west and settled in Clinton county, Iowa. He invested his savings in oxen and did teaming, making trips to Rock Island, Davenport, Sabula, Fulton and Clinton. During the season he broke prairie for his neighbors. He filed on 160 acres in Taylor county in 1855, but after putting up a shanty and breaking five acres he discovered that it was part of a railroad grant. In Holleyville, Iowa, he met Charles McDonald, a brother-in-law of

FARM HOME OF A. R. McMULLEN

the Hays brothers, and through him learned of southeastern Nebraska. In



ANDREW TYNAN

the summer of 1857, he went to Kansas and he was the only one of a party who did not get sick while there. On

account of the unhealthfulness of that location he returned to Iowa in the fall. His worldly goods at that time consisted of five yoke of oxen, a breaking plow and a trunk. He rigged up a pair of wooden wheels sawed from a log and mounting his plow on these and fastening his trunk in front, drove his outfit through to Brownville, Nebr., afterward coming to the Hays homestead just south of Stella. About Nov. 15, 1857, Mr. Tynan began the improvements on his present home farm, three and a half miles southeast of town, which he filed on in a few weeks. In 1861 he began freighting between Nemaha City and Denver. He then made a trip from the latter point to New Mexico with the wives of the officers of the 2nd Colorado regiment as passengers. He remained in New Mexico six months, serving as yardmaster for the quartermaster of the regiment, and then returned to Denver, where he spent a month hauling quartz between Crystal City and Black Hawk. From 1862 to 1866 he made six trips each year between Nemaha City and Denver. In 1866 he went to Salt Lake on a freighting trip with six teams and spent the winter at that place. While there he bought 100 head of cattle and drove them to Virginia City, Mont., where he disposed of them and came down the Missouri river on a trading steamer with nineteen pounds of gold dust on his back. Mr. Tynan was the first "Cudahy" of Nemaha City, having established a pork packing business there in the winter of 1867. He went into the mercantile business with E. W. Holley at Peru in 1869 and in a few months bought his partner's interest. A year later he sold to J. P. Burdic and purchased a flour mill at Rockport, Mo., which he soon sold. He then moved onto his farm near here where he has remained. He has 720 acres in his home farm and 160 in Cass county. He has made a business of raising thoroughbred Shorthorns and later the Galloways and Polled Angus. Mr. Tynan was married to Miss Jennie Richardson, of Peru, Oct. 3, 1869, and they have four children—Nellie, wife of A. R. McMullen; Robert, Bessie and Fayette. Mr. and Mrs. Tynan possess one of the nicest country homes near Stella, and its kindly hospitable atmosphere make it a favorite place among their acquaintances.



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FARM HOME OF ANDREW TYNAN

H. D. Weller

The sturdy descendants of the pioneers of the old keystone state have made some of the best citizens the west has known. There were many of them who left their mountain homes in an early day and settled on the prairies of Nebraska and Kansas. Their early environment was productive of thrift and economy and nearly all of those immigrants have prospered and attained wealth if not distinction and honor. It was in 1869 that H. D. Weller and his bride bade their friends "goodbye" and with courageous hearts, resolutely turned their faces westward. Arriving in Nebraska, they settled on the farm one half mile southeast of Stella and there they have remained through all the vicissitudes of pioneer life. They endured many severe trials and hardships but their fortitude carried them through every ordeal and now they can look back from their comfortable and well earned ease, upon those hard yet happy years. Henry D. Weller was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., March 30, 1841. In 1868 he came to Nebraska to look at the country with the result that he purchased his present farm and returned to Pennsylvania for his bride. On Sept. 2, 1869, he and Miss Mary J. Campbell, also of Westmoreland county, were married and came to their wild western home soon after. When the town of Stella was surveyed in 1882, Mr. Weller assisted in the work and drove the stakes for the corporation limits. He was elected a member of the first town school board and served the patrons well and faithfully in that capacity for fifteen years. In 1888 he was elected county commissioner and so well did he do his duty that he was sent to the legislature the following year. Mr. and Mrs. Weller have six children—Ralph B., at Norfolk, Nebr.; Ambrose W., at Wakefield; Roscoe C., on the farm; Janette, Dennie and Frank, at home. In October, 1900, Mr. Weller bought a large and substantial house on Main street which the family now occupies. Mr. Weller is a veteran of the civil war, having enlisted August 17, 1861, and served until June 21, 1865. In war as in peace he won distinction and while he entered the army as a



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CITY RESIDENCE OF H. D. WELLER

private he was mustered out lieutenant of his regiment—the 11th Pa. Inf.,

three times, once, at the battle of Antietam, very seriously. †

Lee Roy Mason

Lee Roy Mason is another one of the early settlers of this vicinity who was born and reared in the Buckeye state. His birth occurred Aug. 20, 1842, in Harding county, Ohio, where he lived until 1867, when he came west and located in Iowa. He taught school in Iowa until 1868 when he went to Omaha and taught in the public schools. In 1870 he came to this vicinity. He taught four terms of school in Nemaha county and then purchased his present farm three and a half miles northwest of this place, consisting of 160 acres, nicely improved. He married Miss Catherine Gergens at Nemaha, June 13, 1872, and they have four children—Frank, of Howe; Bessie, wife of Ed. Gentry; Ethel and Lee, both at home. Mr. Mason is an A. O. U. W. and is president of the Knights and Ladies of Security. He enlisted in September, 1862, in the 121st O. Inf. and served until June 22, 1865. He was first in the Army of the Ohio, and later in the Army of the Cumberland under Gen. Rosencroft. A part of the time he was under Grant in the Department of Tennessee, and finally accompanied Sherman on his famous march to the sea.



H. D. WELLER

which was part of the Army of the Potomac. Mr. Weller was wounded

Wm. H. Shellenbarger

Wm. H. Shellenbarger was born in Fayette county, Pa., April 10, 1832, and in 1841, he went to Fulton county, Ill. He learned the carpenter trade at Clinton, and then lived in various parts of Illinois until 1868, when he went to Crawford county, Kan., for two years. He then lived two years in Warren county, Ill., going from there to Iowa and then to Kansas, coming to Stella in 1883. He has worked at his trade here ever since. He married Miss Eliza J. Charles in Illinois, Jan. 10, 1864, and they have three children—Lee, of Kansas City; Jessie, wife of Ed. Hale of Kansas; Ota, wife of Amil Moritz. Mr. Shellenbarger served two years in Co. F, 83rd Ill. He owns a neat home in the west part of town, and is a W. O. W.

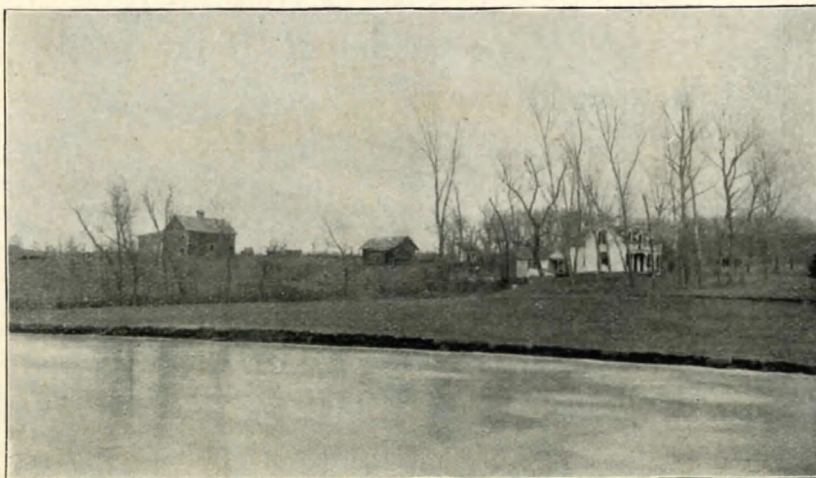


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FARM OF H. D. WELLER

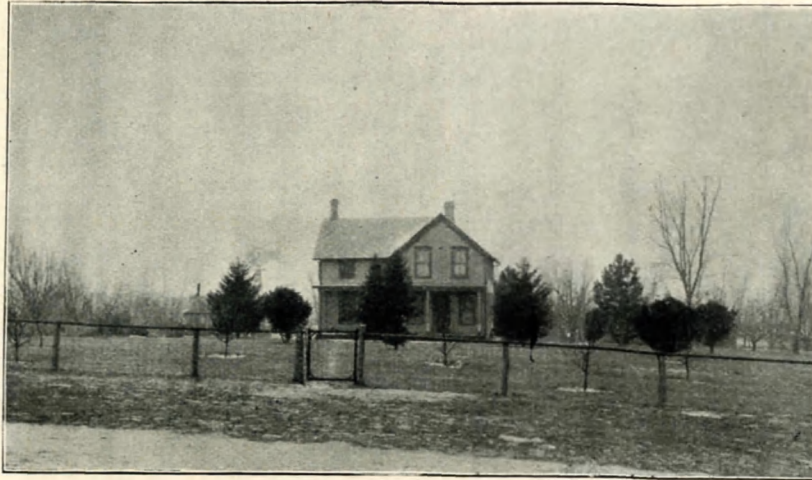


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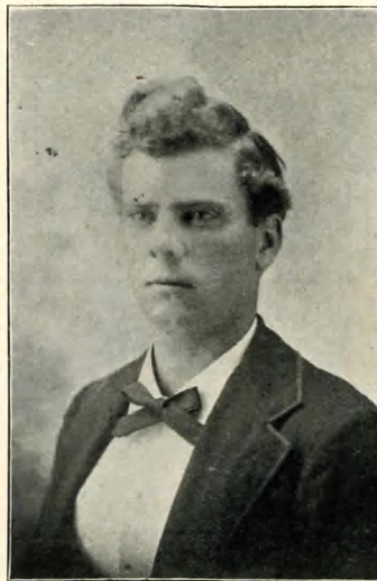
Shrader & Swan

This firm of young men is very necessary to Stella, as it is a little city that keeps neat and clean, and this firm attends to keeping it well papered and painted. They are kept constantly busy and among the residences painted recently are those of Joe Nedrow, Dick Walker, and Henry Weaver, and the business houses of R. A. Clark, W. H. Hogrefe and Reimers & Son. The senior member of the firm, John Shrader, was born near Barada in this county, Dec. 10, 1872, and in 1882 came to Stella with his father. He learned the painting business in 1889. He married Miss Effie Hoagland, Jan. 5, 1896, and he is a member of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Shrader owns a neat cottage in the east part of town. Lewis P. Swan, the junior member of the firm, was born in Peru, Nebr., Dec. 22, 1872, and came to this place in 1885. He learned the painting business of his father and has followed it since 1893, except during the years 1895-6, when he was in the train service of the Missouri Pacific railroad. He married Miss Cora Frazier of Nemaha, Dec. 26, 1900.

J. S. Swihart

A very pretty farm in the Muddy Center neighborhood is that of Jacob S. Swihart, three miles east of Stella. He purchased it in 1874, and has kept improving it until he now has a large two-story house and a fine barn, as well as many other substantial out-buildings. Mr. Swihart has been breeding thoroughbred Poland-China swine since 1885, and has taken many prizes with them at the state and inter-state fairs. A few months ago he sold eighty acres of his quarter section to W. H. Wheeler for \$50 an acre. Mr. Swihart was born in Holmes county, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1843, moving to McLean county, Ill., in 1862. A few months later he went to Jasper county, Iowa, but after four years he returned to Illinois, where he lived until 1873, when he came to Nemaha county, in this state, moving to his present location the next year. He married Miss Rebecca Snyder, of Coshocton county, O., Feb. 11, 1864,

and they have seven children—Fred, who lives in Stella; Ira, and Dora, wife of Chas. McMichael, of Kansas;



JOHN SHRADER

Ida, wife of C. T. Winkler, of Oklahoma; Frank, of Bancroft, Nebr.; Clarence, who is a Lutheran minister

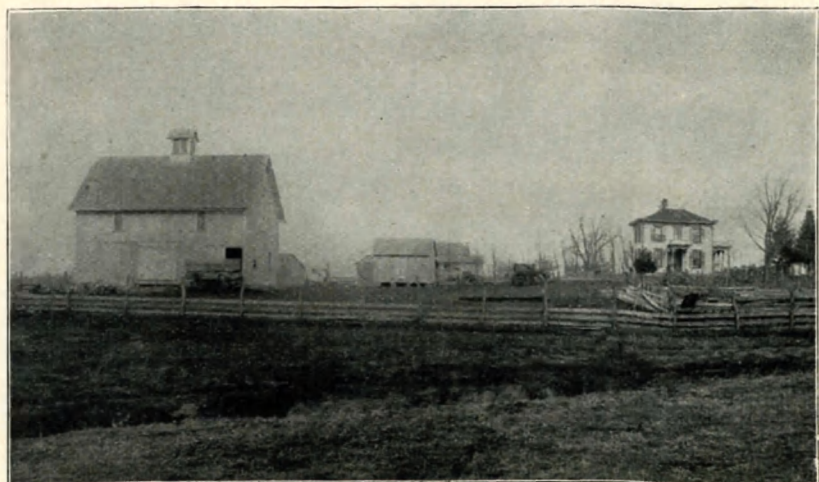


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FARM HOME OF J. S. SWIHART

in Pawnee county, and Nellie A., who is at home. Mr. Swihart is an A. O. U. W.

David Steadman

This gentleman was born Nov. 6, 1859, in Scotland, and came to America two years later, living the first four years near Buffalo, N. Y. He then moved to Illinois with his parents, living two years in Clay county, and then fifteen years in Effingham county. In 1886 he came to Richardson county and in 1891 purchased the Morris Griffith eighty, two and a half miles northeast of Stella. He has a well improved farm with large house and other substantial buildings, and he is always an active worker in any movement for the betterment of the community in which he lives. He has served as school director and moderator for a number of terms, with honor to himself and the district. He was married in Fayette county, Ill., Sept. 3, 1885, to Miss Sarah A. Turner, and they have two sons, both at home.

David Thomas

Having come to this vicinity in the spring of 1858, David T. Thomas enjoys the distinction of being one of the oldest residents in this part of the state. He was born in Cardigan, Wales, May 14, 1828, and came to this country in 1855, living three years in Wisconsin, before coming to this state. He came to his farm five miles northeast of Stella with an ox team. He retired from active farming in 1894 and came to Stella. He owns his residence south of the Baptist church and also an acre of ground and a pretty cottage just east of town. His farm of 240 acres is run by his son, John. Mr. Thomas married Miss Mary Jones in Wales, in 1855, by whom he has four children—John, Margaret, wife of Jenken James; Mary, wife of Hugh Thompson; and Anna, wife of Ben James, of Washington. Mr. Thomas married his present wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, of Nemaha county, July 8, 1876, and they have one son—Evan, who is attending the State Normal, at Peru. Mrs. Thomas' daughter, Mrs. Sallie Jones, makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

John Tighe

One of the wealthiest farmers of Porter township is John Tighe, whose home farm is five and a half miles southwest of Stella. Mr. Tighe is also one of the largest stock raisers and feeders in this section, his cattle being of the Shorthorn breed and his hogs of the Berkshire blood. Last year he sold more than 300 cattle and upwards of 1,000 head of hogs. His land consists of 880 acres in Porter township and considerable more in other parts of the state. Mr. Tighe has a large house and several commodious barns and hay sheds on his home farm, all of which are kept up in good shape. John Tighe was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, May 12, 1843, and in 1854 came to America settling first in Jacksonville, Ill. In 1864 he came to Richardson county, and purchased 280 acres of his home place. Mr. Tighe is one of the most progressive farmers in this part of the state and has a wide acquaintance. He is a single man, never having tried the uncertainties of matrimony.

L. N. Mills

In the early days when spelling schools were in vogue, there were very few in this vicinity which Lewis N. Mills did not attend. He often walked many miles for the sake of trying conclusions with "crack" spellers and he as often walked home with the victory. He tells many interesting stories of these contests and is still regarded in this locality as good an authority as Webster when it comes to spelling a word. Lewis N. Mills was born in Delaware county, N. Y., June 28, 1831, and moved to Huron county, Ohio, in 1845. In 1854 he moved to Williams county in the same state, residing there until 1866, when he went to Iowa and settled in Benson county. He came to Nebraska two years later and purchased of Silas Cooper the farm now known as the old Dick Walker place in Porter township. In 1872 he sold the farm back to Mr. Cooper and purchased another adjoining Stella on the west. This place he sold to R. H. Pritts and Wm. Crofford in 1893. Mr. Mills then moved to town having pur-



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chased the house now owned by Sid. Timerman in 1883. He sold this in



LEWIS P. SWAN

1895 and bought the Elliott farm where he now lives, three miles southwest of Stella. Mr. Mills worked three

FARM HOME OF JOHN TIGHE

years in the office of register of deeds at Norton, Kans., and enjoyed the distinction of having the cleanest books on record there. He married Miss Sarah E. Condit, of Licking county, O., Dec. 7, 1865, and they have one daughter, Mattie J., wife of R. L. Coe, who runs the farm for his father-in-law. Mr. Mills enlisted in Co. H, 197th O. Inf., March 22, 1865, and served until the end of the war. He is a member of the Masonic order.

Mike Shafer

Michael Shafer has one of the well improved farms in the vicinity of Stella, situated three miles southeast. It consists of 200 acres with large house, barns, sheds, windmills, etc. Mr. Shafer raises a great deal of stock and is a breeder of Shorthorn cattle. He was born in Clark county, Ind., Dec. 3, 1848, and in 1851 moved with his parents to Carroll county, Ill., where he remained until he came to Richardson county in 1878. He first purchased and lived on the 80-acre farm now owned by Jesse Weaver, five miles southeast of Stella. He sold this in 1880 and purchased his present home. Mr. Shafer has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Lilly A. Bright, of this township, to whom he was married 1886. She died in 1891 and left a daughter—Jessie Myrtle, who is at home. Mr. Shafer married Mrs. Melinda Sultzbaugh, of Northumberland county, Pa., in 1893, and she has one son—William. Mr. Shafer is a member of the A. O. U. W. and his wife is a member of the F. U. of A. order.

Milton Clark

Isaac Milton Clark was born Nov. 4, 1863, in Whiteside county, Ill. In 1869 he moved to Jasper county, Mo., and in 1886 he came to this vicinity. In 1891 he purchased 240 acres on the Muddy, six miles northwest of Stella, upon which he now lives. He was married to Miss Anna E. Bourn, of Jasper county, Mo., Oct. 7, 1886, and they have one boy and three girls. Mr. Clark is a good farmer and a respected citizen. He is also an active member of the Modern Woodmen of America.



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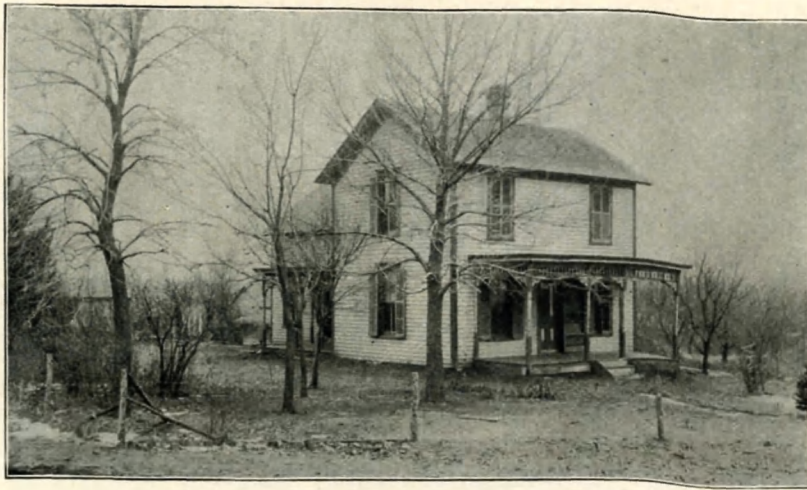


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Vader & Cox

The firm of Vader & Cox became a factor in the business life of Stella in 1899. They handle ice and last winter put up 240 tons of that commodity for the use of their patrons this summer. The senior member of the firm, Isaac S. Vader, was a dweller here long before Stella was thought of. He was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., July 19, 1842, and in 1857 he came with his parents to Henry county, Ill. After ten years he moved to Green county, Iowa, for two years, when in 1869, he came to Nemaha county, Nebr., settling on the farm he still owns, four miles northeast of Stella. He left the farm and moved into town in 1892, purchasing property in the southeast part of town which he has improved until now he has one of the most desirable homes of our city. His farm consists of 240 acres of fine land. On August 14, 1862, he enlisted in the 112th Ill. Inf. at Geneseo, Ill., and before he went to war he married Miss Ellen Eldridge, in Henry county, Ill., on August 24, of the same year. He served three years in the Army of the Cumberland, and returned home without a scratch to claim his bride. They have five children—Lemon, who lives north of Stella; Elmer, living in Pierce county, Nebr.; Jay, living on the home farm; Nellie and Guy, at home. Mr. Vader is a member of the K. & L. of S. and A. O. U. W. orders. The junior member of the firm, George T. Cox, was born Sept. 1, 1868, in Union county, Ill., and came to Richardson county, Nebr., in 1876, settling near Barada. In 1894, he moved onto a farm near Verdon and two years later moved to Stella. He bought the Harvey Conover property on south Main street and built a cider mill which he runs in season. Mr. Cox married Miss Anna Shortledge, of Barada, Dec. 17, 1890, and they have a son—Earl.

Cosmopolitan Barber Shop

This is a two-chair shop, situated in the Reimers building on the west side of Main street, and it is well lighted and ventilated. The first chair is pre-

RESIDENCE OF I. S. VADER

sided over by M. A. Grider and the second by H. V. Davis. Each of these



MATTHEW A. GRIDER

gentlemen owns his fixtures, and while they both occupy the same room their earnings are not pooled. M. A. Grider was born in Cumberland

county, Ky., Nov. 24, 1870. In 1871 he came with his parents to Beloit, Kan., where he lived until he was eighteen years of age. He attended the common schools of Beloit and the High School at Red Cloud, Neb. While in Beloit he learned the barber trade and in 1891 he worked at his trade in Grand Island. He came to Stella in 1892, going into the barber business with George Sloan. About a year afterward he purchased, in partnership with C. H. Thomas, the barber business of Wm. Cook, and since that time has always occupied his present location. Mr. Grider was married to Miss Pearl Z. Derstine, June 4, 1893, who died two and a half years later, leaving an infant daughter—Nellie C. Mr. Grider married Mrs. Minnie A. Mason, his present wife, Oct. 16, 1896, and they have an infant son. Mrs. Grider has a daughter—Daisy.

Horace Verne Davis was born in Crawford county, Ohio, May 9, 1879, and at thirteen years of age came to this county with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Davis, with whom he lived on a farm near Stella until two years ago, attending the Stella High school. He then clerked for about a year in Stella and Humboldt, and last spring he purchased Sherm Kroh's interest in the barber shop, and is now a full-fledged barber. He is a young man of exemplary habits with hosts of friends.

Marshall Norris

Marshall Norris owns an eighty-acre farm three and a half miles northwest of Stella. He was born in Taylor county, Iowa, March 4, 1859, and in 1888 came to this locality. He married Miss Clara Curtis, Sept. 1, 1888, and they have three sons. Mr. Norris is a member of the A. O. U. W.

W. A. Vandever

W. A. Vandever has a 90-acre farm two and a half miles north of Stella. He was born in Warren county, Ill., Jan. 8, 1858, and in 1885 came to this locality. He clerked for W. R. Wyatt one year and has clerked for him winters during the past four years. He married Miss Bettie Van Kirk of Kentucky, Dec. 27, 1883, and they have two children—Ella May and Dent A.



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RESIDENCE OF G. T. COX

D. S. Helmick

The Prairie Union neighborhood is noted for its beautiful farm homes, and among the prettiest is that of David S. Helmick, who has 400 acres three and a half miles northeast of Stella. He has a large house and barn and is especially well situated for the business of stock feeding. Mr. Helmick was born in Giles county, Tenn., Oct. 1, 1840, and in 1850 came overland with his parents to Jones county, Iowa, where he remained until the spring of 1865, when he moved onto the farm he now occupies. He was married Oct. 1, 1862, to Miss Angeline Snyder, in Jones county, Iowa, and they have seven children—Lavina J., wife of Ed. Gebhard; Ida M., wife of Frank Swihart, now in Cuming county, Nebr., and Joseph F., Iva A., Grant, Silva A., and James A., all at home.

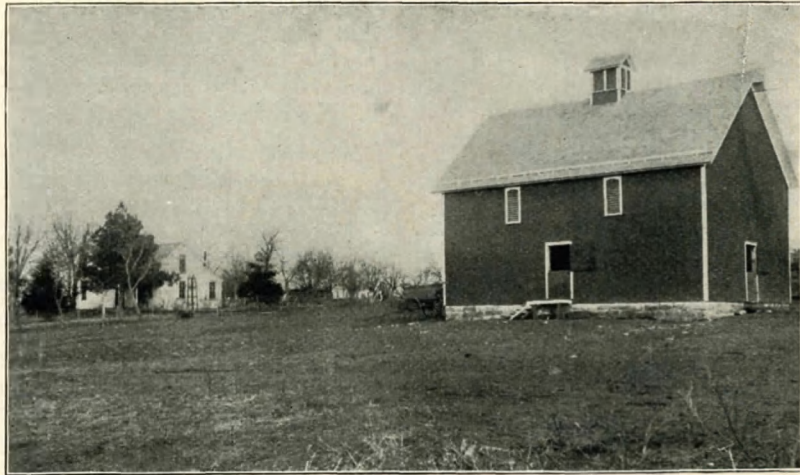


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FARM HOME OF JASON TIMERMAN

Hugh Thompson

Hugh Thompson lives on an 80-acre farm one and a half miles east of Stella. He was born in Ross county, Ohio, Sept. 6, 1858, and in 1874 he went to Effingham county, Ill. He moved to this county in 1887, and rented land until 1896, when he purchased his present home. He married Miss Mollie Thomas in 1890, and they have a son and a daughter.

Iowa, in 1873 and to Jefferson county, Nebr., in 1878. He moved to Nemaha county in 1881, and came to Stella in

Young also owns his home in the east part of town. He married Miss Cynthia Hutchinson, of Nemaha county, in 1877, and they have six children—Claudia, wife of E. L. Eads; Katie, wife of N. Robinson, of Peru; and two boys and two girls at home. Mr. Young is an M. W. A. Enoch L. Eads, the junior member of the firm, was born in Davis county, Mo., May 2, 1874, and in 1891 went to Peru in Nemaha county, where he lived until 1899, when he purchased an interest in the blacksmith business of J. R. Young and moved to Stella. He married Miss Claudia Young, March 18, 1896, and they have a son and a daughter. Mr. Eads is a Modern Woodman.

William Griffith

William E. Griffith was born in Pawnee county, Nebr., Oct. 5, 1867, and came to Stella with his parents in 1869. In 1889 he bought an eighty, two and a half miles west of town and now has it nicely improved. He married Miss Sarah Mason, Nov. 22, 1890, and they have a son—Roy.



H. VERNE DAVIS

Jason Timerman

This representative farmer owns a fine farm of 160 acres three miles northwest of Stella, in Porter township, and is one of our most substantial and respected citizens. His farm is well improved with a large house and barn and other convenient buildings. He was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., March 7, 1849, and came with his parents to Henry county, Ill., in 1851, from whence he came to Richardson county in 1869, living in this vicinity ever since. In 1880 he bought eighty acres of his present farm of John Walters and in 1893 he purchased the other eighty of August F. Moritz. He married Miss Frances Otto, of Wisconsin, Aug. 15, 1880, and they have one son, Ona H., who is now attending the State University at Lincoln. Mr. Timerman has served the public in the capacity of county commissioner and township treasurer, and is a member of the A. O. U. W.

Young & Eads

This firm conducts a blacksmith and wagon shop in Stella. The senior member of the firm, John R. Young, was born in Kosciusko county, Ind., July 28, 1853. He went to Des Moines,

1897, at the same time purchasing the Tappe Bros. blacksmith shop. Mr.

E. W. Evans

On the hill just east of Stella is the pretty farm home of Evan W. Evans, who has lived there for twenty-three years. He was born in Wales, Dec. 25, 1843, and came to America in 1867. He first settled in Iowa, where he lived eleven years. In 1878 he came to this place. He was married the same year to Miss Mary Reece, who died in 1894 leaving a daughter—Anna, who lives at home. Mr. Evans was married to Miss Jennie Freed, March 31, 1896. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

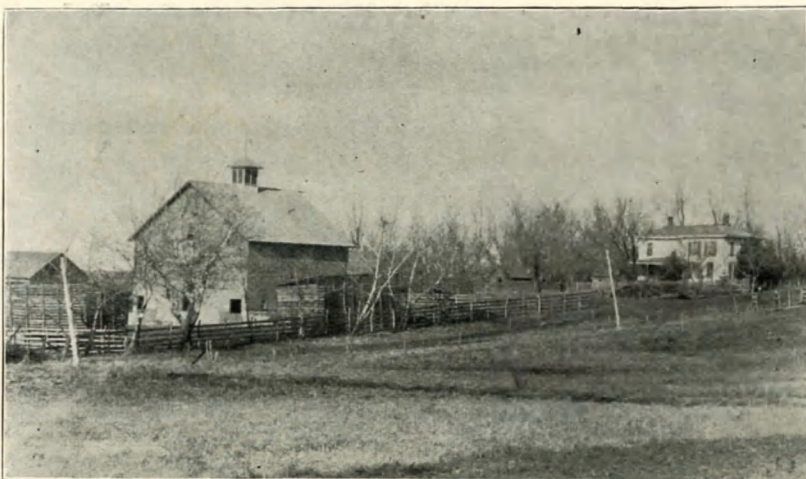


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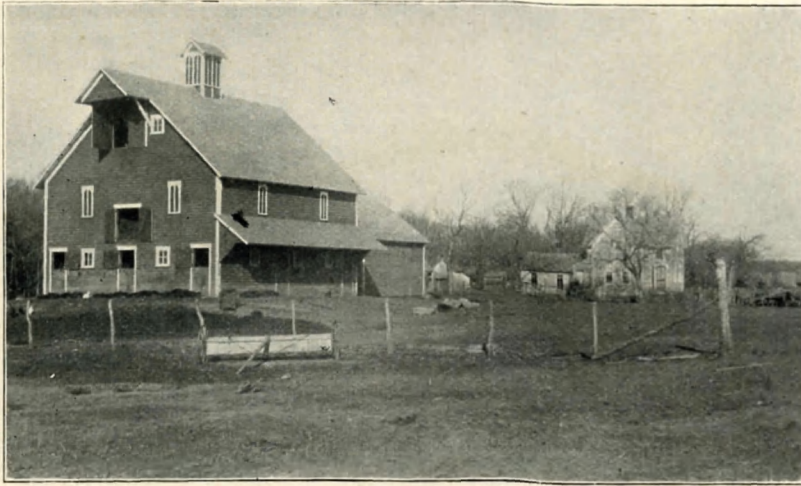


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FARM HOME OF REUBEN HARSHBARGER

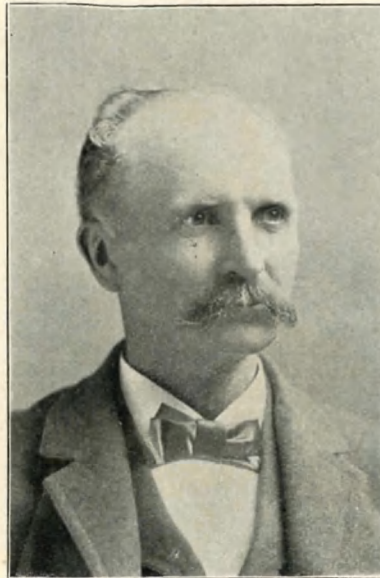
Reuben Harshbarger

As one travels through the "Oak Grove" neighborhood in Porter township he cannot help remarking the solidity of its farm buildings, and none are more substantial than those of Reuben Harshbarger. His place is situated six and one-half miles northwest of Stella, and has an area of 100 acres, in addition to which he rents considerable land each year. He has just built a large barn 36x40 with nineteen feet posts, with a loft capacity of fifty tons of hay. Reuben Harshbarger was born in Jo Davis county, Ill., Nov. 26, 1858, and in 1871 came to this county. He first bought the 80-acre farm now owned by Henry Harshbarger, but after four years he sold it and went to Scott county, Kan., for four years, returning to Richardson county in 1890 and settling on his present farm. He married Miss Clara Metz, of this county, Jan. 7, 1880, and they have two children—Verna and Jesse. Jesse is attending the Normal at Peru. Mr. Harshbarger is a member of the W. O. W. order.

Vandeventer & Wagner

This firm buys and ships most of the live stock marketed at Stella, and is the only firm which makes this an exclusive business. They always pay all the market will stand and consequently there is no complaint about scarcity of competition. Both members of the concern are experienced stock men, the senior member, Mr. Vandeventer, having been in the business for more than thirty years. They ship about 100 cars of stock annually from this point. Morgan H. Vandeventer was born Sept. 9, 1836, in Carroll county, Indiana, and in 1857 went to Minnesota, then to Iowa, and finally landed in Nebraska in 1858, settling first on a farm of 160 acres three miles east of Stella. It will be noted by the reader that this makes him one of the first settlers. He lived on this place till 1869, when he sold it to Wm. Luckuck and moved onto his present farm of 320 acres on the Muddy, three miles southeast of Stella. In 1888 he purchased a home on south Main street

and moved to Stella, and in addition to buying stock he embarked in the mercantile business with J. H. Over-



M. H. VANDEVENTER

man, which he continued until 1898 when the firm dissolved and the stock



RESIDENCE OF M. H. VANDEVENTER

was sold to C. H. Thomas. Mr. Vandeventer was married to Miss Sarah J. Brown of White county, Indiana, Jan. 12, 1862, and she died Dec. 11, 1900. There are three children—John A., now in Colorado; Burl J., of Kansas; and Walter J., who lives on the old home farm southeast of town. Mr. Vandeventer is a member of the I. O. O. F. order. Joseph H. Wagner, the junior member of the firm, was born in Louisa county, Iowa, April 22, 1868, and in 1875 came to Richardson county, settling in this township. He purchased his home farm of eighty acres four and a half miles northeast of Stella, in 1881, and has since bought forty acres one mile east of Stella. In 1899 he went into partnership with M. H. Vandeventer, in the stock buying business, and he lives on his farm, driving to Stella every day. Mr. Wagner married Miss Clara Fisher of Nemaha county, Oct. 27, 1893, and they have two daughters.

William Hill

William D. Hill has an 80-acre farm three and a half miles northwest of Stella. He was born in Davis county, Iowa, June 5, 1857, and came to Nemaha county, Nebr., in 1888. He married Miss Effie Curtis, October 21, 1885, and they have four sons and a daughter.

O. R. Trimmer

A visitor to the pretty farm of O. R. Trimmer is struck by the tidy appearance of everything. He owns a fine farm of 160 acres, five and a half miles west of Stella, and devotes a great deal of attention to stock raising. Orlando R. Trimmer was born in Astabula county, Ohio, July 25, 1853, and came with his parents to Clayton county, Iowa, in 1855. In 1875 he moved to this township. He lived near Shubert until 1885, when he purchased the Yeager forty west of Stella, upon which he lived until 1890, when he bought his present farm. He married Miss Mary Bartlett of this township, Sept. 10, 1876, and they have five children—Roy, Jennie, wife of Benj. Atwood; Florence and Clyde. Mr. Trimmer is a progressive citizen and is a Modern Woodman.

William Stoltz

This is another of our staunch citizens and good farmers who hails from the Keystone state. He was born in Lycoming county, Pa., July 13, 1846, and lived on the old homestead with his parents until 1869, when the family moved to Fulton, county, Ohio. In June of the same year William returned to Pennsylvania and on the 22nd day of that month was married to Miss Mary A. Ulmer, and there are eight children living—Chas. E., of near Verdon; Jacob F., who is principal in the High school at Mead, Nebr.; Isaac H., living on a farm north of Stella; Samuel E., a pen artist in the employ of F. B. White & Co., Chicago; William P., Edward W., Clara E. and Hattie Mae, all at home. In January of this year the beloved wife and mother died. Mr. Stoltz lived on a farm in Pennsylvania until 1886. In 1884, he and five others purchased the quarter section, four miles southwest of Stella, to which he came two years later and on which he still lives. On June 17, 1895, a cyclone passed through his farm, wrecking all his outbuildings and badly damaging his house. This was a great loss to Mr. Stoltz and he was obliged to commence at the beginning again. With his indefatigable energy he has made good the loss and recently purchased the eighty-acre farm on which his son Isaac lives. Mr. Stoltz is a W. O. W.



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FARM HOME OF WILLIAM STOLTZ

1865, when he went to Iowa. He lived in that state three and a half

He has 640 acres of land in Box Butte county and 840 acres in Nemaha county, Nebr. Mr. Mason married Miss Nancy A. Coats at Kenton, O., Sept. 14, 1855, and they have seven children—Robert M., who lives in Oklahoma; Walker L., and Chas. Jr., both of whom live in this vicinity; Amanda E., wife of Arthur Allen, of Auburn; Delia M., wife of J. T. Curtis; Minnie A., wife of Matthew Grider; and Bertha, wife of Will Wixon. Mr. Mason lives in Stella and rents his land.

Joseph Nedrow

Joseph Nedrow has a beautiful farm home of eighty acres, well improved, five miles west of Stella. He was born in Carroll county, Ill., Nov. 15, 1857, and in 1868 came with his parents to Falls City in this county. In 1882 he purchased his farm near here. He married Miss Mary P. Young, Feb. 22, 1884, at Falls City, and they have a son and a daughter.



JOSEPH WAGNER

years and came to Nemaha county, Nebr., purchasing the home farm four and a half miles north of Stella.

A. M. Farmer

Adolphus M. Farmer was born in the Cherokee Nation of Alabama, July 22, 1836, moving with his parents a few months later to West Tennessee. In 1838 he went to Osage county, Mo., where he lived until he came to this county in 1865. He first owned a 30-acre farm south of Shubert where he lived until 1882 when he sold that and purchased his present home of seventy-three acres four miles southwest of Stella. He married Miss Drusillar Hutton in Marys county, Mo., Jan. 9, 1860, and they have three children living—James W., of near Auburn; Jesse M., living east of Stella; and Mary E., wife of Frank Sargent, of California. Mr. Farmer served nine months in Co. C, 11th Mo. Inf. and was also a member of the Missouri State Rangers.

Charles Mason

Charles Mason was born Nov. 20, 1834, in Fairfield county, Ohio, and continued to reside in that state until



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FARM HOME OF T. J. MASON

T. J. Mason

T. J. Mason was born in Hardin county, Ohio, March 18, 1841, and came to Nebraska in 1883, purchasing a farm of 160 acres two miles south of Stella, and he has since purchased an eighty two miles north of Stella, making him 240 acres. Thomas J. Mason was married in September, 1870, to Miss Eliza Kiser, in Hardin county, Ohio, and they have eight children—Elmer E., Hattie, wife of John Neal; Keturah, wife of Walter Vandeventer; Joseph, John, Elsie, Charlie and Jennie. Mr. Mason devotes a greater part of his attention to stock raising, his farm being especially adapted to this business. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. order and is a good citizen and neighbor.



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Levi Bright

Levi Bright owns 440 acres of land in this vicinity, 280 of which is in the home farm four miles southeast of Stella. He was born in Tazewell county, Ill., where he lived until he came to Nebraska and purchased his home farm in 1884. He married Miss Ruth Forward in September, 1861, and they have four children—Ernest, Edward, Kizzie, wife of J. M. Farmer, all of this vicinity, and Mary, wife of C. L. King, of near Pawnee City. Mr. Bright is an A. O. U. W.

C. H. Thomas

Though a resident of our city for a number of years Charley Thomas has but recently made his debut as a dispenser of articles of merchandise. His business career here was begun in the barber shop and he has prospered so well that he is now proprietor of one of our largest mercantile establishments, his business occupying the Wyatt block. His business record is clean and honorable and consequently he has a large trade. Charles H. Thomas was born at Arago in this county, June 13, 1868, and went to St. Deroin in 1874,

INTERIOR OF C. H. THOMAS' STORE

and to Corning, Mo., in 1878. He was educated at Corning and also attended the High school at Beatrice, Nebr. While yet a boy he worked at broom-



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RESIDENCE OF R. A. CLARK

making in Kansas City, St. Joe and Atchison. In 1887 he learned the barber trade at Beatrice under J. R. Hawkins. He came to Stella in 1891 and

worked at barbering until 1898 when he purchased Vandeventer & Overman's grocery business. He soon after sold an interest to Walter Wilsey. Last year he purchased Wilsey's interest and this spring he sold to E. F. Good & Co. and purchased the large general merchandise business of W. R. Wyatt. He is ably assisted by Mr. Scipio Stringfield. Mr. Thomas married Miss Gertrude H. Paris, of Auburn, Jan. 10, 1892, and they have a daughter—Fairy D.

R. A. Clark

One of the largest property holders in our city is Ralph A. Clark, who was born in Covington, Ky., Dec. 3, 1867. He was educated in the public schools of Cincinnati and was graduated from Harvard College in the class of '90. He came to Stella in 1891. He was married to Miss Carrie M. Harris, March 10, 1896, and they have two children—John Willis and Edith Lucile. Mr. Clark was a member of the legislature of 1887 and faithfully discharged his trust as well as won dis-

tingtion for himself in the house, being an excellent speaker and well informed on all questions of the day. He was also the democratic nominee for state senator in 1898. He has been in the grain business since he came to Stella, in partnership with his brother, H. E. Clark. He owns three fine brick business buildings on Main street, is a large stockholder in the opera house and owns 400 acres of land in this vicinity, 1000 acres in Illinois, and some town property in Covington, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have one of the prettiest homes in our city and are at their best when entertaining their friends. Mr. Clark is a Shriner Mason.

George Leming

George F. Leming has an implement and hardware business here. He was born in Barren, Ky., Feb. 18, 1862, and in 1880 moved to Kansas and then to Stella in 1889. He owns his implement house on the west side of Main street. He is single and a member of the I. O. O. F. and the K. & L. of S. orders.



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CLARK BROS' ELEVATOR

F. A. Hacker

Francis A. Hacker presents the paradox of being a printer who has accumulated enough of the filthy lucre to enable him to possess both a good farm and a neat town home. His success in life is, perhaps, attributable to the fact that he deserted the stick and rule and found the plane and square more to his taste as well as more profitable to his pocket. He was born July 11, 1843, in Boone county, Ind., and in 1855 went with his parents, overland, to Decatur, Iowa. He came to Nemaha City, Nebr., in 1859. From that time until 1867 he worked at the printing business, setting type on the Nemaha County Herald, then edited by Dr. Halliday. He also worked in Brownville and St. Louis. He enlisted in May, 1861, in Co. C, 1st Nebr. Inf., serving in the Army of the Tennessee until July, 1866. He was wounded in the right foot, left side and left eye in different battles. After the war he went to St. Joe and learned his trade of carpenter and stair builder at which he has worked ever since. In 1892 he bought an 80-acre farm six miles north of Stella, and Nemaha City has always been his headquarters until 1899, when he built a pretty cottage in Stella and now lives here and rents his farm. He married Miss Sarah E. Railsback, of Nemaha county, in October, 1868, and she died in 1885 leaving two daughters who are now married and live in California. Mr. Hacker remarried in July, 1899, to Mrs. Agnes R. Hacker. Mr. Hacker is a good carpenter and has all the work he can do.



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FARM OF F. A. HACKER

pups always on hand. William B. Williams was born in Trumbull

farm of W. King in 1888. He married Miss Emma Lambert, Feb. 14, 1893, and they have four children—two boys and two girls. A visitor to the Williams home is royally entertained.

W. B. Williams

The chicken industry is in its infancy in this vicinity as yet, and one of the ablest promoters of this branch of farming is W. B. Williams, who owns a pretty eighty four miles northeast of Stella. He has devoted a great deal of attention to the thoroughbred chicken business since 1888, and has taken innumerable premiums at the shows for having the best Barred Plymouth Rocks. He has recently added Belgian Hares to his business and is also a Scotch Collie dog fancier, having a large number of pedigreed



ONE OF W. B. WILLIAMS' PEDIGREED COLLIE PUPS, TWO MONTHS OLD

county, Ohio, Jan. 17, 1869, and came to this locality in 1877, purchasing his

Henry Sayer

It is such men as Henry Sayer that make the farming community in the vicinity of Stella so stable and reliable. He was born in Norfolk, England, April 13, 1830, and came to America in 1852, coming first to Marquette county, Wis. After three years he moved to Floyd county, Iowa, and in 1868 he settled on his homestead three miles southwest of Stella. He now has one of the prettiest homes in the neighborhood, and he also has 160 acres near Guthrie, O. T., and a house and lot in Edmund. He married Miss Addie Austin, of Wisconsin, in October, 1864, and they have seven children—Lela, wife of L. Alter; Henry, Nellie, wife of John Snyder. All of the above live in Oklahoma, and there is Sherman, who lives east of Stella, and John, Ina and Selma, at home. Mr. Sayer served nine months in Co. N, Heavy Wisconsin Artillery.

Jacob Hinkle

Jacob Hinkle was born in Holmes county, Ohio, May 31, 1839, and went to Marshall county, Indiana, in 1863. He lived there until 1868, when he moved to Brown county, Kans. In 1891 he came to this locality and purchased the J. N. Montgomery farm, four miles north of Stella. He sold this to W. H. Hogrefe in 1900 and bought eighty-five acres of the Ben Coons farm, just south of town. He also bought of C. H. Thomas his present home on Vine street. He married Miss Nancy Fry, of Holmes county, O., April 25, 1861, and they have ten children—Alfred, of Nemaha county; Howard, of Brown county, Kan.; Lillie May, wife of Jacob Shaner, of Pottawattamie, Kan.; Scott, who lives near Salem; Nora, wife of Jess Brown, of Brown county, Kan.; Milbert, of Brown county, Kan.; Frantz M., at home; Florence, wife of Frank Mason, of Howe, Nebr.; Jacob and Wilson, who are at home.



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RESIDENCE OF F. A. HACKER



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Alfred Shellenbarger

Alfred Shellenbarger is carrying on a successful harness and implement business on the east side of Main



ALFRED SHELLENBARGER

street, and has built up a large trade by his straightforward dealing and promptness of delivery. He has a large, well lighted room and is prepared to turn out work very rapidly. He was born in Warren county, Ill., March 27, 1872, and in 1883 came with his parents to the farm half a mile west of Stella. In 1894 he went to Fillmore county and farmed for three years. He returned to Stella and farmed near here till 1899 when he came to town and went into his present business with C. B. Brown. The latter retired from the business this spring. Mr. Shellenbarger married Miss Adelia Anderson, at Shickley, Nebr., March 17, 1897.

W. J. McConnell

Here we have another thrifty Porter township farmer who has a good farm

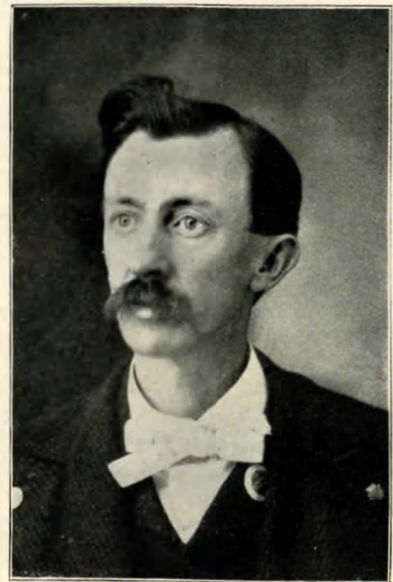
FARM HOME OF W. J. McCONNELL

of eighty acres, improved with large house and barn, seven miles northwest of Stella. William J. McConnell was born in Jackson county, Iowa, June 1, 1848, and in 1871 moved to this county, purchasing his present home in 1880. He married Miss Sarah Martin of this county, Aug. 13, 1872, and they have three children—Nellie, wife of Andrew Bennett, of Auburn; Bain, at home; Elizabeth, wife of Hosey McNeely, who lives west of Stella. Mr. McConnell is a member of the W. O. W.

S. P. Hinds

The Missouri Pacific agent at this place is S. P. Hinds, and he is an obliging and efficient gentleman. Stella is on the main line between St. Louis and Omaha, and a great deal of business comes here from the towns surrounding, both in the passenger and freight departments. Mr. Hinds is a hustling agent, always alive to the company's interests in securing business. Mr. Hinds has been agent here since November, 1896, and has proved to be an active and progressive citizen, having been mayor, member of the school board, a promoter of the telephone company of which he is now secretary and treasurer and the principal stockholder; and he has recently purchased the Gilbert residence on Elm

street. He is also a member of a company which has a franchise for an electric light plant here. S. Preston Hinds was born in Hindsboro, Ill., March 28, 1865, and lived with his parents on a stock farm there until 1885 when he learned telegraphy while acting as clerk under J. H. Eft, on the T. H. & P. railway, since which time he has been agent on the Terre Haute & Peoria, Chicago & Eastern Illinois, Wabash and Missouri Pacific roads, all of the time except one year that he spent in the grain commission business in Chicago. He came on the Missouri Pacific in 1891, and has been stationed at Scott, Mo., Scio, Nebr., Conner and Willis, Kan., and Stella. He married Miss Lulu Harlan, of Cerro Gordo, Ill., Dec. 31, 1890, and they have two children—Ione and S. Preston, Jr. Mr. Hinds is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the M. W. A. order.



S. P. HINDS

A. E. Camblin

Arthur E. Camblin was born in Grant county, Ind., Oct. 28, 1865, and came to Arago in 1868, two years later moving to Falls City. He came to



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RESIDENCE OF A. E. CAMBLIN

Stella in 1887 and went into the meat business with E. W. Minshall. He sold this and went into the hardware business with his brother, Jay, in 1892, J. W. Vaught buying their stock in February, 1900. Mr. Camblin is now the manager of the opera house, and he owns his residence on Main street as well as a half interest in the residence occupied by Sam Walker and the business building occupied by Marvin Davis. He married Miss Minnie Noa, Feb. 26, 1889. Mr. Camblin is a K. of P.

William Moore

William C. Moore was born May 30, 1857, in Brown county, Ohio, and in 1863 moved to Sullivan county, Kan. In 1871 he went to Doniphan county, where he lived until he came here in 1885. He lives on his farm of 160 acres three miles southeast of Stella. He married Mrs. Lucy A. Hays, Sept. 10, 1885, and they have a daughter—Ona L. Mrs. Moore is the mother of Mrs. Dr. Hull and Mrs. W. W. Marts. Mr. Moore is an A. O. U. W.



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FARM HOME OF CHARLES BRIGHT

is always looking for the best, discovered his talent, and for the past five seasons he has been their traveling

daughters. Mr. McDowell has a neat home on Elm street, and is a K. of P. and Woodman of the World.

Charles Bright

Charles Bright has been a resident of Muddy precinct for thirty-two years and is a most successful farmer. He was born April 22, 1841, in Tazewell county, Ill., where he lived until he came here in 1869 and settled on his farm three and a half miles east of Stella. He has a well improved farm of 160 acres. He is an A. O. U. W. and has served the public as a county supervisor. He married Miss Rachael McDermed, in Tazewell county, Ill., in 1861, and they have nine children—Laura, wife of Rank Lytle; Cora, wife of C. D. Evans; Amy, wife of J. G. Evans; Clara, wife of Wm. Steadman; Norman S., Chas. E., and Arthur L., all of this vicinity, and Mary and Clarence, both at home.



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FARM RESIDENCE OF W. C. MOORE

Andrew Curtis

Andrew J. Curtis was born in Miami county, Ohio, Dec. 20, 1846, and in 1849 moved to Blackford county, Ind., and in 1878 came to this place. He has an 80-acre farm two and a half miles northwest of town and is a good citizen. He married Miss Mary F. Ward, of Blackford county, Ind., on April 7, 1872, and they have seven children—Olive M., wife of Ed. Ailor, of Haddam, Kan.; Rosa M., wife of J. H. Young; and three girls and two boys at home.

Irve McDowell

A natural machinist with a penchant for "running things," Irve McDowell, at the early age of 17, was running threshing machines and corn shellers in this vicinity. He also run the engine for three years in the first meal mill in Stella. He then worked at the implement business a year and afterward a few months in the big mill of Clark & Jameson. He next clerked five years for W. R. Wyatt, until the Milwaukee Harvester Company, which

Mrs. Osborne

Mrs. A. Osborne came from Otoe county to this place in 1900 and purchased the millinery store of Lissie Colglazier, and she has a large stock.



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RESIDENCE OF IRVE McDOWELL



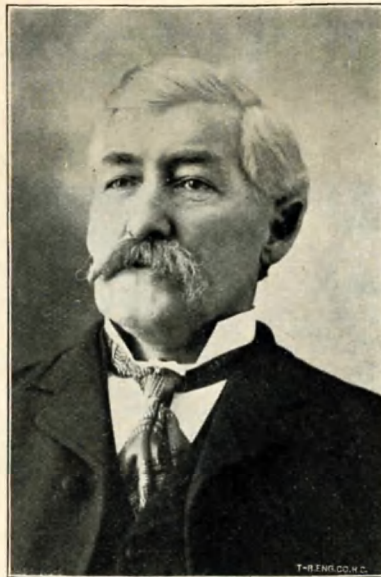
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Drs. Andrews

Bezaleel Bell-Andrews is one of the most widely known surgeons in southeastern Nebraska and has patients from various parts of the country who come to his infirmary to be operated upon. His success in his line has been phenomenal and his reputation as a skillful surgeon increases every year. He was born July 2, 1846, in Putnam county, Ohio, and in 1862 he enlisted in Co. C, 87th O. Inf. After four months service he was discharged by reason of wounds. He re-enlisted in Co. L, 16th Ill. Cav., and served till the end of the war. He was captured at Jonesville, W. Va., and was a prisoner from Nov. 1863, to March, 1865. During that time he was confined nine months in Andersonville and six months at other prisons. He was mustered out as hospital steward and attended lectures at Starling Medical College, Columbus, O., and later was graduated from the University of Tennessee. He is also a graduate of Hahneman Medical College of Chicago, and is a post-graduate. In 1865 he was appointed assistant surgeon of the Bureau hospital at Vicksburg, Miss., 18 months later going to Jacksonville, Ill., as an instructor in the Deaf Mute asylum. In 1870 he began practicing at Astoria, Ill., coming to Brownville, Nebr., in 1879. He practiced there and at Nemaha until 1887, when he came to Stella. He married Miss Olive Seeley of Jacksonville, Ill., April 13, 1870, and they have four sons living—Dr. Gailord M., of Stella; Dr. B. Bell, Jr., of Kansas City; Henry S. and H. Marsellus, at home. Dr. and Mrs. Andrews have a very nice home on Main street and enjoy to a rare degree the esteem and good will of their fellow citizens.

Dr. Gailord M. Andrews was born March 10, 1871, at Jacksonville, Ill., and came to this state in 1879. He graduated from the High school at Auburn in 1890 and the next year went into a railroad office at St. Joe as stenographer. In the subsequent four and a half years he worked at different places in Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Dakota. In September, 1895, he began studying medicine at Marion Sims College of Medicine, of St. Louis, graduating in 1898. He returned to Stella and practiced in part-

nership with his father two years. He practiced about a year in Auburn



DR. B. BELL-ANDREWS

and returned to Stella last February. He married Miss Emilie B. Oppermann of Auburn, Dec. 15, 1898. Dr. and



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RESIDENCE OF DR. B. BELL-ANDREWS

Mrs. G. M. Andrews are among Stella's most popular young people.

J. A. Nutter

"Jim" Nutter was Stella's first grain buyer and he has been one of the most progressive and public spirited citizens of the town since he came here in 1882. James A. Nutter was born in Nicholas county, W. Va., Jan. 30, 1847, and went to Iowa in 1867. In 1870, he went to Cloud county, Kans., for twelve years, farming and shipping grain. On his arrival here he went into the same business in partnership with S. F. Knapp. After Mr. Knapp's retirement, Mr. Nutter conducted the business successfully until 1897, when he turned his attention to overseeing the work on his farms. Mr. Nutter married Miss Alice Clark, of Covington, Ky., March 18, 1886, and they have two children—Frank C. and Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Nutter own their fine home on Main street and 680 acres of land in this vicinity, twenty-five of which joins the corporation on the north. Mr. Nutter is a member of the A. O. U. W., and he and his wife are very popular entertainers.

Daniel Sarvis

Daniel Sarvis was born Dec. 27, 1841, in Park county, Ind., and in 1851 went to Mahaska county, Iowa. In 1884 he came to this county and rented a farm near Verdon for three years, after which he purchased his 80-acre farm now occupied by him one and a half miles southwest of Stella. He married Miss Sabina E. Morrow in Iowa, Dec. 25, 1862, and they have ten children—Martha L., wife of John Keyt, and Nancy, wife of Ozro Haskett, both of Bancroft, Nebr.; Chas. H., Margaret A., wife of J. H. Paradise; Daisy M., wife of Chas. Paradise, and three girls and two boys at home.

D. J. Richards

D. J. Richards was born in Cardigan, Wales, July 6, 1860, coming to America in 1877. He has been practicing as a veterinary surgeon for sixteen years,



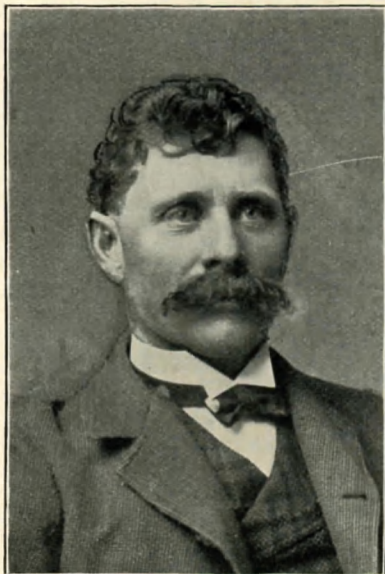
THE LADIES' RESEARCH CLUB

MRS. J. W. CHENEY MRS. J. A. NUTTER MRS. F. G. WIXON MRS. C. W. ROBBINS MRS. A. R. M'MULLEN MRS. M. E. JESTER MRS. R. A. CLARK
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having taken courses both in New York and Philadelphia. He located in Stella last year and has a large practice. He married Miss Gertrude Barger, of Hebron, Nebr., in 1892, and they have one son—John D.

Col. M. W. Harding

M. W. Harding was born April 3, 1857, at Lyme, Conn., and in 1878 came to Nebraska, settling near Humboldt, where he has a beautiful farm of 360 acres. He was married to Miss Medora L. Bridgeford, of Joy, Ill.,



COL. M. W. HARDING

Jan. 14, 1880, and they have two daughters and a son. Two years ago Mr. Harding moved into Humboldt, and is now in the real estate business with Ashford Edie, besides being the busiest auctioneer in the country—a calling which he has followed for eighteen years. His record as an auctioneer of blooded stock is unsurpassed. See the real estate advertisement of Harding & Edie on the back page of this book.

The Ladies' Research Club

The Ladies' Research Club of Stella was organized March 13, 1896. The meetings are held every two weeks at the homes of the members and the membership at present is fourteen. Only married ladies are eligible and the purpose of the organization is to study literature and history and such other topics as the members may elect. It has been productive of much good in this way and is, as well, very popular for its sociability. The officers are: President, Mrs. A. R. McMullen; vice-president, Mrs. M. L. Hays; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. B. Bell-Andrews; critic, Mrs. M. E. Jester.

John M. Brockman

John M. Brockman was born in Morgan county, Ill., Aug. 20, 1841, and in 1861 came to Brownville, Nebr. He enlisted in the 1st Nebr. Cav. and served about three years, acting as scout for about a year for Generals Crook, Geo. H. Thomas and Lew Wallace. Mr. Brockman married Miss M. A. Mitchell, of Cass county, Ill., in 1867, and they settled on their farm

four miles northwest of Stella the same year. They have two children—Ida, wife of A. B. Cornelius; and Ross Wallace, at home. Mr. Brockman served one term as county commissioner and was elected representative from this county in 1892 and was re-elected in 1894, receiving the largest vote on the legislative ticket both times. He has served as president of the Old Settlers' Association of South-eastern Nebraska since its organization in 1884. Besides his home farm



J. M. BROCKMAN

of 160 acres, Mr. Brockman owns an eighty five miles west of Stella. He is a genial gentleman and one of the solid citizens of the community.

Benjamin Coons

Benj. T. Coons was born in Morgan county, Ill., April 10, 1826, and came to Brownville, Nebr., in 1869. He purchased a farm one mile south of



MRS. MILDRED J. CHENEY

Stella in 1870 and sold it in 1900, buying the Wyatt place and moving to town. He married Miss Martha Smith in 1848 and she died in 1853, leaving two children—Margaret J., wife of P. D. Thompson; and Nancy A., wife of T. J. Creed. In 1857, Mr. Coons married Miss Hannah E. Robinson and they have seven children—W. T., John H., Mary E., wife of G. W. Dawson; Laura, wife of H. A. Creed; Pearl, wife of Sam Jones; Louise and George.

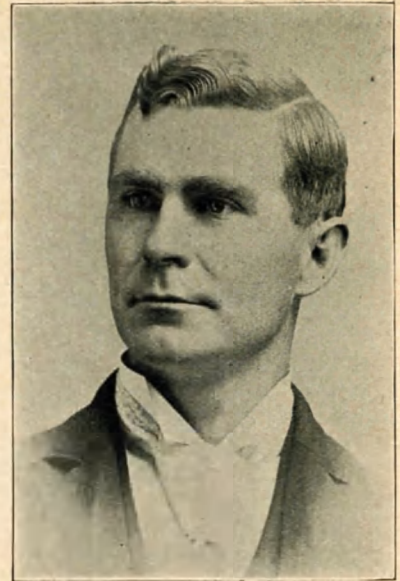
D. G. Palmer

DeWitt G. Palmer was born April 27, 1841, in Tioga county, New York, and in 1848 went to Jefferson county, Wis. He came to Rulo in this county in 1865, where he operated a saw mill for three years. In 1868 he went to Cloud county, Kans., and homesteaded a farm, and in 1882 came to Stella. He was buttermaker at the creamery for three years, clerked for Wyatt three years, and then clerked for Vandeventer & Overman until 1898, since which time he has been farming in this vicinity. He owns a commodious residence on Elm street, now occupied by J. W. Cheney. Mr. Palmer married Miss Lizzie McIntosh, in 1868, and she died in 1880, leaving a son—

James D. In October, 1883, he was married to Miss Martha Grant, and they have five children—one boy and four girls. Mr. Palmer enlisted in Co. D, 28th Wis. Inf., in August, 1862, and served three years in the Army of the Tennessee. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

The Stella Press

The Press was started by Gird Bros. in August, 1882, and has had eleven different editors in its existence of nearly twenty years. It was purchased by J. W. Cheney in 1894, and he has remained with it longer than any of his predecessors. J. W. Cheney, was born June 1, 1867, at Garden City, Minn., and lived in various parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois until 1882, when he learned the printing business, by apprenticeship, of J. H. Sherin at Winnebago City, Minn., and he has never been able to get out of the business since. He worked as a journeyman printer in different parts of the country until 1890 when he accepted the position of foreman of the New Orleans (La.) Republican. In 1892 he, in company with J. T. Nixon, leased and published the Alexandria (La.) Daily Times for six months, after which they established the Monroe (La.) Evening News. In January, 1894, Mr. Cheney sold his interest and came to Stella, buying and taking charge of The Press, Feb. 1. The next month he purchased the Stella Journal and consolidated it with The Press. In 1897 the management of the paper was given over to Mrs. Cheney, and her husband accepted the foremanship of the Auburn Post for a year and he has since occupied the same position for fifteen months on the Falls City News. The past winter he has been engaged in getting out this souvenir. The work has all been done in The Press office, except the presswork and binding, which was done by the Morton Printing Company, of Nebraska City. Mildred J. Cheney was born in Hesper, Iowa, Oct. 26, 1870, and lived in that state, receiving her education at the Decorah High school, until 1887. She then went to Acadia parish, La., where she taught school two years. She married Julius W. Cheney, Oct. 15, 1890, in New Orleans, and they have a daughter—Katharine E. Mrs.



J. W. CHENEY

Cheney learned type-setting in New Orleans and in 1893 was assistant editor of the Monroe Evening News. She assumed the management of The Press in 1897 and does all of the business connected with the paper, writes all the copy, sets almost all the "ads", makes up the forms, and does most of the job work composition. Clyde Haskins does all of the straight composition and runs the presses. "Now is the time to subscribe."

Wesley Pearson

Wesley Pearson lives on a farm five miles southwest. He was born in Darke county, O., July 30, 1844, and came here in 1884. He married Miss Arminta Kitchen, Aug. 29, 1867, and they have nine children—Nellie, wife of Geo. Mather; and four sons and four daughters. He served in Co. I, 152nd Ohio Inf. from April, 1865, till the close of the war. He is an A. O. U. W.

J. W. Sumner

Jared W. Sumner was born in Hancock county, Ill., March 23, 1841, and went to Dubuque county, Iowa, in infancy. In 1867 he came to this county and for seventeen years run a threshing machine and corn sheller. In 1877 he purchased his farm one and a half miles east of Stella. He has a forty and raises blooded stock and fruit for which he finds a ready market. Mr. Sumner married Miss Mary McDowell at Brownville, in December, 1874. He served three years in Co. F, 32nd Iowa Inf. He is a Mason and a K. of P.

Charles Conover

Charles H. Conover was born in Mason county, Ill., Nov. 23, 1859, and came to this locality in 1880. He now lives seven miles northwest. He married Miss Emma Scott in 1877, and she died a few years later leaving four children. He married Miss Rachael Young in 1885; they have three children



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HOUSE OF D. G. PALMER