

# Yegen Brothers



The nucleus of the present great business of Yegen Bros. was a baker's shop established in 1882. A few months later the business was moved to the South Side near its present location, and a small stock of groceries added. Sixteen years ago the firm began a two-story building, 28x80, on the present site, and in 1893 built an addition for hardware, 22x80. The next year fifty feet were added to the rear of the grocery department and a new two-story dry goods room, 50x130, was erected.

Still their growing business required more room and in 1898 the hardware room was raised a story and extended back fifty feet, enlarging their general offices. Next they built a two-story cold storage building, 30x34, for the use of farm produce.

In 1900, they embarked in the banking business, starting a savings bank, the first of its kind in Billings.

In 1892, after twenty years as a private firm, the mercantile business was incorporated under the title of Yegen Bros., incorporated. In this corporation Yegen Bros. hold all

but a small portion of the stock, which was sold to a few of their former employes.

During the same year they added a building, 75x130 feet, to accommodate their increased trade in the hardware and implement lines.

In 1903 other savings banks were started by them in Gardiner and Anaconda. In 1904 they started their fourth savings bank in Butte.

In 1903 they purchased the large wholesale grocery business of Millis & Co., together with its spacious warehouses, and combined their own jobbing department with this well established trade.

They have plotted two additions to the City of Billings, which are being rapidly purchased for homes.

The firm of Yegen Bros. has been an important factor in the growth and development of this city and county. Their business at the present time can not be duplicated as to volume in any city of equal size in the United States.

