

ENISON REVIEW

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The majority of our merchants have just finished their yearly invoice. In order to find just what has been the profit and loss of each department. It is necessary for them to know just how they stand with the world. Perhaps it would be well if we would take an invoice of Denison as it stands today; look over what may be termed our assets as a town, our liabilities and our prospects for the coming year.

Denison is a town of perhaps 3500 people; the county seat of a county of 20 townships having a population of not less than 25000. The nearest cities of greater population and importance are Council Bluffs, 65 miles to the south-west; Sioux City, 90 miles to the north-west; Ft. Dodge, 65 miles north-east; Boone, 85 miles east; Atlantic, 50 miles to the south. It is surrounded by an excellent agricultural country practically all of which is under cultivation, and while it has not reached its limit of productiveness it has reached all that will probably be attained in the next decade, or until new methods of farming are in vogue or new enterprises are established.

There are numerous smaller towns in the county, each of which serves to take from Denison's trade territory especially as a market town. Several of these towns have good stocks of merchandise, are enterprising and have a good trade. As an offset to this loss, especially in heavy lines, such as lumber, implements and groceries, Denison is a gainer from these towns in that its stores furnish many of the higher grades not only to the farmers throughout the county, but to the residents of the other towns. In some lines this gain has more than offset the loss.

Regarded from the standpoint of a residence city Denison stands par excellence; it has nine church organizations, supported at an annual average charge of not less than \$1500 each. It has a fine library. It has a splendid school system which is well housed in comfortable buildings and directed by a corps of teachers that cannot be excelled. It has two parochial schools, one conducted by the Catholic church and the other by the Lutheran church.

At the head of the educational system stands the Denison college, an institution which has not only brought many outside students to Denison, but which has added largely to the earning capacity and the power of enjoyment of our own young people. The city is noted for its fine residences and beautiful, shaded streets. What is perhaps more noteworthy is that the city has no poor quarter, no rotten row, no poverty flat, no place where pauperism breeds crime and crime breeds pauperism. In fact there are not a half dozen families in the entire city that are not self-supporting, independent, and self-respecting. It is not in the fine houses, but in the fact that the smaller houses are bright and cosy and comfortable that we find the greatest source for pride in Denison.

Denison stands upon the hills, picturesque but difficult. The large amount of grading to be done has proved a preventative to that permanent improvement of the streets which adds to the convenience of other towns. It is only within the last ten years that Denison has achieved permanent results in street improvement. Up to that time the work consisted in minor cuttings and fillings and road mendings, but in the last ten years the coun-

ty has wisely pursued the policy of permanent improvement and while this policy is always open to the criticism that one portion of the town is receiving the bulk of the money, that it is the only true policy, it is shown by the aggregate results. Our water and light system is good, but is a large expense and it is sincerely hoped that within the next year the Light Co. will receive enough patronage to warrant both day and night service.

It is not our purpose to list the various business houses of Denison. All lines are well represented and in several we have the largest stocks and the best assortments between Boone and Council Bluffs. On the other hand business does not seem to be particularly overdone, there being fewer business houses than in most towns of its size. Perhaps the largest industry of Denison is found in its financial institutions. A large portion of the savings of the county finds its way to the banks of Denison. There are several loan establishments, and agencies that have the complete confidence of the eastern capitalists, and are able to supply money in practically unlimited amounts, this, together with the close competition, has made Denison the banking center for a number of counties and this interest pays out large amounts in wages and brings many people to Denison.

Another factor which has added largely to the reputation of Denison is the stock farm conducted by W. A. McHenry. That Denison has the best herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle in America is no small advertisement for the town.

The Fairmont Creamery and the butter and egg plant operated by B. Y. Nicholson, are also sources of wealth to Denison and vicinity. During the next two years approximately \$75,000 is to be expended in the erection of the new court house and a portion of this money will necessarily remain in Denison. When built, the court house will add largely to the beauty of the city as the construction is good and the location as fine as could be chosen.

Judging from its postal receipts Denison is not growing rapidly. For the last five years the receipts have been approximately between \$8000 and \$9000. Denison has at its hand a fine instrument in the shape of the Commercial club, but how much of good it may accomplish rests with the individual members.

As to the railroad facilities: the main line of the Northwestern gives splendid service east and west and to such service the Illinois Central main line largely adds and the Boyer Valley branch of the Northwestern is also an important feeder. Denison has reached the point where the railroads, in creating numerous new market places, have done it all the harm they can. Another road would only help Denison and if a line could be built south-east from Denison through East Boyer and Hays townships to Manning connecting there with the Milwaukee, and Great Western, it would help Denison greatly.

Among the luxuries to be desired are a modern opera house and a modern hotel of large capacity, but these are luxuries, not necessities. In the line necessities, Denison needs enterprises that will give steady employment all the year round. One thing which should be done is to give encouragement to the small enterprises that are already started. It is difficult and expensive to obtain large full-grown manufacturing plants, but it is comparatively easy to help those that are already established, both by good will and financial assistance. For instance, we have often heard talk that a hospital should be erected in Denison and we believe a good amount could be raised for such an undertaking. Recently a lady has come to our city anxious to maintain and operate a hospital on a small scale; our advice would be that this lady be given every encouragement and support.

We have here also a ticket printing concern, still in its infancy, perhaps, but shipping goods to all parts of the United States, and bringing new money into Denison and paying out wages which would not otherwise be paid. It would be well for the Commercial club to give this at least its moral support. Mr. Fastje has developed a great talent along furniture building lines. He has received much encouragement from our people and his work compares most favorably with any that we have seen. What we are trying to teach is not especially for the benefit of the concerns mentioned, but to point out that there is more sound judgment in supporting the institutions we now have, than in dreaming of enormous enterprises which we know not of.

The poorest part of Denison is its business portion, but upper Broadway has been largely rebuilt. Main street shows much improvement, and in the next few years we believe the frame store building will have disappeared.

The new Balle-Brodersen store which will be opened this spring, will, we believe, add largely to Denison's business, and this not at a loss to other merchants. Finally, it remains with the good people of Denison whether the city

shall become a quiet residence village of reasonable wealth and reasonable prosperity, or whether it shall become one of the live, progressive cities of Iowa. This can be accomplished if our capitalists will invest in Denison instead of in mines and oil wells.

THE REVIEW is willing to do anything that it legitimately can to obtain good results for Denison and only ask to be given opportunity to help.

For 1905 it wishes Denison, its schools, its churches, its business men, its laborers, its men, its women and its bright-faced children the happiest kind of a Happy New Year.

Hon. J. P. Conner made Denison the flyingest kind of a visit last week, being so busily engaged that his friends barely had time to say "How-do-you-do," and "Goodbye." The judge is not very hopeful for any tariff legislation at this session, but feels that the freight rate question will receive considerable attention and that something of importance will be done. In relation to his postal bill Judge Conner states that it will doubtless have the opposition of the big department stores and an effort will probably be made to offset it with a "Parcels Post" bill, which would be very harmful to the country merchants. The postal bill that he has presented has met with the unqualified approval of General Bristow of the postoffice department and measures have been taken to get the opinion of postmasters and others throughout the country as to the practicability of the measure. While at home Judge Conner had many interviews with prominent men throughout the district and also looked after some important legal matters. He returned to Washington on the evening of the 31st.

The disposition of the Manila post-office seems to be the absorbing question in that thriving city, and Judge Conner is finding it a veritable 14, 15 puzzle. Mr. C. A. Sykes, Roscoe Saunders and John Bayles are all in the field and the choice among three such good men must be embarrassing. Mr. Sykes and his friend, Mr. Avery, were in Denison on Friday afternoon interviewing the Judge and Mr. Saunders and Mr. Moore held the boards on Saturday.

WAIT FOR THIS.

On Tuesday evening, January 10, at the Opera House, will be given an entertainment by home talent, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church. Among the attractive features of the evening is our amateur whistler, Miss Garnett Norman, who will make her first appearance before a public audience. Mrs. Lou F. Martin, who is so well and favorably known to Denison audiences as a soloist, will be accompanied by Misses Genevieve Lally, violinist and Nettie Kelly, pianist.

Miss Randall, the popular elocutionist of Denison Normal college will furnish several selections. The Denison Male Quartette will appear on the program and nine shaking Quakers with their charming little duds all dressed in unique costumes cannot fail to please. All come. Price 25 cents. Reserved seats at Johnson's.

COURT WORK.

Judge Church held court three days last week. The following cases were disposed of:

In the case of the Central Trust Co. vs. J. W. Stepanek, a decree was entered in favor of the defendant. In the case of Hollenbeck Bros. vs. Patrick Flynn a decree was also entered in favor of the defendant. In the case of Hattie A. Poltevin vs. Frank Binnel, depositions were taken before the County Clerk. F. J. Gary guardian vs. for J. J. Wildman, imbecile stipulations for settlement were filed.

THE REVIEW congratulates Henry Schroeder upon his election as chairman of the board of supervisors. Mr. Schroeder is, we believe, an honest man who tries to do the right thing. We have known him to make mistakes and as he is a public servant we have commented on them, but we have never doubted the sincerity of his purpose nor his good intent. THE REVIEW is ready and willing to cooperate with Mr. Schroeder and with the board for good county government with as little partisanship in it as is possible.

Following are the names of the pupils of Sub-District, No. 8, Goodrich township, who were neither absent nor tardy during the month of December, Miss Maggie Champion, teacher: Lillian and Henry Ruberg, Henry, Mary and Robert Korn, Ella Hasse, Annie and Frances DeMay.

The final Adjustment Sale at Bamford's begins Friday, Jan. 6. The way they are marking good new goods down from the regular prices to force the selling is phenomenal—for instance—there is a lot of Light and Heavy weight ladies' jackets and Short Coats, Colors and Blacks, that sold up to \$7.00 for \$1.98. Then there are children's long Cloaks that sold up to \$7.00 for \$2.95. A few last season's Wash Coats sold at 25c, now 5c per yard. Ladies' \$1.25 Wrappers for 65c, and so on, all through the house. Come early Friday, Jan. 6, and save money.

WEEK OF HAPPY MARRIAGES.

Many Couples Joined in the Holy Bonds of Wedlock, the Latest Being Clement Mahan and Margaret Lally.

The week just past has been a record breaker in the marriage market, no less than five weddings having taken place. The ministers and county clerk have been kept busy marrying the happy young people and issuing marriage licenses. THE REVIEW wishes them all the compliments of the season and a long and prosperous married life. ROLLINS-DAVIS.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, the marriage of Mr. James Rollins and Miss Katie Davis was solemnized at the M. E. parsonage, Rev. Emory Miller officiating. The ceremony took place at 8:30.

The groom is the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rollins, of East Boyer township, and is an exemplary young man. For the past few years he has been following farming, working a portion of his father's farm. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davis, of this city, where she has grown to young womanhood. She is a young lady possessed of true womanly qualities. The young couple start life under flattering circumstances, and we trust that a long life of prosperity and happiness await them.

HARVEY-LATCHAW.

On Wednesday evening, December 28, at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. Emory Miller united in marriage Mr. T. A. Harvey and Miss Lizzie Latchaw, at the residence of Mr. John Cook, in Denison, only the immediate relatives being present.

Mr. Harvey is well known in Denison and vicinity, where he has resided for many years. He is a young man of strict integrity and uprightness. He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harvey, of near Denison, has a fine education and starts life with the brightest prospects. His bride is one Crawford county's best rural teachers, having taught numerous terms of school throughout the county, and her friends are numbered by the hosts. They will reside at Denison and will soon be at home to their friends. In fact, they were "at home" soon after the ceremony was performed in as much as the boys heard of the wedding and immediately gave them a charivari.

BROWN-AUSTIN.

Another happy wedding which took place last Thursday was that of Mr. John B. Brown to Miss Irene Austin. The ceremony was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Austin, only immediate friends and relatives being present. Rev. Emory Miller pronounced the happy couple man and wife. The home was beautifully decorated with holly, carnations and missetoe. The wedding breakfast was in charge of Mrs. Silletto and so was just the "proper thing" as anything handed over to her always is. Both bride and groom are well known and have the congratulations of their friends.

Mr. Brown is an expert stockman, and for the past two years has had charge of Mr. W. A. McHenry's premier herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle. He is a gentleman of ability and integrity. The happy bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Austin, of Denison, and is a young lady of many accomplishments. She was reared in Denison where she has been prominent in church and social circles and has many friends.

The young couple will be at home at the McHenry Park farm on their return from Spencer, Iowa, where they went on their wedding trip.

It is again reported that Mr. C. W. Payne of West Side has determined to make Denison his future home. We hope the report is true as this family would be a most desirable addition both to our business and our social circles.

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That Mrs. Leslie M. Shaw has not forgotten her Denison Friends is shown by her thoughtfulness in presenting a beautiful clock to the Federated Women's club. The clock is to be placed in the new club room of the Carnegie Building and will be a constant reminder to the ladies of Denison of their loving friend who though absent is near to them in thought and purpose.

NEW RURAL ROUTE.

Arion is to have the benefit of rural free delivery, the new route starting Jan. 16. The route lies both north and south of Arion and will take a few of the patrons now served by Carrier Nash.

TEACHERS MEETING POSTPONED

The committee on teachers' meeting announces that it has been found impossible to hold the district teachers' meeting Jan. 7, as originally planned, but it will be held Jan. 28th when an excellent program will be provided.

ON THE SICK LIST.

Among those whom the grip has been making decidedly uncomfortable are Mesdames Rachael Wright, Criswell and Young. We are glad to say they are getting the better of it.

BOAST BEFORE ROAST.

With apologies to Sioux City Journal. The rooster spoke up in his pride. "That I'm healthy cannot be denied, I will live many years"— But (I write it with tears) On the twenty-sixth he died.

BUSINESS BRIEFS.

FOR SALE—Fine Plymouth Rock Roosters—100 to pick from. 51 MAT WIBLEHAUSER. —Girl wanted at the Dormitory.

FOR SALE. Young Polled Durham Bulls. Also some steers and heifers coming two years old, and a few good cows. Enquire of James Rollins, one and one-half miles east of Denison.

FOR SALE. 325 acres, improved, 4 miles from Dow City, Iowa. An ideal stock farm. Price \$85 per acre. Easy terms. Might take \$5000 good merchandise or good residence in good town. N. R. WILDER, Dow City, Iowa.

WANTED—Young Man from Denison to prepare for desirable position in Govt. Mail Service. Salary \$800. Rapid promotion to \$1500. Splendid opportunity. Address Box 570, Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52-31.

—Girl wanted at the Dormitory.

STORM WINDOWS. Parties desiring storm windows should place their orders immediately with JOHN FASTJE.

—Ladies' Red Plaid All-wool Shawl, lost between this office and Northwestern depot. Finder please leave at REVIEW office.

FURNITURE AT PRIVATE SALE. I have some nice pieces of furniture for sale; also a good heating stove. MRS. THOS. LISTER.

A FEW BARGAINS

CITY PROPERTY—A nine room residence, with five closets, and two lots on corner, one block direct west of College. House is new and in best of repair. Price only \$2000, if taken soon.

—A fine six room house with closets, pantry; a good barn, corncrib, well, etc., and three acres of good land which can be cut up into lots, in east Denison. Close in, for sale cheap.

—Ten lots in Southeast Denison all in one body for sale at a bargain. Any reasonable offer will be accepted.

FARMS—Ninety-four acres well improved farm near two good towns. All fenced, 47 acres cultivated. Good house, barn, granary, corn-crib, hog-shed, and other outer buildings. Rented for \$3.25 cash rent. Only \$50 per acre if taken within 30 days.

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—LADIES—I am teaching the latest method of dress cutting. Those wishing to learn to use system, please call MRS. J. PH. JONES, Chestnut St., 2 1/2 blocks east of HI School. 1-2

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