

MAYVILLE

Commercial Metropolis of the Goose River Section in the Heart of the Richest Farming Country of the State--Normal School Adds Prominence to the City.

Just across the river from Portland, but on the Breckenridge and Larimore bridge, of the Great Northern road, there in the Goose River Valley along the western boundary of Traill county live the people who constitute the city of Mayville. Unlike most of the cities of this section on the state, Mayville nestles among parks and heavy foliage. The Goose

town, are Geo. O. Stommer and Peter Tennyson. The railroad was built as far as the city of Blanchard, 15 miles south, in 1889. All the lumber for the first few buildings was hauled in from that place.

Present Business Place.

The Mayville Farmers Elevator Co. of which Mark Wold is the present manager and buyer, has been buying

directors. They buy and sell lands and make loans against land security.

Real estate ranges from \$50 to \$75 per acre at this place, but to the north prices are from \$70 to \$100. Due to the very size of the farms, prices are kept down because the average buyer is not able to invest in so large an undertaking. There are very few holdings of less than three quarter sections.

General Merchandises.

The Grinager Mercantile company, the big department store, carries a full line of drygoods. The store is sixteen years old and backed by such men as G. L. Elken, M. L. Elken and Jens Grinager.

The firm of N. D. Nelson also handles drygoods and notions. There is also a grocery department in connection.

Wellan Tryhus was another firm heavily engaged in the mercantile business here, but the store was recently destroyed by fire.

In The Confectionary Line.

Peter Egge handles groceries, fruits, confectionary, and runs a lunch room and lodging house. Besides this he handles the Gold Medal flour. He has been here for one year and reports business good. Mr. Egge is a booster for the lunch business, but he incidentally finds time to say a few words for Mayville.

If You Want Shoes.

There is the Mayville shoe store. John Eng is the proprietor. He is not only proprietor but he is the shoe



THOS. A. HILLIER
President Mayville Normal

an annual business of \$50,000. They handle a complete line of stoves, harness, blacksmith supplies, and oils. They buy their machine oil in car lots.

F. G. Skalet is the man who deals in hardware, the man who has been in Mayville since it was a barless field. He sells the Singer sewing machine, stoves and ranges, and the best grade tin ware, and all guaranteed stock. He has an \$8,000 stock with which he does a \$24,000 business yearly, has two ware rooms, a fine display room, and is a jolly good fellow.

Drugs and Druggs.

Drugs and sundries are sold by H. L. Kenney & Co., Confectionary, cigars, stationary, books, base ball goods--these also form part of the commodities for sale that the clerks must hand over the counter each day; 1881 is marked as the discovery of this concern.

Besides drugs, chemicals, sundries, C. H. Hanson handles wall paper, paints and glass. Mr. Hanson has been in the town for thirty-one years and in business here for twenty-two years. He enjoys the best of business and robust health, Mayville, he says, is the best place in the state.

Old Settlers.

Ole P. Stommer, dealer in harness robes, whips, etc. started business in this town in 1881. He is now carrying a \$5,000 stock in the best things in the harness line, and is doing a big business in a first class shop. O. E. Lura, an 1880 man of the town, sells first class furniture, win-

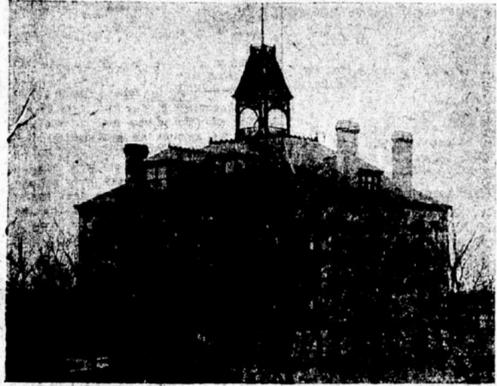
ning, who, for six and a half years, has served the ladies of Mayville. Though her store was burned she now has neat quarters.

Miss J. M. Skullerud, for the past three years has been catering to the millinery and dressmaking trade. She is a very clever lady and does a fine business in both departments.

palatable lunch is served here at all hours.

Where You Eat.

The Northern Hotel serves the big majority of commercial men. It is one of the neatest and best equipped hotels along the line. The proprietor is a very clever gentleman and an



HIGH SCHOOL.

river breaks the land into slopes and gives it a decided eastern appearance. The citizens have not neglected their part but have scattered trees throughout the city, which has not only been a pleasure gratification, but has enhanced real estate values and spread the fame of Mayville far beyond the boundary of Traill county.

grain here for the past six years. They buy on an average of 250,000 bushel a year and, although the Farmer's Grain and Milling company use considerable wheat, the amount does not reach these figures.

Real Estate.

M. L. Elken is the master real estate man of Mayville. Mr. Elken has been in business for the past 30 years here, and for twenty years handling

A Farm Center.

Mayville is situated in the heart



RECEPTION ROOM, PALMER HALL

of the Red river valley, the most fertile farming district in the northwest. According to the United States census bulletin compiled from the 13th census Traill county was the only county in North Dakota having between 95 and 100 per cent of the farm lands under cultivation.

implements, but for the past ten years in the farm and land business. Mr. Elken is a heavy stockholder and connected with many banks, among them being the Goose River bank, Mayville, of which he is president, this being the oldest bank in Traill county. He is also president of the Farmers and Merchants bank at Hat-

A Large Farm.

J. L. and E. B. Grandin still own and operate the Mayville farm, which is one of the largest in the Red River valley, the Grandin Bros. at one time having over 75,000 acres. Mr. Grandin came to North Dakota from Pennsylvania among the earliest pioneers. He first saw the capabilities and settled along the Red river, where he built barges and shipped wheat by water to Fargo. The farm at first was somewhat of an experiment, but soon grew to immense size, and at one time had 22,000 acres seeded to wheat.



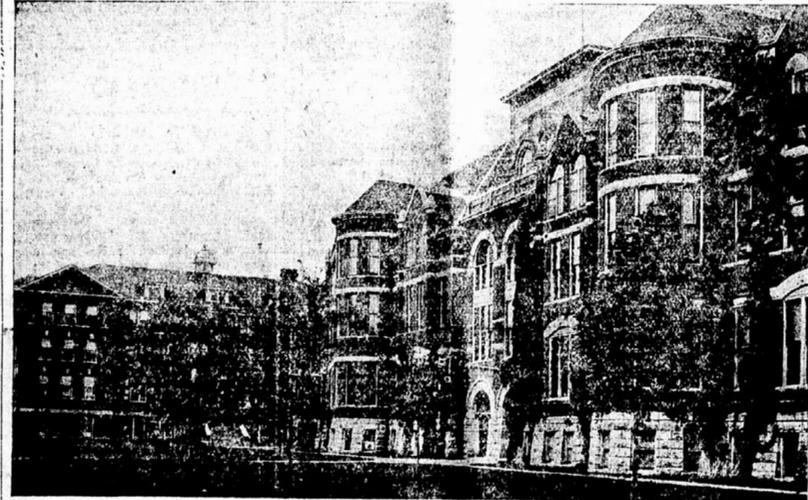
COOKING LABORATORY AT THE NORMAL

This large estate has since been divided into small holdings and sold until now the Mayville farm comprises only 2,000 acres just north of the city.

The first telephone system in the state was the private lines owned and operated between the Grandin farms. This line was constructed in 1889.

Bits of History.

The Great Northern railroad came to Mayville in 1881, the town, however, was settled the year previous. Mabel House hotel, known at present as the Park hotel, is one of the oldest landmarks in town. The first business was a general store opened by Chantland Bros. J. W. Chantland was the first postmaster. S. J. Johnson and S. E. Boyam had the first hardware store, but C. H. Dunley sold his country property and started a hardware store about the same time. Perhaps the two oldest citizens, two men who have grown up with the



MAIN BUILDING, PALMER HALL

doctor--a mender of old shoes. And then he carries a good line of new shoes or will make one to order if you are a particular fellow.

The Variety Store.

Jens Ons is the boss round his place. He has been doing a big business here for the past year. Jens makes a speciality of dishes and notions.

Who is Johnson?

Johnson of Mayville is Mr. A. H. Johnson, licensed embalmer 257;

For the Builders.

Everything for building purposes is made or handled by Heider & Robinson Lumber Co. This is one of the oldest concerns in Mayville, having been established in 1882. It is the headquarters for six other yards of the state. Hatton, Northwood, Kenyon, Portland and Clifford. Besides handling building material, wood and coal, this concern is the manufacturer of cement products. A new tile machine for the making of cement tile turns out the product as fast as four men can pack them. Besides tile they manufacture cement building blocks, chimney, discen, and wall tile. Here also is made a block that is frost proof, a wire insert being placed within. They also handle plasters of all kinds.

With the Jewelers.

G. L. Thompson handles all the commodities of an up-to-date jewelry shop including photographs and optical goods. He has been at the same stand for four years and reports business good. Mr. Thompson is one of the men whom we have met that unsolicited tells you the whole truth about what he has to sell.

Jewelry, cut glass, china, Edison and Victor phonographs are the chief articles handled by H. Backer. He kept the little jewelry shop here 20 years ago, and today Mr. Backer & Son not only have the store here but also at Maldock.

Charles Kittelson, another competitor in the business, has been in the vicinity for twenty-one years. The jewelers all seem to be prospering which is only another sign of the good times in the vicinity.

Hardware and Implements.

The Central Hardware Co. is capitalized at \$55,000. E. A. Bjele and O. J. Elfson established the business over twenty six years ago. Mr. Bjele at the time being a tin smith. They have a \$35,000 stock and do

down shades, rugs, coffins and caskets. He has a \$35,000 stock which includes a full line of everything for the home. Repair work is made a specialty here.

We have seen Mr. Lura; we know Mr. Lura, and if thirty years of Mayville and North Dakota weather leaves one as well fixed in a business way, and also physically, we will take ours in Mayville.

The Butcher.

Meats, fish, and oysters in season

Machinery and Implements.

Far implements, machinery and harnesses is the chief stock in trade of the Donovan & Smith concern which has recently taken over the stock of Olson & Hanson. T. A. Torkelson is the local manager. The firm is strong financially and Mr. Torkelson is a good business man and has many good friends in the vicinity. A very complete line is handled

experienced man in the hotel business.

The Park Hotel has 19 guest rooms and a good place for a hungry man to get his efficiency. Chas. Olson is the proprietor who has had charge for the last four years.

The Central Hotel of which C. L. Larson is the proprietor has twelve well fitted rooms and a large dining room.



DINING ROOM, PALMER HALL

and a large stock to choose from. Business is good and gradually improving.

400 Fords.

Springer Bros., who run the Ford garage, have put out this season over four hundred Fords which run the roads in the neighborhood of Mayville. These gentlemen have been in bus-

The Mayville Cafe has a large menu and serves everything in the best style. Rooms are kept in connection and a general confectionary is run at the place.

Livery.

Special auto drives are solicited and a general livery business done by the Hotel Northern Livery. This concern has been in business for three years.

A clean barn, a good feed stable, and a large auto is kept by K. E. Svendsgaard who is the proprietor of the best livery in town.

Where the Wheat Goes.

The Great Western grain company buys the majority of the grain at Mayville. V. H. Fuller is the manager. He came here two months ago from Lisbon. The house holds about 32,000 bushels and at the present indications will ship about 75,000 bushels this season, most of which is Velvet Chaff and Blue Stem wheat.

The Farmers Grain & Milling Co. a three year old concern, buys grain but makes a speciality of graham and rye flour, Grit breakfast food, bran etc. Peerless and Dakota Chief, two of the best grades of flour in the state are ground here. W. J. Henry, the manager of the firm, has been a miller for the past thirty four years. The mill is one of the best equipped in the state, all white interior finish and modern machinery.

Keep Clean.

Last but not least there is the Mayville Steam Laundry. This firm has been doing a general laundry business here for the past eight years. Mike Miesel is the proprietor. The best of service is rendered by the concern which is one of the largest in this section.

Mayville is a prosperous town and a growing community surrounds it. Business houses are getting bigger and their proprietors are getting

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PLOWING ON THE MAYVILLE FARM



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