



THOMAS JOHNSON.

chosen field, and that he is sufficiently trained and adept to complete any contract with which he may be entrusted.

Mr. Johnson is always open to estimates, and he promises to compete with any bid received, high-grade material and skilled workmanship considered. He never subordinates skill to cost. He does not pose as a bidder for third-rate work, and his reputation throughout this section of Minnesota conveys an idea as to how highly he is rated in his craft. He constructed the Charles Nangle building, the Northland Cold Storage Plant, and of residences he has built as many as would count to hundreds in number, the same costing from \$1,000 to \$6,000.

CRANE & GOULD.

This firm of young rustlers are truly indicative of the energy and progressive spirit which permeates the town of Bemidji and which are accountable for the phenomenal strides the city has made in relation to both growth and prosperity. Prior to their advent in business, both Mr. Crane and Mr. Gould were clerking for a regular hire.

Being possessed of universal business instinct, and perceiving a propitious opening for the business in which they are now engaged, they seized time by the forelock and got busy. That they have been exceedingly successful can best be judged by the magnificent place of business they maintain. They handle all the popular brands of cigars and tobacco, news and stationery, an endless line of post cards, candies and other sweets. They specialize, however, on Indian curios and leather souvenirs, the latter named line embodying all the fantastic designs and colors which the savage mind has been able to conceive, and embodying every size and priced stuff made of limp leather. Their stock will invoice between \$5,000 and \$6,000—all earned by hard work, persistent effort and popularity—and The Pioneer is indeed inclined to be generous in reflecting the business of Messrs. Crane and Gold, two young citizens who are responsible for much of the every day business push to be observed in Bemidji.

Mr. Gould is well known in this vicinity, as he had made his home here for a number of years. Mr. Crane hails from Hurley, Wis. He, too, has become one of us, and taking both these gentlemen together, they go to make up one of the most popular business firms in Bemidji.

THE BAZAAR STORE.

The residents of Bemidji and Beltrami county have watched the steady growth of this now popular establishment from its infancy. From the start, the Bazaar store was a success, a success for the simple reason that the proprietors had but one object in view, that being to give value received for every dollar spent at their counters. This, with strict attention to business, courteous treatment of all who deal with them, and, above all, to treat every customer the same, has made this place of business noted for what the people call a "square deal."

Eric Ives, manager of the Bazaar store, confines his business to specific lines—lines he has made a life study of, and which he ably judges when replenishing his stock. As may be imagined, the trade is given the benefit of his personal experience, an element which enters largely into the merit of the materials he purveys.

Mr. Ives undoubtedly hands out the highest grade dry goods to be found west of the Twin Cities. Especially is this true as applied to the ladies' wearing apparel and dry goods which adorn his counters and show cases. Everything in the way of ready-to-wear and tailor-made suits, skirts



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and shirt waists are displayed in profusion and endless variety. All the popular modes, colors and textiles are shown in artistic view, and apathetic indeed is the person who leaves the Bazaar store without making a purchase.

In the shoe line Mr. Ives also exerts his best efforts to secure first-water footwear for his patrons. In children's and ladies' shoes he is exceptionally well stocked. He makes a drive on the "Dorothy Dodd" shoes for ladies, and the "Buster Brown" shoes for children, two of the most famous makes on the market and for which the Bazaar is the exclusive territorial agent.

In conjunction with his other lines Mr. Ives maintains a 5 and 10 cent counter, which requires no elaborate detail, as counters such as those are self-suggestive. All in all, Mr. Ives manages a store of which he may well boast. It is such that any one could feel elated over possessing. It stands as a monument of his business foresight and the confidence in which he is held by the trading world.

Personally, Mr. Ives is a gentleman who is well met. Having earned a competence, he proves The Pioneer's assertion that everyone who settles in Bemidji "makes good," and our thousands of readers should remember him for the good he has accomplished for the city.

DORAN BROS.

While we are mentioning many of the live business houses of Bemidji which go to make up the city's greatness, it is imperative that we enumerate the widely known plumbing establishment of Doran Bros., who are equipped and qualified to perform any work in the line of plumbing, steam and hot water heating, and repair work of every description.

Doran Bros. are popular with the trade as experts in their line, and the class of fixtures and connections, globes, lamps and general requisites they handle are always up-to-date and embody what is needed. The charges imposed for services performed are of the most nominal character, while the character of work done is par excellent in every respect.

Doran Bros., it should be remembered, are especially entitled to the vast trade they claim for the good reason that they have always done their share toward elevating Bemidji. At all times their purse and individual services have been at the disposal of the city. They have always been among those who perceived the possibility of a greater Bemidji, and they are made of the stuff which goes to make up a city of the first class.

Their work is not confined to Bemidji and vicinity. They have taken and filled large plumbing and heating contracts throughout this portion of Minnesota and the great demand for their services at distant points is one of the best indications of the high class of work which they are capable of and which they perform.

Doran Bros., aside from being recognized as expert plumbers and tanners, are also rated among our first business men, both as to financial standing and general recognition. As citizens they are loyal and enterprising, and these facts, taken into conjunction with their business acumen and worth, lend to them the names of usefulness and value as beneficial denizens.

LUKEN'S STORE.

This business fills an imperative need in Bemidji, and is one which has enabled our people to keep their money at home by reason of the fact that they carry a diversified line of wares, including crockery, French china, domestic and imported glassware, school supplies, toys, tinware, and enameled ware, novelties, opaques and antiques, and a dozen and one other articles too numerous to mention. They also maintain a five and ten cent counter, which contains all articles of use and ornamentation usually to be had from such.

Luken's store was established in 1906. The firm went into business here because they realized that this city gives commensurate returns to all who invest their money in Bemidji and Beltrami county. The members of the company are gratified over the returns which have come to them, and they are to be congratulated upon their decision locate here.

Mr. Floyd Brown serves as manager of the Luken Store, and by virtue of this fact it is a foregone conclusion that he is a man of advanced ideas, business acumen and recognized rating, both in commercial and financial circles. His acquaintance is widespread and his name is a synonym for squareness and enterprise. He believes with all our busy merchants that Bemidji is a comer, and never fails to speak his little piece in the interests of his home town. Our thousands of readers should consider this firm when the gentleman representing it can be of service to them.