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- No. 1.—20 acres, 4-2 miles northwest of Keytesville; well improved and in high state of cultivation; good dwelling and all necessary outbuildings; good orchard of 20 trees. Plenty of good water for all purposes; convenient to church, school-house and post-office.
- No. 2.—20 acres, 2 miles south of Indian Grove; good buildings and fences; orchard of 25 trees, all in a high state of cultivation; fine barn, 27 x 30 feet; title perfect. Will be sold at a bargain.
- No. 3.—20 acres, 8 miles south of Marcelline; one of the finest stock farms in Chariton county; large dwelling and stock barn, 300 acres in cultivation; balance in blue grass pasture and timber; stream running across eastern portion. Post-office on part of the farm. Will be sold at \$1 per acre; time given on part of the purchase money.
- No. 4.—10 acres of good timber land, 2 miles northwest of Maple Park; plenty of good timber on this tract will be sold cheap.
- No. 5.—20 acres farm, 7 miles northwest of Keytesville; 10 acres in cultivation; 10 acres timber. Good dwelling and all necessary outbuildings; well supplied with water; fine bearing orchard; within 2 miles post-office. Convenient to church and school; all good land.
- No. 6.—10 acres, 7 miles southwest of Keytesville; well improved, new dwelling and good barn; all in cultivation; well fenced; time given on part of the purchase money.
- No. 7.—20 acres, 5 miles southwest of Selberry; good dwelling; all necessary outbuildings; well supplied with water; fine bearing orchard; within 2 miles post-office. Convenient to church and school; all good land.
- No. 8.—20 acres, 2-2 miles northwest of Keytesville; orchard of 60 trees, good dwelling and barn; good well; all enclosed with good substantial fences; most all in grass; about 3 acres of timber; price, \$20 per acre, cash.
- No. 9.—10 acres, 1-2 miles east of Mendon; good house; good barn and plenty of water. This is one of the best farms in Chariton county. Easy terms.

Your Patronage is Respectfully Solicited. Call and See Us. Office in court-house.

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MENDON.

North and west of Keytesville, and on the main line of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway is located the thriving town of Mendon, which has a population of 400 people. Its site occupies a portion of Mendon township and its surroundings are the fine rolling prairie hills to the southward from Yellow Creek the lands of which are capable of producing everything in the way of vegetation that can be grown in this latitude. For miles in every direction can be seen as fine and fertile country as the sun ever shown upon, and large well cultivated farms and comfortable homes which abound every in neighborhood.

Mendon was laid out in 1858. It is an incorporated village its interests being looked after by a board of trustees of which Mr. J. H. Parker is chairman and acting mayor of the village. The other members of the board are Messrs. Adam Gehrig, P. C. Ward, John Westrup and Emil Lowe, while Mr. C. T. Underwood acts as marshal.

The growth of Mendon has been remarkable, but of that steady character that denotes a healthy condition and not the mushroom growth of some of the so-called western boom towns. The educational facilities consist of a good public school at which instruction is given by a competent corps of teachers. During the school year just ended the enrollment of pupils was 100. In addition to several competent teachers the interests of the school are looked after by Messrs. J. H. Parker, chairman; William Felt and Adam Gehrig who compose the board of directors, of which Mr. E. M. Shupe is the clerk.

There are three churches here, the Methodist Episcopal, Christian and M. E. South, while the secret societies are represented by lodges of the Masons, O. E. F. fellows, Knights of Pythias and Ancient Order United Workmen, all of which have good membership.

The business portion and principal residence part of Mendon lies south of the railroad, and Main street runs nearly north and south through the town, crossing the railroad at right angles. The other streets are laid out in conformity with Main street, and there are many nice residences surrounded by beautiful blue-grass lawns. Mendon's shipping facilities are excellent and there are annually large quantities of live stock, grain, poultry and other products sent to the principal markets from this point.

The people of Mendon extend a hearty invitation to all who wish to change their place of abode or business, to investigate its advantages.

The following sketches are of some of Mendon's worthy business men who desire representation in this souvenir edition of the Courier:

J. T. Nelson.

On the west side of Main street in the business center of Mendon is the cheap cash general merchandise store of Mr. J. T. Nelson, who has been engaged in this line of trade at this point since October, 1891. He formerly did business at Fayette, Missouri, and was previously engaged in the wholesale grocery trade in the city of St. Louis for fifteen years.

Mr. Nelson's business house is a frame, 25x50 feet, and is filled with a complete stock of dry goods, hats and caps, notions, and the Kelley-Goodfellow Shoe company's line of footwear, rubber and felt boots. He has a large and varied assortment of fancy groceries, and illuminating oil, all of which are first-class goods and for sale at reasonable prices. Mr. Nelson buys all kinds of country produce, employs the services of Mr. Harry Parker and in every line of his business proposes to meet all competing prices on a strictly cash basis.

The Bank of Mendon

With a paid up capital of \$10,000 was incorporated under the state laws in 1883. Its directors and stockholders at the present writing are Messrs. B. C. Smutz, W. L. McCampbell, T. P. Chapman, W. B. Lucas, Harvey Batts, William Martin and A. Johnson, and its cashier is Mr. Joe W. Ingram. Its deposits are now about \$40,000; its loans \$40,000, and its surplus is \$1,500.

The Mendon bank has a neat brick building 25x70 feet, located on the east side of Main street. It has a

large fire-proof vault and is a safe financial institution as its past record shows and has the confidence of the people.

The Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Chariton County.

The business enterprise, located at Mendon in which the farmers of Chariton county are most interested is "The Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Co.," which was organized in October, 1895, with E. E. Weygandt, president; John Gladbach, vice-president; Joe W. Ingram, secretary; W. L. McCampbell, treasurer, and six other gentlemen, J. M. Marsh, A. O. Greene, Robt. Partch, Edward Ellett, S. M. Moore and W. R. McGrew, who with the first three named constitute a board of directors.

The object of this organization is to afford a safe and reliable insurance upon farm property at much cheaper rates than that furnished by old line insurance companies. The idea was not original with the organizers of this company. Farmers' Mutual insurance companies are duly authorized by the laws of this and other states, in some of which they have existed for years, and in every instance they have proven a great saving to persons who give them risks. To become insured this company charges the nominal sum of 20 cents on each \$100 of the risk taken plus 5¢ for the policy, which usually secures to the company a sufficient sum to pay all legitimate expenses and liquidate all small losses. When losses occur of sufficient magnitude to require it each person who carries insurance in the company is assessed pro rata to pay it. To show the popularity of the Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning insurance company with headquarters at Mendon, and the rapidly with which it has increased in public favor we have but to refer to the fact that it is a duly incorporated institution under state law. It issued its first policy October 21st, 1895. The increase of its business has been phenomenal and it is now carrying risks on farm property, including dwellings, all kinds of household goods, wearing apparel, provisions, grain, hay and stock which aggregate \$400,000. It is confidently expected that the \$1,000,000 mark will be reached within the next year. It does business in Chariton county only. It has not, as yet, had but one loss, that of a barn insured for \$285. Within one week after the barn was burned, the owner, J. A. Cavanah, received his money, every dollar for which his barn was insured. Every person insured in this company is a member of it, and has the privilege of attending the annual meetings and participating in its deliberations. Its officers are among our best and most respectable citizens. Some of them were formerly connected with similar organizations in Illinois and elsewhere, and are well acquainted with the method of operating them as well as the benefits which they afford the insured, by requiring a much smaller sum of money for insurance than old line companies charge and by keeping their insurance money at home. The company's business has already extended into every nook and hamlet of Chariton county.

For insurance with this company call upon Theo. Doerrie Salisbury; J. C. Vandiver, Keytesville; Edward Ellett, Brunswick; R. S. Maupin, Mike; John Gladbach, New Hall; E. E. Weygandt, Mendon; Wm. L. McCampbell, Rothville, or A. O. Green, Triplett.

B. C. Smutz.

Located on the west side of Main street south of J. T. Nelson's general merchandise house, is the large double store of Mr. B. C. Smutz, who owns the house in which he does business, the same being a two-story frame with a 50 foot front and rear extension of 60 feet, with a ware-house of 25x100 feet. His stock in trade consists of a large and well selected assortment of shelf and builders' hardware, barbed wire, Superior and Acorn stoves, the celebrated Quik Meal gasoline stoves, and a full line of glass and queensware, tinware, pumps and plumbing supplies, staple and fancy groceries, lubricating and illuminating oils and gasoline. Mr. Smutz makes a specialty of roofing and guttering and for this purpose employs the services of Mr. R. M. Smith, a tinner of experience. He handles all kinds of country produce, is popular and has a

good business. He owns the finest residence in Mendon, located in the eastern portion of town, which is heated throughout by steam. Mr. Smutz has been in business since 1890, and is withal one of Mendon's foremost citizens and most prominent business men.

H. C. Atterbury.

Mendon's skilled mechanic is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, and who conducts a blacksmith and general repair shop on the east side of Main street. He is prepared to do all kinds of new work on vehicles or farm machinery, both in wood and iron, also horse-shoeing. He employs two workmen. The wood-work department is in charge of Mr. J. M. Bartlett. In addition to the above Mr. Atterbury deals in all kinds of agricultural implements and vehicles, including the Minneapolis and Champion binders and mowers, Keystone and Tate planters, and the best broadcast end-gate seeder in the world for nine dollars. He also handles a full line of buggies and the Milburn wagon and makes a leader of the "Bowsher Combination" feed mills, manufactured at South Bend, Indiana. He is assisted by Mr. R. E. Bates, a young gentleman formerly of Hale City, Missouri, and in all lines has a good business, which he is worthy of as he is a splendid mechanic and straightforward in all his dealings.

John H. Parker.

Dealer in lumber, lath, lime, hair, cement, cedar shingles and builders' hardware, has been in this line of business in Chariton county for 17 years, and in Mendon since the town was established. He owns three lots on the west side of Main street, upon which is situated 7,000 square feet of lumber sheds and other buildings conveniently arranged for the sale and display of his immense stock. He employs Mr. R. W. Parker as tinner and makes a specialty of roofing and guttering. He is also a notary public and agent for the American Central Fire Insurance company.

Adam Gehrig.

Is Mendon's only dealer in furniture and undertakers' goods. He has been engaged in this line of business at this point for the past seven years, and owns his store building which is 24x72 feet in size, centrally located on the west side of Main street, where he carries a complete stock of the above mentioned goods, also a large line of window shades and picture frames. He is agent for the New Home and Wheeler & Wilson sewing machines, and the Climax machine for \$23, fully guaranteed as equal to any \$50 machine made. He is a funeral director and embalmer and pays special attention to this class of work. For anything in the above lines don't fail to see Adam Gehrig before going elsewhere.

W. A. Atherton.

Dealer in drugs, druggists' sundries, toilet articles, white lead, paints, oils and painters' supplies, Sewall & Hughes-ready mixed paints, wall paper, stationery, cigars and tobacco, has an excellent stock of goods and a neat store. He has been in business here about one year and is prepared to compound prescriptions this department being in charge of Dr. W. B. Lucas, who is a registered pharmacist. Mr. Atherton has a good trade which is drawn from Mendon and surrounding country for many miles each way.

J. N. Allen.

Dealer in vehicles and farm machinery, carries the largest stock of these goods in Chariton county. This establishment is located on the west side of Main street diagonally across from the bank. His building is a two-story structure 24x60 feet to which is added two other warehouses. The stock of this concern includes the John Deere implements, the Deering binders and mowers and the Capital wagon, manufactured at Ionia, Michigan, also the J. I. Case and Nichols & Shepard company's threshing machinery. This business is under the management of Mr. H. M. Allen. The trade of this house has steadily increased since it was founded in the spring of 1889.

A. F. Wood.

This gentleman has been engaged in the livery business at Mendon since 1888. His stables are centrally lo-

cated on the east side of Main street. His building is a commodious frame structure 36x72 feet, and is equipped with the best of teams and conveniences of all kinds. Mr. Wood employs three men. He pays special attention to the commercial trade and will furnish careful and experienced drivers if desired. For safe and reliable turnouts go to A. F. Wood and you will get just what you want at reasonable rates.

The Commercial Hotel

Of which E. S. Osgood is owner and proprietor, is located on the east side of Main street near the post-office, and is a first-class house in every particular. The building is a substantial frame with a frontage of 32 feet and a depth of 52 feet, containing sixteen well-furnished sleeping rooms and other necessary apartments. Mr. Osgood took charge of this hostelry about eighteen months ago. He employs three persons, pays special attention to the commercial trade and has ever enjoyed an excellent patronage.

J. F. Westrup.

Located on the west side of Main street opposite the Commercial hotel is the tonsorial parlors of J. F. Westrup, who has followed this business in Mendon for the past five years. He is assisted on busy days by Mr. Adam Gehrig and has a prosperous trade and keeps up with all the latest styles. In connection with the above he carries a stock of cigars and tobacco, making a leader of the Monogram and La Take brands.

Mendon Valley Stock Farm.

Of which Newton Long & Son are proprietors, is located three miles north of Mendon, in the midst of some of the richest lands in Cunningham township. Embraced in Mr. Long's farm are 4,500 acres, of which 1,500 acres are for sale in tracts of any size to suit purchaser. This gentleman makes a specialty of Hereford cattle. His herd at present numbers 157 individuals, at the head of which is "Sir Newton," a famous bull of that breed. In this herd are found some of the best strains of that noted and desirable stock of cattle. Mr. Long has a few good young bulls for sale, and all letters that are directed to him or to his manager, Mr. S. B. McNay, will elicit prompt replies and full information regarding this herd. This gentleman also keeps on hand horses and mules for sale at reasonable prices. While Mr. Long pays special attention to the stock just mentioned, his particular pride is a fine pen of white-face black chickens, about which his good wife insists that he is a crank, but it is really the case he has a right to be one, for a more beautiful or finer bred set of birds cannot be found anywhere. Mr. Long has a beautiful home and farm, and the hospitality with which a stranger is greeted by him and his amiable wife, make every visit to them a joyful one, never to be forgotten.

He is one of Chariton county's most prosperous farmers and wealthiest citizens, and one who has done much to advance the live stock interests of Missouri. Address all communications to Mendon or Sumner, Missouri.

HAMDEN.

This place has a general store and post-office, located in Coakrell township about seventeen miles northeast of the county seat, and is surrounded by a beautiful and fertile farming country in which lives a refined and cultured class of people. The store at this point is kept by

Mr. T. Scott.

Who went into business here during last February, succeeding R. F. Ford. Mr. Scott owns a half acre of land, a residence and his store building, which is filled with a nice stock of goods, including dry goods, groceries, footwear, glass and queensware, hardware, lubricating illuminating and linseed oils, and in fact everything that should be kept in a country store. He deals in produce and has a good business. He is assisted in his work by Miss Dollie Sportsman, an excellent young lady. The Hamden post-office is located in his store, this being in charge of Mr. William Nelson, who has been postmaster here during the past fourteen years to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Nelson is an old-time, honorable gentleman, and is quite active for one of his age.