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WARREN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA

There is always some one in a community who is authority on his city and county and the foremost man that we have had the good fortune to meet in Warren is W. N. Powell, city assessor, a keen, wide-awake, finished gentleman, who has a retentive memory that serves him equal to the best encyclopedia, as to dates of the things that have made for city and county building. This is not strange, for he has served fifteen years as a member of the board of education, twelve years as city clerk, besides filling the position of alderman and what is more, has lived here since 1884, first embarking in the farm implement business, in which he was engaged for five years, and later in the hardware business for fourteen years. Mr. Powell today is exerting his energies in the real estate and insurance business and enjoys a large patronage, having many choice buys in city real estate and farmland acreages, while his line of insurance agencies covers all the old-line companies. Those having business with him will find him a genial, reliable gentleman, whose word is as good as any gold bond. The readers of this great edition, who may be interested in getting first hand information, can do no better than to get into correspondence with W. N. Powell, real estate and insurance, Warren, Minnesota.

ED. QUISTGARD, WARREN'S LIVE WIRE.

It is both interesting and profitable in reviewing those that we know, to weigh them up after twenty years' acquaintance. We have seen those who were born with a silver spoon in their mouth start down the highway of business life with the brightest of prospects and in five, ten or fifteen years find them dropped, with failure marked all over them. Then others of our acquaintance have started out at the very foot of the ladder and worked their way, step by step, and become the leaders in business and social life, and thus it is that our old friend and co-worker in the L. W. Leighthead Drug Co., of Duluth, in 1893 started his career in the laboratory of the above wholesale Drug House, where for six years he made a study of chemistry, and laid the foundation of the knowledge which equipped him for the practice of his chosen profession, pharmacy. Then for five years he devoted his talents to introducing the special lines for the L. W. Leighthead Drug Co., and later was assigned to the regular lines. Ed. Quistgard was one of the most popular men in and out of this great house, which gave him the mark as the best salesman that ever carried a grip for a wholesale drug house.

On September 24th, 1904, Mr. Quistgard opened up a small drug store in Warren. Today no pharmacy in the state is better furnished or stocked than that of Ed. Quistgard's old reliable Warren Pharmacy; stocked with everything pertaining to drugs and druggist's sundries; fancy stationery and toilet articles; fine imported and domestic cigars; and equipped with a classy sanitary soda fountain, where all classes of soft drinks and ice creams are served. In a word, it is the most complete drug store in the Minnesota Red River Valley.

The success of Mr. Quistgard was not handed out to him. He won his way by his own ability and energy. A native of Copenhagen, Denmark, born there in 1875, he emigrated to the United States, Chicago, in 1894, where his stay was short, as his money gave out; then he transferred his activities to Duluth, where he took a business course at the Duluth Commercial Business College and then found employment with the L. W. Leighthead Drug Co. His has been a successful career, but he has been his own architect and has won his way up the ladder while others more fortunate at the start have climbed down. In the business affairs of Warren, he has served for three years as a member of the board of education, as a member of the Masonic, Elk, Knights of Pythias, Yeomanry and Modern Woodmen orders. Mr. Quistgard owns one of Warren's fine residences situated on an acre tract, where he is surrounded by a lovable wife, sons and daughter, an exceedingly fine setting for his successful career.

G. S. WATTAM, M. D.

In 1884 Dr. G. S. Wattam located in Warren, which makes him one of the oldest practicing physicians in Marshall county. He is a graduate of the Toronto University, class of 1884. The doctor is recognized as one of the staunch citizens of Northwestern Minnesota. He was appointed and served ten years on the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium commission and was serving as secretary when he resigned, owing to press of other business. Dr. Wattam has been one of the foremost advocates of good roads and is now seeing some of the fruits of his labor realized. He is an enthusiastic automobilist and counts his friends by the hundreds.

NELS JOHNSON

Machinery and Agricultural Implements.

The one big growing industry is that of the Warren Machine and Iron Works Company, incorporated, under the masterful management of Nels Johnson, the business having been established in 1900, and incorporated in 1905. It is the busy trading center of Warren, for the equipment of everything pertaining to the cultivation of the land, covering farm implements, gasoline engines, gas tractors and threshing machines, Rumely oil-pull tractors and threshing outfits, Deering and Minnesota binders, mowers and rakes. In addition to this the Warren Machine and Iron Works Company have a large and growing business covering plumbing and heating and electric lighting plants for heating and lighting public buildings. Then there is the repair shop, where old farm machinery is made new. To carry on this extensive business, some fifteen skilled workmen and mechanics are employed, having a trade and repair zone extending all over Marshall and Polk counties. The Warren Machine and Iron Works Company have two large warehouses, size 50x80 feet and 40x106 feet, to house the stock carried, and for the machinery repairing department, and still with this large area of ground floor, there are extensive yards for carrying the surplus.

The master mind of this large and growing business is Nels Johnson, who has been at the head of its affairs for the past fifteen years. During all of this time he has contributed liberally to many enterprises for the upbuilding of the city, being a stockholder and director in the Warren Building and Loan Association, a stockholder in the re-organized Warren Flour Milling Company, a member of the Commercial Club, and what is of equal importance, he is an active member of the Democratic party and as such is consulted in everything pertaining to the good of the party in this section of the State.

E. L. TORNELL, THE FURNITURE MAN.

There is but one furniture emporium in Warren and that is the store of E. L. Tornell. It occupies a splendid brick building, size 45x50 feet, with full basement, adjoining the First National Bank in the very heart of the retail trading zone of this city. The stock is large and complete in all lines, covering house and office furniture, rugs, carpets, wall-paper, Baldwin pianos, Swan and Estey organs, Globe-Wernicke office furniture, filing cabinets, the Elwell line of kitchen cabinets, while there is the picture framing and repair department, making this one of the most complete outfitting stores in this line to be found in the Valley. There is plenty of stock to select from to suit the taste of all buyers and at prices within the reach of all—the lowest cash price, that has given this great furniture house a name and fame all over the Valley. It is the pioneer furniture store, the business having been established by H. I. Golden in 1888 and purchased by its present proprietor, E. L. Tornell, May 15, 1911. The business of this big furniture store covers nearly all portions of Marshall and portions of Polk counties, owing to the larger stock to select from, and the quality of the stock carried.

Mr. Tornell has lived in Warren since 1894. He attended the public schools of this city during the first three years, after which he moved to Viking, Minn., where he was engaged in farming for seven years, or until 1904. He then returned to Warren to accept a position with the Duluth Elevator Co., where he remained for five years. In all of these pursuits, he was successful, they being stepping stones to his present business success.

Mr. Tornell is a native of Boone county, Iowa, born there in 1879. In matters of public welfare, he is one of the leaders, giving generously of his money and time to everything that tends to promote the growth and welfare of his city and county.

L. M. OLSON, BANKER.

One of the very active and progressive men of this community is L. M. Olson, who located here in June 1887, devoting his attention for eleven years, to farming down to 1898, when he was elected County Treasurer, serving one term, and in 1900 was elected Register of Deeds, serving two terms down to 1905. In that year he organized the Swedish-American State Bank, of Warren, and was its cashier from 1905 to 1913, when he resigned to devote his time to his private business affairs.

Mr. Olson is one of the large land owners, of improved farms, having some 2,000 acres located in Marshall and Kittson counties. Farms that are located in the cream of the soil of this far-famed pregnant Valley; improved farms that are priced at \$40 per acre and up, according to location, farms that will be priced and selling in the next few years at \$75 and \$100 per acre and that are splendid buys even at this price. Mr. Olson is a democrat in politics and a leader of his party and for this reason is in close touch with Governor W. S. Hammond. He owns one of the fine residences at the north end of Island park and in public spirit is always a leader in everything that pertains to the development of Warren and Marshall county.

WARREN'S FIRST BANKER.

Among the first of the early settlers to recognize the great possibilities of the Minnesota Red River Valley, was Mr. L. Lamberson, now an Investment Banker, coming here from West Union, Iowa, where he was engaged in the mercantile business. In March 1888, he located at Perham, Minn., where he purchased the remains of the Bank of Perham, it having previously failed. Mr. Lamberson remained in Perham but one year and in July 1884, located in Warren, erecting the first bank building to provide a home for the Bank of Warren, and moved into it in November of that year. The Bank of Warren was established with a capital of \$10,000 which was later increased to \$25,000. This was the first bank in Marshall county, as also the first bank North of Crookston, which stamps him as the father of the banking business of this section. The Bank of Warren was the private property of Mr. Lamberson, who conducted it for twenty-four years, and then sold it to the State Bank of Warren. There are now forty banks in the territory originally covered by the bank of Warren, which means all the territory North of Crookston. There is probably no man in the Minnesota Red River Valley that has done more toward its up-build than this early pioneer, and if he has prospered, which he has, it is simply because he took advantage of the waiting opportunities and stuck to the ship, while others drifted around looking for richer and better fields, which, however, did not materialize. Mr. Lamberson is the proprietor of the Lake View Farm, breeder of pure-bred Polled Durham Cattle, Shropshire Sheep and O. I. C. Swine. This model farm is situated three miles East of the city and contains some 480 acres. The crops are devoted to feed, alfalfa, clover and ensilage, there being a silo 15x36.

Mr. Lamberson is the owner of some twenty farms, located in various parts of the county and having a combined acreage of 5,000. Most of these farms are improved and range in price from \$20.00 to \$60.00 per acre, according to farm buildings and nearness to trading centers, and not according to fertility of soil, because it is the best to be found anywhere in the temperate zone for diversified farming, dairying and stock raising.

ADOLPH FRANSON.

Among the busy business houses of the East Side is that of Adolph Franson, an expert shoemaker and dealer in special lines of the best makes in footwear, carrying such well-known special lines as the Connolly, the Gotzian and Beals, shoes. These shoes are of known reputation, sold on their merits and are great trade pullers, for every pair that is sold, not only makes a customer, but is the best kind of advertising for Adolph Franson's shoe house. Then the repair department is another drawing card, because here is where your old shoes are made new. All in all, this is one of the leading shoe houses in this section of the Valley.

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: Nation shall not lift up sword against Nation, neither shall they learn war any more.—Isaiah 2:4

For health and wealth come to Marshall county. Pure air, good water and no malaria or fevers lurking about.



ED. QUISTGARD,
Warren's Live Wire.



C. E. LUNDQUIST,
Manager Peoples Trading Co.



O. H. TARALSETH,
President State Bank of Warren.

WARREN'S BIG BRICK INDUSTRY

From the earliest time of civilization that we know anything about the world's history, clay-working was among the first industries following close upon the heels of the stone age. Thus it was that the pyramids were made from the shale beds of Egypt, today a lost art, while the moulding of clay in ancient Rome for road-making still remains a hidden mystery, for their paved highways from the material made from the shale beds of that age, have stood the test of all time and today are in as good a condition as when moulded and put into shape. According to the latest United States Geological Survey, the shale beds are reputed to be worth many millions of dollars and among the best clays are those of Minnesota, for the manufacture of face and building brick, tile and sewer pipe; and among the deposits analyzed and tested out, none stand higher than those now in use in the Warren district. The Warren Brick Co. has tested out these shale deposits since 1883, when the first building brick were moulded and burned for commercial use. After a test of thirty-two years in buildings and basements constructed from these brick, it has been found that they grew harder and matured a toughness while their color has remained intact. In color they are very popular, being of a rich cream color, that is derived from the clay, as no coloring matter is used. Here in Warren, all the business

blocks are built from brick manufactured from this clay, with the exception of a few buildings, in the construction of which facing brick was used. Still, to our mind they do not give such a rich, tasteful appearance as the Warren cream colored brick, which have been so universally adopted in building the school houses, hospital, court house, Swedish Lutheran church and many other classy buildings. The Warren Brick Company's plant is operated by a 20 h. p. electric motor. There are sand mould machines, disintegrators, dry sheds with a capacity of 125,000, while the kilns for burning brick run from 150,000 to 500,000 brick. Fuel used is native home grown poplar, pine, spruce, oak and elm.

The market for the Warren cream colored brick is along the Soo Line and the Great Northern, covering a large section of Minnesota and North Dakota, while the home market is large and constantly on the increase.

The proprietor of the Warren Brick Company is Mr. Aug. Lundgren, who has developed the business to its present magnitude, a yearly capacity of 2,000,000 brick, giving employment to a large number of skilled workman in the art of brick-making, and who has made Warren cream colored brick a name and a fame throughout this entire Northwestern territory, owing to their superiority and ultra-fashionable color.