

St. Francis Academy.

## Educational Institutions

### Public Schools.

The public schools of Columbus occupy five buildings, four of which are two story bricks. Twenty-five teachers are employed, including the superintendent. The high school building is modern in the strictest sense. It was erected at a cost of over \$27,000, has a fine assembly room, abundant light, high ceiling, and tinted walls. The schools are under the control of a most efficient Board composed of practical business men who take the time from their various affairs to see that the children of the district are provided for liberally. Credit is due the Board, in large measure, for the excellent conditions that prevail. Throughout the grades every line of elementary school work receives careful attention, including music and drawing, the latter under the supervision of a special teacher. The high school offers courses in the languages, mathematics, sciences, manual training and free-hand drawing. The school spirit of the people is most commendable, and is manifested in various ways. Recently a large subscription has been raised towards a high school gymnasium, one of the

from all parts of the state and promises to grow in importance and influence.

### Retailers

It is regretted that space can not be given to describe every one of the excellent retail establishments in Columbus. No city in the state of its size has more up-to-date retail stores and enjoys a larger retail business than Columbus. Brief sketches will be given of only those businesses illustrated by cuts. Other business firms just as noteworthy, we are forced to omit on account of lack of space.

#### Gray Mercantile Company.

The Gray Mercantile Co., the largest retail store in Columbus, is located on one of the best corners in the city, with a frontage of 44 feet on 13th street and 172 feet on North street. This firm commenced business in the spring of 1890, with a hardware department only, in a room 22x30. This room is still occupied by them with their hardware stock. The Gray firm has kept pace with the rapid and substantial growth of eastern Nebraska, and has added new

line, and conducts the dry goods business on progressive and metropolitan principles.

#### H. Ragatz & Co.

Henry Ragatz began business in Columbus in a small frame building on the south side in 1879, moving to his present location in 1902. The building now occupied by H. Ragatz & Co. is 44x88. His stock of groceries and queensware, valued at \$25,000, occupies one floor. The second floor, basement and a separate ware house are used for storage purposes. From 15 to 20 clerks have constant employment to handle what is undoubtedly one of the largest retail grocery businesses in the state. The Ragatz store devotes its entire attention to the lines of queensware and groceries and it is as fine a store as may be seen anywhere in the West.

#### J. H. Galley.

Mr. Galley is one of Columbus' oldest business men. He engaged in business here in 1865, moving to his present place of business on 11th street, in 1873, where he carries a complete stock of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, valued at about \$20,000. He occupies a brick building 22x115. Mr. Galley is a member of the city council and of the board of education.

## Wholesalers

The wholesale and manufacturing industries of Columbus are rapidly increasing in number and in volume of business.

Below will be briefly sketched the manufacturing and wholesale industries of Columbus:

#### Green Houses.

A. C. Anderson has built up a large business in cut flowers, bulbs and seeds. He prints an elaborate catalogue each year and has built up a large mail order business in central Nebraska.

#### Abts & Calto.

Abts & Calto have one of the finest and cleanest stocks of wholesale groceries in the country. Everything in groceries and provisions from cigars to tea and coffee is to be found in their building, arranged in the most systematic order.

Mr. Abts is kept constantly on the road selling goods. He goes as far west as Grand Island; south to Wahoo and Seward; northwest to Spalding and Albion; and north to Norfolk, making all of his territory every three weeks and a part of it every two weeks. The adaptability of Columbus to the jobbing trade is well illustrated by the success of Abts and Calto.

## Jobbers, Man'facturers

#### Pop Factory.

Chas. Segelke is the owner of the Columbus Pop Factory which has a large trade along the railroads radiating from Columbus. This factory bottles all kinds of soft drink.

#### Candy Factory.

Wm. Poesch has built up a big candy and ice cream factory, supplying a large trade in central and western Nebraska. To meet the demands of his increasing trade Mr. Poesch has made improvements that will more than double the capacity of his factory.

#### Building Stone Factory.

A new factory has just been started that promises to take a place among the active industries of the city. C. J. Scott has established a plant for manufacturing cement building stone and will soon have a building in the city which he can point to as a sample of his work.

#### Foundry and Scale Works.

The foundry and scale works managed by Herman Schuster, is conducted on a small scale, employing five to ten men. It is nevertheless valuable to the manufacturing industries of Columbus and forms the basis for a large and profitable business in the future.

#### C. A. Lutz & Co.

C. A. Lutz and Co. are engaged in the manufacture of wooden shoes. They employ on an average of ten men. This is the largest wooden shoe factory in the United States. Mr. Lutz ships shoes all over the United States, but the most of his product goes to Minnesota and the Dakotas. The soles for the shoes are made in the Columbus planing mill.

#### Cold Storage Plant.

The Cold Storage business owned and operated by Paul Hagel was established in 1881. Mr. Hagel deals in butter, eggs and poultry. He employs from 10 to 12 men the year round and his business extends all over the Union Pacific system in Nebraska. His cold storage rooms have a capacity of 20 cars and his business runs from \$150,000 to \$225,000 a year.

#### Planing Mill.

The Columbus Planing Mill, owned and operated by C. L. Lund since 1900, was established in the eighties. It employs from 5 to 10 men and manufactures sash, doors, blinds and mouldings. A specialty is made of interior hardwood finish and church work. Mr. Lund's business extends throughout Nebraska and in several adjoining states. Last year his mill lacked sufficient capacity to handle all his orders.

#### Brewery.

Columbus has a brewery which has brought many dollars to Columbus. It has been successfully operated for years by J. H. Kerensbrock. It is understood that Mr. Kerensbrock has sold the brewery to a corporation to be known as the Columbus Brewing Company, the transfer to be made April 11. The officers of the new company are Ben V. Walter, president Frank Valasek, vice president; Geo. Rambour, secretary-treasurer.

#### Karr-Nichols Brick Factory.

M. D. Karr and Julius Nichols opened a first class brick factory in Columbus in the spring of 1903. The plant is equipped with the latest brick machines. One million brick were

made the first year. The machinery and drying capacity were more than doubled the second year; and next year the proprietors will install a new boiler and engine, build a kiln and drain shed and add a new automatic cutting table. From 25 to 30 men are employed, their pay roll running from \$300 to \$400 per week. Thousands of dollars are brought to the city by this excellent firm.

#### Roller Mills.

Among the very most valuable of Columbus' manufacturing industries are her two roller mills with a combined capacity of 300 barrels a day. Both the Columbus Roller Mills, a beautiful cut of which is shown in this edition, and the Elevator Roller Mills buy and ship grain. The large trade of these companies abroad keeps them running at full capacity most of the time and farmers are assured all the time more than the market price for their millable product. No institutions do more good for the home community than the mills. People should remember this when they buy flour. Both these mills have the very latest improved machinery.

#### Banks.

The excellent financial condition of Columbus is well illustrated by the last reports of our three banks. The total loans of all the banks on January 1 are reported to be \$19,038,63 and the total deposits to be \$909,049.44.

Columbus has two thriving cigar factories. Wm. Kurt manages one on Eleventh street, employing five men. He manufactures about 115,000 a year, selling almost his entire product to the local trade.

E. Schostag whose factory is located on Nebraska avenue, employs from eight to twelve men and manufactures a half million cigars a year. The greater part of his output is sold abroad through U. H. Schostag, who is on the road all the time. Mr. Schostag is planning to increase his product next year.

It is time for farmers to buy incubators, chickens and eggs. See the ad of J. E. Palmer, the prize winning poultryman, and agent for the Queen Incubator.

Great Lecture Coming. Rev. D. F. Fox, who is to lecture here under the auspices of the High

### Thursday's Daily Journal.

Alvin E. Pool, violinist. Phone 65. Dr. L. C. Voss, Homeopathic physician, Columbus, Neb.

J. M. Gondring received a visit from his father, John Gondring of Richmond.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hobart has been under physicians care this week.

WANTED—To buy a male St. Bernard pup. Address Sydney Eastman, Creston, Nebr.

Mrs. Jos. Mahaffey went to Fullerton this afternoon called by the serious illness of a nephew.

Mrs. W. T. Ernst, who was confined to her bed several days, is again able to be around the house.

Rev. Cash was down town today for the first time this week, being confined to his home with the grip.

New classes will be organized at the Columbus Commercial College at the beginning of the new term, January 2, 1905.

PENSION EXAMINER.—Dr. Frank of Monroe has been appointed by the government as pension examining surgeon.

METHODIST.—The subject of Rev. DeWolf's prayer service talk this evening will be, "Life Begotten Only Through Life."

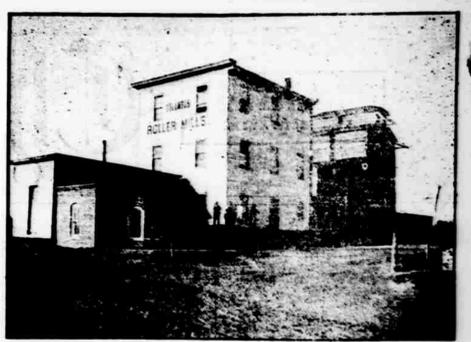
SCHOOLS.—The eighth grade room in the second ward building was dismissed this afternoon on account of the janitor being unable to heat the room.

Walter Henry, who has for a number of years been managing the H. H. ranches near Bellwood, is now a resident of Lincoln, having moved to that city in December.

BUY YOUR COAL of Weaver and Newman. They keep the largest assortment. Weaver and Newman carry fifteen different kinds of coal and not one poor kind among them.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a Platte county party on a sensational charge, but owing to the uncertainty of the whole matter publication of the names and circumstances are withheld till a later date.

The marriage banns were announced Sunday in the Catholic church for Pin Hoffel of Columbus and Miss



Columbus Roller Mills. G. A. Schroeder, Proprietor.

Minnie Dietz to Edward Schorber, 56 blk 43, 11 3 and 14 44 Col. 1, 50  
Ellen R. Gleason to James A. Gleason, w2 nw, 37-18-3 w wd 1, 2 3 10 11 12 15, Dunc. 12,00  
Anna Mahler to Frances Wleczek 1,600  
V. A. Macken to Henry Gerrard 2 11 23 and 4 bl 20, Col, wd 2,300  
W. F. Scott to F. T. Walker, 11 6 bl, Becher Place ad Col. wd? 2,300  
G. H. Beyer to Wm. Wenk, 11 blk 8, Creston wd 250  
State of Nebr. to Jeppe Sorenson, gs sel, 6-19-4 w deed 500  
State of Nebr. to Herman G. Lueschen, nw nw 16-19 1 d 300  
Mary Mathews to Gep Hengeler, 11 1 3 bl 2 bl 61 Col. 450

## VOTE NOW!

The Story and Clark piano offered by the Journal to the Platte county young lady receiving the most votes, will be presented to the winner on February 15.

The vote as shown in this issue indicates the relative standing of the contestants.

It has been remarked that the winner of this beautiful \$400 prize cannot hope to win with less than from 7,500 to 100,000 votes, and those who have seen the piano at Gray's store will agree with that sentiment.

These are the Contestants for the Journal Piano.

Mabel Campbell	10,522
Mary Wilson	7,150
Metta Hensley	2,995
Leona Harbert	1,775
May Ziegler	630
Louise Marty	590
Bertha Gottschchen	150

## INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

Congressman Hepburn of Iowa has introduced a bill for a reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission. This bill is supposed to embody the views of President Roosevelt in the matter of the proper regulation of freight rates by the federal government.

The bill is lengthy but the important provisions may be briefly stated. It provides that the Commission shall be composed of seven members instead of five as formerly, and that their term shall extend for ten years. It provides also, and this is the most important provision, that the decisions of the Commission shall have immediate effect.

This latter provision is most sweeping. It will revolutionize the whole matter of rate making which has been so long a sore on the body politic. If the bill becomes law, the disgruntled shipper who suffers from discrimination or unlawful rebate can find an immediate remedy. If appeal is made, it will have to be made by the railroad company.

The findings of the Commission in the past have been practically ineffective because the shipper had to appeal to the courts to have the findings enforced.

The people of the country are with the President on this question. They want the government to control freight rates. They believe that a body of men can be found capable of fixing rates that will not be harmful to the railroads and that will bring justice to the people. The people of Nebraska expect their congressmen to vote right on this bill.

If the Hepburn bill carries it will be the longest step this country has ever taken toward government control for interstate transportation.

There are 225 people on the pay rolls of the two railroads at Columbus.

Columbus is the best hotel city of its size in Nebraska, and its hotels are the best.

The photos for this edition were taken by Mrs. Tomson, of the McAllister Studio, and R. W. Saley.

Typographical Error.—The church at the top of the column of churches is the German Lutheran, instead of German Reformed.

Prof. August Gondring, brother of J. M. Gondring, accompanied by his wife and little girl, arrived here this morning from Chicago and will visit about two weeks with relatives. Prof. Gondring was at one time a Platte county young man, teaching school here one winter, but he went to Chicago and started the Chicago Business college, which has grown to be one of the largest and best schools of the kind in the middle west. Beginning his work there eighteen years ago, he has increased the enrollment to great proportions now occupying five stories of a building on Randolph and Wabash. Mr. Gondring sold his college this month and is now on his way to California to take a long rest. He has not yet decided upon his course for the future.

Manager Fellers of the Monroe telephone company is in town today.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tarpening of Fullerton, Judge Tarpening of Wahoo and Judge Sullivan of this city were on the noon train coming down from Fullerton where they had been attending the trial of Bert Tarpening, accused of the murder of Maynard Edgington about a year ago. The case was a peculiar one and has drawn the attention of many people. The two men had been playing billiards, and in a quarrel Tarpening struck Edgington two blows, killing him instantly. Both young men were of wealthy families and the trial was hard fought, but last night the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. Judge Tarpening of Wahoo, uncle of the accused, and Judge Sullivan of this city were attorneys for the defendant.

Rev. Julius Waggoner writes to John Schmucker from Knobnoster, Missouri, that he is serving three English charges in that community, and enjoys his work. Before leaving Nebraska he was suffering from one of his eyes, but the affliction, he writes, has entirely left him. Rev. Waggoner was the German Methodist minister for the Columbus and Duncan churches, last year.

Arthur Carlson of Richmond died this morning at 1:30 at the St. Mary hospital. He had been in the hospital about a week. The deceased was a young man, unmarried, the son of Mrs. Peter Stinson. Funeral services will be held Sunday in the Highland church, and the remains will be brought to Columbus for burial.

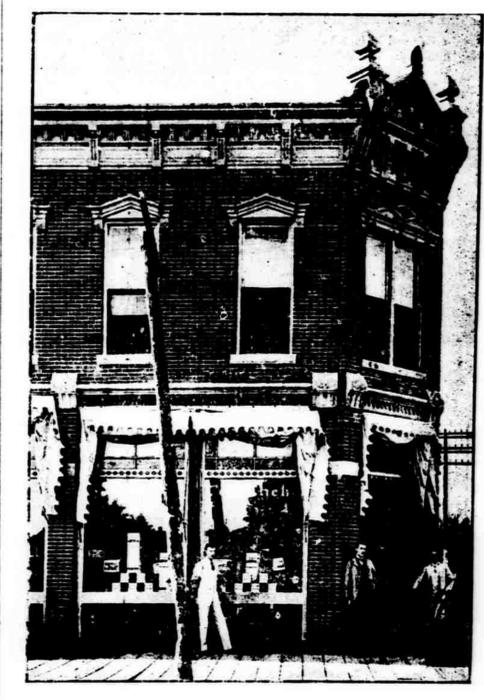
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. VanAlstine are the very happy grandparents of a boy who arrived at the home of their son Charles VanAlstine of South Omaha Wednesday. This is the only child in the family and the parents and grandparents are justly proud. Mrs. VanAlstine will go down on a few days to visit her young relative.

MASONS.—The Masons held a special meeting last evening, having for guests a number of out of town members from Fremont, Shelby, David City and Lincoln. Grand Commander Turner of Lincoln was present. After the meeting the Eastern Star ladies served refreshments.

Miss May Stridling, milliner in the Gray dry goods since that department was established, left Wednesday evening for Chicago. She stopped in Fremont on her way east to visit a brother.

The Young People's card club was to have met last evening with the Misses Post, but the meeting was postponed. The date of the postponed meeting has not yet been decided on.

Should you have the misfortune to break your false teeth Dr. Paul can repair them for you as good as new in a very short time. You need not go without them for even one meal.



McClintock & Carter, Drug Store.

School Lecture Course committee on Feb. 1st is one of Chicago's most successful clergymen. As a lecturer in regular lyceum courses, on commencement occasions, before teachers' institutes and at Chautauques, Dr. Fox is in constant demand. No better evidence of his popularity need be presented than the fact that he has received as many as six return engagements in some places. He is a favorite everywhere. The lecture course committee considers him one of their strong numbers, and he should be greeted by a full house.

The following is what one of the foremost of lecturers says: "Dr. D. F. Fox, my Congregational co-laborer in Chicago, is a man with a message. It is an unfeigned pleasure to speed the work of such a speaker. Let that man be untroubled who introduces him to an audience. He never fails to move and uplift. I say do not miss his lecture unless you have a grudge against yourself. Hear him. Robert McIntyre."

Dr. C. E. Leach, who has been practicing dentistry at Sargent, Neb., for the past year, comes to Columbus February 1, and will enter the employ of Dr. Paul. Dr. Leach comes well recommended from Sargent, and is certainly making a forward step in coming to Columbus. He is a Platte county boy having been born and raised in the country three miles north of Humphrey where his father, H. N. Leach, still resides. From what we can learn of Dr. Leach and what we know of Dr. Paul, we would say that both are to be congratulated.

Sheeley & Youngs, the well known theatrical managers, have arranged to produce the big musical cocktail, "Maloney's Wedding Day," here on Thursday, February 2, at North opera house. An exceptionally clever company of vaudeville artists, superbly costumed, and a bevy of pretty show girls are promised.

Real Estate Transfers. Becher, Hockenberger & Chambers, real estate agents, report the following real estate transfers recently filed for record in the office of the county clerk of Platte county.

E. H. Chambers to Wm. Loseke	121,500
Paul Hagel et al J. H. Hellbush	225
State of Nebr. to D. W. Jenkinson, e ne, nw ne, sw sw, 35-18-3 deed	1,120
A. G. Rolf to J. H. Gustafson, w 2 se, 35-19-4 wd	3,600
John Roman to Rosa Roman, w sw, 1-19-3 w wd	1,000
Thos. M. Ellis, to A. Macken, 11 5 blk 3, Stevens Ad, Col. wd	1,100
I. Gluck to Jos Duah, n2 nw 3-16-2 w wd	450
Beatrice O'ry Co. to Dora Mathieson, 11 6 blk, Creston wd	125

G. J. GARLOW  
— Lawyer —  
Office over Columbus State Bank, Columbus, Neb.

DR. CHAS. H. PLATZ  
HOMEOPATHIC  
Physician and Surgeon.  
P. O. Block : : Columbus



Gray's Dry Goods Department.

improvements contemplated for the near future.

Graduates of the Columbus high school occupy prominent places among Columbus business men and in the foremost universities in the country.

### Catholic School.

The Catholic parish at Columbus conducts a school, which has developed into an academy with all high school grades. The school is in charge of Franciscan sisters. Being not only a day school but likewise a boarding school, it has become a point of attraction for all Roman Catholics of the West as an educational center. The building is spacious and of brick, embracing six beautifully furnished class rooms, the residence and chapel for the sisters and boarders. This year an addition was erected to the building by which the whole structure gained not only in size but in uniformity and beauty. The entire building represents a value of \$30,000. It can easily accommodate 350 children, the present enrollment being 200 day scholars and 60 boarders.

### Commercial College.

The Columbus Commercial college was opened by W. W. Waters in 1903 and has made a steady growth since that time. Thorough courses in business, shorthand and type-writing, and other courses are also offered. The school has attracted students

departments until now no retail establishment in the West outside of Omaha or Denver exceeds it in size or volume of business done. They now occupy as sales rooms a floor space of 10,900 square feet, while the storage rooms cover 16,000 square feet, or a total of 26,900 square feet. Besides the four proprietors they employ a force of nineteen clerks.

Owing to the completeness and variety of stock carried in each department, this firm is not dependent upon the trade of Columbus alone, but has a large patronage from the territory within a radius of more than 50 miles and does an extensive mail order business.

In the year 1904 the Gray company shipped in twelve carload lots of goods, in addition to their large and constant local shipments. Their equipment is perfect for handling their large business. A large freight elevator is operated by a gasoline motor which is also connected with the machinery for cleaning and grading all kinds of seeds in the seed department.

The hardware department occupies a floor space of 24x70; the grocery 44x50; shoes and gents' furnishings 44x30; and the dry goods 44x80. The dry goods department is under the management of W. L. Chenoweth who came to Columbus from Chicago. He is an experienced merchant in that

### Friedhof & Co.

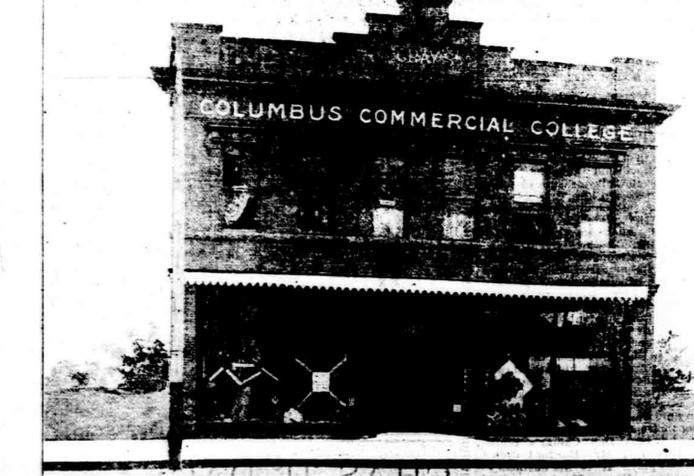
Mr. Friedhof carries a complete line of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, and trunks, his stock invoicing about \$35,000. He began business in the building now occupied by Ed. Fitzpatrick, the white front store, in 1890, moving to his present location in 1891. Mr. Friedhof's trade is not confined to Columbus. He is building up a mail order business in the large territory tributary to Columbus. Mr. Friedhof employs on an average seven clerks.

#### Ed. J. Niewohner.

The block of Ed. J. Niewohner was built in 1902 at a cost of about \$10,000. It is the largest and best arranged jewelry store in Central Nebraska, and one of the largest in the state. The entire upper floor of the Niewohner building is used for dental parlors by Dr. J. E. Paul.

#### Drug Stores.

This edition shows a cut of the beautiful home of C. E. Pollock one of Columbus' oldest druggists whose store is located on the corner opposite the Thurston hotel. It shows also the drug store of McClintock and Carter on Twelfth street which this firm recently purchased from Werner Schupbach. The combined value of the five drug stocks is estimated at \$30,000.



Gray's Dry Goods Department.



Ed. J. Niewohner, Jewelry Store.