

Redwood Falls, Minnesota.



The nature of this work precludes the possibility of giving more than a brief sketch of the early history of this section. It is our design to show the city and surrounding country both by pen and picture as it is today. In mentioning the various business industries we have endeavored to state only facts without embellishment; in speaking of the business and professional men, to give only a bare sketch has been our intent.

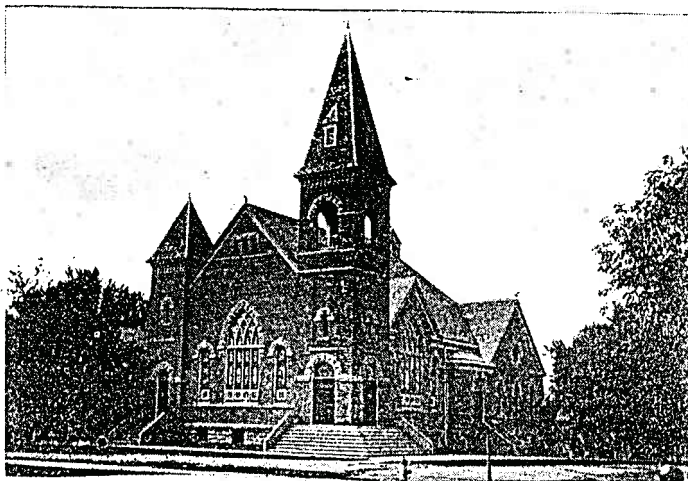
For most of the facts concerning the early history of the city we have had recourse to the files of the Gazette, to the publishers of which, Messrs. Alken & Schmahl, we are under special obligations for courtesies extended, and kindness shown, and enabling us to embellish this souvenir with cuts of such a large number of familiar faces and scenes.

Redwood Falls, the county seat of Redwood county, is located on the Redwood river, about two miles from its conjunction with the Minnesota. The city has a population of about 2,000, has quite a number of handsome stores and business houses, beautiful homes, well kept streets, artificial stone sidewalks in the business section, many natural and acquired advantages, together with some of the most beautiful scenery to be found anywhere, which all combine to make it one of the most attractive little cities to be found in the state.

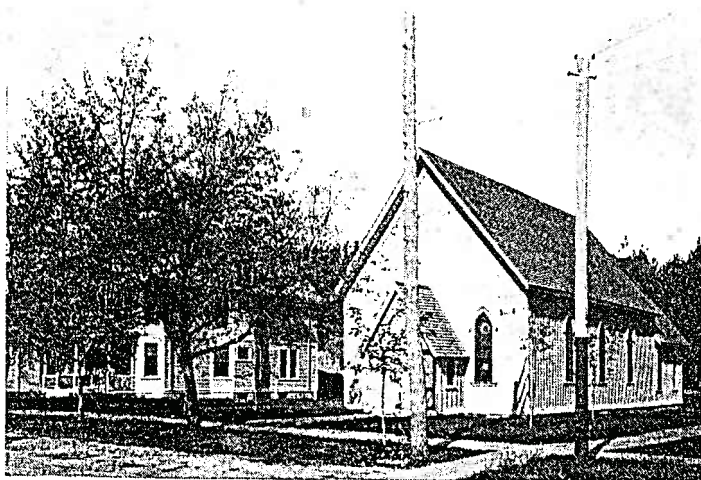
The city was founded during the Civil War, the site having been selected by soldiers during the Indian troubles, co-extant with the struggle between the two sections of the United States. The site selected was on the south side of the Redwood river, and at first comprised only a section of land. It is a natural site, on the banks of the river, including the falls of the Redwood, and gives the city one of the finest drainage systems to be found in any town in the west. On the land back of the present Syndicate Block, on Washington street, the stockade was built in the spring of 1865, and here the hardy pioneers, headed by Col. Samuel McPhail, pitched their tents. Those associated with him were: John Riley Thomp-

son, Jacob Tppary, O. C. Martin, Barney Flinn, Jas. Harkness, Sr., Jas. Harkness, Jr., David Watson, T. Honnah, C. W. Castor and Chas. Folsom; all of whom, with the exception of the venerable Col. McPhail, have passed over to the great beyond. In those days, all supplies were teamed across wilderness and woodland from St. Peter and Mankato, and the necessary provisions were costly, and luxuries out of the question. From Mr. John H. Thomas, who came here in 1866, we learn that there was nothing here but Indians, musk rats, prairie wolves and mosquitoes; pork sold for 25 cents per pound; sugar, three pounds for a dollar; flour, \$10 per 100 pounds; salt, 5 cents per pound; dried apples, three pounds for \$1; tea, \$1 to \$2.50 per pound; oats, 75 cents per bushel; corn, \$1 per bushel; beans, \$6 per bushel, and clothing about twice the figures now paid.

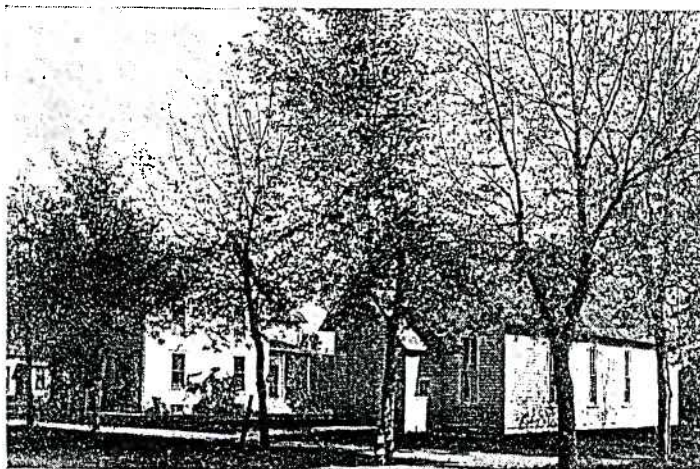
The colony of white settlers increased slowly, and passed through all the hardships of early frontier life. Crude frame buildings were erected, and one or two persons intent on business found sites for stores. But the primitive system of exchange predominated among the early inhabitants, the modern system of money being abolished by the scarcity of the article. As the country around became settled to a small extent, two flouring mills were constructed on the Redwood river in the city limits, and the town presented a more active appearance. Later the Northwestern railroad laid its track directly into the city. The Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad runs two miles north of the city. As the population increased more territory was annexed, until, at the present time it comprises four square miles in extent. The city stands on a high elevation, from which everything slopes towards the river, affording a superb drainage system. It was founded by Col. Sam McPhail, and was one of the first towns to be established west of New Ulm. It derived its name from the many red cedar trees standing on the banks of the Redwood river and the falls located within the city, having a fall of thirty or forty feet. The city is



METHODIST CHURCH, REDWOOD FALLS.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH.



CATHOLIC CHURCH.

the result of a steady growth, hardly keeping pace with the magnificent farming country surrounding it. The population is almost entirely American. The people are progressive and thrifty, but are opposed to anything tending to give the city an unhealthy or unwarranted population.

Redwood Falls has a public school building costing \$30,000, in which is located a high school of the second class of the state. There are eleven different departments in the school, presided over by an efficient corps of teachers.

The city has an excellent water works system with a pumping station of the most improved machinery, and a fire protection system, including two hose carts, chemicals, hook and ladder outfits, etc. In addition to this it has a sewer system laid on the principal streets of the city, and this system, as well as the water main system is gradually being extended into the residence district from year to year. It also has electric lights and an extensive system of cement sidewalks.

Redwood county owns a court house costing \$40,000, in the city of Redwood Falls. It was planned for an agricultural county, and is said to be one of the finest court houses in Minnesota. The court room on the second floor will accommodate from 800 to 1,000 people. The court house has all of the latest improvements, city water, sewer connections, lighted by electricity, and has safe vaults. The county also owns a \$15,000 jail and sheriff's residence within half a block of the court house.

In secret societies, Redwood Falls has three Masonic bodies, two of Odd Fellows, K. P., A. O. U. W., M. W. A., Independent and Catholic Order of Foresters, G. A. R. post, W. R. C., O. E. S. and Degree of Rebekah. There are six churches, all with most creditable edifices; about sixty business houses, most of them of brick; a large flouring mill, five elevators, two newspapers and an extensive creamery, with innumerable shops of various kinds.

Redwood county has many rich acres of land still awaiting settlement. Railroad lands are now on the market and can be purchased at reasonable prices, ranging from \$10 to \$20 an acre. The population of the county is mixed, Americans predominating, but with a good sprinkling of German and Norwegian settlers.

The surface of the county is rolling prairie, diversified by lakes and streams, adding to the beauty of the country and largely enhancing its value for agricultural purposes. The principal streams are the Minnesota, the Redwood and Cottonwood rivers.

Timber can be found along the Redwood and Minnesota rivers, the total acreage being about 12,000 acres. There is abundance of fuel, and it is sold at moderate prices. The climate is dry and healthy, there being a total absence of the dampness often felt in other localities. Numerous groves scattered all over the county show the ease with which trees can be grown.

This is the time to come to Redwood county. Land is constantly advancing in price. You can get it cheap now—cheaper than you

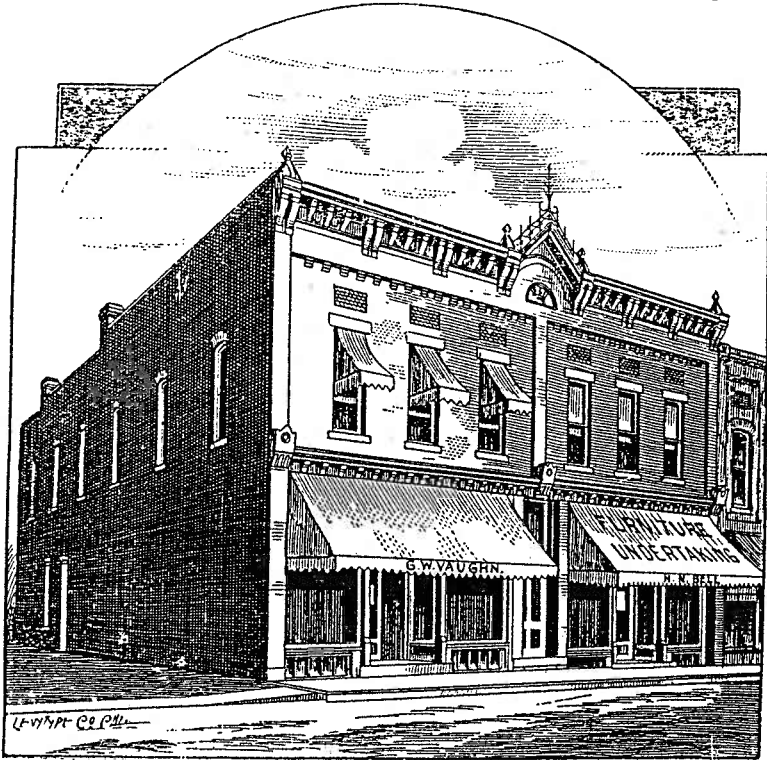
will ever be able to get it again. You can get the best land in the West. You can get it improved or unimproved. You can get it on long time and easy payments, and you will be more than satisfied with your bargain.

City Officers—Mayor, William Smith; Aldermen 1st ward, J. H. Melges, H. M. Aune; Aldermen, 2d ward, W. R. Caswell, E. C. Green; City Recorder, Geo. L. Evans; City Treasurer, H. A. Baldwin; Municipal Judge, Joseph Chadderdon; City Attorney, E. E. Harriott; Superintendent of Water Works, G. L. Parkhill.

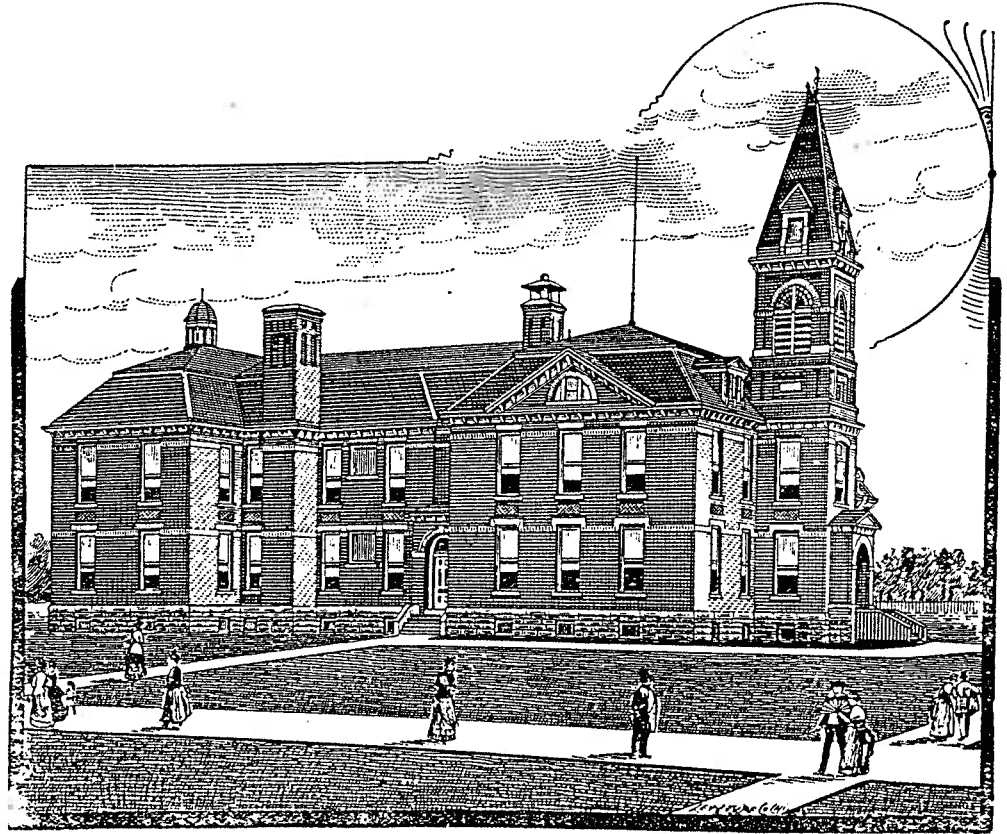
A history of Redwood Falls would be incomplete without mentioning their incomparable system of waterworks and sewers. The water plant was installed in 1892, and consisted of four miles of 4, 6, 8 and 10-inch mains, a water tower with a capacity of 92,000 gallons, giving a gravity pressure of 47 pounds; a power building, 40x80, in which are installed one Duplex, non-condensing Gordon pump, 2,000,000 gallons capacity, one 80 horsepower Springfield boiler, with foundation and piped for a duplicate set of boiler and pumps, should necessity arise for more power. The station is 175 feet lower and one-half mile west of tower, on one of the most beautiful reaches of the Redwood River. The source of supply is a number of springs that are collected in a gallery and are conducted to a receiving reservoir, from whence it is pumped to the tower as needed for fire purposes. Water is taken from the river and forced direct into mains, the tower being shut off by a combination electric and air valve. The spring water is strongly impregnated with magnesia with a trace of iron; it is certainly the most wholesome water to be found anywhere in this part of the state as no case of contagious disease has ever occurred where the people have used city water exclusively. It is absolutely free from all animal life. In the spring of 1896 the city secured the services of G. L. Parkhill, a practical expert of wide experience, to manage the plant and under his wise and energetic administration the expenses have been reduced over one-third; nearly two miles of new mains have been laid, the number of consumers has been more than quadrupled and the city has never had to pay out a penny for breaks or freezing; the whole system has practically been made frost proof.

The sewer system was started in 1894, and covered the retail district; in 1897, under the direction of Superintendent Parkhill, the system was extended into the residence district, and tapped the jail, courthouse and public schools. Plumbers are busy putting in all modern sanitary appliances, for nothing is too good for the people here, and they are bound to have everything modern and up to date.

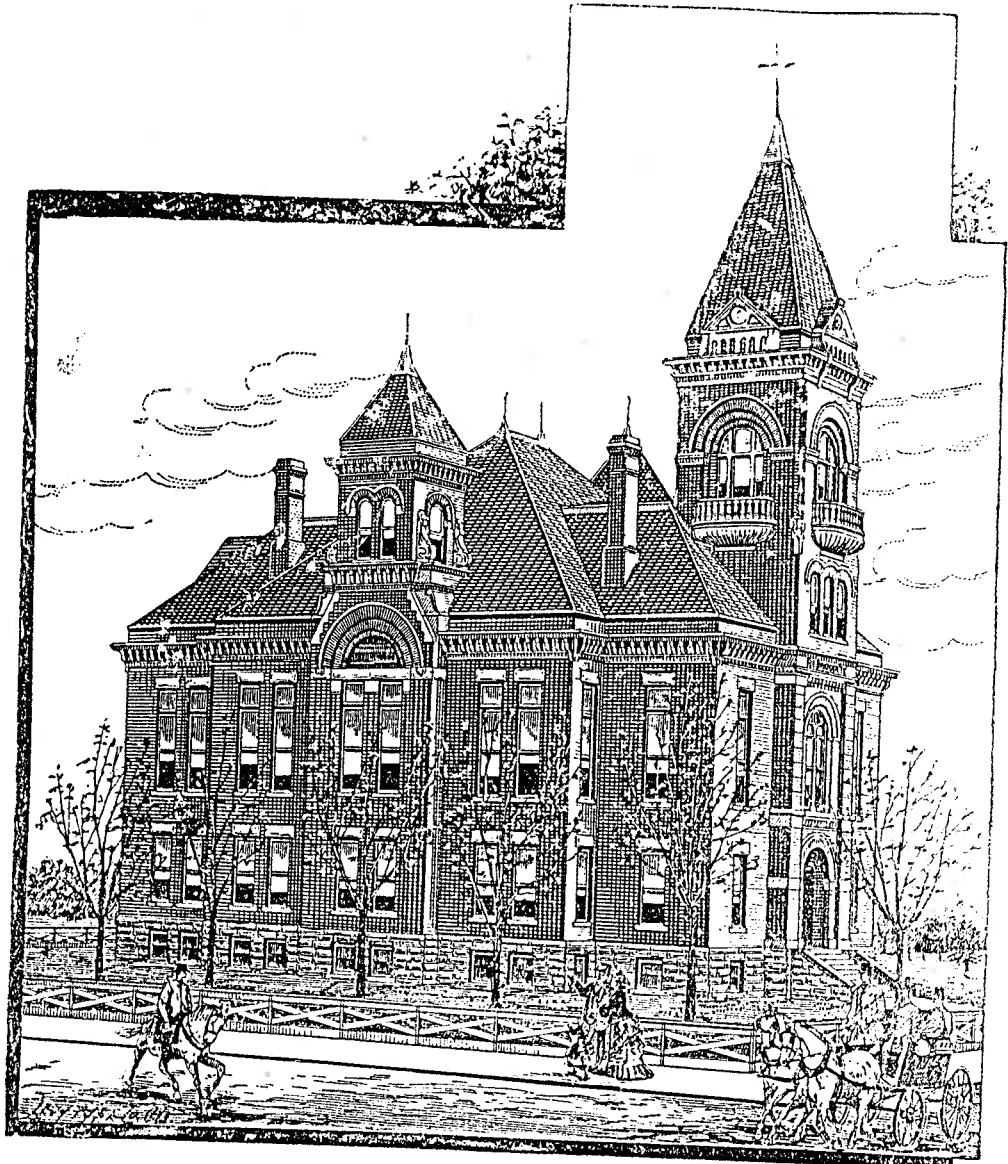
Superintendent Parkhill is ably assisted in his work by C. W. Lake as assistant superintendent.



BELL & PERSON'S BUILDING.



REDWOOD FALLS HIGH SCHOOL.



COURT HOUSE, REDWOOD COUNTY.

Public Schools.

There is nothing in which the people of Redwood Falls take more pride than their public schools. Beginning with a common school they have steadily increased and have more than kept pace with the growth of the city. The number of pupils now enrolled is one-fourth of the entire population.

The first school house erected in the city was a log house, built in 1866. Other houses were subsequently used and in 1873 the district was changed to an independent district with two teachers engaged. The first class in High School was formed in 1882 under Supt. F. V. Hubbard, now of Red Wing, Minn. The school was then occupying buildings which are now used as dwelling houses.

In 1884 and 1885 it became necessary to have a larger building, and the west portion of the present building was built.

In 1886 the first class, consisting of five members, was graduated from the High School. At about this time the school was placed on the High School list and ever since has drawn the regular state aid. Since this time a class has graduated from the High School every year but one.

The needs of the school growing with the increase of pupils, an addition was found necessary and the east portion of the present building was erected in 1892.

We now have a substantial brick building consisting of ten rooms in addition to a recitation room, and the office of the superintendent, which is also used as a library. The seating capacity of the building is 470; that of the High School alone, 56.

During the past two years the Board of Education has expended over \$2,500 in repairs and improvements. Water closets were put in the basement, the walls of the rooms were kalsomined and tinted, and additional slate blackboards ordered.

The schools are graded high and take their place among the best schools of the state. A library consisting of over 700 volumes affords both reference and general library facilities.

The members of the Board of Education are: A. E. King, president; H. M. Hitchcock, clerk; W. F. Dickinson, treasurer; C. T. Howard; N. V. R. Hunter, J. H. Bowers.

Eleven teachers in addition to the superintendent are employed. The following corps were elected for this year: Arthur J. Jones, Superintendent; Jessie G. Wilcox, H. S. principal; Georgena F. Kennedy, H. S. assistant; Helen Regan, 8th grade; Della G. Huntington, 7th grade; Selma Tinwell, 6th grade; Malvine Tinwell, 5th grade; Lena Theiring, 4th grade; Frances Everett, 3rd grade; Margaret Larkin, 2d grade; Abbie Moses, A 1st; Lucy Rowe,

B 1st. The corps is efficient and enthusiastic and the prospects for the future are very bright.

Fire Department.

Redwood Falls has one of the most efficient volunteer fire departments in the state. The chief, A. W. Bager, has spared no pains or expense in bringing the department up to its present high standard. A fire never gets away from them, no matter what the weather is, or the nature of the fire. They have a fire pressure of 150 pounds and no water shortage to fear, as they have a large river to draw from with "men behind the pumps" that know how to use it. The equipment consists of two hose carts with 750 feet of hose on each; one hook and ladder truck and one 70-gallon chemical, with 38 men to handle the apparatus. They have two engine houses, with tower and bell on each, equipped with all the appliances for the comfort and safety of the men.

Churches.

The first service of the Episcopal Church was held by Bishop Whipple July 10th, 1869, while en route to the Sisseton and Wahpeton Sioux Indians. On his return trip he preached Sunday, July 25th. At this time there were no communicants of the church at Redwood Falls. A few years later an effort was made to organize a Sunday School, and with excellent success. Services were held at different times by various missionaries. June 1st, 1876, a class of six was confirmed by the bishop.

August 6, 1876, the Rev. E. T. Hunter entered upon charge of the work and during his ministry the church edifice was built. The consecration of the church took place May 12, 1889, under the name of the Church of the Holy Communion. The Rev. S. B. Purves was rector from 1889 to 1892. The Rev. Henry Beer followed, remaining in charge till 1896. The Rev. W. H. Knowlton was rector from 1896 to February 13, 1900, and under his ministrations the parish built the rectory at a cost of \$3,000—one of the most beautiful homes in Redwood Falls.

The Rev. William Mitchell was elected rector of the parish and entered upon his duties September 23, 1900.

The parish numbers one hundred communicants, fifty families and three hundred individuals.

Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1868 by Rev. Nathaniel Swift, and the present edifice was completed in 1893.



A. B. TRUESDELL.



N. W. COBLEIGH, REG. DEEDS.



H. M. AUNE.



G. G. THUNE.



L. A. PEASE, SHERIFF.



F. W. BIRCH, DENTIST.

Rev. G. W. Lutz is the pastor. The present membership is about 212 and there are 135 scholars enrolled with an average attendance of 100, and 13 teachers. The cost of the church was \$12,000 and it has a seating capacity of 500. This is the handsomest church in the city.

Rev. G. W. Lutz, the present pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, was born in the state of Ohio, reared in Illinois and received his education at the Will County Academy and Northwestern College. Mr. Lutz, after leaving school, spent several years in teaching and later entered the field of journalism. From a child he had felt the call to the ministry, but circumstances over which he had no control turned him from his purpose. In 1892, however, he accepted a call to the ministry and was stationed by the annual conference at Wood Lake, where he served very acceptably as pastor for three years, more than doubling the membership of the church and planting Methodism in all the regions "round about." In 1895 he was transferred by the annual conference to Wells, Minn., where he filled a five-year pastorate with splendid success. When Mr. Lutz entered upon his duties at Wells he found a struggling church of some sixty members. During his pastorate he built a handsome new church, said to be one of the finest in the northwest, at a cost of over ten thousand dollars. The membership of the church was increased from sixty to one hundred and seventy, besides all departments of church activity being in a most healthful condition. There was universal regret expressed by the people of Wells over his removal. In 1885 Mr. Lutz was married to Miss Conchita Ferris, a talented young lady of Cresco, Iowa. Mrs. Lutz, besides being a sweet singer, is also a fine elocutionist and is known throughout the northwest as an able platform speaker, having spoken in every state from Illinois to Oregon. Four bright children grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lutz, the eldest of whom is a son fourteen years of age. Then come two little girls, six and nine respectively, and Master George, who is four years of age. Mr. Lutz is just entering on his pastoral duties at Redwood Falls and it is too early to predict what his success in this field will be, but if the size of his congregations and the testimony of the public press are any indication, his pastorate promises well.

The First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls was organized on March 24, 1867, with nine members. Coulter Wiggins and Wm. B. Herriott were the first elders of the church; O. B. Turbill, E. B. Daniels, A. D. Holliday, B. G. McKay, A. D. Stewart, H. N. Bell, H. B. Wolff, C. C. Kenney and Herbert Graham have also served the church in that office. The present session consists of James Aiken, Chas. G. Johnson, Wm. H. Carter, E. M. Brooks and Robt. Stewart. The following ministers have served the church as pastors: Rev. Chauncey Hall, Rev. S. D. Westfall, Rev. W. B. Chamberlain, Rev. H. A. Dodge, Rev. Geo. D. Marsh, Rev. R. E. Anderson, Rev. J. G. Riheldaffer, D. D., and Rev. John Sinclair, D. D. The present pastor, Rev. Franklin J. Barackman,

was called to this church March 20, 1898, took charge of the work May 1st, and was installed pastor June 9. The present church membership is about 185; the Sabbath School enrollment is 140. The church property is valued at \$8,000. The church raised \$2,224 last year for all purposes.

Rev. F. J. Barackman, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, was born and reared on a farm in Crawford county, Pa., and received his early education in the common schools of the county. Being of a studious nature, and desiring to enter a field congenial to his taste, he entered the Pine Grove Academy (Pa.), and from there he went to the Edinboro State Normal (Pa.), from which institution he graduated in 1888, after which he served as principal of the city schools at Linesville over two years, and then took the regular course in Grove City College (Pa.), graduating in 1890, after which he was principal of the Braddock High School (Pa.) for one term, when he went to Kansas and was elected superintendent of the city schools of Halstead, which position he filled for one year. He then returned East and entered the theological department of Princeton (N. J.) University and graduated in 1895. During this time he took two years post-graduate work in philosophy under Prof. Ormund. In the fall of 1895 he was called to take charge of the Presbyterian Church at Sandstone, Minn., where he remained until 1898, when he accepted the call to the pulpit in this city. His labors here have been greatly blessed, about sixty new members having been added under his ministry, and the church is still growing both in numbers and devotedness. He is an enthusiastic worker, is listened to by a large congregation and predicts a prosperous year for his church.

German Evangelical Lutheran St. John's congregation was organized January 2, '98, with only 14 families. The number, however, soon increased and after having held services in the Advent Church for some time, the little band built a church of their own; the building is 26x40, with nice furniture and good inside finish. At present the number has increased to 25 families. They have a Sunday School of 20 children and parochial school from three to four months each year. Services are held every Sunday. The present pastor is Rev. Henry W. Koch, born in Germany; came to U. S. in '82, studied at the University at Watertown for six years, receiving the degree of A. B. in '94, and was for three years at the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of the Wisconsin Synod, at Milwaukee. His first call was to Redwood Falls, where he has worked with success for three years.

St. Catherine's Catholic Church.—Just eighteen years ago a few faithful Catholic families resolved to have a little church of their own, be it ever so humble. In 1884 the edifice was begun and completed, and the congregation has steadily grown with the development of the city and country. Rev. J. J. Woods is the able pastor of St. Catherine's, and has made the society a very strong and prosperous one.

Business and Professional.

Mrs. K. B. Allen is the proprietress of the Model Laundry.

N. B. Andersen, photographer, was born in Denmark in 1855 and came to the U. S. in 1869 and settled in Story City, Iowa, where he placed himself in the studio of A. N. Torp to learn the art of photography, and in 1884 he came to Redwood Falls and opened up on his own account. Since coming here he has made quite a reputation as an artist and business man. He has another studio at Morton, which is presided over by his wife.

The artist behind the camera is a valued adjunct to the publisher of souvenir work, for on him in a great measure the excellence of the engravings depends. He must have an eye for color, for shade and effect, and only with these endowments, combined with first-class instruments, the great essential for good sharp negatives, which bring out the lines of the objects distinctly, can satisfactory results be obtained.

We were not long in discovering that all these essentials were to be found in the brain and in the studio of Mr. Andersen, to whom we are under many obligations for faithful and conscientious work which has been devoted to the production of the many beautiful scenes which adorn this issue.

Mr. Andersen is ably assisted in his work by his wife, who is a whole team in herself, and they together have built up quite an extensive business.

Cbas. F. Apitz, merchant tailor, came to this city from Northfield in April last and opened up a tailoring establishment where he devotes his time to custom-made work. Has been in the business for seventeen years, and is familiar with all the wants of the trade. The latest styles and patterns are always on hand from which to make selections, and his stock of goods is new and fresh. He is fast making new customers and retains old ones.

Aune & Thune, whose portraits may be found in this book, are the proprietors of one of the leading clothing establishments of the city. In 1887 they started in business in a somewhat modest way, across the street from their present location, and by dint of close application and watching details they outgrew their somewhat circumscribed quarters and removed so that they could offer a better display for their fast increasing stock. Upon their shelves can be found a vast assortment of the latest styles of clothing, gents' furnishing goods, hats, caps and shoes, which have been selected with a view to please their patrons, both in quality and price, and they take great pride in attending to the wants of their ever-increasing patronage. By selling for cash they offer as inducements for patronage high grade goods at rock bottom price and the reputation the house bears as a reliable mercantile point is due to their individual enterprise.

Mr. Aune was born in Throndhjem, Norway, in 1861, and came to the United States in 1880, locating at Red Wing, where he clerked for three years in a general store, and then went to Zumbrota and stayed for three years, after which he came to Redwood

Falls and associated himself with Peter Rindal. This partnership continued for only one year, when the firm of Aune & Thune was organized. In 1893 Mr. Aune was married to Miss Carine Swahn, of Madison, Wis., and three little ones now grace their home.

Mr. Thune was also born in Norway, but came to this country at a very early age with his parents, who settled on a farm in Goodhue county. After receiving his education, he went to Zumbrota and clerked for John Andersen for nine years, after which he removed to Redwood Falls and associated himself with Mr. Aune.

Mr. Thune was married in 1881 to Miss Annie Brakke, of Zumbrota, and three little girls grace their home.

The firm operates branch stores at Echo and Dawson—the former being under the management of A. A. Clifgard and the latter managed by A. T. Clifgard. They entertain broad ideas of the future possibilities of Minnesota, are imbued with progressive spirits and they encourage any enterprise that will advance the interests of their adopted homes.

H. C. Baker deals in flour and feed. Has been in business here for five years.

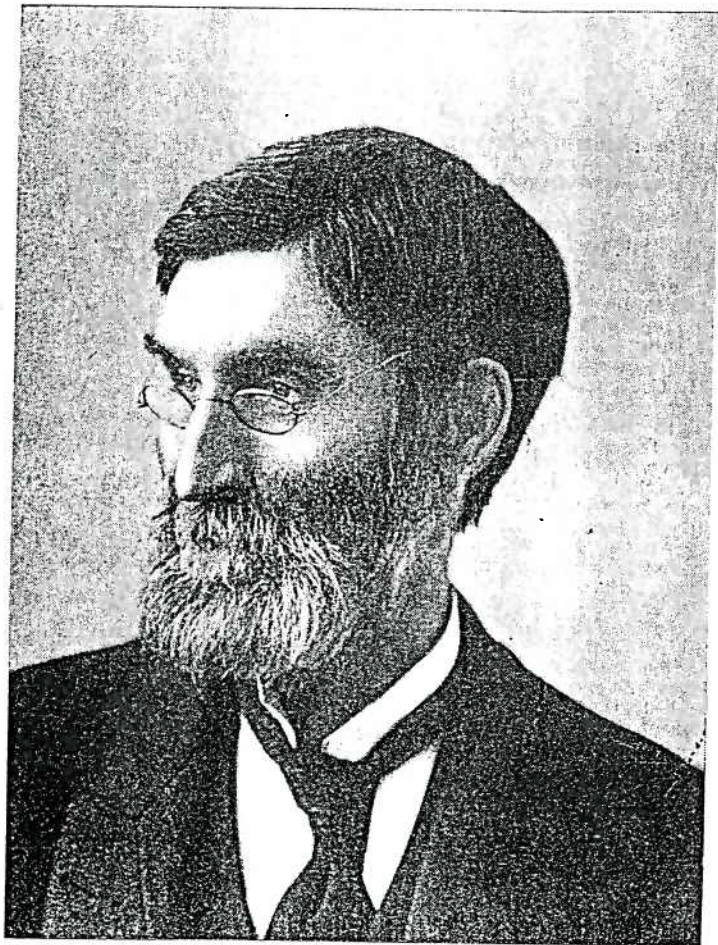
Baldwin & Howard, attorneys at law, with suite of rooms in the Office Block, have been associated together in the practice of law for two years.

Charles T. Howard was born in Marshall, Michigan, in 1856, where he received his early education, and later entered Albion College, from which institution he graduated in 1880. He then entered the law office of Brown & Patterson of Marshall, Michigan, with whom he studied, and in December, 1881, was admitted to the bar.

In 1882 he went to South Dakota where he entered into the active work of his profession, and achieved such success that he was appointed Assistant U. S. Attorney for the district, which position he held from 1889 to 1893. In 1894 he was elected to the house of representatives of South Dakota, and was chosen its speaker. In 1898 he came to this city, and while he takes a deep interest in the politics of the country, he gives his time to his practice, which is large and lucrative. He is married and has three children.

Hjal D. Baldwin was born in New York state in 1827, came west in 1855 and settled in Stoughton, Wis., after which he removed to Waseca county in this state, and came to Redwood Falls in 1871. He was admitted to the bar in his native state before coming west, and since his residence in this city has been honored with various positions of honor and trust. He has served as Judge of Probate and District Judge, is the vice president of the Redwood County bank, and until recently he took great interest in stock raising on his farm near the city. The judge and his wife are two of our oldest citizens, and they think there is no country equal to Minnesota, and Redwood Falls in particular.

Bank of Redwood Falls was established in 1871, and organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota into a State Bank in 1891. It has a paid up capital of \$25,000, is housed in its own



A. D. SOUTHWORTH, AGED SIXTY-SIX YEARS.



GEO. L. PARKHILL, SUPT. WATER WORKS.

building, one of the best and handsomest structures in the city, and there it carries on a general banking business. Its stockholders are among the wealthiest men of the city and the board of directors consists of such well known men as W. F. Dickinson, C. D. Gillfillan, J. B. Robinson, G. W. Dickinson and G. E. McKay. The officers are W. F. Dickinson, president, and G. W. Dickinson cashier. Mr. W. F. Dickinson has been connected with the bank since its organization and his reputation as a safe and skillful financier may be said to be co-extensive with the whole county. While never obtruding himself upon the public attention his counsels are often sought when matters involving financial interests are under consideration, and they are freely given. He fully understands how sensitive capital is to political changes and commercial vicissitudes, and therefore looks upon all financial transactions with the conservatism so essential to safe banking. Yet the policy of the bank has always been liberal, which has been universally recognized and applauded. Such a record is all the endorsement the bank needs.

Barnes Bros., the liverymen (W. R. and F. J. Barnes), were both born in Olmsted county, this state, and came to Redwood Falls in the early 90's, since which time they have both been actively engaged in the livery business. Their first venture was to build the barn which they now occupy, and a cut of which may be seen in these pages. They keep a large number of horses and fine turnouts and are prepared to furnish rigs for any purpose. In their barn they have ample room for boarding horses and they employ skilled and careful help. H. R. Barnes is a member of the M. W. A., M. B. A., and I. O. O. F. orders; is married and has three children. F. J. Barnes belongs to the A. O. U. W. and I. O. O. F. fraternities; is married and has one child.

Bell & Persons (H. N. Bell and V. M. Persons) conduct the largest furniture store in the city. Their stock is complete in all grades, in fine and modern designs, and they have an extensive repair department in connection. The first floor is occupied as a store and storeroom, and the upper floor to that pertaining to the undertaking business. For twenty years Mr. Bell has buried the dead of Redwood Falls. In this time, great numbers of our citizens, old and young, have passed away, and he has laid the majority of those to rest with his skilled and kindly care. He is an adept in every part of his profession, and with him it is a profession, a science, an education about which something is always to be learned, and which he still insists on learning. He makes a specialty of embalming and is versed in all the latest developments of his art. Their stock is full and complete. V. M. Persons, who has charge of the furniture department, was born in Mauston, Wis., in 1858, and in 1865 his parents removed to Iowa, where he lived until 1887, when he came to Redwood Falls and started in business for himself. Mr. Persons is well known in this community and is recognized as one of our most active and successful business men. His energy and business acumen, together with his high standing in the business world, make him a good man to have interests in the city.

Belview Farm, owned by A. D. Southworth, of Northfield, Minn., contains 280 acres adjoining the village of Belview, 15 miles north of the city of Redwood Falls, this state. Belview Park adjoins this farm on the north - in Southworth's Addition to Belview. Fifty town lots for sale near this park, twenty of them fronting on the park. Farm has 150 acres under plow; 100 acres meadow and pasture, but nearly all can be cultivated. Best of soil.

Urn H. Bergen, proprietor of the Bargain Store on Second street, was born in Nicollet county, in 1868, where he resided until 1891, when he came to this city and engaged in business with his brother. In March, 1900, he bought out his brother's interest and has been carrying on the business by himself. In his store can be found a full and complete stock of goods peculiar to a bargain store—hardware, cutlery, notions, window curtains, pictures and frames, of which he makes a specialty. His line of moldings is full and complete. Almost any and everything can be found in his store.

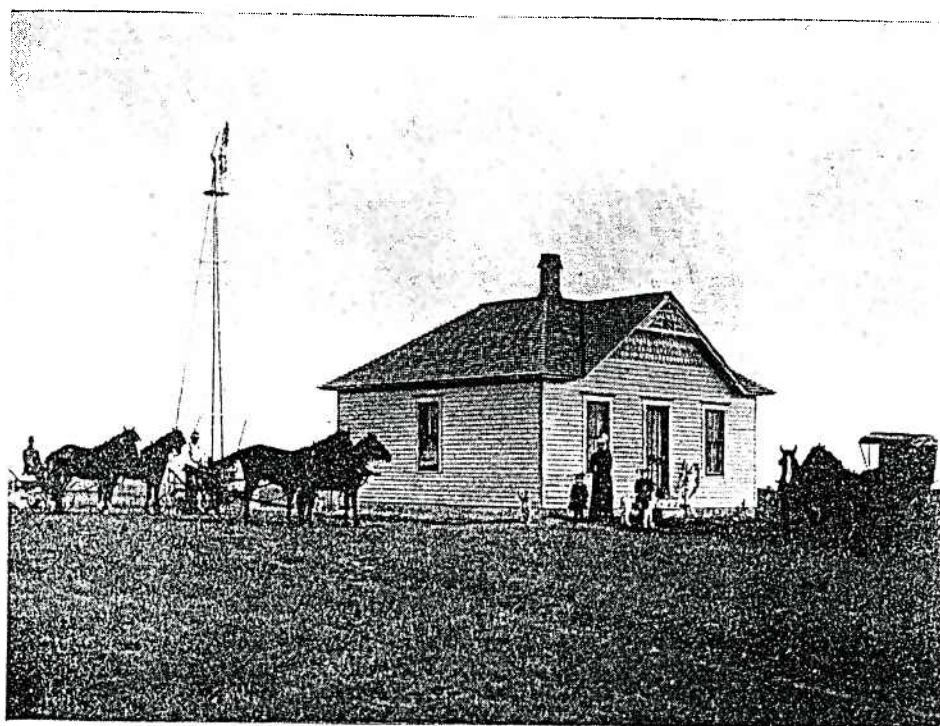
On June 19, 1893, he married Miss Jessie, the daughter of Mr. D. W. Whittet, one of our oldest citizens.

F. W. Birch, D. M. D., whose office is situated in the Office block, was born in Fairbault in 1873, where he received his early education, after which he came to Minneapolis and entered the dental department of the University of Minnesota, from which he graduated in 1896, and in the year following he located in this city, since which time he has gradually grown in favor with our people, and to-day he enjoys a lucrative practice. In the dental college of to-day every appliance which skill and ingenuity can devise to facilitate dispatch in dentistry and reduce the suffering of the patient to the minimum is used and recommended to the student. Every well equipped dental office of the age should possess these instrumental appliances. Here in our city the office of Dr. Birch is equipped with all modern essentials. He is prepared to discharge all orders, his terms being as low as is consistent with satisfactory service. The doctor devotes the first ten days of each month to his itinerancy, including the towns of Gibson, Belview, Echo, Woodlake and Wabasso.

John H. Bowers, attorney at law, was born in Rockport, Ind., in 1851, in which state he received his early education and lived until 1864, when his parents removed to Illinois and settled on a farm. When seventeen years of age he determined to strike out for himself, sought a school in which he taught for three terms, and then entered the State University of Champaign, Ill., where he remained three years. He then went to Danville, Ill., and entered the office of Mann & Calhoun, with whom he studied law and, in 1878 was admitted to the bar, when he came to Redwood Falls and opened an office for himself. In 1878 he was elected Judge of Probate, serving with honor and credit to himself and his constituents for six successive years. He also held the office of city attorney for several years, but he is now devoting himself exclusively to his profession, and has a large clientage, having practice in all the courts. In 1881 he was married to Miss Florence Chapman, and they have three daughters.



RED CEDAR CLIFF FARM, REDWOOD FALLS, MINNESOTA.
Owned by A. D. Southworth.



BELVIEW FARM, OWNED BY A. D. SOUTHWORTH.

F. L. Carpenter, painter, paper-hanger and decorator, has his shop on the corner of Mill and Second streets.

Wm. R. Caswell, resident agent for the McCormick farm machinery, coal and ice dealer, was born in LeRoy, Minn., in 1864, and in 1880 he removed with his parents to Pine Island, where they lived until 1882, when he came to Redwood Falls, where he has since resided. He was the manager and buyer for the G. U. VanDusen Co. Elevator here for over sixteen years, and in that time became associated with nearly every farmer in this and surrounding counties. He is now giving his attention to his extensive farm machinery, coal and ice business, which has grown to such proportions that it demands all his time. His supply of the McCormick machinery is full and complete in his warerooms near the depot, and his coal sheds, containing both hard and soft coals, are located on the N. W. R. R. track. His ice houses have a capacity of 2,500 tons, which is consumed in this vicinity during the year. His interests are varied, and he is identified with nearly every enterprise tending to the upbuilding of the city. He belongs to several fraternal societies, and his popularity in business circles extends far and wide, and he is known as an honorable and reliable business man.

Cedar Cliff Farm, joining the city of Redwood Falls; 400 acres. Under plow, 250 acres; meadow, 90 acres; pasture and timber, 60 acres; mostly covered with brush and scattering trees of oak, elm, Linden, red cedar, &c. Dwelling 26x37 feet on brick foundation, three rooms in cellar; house eight rooms, chimney, two 12-inch flues, built from bottom of cellar; house ventilated through chimney; barn 24x52 feet, granary 20x32 feet, double floors; mill 14x14, built around tower 60 feet high; well 20 feet deep, good water and plenty of it; a fine spring of pure water 200 feet from house, unfailing; Mineral Point mine, worked in 1869; a good vein of fine China clay; Redwood river runs through one side and cuts off ten acres; house in the city of Redwood Falls, one mile from the C. H., and same from the High School building.

A. D. Southworth appeared in this "breathing world" in 1829, in Bridgewater, N. Y., like King Richard 3rd, "scarce one-half made up," erratic, cranky! The common school was where he got his larnin'—good enough what there was of it—plenty such as it was. From age of 18 to 24, on a farm; learned surveying in a mild way, and winters taught in the common schools. March 17th, 1853, arrived in Chicago; on the 19th driving stakes at Calumet for the engineer, giving grade for ballasting Illinois Central R. R.; next day, rodman; April 1st, 1853, started for Coles county, via LaSalle, Bloomington and Urbanna; construction train and hack from LaSalle; construction outfit from Bloomington to Urbanna; assistant engineer on earth construction work on division 61 miles on either side of Champaign, to August, 1854; first train from Chicago to Champaign on Illinois Central July 4th, 1854; 1855 surveying and topographing in a rough way; 1856 to 1862 surveying, dealing in real estate and insurance; 1862 to 1870 internal revenue service as gauger and inspector of spirits; deputy collector; bonded warehouse keeper and special revenue

work; merchandizing, real estate, surveying, insurance, banking and farming; has represented the Aetna Fire Insurance Co. 42 years, Hartford 38 years, Home Insurance Co. of N. A., Phoenix of Hartford, Springfield and Underwriters Fire Insurance Co's., and the Mutual Life of N. Y., 23 to 27 years. Is now engaged in farming, insurance and real estate, and doing his best to round out a full century; the result will be known August 13th, 1929! The undertakers for the past 30 years have greeted him pleasantly! From the Paxton, Illinois, Record, 1897: We met A. D. Southworth in this city the other day, looking as natural as ever. He was identified with the interests of both Loda and Paxton in their early days. In the former he was a partner of Hon. Addison Goodell in banking and real estate. In the sixties he was government inspector-gauger and collector of internal revenue. In Paxton he laid out and platted a goodly portion of the city.

Joseph Chadderton, attorney at law, office in the Philbrick building, where he presides over the municipal court; has practiced law in this city for quite a number of years, and is highly esteemed.

The Commercial Hotel, located in the heart of the city, opposite the postoffice, and within one block of the Court House and public offices, with churches and public schools within a radius of two squares, and on a direct line from the N. W. R. R. depot, is ideally located for the traveling man. It is a substantially built structure with stone trimmings, facing the two principal streets, three stories in height, contains thirty-five rooms, (no dark ones), steam heated, electric lighted, hot and cold water, and modern improvements. It has a commodious office and smoking room, a dining room capable of seating fifty persons, and a handsome parlor on the second floor. A large sample room is adjacent, which is a necessary adjunct to the modern hotel for the convenience of the commercial drummer. Artificial stone sidewalks, curbing and guttering surround the building, and the graceful veranda affords a good lounging place in summer and a protection from the snows of winter. The bus line of the city meets all the trains and the livery barn close by offers special inducements. The hotel is connected with the long distance telephone service, and is enjoying a good patronage.

J. A. Grose, proprietor of the Commercial House, was born in Canada, but has lived in the United States for quite a number of years. Was located in Minneapolis in the grocery business for awhile under the firm name of Grose Bros., after which he entered the hotel business. He has been in this city but a few months and is endeavoring to make a deal to lease the Commercial for five years. He is a popular and jovial landlord, and he and his wife have succeeded in making themselves popular with the traveling community.

N. W. Cobleigh, register of deeds, was born in Mississippi, but came north with his parents at quite an early age and settled in Wisconsin. In 1879 he came to Minnesota and located at Willow Lake township, where he was engaged in farming for eighteen years. In 1896 he came to Redwood Falls and sought the nomina-

