

# The City of Park River

NORTH DAKOTA

and Country Residences

Illustrated



SOUVENIR ALBUM OF THE CITY  
OF PARK RIVER, NORTH DAKOTA



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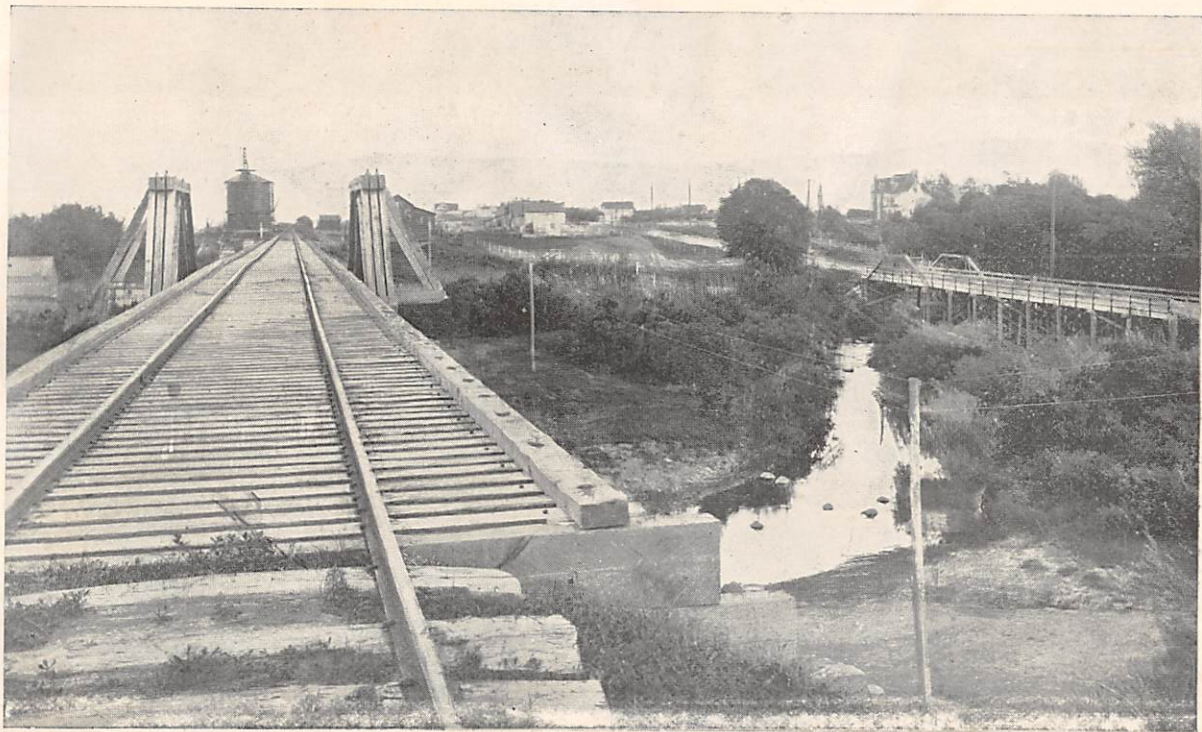
## HISTORICAL



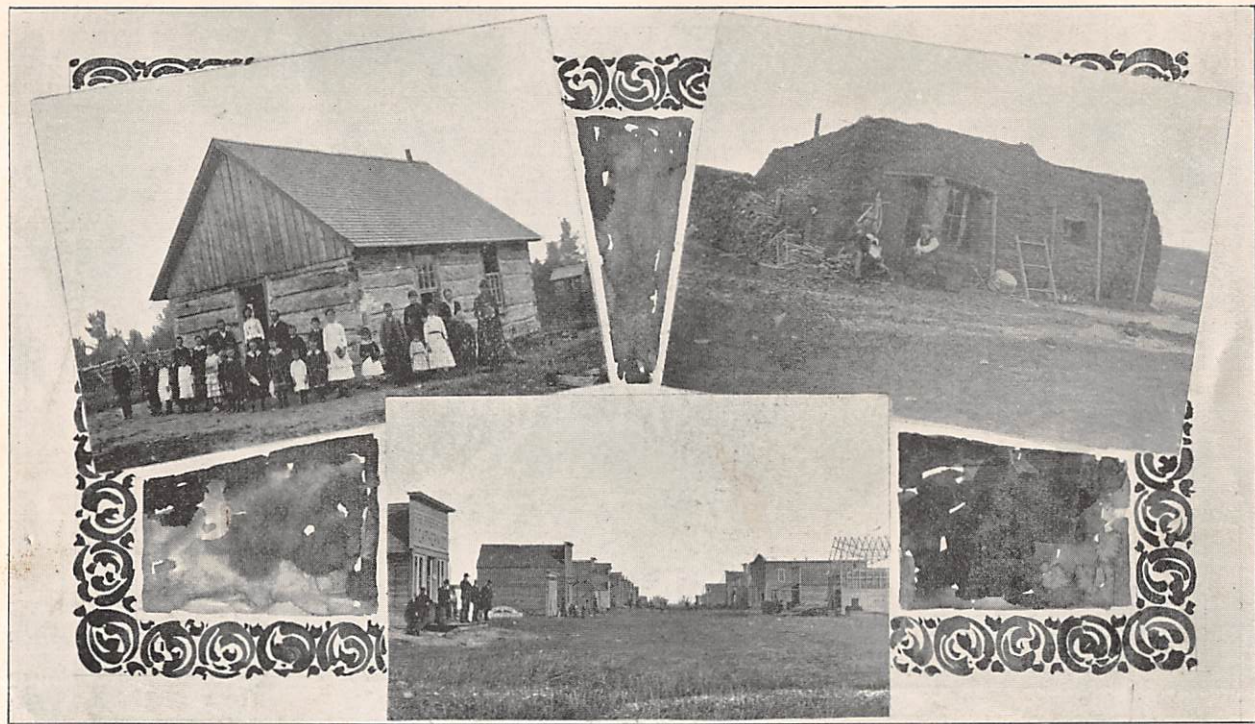
THE history of the last twenty-five years, of what is now the State of North Dakota, has without a question, furnished ample proof that even the most sanguine of its early settlers had not over-estimated its resources as an agricultural state. When the fact is taken into consideration that an overwhelming majority of the new settlers came into the country almost without means, and in addition thereto had to battle against the existing high prices on all commodities, it is nothing less than wonderful that a great majority of them not only succeeded in establishing a permanent home, but in a great many instances even acquired a competency in a comparatively short while. The prevailing high prices were a direct result of the experimental feeling which pervaded all business in the early years of the history of the state. In the year 1881, the County of Walsh was formed out of the south part of Pembina county and the north part of Grand Forks county, with Grafton on the Great Northern Railroad from Grand Forks north, as the county seat. As to quality of land and general character of its inhabitants, it ranks second to none in the state, a statement which is amply proven by its general condition. While it ranks third in population, it ranks first as to the number of farms it contains. In 1884 a branch of the Great Northern Railroad was built from Larimore to the Park River, one of the tributaries of the Red River, and what is now the City of Park River, was established in the fall of that year. The first day of July, 1884, saw the entire site, upon which Park River is now built, one continuous wheat field. At the present day, fifteen years later, we find a population of about 1400, a public school, representing eight teachers and an enrollment of 456 pupils.

Churches were built almost simultaneously with the first buildings located in the new town, until up to the present day five churches have been erected. Thus the rapid growth of the new town was followed, if not led, by the growth and development of religion, and the result has been that Park River today, and in fact during its entire history, has always maintained a high standard of morality.

The volume of business is best explained by the fact that the city supports a banking capital of \$80,000, with a combined deposit of \$400,000, which will stand out in bold relief with very few parallel cases in a purely agricultural community, the age and size of the city considered. The prosperity of the farming community at large has not only been responsible for the rapid growth and prosperity in an indirect way, but has directly contributed a large share toward the population of the city, as well as to the number of handsome residences which adorn it. A large number of farmers from the adjacent country, having given up their farms as a home and abandoned the once cherished idea of going back to the old countries to establish a home for their old age, have instead moved into the city and built, what by them is considered their permanent home. To be sure the climate is at times severe, but the beautiful summers amply atone for the hardships of winter and the healthful condition of the climate and local surroundings leave nothing to wish. Park River is a purely agricultural city and the healthy development from the first day of its existence until the present insures a continuance which will at all times maintain the rank which it now enjoys—that of being one of the fairest cities of North Dakota.



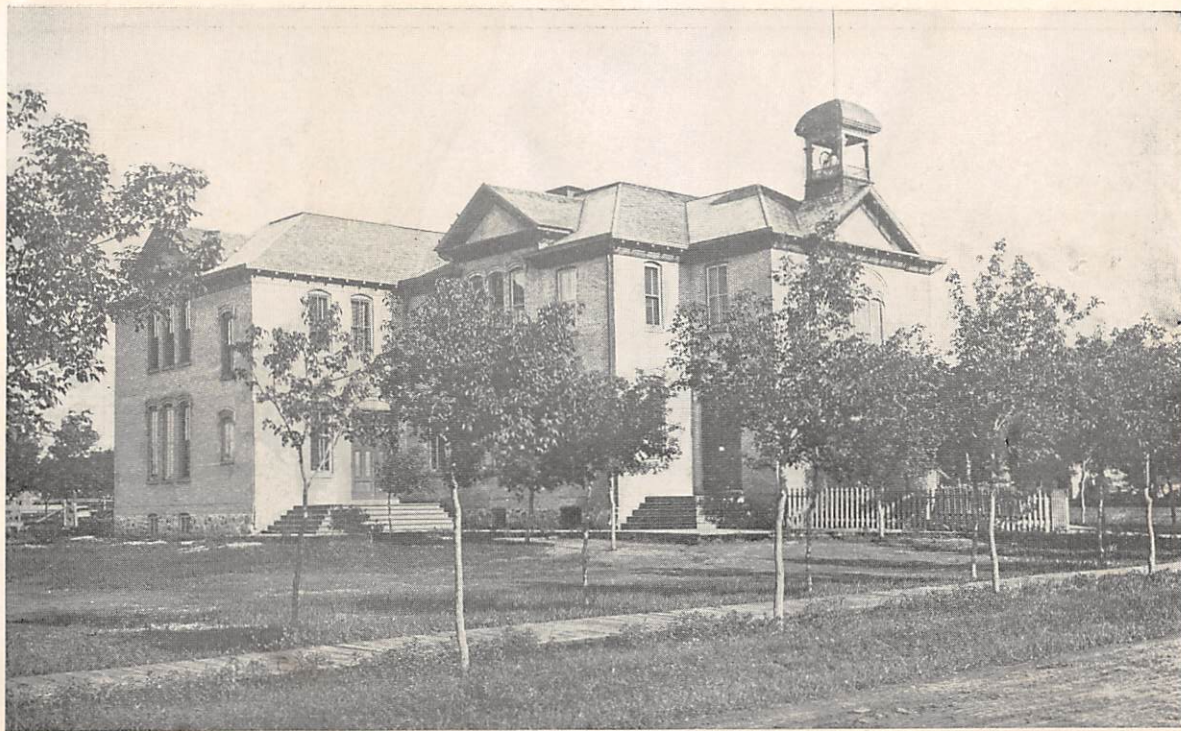
**Railroad and General Traffic Bridges Approaching the City from the North**



First School House in Kensington Township

Residence of A. H. Huggins, Walsh county, in 1881

Briggs Avenue in 1884. Wheat in the Street



**Park River Public and High School**

PROFESSOR HOOVER, Principal, with an efficient staff of seven teachers



Chief of Police Chas. Service.



J. Amoth.



Geo. F. Hones, Auditor.



O. O'Reilly



Mayor H.A. Libby



John Wyllie



Geo. Stuskoff



Sylvester Wilson



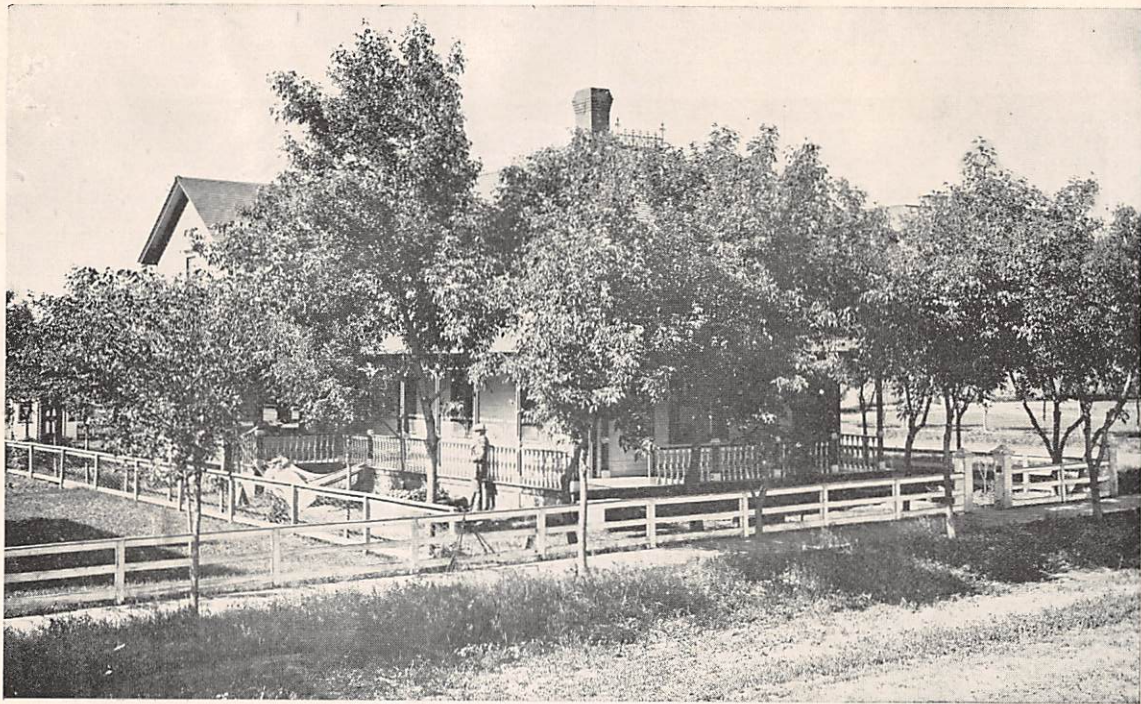
I. Davis

**City Council of Park River**

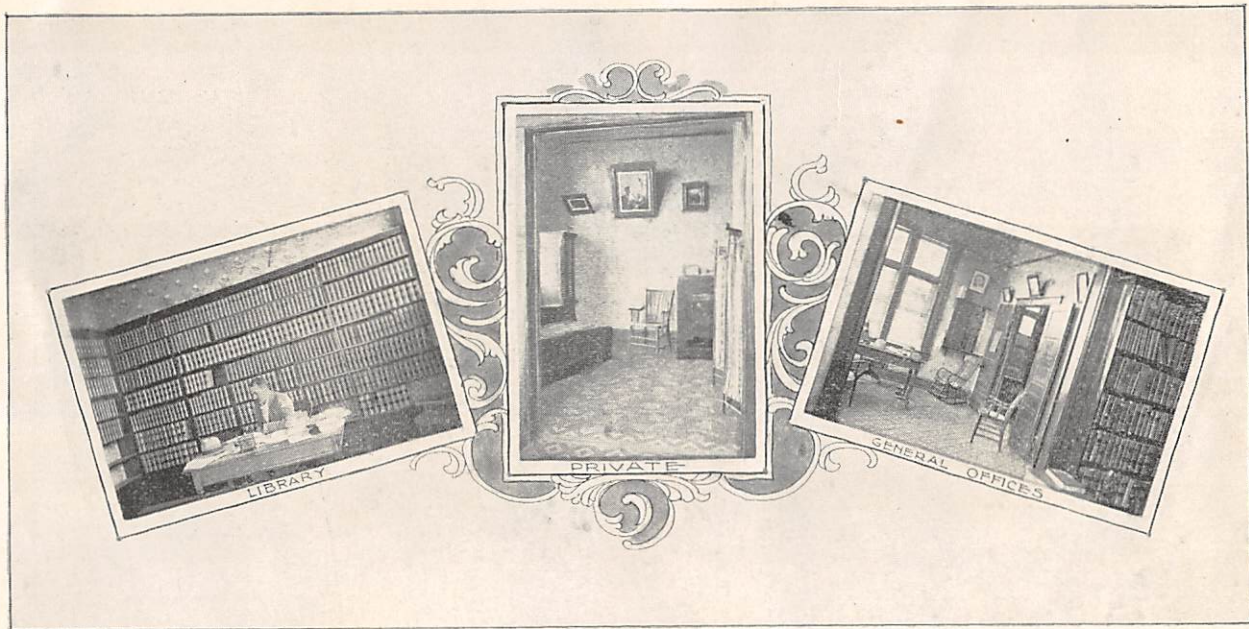


Main Street in 1899





Residence of H. A. Libby  
Mayor of the City, F. 5th street



### Law Offices of H. A. Libby

One of the leading lawyers of the state. Has a very extensive practice and has been a resident for fifteen years, and for the past four years mayor of the city. He possesses one of the largest and best selected law-libraries in the state



**The First National Bank of Park River**

D. H. Beecher, President

F. Edgerton, Vice-President

Geo. E. Towle, Cashier

Capital, \$50,000      Surplus, \$25,000  
General banking and real estate loans



**Interior of The First National Bank**



**David H. Beecher**  
President of the First National Bank



**J. Amoth & Co.**  
Dealers in fancy groceries, Briggs avenue



**Residence of Mr. John Wadge**  
Corner of Code and Sixth streets



Residence of W. H. Warner



Residence of C. D. Lord  
Fifth Street

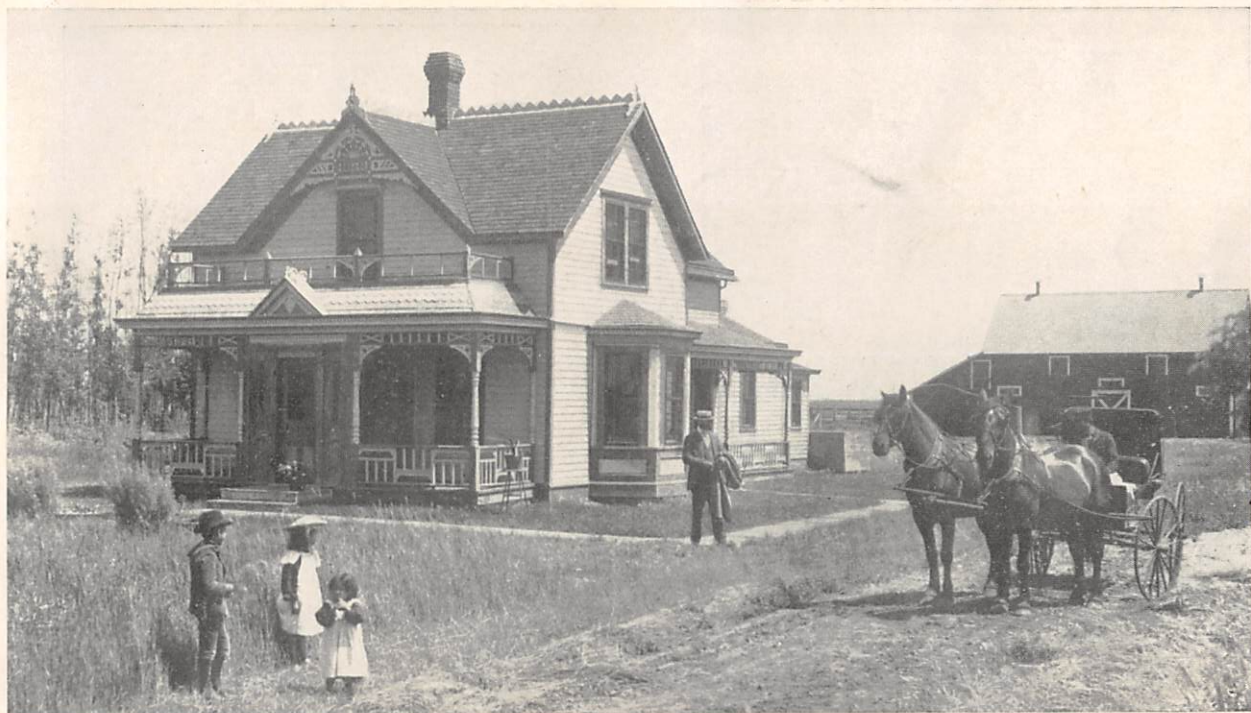


Residence of Geo. E. Towle  
Briggs Avenue





Residence of C. E. Nelson  
Harris Avenue



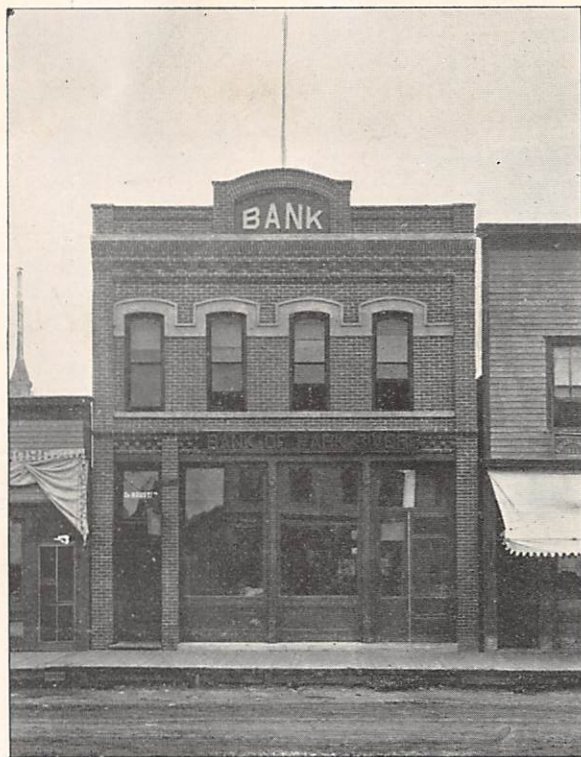
Residence of Peter Campbell



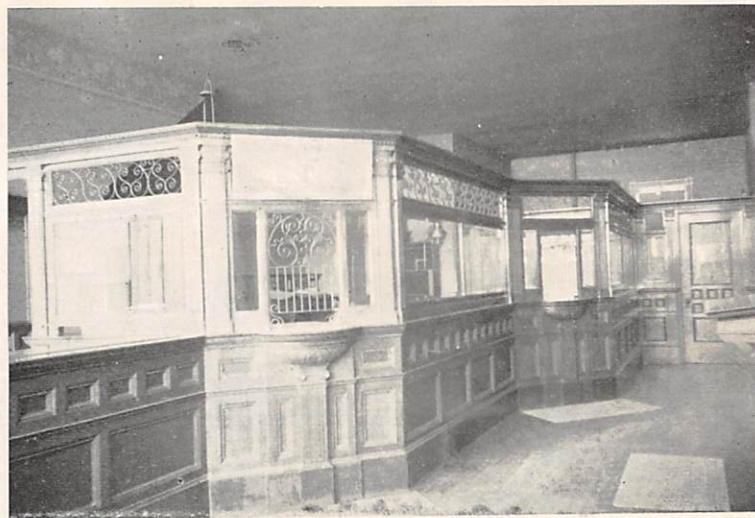
Residence of Karl J. Farup



Residence of Sander Soll



**Bank of Park River**



**Interior of Bank of Park River**

Organized in 1886. Capital, surplus and profits, \$47,000  
Jacob P. Birder, President      W. S. Smith, Vice-President      C. D. Lord, Cashier  
H. D. Whitefield, Assistant Cashier



WM. F. HONEY  
J. A. HONEY  
GEO. F. HONEY

**Honey Bros.**

Millers and grain dealers. Manufacture a strictly high-grade spring wheat flour which excels in strength, color and uniformity of grade



**Residence of I. Davis**  
Prospect Avenue



**Residence of George N. Petty, Contractor**  
Griggs Avenue



**First Presbyterian Church and Manse**  
Membership, 135. Present pastor, T. Davis Achison



**T. Davis Achison**  
Pastor First Presbyterian Church



**J. D. Landsborough**  
Superintendent of Sunday School





**Methodist Episcopal Church**

Organized in 1880; erected in 1884; seating capacity about 500; membership, 200. Present pastor, Rev. J. A. Strachan



**J. A. Strachan, A. M.**  
Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church



**Built in 1878**  
First house built in Kensington, Walsh county  
By Wm. Code



**Norwegian Lutheran Church**



**Rev. M. N. Knutson**  
Pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran Church



**Roman Catholic Church**

Erected in 1888. Rev. J. D. Simpson, Pastor



**Interior View of Roman Catholic Church**

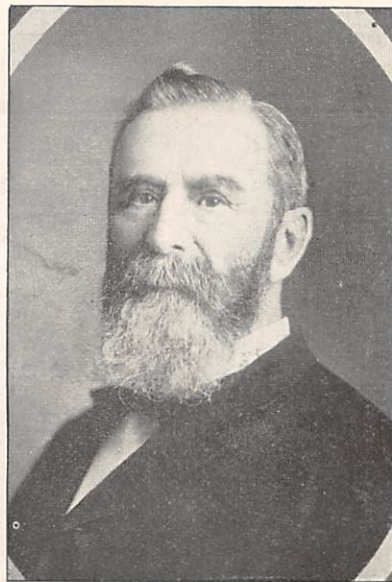


Residence of C. H. Honey  
Briggs Avenue



**A Winter Scene**

Taken by Sara P. Schell, April 21, 1899

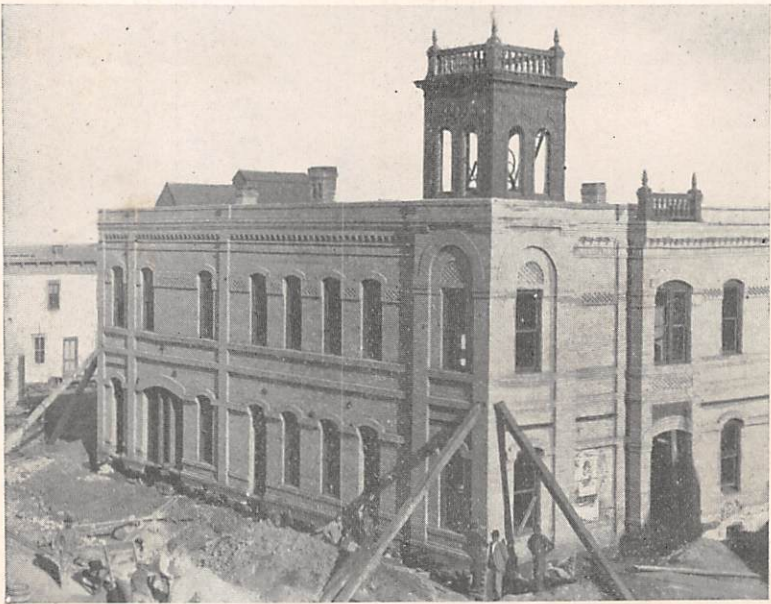


**Charles P. Honey**

Mr. Honey is one of the oldest settlers and most well and favorably known citizens of our city. He came to Dakota in 1879, and seeing so many of his neighbors, as sheep without a shepherd, he called them together and conducted the first union religious services in Kensington township. He was also chosen chairman of the first board of supervisors; was postmaster from 1882 to 1884. He received the appointment as postmaster in Park River several times and held the same for eight years. He now resides in the city where his family all surround him in comfortable homes. His sons carry on a large milling business, while he superintends his farming interests. During the past twelve years he has creditably served the city as police magistrate. In politics he is republican; in religion a Methodist Episcopal.



**Residence of W. J. Edwards, Contractor and Builder**



**Repairing City Hall**  
W. J. Edwards, Contractor



Country Residence of Wm. H. Landsborough





**Residence of O. E. Hasle**  
Code Avenue



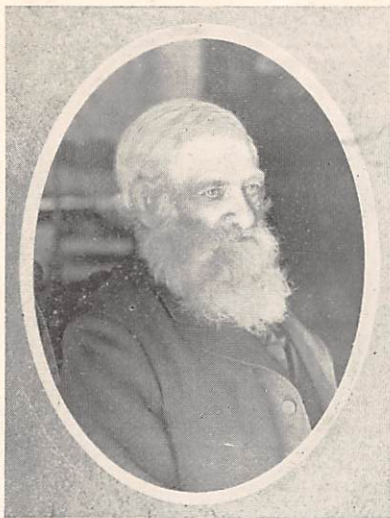
**O. E. Hasle's General Hardware Store**  
Main Street



A. S. Park



Residence of A. S. Park

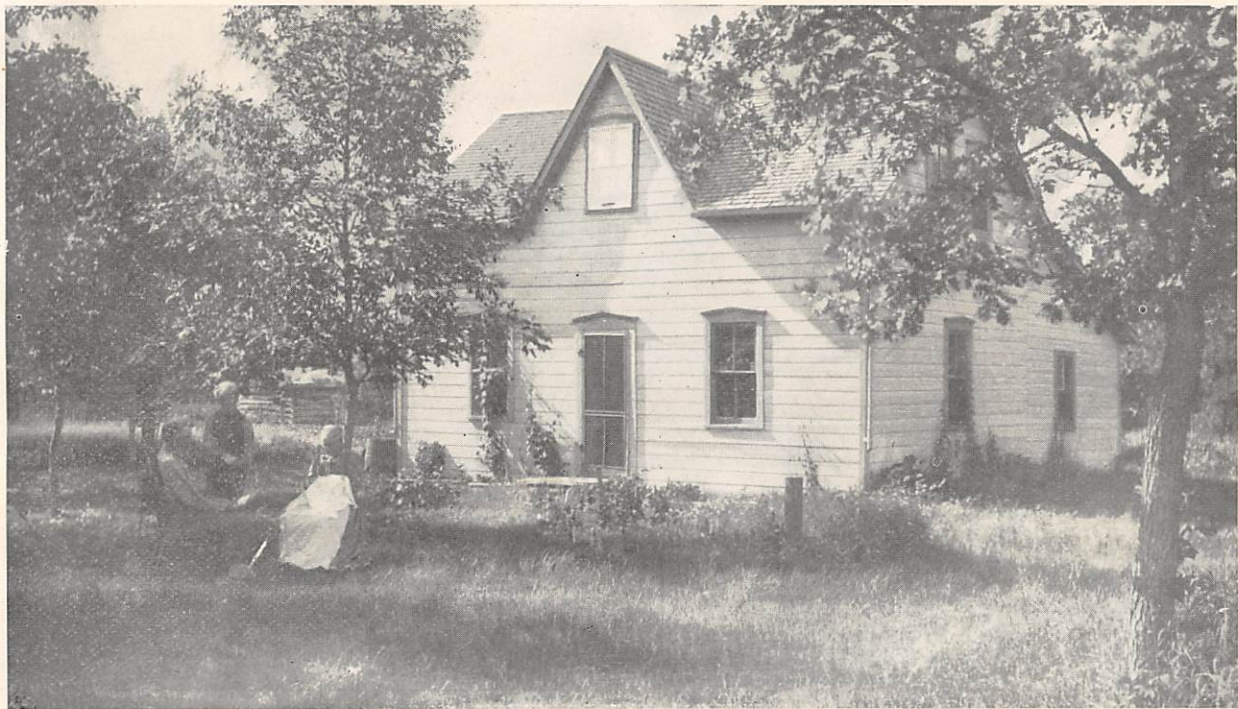


**John Ross, Sr.**

Emigrated from Glasgow, Scotland, in 1848. After residing in Ontario until 1881, he came to North Dakota. Since that time he has been a resident of Park River and vicinity. He is well known, beloved and respected by his many friends. For many years he has been an elder in the Presbyterian church.



**Residence of John Ross, Sr.**



Country Residence of James Holmes



View of C. E. Nelson's Department Store



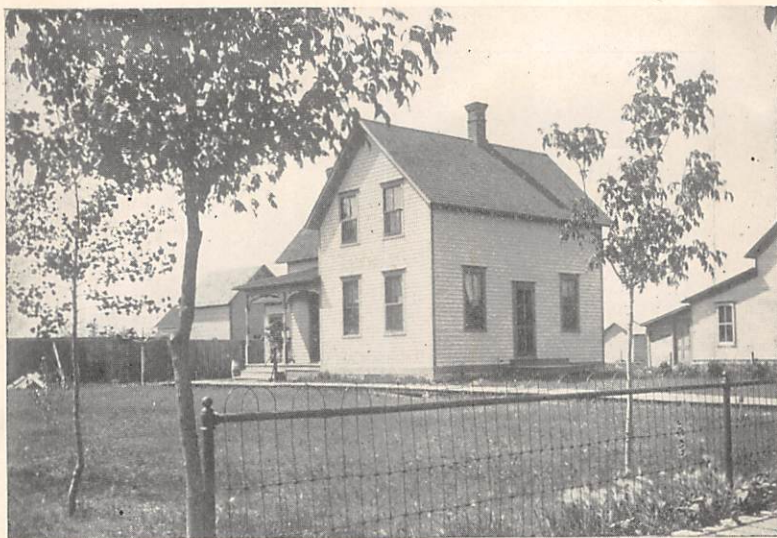
View of C. E. Nelson's Department Store



**Country Residence of A. M. Bruce**



Alexander M. Bruce Sr., born in Herford Farfarshire, Scotland, came to Canada in 1856 and settled in his present home in North Dakota in 1879. Mr. Bruce leads a very active life, is an elder in the Presbyteaian church, and carries on large farming interests with the assistance of his sons, who are fast settling on farms of their own in the vicinity.



Residence of Thomas Johnson



Thomas Johnson

Successor to Wadge & Johnson, Briggs Avenue, carries a full line of agricultural implements, McCormick binders and mowers, Buffalo Pitts threshers, Kentucky wagons, Dowagiac grain drills, Robinson buggies, John Deere plows, and a general assortment of all goods found in a first-class machinery department.





**Residence of Geo. K. McEwan**  
Corner of Fifth Street and Harris Avenue



**Geo. K. McEwan**  
Postmaster of the City of Park River  
One of the well and favorably known firm of  
McEwan & Dougherty

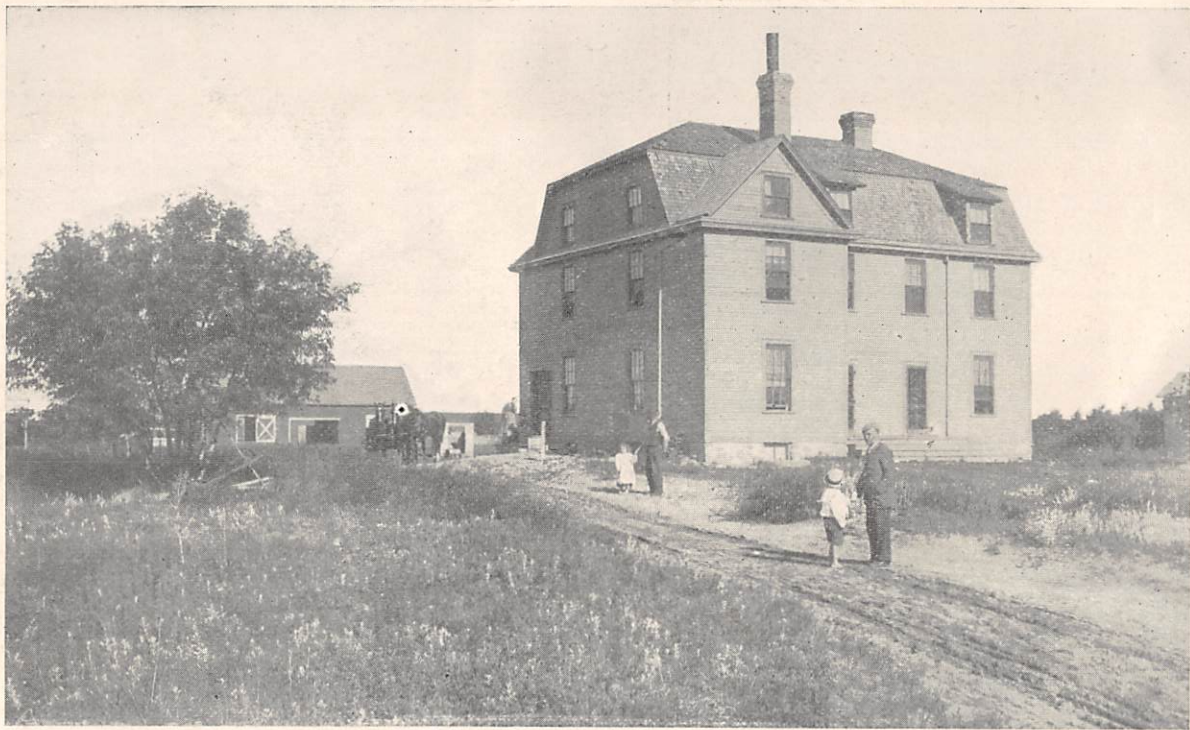


**E. B. Woodard's Tonsorial Parlors**

First-class work and workmen, always in first class condition, neat and clean  
Your patronage solicited



Family of Alexander Smith, one of the first settlers



Nelson County Poor Farm



**Fallis & Fallis**

Tailoring. Full line of gents' furnishings, boots and shoes, Main street



**Thos. Catherwood**

Born in Haldimond county, Ontario, June 7, 1856, graduate of Goderich High and Model Schools; came to Dakota in 1880; taught the first school in Kensington township; also first merchant of Park River.



**Residence of Thos. Catherwood**



**M. Haldorsson, B. A., B. S., M. D.**

Graduated from the Royal University of Copenhagen, Denmark, where he practiced for a number of years, and for several years also held the position of naval surveyor. He came to Park River in 1892, after a brief stay in Wisconsin. He has an enormous practice, from Winnipeg to Crookston, from the Red River to Devils Lake. Dr. H. has held the office of county physician for several terms, and is now serving his second term as county coroner.



**Residence of Dr. Haldorsson**



Samuel Landsborough, Sr.



Residence of Samuel Landsborough, Sr.  
Prospect Avenue



**The Robertson Lumber Co., Park River, N. D.**

A. D. Robertson, President, Los Angeles, California. Alvin Robertson, Vice-President, Grafton, N. D. W. W. Robertson, Sec. and Treas., Grafton, N. D.  
Dealers in lumber, building material and fuel. W. A. Hagerty, Manager.





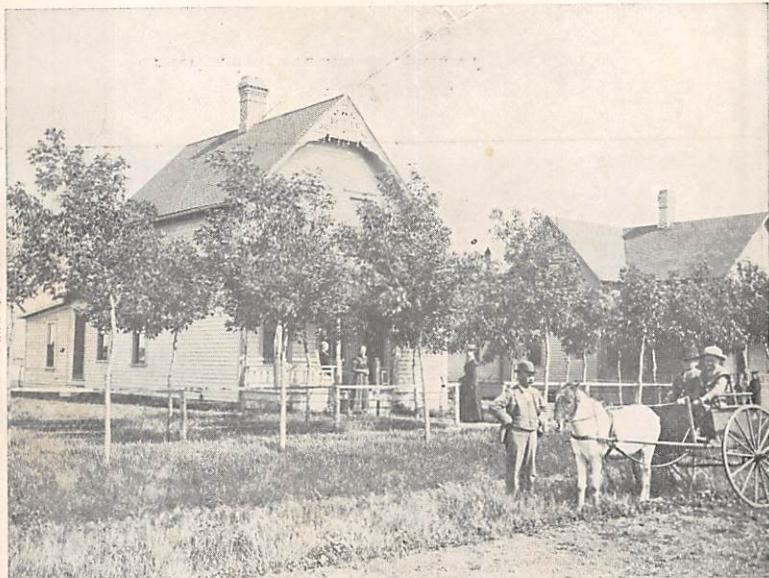
**Residence of Alderman John Wyllie**  
President of City Council



**Residence of Dr. Douglas**



**Residence of Ivar Overbye**



**Residence of S. F. Wilson**  
Briggs Avenue



**C. Schjerden**

Groceries, notions, stationery, picture frames, glass, etc.



**W. E. Fallis's Feed Store**

Highest grades of flours and meals and all kinds of feed



**J. B. Taintor, City Meat Market**

Dealer in all kinds of fresh and salt meats. Cash paid for cattle, hogs and hides for shipment



**Country Residence of James Ross**



**New Barn of James Ross**



**Lumber Office, Sheds and Yard of F. H. Stoltze**

Bertram F. B. Green, Manager



**Interior Views of Henry Anderson's Drug Store**

Full line of drugs, stationery and fancy goods. Where customers receive prompt attention



**Herd of Short Horn**

Owned and bred by Thomas Bolton, one of the earliest settlers of Walsh county





Country Residence of David Aitkin



### Henry Anderson's Drug Store

One of the oldest drug stores in the city, carrying a complete line of staple and fancy goods



### Park River News

The Park River News was established in July, 1897. Its business is comprised in serving all the local news and happenings to the families of Park River and the large farming community in the very fertile country contiguous. Democratic in politics. Charles Wi son, Editor and Manager



**Johnson & Robertson**

Livery, feed and sale stable. First-class rigs at reasonable rates. Special attention given to commercial travelers



**White & Warner**

Headquarters for Deering machinery. first-class harness, buggies, heavy wagons, twine, machine oils, threshers, cycles and farmers' supplies



Country Residence of Harry Peoples



We call our store by this name because we give the right goods at right prices, and we guarantee both goods and prices against any and all competition. We also have the right kind of clerks to sell the right kind of goods, and will spare no pains to give you perfect satisfaction at any time when you call upon us, whether you are an old customer or a perfect stranger to us, and we are sure you will at once admit that our store is properly named—The Right Price Department Store



Shoes for papa, shoes for mamma, shoes for baby. Prices that are right and quality unsurpassed. We carry the North Star Shoe line, which shines against all competition. We also carry the Bradley & Metcalf line, known the world over for durability. We also carry a full line of Pierce's Shoes; they include a fancy line of ladies' and children's footwear. But don't forget to investigate the Atlas School Shoe; they wear like iron and give the youngster a very good understanding.



Dry Goods—We carry a full line of dress goods, notions, hosiery, underwear, millinery and everything that goes to make a first-class dry goods department. We have also added for the ladies comfort, The New Idea Pattern, which is equal to the best, which are sold at ten cents per pattern. Our clothing and gents' furnishing department is always full of good and useful articles. Now comes our grocery department with a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, crockery, etc.

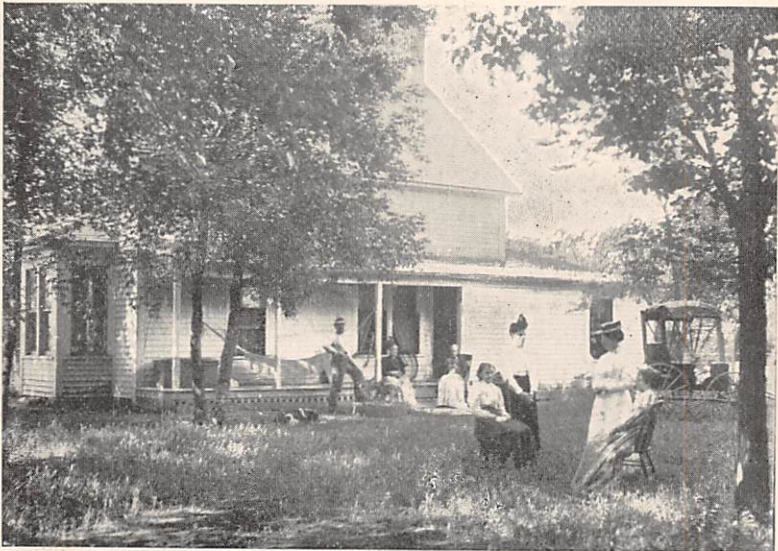


**Country Residence of Mrs. Betsy Bruce**





Country Residence of Wm. Brown



Country Residence of David Ford



Residence of S. B. Warner



Residence of Joseph Thompson



Country Residence of Alex. Bruce, Jr.



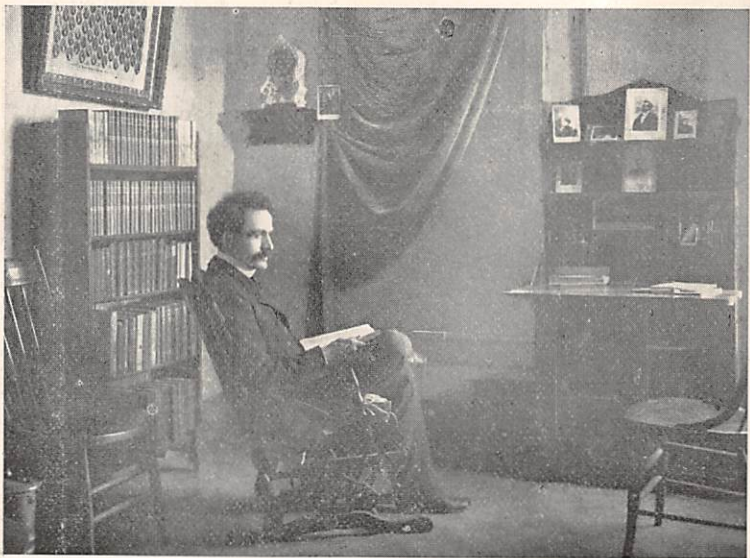
Country Residence of John Ross, Jr.



**Residence of J. Morley Wyard**  
Briggs Avenue



Waiting Room of Dr. Kerr's Dental Office



Interior of Dr. T. F. Waugh's Office



**Country Residence of John McEachem**



**Emil Nelson**

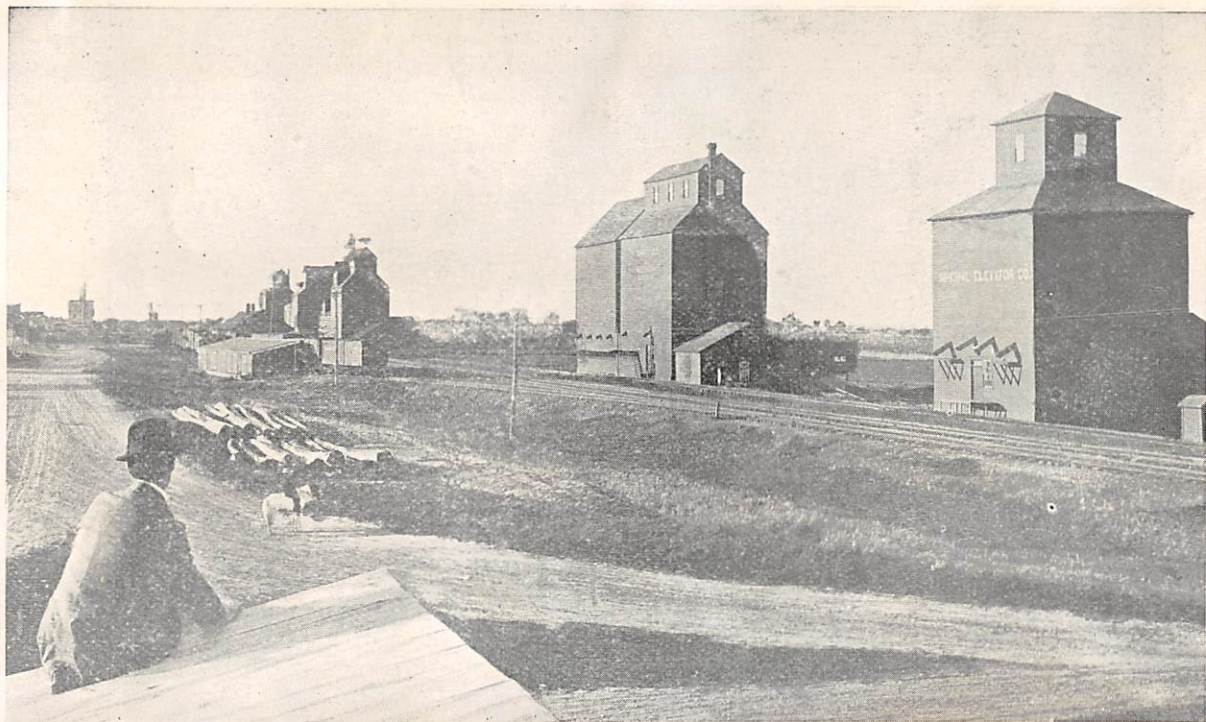
The Park River jeweler, is a young man who has built up a prosperous business in a very short time. Mr. Nelson claims that the success he has attained is largely due to the guarantee he has always been able to maintain by superior workmanship in all lines of his business.



**Residence of Rev. D. G. McKay**

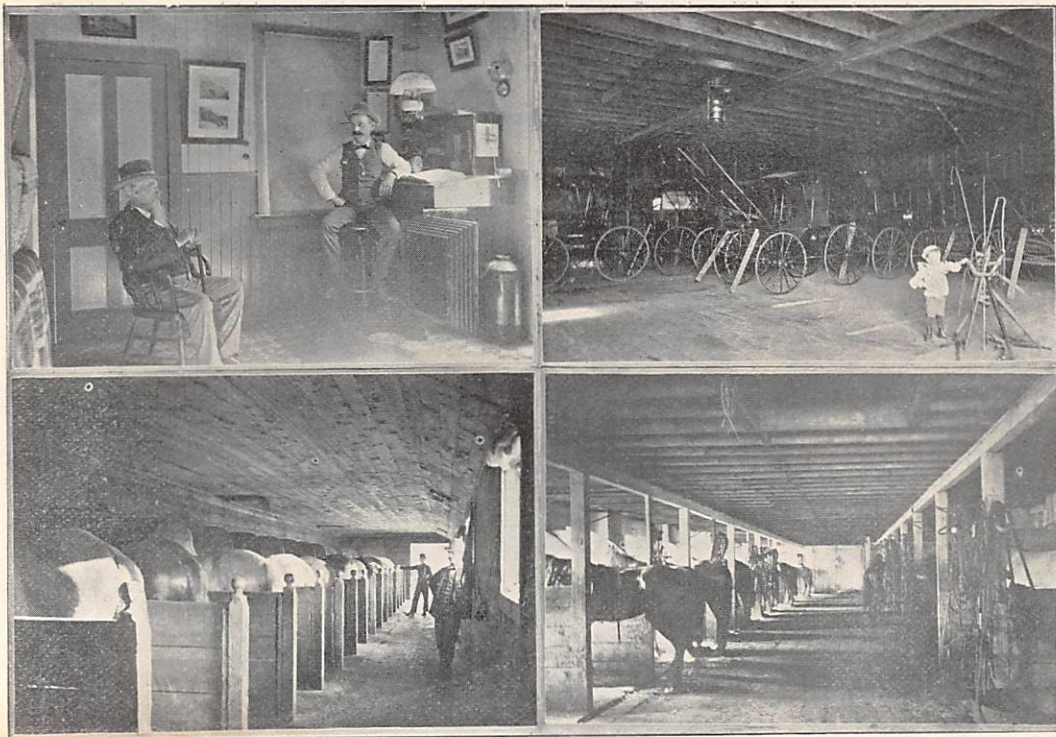


**Strawberries Grown by Rev. D. G. McKay**

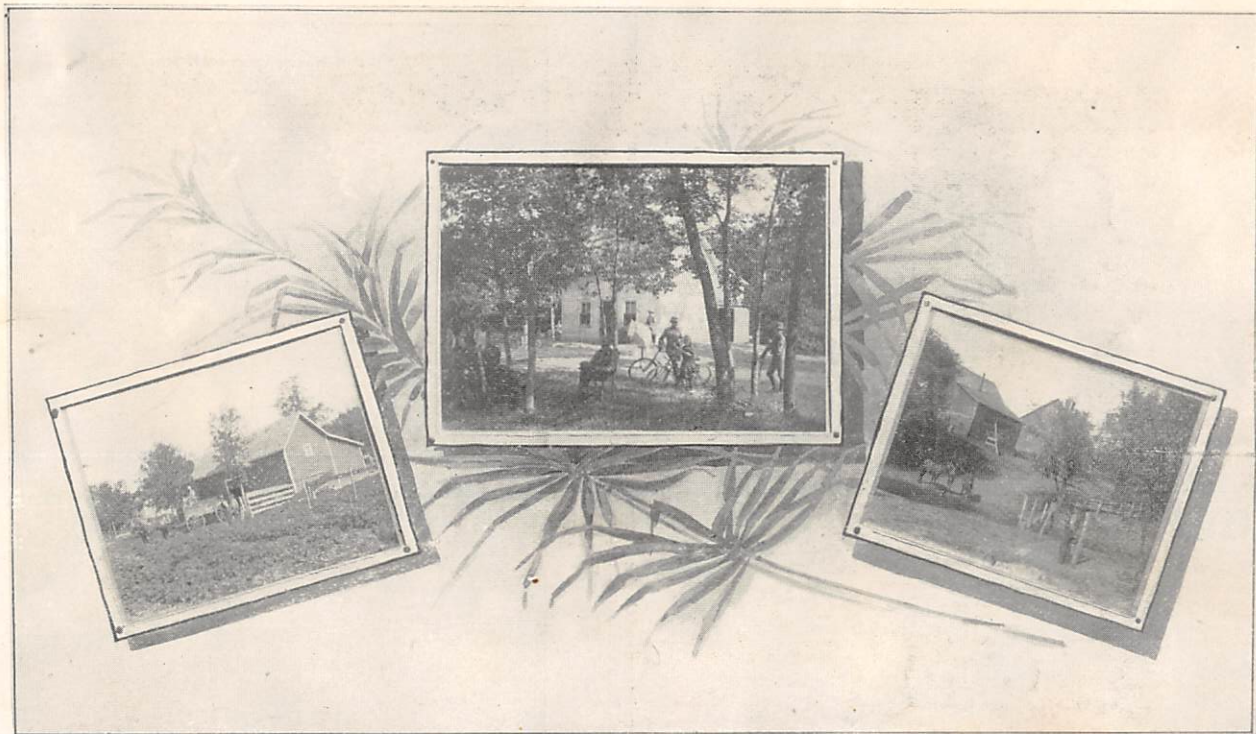


Five of the Large Elevators Where North Dakota Banks Her Wealth





**Interior of Office, Livery Barn and Feed Stables of E. R. Swarthout**  
Everything first-class; terms reasonable



Country Residence of John Baird



**F. Walstrom & Co.**

This firm has one of the largest stocks of general merchandise in the county. They employ from ten to fifteen clerks and appreciate an ever-increasing patronage.

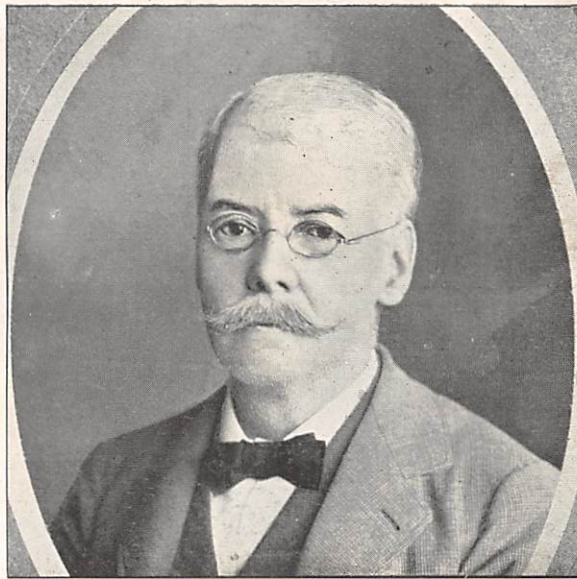


**Interior View of F. Walstrom & Co.'s Store**



**W. E. Hoover**

Superintendent of City Schools



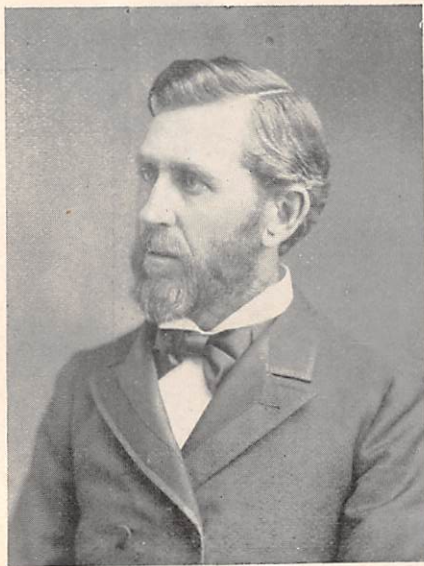
**C. S. Stranahan**

The oldest druggist in the state, having been forty-five years in the business. He was born in New York state in 1835; came to Park River when the town started, in 1884, and has since carried on an extensive business in the city.



**Robert C. Cliff**

Veterinary Surgeon  
Graduate of Ontario Veterinary College  
Toronto, Canada



**Rev. J. P. Schell**

Born in Iowa in 1845, graduated at the State University at Iowa City in 1870, Union Theological Seminary, New York, in 1873; spent three years in Home Mission work in Utah and Idaho; came to the Red River Valley in 1880; commissioned first for the Park and Forest River districts, with headquarters at Grafton, afterwards located in Minnesota, where he organized nearly all the Presbyterian churches between Crookston and St. Vincent; at Bathgate from 1886 to 1890; Drayton from 1892 to 1896; since that time he has resided at Park River, and supplying as a Home Missionary at Conway, Ramsay's Grove, and other points; also served in an Iowa regiment during the civil war.



**W. J. Edwards**

Architect and Contractor  
for the raising and repairing of the City Hall

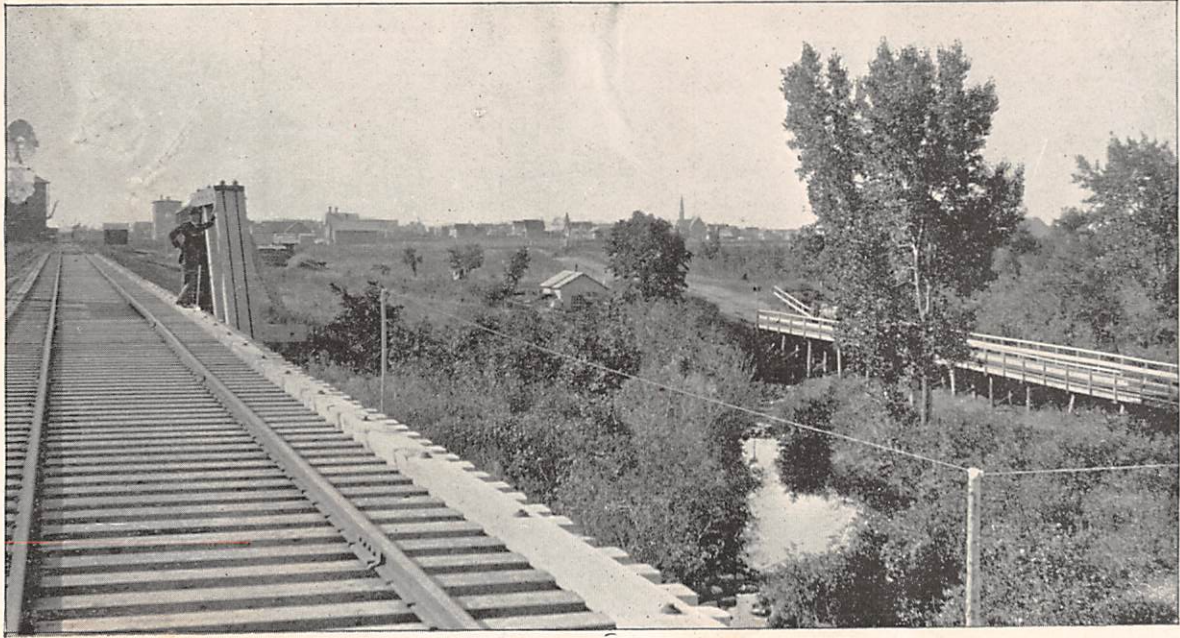


**Rev. N. S. Thorlaksson**

The subject of this sketch was born in Iceland; emigrated to this country in 1873, studied at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, where he graduated in 1881 as A. B.; studied theology at the University of Christiania, Norway. In 1887 he was ordained at Mountain, Pembina county, N. D., and became pastor of the Icelandic Lutheran congregations in Lyon and Lincoln counties, Minnesota, and in 1895 of the Scandinavian Lutheran congregation of Park River and the Golden Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Garfield.



**City Hall**



Bridge Scene



A. J. MERRIAM

### Merriam's Furniture Store

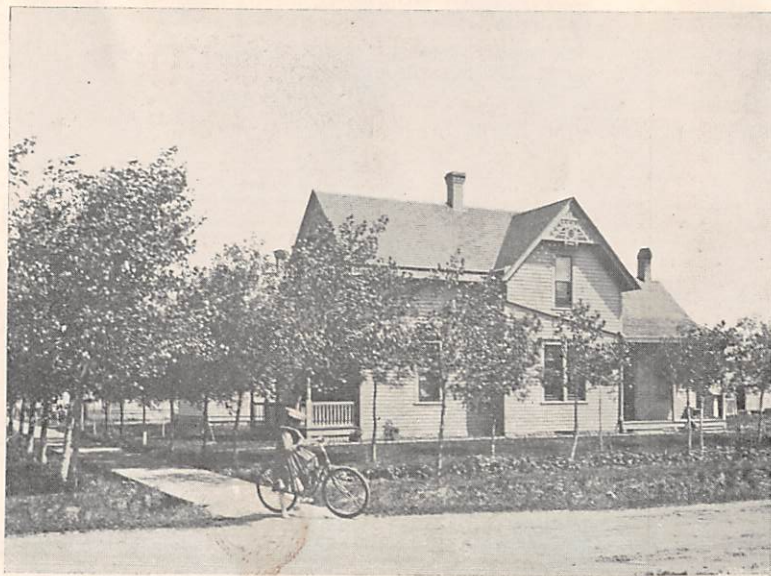
S. MERRIAM

Established 1884. We carry a full line of furniture, carpets, wall paper, undertaking goods, window glass, shade goods, etc.





**George Shepherd**  
Chairman board of county commissioners,  
Walsh county



**Residence of George Shepherd**

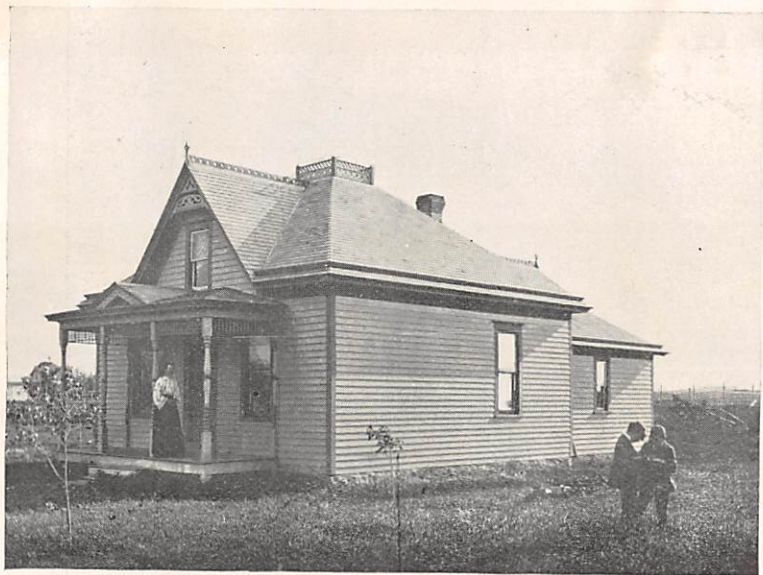


**O. A. Trovatten**

Dealer in farm machinery, Milwaukee binders and mowers, Minneapolis threshers, bicycles and sewing machines



Farm Residence of Mr. Ed. Brett



**Residence of Mr. Hugh Longhead**



**Mr. Hugh Longhead**  
Member of board of trustees of city schools



**Interior View of City Restaurant**

First-class meals and good rooms in connection at reasonable rates. Frank Hughes, Proprietor



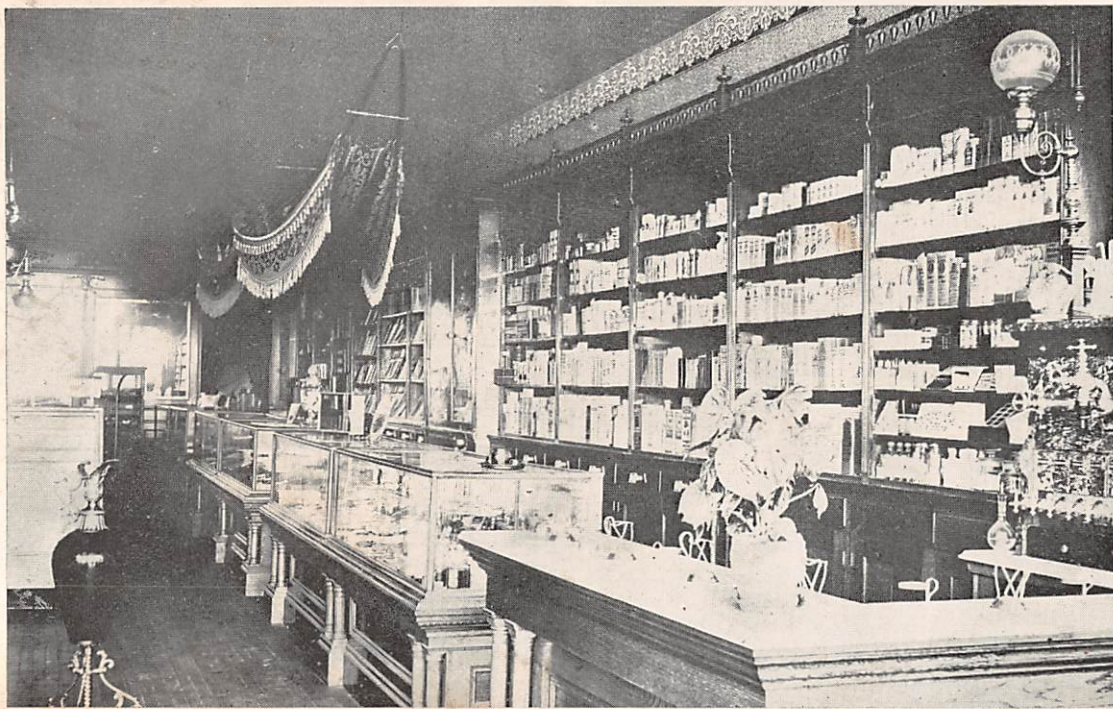
**Livery, Feed and Sale Stable**

First-class rigs at reasonable prices always on hand. Good accommodations at prices to suit you.  
E. Larness, Manager



**Residence of James McCauley**

Fourth Street



The north side interior of Palace Drug Store, corner Briggs avenue and Fifth street. Conducted and owned by W. J. Graham. A complete line of drugs, paints, oils, sundries, sporting and fancy goods can be found at this store at all seasons



The south side interior of Palace Drug Store, corner Briggs avenue and Fifth street. Conducted and owned by W. J. Graham. The products of this laboratory are fast gaining favor among its patrons, only the purest of drugs being used. Prescription work a specialty





**Hall & Brandt**

One of the best furnished stores in the city. Dealers in gents' furnishings, hats, caps, boots and shoes; where only the latest goods are carried



Residence of J. J. Doherty  
Briggs Avenue



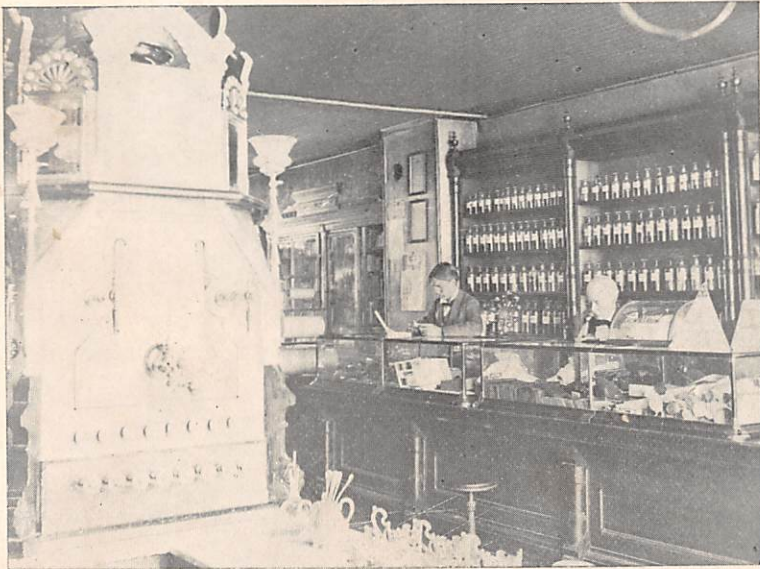
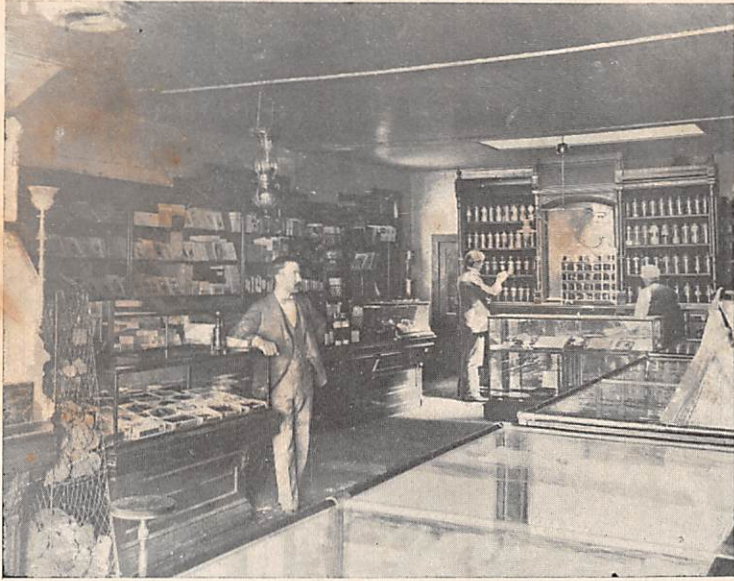
**Interior View of W. W. Kisner's Store**

Dealer in groceries and confectionery; a full line always on hand. Satisfaction guaranteed



**Thorson Brothers**

Headquarters for California fruits, confectionery, cigars, tobaccos, stationery; also full line of fancy groceries for city trade. Come early and avoid the rush.



**Stranahan & Hamre**

Pioneer Drug Store. Established in 1884. Carries a complete line of the latest goods



**Lofthus Bannerman & Booth**

Briggs avenue. A popular and enterprising young hardware firm that has got to the front by honest and square dealings

*Martin Sanderson*

*Wedge*



*Via Lumber Co* **Residence of Thos. Wedge** *on Virginia Rose Drive*



**Code & Irwin**

Briggs avenue. Headquarters for stationery, jewelry, fancy goods, fruits, confectionery and cigars