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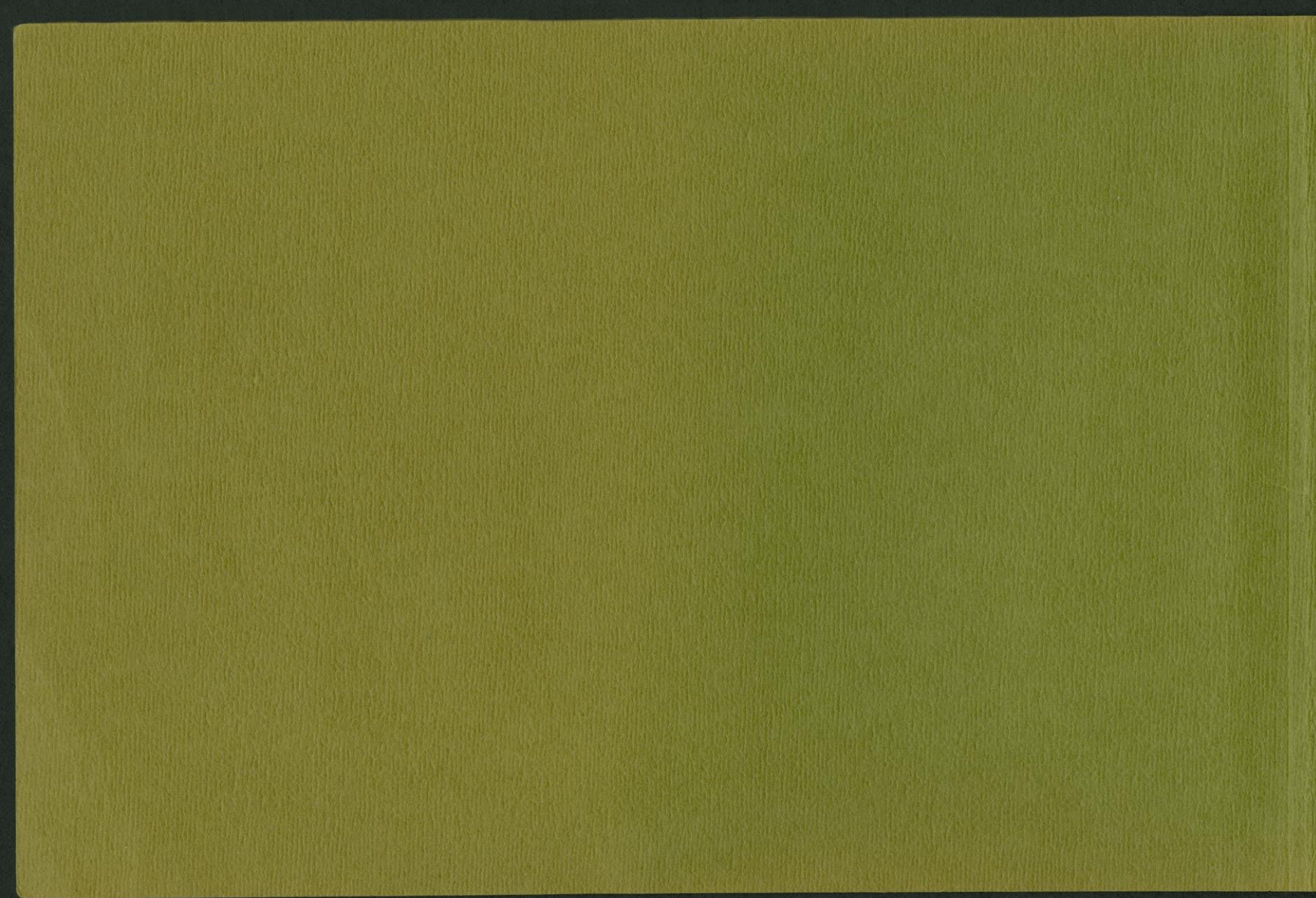
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INCLUDING A HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE HISTORY WITH SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF LEADING CITIZENS. ✻ ✻

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Early History.

CHAPTER I.

THE West Wisconsin Railway Co., which received a franchise and land grant from the Wisconsin legislature to construct a line of railway from Tomah, Wis., to Lake St. Croix, for short was a project financed by D. H. Baldwin and Jacob Humbird and was quite an undertaking and met with a number of obstacles which however were in time all surmounted. The first of which delayed the construction one season at Eau Claire and another delay of a year at Hudson.

Too much credit can not be given nor can the writer say enough of the push exhibited by these two pioneers, Messrs. Baldwin and Humbird, for it was their idol, this West Wisconsin Railway project, and the completion of which meant a great deal to St. Croix county; now then having finally laid the rails to Hudson, which was accomplished in the season of 1871, the question of a siding between Hersey and Roberts was under consideration, rumors were current that the siding would be located one mile west of the present Village of Baldwin, as Hammond had been a Village for a number of years before the advent of the railroad. This siding was to be the location for the old Village of Hammond and the new village to be built up, but the Hon. D. R. Bailey to whose indefatigable labor and who rightfully is the father of the Village of Baldwin finally succeeded and he together with Mr. Humbird fixed the location of the depot of

the then station of Clarkesville, named after the then general freight agent of the W. Wis. Ry. This was accomplished on June 19, 1871. Now then the station was Clarkesville, named after Francis B. Clark, as previously stated at that time the general freight agent, and as further information I would state that Mr. Clark was one of the early pioneers of St. Croix county, as he together with Amos E. Jefferson, now of the 1st National Bank of Hudson and our old friend and former townsman Homer Rider operated the first large breaking plow, pulled by three and sometimes four yokes of oxen.

On October 21, 1871 the Railway Co., began erecting the present depot, which however small at that time has seen numerous alterations.

On November 7th, 1871, Hon. D. R. Bailey had four buildings moved into the present site of the Village. This was done by that old faithful mover, D. J. Foster, another of the old settlers, whose voice will be heard no more.

CHAPTER II.

The country around Baldwin situated as it was twenty miles away from any transportation facilities, namely, Hudson and from there the only means of transporting the products of the country away was by water, with its short season of navigation, made it necessary that for the country to develop it must have a line of railway, as the cost of hauling grain or any other commodity to market was nearly one half of its value, consequently a railroad was what the old settlers prayed for. Messrs. D. H. Baldwin and



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Mrs. Bailey
D. R. Bailey

Jacob Humbird had begun the construction of a railroad from Black River Falls to Eau Claire but he it understood that this project of theirs was of a private not a public nature, until finally in 1871 an act was passed chartering the Tomah and Lake St Croix Railroad Company and by this act repealed and annulled a former act which had bestowed the grant and lands to another corporation. A company was organized by Messrs. D. A. Baldwin and Jacob Humbird who in 2 years constructed 178 miles of this new and so important line of railroad, this line running from Tomah, through Black River Falls, Eau Claire, Menomonie to Hudson. This having been accomplished the road started from no where and its terminus was Hudson not a very good point for large quantities of freight to say the least, so that in 1873-1874 the road finally succeeded to get into St. Paul, now by this time some Chicago & Northwestern officials had found that this 178 miles of railroad would be a nice feeder for their system but how to get the traffic was a perplexing question, as the original franchise was specific from Tomah to Lake St. Croix, but finally an amendment was obtained, and the 12 miles of track from Warrens Mills to Tomah taken up one fine Sunday and instead run to Camp Douglas and Elroy. From this time on the Tomah and Lake St. Croix Railroad Co., became known as the West Wisconsin Railway with its terminus at Elroy and a feeder for the Chicago & Northwestern Ry., as the road is now under the Northwestern system. Up to this period the line of railroad was owned and operated by

Messrs. Baldwin and Humbird, one freight and one passenger train each way daily, the freight train usually consisted of 8 to 10 cars, while the passenger train was made up of one combination baggage and smoker and one day coach. If the kind people will look at the number of trains and their size and compare them, he will soon form an idea as to the difference in traffic between 1872-1874 and the present time. Following the completion of the railroad came the panic 1875-1873 in which Messrs. Baldwin and Humbird suffered severely, the railroad going into the hands of a receiver, this feature was very unfortunate, inasmuch as Mr. Baldwin took his own life in consequence.

Mr. H. C. Arnold was the first station agent at Clarkesville or Baldwin.

CHAPTER III.

The first car with passengers came on from Menomonie at that time the terminus of the West Wisconsin Railway and brought Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ayers from Vermont to be among the early upbuilders of the new village, this was on November 24, 1871. The thermometer being 21 below zero. At the time the first and only place of business was Mr. Pat Hickey's grocery and saloon on front street, where W. B. Allyn's meat market has been of late years. The first stock of goods being hauled out by team from Hudson, the first unloaded was a three gallon keg of whiskey, which was sold out by pulling straws at so much a pull, there being no glasses yet in the village. This was followed by the erection of several buildings,

among which were a blacksmith shop by Wm. Henke located where Haagen's barber shop is now located and on the corner right adjoining was erected the dwelling house of Wm. Henke and which the Henke family occupied until the last big fire. The year 1872 saw the erection of more substantial buildings such as the saw mills and flour mills of L. M. & D.R. Bailey later on succeeded by Bailey & Bartlett and the erection of the Bradshaw House now known as the Baldwin. The establishment of the first regular general merchandise store, by Charles Reichenbach, who operated one of the leading stores at Menomonie and this store at Clarkesville was operated as a branch store with Peter Wachter as manager who is now located at Cumberland, Wis., the first goods being sold on February 8, 1872. This firm sold out to Wachter & Hirsch January 4th, 1873, Mr. Hirsch being in business here ever since.

These were followed by Amos Crippen dealer in groceries and liquors. O. A. Saugestad, the first drug store located on the corner of Main and 2nd streets, later this building was removed to its present location, corner of Front and 2nd streets where it now stands, as the landmark and the first new building erected in this village in 1872. Mr. Saugestad is still among our residents, but his time is occupied with his various outside investments. This was followed by the erection of another general Mdse. store by O. E. Schibsted, who was one of the then successful business men and whose death occurred very recently.

The school house at this time was a small affair 20

x 30 feet and was moved up to the village from one mile south of here.

During the spring of 1872 the railroad company was requested to change the name of the station as the railroad station was Clarkesville and the post office Baldwin, the town of Baldwin having been set off by the county commissioners from the town of Springfield, the town of Springfield being a double township.

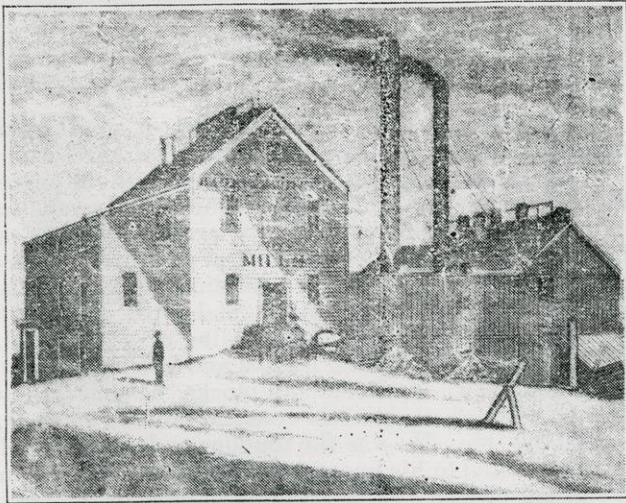
Now we shall have to go back a little again, I have mentioned the location of the railroad depot, which was accomplished only after D. R. Bailey deeded to the railroad company twenty acres of land beginning at 1st street and running to the town line road, which since has changed hands. After the railroad Co. retained what was necessary for its use it sold the remainder to Messrs. Saugestad & Quale, who have platted and sold all that portion of the land on the north side of Front street except the Park which the railroad Co. deeded to the village for its use so long as the village would use and improve it as a park.

Among the early settlers who came in here from Vermont during 1872 and the early months of 1873, are the following: Dr. C. A. Goddard, H. F. Woodard, Armstrong Taylor, A. C. Ayers, Robert Atkinson.

The erection of a large frame store building by L. M. and D. R. Bailey on the corner of Front and 2nd streets which is still there as a lasting monument. In this store the entire population both young and old would congregate and get their mail. Jack Sell, who was the ever obliging Jack, who had a good word for everyone, was chief clerk and acting Postmaster.

L. M. Bailey being the first Postmaster but whose time was taken up with the outside land business of the firm who at that time had large acreage in pine lands which has since all been cut over and manufactured at the saw mill in the village.

Prior to the advent of the railroad's coming Clapp's sawmill was located one mile south of the village, this sawmill was operated by D. R. Bailey in the earlier years and before the railroad was built. After the



Bailey & Bartlett's Flour and Saw Mill, Erected in 1872.

advent of the railroad quite a number of buildings were removed from there to the village and these buildings really constituted the first of the new village after this the erection of the flour mill in 1872—1873, brought with it a new influx to the population among whom were C. B. Marston, head miller and E. C. Hoffman mill wright. As already said these various enterprises brought new life to the then young village, so that at the spring election of April 1873 the lines were drawn between the outside farmers and the new fellows in the village, which in my opinion was wrong and has imprinted a strife between the people of the village and town which exists to this day. The fight was made on the office of town treasurer, W. T. Evenson being the candidate of the old town people, while A. Hirsch was the village candidate. The result was that as it used to be called the company ticket won out and Mr. Hirsch was the first town treasurer elected after the village had been in existence only one year.

CHAPTER IV.

During the spring and summer of 1873 the young village had numerous accessions in the way of new life in the business world, the first one mentioned is A. W. Bosworth who came here from Eau Claire and erected a fine store building on the corner of Second and Front streets, opposite the Saugestad store building, which was stocked with a complete line of hardware, tinware, stoves etc., as well as a complete tinner's shop, and this was the first store established to carry a single line of goods. Up to this period the stores

had carried in addition to general merchandise also hardware, tinware, patent medicines and drugs.

The establishment of one exclusive line of goods to be carried in stock was followed shortly by Messrs. Purple & Grinnell, (Bert Grinnell now located at Hammond) with a complete stock of drugs, chemicals, paints, oils, etc. This was soon followed by the establishment of another drug store by J. N. Rose, where Mr. Christensen's drug store is located now and both the drug stores apparently were doing a good business.

The first public hall for meetings of every kind was Bosworth's hall over the hardware store.

During this season A. W. Bosworth was appointed Notary Public by Governor Washburn and Mr. Bosworth was at this time the only and first authority before whom acknowledgements could be taken.

The first largely attended dance or public party was held at Bosworth's hall in September 1873, to which twenty-five couples turned out. The music was by Williamson's String Band, imported from Menomonie, supper was served at the Bradshaw House. The committee having this affair in charge were, W. L. Purple, the druggist, E. C. Hoffman the mill wright, and Oluf Osen, one of the clerks in L. M. & D. R. Bailey's store.

During the month of September Ed. Borchardt and family moved to our village from Manitowoc, Wis. Mr. Borchardt came here to establish the Baldwin Bulletin, in which after all manner of trials he finally succeeded and issued the initial number on Saturday,

October 18th, 1873. The first copy run off the press of the Bulletin became the property of Hon. D. R. Bailey and by whose courtesy, I have this copy before me and shall give some of the principal events as chronicled in the first issue of the Baldwin Bulletin.

BALDWIN.

Less than two years ago not a dwelling house was standing where now is the flourishing village of Baldwin and when we consider that no unusual excitement has drawn its present inhabitants to this spot, but its rapid rise is due to the natural advantages possessed by it, one can not but feel assured that it is destined rapidly to increase its population by a sure steady growth.

At the time mentioned, D. R. Bailey, a gentleman standing high in the business and political circles in Vermont came here with a determination to improve the rich prairie and timber lands which had come to his possession. Shortly after his arrival he built a flouring mill, stocked with the finest improved machinery and then devoted his attention to securing a healthy immigration. It came and with abundant capital at hand, he began the building of a saw mill, hotel, stores, and dwelling houses and having laid out the present town in streets and blocks, he sold off his lots and assisted others in the construction of dwellings, workshops, etc. He was the founder and main stay of the village and to his energy and liberality more than one of our citizen owe their present prosperity. His possessions embrace thousands of acres of the finest lands of Western Wisconsin, among which is ground

that guarantees an almost inexhaustible supply of timber for building and manufacturing purposes while his farming lands are among the best in the northwest. With such a backer, it is no wonder that Baldwin (named after the President of the West Wisconsin Railroad prospered, and that to day it contains nearly one hundred buildings and between 300 to 400 inhabitants.

Its business is represented by four general merchandise stores, one hardware store, two drug stores, two large hotels and a third one nearly finished, two livery stables, two millinery stores, one harness shop, one wagon maker, two blacksmith shops, a merchant tailoring establishment, two furniture stores a salt lime and cement agency, two saloons, a saw and grist mill, two planing mills and a furniture factory and in less than a month it will contain one or two more stores, a brewery, meat market and a boot and shoe shop, while there is no question but what the advent of spring will bring with it increased activity in the building line.

LOCATION.

The village is located a few miles southwest of the center of the county. On the west of it the unsurpassed prairie farming lands stretching to the St. Croix River, while immediately on the east are forests of pine and hardwood which when utilized are bound to make this an important manufacturing point. There is no water power here, but sufficient water for all purposes is easily attainable at a trifling expense.

The West Wisconsin Railroad runs through the

village having a good depot building, wood yard (at this time all engines burned wood for fuel on the railroad) and side tracks at this place. All passenger and freight trains stop here regularly, the Northwestern Telegraph Co. also has an office here. Besides D. R. Bailey, the place owes much of its prosperity to his brother L. M. Bailey, one of our principal business men, whose energy has constituted much to its steady growth.

On the 1st of last month Hon. J. M. Bartlett of Island Pond, Vermont, became associated with D. R. Bailey in the milling and merchandising business and has made Baldwin his future home. He is a gentleman who ranks among the highest and best in his native state and having abundant capital at his command in addition to business qualification of the highest order, he naturally takes his position as one of the leading men. (Mr. Bartlett is now a resident of Minneapolis, Minn., and whenever his business there permits delights to visit his old and former friends and neighbors.)

IMPROVEMENTS.

Among the improvements now being made in the village and immediate vicinity we notice the following: The large building in course of completion by D. R. Bailey on Front Street is being pushed forward with all possible dispatch, when finished the lower floor will be used as a banking and store room, the second for a billiard hall and offices while the third floor will be appropriately finished off for the exclusive use of Bailey Lodge under dispensation Free and

Accepted Masons. The building is being veneered and the doors and windows are to be set off with Freer stone, manufactured by D. W. Dippo of Hudson. It is 36 x 46 feet in size and will be surmounted by an iron roof, making it as nearly fire proof as a building of that class can be. Mr. Bailey expects to have it ready for occupancy in the course of two or three weeks.

Down the street adjoining the store of Wachter & Hirsch, Messrs Brurock & Rolstad are putting the finishing touches to a building 18 x 26 feet to be used as a harness and tailor shop. Near the western end of the same street Andrew Johnson has nearly finished a two story building 22 x 40 feet. The 1st floor will be used for a saloon.

At the western extremity of the village, near the railroad John Peabody is erecting a dwelling house 16 x 24 feet two stories high, to be completed the early part of next month.

In the same neighborhood Ed. Davis, our enterprising brick manufacturer, is finishing a handsome residence 20 x 28 feet two stories high (This is now the house occupied by Mr. French.) On the corner of Main and Third Street N. I. Gilbert a gentleman but recently arrived here from Manitowoc, Wis., is putting up a building 22 x 44 feet, designed for a store and dwelling. He is making every effort to complete it within the shortest possible time, and will stock it with an assortment of general merchandise.

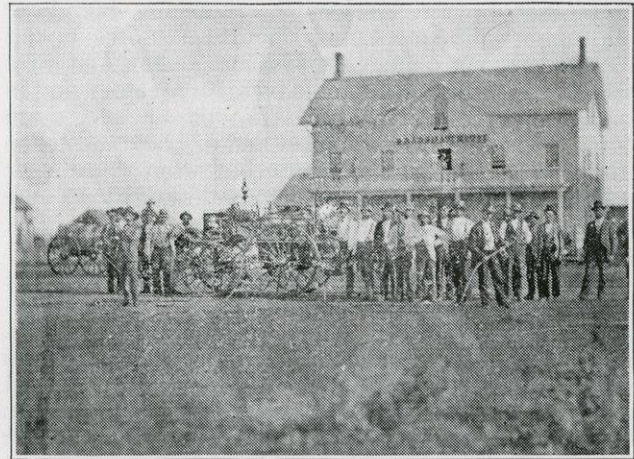
On Main Street A. C. Ayers is finishing an elegant residence, 14 x 30 feet with two wings 9 x 12 and 14 x

18. He contemplates having it ready for occupancy in two or three weeks.

An addition 16 x 22 feet is being built on the residence owned by Joseph Newton (He was superintendent of the mills at that time.) on the same street, which will add much to its tasty appearance.

B. H. Hams has a force of men employed in the construction of a two story building on Second Street 20 x 40 feet, into which he will put when completed a large stock of furniture.

Just south and on the same street, John Bixby is



The Bradshaw House, Erected in 1872.

The Bradshaw House shown on page ten of the booklet is now the Baldwin Residence located on Main street.

putting up the frame for a two story building 18 x 26 feet and nearly opposite a building 40 x 44 feet two and a half stories high, is being finished in which O. H. Thoen the proprietor will open a first class hotel.

This comprises we believe, all the improvements now in progress in the building line within the limits of the village. Just east of here and within view a brewery of considerable proportions is being put up to commence operations this fall.

RELIGIONS.

The Presbyterian denomination here has one of the handsomest and most tastily furnished church buildings in the county. Rev. Baldwin, the pastor holds divine service, every Sabbath morning and evening.

Rev. Russel pastor of the Methodist church at Hammond preaches every Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The Sunday school is held directly after morning service.

These services were all held in the church building described.

The Norwegian element of our population has already made considerable progress toward the building of a large church edifice early in the spring.



History of the Pioneer Business Men.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

As in all other branches of development looking toward the upbuilding of Baldwin the Hon. D. R. Bailey again heads the list of business men, as the

senior member of the firm of L. M. & D. R. Bailey. D. R. Bailey and family arrived here from St. Albans, Vermont, erected the fine large house in the northwest part of village, (which lately was occupied by Mr. Decker.) The erection of this magnificent home will again be referred to in a later article. Mr. Bailey attended to the legal branch of their various lines of business, while L. M. Bailey, always known as Mun Bailey devoted his entire time to the store and outside affairs. Mr. D. R. Bailey is now a resident of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, while Mun Bailey has passed away some years ago and is laid at rest I think in the village cemetery.

The next firm of business men to be mentioned is that of Wachter & Hirsch composed of Peter Wachter and A. Hirsch. This firm dissolved in 1874 when Mr. Wachter retired and moved to Barron, Wis., and since then has made his home at Cumberland. The other member of the firm Mr. Hirsch is still in business in the village, and the business of A. Hirsch is to day the only mercantile establishment in existence which began with the early settlement here. Mr. Hirsch has held various positions of trust reposed in him by the people, first as Town Treasurer of the town of Baldwin for a number of years, later on as President of the Village. It was during his administration that two of the wells were drilled in the village as well as the Hook & Ladder truck ordered and built, which when it came out was called Hirsch's red band wagon and later on he was selected as director of the school board. Shortly after this it became necessary for Mr.

Hirsch's family to remove to St. Paul and from there to Duluth, where he is now engaged in business, together with his Baldwin business keeps him at work very steady.

Mr. Oscar E. Schibsted came here from LaCrosse, Wis., where he was formerly employed in the house of Mons Anderson & Co. When he first came here he entered the store of Chas. Reichenbach as clerk. Mr. R. having been in business here less than one year. Mr. O. E. Schibsted came here in the summer of 1872 and finding that there was an opening for another general merchandise establishment erected a building on the lot now occupied by Harris' saloon. Mr. Schibsted was quite successful and continued in business here for quite a long period until after the fire he finally decided to sell out and together with his family removed to West Duluth, Minn., where he embarked in business, which he carried on for a few years, came back to Baldwin and opened here again, sold out again and shortly after passed away. His body resting in the village cemetery.

E. Evenson was another of the enterprising general merchants of the early time, whose store was located about opposite from the village court house. He was quite successful for a number of years, but finally sold out and moved on a farm near the village.

HARDWARE.

The firm of A. W. Bosworth & Son composed of A. W. Bosworth and his son Gus as he was familiarly called came here from Eau Claire. Mr. Bosworth erected a handsome two story store building on the

southwest corner of Front and Second Streets. The ground floor being used as a hardware store and tinshop. The latter being in charge of David Price, for quite a number of years. The upper story being a large hall which Mr. Bosworth rented for public and private gatherings and continued in business until I think in 1882 his son Gus withdrew from the firm and established himself in business at New Richmond, Wis. Mr. A. W. Bosworth senior continuing alone until Sunday, April 20th, 1884, when this fine building together with twelve others were burned. Mr. Bosworth decided not to rebuild and sold that portion of the stock saved from the fire to Messrs Settergren & Pittman. Mr. Bosworth decided not to rebuild and moved to New Richmond, Wis., he always retained a warm spot in his heart for Baldwin and its people.

DRUGS.

Mr. O. A. Saugestad who was the first regular druggist in the village came here in August, 1872, had a large two story building erected on the corner of Second and Main Streets. The ground floor he occupied as a store and the upper floor as a residence. This building together with the business were a few years later removed to the corner of Second and Front Streets, where it stands to-day. Mr. Saugestad was ever obliging and in addition to his drug business practiced his profession as a Veterinary Surgeon. Mr. Saugestad has held various positions of trust reposed in him by the people of Baldwin and St. Croix Co. He is still a resident here.

Purple & Grinnell was the other firm of druggists here at the time. Mr. Purple sold out to Bert Grinnell a few years later. Mr. Bert Grinnell continuing in the business a few years longer when he decided to move to Hammond where he is now located.

HOTELS.

The Bradshaw House run by S. D. Bradshaw was easily the best Hotel in this part of the country. Mr. Bradshaw having been induced by Mr. D. R. Bailey to sell his farm in the western part of the town of Hammond and moved his family here who opened and ran the Bradshaw House for a number of years until Mr. H. S. Foster and family who came here from Vermont took charge of the Hotel, when its name was changed to the Foster House. Mr. Foster and family are now residents of this village.

LIVERY STABLES.

We had two good livery stables one of which the proprietor Mr. Homer Rider, as fine a man as ever drew lines over a horse. Homer as he was familiarly called was the best judge of a horse in the county. The boys used to tell some great experiences that they or their friends had with Homer. If you went to Homer and told him you wanted a certain kind of a horse and that you would leave it entirely to him, you always got value received, but woe be unto you if you went to Homer and knew all about a horse, for Homer did delight in fooling the smart chaps. My good friend Homer has also passed away and his remains I think are laid away in the village cemetery.

The oldest livery barn was run by Hugh Mc Laughlin, who like his friend Homer Rider was a good judge of a horse, as in those days neither the Wisconsin Central, the North Wiscon. nor the Ellsworth railroads were built, the traveling public used a great deal more livery than at the present time. Both livery stables did a flourishing business.

HARNESS.

A fully equipped Harness shop was operated by Mr. S. O. Brurock, in the building just east of Wachter and Hirsch's store.

WAGON MAKER.

Mr. August Berg came here from the southern part of this state and erected the Wagon and Blacksmith shop on the town line road now occupied by Thompson Bros. Mr. Berg was a very fine man, a good wagon builder and did a good business until he concluded to follow Greeley's advice, to go West and grow up with the country. He sold out to T. C. Thompson who is with us now.

The Village Blacksmith was none other than our German friend Wm. Henke who erected the nice little residence on the corner of Third and Front Streets and the blacksmith shop was right along side of the house to the west. Mr. Henke has resided in the village ever since its inception until very recently and is now living on a farm east of the village.

STAVE MILL.

The stave mill was started in the spring of 1874 by Wm. R. Allyn of Worcester, Mass., and run by him until he was killed by an accident in the mill June

14, 1876. Afterwards run by his son Wm. B. Allyn as administrator of the estate. The mill was purchased by the Hall & Dann Barrel Co. and run by Wm. B. Judd and J. B. Allyn of Worcester, Mass., who purchased the mill and conducted the business as the firm of Judd & Allyn. In Jan. 1886, Mr. Judd purchased the share of Mr. Allyn and in Sept. of the same year Mr. Judd moved the mill to Barron, the supply of material here having been exhausted. 30 men were employed in the mill which was located on First street on the site of the present Hawkins creamery.

The other lines of business were represented by the following:

Millinery—Mrs. R. H. Clothier.

Merchant Tailor—O. T. Rolstad.

Furniture—E. M. Easting.

Salt, Lime and Cement—Mr. W. C. Thoms.

Saloons—Amos Crippen; Westley Humphrey.

Physician—C. A. Goddard.

Painter—R. H. Clothier.

Insurance, Fire & Life—C. W. Sexton.

Planing Mills—Henry Hams; Bailey & Bartlett.

Flour Mills—Bailey & Bartlett.

Mr. D. J. Foster otherwise known as Dan Foster—was the Justice, Boss Carpenter and House Mover.

Grain Buyer—W. C. Thoms was local agent for Platt & Hill who operated several houses on the Railroad.


Incorporation of the Village.

THE Village of Baldwin was incorporated as a Village under a general act of the state Legislature December 4th, 1874. This act brought with it numerous perplexing questions and one in particular the fact that quite a portion of the village was outside the town of Baldwin, all that portion of the village on the west side of the town line road being in the town of Hammond. The taxes had to be paid to the then town treasurer there, old Mr. Ross and any street improvements had to be ordered by the town board of supervisors of the town of Hammond. Various efforts were then made by Hon. D. R. Bailey and others to have the 40 acres set off from the town of Hammond to be added to the tax roll of the village of Baldwin, but in as much as we had nothing to give the town board of Hammond in return, they refused to grant our request. The next effort to have this land annexed was taken up before the county board at a session of the board in the fall of 1875, in this we again failed, but our pluck and perseverance did not fail, for Mr. Bailey having been a member of the legislature took the matter up before the legislature the winter following and finally succeeded in February 1876 in having the 40 acres set off from the town of Hammond and annexed to the village of Baldwin. In this effort as in all previous attempts it was strenuously opposed by the people of Hammond township. You can readily imagine the rejoicing of

the population of Baldwin, one bright February afternoon when the wire announced the final passage of the act in the Senate and the reception given our D. R. Bailey when he returned from Madison on the next day, and I shall not endeavor to describe it, except to say that our rejoicing was unbounded for the cannon boomed, the band played and the entire population was at the station when the train arrived.



The Fire of April 20, 1884.

 N Sunday April 20, 1884, at four o'clock in the morning the citizens were aroused by the shrill shrieks of a railroad engine, (steam being down at the mills) after which the church bells were called into assistance in arousing our citizens.

The fire was of incendiary origin and started in the rear of I. M. Melgord's saloon. The building was owned by Messrs. Jos. Wolf and Westley Humphrey. This was soon burned to the ground, and it became evident that the entire square was doomed to destruction. The fire then spread on both sides to the buildings occupied by Mr. T. W. Glasspoole on the east and Amos Crippen's buildings on the west. Mr. Crippen's building being occupied by Mr. Ove Olson as a saloon and the annex by Dan Murphy as a barber shop. Mr. A. W. Bosworth's large hardware store, two buildings on second street and the Central House all burning nearly at the same time. The next

buildings doomed to destruction were, Mr. Rolstad's tailor shop, Mr. Allyn's meat market and Mr. Hutchin's two buildings. By this time the entire force who had been assisting in the removal of stock of merchandise and other goods went over Main Street and began to remove the household effects, of the houses of Mr. Woolsey and Hirsch. How these two buildings were saved seems marvelous as the heat was intense and burning shingles were flying in every direction.

Owners and occupants of buildings destroyed:

Central House—Owned by Alex Larson, occupied by John Mulligan. Total loss. No Insurance.

Hotel barn—Owned by Tom Thompson, Total loss. No Insurance.

Store building—Occupied by Messrs. Mulligan & Peabody, as store and upper rooms by John Peabody as a dwelling. Stock nearly all saved while Mr. Peabody was a heavy looser in household effects. No Insurance.

Store building—Vacant. Total loss. No insurance.

A. W. Bosworth—Hardware store owned and occupied by Mr. B. Loss on Bdg. \$2000. Insurance \$1000. Loss on Stock \$3500. Insurance \$1500.

Building adjoining owned by Westley Humphrey and occupied by T. W. Glasspoole. Total loss. No Insurance. Most of Glasspoole's stock was saved.

Next building occupied by I. M. Melgord.—Loss on building \$1100. Insurance \$800. Loss on stock \$500. No Insurance.

Next was the Crippen block.—Loss on building

\$2000. Ove Olson loss about \$500. Mr. Falkenberg Loss \$2000. Mr. Locke loss \$100. Mr. Murphy loss \$100. All without insurance.

Mr. Schibsted store building—Owned by and occupied by Mr. Schibsted. Loss on building \$1200. Insurance \$800. Loss on stock \$4000. Insurance \$1500.

Building next to this was the one owned by Mr. Rolstad occupied by Mr. Bradley. Loss on building \$600. No insurance. Mr. Bradley's loss \$400.

Allyn's meat market—Owned and occupied by Mr. Allyn. Loss on building \$700. No insurance. Loss on stock \$150. No insurance.

The two next buildings were owned by Mr. S. J. Hutchins.—One occupied by Mr. Dahl as a tailor shop, the other by R. H. Wood & Co. as a hardware store. Loss on buildings \$1300. Insurance \$1000. Mr. Dahl saved his entire stock.



The Fire of September 7, 1893.

THE most serious and disastrous fire in the history of Baldwin took place Thursday evening, September 7, 1893, burning four entire business blocks with the exception of A. Hirsch's store, Mrs. I. Hanson's store buildings, Ole Lee's blacksmith shop and two other small buildings.

The fire originated in the rear room of Mrs. I. Hanson's building, located on front street just west of A. Hirsch's store and was occupied by L. A. Matteson

as a harness shop. The wind was blowing from a northeasternly direction and as everything was so extremely dry at the time, it soon became evident that nearly the whole town was doomed to destruction. The Mrs. Hanson building soon burned to the ground and in spite of the heroic work done by the fire company and people in general, the flames quickly spread to the store building occupied by L. P. Nelson and from there the flames leaped to S. S. Holmes' store and from there it continued down through the two entire blocks on the north side of the street, burning the following buildings: Settergren & Pittman's hardware store, P. A. Jenson's general store, A. J. Bockus' express office and confectionery store, Music hall owned by F. G. Scribner, Stronks & LaPage's hardware store and the Episcopal church.

In the meantime the wind changed a little to the northeast and in spite of the hard work which was done to check the flames, they leaped across the street to Christensen & Haarlow's drug store and it was only a few moments before the two blocks on the south side of the street were devoured by the surging flames, with the exception of four buildings. The following were the buildings destroyed on this side of the street: Wm. Henke's residence and blacksmith shop; Wm. Haarlow's two buildings, one was occupied by Christensen & Haarlow and one by C. O. Dahl, the tailor, S. Larson's furniture store, C. Snoeyenbos & Son's general store, Hon. H. Borchsenius' two residences and real estate office, Hermanstad Bros., residence, D. J. Walfort's residence, Mat Elertson's temp-

erance saloon, Ole Lee's residence, Larson & Johnson's blacksmith shop, P. Larson's wagon shop and residence.

The loss and insurance as near as we have been able to ascertain was as follows:

Heebink Bros.—General merchandise stock. Loss \$5,000. Insurance \$3,000.

H. Borchsenius—Residences, real estate office and furniture. Loss \$5,000. Insurance \$2,300.

George Borchsenius—Furniture. Loss \$1,000. Insurance \$500.

Mrs. E. Rasmussen—Furniture. Loss \$1,000. No Insurance.

Wm. Haarlow—Two store buildings. Loss \$3,000. Insurance \$2200.

Christensen & Haarlow—Stock of drugs. Loss \$5,000. Insurance \$2,000.

C. Snoeyenbos & Son—General merchandise stock and store building. Loss \$6,500. Insurance \$2,000.

Stronks & LaPage—Store and hardware stock. Loss \$6,000. Insurance \$2,000.

L. P. Nelson—General merchandise stock. Loss \$2,800. Insurance \$1700.

S. S. Holmes—General merchandise stock. Loss \$10,000. Insurance \$5,700.

A. J. Bockus—Jewelry and stationery stock and building. Loss \$2,200. Insurance \$500.

Wm. Henke—Residence, restaurant, temperance saloon and furniture. Loss \$4,000. Insurance \$1,000.

J. A. Decker—Store building occupied by S. S. Holmes. Loss \$2,000. Insurance \$1400.

G. A. Graham—Furniture. Loss \$350. No insurance.

Mrs. Wolf—Confectionery stock. Loss \$1,000. Insurance \$525.

Settergren & Pittman—Store building and hardware stock. Loss \$8,500. Insurance \$3,500.

Mrs. Warrens—Millinery stock. Loss \$1,000. Insurance \$400.

F. G. Scribner—Music

hall. Loss \$1200. Insurance \$1,000.

Hanson Estate—Two stores and residence. Loss \$3,500. Insurance \$2,300.

Mrs. I. Hanson—Store building. Loss \$1200.

C. E. Settergren—Harness stock. Loss \$1600. In-



Front Street after the Fire.

insurance \$800.

Hermanstad Bros.—Residence and barn. Loss \$1,000. No insurance.

Episcopal church. Loss \$3,000. No insurance.

I. O. O. F. Lodge—Furniture. Loss \$300. Insurance \$200.

Mrs. B. Franks—Furniture. Loss \$600. Insurance \$200

I Havig—Residence. Loss \$600. No insurance.

P. A. Jenson—Store building and general merchandise stock. Loss \$3,000. Insurance \$1500.

S Larson—Store building and furniture stock. Loss \$4,000. Insurance \$2,000.

D. J. Walfort—Residence. Loss \$800. Insurance \$500.

L. A. Matteson—Harness stock, residence and furniture. Loss \$3,000. Insurance \$500.

Matt Elertson—Temperance saloon and stock. Loss \$1,000. No insurance.

C. O. Dahl succeeded in saving all of his stock.

Ole Lee—Residence and furniture. Loss \$500. Insurance \$300.

Albert Gurkink—Residence and furniture. Loss \$400. No insurance.

A. Hirsch—Barn and contents. Loss \$400. No insurance. The damage to Mr. Hirsch's store was estimated at \$100.

Larson & Johnson—Blacksmith shop and tools. Loss \$500. No insurance.

P. Larson—Wagon shop, residence and furniture. Loss \$1,100. Insurance \$450.

There were also several other families who lost their furniture, whose names we are unable to obtain.

While the fire at the time was a very severe loss to the Baldwin business men, but in the end it was the making of an up to-date and modern village, as our business men, who were full of pluck and perseverance, secured temporary quarters where they established themselves in business, until they were able to erect handsome new brick buildings.



Front Street After a Heavy Snow Storm.

Photo by Neevel.

Baldwin at Present.

IT is not always the largest place that makes the most stir or is talked about the most. Its citizens have established a reputation for their enterprise and good business ability and the name of Baldwin is coupled with the expression, "there's a lively town." Very few of those who read this have not heard of Baldwin before, not as a large place, we don't claim over 1000 inhabitants, but as a progressive, up-to-date community in the heart of the richest farming section in the state.

Baldwin is located on the C. St. P. M. & O. R. R. 40 miles east of St. Paul, in the center of St. Croix county, in the midst of a group of rich agricultural and dairying counties in the western part of the state and may truthfully be called the hub of St. Croix county. Baldwin has never been cursed with a "boom," but from the time its first building was erected up to the present day, its growth has been of a steady and enduring nature. The well kept streets, its handsome business blocks and residences, all bespeak the enterprise and public spirit that animates the citizens of Baldwin.

In its present and prospective resources, the territory tributary to and surrounding the village of Baldwin can be excelled by few similar areas in the state. It is unsurpassed for health and salubrity of climate.

With its rapidly growing business and practically

inexhaustible resources pouring in continuous streams into the channels of Baldwin's commerce for the next decade; who shall attempt to prescribe its limits to its future growth and importance as one of the most



Front Street.

Photo by Nevel.

prosperous villages in the state of Wisconsin.

No other village in the state of like size and population, can boast of better and cleaner streets or more miles of good sidewalks than Baldwin. Baldwin has all those natural advantages that go to make up a first

class city and her citizens as a rule, are all energetic, enterprising hustlers, who with a determination to succeed work in unity for the good of the public as well as that of themselves.


Baldwin is fortunate in having but few "croakers" and selfish men within her limits. Her citizens are generous and liberal and believe in a bright future for the town. They are here to stay and lend their influence towards keeping Baldwin in the front rank of western Wisconsin towns and these features together with its location in one of the richest agricultural sections of the state have made Baldwin what she is today, and are those which will cause her to make great advancement in the years to come.

Nearly every branch of business is well represented here and at present we have a planing mill, lumber yard, creamery, flour and feed mill, eight general stores, two hardware stores, two drug stores, one tailor shop, two weekly newspapers and job printing establishments, two real estate agents, one agricultural implement firm, two harness shops, two jewelers, one meat market, one barber shop, two hotels, five saloons, two restaurants, one bakery, two confectionery stores, three millinery stores, two flour and feed stores, two furniture stores, one photograph gallery, two livery stables, one bank, two doctors, one dentist, two lawyers, one shoe shop, two blacksmith shops, two paint shops, and the usual number of carpenters, stone masons, plasterers, painters, paper hangers, dress-makers, etc. As this point is an excellent location for new enterprises, we confidently and hopefully look for-

ward to a time not far distant when other industries employing greater capital may be induced to cooperate with us in building up a city.



Markets.

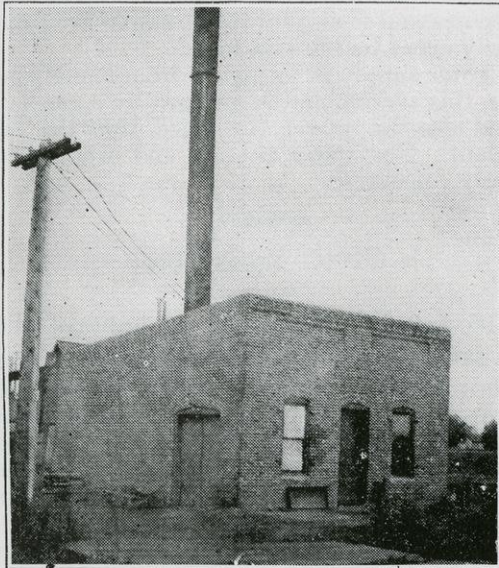
 ONE of the questions most frequently asked by those coming to Baldwin, with a view of locating here is "What kind of a market town is it?" "Is it a good trading center?" Now if there is anyone thing we can unblushingly boast of it is just this.

Baldwin is a good trading center, and it is acknowledged by all that there is more farm produce bought and more goods sold in Baldwin every year than in many places of double its population. There are a class of dealers here who are wide awake and alive to their own interest as well as to those of the village in which they are doing business. They always stand ready to pay the highest market price for everything the farmer raises and brings to town and from their well stocked stores can be bought at bottom prices, everything that is needed. Baldwin's reputation for low prices and good markets for produce is known for many miles around and is one of the principal features that has built up the town.

Baldwin being located on one of the greatest railroad systems in the United States, also has superior shipping facilities over a great many towns of its size.

Electric Lights.

BALDWIN is not behind the times in the matter of modern improvements. Its well kept streets are brilliantly lighted by twelve arc lights and



Electric Light Plant.

Photo by Nevel.

its principal business places and residences are also lit by electricity. The electric light system is known as the Baldwin Electric Light Co., and was built in 1898 by A. T. Sabby and was owned by him until October 1900, when he disposed of it to Ex-Sheriff E. J. Cave, who is now the sole owner and manager.

The plant has always given excellent service and it is well patronized, and from all appearances the owner is yielding a good revenue from this valuable addition to our village.



Fire Department.

IT is very seldom that a town the size of Baldwin can boast of a regular and efficient fire company. The Baldwin fire department is of the volunteer origin, consisting of twenty five members and is considered by many to be in point of discipline and efficiency the best of any in the State for a town of its size. Its members meet regularly once each month and are very punctual in their attendance.

The apparatus and appliances are owned by the village and consist of 800 feet of hose, two modern hose carts, hook and ladder truck, ladders, etc.

It has saved the town from destruction many times and every member takes a great personal pride in doing his duty well.

Water Works.

BALDWIN is also proud of her excellent system



Water Tank, Park and Grain Elevators.

Photo by Nevel.

of water works and she has every reason to be so, as we have an exceptionally good system, which probably is not surpassed by any town of its size in the Northwest.

It is owned by the village and is of the elevated tank system; the mains being laid on nearly all of the principal streets makes it accessible to all for domestic purposes and it also furnishes ample fire protection for nearly every building in town.

The water supply is furnished from one of the best wells in this section and is pumped by a gasoline engine and also by power furnished from the electric light plant. The water is pure and wholesome and has many consumers.



Civic Societies.

THIS feature of any town will always be found a safe and reliable standard by which to judge the men who constitute the business element of the town and surrounding country. Banded together with solemn and irrevocable ties for the absolute purpose of friendship and brotherly love, sympathy, counsel and support in which is contention of who can best work for the public good. Silent often in their charitable workings, the outside world can never know to what extent it is indebted to these notable organizations for their numerous ameliorations of distress in the hour of need, or in the specific influences in quiet-

ing conflicting elements, and the restoration of harmony, so vitally essential to the general welfare of the community in which they operate.

Although doubted by some, these doubts and suspicions are but offsprings of an ignorance of their motives and workings. Any community in which these praiseworthy institutions exist can always be trusted as peaceful and law abiding and a goodly land wherein to dwell. There are flourishing lodges of the following societies here, I. O. O. F., A. F. & A. M., M. W. A., Rebekahs and W. O. W.

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Society.

THE society advantages found in Baldwin are fully up to what are usually found in towns of its size. There is a congenial, sociable class of people here that mingle in that open and unreversed good-fellowship not found in large places. Baldwinites are hospitable and a stranger within its gates, or the new comer is met with a kind greeting and made welcome.

There are held at frequent intervals, parties, dances, church socials and receptions in the many well furnished homes, sufficient to please the lover of such pastime.

Baldwin's Churches.

Lutheran.

THE Norwegian Evangelist Lutheran church society was organized in 1874 and incorporated 1876, with Sjur Nelson, Ove Olson and Carl Aune as trustees


The church building was built in 1874 and is very spacious and beautiful. It has been improved and added to from time to time through the enthusiastic work of the Ladies Aid Society which is composed of twenty members. Their most recent gift was a very handsome altar painting costing \$125 which was presented in 1897.

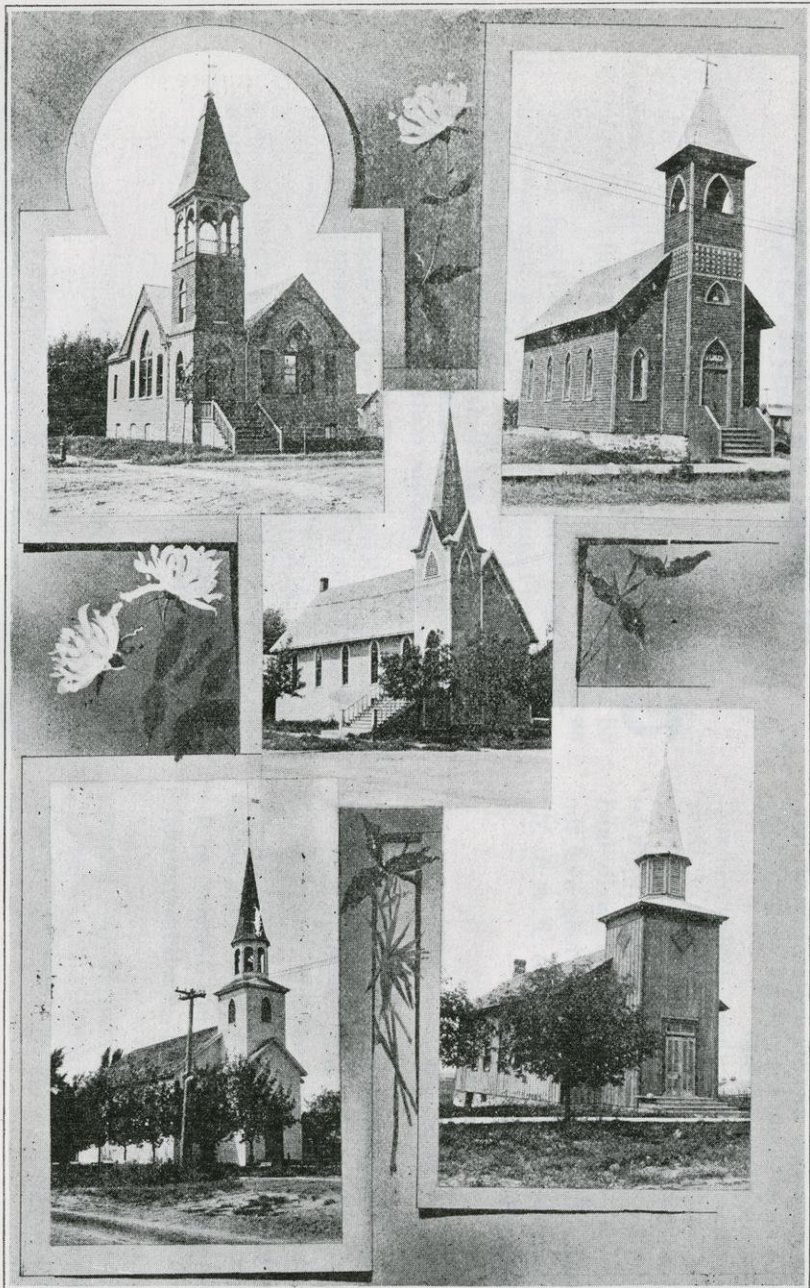
Rev. H. G. Krog was pastor of the church from its organization until 1890, when the present pastor Rev. H. Rosenqvist assumed the charge which he has filled in such a satisfactory way since.

The church has a Sunday School which is ably superintended by Mrs. Julia Peterson and is in a flourishing condition. About 60 children are regularly in attendance.

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Congregational.

 **N** October 10, 1886 seven earnest, conscientious christians held a meeting for the purpose of dis-



Baptist.
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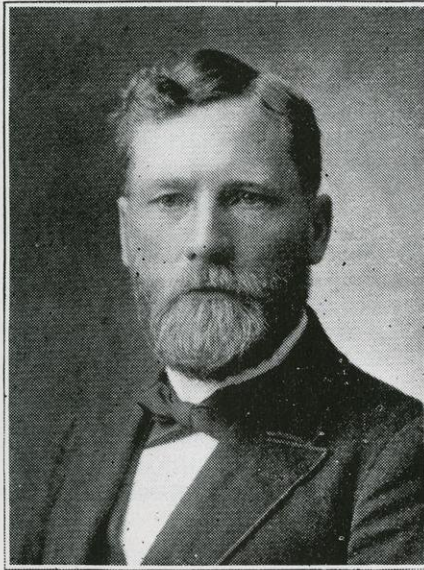
Presbyterian.

Episcopal.
Congregational.

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cussing the advisability of organizing a Congregational church at Baldwin. On Friday, October

The building, which is unassuming in appearance was a donation of J. A. Decker to whom the early



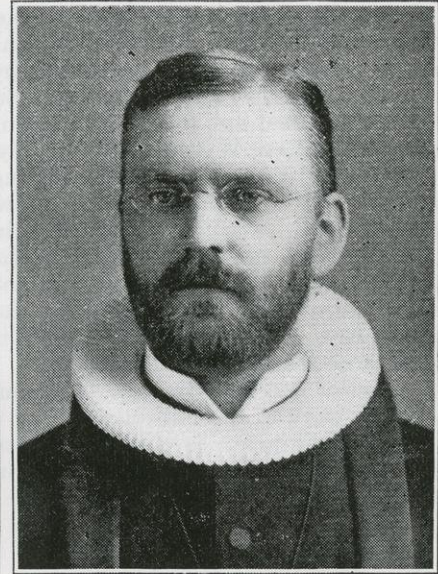
Rev. S. K. Ulsaker.

21, 1887 the result of the efforts, of these few was given to the public in the dedication of the First Congregational Church of Baldwin.



Rev. L. G. Jongeneel.

church society owed much of its life. A lot on Sixth street, 84 x 134 was purchased from Mrs. C. L. French for \$200; the building was moved there and repaired



Rev. H. Rosenqvist.

it an expense of \$1059. The church society at the time of its organization consisted of twelve members and has since grown to forty three.

Shortly after the organization of the church a call was extended to Rev. Geo. W. Nelson of Beloit, Wisconsin, to take charge of the new church. He remained until April 15, 1889, when Rev. Burt of Oberlin, Ohio, was called and remained for two years. He was followed by Rev. Wyman of New Haven, Conn., who preached until March 5, 1893. During the next year Rev. Alden was in charge of the church and he was succeeded by Rev. Wright who remained until Aug., 9, 1896. No services were held during the winter of 96—97, but in May of 97, Rev. Parsons was engaged and remained until Nov. 28, 1898 when the present pastor, Rev. Atcheson of Bloomer, Wisconsin was engaged and has since been pastor.

A Ladies Aid society of twelve members aids greatly in the work of the church.

F. E. Settergren is superintendent of a Sunday School of about fifty members which was organized at the same time as the church.



Episcopal.

THE First St. Luke's Episcopal Parish was organized in 1875 with Rev. R. F. G. Page as Rector. Until the year 1881 services were held in the Presby-

terian church when it was agreed that the Episcopal society was to receive \$600 for its share in the church building. On Sept. 13, 1877 Rev. Page died and was followed by Rev. M. S. Kern whose energy and perseverance had much to do with the construction of the beautiful new church which was built during his ministry at a cost of \$3000 and dedicated on Feb. 2, 1881. Rev. Kern was followed by Rectors, Sweetland, Hendly, VanDeusen, Slidell, Ferris, Gibson, McVettie Coote, Reeve and Schaffer.

In Sept. of 1893 the church was destroyed by fire and until April of 1898 the church society was without a home. Owing to the earnest labors of several members of the society a new church was begun in May of 1897 and dedicated, April 27, 1898 by Isaac Lea Nicholson, Bishop of Milwaukee. The new church cost \$1100 and is one of the handsomest chapels in the county.

The church society, when organized in 1875 was composed of thirty members and at present, numbers eleven. A great deal of the life of the church centers in the Ladies Guild which is composed of twelve members.



Presbyterian.

AT the spring meeting of the Presbyterian of Chippewa Synod of Wis., held at Hixton in 1873

a committee was appointed to organize a Holland Presbyterian church at Baldwin. On Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1874, this committee met at Baldwin and proceeded to organize said church. Thirteen members were received by profession and twenty six by letters from other churches. Before a pastor was called Elder Heinen interested himself very much in behalf of the church, and to his love, zeal, ambition and wisdom the church owes a great deal of her prosperity and success during the first years of its existence. The church has been supplied first by Dr. J. W. F. Roth, at present pastor of the Presbyterian church of Cedar Grove and further by the Rev. Bos, C. G. Vorthoren, J. Hoffman, J. Roelse, Jacob Vander Muelen, P. J. Leenhouts and is at present served by Rev. Louis G. Jongeneel. There are at present 150 members in full communion and the church is served besides by the pastor, by three elders, three deacons and three trustees.

In connection with the church, there is a large Sunday School having an enrollment of about 150 names, and an average attendance of 120 scholars. The superintendent, Mr. John Heebink is assisted by ten teachers.

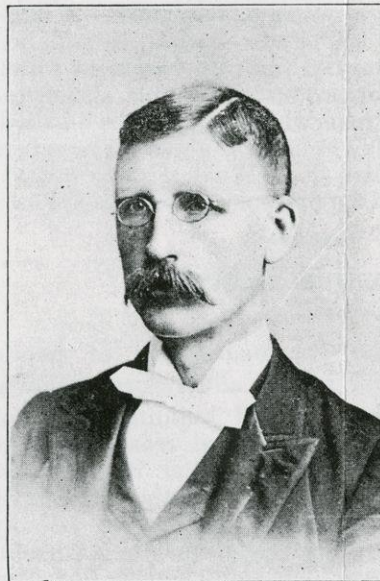
Three years ago the church building was moved somewhat to the east, enlarged, repaired, painted, papered, etc.

Baptist.

THE society of the first Baptist church is the proud possessor of the

handsomest and most substantial of Baldwin's churches.

In the spring of 1897, the late Wm. Evenson donated as a church site the large lot owned by him on the corner of Second and Main Street. Work was commenced on the building on June 7, 1897. The corner stone was laid in September and the building completed in December of the same year at the cost of \$2500. \$400 was given by the American Baptist Home Mission society and the remainder was raised by subscription



Rev. T. O. Wold.

from generous citizens.

The church was dedicated Nov., 5, 1899, by Rev. D. W. Hulburt. The society is composed of twelve members and all have reason to be proud of its handsome home. The church is built of brick, with a basement of sandstone and is well lighted throughout by large stained glass windows on four sides. A large baptismal fountain under the pulpit, is supplied with city water and warmed from the basement which contains the heating apparatus, and ample space for a large Sunday School room which will soon be finished.

A flourishing Sunday School of about 50 members is superintended by Mrs. T. O. Wold.

Rev. T. O. Wold is the first and present pastor.

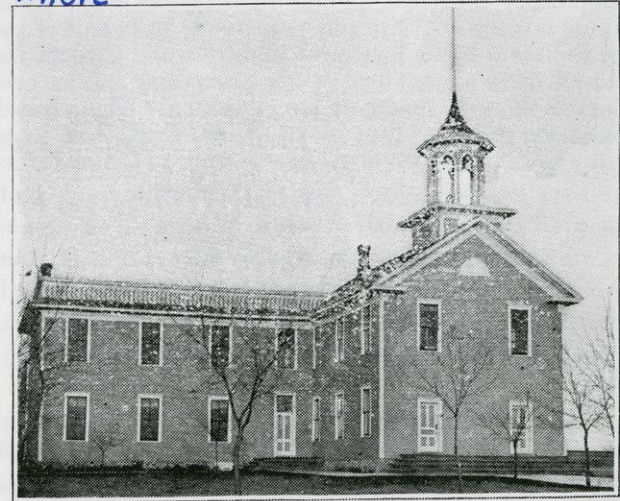


Baldwin's School.

THE fountain head, the mainspring of public greatness is found here in all its glory. Baldwin has a fine two story school building with four departments and certainly has good reasons to feel laudable pride in her public school, and it is to be hoped that those receiving instruction there will fully appreciate the benefit it confers on them and occupy themselves delightfully in the acquirements of useful knowledge in the days of their youth and in the days of their manhood apply their knowledge to the discharge of their various duties to their God, their

country, their neighbors and themselves so that in old age they may enjoy the happy reflection of a well spent life.

The main part of the present building was built *where*



Free High School.

Photo by Neevel.

in 1878 and at that time was amply sufficient for the number of scholars, but within nine years thereafter the number of scholars had increased to such an ex-

tent that it became necessary to enlarge the building and an addition was erected of the same size as the then present building.

The free high school was inaugurated in 1899, with a three years course and proved to be a great success along educational lines. Much of the success is however due to our efficient and painstaking Prof. A. M. Wakefield, who was also one of the leading ones in



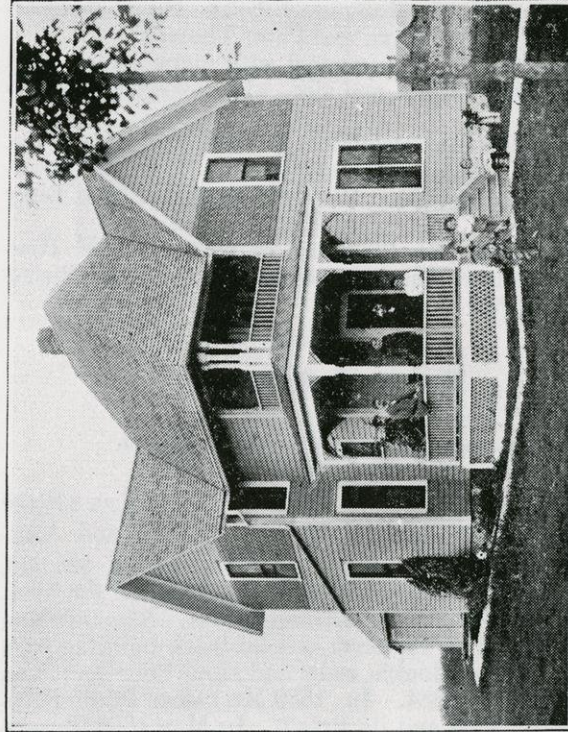
Sophia Fredricksen, Chester Allyn, Nettie Jongeneel,
 Norman Swanson, Minnie Thompson.
 Eliza Moen, Peter Thorson.

First Graduating Class of the Baldwin Free High School!

Photo by Neevel.

organizing the high school. Mr. Wakefield is at present in charge of the school and is an educator who believes that whatever work is to be done should be done well. He is a tireless worker and it is to his credit that the Baldwin school ranks with the best in the state to day.

The first graduates of the high school graduated in



Residence of Prof. A. M. Wakefield.

Photo by Neevel.

The Prof. Wakefield house is located at 840 11th Avenue and is owned by the Richard Martins.

Lawrence Larson

1900 and are as follows: Minnie Thompson, Sophia Fredricksen, Nettie Jongeneel, Eliza Moen, Norman Swanson, Chester Allyn and Peter Thorson.

The school is well equipped with maps, charts, and and other appliances, and also with a large school library.

The faculty consists of the following persons: Prin. Prof. A. M. Wakefield; Asst. Prin. J. L. Rodgers; intermediate, Miss Cora Wilford; primary, Miss Lucy Kimball.

The following are the board of education: H. Heebink, treasurer; Chas. N. Gorham, clerk; L. A. Christensen, director.



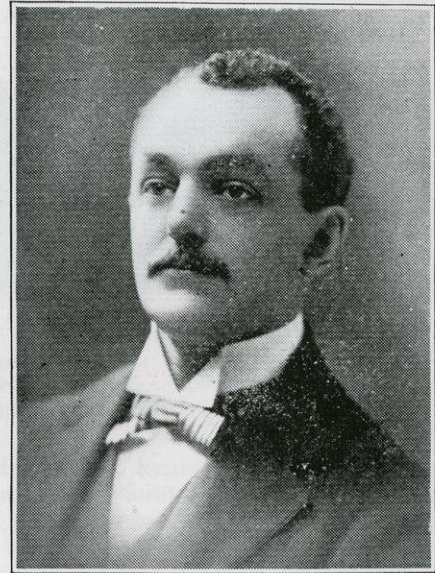
Bank of Baldwin.

Incorporated With Paid in Capital of \$25,000.

THE Bank of Baldwin was incorporated as a State Bank in Sept. 1883, by J. A. Decker and Armstrong Taylor, with a capital stock of \$25,000, one fourth of which was paid in, and opened for business in the office of Armstrong Taylor. The building now occupied by the bank, a solid brick building with a vault made of double walls and stone floor and top, was erected in 1884. In 1889 Mr. Oscar Pfeiffer became interested and its Pres't. In May 1899 Messrs. Pfeiffer and Decker disposed of a large portion of

their stock to several of the business men and farmers of this village and vicinity, with the full amount of the capital stock paid in. The Bank enjoys the confidence of its patrons, a large number of whom are residents of the surrounding towns and is fully equipped for doing a general banking business, along conservative lines, in all its departments.

The Bank has a Mosler screw door safe, with triple time lock, a system of electric burglar alarms, a nest of steel safety deposit boxes, for rent, and carries day light and night burglary insurance, as a further means of protection. Below are the names of the officers, direct-



N. B. Bailey, Cashier of Bank of Baldwin.

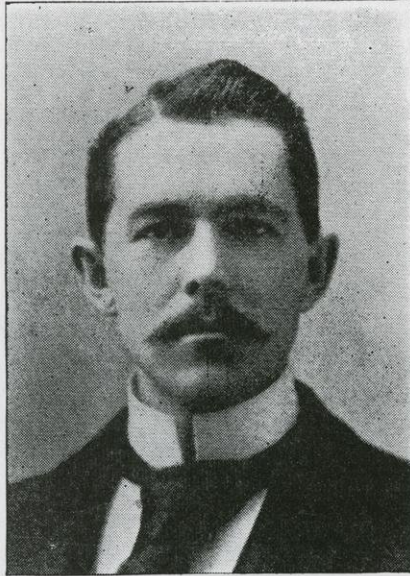
ors and stockholders.

OFFICERS:

Dr. A. H. Barber, President; Frank Settergren, 1st Vice-Pres't; Chas. N. Gorham, 2d Vice Pres't; N. B. Bailey, Cashier.

DIRECTORS.

Dr. A. H. Barber, Frank E. Settergren, Geo. H. Pittman, Henry Anderson, James A. Decker, Charles N. Gorham, Edward Stronks, Nelson B. Bailey.

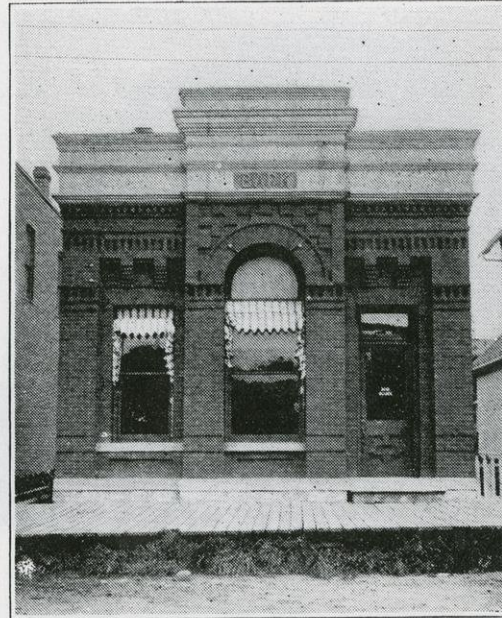


Chas. N. Gorham, Vice President of the Bank of Baldwin.

STOCKHOLDERS:

Dr. A. H. Barber, Lancaster, Wis., Oluf A. Saugestad, Baldwin, Wis., Oscar Pfeiffer, Brooklyn, N. Y., James A. Decker, Menomonie, Wis., James Crogan, Baldwin, Wis., William T. Evenson, Baldwin, Wis.,

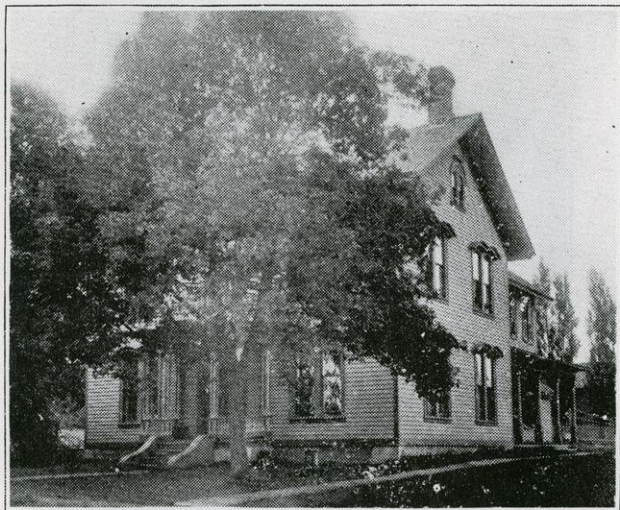
Frank E. Settergren, Baldwin, Wis., Geo. H. Pittman, Baldwin, Wis., Peter Jorstad, Baldwin, Wis., Edward Stronks, Baldwin, Wis., M. Frisk, Merriam Park,



Bank of Baldwin.

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Minn., Henry Anderson, Baldwin, Wis., Charles N. Gorham, Baldwin, Wis., Samuel Barter, Markesan, Wis., John H. Graslie, Baldwin, Wis., J. Benj. Graslie, Hammond, Wis., Nelson B. Bailey, Baldwin, Wis.



Residence of N. B. Bailey.

Photo by Neevel.

N. B. BAILEY was born in St. Albans, Vermont, Jan. 11th, 1865; came to Baldwin in 1872; after leaving school kept books for Judd & Allyn proprietors of the

The N. B. Bailey house is located at the corner of 11th Avenue and Newton street and is an apartment house now. It was formerly known as the Koberstein house..

Duane Paulson

Baldwin stave mill until Oct. 1884, when he went to Sioux Falls, S. D. to enter the banking house of C. E. McKinney; the following year became bookkeeper for the Minnehaha Nat'l Bank and later Ass't Cashier.



Residence of C. N. Gorham.

Photo by Neevel.

In 1892 came to River Falls, Wis., and assisted in organizing the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and was Cashier up to Jan., 1898, when he resigned to be-

The C. N. Gorham house is located at 1170 Newton street and is also known as the old Stronks house. It is presently owned by Randy Everson.

come Cashier of the Bank of Hudson. In May 1899, together with C. N. Gorham and several others bought the greater part of the stock of the Bank of Baldwin and is now Cashier.

CHAS. N. GORHAM was born in King's County, New Brunswick, April 12, 1866. In 1884 he came west, and in the spring of 1885 went to New Richmond, Wisconsin, where he was employed in a dry goods store. In October of the same year, he accepted a position with the Bank of New Richmond in which institution he remained until May 1899 when he became associated with N. B. Bailey, then Cashier of the Bank of Hudson and a number of local business men and farmers, in the purchase of the stock of the Bank of Baldwin, and was elected Vice President under the new organization which office he still holds.

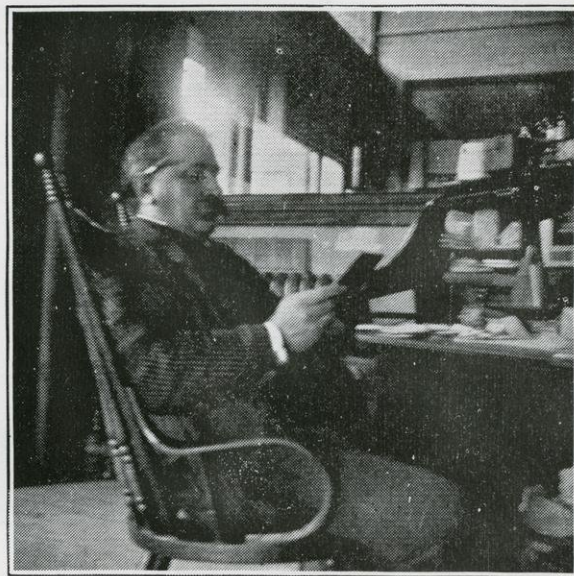


A. Hirsch.

THE history of Baldwin would be incomplete did it not contain a short history and biography of Mr. A. Hirsch, who conducts to-day the oldest established business in Baldwin and his store is rightly named the pioneer store of Baldwin.

Mr. Hirsch was born in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1852; emigrated to this country when but a boy of fourteen years and came to Baldwin on January 4, 1873 and together with Peter Watcher established a

general merchandise store. This firm dissolved in 1874 and Mr. Hirsch has been actively engaged in business here since that date.

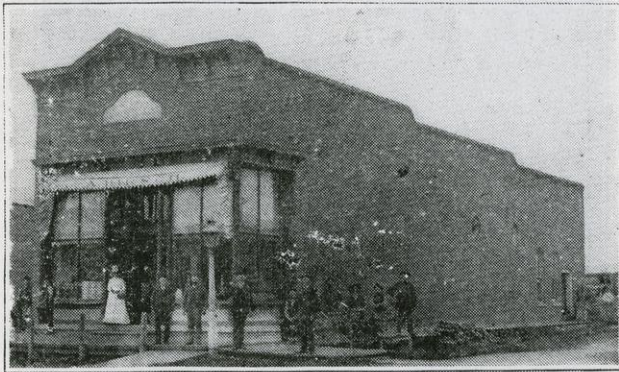


A. Hirsch.

He has held various offices of trust imposed on him by his fellow citizens, by being elected town treasurer

in 1873 and also being reelected for two successive terms. He has served as president and supervisor of the village and has also served on the school board.

In 1889 he also embarked in business in Duluth and has resided in that city from that to the present time, but makes frequent visits here at regular intervals to look after his Baldwin business interests, which is ably conducted by John Nyman as manager and a competent force of clerks.



A. Hirsch's Store.

Mr. Hirsch carries one of the largest stocks in the village, consisting of general merchandise, hats, caps, boots, shoes, groceries, provisions, etc., and every department is complete in every detail and by his fair dealing and courteous treatment enjoys a liberal trade.

Herman Heebink.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Aalton, Holland, May 16, 1846; came to America and



Residence of Herman Heebink.

located at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in 1854; came to St. Croix county in 1869 and was engaged in farming adjacent to the village of Baldwin in the town of Hammond, until a few years ago. From 1890 to 1893 he

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The Herman Heebink house is located at 850 Oak street and in 1974 was owned by Jerry Heebink. At the present time it is owned by Siegmund Papp.

was a member of the firm of Heebink Bros., who conducted a general store and also started a lumber yard here in 1890 on a small scale. After the fire of 1893, he retired from the mercantile business and since that time he has devoted his whole time and attention to his extensive lumber business.

Mr. Heebink has to-day one of the most complete stocked lumber yards, including also a large and varied assortment of mouldings, sash and doors, screens, cedar shingles, etc., that can be found in this section and is enjoying a liberal patronage of which he is deserving.

In addition to his lumber business he has a planing mill which gives employment to several men the year round and is also yielding him a good revenue.

Mr. Heebink has ever been a liberal and public spirited citizen, and his career as a business man is above reproach or censure. He takes an active interest in all matters of a public nature and in charitable enterprises has always been a liberal donator. He has served two terms as president of the village and has served several times on the village council.



Geo. W. Jungck.

BALDWIN has always been known as having the best harness shops in the county and Mr. Jungck's popular harness emporium is one of them.

Geo. W. Jungck was born at Menomonie, Wisconsin,

September 18, 1874, attended the Menomonie high school for a number of years and graduated from the St. Paul Business College in 1892. He is a practical harness maker in every respect, having worked at the trade three years in his father's shop at Menomonie and also in Minneapolis and Iowa.

He purchased his present business from A. L. McKay, February 26, 1899 and since that date has built up a large and increasing patronage in his line. A complete line of harness, collars, bridles, whips, robes, blankets and everything usually kept in a first class harness emporium



Geo. W. Jungck.

Photo by Neevel.

are always kept in stock and sold at the lowest possible prices, and satisfaction is always guaranteed to patrons. He employs skilled mechanics and does nothing but first class work.

The Hotel Baldwin.

THE Hotel Baldwin is the pioneer hostelry in this section of the country. The main part of the present building was built in 1872 and at that time was known as the Bradshaw house. Later when it was run by H. S. Foster it was changed to the Foster House. After a number of years later while E. J. Cave was running it, its name was changed to the Park Hotel, and later on its name was changed to the Hotel Martin.

In the year of 1899 it was purchased by J. D. Wood who assumed its management and changed its name to the Hotel Baldwin, its present name. Mr. Wood leased it to E. M. Thomp-

son, the present proprietor, September 10, 1900.

The hotel in the early days was one of the most popular stopping places in this section, but after a number of years, while it was changing hands so often it lost a great deal of its patronage, which the present proprietor Mr. Thompson is winning back to some extent and is doing a good business in the hotel line. Mr. Thompson also conducts a saloon in the Gassman building and keeps in stock a choice line of wines, liquors and cigars.

E. M. Thompson was born in New Richmond, June 30, 1873, where he resided until he was 23 years of age. In 1898

he opened up a general merchandise store at Spooner, which he conducted until April, 1900, when he sold his business there



The Hotel Baldwin.

The Hotel Baldwin was at one time known as the Main Street House. It is now known at the Baldwin Residence.

and moved to Baldwin during the summer of the same year.

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J. Norman.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Throndens, Norway, 1858 and after finishing school at the



Residence of J. Norman.

12 + Main

Photo by Neevel.

The J. Norman house is located at 1230 Main street and is now owned by Brent Nelson.

age of fourteen commenced clerking for Arent, Shonings, Sonner, at Groto, a large wholesale and retail establishment, where he remained for seven years and also at the same time acted as postmaster and steamboat agent for the last five years.

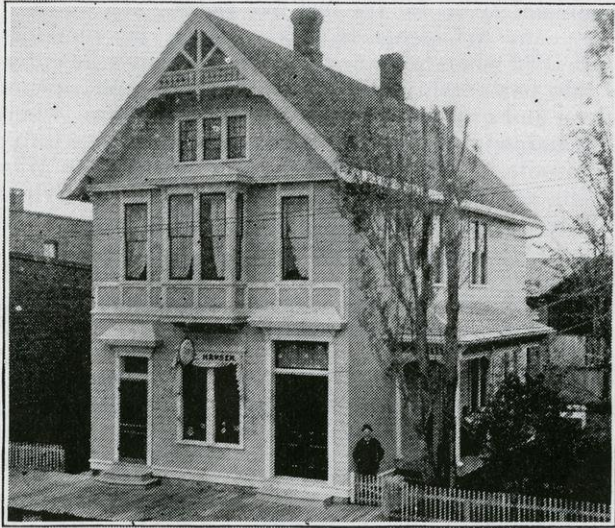
He came to Chicago in 1880, where he remained until 1882 when he came to Baldwin. Later he entered into partnership with O. W. Farness and opened a drug and grocery store at Starbuck, Minn., where he remained a few years, but on account of not liking Minnesota he sold out there and moved back to Wisconsin, and entered into partnership with C. Fylpaa at Star Prairie, where he remained four years. He sold out his business there and moved to Baldwin in 1890, and entered into partnership with I. M. Melgord, under the firm name of Melgord & Norman and continued in business with Mr. Melgord until the spring 1897.

In the fall of 1897, started in business again in the clothing and dry goods line, but later added a stock of fancy groceries and he now has one of the best stocked stores in our little city and is enjoying a liberal patronage.

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O. C. Hansen.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Tromsøe, Norway, in 1845; came to America in 1864 and

secured employment at his trade as a watchmaker in Chicago, where he remained until the fall of 1898, when he moved to this place and took pos-



Residence of O. C. Hansen.

Photo by Neewel.

session of the property known as the Armstrong Taylor house, which he had purchased and thoroughly overhauled before moving here.

The O. C. Hansen house is located at 750 Main street and is an apartment house owned by Glenn Malcein.

Mr. Hansen is a watchmaker of more than usual ability, the like of which is not often found in a town the size of Baldwin; having served an apprenticeship of four years in Norway; commencing at the age of fifteen years and has been constantly employed at his trade since 1860. During his residence in Chicago he was employed by Spaulding & Co., one of the largest retail jewelry establishments in America for twenty one years as foreman of the watch and clock repairing department, and resigned his position there, in order to lead a less active and quieter life in a small place.

Mr Hansen carries a well selected stock of watches and clocks and is doing a very large repair business.

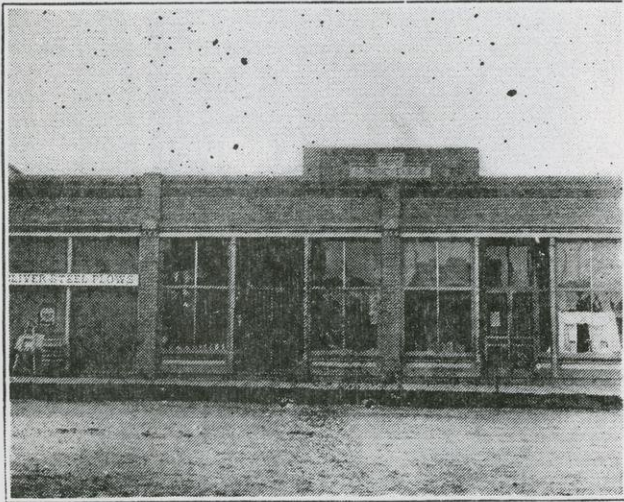
He is a very genial and social man to meet and is a valuable addition to our little city.

Louis Snoeyenbos.

LOUIS SNOEYENBOS, the manager of the firm of C. Snoeyenbos & Son, is a native of Wisconsin, being born at Gibbsville, Wis., November 19, 1873, and with his parents moved to Baldwin in 1880, when his father purchased a farm north of the village and engaged in farming.

They purchased their present business from Arntson & Stronks in 1890 and have been actively engaged in the general merchandise business since that date.

During the fire 1893, their store building was consumed by fire, but they erected a fine brick double store the same year, one part being occupied by themselves and the other by Stronks & LaPage.



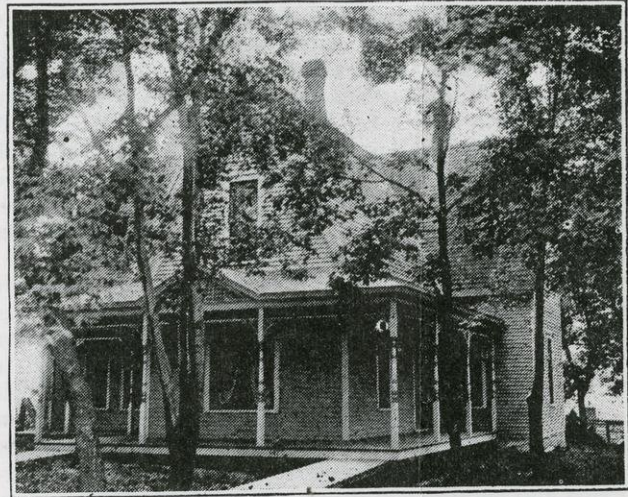
Snoeyenbos Block.

Photo by Neevel.

They carry one of the largest stocks of goods in town and also do a very large business in shipping baled hay and straw, potatoes and other farm produce.

Stronks & LaPage.

THIS firm conducts one of the leading hardware stores in this part of the state and carries a



Residence of Jos. LaPage.

Photo by Neevel.

complete line of heavy, shelf and builder's hardware, tinware, farm implements, and also have a

The Jos. LaPage house was torn down. It was located where John Hop built his new house just prior to 1974. It was at one time known as the Svenson house at 780 Maple street.

tinshop in connection with their other business, which is ably handled by an experienced tinsmith. They occupy one of the departments of the Snoeyenbos block and they also have in addition a large warehouse for storing purposes.

JOSEPH LAPAGE, the junior partner was born in Paris; came to Vermont while but a small boy, moved to Baldwin in 1876 and opened up a harness shop, which business he successfully conducted until 1891, when he sold his harness business and purchased Mr. Kappers' interest in the hardware firm of Stronks & Kappers. Mr. LaPage has served as town clerk, village treasurer, Justice of the Peace and has also served on the village council several years. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and is one of our most forward and progressive citizens.

EDWARD STRONKS, the senior member of the firm was born at Cedar Grove, Wisconsin, June 6, 1858 and was brought up on a farm. He started in the general merchandise business for himself at Cedar Grove in 1882 and continued in that line for four years. He came to Baldwin in 1886 and run a cheese factory here for four years, the first year he operated it himself and the second year he entered into partnership with Dave Price and established a hardware store. He continued in business with Mr. Price four years, when Mr. Price sold his interest in the firm to Joe Kappers. He continued in business with Mr. Kappers for about four years, when Mr. LaPage his present partner purchased Mr. Kappers' interest and has been his

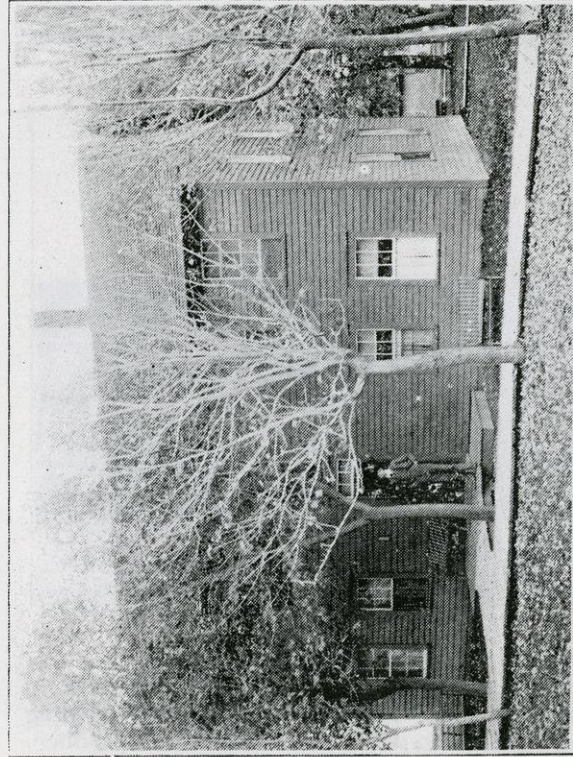


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Residence of Ed. Stronks.

The Ed Stronks house was located at 1080 Main street and is now owned by Anita TeGrootenhuys. Following a fire it was extensively remodeled.

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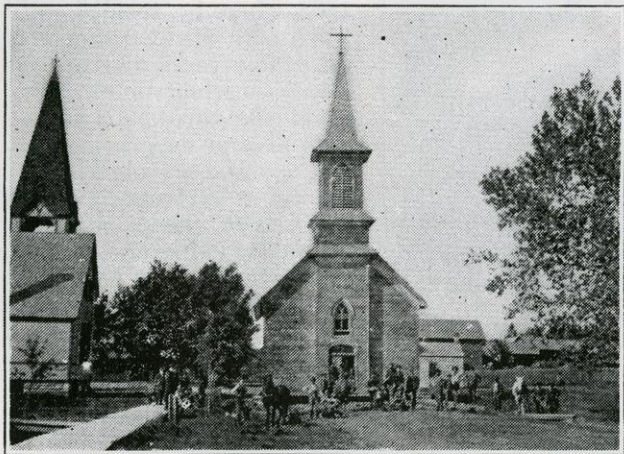
partner to the present time.

Mr. Stronks has served as town treasurer two years, has served several years on the village council and at present is president of the village.



Benjamin Kotts.

THE subject of this sketch is a native of New York, being born in Rochester, New York, April 12.



Benjamin Kotts, While Moving a Church.

1848. His parents moved to Sheboygan, Wisconsin before he was a year old, where he remained until the fall of 1882, when he moved to Baldwin and purchased several lots in our village and built a house, that is now owned by A. K. Olson. He sold this property in 1894 and built another house on his farm, which is situated in the village limits, in 1896.

Mr. Kotts is a practical carpenter and house mover, having worked at those trades since he was seventeen years old and at present is kept busy the greater part of the time moving buildings in different parts of the county. He is a first class workman and always gives the best of satisfaction.



Commercial Hotel.

IF there is any one thing that gives tone and standing to a town among the traveling public and cause people to spend their extra time in a place instead of hunting the first train out, it is the hotel. Traveling public is willing to pay well for what it gets and desires good treatment, good food and good beds, and that's what the people get, who patronize the Commercial.

This hotel is a good two story building and its rooms are all nicely papered and painted and the entire house is kept in perfect order. It is located near the depot, which makes it convenient for the commercial trade and is one of the most favorite stopping places for the



Photo by Neevel.

Commercial Hotel.

The Commerical Hotel was located where the Rosen Metals building was located to the east of the Anderson Distributing Co. It was destroyed by fire.

traveling men in Wisconsin.

A first class livery barn is also run in connection with the hotel, which is also liberally patronized by the traveling public.

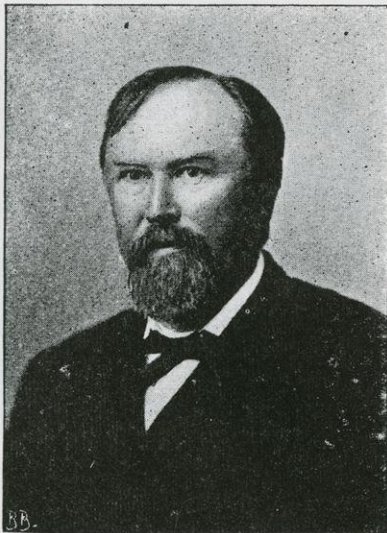
CHAS. W. STREETER, the proprietor, was born in Lack Port, New York, October 15, 1857 and with his parents moved to Oconomowoc in 1868, where he resided until 1892, with the exceptions of about four years, when he was employed at Ishpeming, Michigan. Mr. Streeter is a hotel man of large experience, having commenced clerking in a hotel in 1874 and continued until 1886, when he commenced running one of the principal hotels at Oconomowoc, which he continued until 1891. After going out of the hotel business at Oconomowoc, he was employed railroading for one year and also city treasurer of Oconomowoc the same year. In 1892 he moved to Baldwin, and rented

the Commercial hotel and has built up a large business in that line.



Hans Borchsenius.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Nestved, Sjælland, Denmark, September 19, 1832. He received a high school and commercial education in Denmark; emigrated to America in 1865, settling at Madison, Wis., the same year. His first occupation in America was clerking in a store, but he soon began to work in the office of the Den Norske Amerikaner, where he learned the printer's trade. In 1858



Hans Borchsenius.

he became editor and proprietor of the Nordstjernen, which position he occupied for the next two years.

At the breaking out of the Civil War in 1861 he en-



H. Borchsenius' Baldwin Residence, Occupied by Dr. P. E. DeMille.
Photo by Neevel.

listed in the army, being appointed adjutant in the famous Fifteenth Wisconsin or Scandinavian Regiment.

In 1864 he was appointed clerk of the state school

The H. Borchsenius house was formerly known as the N. L. Swanson house and was located behind Van's Service Station on Main street. It was torn down several years ago.

land department, which position he held until 1869. In the fall of 1868 he was elected clerk of the board of supervisors of Dane county and was re-elected two years later. During this time he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1872

Mr. Borchsenius moved to Baldwin in 1887, and opened up a real estate and loan office, which he conducted until a few years ago, when he decided to take life more easier and moved to Madison, where he now resides. He has held numerous offices of honor and trust during his residence here, among which are chief of the internal revenue department at Washington, member of assembly, president of the village and other minor offices, all of which he filled with honor to himself as well as to his constituents. Mr. Borchsenius still has large interests in this and adjoining counties and makes trips here at regular intervals looking after his business interests.



G. Landaal.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Apeldoorn, Holland, January 28, 1829, where he received a common school education. He emigrated to America in 1846, coming to New York, where he remained a short time. In the same year he moved to Milwaukee, Wis., where he remained four weeks, after which he moved to Waupun, where he

was engaged in farming. He came to Baldwin in 1876 and has been engaged in farming until 1895, when he purchased his present property in the village.



Residence of G. Landaal.

Photo by Neevel.

Mr. Landall has one of the nicest homes in our village and is one of our most accommodating and substantial citizens.

The G. Landaal house is the former Ervin Wright house located at 840 Maple street. It was also owned by the late David Kendell and is now owned by Tom Swanson of Somerset.

Peter P. Reiton.

MR. Reiton is a native of Norway, being born at Tronden, Norway, in 1836, emigrated to America in 1866 and settled upon a farm in Rush River, this county, where he resided until 1891, when



Residence of Peter P. Reiton. *12th*

he moved onto his farm in the town of Baldwin where he resided until 1895. In 1895 he moved into the village and built a fine and commodious house.

The Peter Reiton house is located at 1170 Curtis street and is owned by David Radunzel.

Arthur Peabody.

THE subject of this sketch is a full fledged Baldwinite in every sense of the word, being born in



Residence of Arthur Peabody. *12th*

Photo by Neevel.

Baldwin, (at that time called Springfield,) Feb., 25, 1865; his father, John Peabody, having immigrated here in 1857.

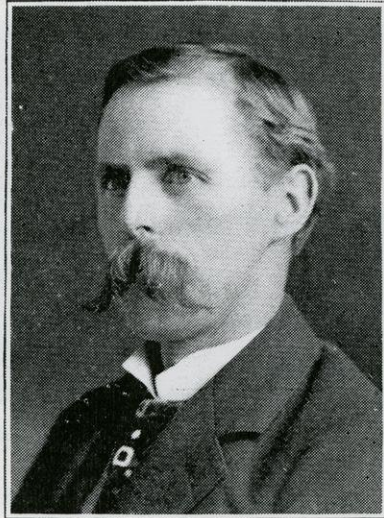
The Arthur Peabody house has been extensively remodeled. It stands at 780 10th Avenue and is owned by the Douglas Doorninks.

Mr. Peabody has spent the greater part of his life in Baldwin, with the exception of two years, when he was employed as engineer in Minneapolis. He is a practical steam and electrical engineer, having worked at that trade since his majority and is able to command a good position at that business at any time.



Ed. Neevel.

IN mentioning the successful business enterprises and men of Baldwin, that of photography is certainly entitled to more than a passing notice, for in this line no town of like size in the Northwest has a better equipped or more thorough artist than Mr. Neevel and his gallery. The room in which his work is executed is large, airy and light and



Ed. Neevel.

is provided with all kinds of scenery and equipments, while he has a display room that contains some of the finest samples of photographs that can be seen in this part of the state. No man could be more possibly devoted to his business than Mr. Neevel and the main success of his business is that he always pleases his customers.

Mr. Neevel was born in Waupun, Wisconsin, September 3, 1864 and lived on a farm until 1887, when he commenced learning the photographers business. After fully mastering his profession he traveled two years with a tent and ran a gallery two years at West Bend, Wisconsin, previous to his moving here in 1892.



Henry Anderson.

THE subject of this sketch was born near Bergen, Norway, in 1855; emigrated to America in 1873, settling at Madison, where he remained one year. He came to Baldwin in 1874 and was employed for a few years as a laboring man. In 1880 he commenced studying law in Woodard's law office in this village and was admitted to the bar in 1883. He started practicing law at this place in 1884 and has been a regular practitioner at this place since that date.

Mr. Anderson enjoys a lucrative law practice and together with his probate and collection business keeps him very busy. Mr. Anderson has the record

of having the largest probate business in the county. He has held many offices of honor and trust, which he has filled with honor to himself and constituents, among which are Police Justice, Supervisor of the



Residence of Henry Anderson.

Photo by Neevel.

village of Baldwin for four consecutive years and at present he is holding the office of Member of Assembly of St. Croix County.

The Henry Anderson house is now owned by the Ralph Freitags and is located at 720 Maple street.

H. A. Haagensen.

THE subject of this sketch was born at Hudson, Wis., in 1872; and when but a year old his parents moved to Baldwin, which has been his home to the present time, with the exception of about two years when he sold his barber shop here in 1893, and moved to Madison, where he attended the University.

Mr. Haagensen is a barber of exceptionally rare ability that is seldom found in a town of the size of Baldwin, having commenced to learn the trade when he was but thirteen years old, and commenced in business for himself when he was sixteen. He now has a fine two chair shop.

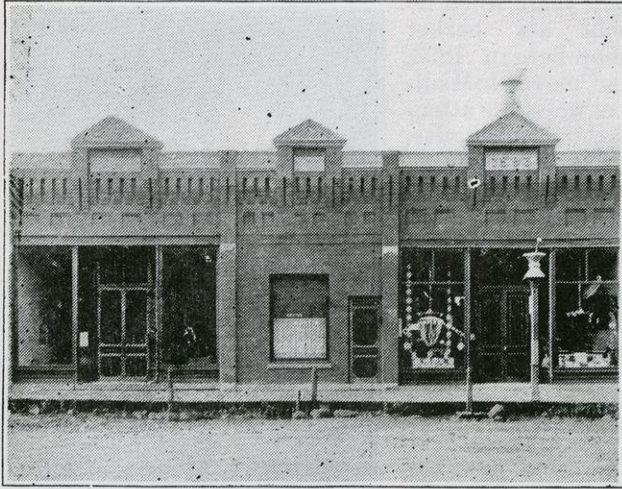


H. A. Haagensen.

Photo by Neevel.

L. A. Christensen.

BALDWIN can boast of having one of the best stocked and finest drug stores in the Northwest, stocked with a large and complete line of drugs, medi-



Haarlow Block, Occupied by L. A. Christensen, Wilford Bros.,
and Dr. Martin.

Photo by Neevel.



Residence of L. A. Christensen.

Photo by Neevel.

South of Center St

The L. A. Christensen house is the former S. Swenumson residence located at 1050 11th ave. It is now owned by Everett Boldt.

cines, and everything pertaining to a well established drug business.

Mr. Christensen, the proprietor was born in Norway, January 22, 1858; emigrated to America in 1875, and settled in Chicago, where he secured employment in a drug store and learned the drug business. He remained in Chicago until 1880, when Wm. Haarlow and himself came to Baldwin and purchased the drug business here formerly conducted by J. N. Rose, which they successfully conducted until October 1, 1899, when they dissolved partnership on account of Mr. Haarlow's health. Mr. Christensen purchased Mr. Haarlow's interest at that time and is now enjoying a liberal patronage of which he is deserving of,



S. Larson.

MR. Larson is a native of Norway, being born there in 1842; he emigrated to America in 1866, settling at Lansing, Iowa, where he remained seven years, working at his trade as a cabinetmaker, which he worked at five years in Norway, previous to his coming to America. Mr. Larson came to Baldwin in 1873 and in 1874 established a furniture store, which he has conducted up to the present time.

Mr. Larson carries a well selected and large stock of furniture at all times and in the rear of his sales room he has a large workshop where he has ample

facilities for the prompt repairing of all kinds of furniture. His undertaking department is also complete in every respect and a full line of undertaker's goods is also carried in stock at all times.



Residence of S. Larson. 122

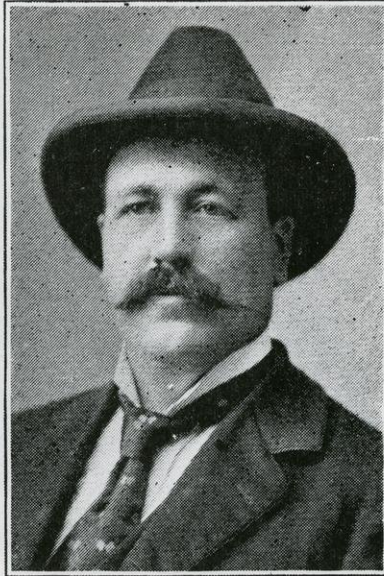
Photo by Neevel.

He is one of our early pioneers and has always enjoyed a liberal patronage, of which he is deserving of.

The S. Larson house is now owned by Kevin Grant. It is located at 1040 11th Avenue and was once owned by the late Charlotte Olson. 13

H. O. Harris.

THE subject of this sketch was born near Christiania, Norway, April 25, 1860; in 1864 his parents emigrated to America, settling at Martell, Pierce county, where they resided until 1869, when they moved to Kinnickinnic. Mr. Harris resided in Kinnickinnic, until he was nineteen years of age; after this time he was employed at Hudson two years, Chumberland three years and at River Falls eight years. In 1874 he commenced running a saloon at River Falls, which he conducted for four years. In 1878 he moved to Martell, where he remain-



H. O. Harris.

Photo by Nevel.

ed until 1889 when he moved here and opened up a saloon. Mr Harris has resided here since that date and is one of our most accommodating and obliging citizens.



Residence of H. O. Harris.

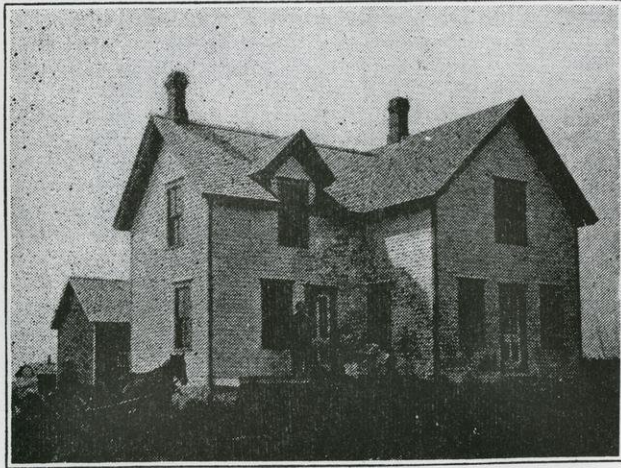
Photo by Nevel.

Mr. Harris carries a complete stock of wines, liquors and cigars and conducts one of the most orderly saloons that has ever been run in Baldwin,

The H. O. Harris home was owned by the late Elmer DeYoung and is located at 950 11th Avenue.

Peter Bossman.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Holland, September 13, 1857; emigrated to America in 1881, settling at Patterson, New Jersey, where



Residence of Peter Bossman.

he was employed as coachman for four years. He moved to St. Paul in 1885, where he was employed as a market gardner, remaining there four years. In

The Peter Bosman home is now owned by the Lawrence Janskis. It was formerly owned by the Earl Bates'. It has been extensively remodeled and is located at 800 12th Avenue.

1889 he moved to Baldwin and since that date has been engaged in gardening. Mr. Bossman handles all vegetables in season and has a nice home.

W. H. Evans.

WR. Evans is a native of Wisconsin, being born at Linden, this state, February 28, 1870. He commenced clerking in C. R. Taggart's drug store at River Falls, in 1890, where he was employed until June 6, 1895, with the exception of three years when he was employed by Noyes Bros., & Cutler of St. Paul. Mr. Evans came to



W. H. Evans.

Baldwin June 5, 1895 when Mr. Taggart of River Falls established a drug store here, with Mr. Evans as manager. He purchased the business of Mr. Taggart in 1896, and has been doing a flourishing business in the drug line since that date. Mr. Evans carries a complete stock of drugs, medicines, wall paper, etc.

P. E. DeMille.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Canada, October 13, 1860; his parents moved to Hammond, Wis., when he was but three years old, where they resided for a short time and afterwards moved to River Falls, where Mr. DeMille resided until he was 25 years of age. During his residence at River Falls he was employed clerking for G. I. ApRoberts for seven years.



Dr. P. E. DeMille.

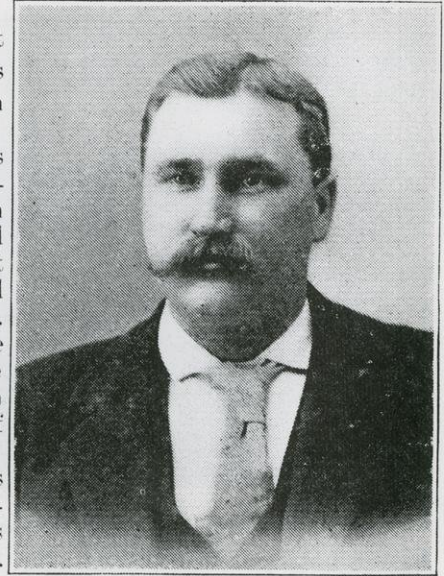
In 1891 he graduated from the Louisville College of Dental Surgery and commenced practicing here in 1892. Since locating here he has enjoyed a very lucrative practice and is a thorough dentist.



M. S. Ove.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Norway, Sept 12, 1864; his parents emigrated to America in 1867 and settled in Baldwin, at that time called Springfield. His father, Ove Oison, built the first log house in the village of Baldwin.

Mr. Ove has lived the greater part of his life in Baldwin, with the exception of a few



M. S. Ove.

years when he was employed at Hurley, Hayward and Hudson. He ran the Park Hotel one year and also was employed one year as village Marshall. Mr. Ove at present conducts one of our most orderly saloons and always keeps a complete line of wines, liquors and cigars.



A. K. Olson.



Residence of A. K. Olson.

The A. K. Olson home was formerly owned by the Lloyd Van Somerens and is now owned by Ruth E. Johnson of Woodville and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Amundson.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Ulvig, Norway, October 3, 1831; emigrated to America in 1857, settling in Meeker county, Minn., where he remained until August 17, 1862 and was engaged in farming. At the outbreak of the Indian war in Minnesota he enlisted in the Minnesota State Guards in August 22, 1862, where he served until he was injured by being shot, when he was taken to the hospital where he remained until February 1863, when he was discharged.

After being mustered out of service he moved to Rush River, this county and bought a farm, where he remained until 1895, when he bought his present property in the village and has resided here since that date.



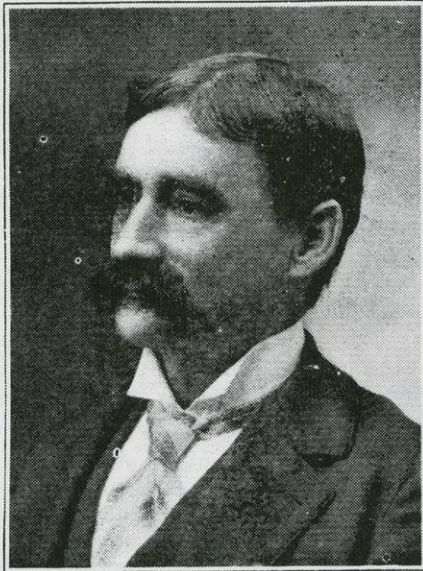
C. W. Ferrers.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Warickshire, England, February 6, 1842; emigrated with his parents to America in 1851, settling at Chicago, where he remained until he was 18 years of age. April 21, 1861 he enlisted in Co. K, 19th Illinois Volunteers and was mustered out as 1st sergeant after three years. In January, 1865 he reenlisted in the Veterans Reserve corps as a private; was appointed captain by secretary of war, April 21, 1865

and was assigned to Co. H, 6th U. S. Volunteers and was mustered of service in October, 1866.

After being mustered out of the army he followed farming in Central Illinois for five years and after this he was also employed clerking in a grocery store in Chicago for seven years. After this he served one year as apprentice in Chicago at his present trade, painting and paper hanging.

In 1879 he moved to Minnesota and worked at his trade as a painter and paper hanger in St. Paul and other cities in that state. In 1874 he moved to Roberts where he re-



C. W. Ferrers.

mained until 1897, when he moved to Baldwin, and has lived here to the present time

Mr. Ferrers is a practical painter and paper hanger of many years experience and always pleases his



Residence of C. W. Ferrers.

Photo by Neerel.

customers. He makes a specialty of house painting and paper hanging, but is able to execute all kinds of painting to the satisfaction of all.

The C. W. Ferrers home is located at 990 11th avenue and is owned by Durand Federal Savings and Loan Association.

W. C. Borchsenius.

W. C. BORCHSENIUS was born under the shadow of the Capitol dome, in the city of Madison in 1861. He spent his boyhood and youth there and completed the courses through the graded and high school. He attended also several business colleges, where he obtained a substantial training for a business career.

He joined his parents at Baldwin, shortly after their removal here, assisting his father, in the management of his grain elevator.

His first business experience away from home, was as bookkeeper for the First National Bank of Hudson. He remained there sometime when he accepted a situation in the store of A. Hirsch at Baldwin, as being a more active life than banking. He remained here a year or two and then having been offered charge of the Bank of Montevideo, he again entered the banking business, which afterwards he resigned.

He then spent a season in North Dakota, assisting in colonizing some land and looking after his own and father's claims.

Coming back to Baldwin again, he was offered a position as cashier for the Knapp, Stout & Co., at Rice Lake, Wis., which he accepted. Their establishment at Rice Lake consisted of hotels, saw and flouring mills, large department store, embracing everything from a butcher shop, up to drugs and

furniture. This large and varied establishment furnished a better business training for a young man than could have been obtained by any amount of study. He filled that position so acceptably that be-



Residence of W. C. Borchsenius.

Photo by Neevel.

fore the end of the year, he was to have been promoted to the position then occupied by Mr. C. Nunn, as manager, when unfortunately, he was taken ill and was obliged to return home.

The W. C. Borchsenius home is now owned by Virgil Larson and is located at 970 12th avenue. It was formerly owned by the late George VandeBerg.

He afterwards entered the office of his father, as manager of the real estate branch and has continued in that line since with the exception of a short period, when he was absent, taking recreation in the form of out door work on his farm. His father retiring and moving to Madison in 97, the business passed to him.

The business done is large and he has assisted in bringing into the county, hundreds of settlers from adjoining states, who are assisting in making St. Croix county the first in the state.



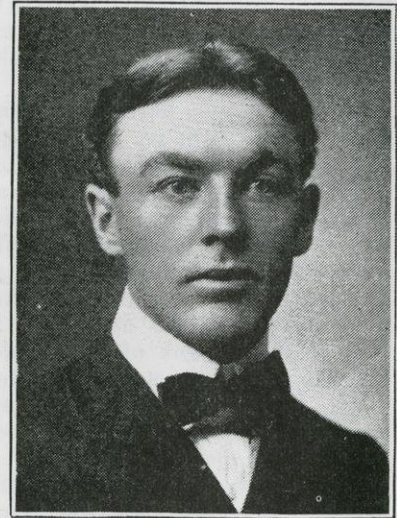
E. M. Haagensen & Co.

THIS firm composed of E. M. Haagensen and P. A. Jenson purchased the I. M. Melgord stock August 1, 1900. They immediately purchased a varied and large stock of clothing, gent's furnishing goods, dry goods and groceries and have to-day one of the best stocked stores in the northwest and are enjoying a liberal patronage of which they are deserving of, which is due in a large measure to the rustling and wideawake manger of the concern.

E. M. HAAGENSEN, the junior partner, manager and buyer of the firm is a full fledged Baldwinite in every sense of the word, being born here April 16, 1877; moved with his parents to Madison in 1892, where he took a three year high school course, and in 1895 returned to Baldwin again.

In 1897 he was employed as timekeeper by the Imperial Mill Co. at Duluth and in 1898 and 1899 was employed as time clerk by the Eastern Minnesota Railway Co., which positions he filled with credit to his employers as well as himself. He returned to Baldwin in 1900 and to-day is one of our most progressive young business men.

P. A. JENSON, the senior member of the firm was born in Numdalen, Norway, August 21, 1847; came to Baldwin in 1874, direct from Norway and secured employment as a laborer on the railroad, which he followed for five years when he was promoted to sec-



E. M. Haagensen.

Photo by Neevel.

tion foreman, and continued with the railroad in that capacity until 1894, when he resigned that position. Since 1894 he has been engaged in farming and other



E. M. Haagensen & Co's. Store.

Photo by Neevel.

pursuits, until August 1, 1900, when he entered into partnership with E. M. Haagensen and purchased I. M. Melgord's mercantile business.

J. C. Evenson.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Lillesand, Norway, May 17, 1841, where he was educated



Residence of J. C. Evenson.

Artist

in the common schools; emigrated to America in 1861, settling in Rush River this county. Prior to his coming to America he was employed three years as a sailor.

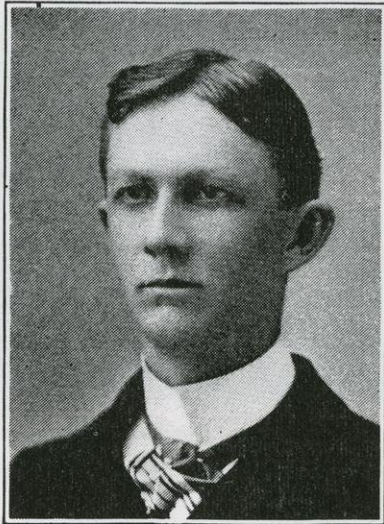
The J. C. Evenson home is located at the corner of 11th avenue and Newton Street and was formerly known as the Holmes house. It is an apartment house owned by Wayne Peterson of New Richmond.

He enlisted in 1863 in the 2nd Wis., cavalry as a private and was mustered out at Austin City, Texas, Dec. 1865. After this he came back to St. Croix county and engaged in lumbering and farming. Mr. Evenson purchased his present house in the village in 1890, when he moved into the village and has resided here since that date.

Geo. Heebink.

THE subject of this sketch was born in the town of Hammond, May 15, 1875, where he remained until 1893, when he became manager of his father's [E. B. Heebinks] general store.

Mr. Heebink is now serving his second year as village clerk and is one of our popular young business men.

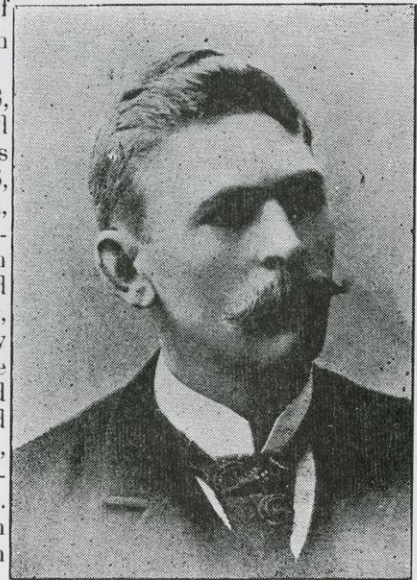


George Heebink.

This firm carries a complete line of general merchandise, including groceries, boots, shoes, hats, caps, dress goods, etc, and in fact everything usually kept in a first class general store. They also do an extensive business in shipping farm produce.

Chas. Settergren.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Sweden, August 28, 1860; emigrated with his parents to America in 1866, settling in Indiana, where they remained one year. In 1867 they moved to Red Wing, Minn., where they remained three years. From Red Wing they moved to Litchfield, where they remained twelve years. Mr. Settergren came to Baldwin in 1883 and engaged in the harness



Chas. Settergren.

business, which he continued for three years, after which he disposed of his harness goods and entered into partnership with G. A. Settergren in the agricultural implement business, which he continued for three years. After this he was employed clerking for a couple of years. In 1892 he entered the harness business again, which he continued until 1898, when he sold the business to A. L. McKay.

Mr. Settergren was appointed postmaster, May 7, 1897, under the last Republican administration and is an obliging and accommodating official. He also engaged in the real estate business in 1898 and always has a large list of farms for sale. He has been very successful in this branch of business and has brought many new settlers into this county.



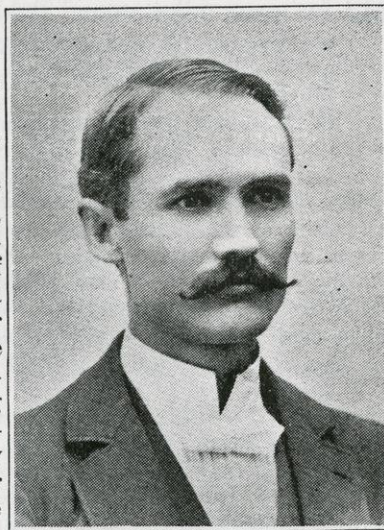
E. B. Kinney.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Martell, Pierce county, January 4, 1863 and when but a lad of three years old, his parents moved to Pleasant Valley, this county, where they remained ten years, when they moved to the town of Hudson.

Mr. Kinney when a boy attended the district school and afterwards the River Falls Normal for two years. After this he attended the St. Johns University, of Collegeville, Minn., for one year, where he graduated. After graduating he taught school for two years, but

soon tiring of this occupation he accepted a position and traveled for five years for the Mortgage Loan Co., of St. Paul. After resigning this position he attended the State University Law Schol of Minnesota for two years, where he graduated with honors June 2, 1892.

Mr. Kinney came to Baldwin June 12, 1892 and commenced the practice of law and has been a regular practioner at this place since that date. At present he ranks among the most able attorneys in the county and by looking over the bar calendar we find that there is only one other attorney in the county



E. B. Kinney.

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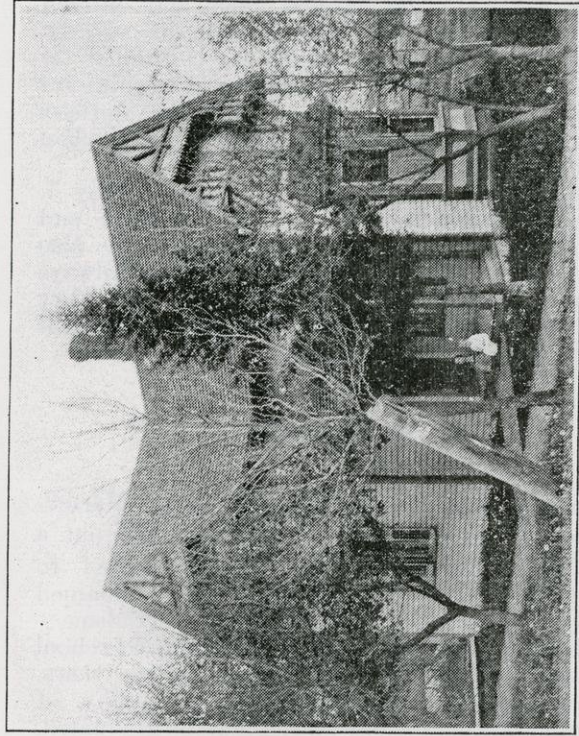
having more cases in the Circuit Court for the past two years than Mr. Kinney, which speaks for itself as to his ability.

Wilford Bros.

THIS old established meat market firm is known for many miles around Baldwin as carrying a all times a full and complete line of fresh and salt meats and everything pertaining to a first class meat market.

E. H. WILFORD, the senior member of the firm was born in Cascade, Wis., Jan. 15, 1849, and when but an infant his parents moved to Eagle, Wis., where he remained until 1871, when he moved to Aurora, Ill., and followed railroading for a couple of years. After this he moved to Kansas where he was engaged in farming for five years. Mr. Wilford came to Baldwin in 1879 and purchased Mr. McDonald's interest in the meat market firm of McDonald & Pittard and has been actively engaged in that business from that to the present time.

JOHN O. WILFORD, the junior member of the firm was born at Eagle, Wis., April 19, 1855, where he remained until he was 20 years of age, when he went to Stillwater, Minn. At Stillwater he was engaged for nine months in the well drilling business, and afterwards ran a dairy for a couple of years. After this he purchased a farm near Stillwater, which he conducted for two years, after which he sold his farm and moved to Baldwin in 1881 and purchased Mr. Pittard's interest in the meat market firm of Pittard & Wilford.



Residence of J. O. Wilford.

Photo by Nevel.

The J. O. Wilford house is now owned by Mrs. Carl Lokken and is located at 680 Maple street.

S. S. Holmes.

HOLMES' Cheap Cash Store is known in all parts of the county as the most popular trad-



Holmes' Cheap Cash Store.

Photo by Neavel.

ing place in this locality. Mr. Holmes successfully conducts the largest mercantile establish-

ment in our village and employs the largest force of clerks. His store is one of the most attractive in the village and its interior arrangement is exceptionally marked for completeness.

Mr. Holmes was born in Halton, Ontario, Canada, Feb. 13, 1854, where he remained six years, when he moved to Toronto, where he remained four years. After this he moved to Huron county, where he remained until he learned telegraphy at Teesewater. A year afterwards he secured a position as operator and clerking in a store at the same time, which position he held for eight years. In 1885 he embarked in business for himself by engaging in the general merchandise business at Kimloss, where he remained until 1889, when he disposed of his business at that place and came to Baldwin, and purchased the stock of general merchandise of E. Rasmussen and has been actively engaged in business here since that date.

Mr. Holmes is one of our most enterprising and progressive business men and is always ready to assist in any undertaking that will advance the interest of Baldwin.



Homer Rider.

A write up of Baldwin would be entirely incomplete did it not contain a brief sketch of Homer Rider, who was one of the early pioneers, and

in his time was always associated with the most renowned promoters of the town and by the force of his personality and by reason of superior intelligence and good judgment and wide experience he was a leader and a power.



12th + Maple
Residence of Homer Rider.

Photo by Neveel.

Mr. Rider was born in Berkshire county, Mass., Sept. 27, 1836, where he received a common school education. At the age of sixteen he went to Mc Henry county, Illinois, where he was engaged in

The Homer Rider residence was converted into two houses and they are owned by Ken and Terry Bjerkeset and Wm. and Anita Larson at 1190 Oak street and at 1170 12th Avenue. The house formerly stood where the post office is now located.

farm work for several years. In 1858 he came to Hammond, where he engaged in farming and threshing. Farming and stock raising was his principal occupation although he dealt extensively in horses and cattle. To him belongs the credit of having been the first to break ground with a team of horses in St. Croix county.

Mr. Rider served one term as Sheriff of this county and has also served on the county board for four years.

He died April 22, 1897, after quite a long and serious illness.

The Bulletin.

IN mentioning the various enterprises and business men of Baldwin the writer also wishes to give a brief and concise write up of the Bulletin, which is as near accurate as we have been able to obtain.

The Bulletin was established by Hon. D. R. Bailey, with Ed. Borchardt as editor, Saturday, October 18, 1873. Mr. Borchardt continued as its editor for five years, when the paper fell into the hands Jos. Montefiore, who continued as its editor until 1881, when it was sold to Ferd Peachman who was editor and proprietor of the same until Jan. 1, 1892, when he sold it to O. K. Hawley, the present owner, who has

been its editor and manager from that to the present date.

The Bulletin at present has a complete newspaper and job plant and prides itself of having over 1000



Residence of O. K. Hawley.

10th & Main

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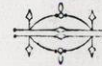
circulation, which is seldom reached by a local country newspaper, which makes it one of the best advertising mediums in the Northwest.

The O. K. Hawley home is now owned by Cecil Dull and is the Dull Funeral Home located at 1010 Newton street.

Baldwin Telephone Exchange.

SINCE writing up the modern improvements of Baldwin for this souvenir, Baldwin has added one more new one to its list, in the shape of an automatic telephone system. It is incorporated under the laws of Wisconsin, and is owned by a stock company of local business men, composed of Messrs. N. B. Bailey, Chas. N. Gorham, F. E. Settergren, Chas. Settergren, Dr. Geo. Martin and Geo. Pittman.

It is giving universal satisfaction to its patrons and is being well patronized. It is the intention of the company to extend the line to neighboring towns in the near future, when it will be still more useful.



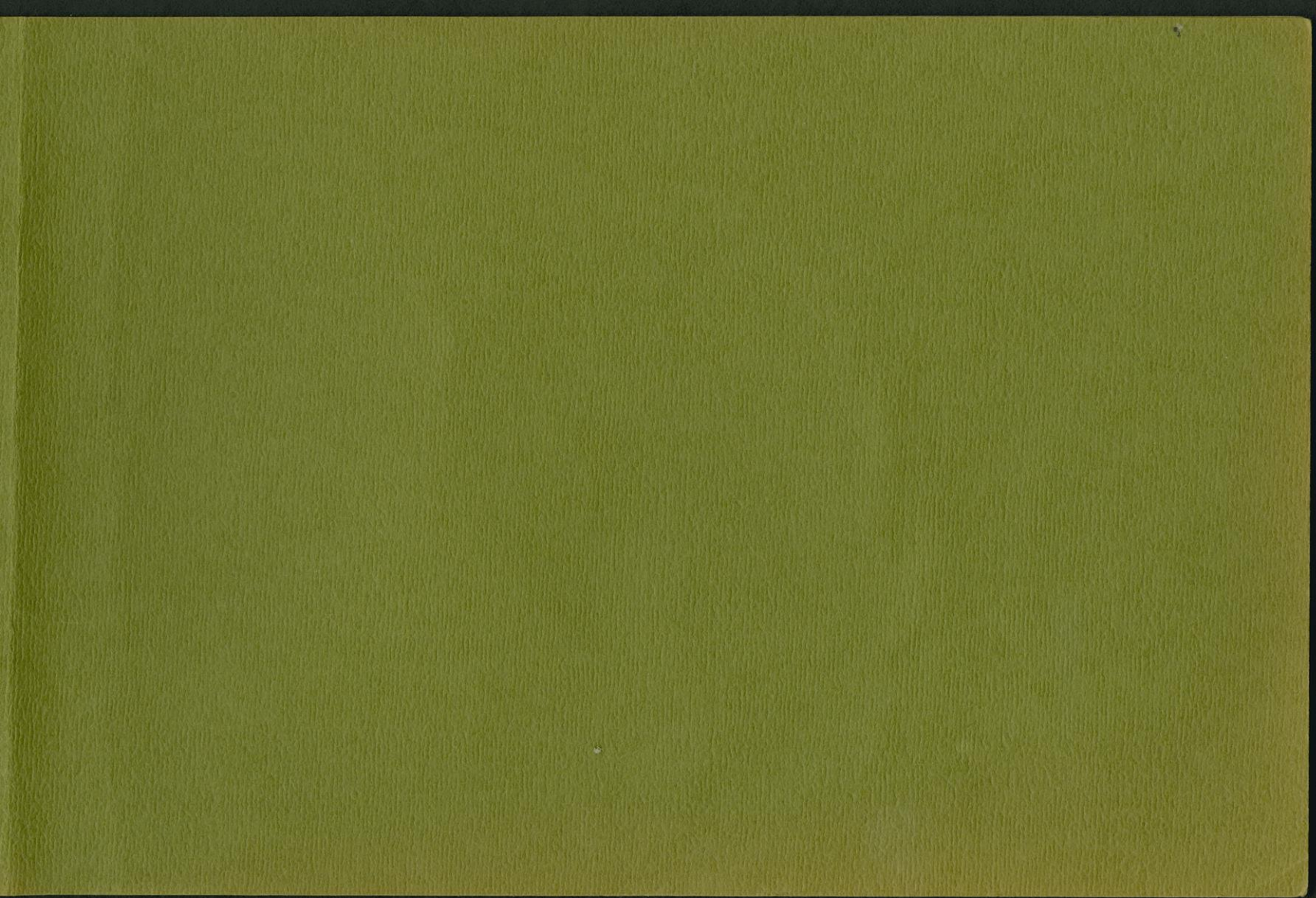


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