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FARMINGTON.

The most striking improvement made recently in the appearance of our town is found on main street, where cement walks take the place of the uneven planks and the old "sheep sheds" have been replaced by more modern and pleasanter awnings. When the electric line which now comes from Detroit to within seven miles of us, reaches this village there will be no more beautiful, more beautiful or pleasanter place in which to locate in the peninsular state than Farmington.

The business men are full of push, and enterprise as will be seen by the following resume of its more prominent members:

What Has Been Done the Past Ten Years.

SOMETHING ABOUT ITS BUSINESS MEN.

Live People and a Live Town To Live In.

Farmington township was settled early in the present century, about 1822, by New York state people principally. The village bearing the same name and respecting which we desire more particularly to speak at this time, was incorporated about the year 1867. For some time during the earlier history of the village it went by the nick-name of "Powerville," owing to the prominent part taken among the earliest settlers by the Powers, who came from Farmington, N. Y., and who gave to our village its present appropriate name.

Had Farmington been located on a railroad during the last 20 or 30 years, its natural advantages in pleasantness of location, beauty of landscape, healthfulness of climate, purity and abundance of water, together with the prosperity and wealth in the surrounding farming community, it must certainly have expanded to many times its present size. But let no one think that our charming village, and a more picturesque spot for a town does not exist in all Michigan, has not grown or developed any of its resources, for isolated as it is, Farmington has been steadily growing and improving year by year and especially during the last ten years, as may be seen by a comparison of the street scenes of '88 and '98 which are reproduced in this edition of the Enterprise.

Many improvements have been made in Farmington during the last decade, among which may be mentioned the following: Mill and residence erected by Louis Gildemeister, cold storage building, three houses and cheese factory by F. M. Warner, steam printing office by E. H. Bloomer, residences by

with every comfort which helps to make life pleasant. A view of the residence will be noticed in another column.

L. W. OWEN.

It is now about six years since the above named gentleman moved from his farm at North Farmington and purchased the old mill building, so long tenanted by the J. W. Hattens. This store had been so long before the public, that it is thought Mr. Owen a rich patronage which he has continued to maintain. Although conservative in business, he is still a good buyer and his store is well stocked with the very best lines of general dry goods, groceries, wall of crockery, stoves, gas-stoves, etc. Mr. Owen is a very agreeable and his customers find it a pleasure to deal with him. During his stay here he has purchased what is known as the Lyon property and has been at much expense in removing the same and making it another of the most modern houses in our prosperous village.

FARMINGTON ROLLER MILLS.

That was a grand day for Farmington when the people of this vicinity raised a band of over sixty to assist Louis Gildemeister in starting his splendid roller-mills. The enterprise was a success from the beginning, for since the building was completed, nearly three years ago, the mill has been run steadily and some of the time night and day; that too with a capacity of fifty barrels of flour every twenty-four hours.

The business man of this place never made a better investment, for the Enterprise is in a position to state that no one industry brings so much trade to Farmington as the Roller Mills. The custom trade is large, farmers coming long distances from every direction to have their work done by the central town mill. The Farmington flour too, has a reputation that need not be questioned; it is sold in every adjacent town and village, and has an especially large trade in Northville where it is much in demand.

The proprietor is a thoroughly competent man in his line, a good business man and gentleman of honor and integrity. Success to the Farmington Roller Mills!



L. D. OWEN.

At the head of our village government stands L. D. Owen, known far and wide over Oakland and adjoining counties. Mr. Owen has been a resident of the village for twenty-three years, twenty-two of which he has been proprietor of the Owen House. During his residence here, he has been elected Supervisor of the township four terms, has held the office of village assessor and other public trusts, and last spring he was elected Village President, without opposition. Mr. Owen is a man who believes in public improvements, and it is due to his untiring efforts that Farmington can boast of three hundred feet of concrete walks, in front of all the stores on Main Street.

Many improvements and other improvements made at the public expense. Under his careful and personal supervision our streets and walks are well cared for and truly well.

being under the Harrison Administration. It is always agreeable and when you call for your mail, makes it pleasant for you whether you get "that letter you know ought to be here" or not. In connection with the Post-mastership, Mr. Pierce also conducts his tonorial parlor and has many customers who are always ready to certify to his faultless work. We are pleased to show in another column a cut of his handsome home on Main Street, built in 1894.

WARNER & COOK.

This firm composed of Fred M. Warner and Fred L. Cook, has been doing business under its present name for about two years, although both men have been associated with the business in one capacity or another for many years. Senator Warner, the senior member of the firm, has already received extended notice in these columns. Mr. Cook is a young man of ability, possessing a good measure of those essential qualifications for successful business operations in these days of lively competition, viz: pluck, push and perseverance. Born and raised in this vicinity, he knows the people and their wants, and is equally ready to the purpose; the people know Fred. They know him to be intelligent.



FRED L. COOK.

honest, and accommodating, what are you looking for in a merchant.

With the many details of the business, Mr. Cook is perfectly conversant, and it is not every man, even of those engaged in the same lines, who would prove as competent in caring for the multiplied interests of the largest of the general stores in the place as our friend. The immense stock of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, hats and caps, stationary groceries, and the thousand varieties, lines, specialties and odds and ends that this large establishment carries, would be simply distracting to an inexperienced man; but Fred Cook is the right man in the right place, for he supplies the wants of customers as conscientiously and cheerfully as if looking after such a concern was no more than congenial recreation. May the shadows of their business never grow less.

J. L. HOGUE.

One of the leading men of our community in business and in politics is J. L. Hogue. His stock of drugs is second to none and the needs of his patrons invariably receive the most cheerful and careful attention. In addition to drugs he carries paints, soda ash and several smaller lines, and as the public station of the Bell Telephone in his store. Mr. Hogue has figured prominently in local politics, having held at different times the offices of township treasurer, clerk and supervisor, the last named office



G. A. PERRY.

In looking over the improvements made during the past ten years, the builder and contractor comes in for a share of the praise, and to the building public we can recommend George A. Perry as a workman worthy of our patronage. He has had twenty years of that time in his present location, doing a general merchandise trade. His store has always been a great credit to the town, always being stocked with the best lines of foreign and domestic dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, hats, caps, groceries, etc. Mr. Perry's manner of doing business has won him many customers, and his customers always become warm friends. His business career in Farmington is a notable example of what energy and ability will do.

"Ed," as Mr. Grace is so familiarly known to all, believes in improvement and has done much during the past ten years to improve the town. Four years ago he built the handsome home, he now occupies on west main street, where he surrounded himself and family with every comfort which helps to make life pleasant. A view of the residence will be noticed in another column.

M. B. PIERCE.

Mr. Pierce, our present Postmaster is one of our prosperous and up-to-date citizens, always first in every good work of improving Farmington, his home since childhood. Mr. Pierce is now serving his second term as Postmaster, his first term



Town Hall and Masonic Lodge Room.

Photo by Geo. Houston, Northville.

J. W. HATTEN.

No business carried on in this village is of greater advantage to farmers and the public in general than that of J. W. Hatten, the most accommodating man in the place. In ten years he has built up a fine trade, has put up a large building to furnish the room and conveniences demanded by his increasing business, and now keeps on an average five men in his employ.

The people within a radius of several miles have learned that when they want farming implements, wagons, carriages, machines, windmills, tanks, pumps, or any of the other things that we have not a need to mention, they cannot do better than consult Wallace Hatten.

Mr. Hatten is one of those men who is always busy and who holds the respect of all who deal with him.



MISS LUCY KENNEDY.

A graduate of Farmington High school, Miss Kennedy has been very popular as school teacher with Warner & Cook the past ten years.

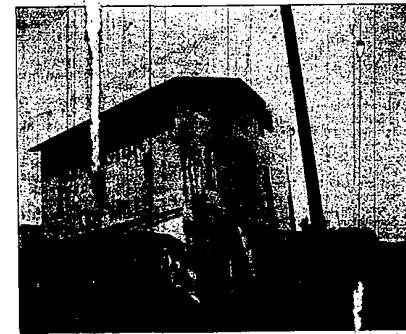
T. H. MCGEE'S DRUG STORE.

In reviewing the business establishments of our town, and wishing their success the past ten years, we notice that make prominent mention of this popular drug store. The proprietor, Mr. T. H. McGee, may well be congratulated upon the success with which he has met. He is one of the most successful druggists of the county, and his success is due to his own enterprise and ability. He is a competent and experienced chemist and druggist, having graduated from the Department of Pharmacy of the State University at Ann Arbor, in 1891. His well appointed and attractive store is filled with a superior stock of pure drugs, druggists' sundries, the best patent medicines, paints, oils, stationery, fancy goods, etc., and is one of our young men when the people of the township are proud, and have on several occasions elected him to positions of honor and trust, two terms of which has been treasurer of the township. In connection with his drug store he is also assistant postmaster and manager of the Farmington Exchange of the New State Telephone Company.



Miss Lucy Kennedy is one of our young men when the people of the township are proud, and have on several occasions elected him to positions of honor and trust, two terms of which has been treasurer of the township. In connection with his drug store he is also assistant postmaster and manager of the Farmington Exchange of the New State Telephone Company.

Mr. McGee is one of our young men when the people of the township are proud, and have on several occasions elected him to positions of honor and trust, two terms of which has been treasurer of the township. In connection with his drug store he is also assistant postmaster and manager of the Farmington Exchange of the New State Telephone Company.



Farmington Roller Mills, Capacity Fifty Barrels a Day.

Knocked by Clyde Adams

HENRY SCHRODER.

It has often been said "there was no money in a Meat Market in Farmington, or it would not change hands so often." But it has been the good fortune of Mr. Schroder to give the people a first class market, and we believe he has made money in the effort. For a but five years Mr. Schroder has been the proprietor of the "Palace Meat Market," and his customers have had no cause for complaint. It is a good job of stock and the market is always supplied with the best that can be found. He deals largely in beef, pork, sheep and poultry, and the farmer finds here a ready market for their product for which he pays the highest market price. Mr. Schroder is much respected by the people, and he has twice been elected treasurer of the township.

WILLIAM KENNEDY.

The gentleman whose name appears at the head of this short sketch, although not an older man by any means, yet is almost a pioneer in Farmington. For nearly thirty-five years Mr. Kennedy has been plying out a reputation on his ringing anvil, down toward the south-east end of the village. A man who can continue for that length of time in one community in any mechanical work, must understand his business; and this man does understand his business. In general blacksmithing, repairing wagons, buggies, etc., and especially in shoeing horses, Wm. Kennedy is hard to beat. His long continued trade is evidence of the best kind, respecting his work.

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Main Street Farmington, as it appeared in 1888, from an old Photograph.

Mrs. Sarah Adams, S. Trethewey, Thos. Russell, Geo. W. Whipple, Mrs. E. B. Lapham, M. B. Pierce, C. W. Wilber, John B. Pettibone, Chas. Stoughton, E. C. Grace, Isaac Johnson, H. W. Lee, P. D. Warner, Henry Schroder, Thos. Conroy, Fred Stannan, C. W. Chamberlin and Mrs. Craison; while John Power and numerous others have remodelled their houses into modern, up-to-date homes. The past year Fred M. Warner has made two additions to the village, the Gale and Warner plats, and the lots are now on the market. Another important industry which has started here recently is a fruit evaporator, and is now running night and day in order to use the enormous quantity of apples this fall.

The fruit farms have been developed and multiplied in this vicinity during the last few years until we now have some of the best fruit producing areas to be found in the state. Prominent among these fruit farms are those of J. L. and M. R. Wilber, and J. M. Armstrong, just out side the village limits.