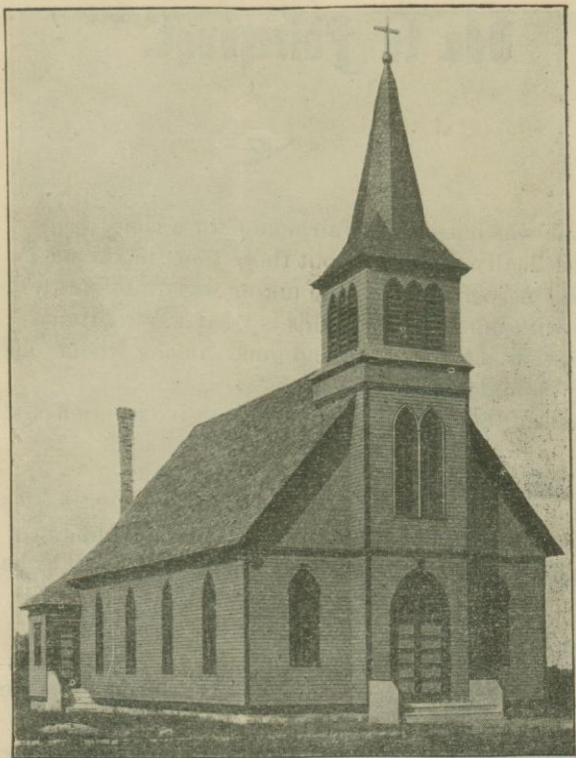


SOUVENIR POEM
of
FAIRMOUNT, N. D.
1907

Ode to Fairmount.



Some one was musing on Fairmount for a time,
And finally decided to put those thots in rhyme.
With this peaceful village the mus-er was quite smitten;
So with much pleasure this is what was written.
A Christian people, kind and good among whom one
would wish to stay,
Each in their way endeavoring to give religion and
morals full sway.
Here fresh air and good health is all the rage,
And people seldom die except from old age.
Gallant youths and charming maidens here abound,
And a more industrious set of matrons is hard to be
found.
I wish to give you all your well-earned good name,
And will try to find words my thots to frame.
The Catholic Church at Fairmount has a territory large
and wide.
In our Zealous pastor, Rev. Father Gaydousek, we
take great pride.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

On Sunday Rev. M. B. Critchett in the Baptist pulpit
stays,

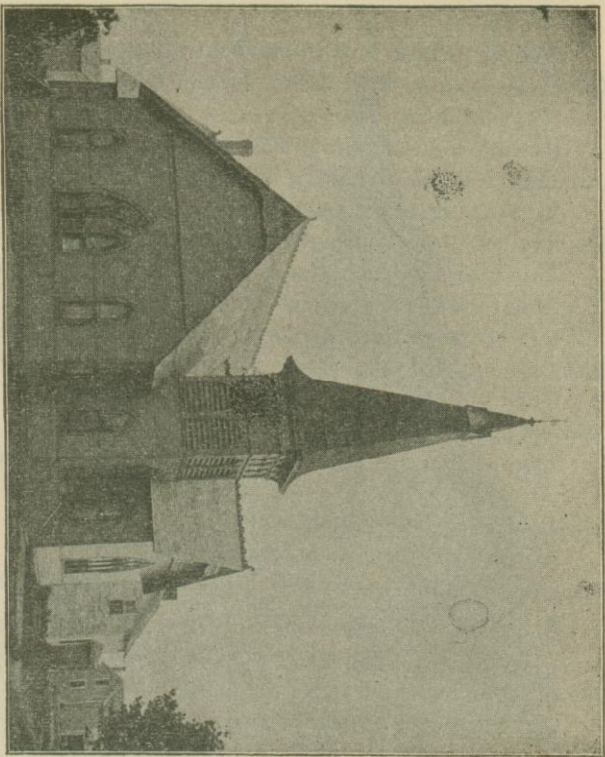
And his people love to listen to what he says.
The M. E. pastor, Rev. J. N. Loach, the hearts of his
people reaches,

By the eloquent sermons he preaches.
Our High School, a striking edifice on every side,
In the educational cause is making quite a stride.
The number of diplomas granted has been quite a few;
This is an evidence of the work our school can do.
Of normal graduate teachers we have six,

Who ably keep the schoolboys from cutting up tricks;
And the youthful minds with knowledge store,
Until to high ideals and heaven they soar.
And we think the parents all should find,
Time to help the teachers make the pupils learn and
mind.

All should keep the golden rule,
And be careful not away their time to fool.
Who are teaching in our school perhaps I ought to tell,
For every one wants to know the names of those
who are doing their work well.

The popular principal is Prof. Chas. A. Robinson,
And it won't be well for you if you bob in late son.
He is ably assisted by Miss Wilma Jackson,
And here is where the scholars have to work some.



BAPTIST CHURCH.

The 7th and 8th grades are well guided by Mrs. E. L. Baker, nee Miss Ethel Bliss.

When she goes her pupils will her miss.

Miss Mabel Beldon is quite an elocutionist on the stage.

And that she is also an excellent teacher, the 5th and 6th grades will wage.

Miss Blanch Paul as 3rd and 4th grade teacher, pleasingly does her part,

And quickly won entrance to each pupil's heart.

Why before she had taught the eleventh hour,

The little ones were planning to give her a fruit shower.

Miss Olive Libby, as popular primary teacher, a third year stands.

And the deserved love and respect of all her pupils commands.

Fairmount is called out by railroads three,

The Great Northern, Soo and Milwaukee.

Station Agents Messrs. Malone, Enge and Payne,

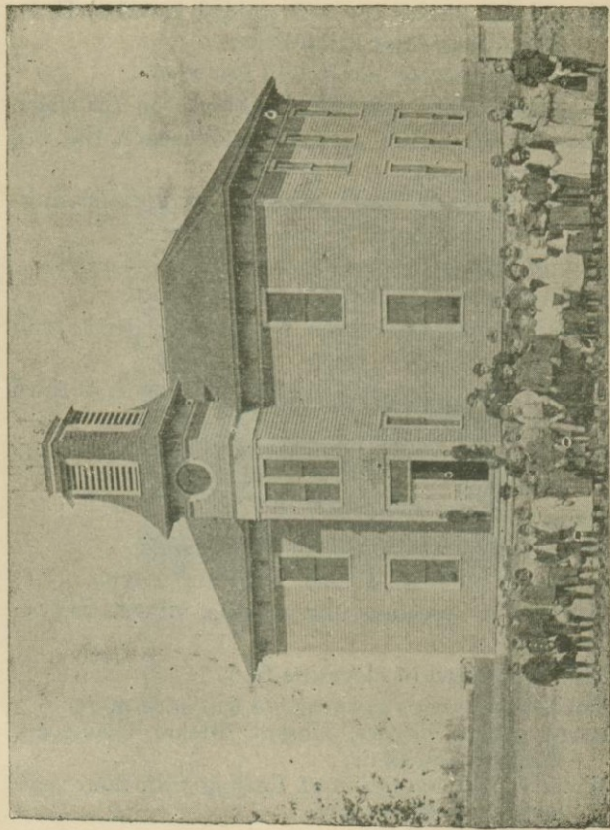
Answer our questions and give us information so plain.

Fairmount can boast of elevators four,

If the wheat keeps growing we will have more.

Fairmount wheat buyers, Messrs. Blake, Glasscock, Baldwin and Blair,

All have the reputation of dealing with their patrons perfectly square.



FAIRMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Mr. Charles Leathart a well spoken of name,
Has charge of the U. S. mail and ably attends the
same.

Drs. Steele, Greenman, Hunter and Kiteley,
Most of our readers know quite likely.
So of physicians we have a staff in prime,
Call on any of them some needy time.

As I think of their uncommon medical skill,
I wonder why we are without a hospital still,
For you can safely bet the coat on your back,
Upon this staff there is not a quack.

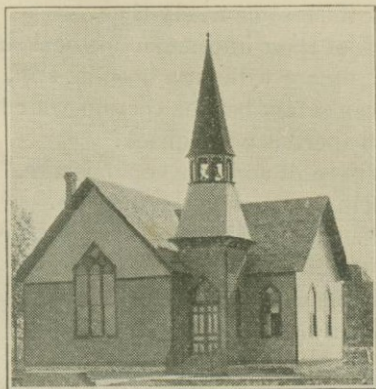
Now when you are ill don't make a mistake,
It is Dr. Hunter that kills toothache.
Into Mr. Chas. A. Tuttle's office we will take a peep,
And find that the lawyer is not asleep.

A rustling land man whose genial smile,
Is known for many, many a mile.
And for giving advice in a legal case,

He can with the best of lawyers keep pace,
The charming music of our band,
Is largely due to Prof. L. N. Abbott's skill
and command.

Have you ever had any dealings with our banks,
Then you know very well Fairmount bankers are
not cranks.

If at the Bank of Fairmount, you call your account
to place,



METHODIST CHURCH.

You will find Messrs. Cox and Ballard figuring interest at a lively pace.

If you stop at the handsome brick First National Bank,
It don't take cashier's Howe and Baker long to
count cash or fill a blank.

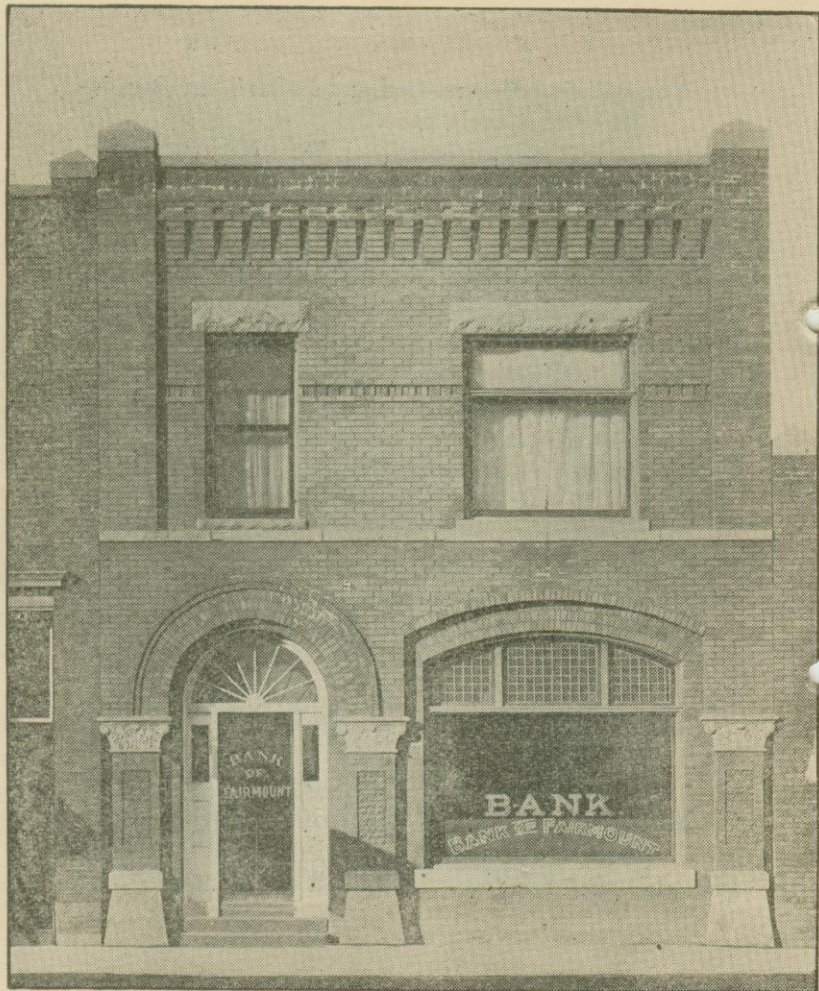
Miss Taylor has some hats that certainly ought to sell,
Ladies don't go bareheaded those hats would make
you look so swell.

If for the choicest one you arrive too late,
Thru all the season you will mourn your fate.
Of merchants we have twelve at your command,
As fair and square a set of men as there is in the land,
To muse upon each separately would sometime take,
So I will have to group them for brevity sake.

In selecting their goods great pains they take,
Consequently no mistakes they make,
And if of them your goods you buy,
They can do them up while you would be saying
"I spy,"

But trusting you will not your patience lose,
Let us a little farther muse,
We viewed Messrs. B. W. & J. A. Schouweiler's
magnificent store,

Here we found a large stock of groceries and dry
goods galore.
It fairly dazzled our eyes so we will say no more.



At his large general store, Mr. E. W. Wetherbee
can with ease,
The most fastidious of his numerous patrons please.

The well filled general store of Mr. J. Leathart
& Son, on the corner stands,
And a well deserved share of our patronage commands,
Then we stopped at Mergens Bro's brick drug store,
What a full line of drugs and fancy notions goods are
coming more and more.

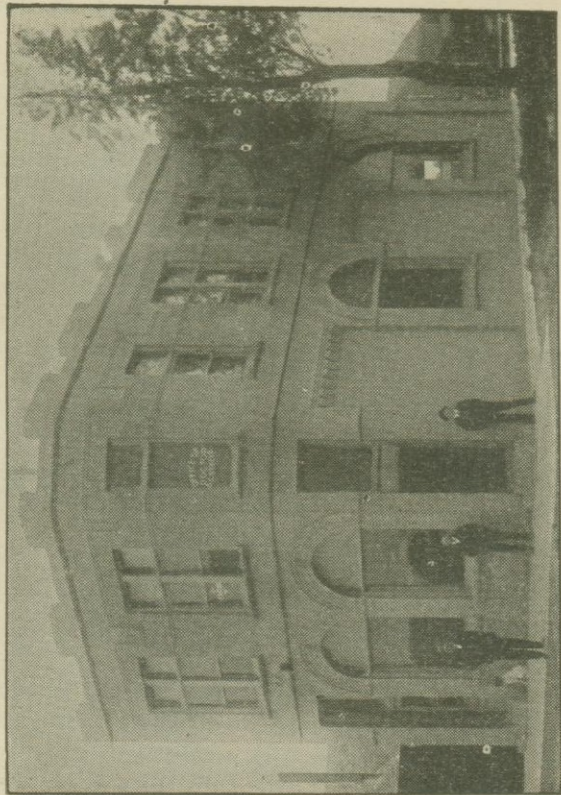
We also saw some handsome wall paper and a full
line of paint,
And a store that is neat and orderly enough to please a
saint.

Here too, Mr. J. J. Oestrich, the jeweler and a fine
line of jewels is found,
If you have your watch repaired here it will run as sure
as it is wound.

On walking leisurely down Main street,
Mr. A. A. Almy we pleasantly chanced to meet,
Such a serene old gentleman it is a pleasure to greet.
At Mr. R. W. Dougherty's up-to-date ladies' furnishing
store,

There is not a bit of shoddy goods from rear to door,
Here you will find every thing you could wish to see,

Just as fresh and pleasing as peaches on a tree.
Now down to Mr. Colberg's drug store we will go,



THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

To see what this courteous business man has to show;
A full line of drugs, also handsome notions from the
show cases gleam,

And we could not see dust even on a sunbeam.
Now for a call at the store of Mr. W. A. Crafts' we are
bound,

Here a very fine line of groceries and dry goods are
found;

Our erstwhile merchant, but here to stay,

We could not catch him thinking of again going away.
At Mr. B. F. Nichols' store we find lots of good things
to eat,

Fresh groceries, fruits and confectionery delicious-
ly sweet.

In the store of Mr. E. R. Collins' it is to your interest
to look,

Here you will find hardware cheaper and better
then in any book;

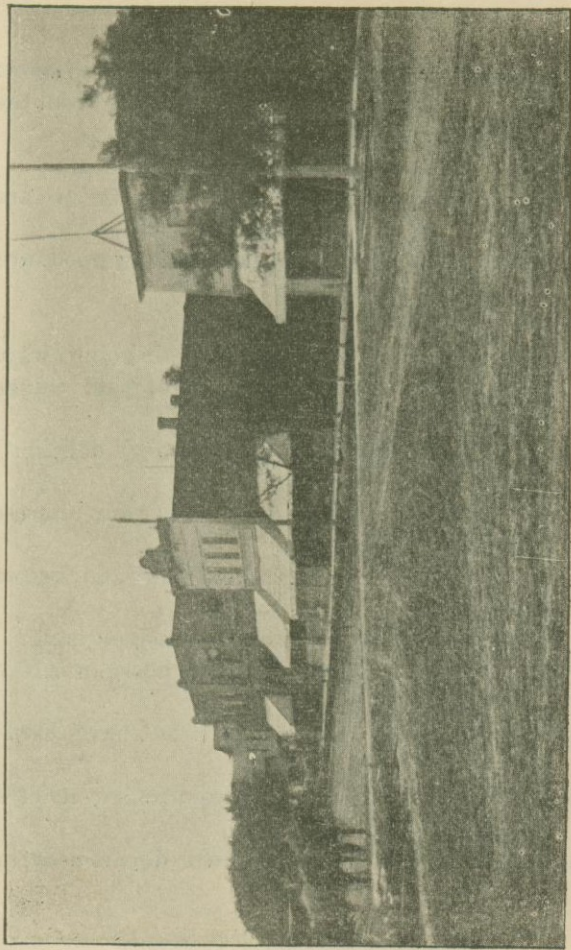
And if of him your harness and extra lines you buy,

You can, the most spirited runaway horse in safety
defy.

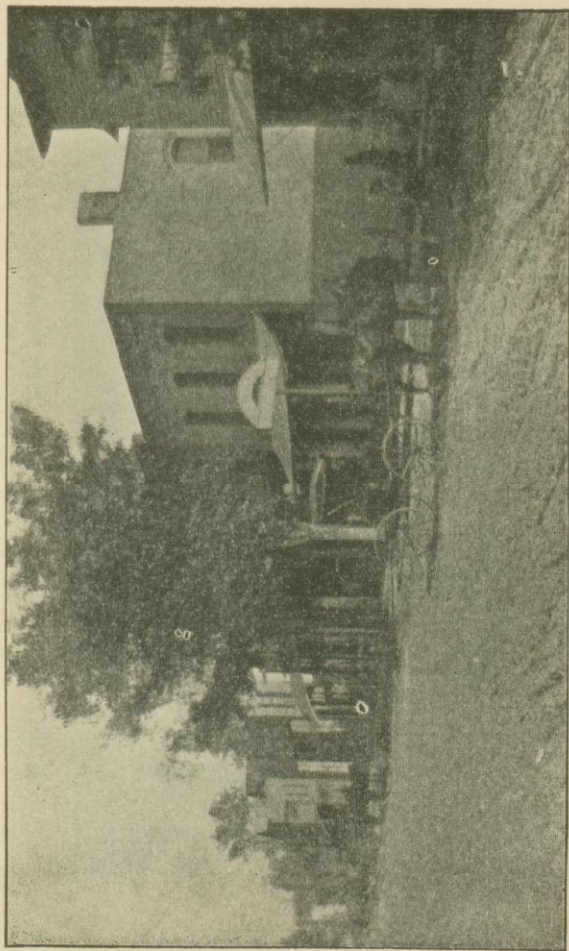
At their mammoth store Dennstedt Bros., have hard-
ware charmingly bright,

Which they are selling at prices that are strictly
right.

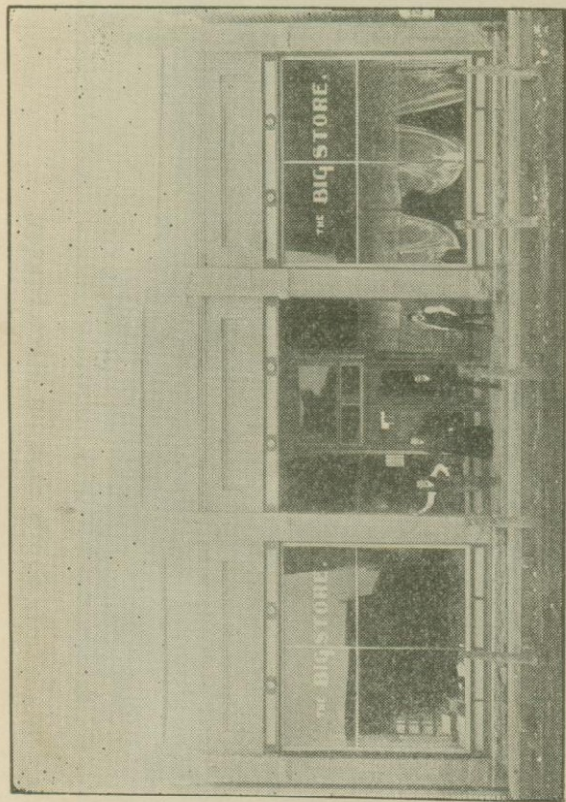
They also have a well filled furniture department in



NORTH SIDE OF MAIN STREET.



SOUTH SIDE OF MAIN STREET.



B. W. & J. A. SCHOUWEILER'S BIG STORE

their store,

Look at the handsome chairs on display at the
east door.

On the corner we heard the news,

Mr. R. W. Dougherty as merchant we are going
to lose;

Mr. F. L. Cook at the Leader you will find,

A merchant of the enterprising kind;

From Tenney, Minn., he lately came,

And there as postmaster and merchant had won a
good name.

If machinery or a handsome vehicle you wish to buy,

Go to Hon. H. J. Arnolds' he keeps a fine supply.

Mr. K. Currie our popular blacksmith success
to him is due.

For he can do any thing in his line as well as a race
horse shoe.

Mr. Joe Gebhardt the new dealer in wood,

Aims to have prices right and quality good.

If into Salzer's lumber yard you take a peep,

You will think this is Minneapolis I am waking
from a sleep.

Mr. Thos. Jacobson on this establishment seems to
have a lease,

And can without much effort his customers please.

If at our hotels, the West and Richland you chance



HOTEL RICHLAND, O. J. EVERSON, PROPRIETOR,



B. F. NICHOLS' GROCERY AND CONFECTIONERY STORE,

to dwell,

You will find delicious meals ready at the tick
of the bell.

Messrs. Sicorski & Bolton have an up-to-date barber shop,
Their patrons say it is tip top.

Our genial restaurant man Mr. E. L. Strait,
Has everything good to eat right on the plate.

He has an artistic tonsorial parlor too,
So our village lords have a genteel appearance
from head to shoe.

The meals served by Mr. J. P. Nelson are "out of sight,"
After eating twenty minutes you will lose your
appetite.

And if you want a lunch when in a rush,
Here you can get it without delaying much.

The well kept Meat Market of Mr. N. P. Nelson & Son,
Has certainly a good reputation won.

Here you will find the choicest of fresh and salt meat,
Dressed and carved in a style that is hard to beat,
Owned by Messrs. Leland and Schutt & Oestrich livery
barns we have two.

Where you can get swell rigs and horses that go
like a choo-choo.

Dr. Schutt, V. S., has his office at the Schutt & Oes-
trich barn,

Call on him when your horses' condition gives
you alarm.

you raise;

If you don't let the editor sing their praise.

These lines would not go very far,

But for the editor and Uncle Sam's mail car;

Of subscribers our editor has quite a few,

I recently learned about twelve hundred and two.

At Fairmount matrons some day my pen may take
a whirl,

So I earnestly advise you to keep your hair in curl.

Now, if I have slighted any one don't look on it as
a crime,

You know it is quite hard to put so many things
in rhyme.

And if some of you, we have not said anything about,

Its because our poetic skill played out;

If some of our readers don't agree with what we say,

It is as we see it. And we could not write any
other way;

With good people Fairmount must be crowned,

For material for over two lines of poetry here
I found.

Hoping I have not put this point off too late,

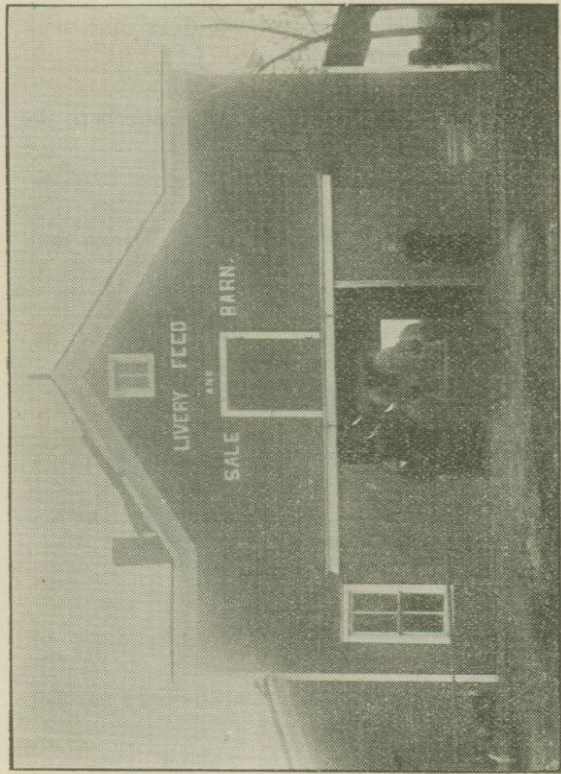
Fairmount is a model town in a model state;

Thanking you all for kindly perusing,

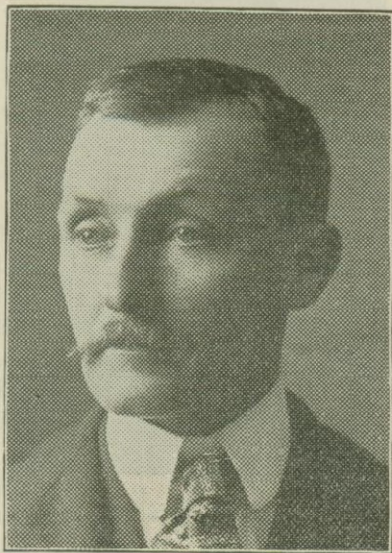
I promise you all next time to cut shorter my musing.

N. B:--The above poem is published in souvenir booklet
form with a number of engravings for the benefit of
the Catholic Ladies' Altar Society Fairmount, N. D.

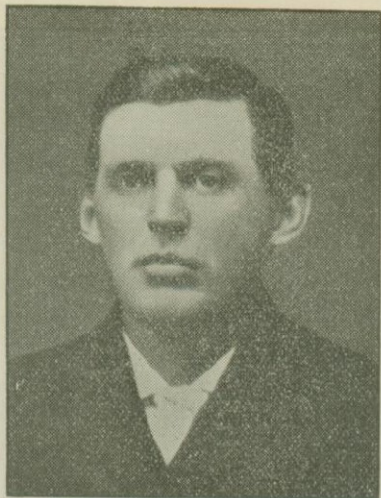
By MRS. E. J. HURLEY,



THE RICHLAND LIVERY, GEO. M. LELAND, PROPRIETOR



HON. B. W. SCHOUWEILER Merchant and Banker, came to Fairmount September 1, 1884, from Hector, Minn., at the age of 27 years. By hard work and careful management, has made a success of his business. He is one of five brothers, all merchants, and the volume of business they do annually would reach in figures from \$200,000 to \$250,000. He was married in 1893 to Miss Carrie Nelson and has five children, all boys. He was elected in 1902 to the legislature.



HON. LAFAYETTE PARKHILL was born on a farm in Portage county, Wis., July 6, 1865. He was reared on the farm, received a common school education. In 1882 he moved to North Dakota, locating near Fairmount and for several years worked on the farm of a brother. Later his brother died and he purchased the farm of the heirs. He has been successfully engaged in farming since then and now owns a half section. He was married in 1899 to Miss Bessie Clark and has two children. He has always been active in local politics, affiliating with the democratic party, and during his life at Fairmount has held numerous township offices, and was elected in 1906 to the legislature.

PETER MERGENS, Fairmount's Pioneer Druggist was born in 1864 on his father's farm near Shakopee, Minn., where the first twelve years of his life were spent. His early education was obtained in the little one room country school, walking the two miles to and fro daily for five years. Later as the family moved to town he finished his education in the better equipped city school. At the age of sixteen he began to work at the painting trade, which he followed successfully for twelve years. On account of the painting seasons being short he decided to change his occupation to a profession in which season responsibility never ends, that of a Druggist. In 1895 he with his estimable wife removed to Fairmount and took charge of the drug store as one of the firm of Mergens Bros. Being of a studious disposition he worked hard to fit himself for his new position. After graduating from the National Institute of Pharmacy as a prize winner of the class 1898-'9, he was admitted to practice pharmacy by passing the State examination. Mr. Mergens has been closely identified with the growth of Fairmount, having held several village offices and is the present village clerk. He is a charter member of the Catholic congregation and has been its secretary ever since its organization.



DR. D. C. STEELE is a native of Ohio, he was born in Lawrence county in 1860. He graduated February 26, 1890 from Keokuk, Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons and came to Fairmount on April 1, of the same year, where he soon built up a large and lucrative practice. In May 3, 1902, he organized the First National Bank of which he was elected president, and which position he still holds. In the fall of 1890 he was married to Miss Matilda Colberg, of Dassel, Minn.

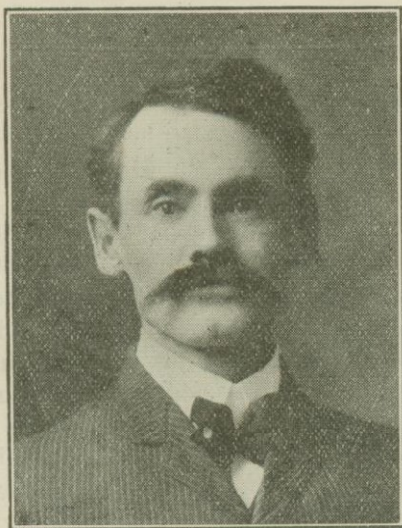


CHAS. A. TUTTLE was born April 10, 1873, near Decatur, Mich., came to North Dakota in 1891, and began the practice of law and real estate in Fairmount in 1899. Today Mr. Tuttle is one of the best known and most successful real estate dealers in Richland county, he makes a specialty of the Great Red River Valley lands and he has brought hundreds of good substantial farmers from Iowa, Minnesota and other states to North Dakota. Being a lawyer, Mr. Tuttle has the management of considerable lands and valuable estates throughout the Valley to look after. Mr. Tuttle can give valuable information on most any farm for sale or rent in this community.

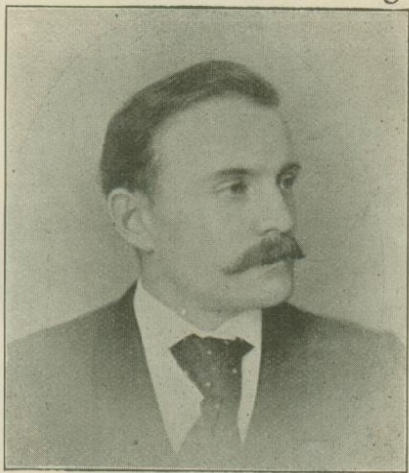


E. J. HURLEY.

E. J. HURLEY was born on September 8, 1858, in El Paso, Wis., where he lived with his parents until March 1880, when he came west landing in Appleton, Minn., April 1st. He took up and proved up on a pre-emption of 160 acres in Lac Qui Parle, Minn. Returning to Wisconsin in October, his father induced him to come to Traverse county, Minn., to open up land, where he had purchased the year before. Arriving in the early part of May 1881, with horses, supplies and lumber enough to build a shanty and stable. Commenced opening a farm on Sec. 25, Town of Taylor, not yet organized, but during the summer the residents began to think they ought to know where they lived, so called a meeting which was held in his shanty, where the town was organized. The first election in the town was also held there in November 1881. Worked for his parents until 1886, when he started for himself having a fine time between batching and boarding until 1891, when he was captured by one of those innocent schoolmarms. He was married to Susie J. Hopkins, February 5th, 1891, where they lived until October 1901, when they moved to Fairmount, N. D.

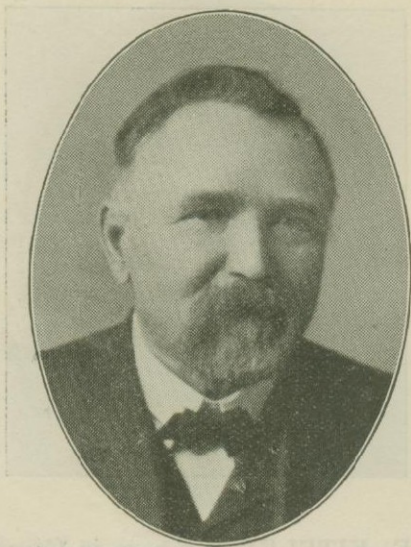


HON. H. J. ARNOLD first saw the light in Clairmont, Ohio, in the year of grace 1865. In 1880 he came to North Dakota with his parents and settled on a farm in Fairmount Township, where his father died in 1890. Mr. Arnold then took charge, and has but his industry and the fertility of the soil to thank for his prosperity. In 1902 he moved to Fairmount, where he is now successfully established in the machine business. He is prominent in political matters, attending all Republican gatherings and was elected in 1904 to the legislature. He was married in 1891 to Miss Maude Madison and has one child, a daughter.

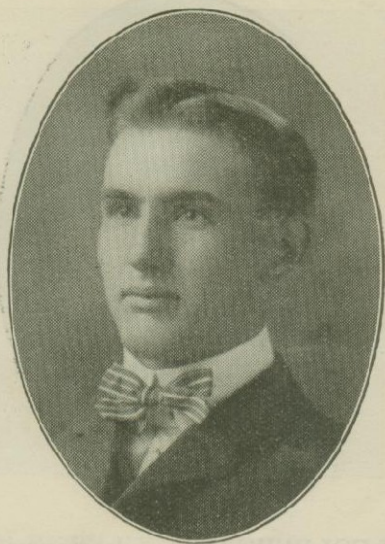


DR. W. E. KITELEY was born in Canada in 1867.

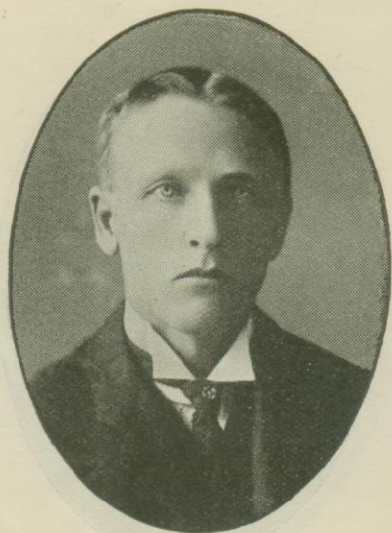
He graduated from Toronto University in 1892, did post-graduate work at Bellview, N. Y., and at Jefferson College, Philadelphia, in 1892 and '93. He settled at Minnewaukan, N. D., in 1894. Came to Fairmount in December 1895 and has since devoted his time to his profession and he enjoys a fine practice. He was married in 1895 to Miss Mamie Spencer by whom he has two children.



CHAS. LEATHART is a native of Canada, he was born in the Province of Quebec, January 17, 1843, moved to Wisconsin with his parents in 1850. He served in the war of the rebellion in the 1st Wisconsin heavy artillery. He was married April 10, 1872, at Berlin, Wis., to Miss Frances Luce, of Geneseo, N. Y., and has four sons. He moved to Fairmount in 1886 and followed farming until 1900, when he was appointed postmaster, which position he still holds.



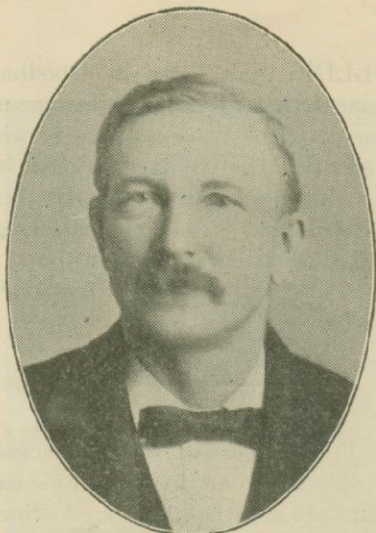
JOB J. OESTRICH, the popular young jeweler, was born on a farm about four miles from Fairmount, N. D., in Wilkin county, Minn., on July 1, 1885. He attended the schools in Fairmount and then went to Minneapolis, where he learned the jewelry business, he has his jewelry and repair shop in the Mergens Bro.'s drug store where you will always find him pleased to have you call whether on business or not. He was married July 17, 1906 to Miss Ethel Mieirs, Fairmount.



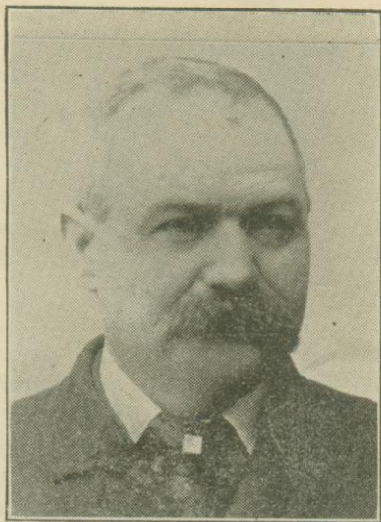
AUGUST COLBERG the popular druggist, was born in Red Wing, Minn., 1874, moved to Dassel, Minn., and remained with his parents on the farm until 1893 when he came to Fairmount. In 1894, he entered the drug store of Mergens Bros., where he learned to be an efficient pharmacist. In 1900 he associated himself with Dr. D. C. Steele and opened up a drug store under the name of August Colberg & Co., and built up a large and increasing trade.

E. R. COLLINS was born in Goodhue county, Minn., in 1862, and came to Fairmount in July 1896, and started in the harness business, where he has prospered and today has the finest harness store in the county. In connection he has a complete line of hardware, stoves, etc., and is doing a flattering business. Mr. Collins has been city treasurer for a number of years. He was married in 1896 to Miss Mary Sullivan of Clairmont, Iowa.

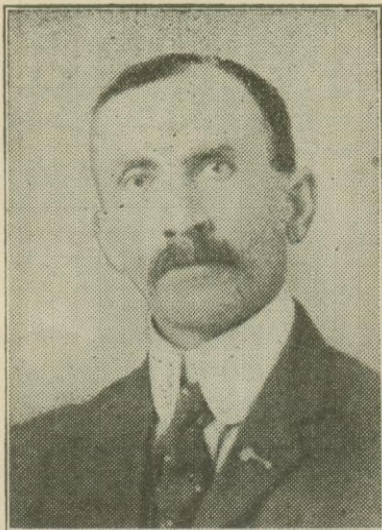
E. W. WETHERBEE was born in Jackson county, Mich., 1861, where he lived with his parents until he was 20 years of age, when he came to North Dakota and worked on a farm until he was of age, then he took up a claim near Fairmount, where he lived until the spring of 1899 when he came to Fairmount and in the fall of the same year he went into the mercantile business and today is one of Fairmount's prosperous and well-to-do business men. He enjoys a good trade and as a citizen is always found in the front ranks for any enterprise that will be a benefit to the town or community. He has been elected to the village council several times and at the present time is the chairman of that board. In September 1888, he was married to Miss Leila Mills of Hartford, Mich., and from this union he has five children.



JOHN LEATHART another bonanza farmer of Fairmount, was born in Wisconsin, April 25, 1850, he came to North Dakota and settled in Wahpeton in 1879, and moved to Fairmount township in 1881. Possessing a large degree of energy and push which always brings success in farming or other business. Mr. Leathart's well directed efforts have been crowned with success from the start, he now owns one section of superb farming land besides valuable property in town. In 1897 he moved to Fairmount and engaged in the mercantile business and today is one of the most substantial business men. On Sept. 25, 1874, he was married to Miss Odeal Rivers, a native of Canada, and has two sons, Howard and Harvey. Howard is in partnership with him.



PATRICK WHITE is a native of Ireland, he was born in Waterford in 1847. In 1871 he came to Minneapolis, where he lived until 1878, and during that time he was on the police force in that city. In 1878 he came to North Dakota and in 1884 he came to Fairmount where he is now comfortably fixed, financially, he owns 220 acres of the finest land in this vicinity besides property in town. He was married in 1879 to Miss Mary Ann Keating of Wahpeton and has seven children.



THOMAS JACOBSON was born in Iowa in 1860, his parents moved to Wisconsin the same year, where he was raised on a farm. He has followed the lumber, sash and door business for 23 years. He is a thorough lumberman and under his supervision The Salzer Lumber Co. has one of the best yards this side of the Twin Cities and Mr. Jacobson is manager. He was married in January 1884 to Miss Mary Fletcher of Wisconsin and by whom he has four children.

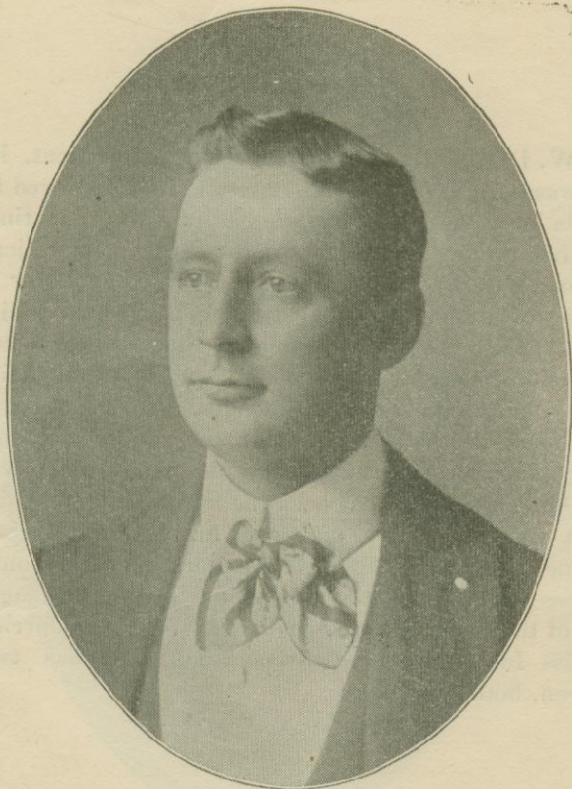
DR. N. H. GREENMAN was born in Lawrence, Mich., February 17, 1873. He graduated at the University of Michigan in June 1898, and located in Fairmount, N. D., March 1899 and has since devoted his time to the profession, he enjoys a good practice, and on September 1, 1906, was appointed surgeon for the Soo Railroad Company. He is wide-awake and liberal; and is foremost in all enterprises calculated to benefit the community. He was married 1897 to Miss Bessie Moulton of Decatur, Mich.

DENNSTEDT BROS. CO., Under this firm name Fairmount can boast of the finest in appearance, and one of the most up-to-date hardware stores in Richland county. There are three brothers, namely: E. W. Dennstedt, aged 34, President; W. C. Dennstedt, age 37, Vice president and A. L. Dennstedt, age 26, Secretary and Treasurer. They were all born in Fillmore county, Minn., and came to Fairmount in 1902, and they all have proved themselves able business men and the kind it takes to make a town prosperous and forge to the front. From this firm anything from a threshing rig down to a shingle nail can be had. E. W. Dennstedt was married in 1901 to Miss Gertrude Stoddard of Iowa, and has three children. W. C. Dennstedt was married to Miss Anna Norman in 1903, and has two children.



R. W. DOUGHERTY AND FAMILY.

R. W. DOUGHERTY is a native of Connecticut, he was born in Hartford, August 7, 1853. Moved to Canada in his early life, where he lived for some time and then removed to Connecticut. From Connecticut he moved to Barraboo, Wis., where he lived for a number of years. In August 1886, he came to Fairmount and went into business, where success has crowned his energy and push, and today is one of Fairmount's substantial men, financially. He has a beautiful home in the village, where he resides with his family, and has a fine farm just a nice drive from town. Mr. Dougherty's aim has been the up-building of Fairmount and has started numerous business enterprises and met with success in all his undertakings, his only business in town now, is, the ownership and management of the opera house. April 21, 1887, he was married to Miss Ida Theisen of Breckenridge and has two children, both daughters.

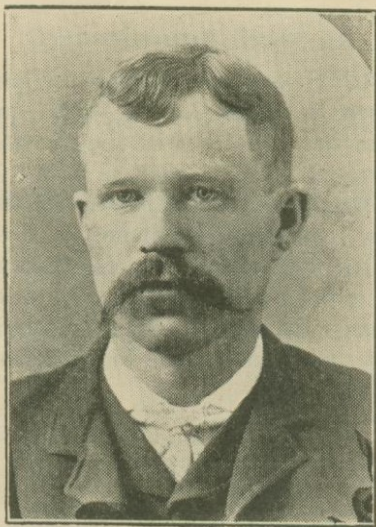


BRADLEY W. CLABAUGH, EDITOR.

(Say you saw it in THE NEWS.)

W. A. CRAFTS one of Fairmounts early settlers, was born in Grass Lake, Mich., in 1863, and came to Fairmount in 1879 with his parents where he lived on a farm until 1902, when he went to Alberta, Canada, and was prosperous in the land business until 1906, when he removed to Fairmount and embarked in the merchantile business. Mr. Crafts is a successful business man and a public-spirited one, always willing to help any cause that may be for the up-building of the town. He was married in 1892, to Miss Leoria Gallup and has three children.

THE MAPLE LEAF RESTAURANT is a new concern in Fairmount and under its management is becoming one of the most popular resorts in the city. Meals are served at all hours, Mrs. Mont. Thompson, who is proprietor, presides over the culinary department and assures a good meal and everything up-to-date. Her motto is: "For a good meal do not rush the Cook." In connection with the restaurant Mrs. Thompson has a bakery, where the nicest kind of bread, buns and pastry can be had at all times.



KENNETH CURRIE was born in County Gray, Ontario, Can., 46 years ago, where he was raised, and at 19 years of age he learned the blacksmith trade. He came to this country 26 years ago and for 10 years he railroaded. He came to Fairmount in 1898 where he has followed his trade, and by his work and honest dealings has been successful. He has held important offices of the village and is now a member of the board of education. In 1888 he married Miss Jennie Winter of Ontario, Canada, and by whom he has four children.



A. A. ALMY, one of the oldest and best known residents of this community, was born in Monroe county, N. Y., on September 20, 1823. He came to Fairmount in March 1880, where he has lived ever since and has a large circle of friends who call him "Uncle" or "Dad" Almy. Mr. Almy served in the Mexican war in 1847-8, and in 1850 he was married to Miss Leodena Terry, who died in 1878. In 1879 he was married to Miss Mary A. Wetherbee, who still enjoys life with him, and it is a pleasure to all to visit this happy old couple. By his first wife Mr. Almy had three children.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
—of the—
FAIRMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Eighth Grade Graduation Exercises

FRIDAY, MAY 31ST, 8:15 P. M.

PROGRAM

Music	-	-	-	-	Fairmount Orchestra
Invocation	-	-	-	-	Rev. M. B. Critchett
Chorus—"Roses Kissed by the Sunshine"	-	-	-	-	Hart
Recitation—"Knee Deep in June"	-	-	-	-	Helen Critchett
Essay—"Autobiography of a Penny"	-	-	-	-	Hazel Todd
Trio—"Song of Spring"	-	-	-	-	Adams
Recitation—"The Swan Song"	-	-	-	-	Vesta Ready
Music—"On with the Polonaise,"	-	-	-	-	Tourbie, Clara Landis
Essay—"May Alcott and her Little Women"	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	Ethel Jacobson
Recitation—"Columbus is Muckraked"	-	-	-	-	Cassius Lawson
Song—"Waterlillies"	-	-	-	-	Karl Linders
Mesdames Pinkney, Baker, Misses Jackson, Jacobson	-	-	-	-	
Recitation—"The Lie"	-	-	-	-	Fada Ortman
Class Prophecy	-	-	-	-	Grace Critchett
Chorus—"The Music of the Rain"	-	-	-	-	Adams
Presentation of Diplomas	-	-	-	-	Supt. R. M. Black