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*"The Zenith City of Greenwood Prairie"*

**GREENWOOD PRAIRIE**  
*"The Wheat Garden of Minnesota"*  
**MINNESOTA**

*"The Greatest Wheat Field in the World"*  
**Greenwood Prairie**

Were we to suddenly jump to the conclusion, and pronounce Greenwood Prairie the finest wheat growing sections of country in the world, the casual reader would undoubtedly accuse us of exaggeration; consequently we content ourselves with these simple quotations from the verdict of the public. The claim made in behalf of the State, however, is acknowledged the world over, and hence no discussion on this point. Greenwood Prairie has acquired the distinction of being the "Wheat Garden of Minnesota". It is known as and called such by all who are acquainted with the wealth of her farmers and the fertility and beauty of her lands. Every quarter section, not reserved for timber, is under cultivation, and produces every year numerous crops of the finest quality of wheat in the world. This magnificent belt of country, of which Plainview is the commercial center, includes the greater portion of nine townships or, in other words an area of nearly 300 square miles cultivated by an army of no less than fifteen hundred of the most intelligent and industrious farmers these great United States can boast of. Although the cry of "Hard Times" has been heard here as well as elsewhere during the last few years, our farmers as a class do not understand the meaning of the expression. In eastern cities and other less favored sections of country, times are considered hard when it becomes almost impossible to procure even the necessaries of life, and in some cases, not until the daily bread itself is reduced to half rations, not to mention the extreme though not infrequent instances of starvation. On Greenwood Prairie times are considered very hard if our farmers find it a little stringent to meet the payments on the 160 or 80 acres of land they have last bought, or a piano or organ, a carriage, a new residence or barn, an additional team, reaper threshers; never dreaming of any such thing as actual want. Having always had plenty to eat and plenty to wear, it will be seen by unfortunate localities that the people of Greenwood Prairie have, or ought to have, a very poor conception of the term "hard times" as applied to the Eastern states. The fact is that we have always, during the panic as well as at the present day, been in a continued state of prosperity. A sufficient amount of improvements have been done each year since the hard times have first began to be seriously felt elsewhere, say in 1873, to change the entire appearance of the country. No one year has gone by without noting the erection of a large number of handsome residences, large and commodious barns and granaries, and putting up of fences, planting of fruit and ornamental trees, etc. etc. So rapidly is this

country developing that to be gone a year or two is to come back to find everything changed. It has been our good fortune to become pretty well acquainted with the great Northwest, from Indiana to Western Kansas, and from Missouri to Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota and nowhere have we ever found an agricultural community to compare with Greenwood Prairie as regards to wealth, industry, education and intelligence.

### PLAINVIEW

Just about in the geographical center of this beautiful area of country is Plainview located, in the midst of a number of small towns, the most of which are nothing but post-offices, and whose people all find here a market for their produce, as well as unexcelled advantages for doing their trading. The accompanying map, engraved at a considerable expense for this article, will show at a glance the natural advantages of Plainview for becoming a business town of no mean importance.

Located as we are, in the midst of the wealthiest and most fertile agricultural region in Minnesota, with Rochester at a distance of twenty-five miles, for our nearest rival; Lake city next, at a distance of thirty, and Winona at 35 miles, it cannot be denied but that we have here the proper location not only for a good sized village, but a very handsome little city.

One feature which deserves especial mention, and one which we will not even attempt to do justice to, is the large number of young, healthy and beautiful trees which adorn our streets, and from which this prairie so fittingly derives its appropriate name, Greenwood. Our streets, which are usually in first-class condition, and our fine five-foot sidewalks, which stretch out to all the parts of town, lined with regular rows of handsome green trees, in summer, present a scene well worthy of admiration.

### OUR SCHOOLS

At the present time, Plainview is a village of about 1,200 inhabitants. It contains 176 residences, all of which are comfortable and substantial, and 47 business houses. It has one of the very best graded village schools in the State. Although it is not yet twenty years since a house of instruction was first erected on this prairie, already a splendid two-story structure, 52 X 75 feet in dimensions built at a cost of \$15,000 stands here as irrefutable evidence of the people's love of education. And to a still greater extent will this fact be appreciated when it is fully known that the course of instruction is as complete, and the training is as thorough as that of any other similar school in the State. It is divided into five departments and taught as follows: Mr. D.R. Lindsey, principal and teacher of the high school department; Miss Mattie Champine, the Grammar department; Miss S.J. Lanterman A. Intermediate department, Miss S.E. Richards B. Intermediate department; and Miss Abbie Redding, the primary department. The enrollment during the year 1878 was 235 pupils, but the following table which is the official report of the month of January last will give a better idea of the present condition of the school, than all we could say.

High school	32 enrolled
Grammar	35 enrolled
A Intermediate	43 enrolled
B Intermediate	47 enrolled
Primary	40 enrolled
Total	197 enrolled.

But one case of tardiness in an enrollment of 197 scholars, a great many of whom have to come a distance of two miles, and this in January, too, one of the most unfavorable months in the year, shows a disciplinary system we may well be proud of. Some of the reports for the summer months of 1878 show not one single case of tardiness; while if the average standing in scholarship is taken into consideration, it will be seen that this system of punctuality is not enforced at the expense of the scholars studies. The annual salaries paid to our corps of teachers amount to \$2,620 divided as follows: to the principle \$1,000, and to each of the other teachers \$400. The janitor is paid \$100 per annum. Although some may consider this a pretty large amount, we find, after looking over the State superintendent's report, that not another school in Minnesota equal to ours, pays less for tuition.

To Mr. D.A. Lindsey, especially, is due the fine success of our public schools.

### OUR POST-OFFICE

Is another institution which we have just right to be proud of. It is certainly one of the very best fitted offices for a town of this size, to be found anywhere. It is an office of the third class: Miss Hattie B. Carroll is postmistress, and Mr. Arthur J. Carroll, assistant postmaster, himself assisted by Mr. W. Lawton. And right here we might mention that Mr. Carroll is one of the most rapid mail distributors in the State, and pronounced such by all who claim to know anything about it. The office occupies 20 X 22 feet of room in the rear of Lawton Brother's store, and the following diagram will give an accurate idea of its construction.

A is the general delivery window; B, money orders; C. is the door; D. the letter box. The triangle which advances into the room contains 250 No. 2 call boxes, 100 No. 1 2, 25 No. 1 and 20 No. 0 Lock boxes, 10 No. 3 lock drawers, 144 letter and 71 newspaper general delivery boxes. These fixtures costing over \$7 (torn paper) were put in by Miss Carroll at her own expense. The following figures, which are official, will show the amount of business transaction by the office during the year 1878:

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Received from stamps, envelopes, cards, etc.	\$1,312.15
Received from newspaper and periodical stamps	10.14
Received from box rent.	355.90
Received from unpaid letters.	13.00
Received from waste paper and twine	4.25

Total Postal funds	\$1,695.44
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### MONEY ORDER BUSINESS

Domestic orders issued No. 1509	\$20,901.59
Fees on same	189.75
German orders issued No. 1	13.00

Fees on same	.75
Domestic orders paid No. 218	4,399.45
German orders repaid No. 6	113.08
Surplus money order funds remitted to P.M. Chicago, Ill.	16,502.00
Total money order funds	42,243.14
Grand total money order and postal funds	\$43,938.78

#### REGISTRY DEVISION

Number of registered letters and packages sent	394
Number of registered letters and packages received	190
Total number	584

HATTIE E. CARROLL, P.M.  
A.J. CARROLLE, Assistant

Having shown our unexceptionable facilities for educating the youthful mind in those branches of study which are most essential to the social and business world, it might be appropriate here to say a word about

#### **OUR CHURCHES.**

The first sermon preached on this prairie was delivered by the Rev. M. Morgan in 1856, and from that day the cause of religion has fully kept pace with the natural progress of the place. We have, at present, three churches, of the Methodist, Congregational and Christian denominations. The Methodist society was organized in August, 1857, and in 1866 their church edifice was erected. It is a handsome frame building 33 X 60 feet in dimensions, and cost \$4,000. The parsonage, which was erected one year later, cost about \$1,000. The Rev. J.J. Crist is the present pastor.

The Congregational society was organized in December 1863, by Rev. Henry Willard, the present pastor. The church building, which is 35 X 56 feet in dimensions, with a vestry 28 X 32 feet and a spire 90 feet high, was erected in 1871 at a cost of \$7,000. Mr. Willard furnished the money to build the vestry from his own personal means. The present membership of the church numbers 164.

Both of these churches are handsomely furnished, have fine organs, Sunday School libraries, and are always numerously attended. Both denominations are out of debt.

The Christian society is not as numerous as the Methodist or Congregational, numbering only 50, but it nevertheless has a very comfortable little church which is all paid for. This society was organized in 1864, since which time it has made rather remarkable progress. Rev. John Truax preaches to this congregation every other Sunday, no resident pastor having as yet been engaged this year.

## SOCIETIES

We have in Plainview three distinct benevolent organizations, namely: Odd Fellows, Masons and United Workmen. Odd Fellows Lodge No 16 was organized December 26, 1866 with a membership of fifteen, which has since been raised to seventy four. Financially speaking the Lodge is well off, being worth over \$2,000. An appropriation of three hundred dollars has lately been voted by the Lodge for the purchase of a library, acquisition which will be of now small value to its members. The following is a list of its present officers.

S.O. Seymour, N.G.  
J.J. Butts V.G.  
G.C. French R.S.  
J.P. Waste P.S.  
P.A. Goddard T.  
Jno. McArthur W  
D.R. Swezey R.S.N.G.  
W.L. Cleveland L.S. N.G.  
R. Damoude R.S. V.G.  
J. Haessig S.V.G.  
G.M. Pegley O.G.  
Mat. Owen (? Torn paper) R.S.S.  
J.H. Fulton J.S.S.  
The Lodge meets every Saturday evening.

The Masonic Lodge No. 63, was instituted but two days later, that is on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December 1866, and now enjoys a membership of eighty-seven. The financial condition of the organization is of the very best, having about \$1,500 in the treasury. The present officers are:

Augustus Smith W.M.  
C.E. Daniels W.  
J.P. Waste J.W.  
C.O. Landon Treas.  
W. Lawton Sec.  
L.D. Colby S.E.  
R.R. Cornwell J.D.  
F.D. Washburn S.S.  
A.M. Grearey J.S.  
E.B. Dupuy, Tyler

The lodge meets on the evenings of the first and third Fridays of each month.

(Torn paper).... Back farther than August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1877, and is yet in a very primitive condition, numbering but eighteen members. Its financial condition is not of the best, and none of the members are very enthusiastic as regards the society. There is no doubt, however, but that the Lodge will be maintained, and will finally prove successful. The present officers of the Lodge are as follows:

D.R. Sweezey M.W.  
C.C. Maxwell C.F.  
R.C. Stillman A  
W.F. Lynch G.  
A. Carroll Recorder  
G.F. Gregg Receiver  
B.F. Leininger, Treas.  
E.R. Cornwell. I.W.  
J. Haessig O.W.

The three societies meet in the same hall over Mr.F.J. Cornwell's store on Broadway.

The Independent Order of Good Templars is a still more recent organization, having been instituted in November last. Of course it is not the first temperance society Plainview ever had, but it is the only one now in existence. It has on its roll seventy-six members, not a few of whom have been materially benefited by the order. The lodge is in a healthy condition, enlists a considerable amount of interest, and progresses every day. The present officers are as follows:

A.B. Clinton Douglass W.C.T.  
Mrs. John Potter W.V.T.  
Fred McArthur W.S.  
Chas. Venables W.F.S.  
Mrs. D.R. Sweezey W.T.  
H.P. Boyd W.C.  
A.D. Wyant W.M.  
Miss S.E. Richards W.I.G.  
Charles Potter W.O. S.  
F.A. Wells P.W.C.T.  
Dr.J.P. Waste G.W. L. D.

The lodge meets on Wednesday evening of each week in School-house Hall.

## OUR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS

Plainview is not a manufacturing town; it has no saw mills nor manufactories; it has no copper, lead, or coal mines; but, as heretofore stated, it is completely surrounded with the very richest of gold and silver mines- not mines out of which you dig a fortune in a day, and then have to be forsaken as worthless, but inexhaustible mines that have for years past and will for years to come, yield bountiful remuneration to the laborer- mines that are not risky, but which only require a stated amount of labor to produce wealth. These mines are not the real gold mines you read about, that produce gold in its crude form of dust and nuggets, not so: They produce gold in the shape of bread and meat, which is far more precious than gold, and will always command gold. On these mines are the commercial interests of Plainview founded. This section of country being exclusively agricultural, the business and professions of Plainview is necessarily such as are demanded by an agricultural community.

## OUR PROFESSIONAL MEN

Like all other young country villages, outside of our ministers and teachers, our professional men consist of physicians and lawyers.

*Dr. N.S. Tefft* commenced practicing on this prairie in 1856, then residing in Minneiska. In 1861 he permanently located in Plainview and has succeeded in establishing a most enviable practice. Though not yet old, he is a man of mature age and experience, a scholar, and a man of more than ordinary ability.

*Dr. J.P. Waste* is especially noted for his kindness. He is a polished gentleman, and an excellent physician. The doctor is now in the prime of life. He located in Plainview in 1865, and now enjoys an extensive practice. Drs. Tefft and Waste have both represented us in the State legislature and number among our most influential citizens.

*Dr. F.H. Roberts* is the only homeopathic physician in this locality, and consequently has a considerable practice. Mr. Roberts came to Minnesota in 1868 but did not engage in his profession until 1871. He first hung his shingle to the breeze in front of Tom Lynch's store, in the building now occupied by Messrs. C.C. Cornwell & Son.

*Mr. M.E. Tabor* is our only dentist. He was the first of his profession to permanently locate in Plainview, which he did in 1874. Being a skillful and energetic young gentleman, he has acquired a reasonable practice which cannot help but increase as the town grows older.

*Dr. E.C. Davis* is the youngest among our professional men, having commenced his practice in April 1876 in Plainview. For a physician of his age he has already established a reputation he has just cause to feel proud of, and as he advances in age will undoubtedly achieve more than ordinary success.

*Mr. J.H. French and Mr. O. D. Curtis*, our practicing (veterinary surgeons) attend in ( Torn paper)

*Mr. H.P. Wilson* (torn paper) Lawyer. He came to Plainview as early as 1856, when there were but very few people in the town besides himself. Mr. Willson has probably achieved the finest success of any man engaged in the law business in the entire county, both as to reputation and the accumulation of property. Although politically belonging to a party which has always been in the minority, he was repeatedly elected to very important offices, and among others to the State senate. To say that Mr. Willson is one of the most highly esteemed and respected gentlemen in Wabasha county is to put it mildly.

*J.F. Pope*, attorney at law, and collection agent, entered upon his profession in this place on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1874, and in the fall of 1875 was elected Judge of Probate for this county, and re-elected in 1877. Mr. Pope has good knowledge of law, is a successful attorney, and a most excellent officer.

*Mr. G.L. Robinson*, also does a law and collection business. He opened an office but a few weeks ago, but as the business of the town is gradually increasing, he will find here an ample field, and undoubtedly establish a good business.

## OUR BUSINESS HOUSES

Plainview has the largest number of business houses of any other town of her population in the State, and the statement that each firm does extensive and successful business is amply sustained by the important fact that failures and bankruptcies are

unknown experiences to Plainview merchants. The business history of the town does not date back farther than 1856, and already do we count twenty-two years of uninterrupted success for every man who has ever engaged in commercial pursuits on this grand and noble prairie. No bankruptcy, no assignment, no sheriff sale, during all this time has ever come to interfere with the good credit of our town. In wholesale commercial circles, acquainted with this locality, it is an all-sufficient recommendation for a man to say that he lives in Plainview, taking it for granted that every man is perfectly good for all he asks. This has been of untold advantage to the "Zenith City" in her struggle with rival towns for the control of such an important trade as that of Greenwood Prairie, as well as to induce additional capital to be invested here, so that at the present day we have a healthy competition in all branches of commerce necessary to supply this great agricultural army, upon which we entirely depend. A review of our business houses will quickly dispel all doubts, if any there be, as to our facilities for supplying this entire community with the best of goods and wares at the lowest possible prices. We will commence our list of stores with

#### GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Following up each establishment from the date of its origin, the first house under this head is that of

*Mr. W.F. Robinson*, who succeeded J.R. McLaughlin in April 1866. After conducting the business for a time in McLaughlin's old stand, he removed to his present quarters. From time to time additions have been built and many improvements made to the building in order to accommodate increasing business. Mr. Robinson now occupies a store eighteen feet in width by eighty in length, which is completely filled with dry goods, clothing, gent's furnishing goods, hats and caps, boots and shoes, notions, groceries, crockery and glass ware, etc.. He always keeps a good assortment of goods, which he sells at reasonable prices. His stock averages about eight thousand dollars, Mr. Robinson keeps one clerk, Mr. A.O. Barquist.

*Mr. F.J. Cornwell* owns the most extensive business house in the place, and keeps a very extensive and complete stock. Mr. Cornwell began business in Plainview in the spring of 1866, then in partnership with Mr. John Taylor, and since that time has been engaged in the general merchandise trade with the exception of about two years, during which interval he was engaged as book-keeper for Mr. O. Wilcox, whose stock he bought immediately after the death of this gentleman, in July 1876. On the first day of November of the same year he moved his goods into his present elegant brick building, 25 X 85 in dimensions, of which, he occupies the first floor and basement. Mr. Cornwell now does a very large business. He carries a stock of about \$20,000, which included all grades and qualities of goods, from the best down to the cheapest, likely to be in demand in a market like this. To enumerate his different lines of goods we might mention his splendid stock. A fine assortment of (torn paper) clothing, gents furnishings and ladies footwear, groceries, (Torn paper) crockery, and glassware; but even all this would give but a faint idea of his excellent facilities for accommodating the general public. He employs two clerks Messrs. F.F. Cazeau and Andrew Kuehn, and at the busiest times in the year these are hardly sufficient to attend to his extensive business. Mr. Wm. Koenig has been doing business in this place since May 1867 and has proven himself a sagacious and careful business man. He now occupies a very handsome room 22 X 70 which is completely filled with well displayed goods of the lines above mentioned. Mr.

Koenig's establishment is one of the most important in Plainview. He carries a stock of about twelve or fifteen thousand dollars, which he always keeps fully assorted, including all grades and qualities of goods. His clerks are Messrs. Julius Ewert and Harry Mathews...

*Messrs. Whiting & Co.* put in a stock of general merchandise in the old Wilcox building, in this town, about the first of October last. They also carry a very large and complete assortment in the same lines as Messrs. Cornwell and Koenig, and offer excellent inducements to customers. Their stock would probably invoice to the amount of \$12,000. They occupy the first floor and basement of a building 26 & 75 feet in dimensions, and the whole is well filled with new and attractive goods. The establishment is under the management of Messrs. Ed. and Fred Whiting.

This ends the list of general merchandise establishments and the next thing we come to is

### HARDWARE

*Messrs. C.C. Cornwell & Son's* establishment dates back to the spring of 1865 since which time these gentlemen have carried on a careful and successful business. They carry a complete stock of general hardware, stoves and ranges, and manufacture all kinds of tinware. They occupy a building 22 X 60 feet and carry a stock of about \$6,000 and rank among our most substantial firms. They employ one practical tinsmith, Mr. Mat. Owens.

*Messrs. Douglas & Co.* built their new store and opened business in Plainview in 1876. Their building is 24 X 60 of which they occupy the first floor and basement and a part of the second floor. They carry a stock of between five and six thousand dollars. Besides their regular lines of hardware, stoves and tinware, they deal in wagon-maker supplies, doors, sash, and blinds and in coal. They now employ two men, Messrs. John Trich and Walter Councilman, but most of the time employ three.

### DRUGS

*The Pioneer Drug Store* has been under the proprietorship of Messrs. Landon & Burchard since August 1874, during which time it has built up a most enviable trade. This house, like most of our Plainview houses, buy their goods almost exclusively in original packages, and pay cash, getting the benefit of the discount. They carry a stock of about \$10,000, consisting of drugs and medicines, paints and oils, wall paper, stationery, groceries, and provisions. These gentlemen hold a prominent position among business men, and are well worthy of the public confidence they so extensively enjoy. In this house, three men besides the proprietors are employed- Mr. C.C. Clement, book-keeper and Messrs. Geo. Landon and A. French.

*The Little Drug Store*, by P.A. Goddard & Co. carries on a more exclusive drug business, but branches out to quite an extent in paints and oils, wall paper, books, stationery, notions and fancy goods. This firm dates back to April 1877 when it succeeded Mr. T.G. Bolton, since which time it has driven a large and increasing business. Their stock which amounts to over \$3,000, includes all kinds of goods in their respective lines, which are always kept fully assorted and handsomely displayed. The firm is composed of Mr. P. A. Goddard, and Drs. Tefft and Waste. Mr. Geo. Pegley is employed as clerk.

## MILLINERY

*Kellom & Co.* This house, which was started in January 1868, is undoubtedly the most extensive of the kind in the county. Its stock of dry goods includes all the rarest patterns in fancy dress goods, such as silks, cashmeres, alpacas, etc., while its assortment of millinery is always kept up to the full demands of changing fashions. From four to ten seamstresses and milliners find here remunerative employment, according to the demands of trade. The building occupied is 20 X 45 feet, and always kept well filled with fine goods.

*Miss M. Lambie* also carries on a very prosperous business in this line, and keeps a fine selection of dress, millinery and fancy goods. She is an experienced and tasty milliner, and always keeps pace with the latest styles and fashions. Miss Lambie engaged in business in this place in November 1877, and has already achieved something of a success.

## JEWELERS

*Mr. B.F. Leininger* first engaged in the jewelry trade in the building now occupied by Mr. Hinz, as a shoe shop, in 1870, and moved to his present quarters in the fall of '73. That Mr. Leininger now has the best and most extensive stock in his line in the county, we think is nothing more than fair. His establishment is complete in all its details. He carries a stock of \$3,500, which includes the finest as well as cheaper grades of jewelry, clocks, watches, silver and plated ware. Mr. Leininger is a close and careful business man, who owes his success chiefly to his industry.

*Mr. C.M. Allen* opened business in November last, and his success is already a foregone conclusion. His stock, though not so extensive as that of Mr. Leininger, is admirably selected. In the way of watches, clocks, jewelry, silver and plated ware, he is always prepared to meet the demands of the public in a most satisfactory manner.

## PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY

*Mr. A.D. Wyant* established a photograph gallery in Plainview in March 1876 and has since erected a neat and commodious building, especially for this purpose, which, as to light, etc. enables him to turn out splendid work. He is an artist of many years of experience, proud of his work, and consequently does a prosperous business.....

## FURNITURE

*T.J. Wadleigh & Son-* Since the establishment of this firm in Plainview in May 1877, it has probably made as remarkable progress as any in the town. They now occupy a handsome building 24 X 60 in dimensions, erected by them last summer, which they have since completely filled with every article likely to be in demand. These gentlemen reach out far and wide for trade, and, like the balance of Plainview merchants, do not propose to be outdone by any town in Southern Minnesota.

## GROCERIES

*Lawton Bros.-* These gentlemen have done business in this town since November 1867 and by close application and fair dealing have built up an important trade. They now occupy a fine brick building 20 X 60, in which is kept a well assorted stock of family groceries, provisions and fruits. In addition to this they also deal in stationery, notions, pocket cutlery and revolvers. The firm consists of Messrs. W. and I.P. Lawton, who employ one clerk, Mr. C.S. Lawton. They carry a stock of about \$4,000.

*Mr. Henry Potter* carries a general assortment of family groceries and deals to some extent in boots and shoes. His commercial career in Plainview dates back to

February 1873. His store room is 14 X 36 besides a ware room and cellar in which he keeps a good many goods.

*Mr. F.E. Dodge* has just succeeded *Mr. G.F. Gregg* in the grocery and confectionery business and carries quite an extensive stock. If we may judge by the experience of all those who have every engaged in business pursuits in this town, his future success cannot be doubted. *Mr. Dodge* also deals in musical instruments of almost every description.

*C.A. Orr* keeps a general assortment of groceries and confectioneries, and in addition to this does a restaurant and bakery business. This establishment has probably made and saved more money in proportion to business done, than many of our more extensive firms.

#### **HARNESS, TRUNKS, ETC.**

*Julius Frickey*- This is one of the oldest business houses in town, having been established as early as 1860, in the month of May. *Mr. Frickey* has built up an important trade and now carries on an extensive business in the manufacture of harnesses and saddles and the sale of trunks, valises, traveling bags, satchels, etc. This gentleman has achieved more than ordinary success and now enjoys the benefits of a well established business.

*Mr. J. W. Reifkogel* engaged in the same line of business here in the fall of 1864, then occupying a room 16 X24, which, in 1871 was found too small to accommodate his increasing trade. He then erected his present store building, a two story structure 22 X 56 feet in dimensions, in which he is still crowded for want of room, and to which he will build an addition of sixteen feet as soon as spring opens. *Mr. Reifkogel* may well be proud of his success.

#### **BOOTS AND SHOES**

*Mr. John Thom* has been in business in this town since February 1875, and now carries a \$2,000 stock of well assorted ready-made boots and shoes, for ladies, gents, and children. In addition to this he constantly keeps all kinds of leathers and manufactures quite extensively. He employs nothing but good workmen and turns out as fine work as can be had anywhere. He occupies a building 16 X 36 which is well filled with salable goods.

*Mr. Henry Hinz* carries a general stock of leather, and manufactures to order all kinds of boots and shoes. He is a good workman and does a good business.

#### **TAILORS**

*Mr. A.R. Nelson* does a general tailoring business and employs most of the time, two men. He is an excellent cutter and fitter, and inconsequence turns out as elegant work as can be found in most cities. *Mr. Nelsons.* (torn paper) very creditable and workmanlike manner.

#### **PATIENT MEDICINES**

*Mr. J.R. Watkins* is the manufacturer of *Dr. Ward's Liniment* and *Egyptian salve*, which are too well known and too extensively used to require any recommendation at our hand. Since 1868, when *MR. Watkins* first engaged in this line of business, he has driven a large and paying business, which is still increasing every day. He also manufactures extracts and essences.

## BARBERS

*Mr. Chas Welshans* commenced barbering in Plainview in August 1872, and now boasts of as neat a little shop as can be found in the county. He handles the steel with the grace and skill of an artist.

*Messrs. Fitch and Abbott* succeeded Mr. Geo. Smith in his elegant new brick shop a few months ago and enjoy an extensive patronage. Both are good barbers.

## HOTELS

*The Plainview Hotel* is now the only house for the accommodation of the traveling public in the town, all others having apparently been driven out by the popularity of this famous stopping place. It was first opened by its present proprietor, Mr. John Bigham in 1868. In 1877 it fell victim to the flames, but was immediately replaced by the present elegant and convenient building, which now enables us to boast of the best hotel in the county. The building which is thirty feet in depth, extends fifty-four feet on Broadway and seventy on Washington street, and contains thirty rooms, all of which are furnished in the latest style.

## BANKS

*The Plainview Bank* was established in 1865 and has always proven a paying institution. It is extensively patronized by our business men and monied farmers, and consequently does a large business. The proprietors, Messrs. Amerland & Larue loan money, discount notes, buy and sell exchange, receive deposits, make collections and do a general banking business. They also represent some of the leading insurance companies.

## AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

*Mr. John McArthur* has dealt in agricultural implements and machinery in Plainview since 1873. Among the principal machines he handles might be mentioned the Marsh harvester, McSherry seeder, Leader reaper, Warrior mower, and Great Western Fan, Marsh wind mill. Singer sewing machine, etc. He also sells all kinds of plows, wagons, and wooden and iron pumps, and repairs for all the machines he handles. Mr. McArthur's sales last year amounted to something over twenty-five thousand dollars.

*McLaughlin & Lynch*- This firm succeeded J.R. McLaughlin on the first day of January 1878. their list of machines comprises McCormick's harvesters, binders, reapers, and mowers; J.I. Case threshing machines: Van Brunt & Barber seeders, fanning mills, wind mills, and all kinds of family sewing machines, etc. They handle the John Deere, sulky and walking, and most every other kind of plows. Repairs and extras for all kinds of machines sold by them are kept constantly on hand. Everything usually kept in an agricultural implement warehouse can always be found here.

Either of these firms sell machines on as advantageous terms as they can be bought anywhere in the United States.

## OUR WHEAT BUYERS

This section of country being exclusively agricultural, and devoted almost entirely to wheat growing, it is an evident fact that our wheat market is of no little importance and also in this respect, Plainview defies competition. Even at present writing wheat brings a better price in Plainview than almost any other town in all of Southern Minnesota.

*Messrs. Brooks Bros.* commenced buying wheat in Plainview in December 1876, and no number among the most extensive wheat buyers in this portion of the State. Their business in this town is under the careful management of Mr. Geo. McKinney, who

transacts for them an enormous business. This firm employ in and about their warehouse from eight to fifteen men, and the grain that is handled here during the year would fee a small nation.

*Whiting & Woodruff*- These gentlemen put up an elevator in this town last fall, of a capacity of over 40,000 bushels, and thought the last season has been an exceptionally poor one, are already doing an astonishing business. They do not confine themselves to buying grain; their business extends farther. They buy wool, hides, pork and cattle, so that farmers meet with no difficulty in finding here a good market for all that they may have to sell, as well as all they may want to buy.

### **LUMBER**

*Messrs. Brooks Bros.* carry on, in connection with their grain warehouse, a general lumber trade. They keep a general assortment of all kinds of lumber, shingles, lath, etc. Mr. Geo. McKinney also attends to this portion of their business in Plainview.

*Mr. T.G. Bolton* also carries on an extensive lumber business he (torn paper) a stock of over 200,000 feet of dry and dressed lumber and has a building 24 X 60 feet, for the purpose, wherein he keeps a full line o sash, doors and blinds, mouldings etc. His stock is always complete in all its details. The fact that Mr. Bolton alone has sold during the last three months something over 30,000 feet of lumber, will give an idea that even at this season of the year there must be considerable improvements going on somewhere in this vicinity.

### **BRICK**

*Mr. Nelson* manufactures brick of good quality and in sufficient quantities to meet the demands.

### **FLOUING MILLS**

*The Plainview Wind Mill* was built in the summer of 1869 by Mr. C.T. Allaire and is at the present controlled by the Plainview Mill Company. The main building is 40 X 75 feet in dimensions and forty feet high; The tower is 20 X 20 at the base and 75 feet high. It contains two run of burrs. The original cost of the mill was about fifteen thousand dollars, but what its present worth is we are unable to state. One thing is certain, however, and that is that it has never been a paying investment.

### **LIVERY STABLE**

*Mr. Ezra Feller* has been engaged in the livery business in Plainview since April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1878 and now may justly boast of some of the finest turn-outs in the country. He keeps eight good teams and a corresponding number of elegant single and double carriages, cutters, and light spring wagons for commercial travelers and offers all the accommodations of a first class livery, sale and boarding stable.

### **BILLIARD HALLS**

*Mr. A. Davey* occupies a very handsome room, 25 X 50 feet in dimensions, in which are kept two elegant billiard tables. He also deals in cigars and tobaccos, fancy groceries and confectioneries. Mr. Davey has kept a billiard hall in this town since May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1872 and has succeeded as well as most men.

*Mr. C. C. Maxwell* occupies a fine room 25 X 42 feet, also as a hall, and has two first class billiard tables. This building, which is a two story and basement was erected by him in 1876, but his billiard hall was not opened until August '77. He keeps a small assortment of fancy groceries, and a general stock of confectioneries, cigars, and tobaccos.

## **MEAT MARKET**

*Weikel & Fedder*- These gentlemen have been in this business in Plainview since 1862, and have managed their affairs in such a way as to enable them at all times to monopolize the entire trade in this line. They deal extensively in pork and beef, for the home and foreign market. The fact that they are just now preparing to erect a large and handsome brick building, is sufficient evidence of their success.

## **CARRIAGE SHOPS**

*Mr. Henry Horton* manufactures all kinds of carriages, spring and lumber wagons, sleighs of all descriptions, and attends to all kinds of repairs in his line. He usually employs three men, and even during the dullest season has plenty of work for one besides himself. *Mr. Horton* commenced business in this town in the fall of 1864 and now has a paying and well established trade.

*Mr. C. C. Maxwell* also carries on a wagon making business, and attends to all kinds of work belonging to his trade. He first opened his shop in August 1866.

*Mr. B.R. Lee* opened a wagon shop in Plainview on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1878 and already enjoys a good patronage. He makes all kinds of carriages, wagons and sleighs, and attends to repairs of everything in his line.

## **CARRIAGE AND SIGN PAINTERS**

*Mr. A.D. Adams* has been in this place since April 1876 and has always attended to all work in his line in an artistic manner. *Mr. Adams* is one of the best sign painters in the State and naturally does a good business.

*Mr. George Stratton* is also a practical painter and attends in a workmanlike manner to all kinds of carriage sign and house painting.

## **BLACKSMITHS**

We have in Plainview four blacksmith shops. Messrs. S. Purvis, J. Springer, and A. Pomeroy do horse shoeing and a general blacksmithing business and Messrs. Hardy & Son do fine themselves strictly to blacksmithing. *Mr. Purvis* opened his shop in the fall of 1865; *Mr. Springer* in March 1876, and Messrs Hardy and Pomeroy have been in business for themselves most of the time since 1865.

## **CARPENTERS AND BUILDERS**

Our principal contractors are Messrs. Gorrell and Clark, but we have several others who do work on a smaller scale among whom might be mentioned Messrs. J.W. Marcyes, D.Z. Taylor, and Abe Gaskill.

## **OUR RAILROAD FACILITIES**

are not only equal but superior to any other town in this magnificent section of country. Plainview is the terminus of the Plainview Railroad, and who has ever heard of a town at the terminus of a railroad that was not a good business point? We have three daily trains each way and close communications are made with all trunk (torn paper)

## IN CONCLUSION

We would say that this article is as plain and impartial a description of Plainview, her business interests, and surrounding country, as our time and space has allowed us to compile. We have endeavored to draw everything as mild as possible and in some instances may have been a little to modest, but trust that our business men, all of whom we have taken the liberty to mention, will deal with us kindly should any error have crept into our statements. In our great hurry some little blunders have unintentionally been made, but none of them confound the sense of the article so much as the one about the center of the first column on the first page where the word "Numerous" was set up for the word "enormous" which was not noticed until the first side of the edition was worked off.

## LOCAL NEWSLETS

Try C. Orr's new flour

Pork barrels at Lawton's

Buy your apples at C.A. Orr's.

Lunch at all hours at C.A. Orr's.

Chew Jackson's best Sweet Navy Tobacco.

Cigars and fresh and fancy candies received at C.A. Orr's.

A few more barrels of those Michigan apples at Lawton's.

Lawton Bro's. offer special inducements to close cash buyers.

The finest line of cigars and tobacco in town at Lawton's.

Good green apples for sale at Whiting & Co.'s price \$2.50 per barrel.

Mrs. Lawrence Powers died Sunday morning in Highland, aged 61 years

Landon & Burchard have just received a fresh invoice of Oranges and

Lemons.

But your groceries at Lawtons'. And have them delivered to any part of town, free.

Elder Truax will preach at the Christian Church next Sunday morning and evening.

Don't ruin your feet with misfits, but go to Hinz and get a comfortable boot. All kinds to order.

Call at the NEWS office and secure your extra copies of this week's issue before they are all gone.

Hon. E.C. Gearey will please accept thanks for the valuable documents and papers he has sent us.

Miss Hattie Hopson, who has been spending the winter in Dodge county, returned home Thursday afternoon.

Go to McLaughlin & Lynch and get your choice in sewing machines- the Davis, the Howe, or the Singer.

This issue of the NEWS should be well circulated. Every person should send a copy of it to all his acquaintances, all over the world.

Every man interested in the welfare of our town will take pride in helping to circulate this week's issue.

Some time ago Mr. Thomas Elms, of highland had a finger so badly bitten by a sow that amputation became necessary on last Monday.

Mr. S.H. White, of Whitwater Falls, will sell all his personal property at public sale on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> after which he will remove with his family to Lincoln county, this state.

M.C. Chamberlain, the "old war whooper'er up," formerly of this county, returned to LacQuiParle a few days ago, accompanied by a printing office. He ways he is going to place the machine on the broad prairies, where his sonorous voice can be heard. Harrah for Chame! Sentinel.

### ELGIN NEWS

Reported by Dr. W.T. Adams

The roads are drifted.

Sleighting for the past week has been splendid.

The wood market has been lively during the past ten days.

The wheat business has been very brisk during the last two weeks.

The sunset on last Wednesday evening presented a very beautiful and peculiar appearance.

There is something in the air of our temperance folks that indicates that they mean business.

Mrs. Dan Davis from Bingham Lake, Minnesota, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Rich.

Messrs. Dodge & Ryan are filling an ice house of nearly thirty tons capacity for the use of their meat market.

We publish below a very interesting communication concerning the grand temperance revival that is now in progress in this community.

Mr. J. Porter Jr. expects to remain in Elgin during the rest of this week and perhaps longer. He has organized a Temperance Room League here, as stated in the communication below.

The monotony of business was slightly broken last Wednesday by a span of horses running away on Main Street. They were stopped by Mr. Lombart before any serious injury was done.

The Rev. Chaffee of St. Paul, delivered his very interesting lecture on the subject of Evolution on Wednesday evening at the M.E. Church. There was a goodly number in attendance, considering the almost impassable condition of the roads and the inclemency of the weather.

### Lyceum

The house was so crowded that quite a large number were compelled to go away without gaining admission on last Monday evening. The exercises were spirited and interesting. The appointments for next Monday evening are as follows:

Written debate, Miss Bertha Houghton and W. Farrar

Oration. B.F. Norton

Editors paper, Miss Susie Richardson and Arthur Bryant  
Select Readings, Miss M.D. Woodruff and H. Goodrich  
Question for debate, "Is the law relating to school text books (in  
Minnesota) a wise and beneficial measure?" Affirmative, Hon. Geo.  
Bryant and Dr. W.T. Adams; negative, Hon W. H. Feller and Prof. H.  
Witherstine.

**NOTE: (Taken from advertisements )**

Nelson's Tailor shop- Over furniture store, old Wilcox building  
Hardy & Son Blacksmith- At Sweezy's old stand.  
Wm. F. Robinson- New York Store  
For Sale: Business house opposite Greenwood House, Broadway. Now occupied  
by C. C. Maxwell as a billiard hall.  
A. Fitch Barber shop- Brick Barber shop.  
Wells- R.C. Stillman  
E.C. Davis- Office in the drug store of Landon & Burchard  
N.S. Tefft- Office in Wilcox building- upstairs  
J.P. Waster- Office in brick store over F J. Cornwell's.  
M.E. Taber- office over Jewelry Store on Broadway  
Jas. H. French. Homeopathic Veterinary surgeon. Office at Feller's Livery Stable  
Plainview. Homeopathic remedies for family use constantly on hand.  
Henry Horton, the "Old Reliable" wagon maker  
Plainview Hotel for sale by John Bigham