

G. A. STEVENSON.

ONE OF CASS CITY'S MOST PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN.

The Chronicle is pleased to make reference in this edition to G. A. Stevenson, not only because he has long been one of our representative merchants but as well on account of the fact that he is ever ready to give his time, money and experience to promoting any worthy cause that will aid in pushing the place to the front ranks of the hustling towns of the Thumb.

Mr. Stevenson's place of business is located at the corner of Main and Seegar Streets, where for years he



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has conducted a most successful trade in groceries and kindred goods, crockery, glassware, etc., each year finding his sales larger and larger. He also handles large quantities of seeds and grains in which line he has patrons from all parts of this section.

It is Mr. Stevenson's intention to erect in the near future a modern brick block on the site he now occupies, the stone for the same being now on the ground. It is to be hoped nothing will interfere with his plans as the erection of such a building would be a decided addition to the town.

J. L. HITCHCOCK & SONS.

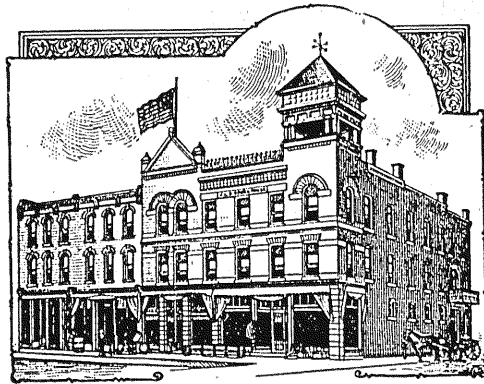
ONE OF THE PIONEER BUSINESS HOUSES OF THE COUNTY.

The name Hitchcock will always remain synonymous with that of Cass City, for Mr. Hitchcock has been identified with the history of this town from its infancy. He was one of the early business men here, and from the first days saw the natural

advantages the place possessed and was therefore impressed with its future greatness. And how wisely he foresaw is evident in the now progressive and growing Cass City. Mr. Hitchcock was credited with having induced more people to locate here and in this vicinity than any other man, and his acts were not from a mercantile point of view, either. He was in love with the town of his adoption and was always willing to do his fullest share in making her prosperous.

During all the years J. L. Hitchcock was a resident of Cass City he conducted a general store and was accorded a most liberal patronage, by reason of the completeness of his stocks and his general liberality in making prices to suit the times. Some months ago, however, Mr. Hitchcock's health failed and he sought the sunny clime of California with the hope that he might recuperate, but much to the sorrow of our community he did not regain his former self and death came to his relief. His funeral, several weeks ago, will long remain memorable to our people. He was laid to rest here at home, where after a long and useful life, and amid all the concourse who attended the obsequies there were none who had not praise to speak of the man's character. He was a good citizen and public spirited and progressive in all that pertained to Cass City.

Since Mr. Hitchcock's demise the business has reverted to his sons George and Archie, without change in title of firm, which is incorporated, and the young men are conducting the extensive establishment in that same careful and conservative manner that was characteristic of the founder. The firm carries an immense stock of dry goods, groceries, hard-



THE HITCHCOCK BLOCK.

ware, bicycles, etc., and their trade extends far and wide throughout this section.

The Hitchcock block, in which is located the opera house, is the most pretentious in Cass City.

FAIRWEATHER BROS.

TWO REALLY BIG STORES—DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES.

The mercantile establishments conducted by W. A. and H. B. Fairweather in the new Ale building are not to be discounted in this section of the Thumb, neither in point of stocks carried nor amount of business transacted. These stores are unquestionably the most pretentious and metropolitan-like in this section, and as



FAIRWEATHER'S BIG DOUBLE STORE.

both the boys are careful and extensive buyers they are enabled to have goods laid down at their places of business at much less cost than the average dealer. It is quite apparent, therefore, that they occupy an envi-

curtains, portieres, etc.

H. B. Fairweather's grocery establishment in the west end of the block contains such a large and varied stock of fine groceries as to cause favorable comment from all who gaze upon it. There is nothing lacking and in consequence an unusually large trade is enjoyed.

For butter, eggs and all other kinds of produce the highest price is allowed in either establishment.

The Messrs. Fairweather have well

procure.

Mr. Janks came to Cass City from Detroit about a year ago and purchased the retail business of Schwaderer Bros., and during the time he has been here has made many warm and steadfast friends. He is a young man of good business qualifications, is thoroughly versed in all that pertains to his calling and is affable, accommodating and attentive upon all occasions. The Chronicle commends his place to all who desire the best of everything in his line.

C. DINGMAN & SON.

DEALERS IN CHOICE GROCERIES AND BAKER'S GOODS.

Hardly more than a year has passed since Casper Dingman and his son, Leo, opened their grocery and bakery, yet in that short time they have built up a most satisfactory business. Mr. Dingman devotes most of his time working at his trade of blacksmith and workworker, having been employed for the last three years by Elias McKim. He is now engaged at John Schwaderer's meat market Leo and Mrs. Dingman devoting their attention to the store and bakery. Mrs. Dingman's bread, pies and cakes are truly "the kind mother used to make."

MEETING WITH SUCCESS

IS THE CASS CITY FOUNDRY AND MACHINE CO.

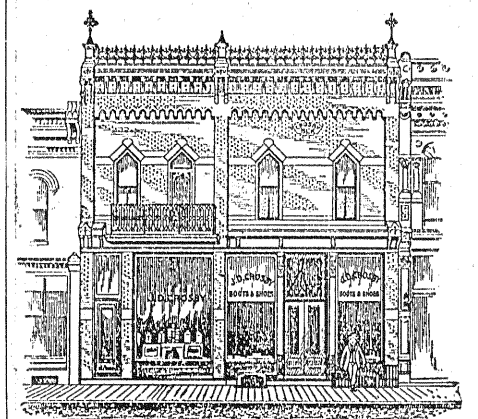
That Cass City and surrounding country can support a well-equipped foundry and machine shop is shown in the success that the above concern has met with. This company succeeded M. Dew last May and at once made many improvements in the property, including the brick veneering of the main plant and the construction of a 24x38 fact addition. Among the specialties the company manufactures three kinds of plows, having a strong patent on a splendid gang plow, which has a cast iron, stone-boat nose, and the product of the factory finds ready sale in this and adjoining counties, although there is a growing demand for their goods in other states. The company also gives special attention to replacing points for all kinds of plows that are not patented, making castings of every description and doing repair work for everything in their line.

The Cass City Foundry and Machine Co., is composed of Adam Muck, who is secretary, treasurer and manager, J. H. Striffler, Chris. Schwaderer, and Ed. Brotherton, all well-known and progressive citizens.

J. D. CROSBY.

THE "OLD RELIABLE" IN SHOES, CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS, ETC.

Who is there hereabouts who does not know "Jim" Crosby, the well-known dealer in shoes, clothing, hats, caps, furnishing goods, etc? Few, for Mr. Crosby has been one of Cass City's "leading spirits" for nearly 20 years, during all of which time he has had the confidence of the people, and enjoyed a splendid business. He has never been known to handle a piece of shoddy clothing or foot wear, every article in his store being of that sterling sort that brings a return buyer. No man, woman or child ever got the



CROSBY'S STORE.

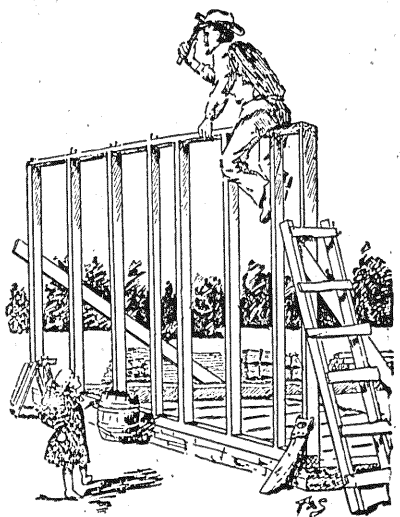
worst of a business deal with J. D. Crosby, and as would naturally follow his store has long been known as the "old reliable." Aside from selling good honest goods at the very lowest sort of profit consistent with safety to his business, both Mr. Crosby and his clerical force are known as most obliging and accommodating—in short, a patron is given the best of it at all times in this house.

Mr. Crosby owns and occupies a substantial brick building on Main St., and during all the time he has been a business man here has ever taken an active interest in promoting Cass City's welfare.

Only recently Mr. Crosby has taken his son Roy into partnership and the firm name is now J. D. Crosby & Son.

To Prevent Unpleasant Smells.
To treat a new iron kettle or other vessel so that the unpleasant smell when it is put upon the range may be avoided a rag soaked with kerosene should be burned in it. Put the kettle holding the oil soaked cloth in the yard away from anything inflammable and drop in a lighted match. When the oil has all boiled out, scrub the kettle thoroughly with strong soda water, and it will be ready for use.

BUILDING SUPPLIES



We have one of the

BEST STOCKS OF GENERAL BUILDING SUPPLIES

in the country. "By Best" we mean that it is of the highest quality, that it includes everything in our line, that our prices will satisfy you better than other's prices on same quality of goods. We want your trade. We ask you to give us a trial. If we can't give you better satisfaction than you've been getting at the other places, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that much anyway, and will feel a good deal better for the knowing.

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CASS CITY LUMBER AND COAL YARD.