J. A. Frelich, Druggist, No. 181 Main Street.
—Sixteen years ago Mr. Frelich first engaged in his present avocation, for the past year having occupied the handsome store centrally located at No. 181 Main Street. Finely fitted up and appointed with special reference to the purpose, it is convenient and spacious, being 25x100 feet in dimensions, and contains one of the largest and best selected stocks to be found in the city, embracing drugs and medicines of all kinds, the most approved proprietary remedies, toilet articles, fancy-goods, perfumery, physicians' supplies, soaps, sponges, etc., and supplemented by a full and complete line of paints, chemicals, oils, and varnishes, and also a full line of surgical instruments. All his goods are of the freshest and best quality, and several competent and courteous assistants are always ready to serve patrons. The compounding of physicians' prescriptions receives special and pronounced attention, and as Dr. Frelich is an educated and practical pharmacist, and presides over this department in person, his consummate care and skill have procured for him a most reliable reputation with the medical practitioners and residents of this locality.
Born in Germany, Dr. Frelich has been an honored citizen of Oshkosh for the last twenty-five years, and by his uniform courtesy of manner, has attained a high position in the trade, and is cordially esteemed by the entire community.

McKenzie & Crawford, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Hard and Soft Coal, and Salts Office and Docks, Foot of Main Street.—This enterprising and prosperous firm embarked in business about eight years ago, and have occupied their present commodious quarters about five years. Mr. Crawford brought the first carload of hard coal for domestic use, and also the first stove that was called the "Morning Glory," to Oshkosh. Mr. Crawford individually had been in the coal trade, previous to taking Mr. McKenzie into partnership, nine years, being the pioneer of the coal trade here. This firm handle a very superior line of coal and salt, are upright and honorable in all their dealings, and being within men of unmis- tappable energy and push, they have been enabled to build up the very extensive trade they to-day enjoy as the fruits of their well-directed efforts. The yard and premises, which are situated on the river front, are 100x175 feet in dimensions, and an immense stock is constantly carried, shipments being made to all points in the Northwest, and over a dozen hands being employed. They also run a line of steamboats between Oshkosh and Green Bay, stopping at all intervening points. The individual members of the firm are Messrs. F. J. McKenzie and J. H. Crawford, natives of Wisconsin, and both well and favorably known in commercial circles in the State as straightfor- ward reputable business men.

MANITOWOC.

One of the most active and enterprising cities in the State of Wisconsin is Manitowoc. It is favored in many respects. Situated upon the shore of that broad inland sea—Lake Michigan—its climate is highly salubrious and its mean temperature considerably modified by the proximity of such a vast body of water.

The city has had both a rapid and a substantial growth. From small beginnings it has now developed to be a city of over 7000 population, while there are over 2000 more living at the Rapids. The citizens are as thrifty, industrious, and well-to-do a body of people as can be found in the States. Their "go-ahead" spirit is illustrated in numerous ways, notably in regard to lines of communication, manufactures, commercial facilities, and municipal improvements. Manitowoc is the capital of Manitowoc County, and is situated upon the shore of Lake Michigan, at the mouth of the river of the same name, 105 miles north-east of Madison and 75 miles north of Milwaukee. The county of Manitowoc was formed by the Legislative Assembly of the original Territory, and was early in the Forty's settled by a number of farmers and lumbermen. Its lands were fertile, access easy via the lake, and the population received frequent accessions, while the village of Mani- towoc grew in proportion as the centre of trade and general shipping point. Its growth after incor- poration was rapid and indicative of its brilliant future, and in 1860 we find here a population of 3035. In 1865, in spite of the war of the rebellion, the inhabitants had increased to the number of 4197, and the place presented many substantial improvements. Ten years afterward Manitowoc had 7524 inhabitants, of whom 3326 were males and 2488 females. By the State census of 1885, it appears that Manitowoc City had the following population by wards: 1st ward, 1640; 2d ward, 916; 3d ward, 2744; 4th ward, 1881—or a grand total of 6881, of which 3835 were males and 3035 females, while there were in addition eight colored persons. These figures are gratifying as indicat- ing the city's solid expansion. It is equally noticeable for its handsome appearance, its business thoroughfares being lined with modern blocks of stores, warehouses, etc., while her merchants are noted for their resources and spirit of enterprise, and control a widely-extended circle of out of town
trade. There are here several large manufacturing establishments, shipyards, etc., and one of the safest harbors on the lake, and via which a large trade is conducted. Manitowoc also has excellent railroad facilities, and a reference to their early inception will prove of interest. In 1870 "The Milwaukee, Manitowoc & Green Bay Railroad Company" was chartered to build a road from Milwaukee to tap this rich region of country. It built its line as far as Manitowoc by 1873, when it was reorganized and the name changed to "The Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western Railroad Company." Under a decree of foreclosure it was sold on December 10th, 1879, and its name changed to "The Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western Railway Company." This is a great trunk route, and of vast importance to the city. In 1886, the "Appleton & New London Railway Company" was incorporated. A subsequent amendment to its charter enabled it to extend its route to Manitowoc and the lake, and it had built most part of the line, when by legislative authority it sold the extension to the Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western. The last-named company extended it to New London, on the Wolf River, in 1876, where it connects with the Green Bay & Minnesota road. There is also the branch line to Two Rivers. The city thus commands first-class transportation facilities, and they are fully utilized by her merchants and manufacturers.

The statistics of Manitowoc are pleasing to contemplate. By the last official census returns the real estate and machinery in use in the city in the lumber, wood-working, brewing, leather, iron, and other industries was valued at $93,000; stock and fixtures of stores in same lines at $48,750; 296 men were employed in the various branches of these industries, and annually earned $75,025 in wages. Among her products were: 340 wagons, carriages, and sleighs, worth $19,000; iron products and manufactured articles of iron to the value of $54,000; leather and articles produced from leather to the value of $11,500; no less than 135,000 gallons of vinegar, worth $11,000, were produced in 1885, and of a quality highly prized; 10,400 barrels of beer were brewed, worth $35,500; also manufactured articles of wood worth $28,000. The real estate and machinery used in the tobacco, milling, and all other industries not previously enumerated was valued at $63,000; stock and fixtures, $18,750; men employed, 183, and who earned $27,550 during the year. The manufacture of cigars and cigarettes is a promising branch of manufacture, 630,000 having been produced in 1885, worth $23,400. No less than 57,000 barrels of flour and meal were manufactured here in 1885, worth the handsome sum of $370,000. Among other industrial interests the aggregated returns from shipbuilding, glue manufacturing, and soda-water, making represented a total annual value of $50,000. There are also several cheese factories in the county, whose product, as well as all good butter, finds a ready market in the city. The above facts and figures indicate the importance of Manitowoc as a great manufacturing centre, and in several lines her reputation has become national. No better wagons than hers can be made; no finer flour can be ground; while her leather is justly famous.

The city's government is on the whole able and economical; numerous public works have been carried through to a successful issue. There is a first-class fire department, while there are good graded schools having a large attendance. There are a number of fine churches in the city representing the principal denominations, and the moral and social standing of the community is high. The city is ably represented as regards well-conducted newspapers with large circulations, while it has first-class banking facilities, express and telegraph service.

Manitowoc has an honored record of a patriotic character. During the war of the Rebellion out of 524 soldiers and sailors who enlisted from the county 102 came from this city, and whose discharge of duty was of the most praiseworthy character.

This city offers substantial inducements both as a place of residence and a location for carrying on industrial pursuits. Taxes are low; building sites are still obtainable at reasonable rates; and price of fuel and labor, cost of living, etc., all moderate; thus affording an economical basis for the capitalist who contemplates starting an industry. As between Milwaukee and Manitowoc, we unhesitatingly recommend Manitowoc; it has equally good lake and rail transportation facilities, it is nearer the Eastern lake ports, has a splendid surrounding agricultural country, and abundant proof of its manifold inducements is shown by the success attending the operations of the large manufactories permanently located here.

In conclusion, we recommend to the careful attention of our readers the following accurate Historical Review of the principal business houses and manufactories of the city, whose flourishing condition is as much a credit to the esteemed proprietors as it is a matter of gratification to the citizens at large.
Smaley Manufacturing Co., Manufacturers of Farm Machinery.—Among the most interesting features of Manitowoc is the representative house of the Smaley Manufacturing Co., which is the outgrowth of the business originally established in this city, in 1857, by Mr. E. J. Smaley, its president. Born in Monroe County, New York, July 6, 1817, at the age of 30 he moved to Sheboygan, where he resided for ten years; but seeing the advantages offered by this city, in 1857 he made this his headquarters, conducting the business above until 1861, when it became of such vast proportions as to demand the assistance of others. The stock company was then incorpo- rated, with a capital of $25,000, which has been subsequently increased to $50,000. The company manufacture ensilage and fodder cutters, farm feed mills, "champion" self-feed drag-saw machines, sweep and tread horse-powers, the "champion" wrought-iron beam plow, road-scrapers, and many other varieties of farm machinery, for which the demand is large and widely extended, and which readily find a market where ever introduced. The main building occupied by the works is a new three-story structure, 35x85 feet in dimensions, with an engine-house 35x30 feet, and a foundry 40x60 feet in close proximity. Employment is furnished to from fifty to seventy-five skilled workmen, varying according to the season. By competent judges their plant is pronounced to be one of the most complete in the country, the product of which is justly celebrated for its superiority and general excellence. Mr. C. F. Smalley is secretary and treasurer, and Mr. C. C. Smalley superintendent, both of whom were born in Sheboygan, and are peculiarly fitted, by reason of their previous training, for the duties devolving upon them—Mr. C. F. Smalley, having enjoyed fifteen years practical business experience as a book-keeper, and Mr. C. C. Smalley twenty years as a practical machinist. The company is well regarded in financial circles, and those establishing relations with it may rely upon securing advantages and benefits in accordance with the well-known liberal policy of the house.

Kunz & Bleser, Brewers and Malsters, corner Main and Washington Streets.—The consumption of malt beverages has increased more than fifty per cent in the last decade, abundantly testifying to their growing and permanent popularity, while the consumption of that national beverage, lager beer, stands at the head. Prominent among our most enterprising brewers of lager beer is the firm of Kunz & Bleser, whose mammoth establishment enjoys an enviable reputation for the purity of its brew and the uniform standard of excellence maintained for its beer. The firm possess all the necessary qualifications to win success, and as regards skill, capital, care and intelligence every requisite is at hand. The appliances and machinery used are of the latest improved patterns, and especially adapted for the scientific prosecution of the work. The building occupied is two stories in height, 70x130 feet in dimensions, and every labor-saving device has been introduced, which places them in a position to promptly meet the growing demand for their justly-celebrated beer, and maintain its high standard of excellence, their storage facilities being unsurpassed. Twelve men are constantly employed, besides four wagons, in delivery, the capacity being 5,000 barrels per annum. Messrs. Louis Kunz and D. B. Bleser compose the firm, the former of whom has been in the business all his life, and the latter having enjoyed practical experience before forming the present partnership in 1885.

Schnorr Bros., Tanners, Lake Shore Road.—Manitowoc has long been noted for the superior quality of leather produced by her tanners, among whom the Schnorr Bros. have obtained a reputation of the highest character in the trade, and the personal standing of whose members in this community is a sufficient guaranty of its integrity and reliability. Since succeeding to the business of Mr. A. J. Reichert, in 1878, they have secured a large and wide-spread patronage, and have exerted an important influence on the general trade. Their tannery on the Lake Shore Road is by competent judges pronounced to be one of the best equipped in the country, with a capacity of forty hides, and sixty kip and calf skins per week. Their premises are very spacious, consisting of two large two-story buildings, one 28x60 feet, the other 30x35 feet in dimensions, used respectively for the tannery and currier and dry shop, in which constant employment is provided for a large force of skilled workmen. The productions of this house are shipped all over the country. Alex., John, and Frank Schnorr compose the firm, the two former of whom are natives of Germany, the latter of New York city, and all of whom were brought up, so to speak, in the business. They have achieved an endur- ing success upon an equitable and honorable basis, and their laudable ambition to furnish the best leather has met a just reward in the steady enlargement of their business.

O. Torrison, Dealer in General Merchandise, corner Eighth and Commercial Streets.—Few men can take a retrospective view of their past commercial career with more justifiable pride and satisfaction than Mr. O. Torrison, the well-known dealer in general merchandise, grains, pressed hay and other produce, having also schooners on the Lake. He was born in Norway in 1829, and, on coming to this country, began life in Manitowoc at the age of nineteen, with little capital save pluck, push and a determination to succeed, and that he has accomplished this is evidenced by the large and lucrative business he now controls, occupying a handsome, spacious three-story building, 85x100 feet in dimensions, employing twelve clerks, two book-keepers and a cashier. He has been in the trade for upwards of thirty years, and is his leading representative in Manitowoc. Receiving his supplies direct from the producers, Mr. Torrison is able to supply the market at the very lowest prices, and having always been an active, enterprising competitor for business, his customers can rely upon receiving at his establishment advantages in accordance with his well-known liberal policy. He is one of Manitowoc's most substantial and public-spirited citizens, whose career alike is a credit to himself and the city.
Chladek & Stupecky, Manitowoc Glue Company, Manufacturers of Glue.—A special feature of enterprise in this city is that so ably and successfully conducted by the Manitowoc Glue Company, of which Messrs. Chladek & Stupecky are the proprietors, having by industry and and up-right business methods risen to a position of the first importance, and having materially contributed in expanding and establishing the advantages of this city as a manufacturing centre. The house was originally founded in 1850 by Mr. Frank Stupecky, the present junior partner, who was born in Bohemia in 1845, but has been a resident of this city since eleven years of age. Since the organization of the present firm, in 1880, which was effected by Mr. Joseph W. Chladek becoming the senior partner, the house has entered upon an enhanced sphere of usefulness, their trade having largely increased, and their glue finding ready sale in every market where introduced. Their facilities are of the highest order, occupying, as they do, four extensive two-story buildings, which are abundantly supplied with all the latest contrivances, and for the scientific prosecution of the business, and in which employment is provided for more than twenty skilled workmen. Every care is taken that their glues shall be uniform in quality and perfectly reliable, their aim being not only to attract customers, but to retain them. Their glue is sold entirely upon its merits, Chicago being the market for the greater part of the large output of their works. Mr. Chladek is also a native of Bohemia, where he was born in 1846. He has been a resident of this country since the age of thirteen, and to the conduct of the affairs of the Manitowoc Glue Company brought a wide range of business experience. The influence exerted by this house in its promotion of the trade has been of the most salutary character.

Richards Iron Works, H. C. Richards, proprietor, Manufacturer of Agricultural Implements and Machinery, corner Ninth and Commercial Streets, are the representative manufacturers of the North. Their works are well-known and reliable Richards Iron Works, of which Mr. H. C. Richards is the proprietor, and whose extensive works are alike a monument to his energy and industry, and a credit to this thriving and flourishing city. Though born in Chicago, in 1855, Mr. Richards has passed his entire life from infancy in Manitowoc, where early in life he manifested exceptional skill and aptitude as a machinist in his father's shop, under whose care and guidance he thoroughly mastered his trades. Since establishing his works, in 1877, he has obtained a liberal and influential patronage, widespread throughout the country, in consequence of the unrivalled quality of his productions. The works at the corner of Ninth and Commercial streets are very extensive, and contain as fine a plant as can be found in the West, and in which remunerative employment is provided for the most skilled artisans. The output of the works in the main is a variety of tools; they make and portable, boilers, mill machinery and castings of all kinds, together with hand and power feed-cutters, horse-powers, cast and steel plows, road-scrapers, cultivators, reach-plates, thimbles, soap kettles, etc., all of which find a ready market wherever introduced. The promptness and liberality characterizing the operations of this house are too well known to require comment, his success being such as is only accorded to those whose business is conducted upon the strictest principles of commercial probity.

J. Bibinger, Dealer in Farm Machinery, Franklin, between Seventh and Eighth Streets.—The extensive farming country contiguous to this city has led to a large demand for agricultural implements of the best class, to supply which has rendered possible the existence of such representative houses as that of Mr. John Bibinger, who possesses a thorough practical knowledge of the requirements of the farming community. Mr. John Bibinger, the head and founder of the house, though a German by birth, has resided in this city since 1872. Until 1875 he conducted his business alone, at that date forming a partnership with Mr. D. S. Day, which continued until December, 1884. Mr. Bibinger, besides conducting a general business in agricultural implements, of which a comprehensive stock is carried in his spacious warerooms, 24x100 feet in dimensions, is also general agent for the Monitor Seeders and Drills and the Champion Stump-Pullers, which are well-known to be the leaders in their line, and for which special advantages as to price and terms may be had by placing orders with him, or at any of his sub-agencies throughout his territory of Wisconsin and Minnesota. Mr. Bibinger held the responsible office of sheriff of this county, and in the performance of his duties obtained the esteem and respect of all law-abiding citizens. This house stands high in the trade, and the personal standing of the proprietor is a sufficient guaranty of its integrity and reliability.

Jos. Willott & Sons, Manufacturers of Axes, Quay, between Eighth and Ninth Streets.—This representative firm is composed of Messrs. Jos. Willott, Sr., and his two sons, William and Jos. Willott, Jr., all of whom so far as can be ascertained have never come to America, in 1867, the family resided in Mishawaka, Ind., until 1871, when they removed to this city, Mr. Willott, Sr., forming a partnership with Mr. J. W. Martin for the manufacture of edge tools. In 1878 Mr. Martin retired, and shortly thereafter the present house was organized, which has since devoted itself exclusively to the manufacture of axes and feed-cutting knives, for which they have a capacity of 100 per day. Their factory, on Quay, between Eighth and Ninth Streets, comprises a spacious two-story building, 25x60 feet in dimensions, fully equipped with all the latest improved machinery for the speedy production of their goods, and in which steady employment is furnished to a force of skilled workmen. Their trade extends over the entire States of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Northern Michigan, their goods readily finding a market wherever their axes are introduced. As active, enterprising men, they are highly esteemed in both social and commercial circles for their strict integrity, and have abundantly met with that success which is sure to follow fair dealing, promptness and liberality.
Anton Vogt, Dealer in Furniture, South Eighth Street, near the Bridge. — Prominent among the representative and important houses of Manitowoc which have contributed so largely to the welfare and commercial prosperity of the city is that of Mr. Anton Vogt, the well-known furniture dealer and undertaker of South Eighth Street, near the Bridge. He is a native of Prussia, and, in 1854, came to this country, making this city his home since 1866, where he has been engaged in this business since 1867. His venture was a decided success from the very start, and, from a comparatively humble beginning, under his prudent and careful management, his business year by year assumed larger proportions, until at present he is considered the leading house in his line in the city, occupying very spacious premises, 20'x72' feet in area, and two stories in height. The stock of furniture carried is large and comprehensive, and, in its selection shows good taste and excellent judgment. Parlor and bedroom sets, highly polished and richly upholstered, can here be obtained at prices difficult to duplicate elsewhere, while the line of dinette and kitchen furniture is unsurpassed. Mr. Vogt is also agent for the most approved school-house furniture, many samples of which are carried in stock. In the undertaking department is carried a full line of coffins, caskets and undertakers’ goods from the plainest to the richest, while his duties as funeral director are always performed with the most delicate consideration. Personally, Mr. Vogt is held in high esteem by all with whom he has business or social relations.

C. Liebenow & Son, Jewelers.—One of the most widely known and deservedly popular jewelry houses in Manitowoc is that of Messrs. C. Liebenow & Son, whose neat and attractive store is centrally and conveniently located. A large and valuable stock is carried, which comprises gold and silver watches of the best European and American manufacture, of which the celebrated Elgin, Hampton and Rockford watches are made a specialty. Jewelry of the latest and most unique designs, selected with a cultivated taste and a view to beauty and utility; diamonds of the purest water, and other precious stones, and silver ware of the best makers, are here seen in profusion. The business is under the efficient management of Mr. H. F. Liebenow. At the outbreak of the war he hastened to the defence of his adopted country, joining Company B, Twenty-fourth Wisconsin Infantry, in whose ranks he won an enviable distinction for gallantry in the numerous battles in which he participated. In 1870 he made this city his permanent residence, embarking in his present business the same year with Mr. C. Liebenow, under the firm name and style of C. Liebenow & Son. The position he has invariably occupied in the transaction of his business has been clearly indicative of an energy and liberality that has been justly rewarded in the brilliant success achieved by this house.

G. German Lade, Dealer in General Merchandise, South Eighth Street, near the Bridge. — The beautiful stock here carried fills three entire floors, each 28'x60' feet in superficial area, and is elegantly arranged and attractively displayed, the most complete system and order pervading the entire establishment. In variety and amount it is fairly bewildering, embracing crockery, china and glass ware, lamps, sewing-machines, cutlery, trunks, musical merchandise, watches, silver ware and jewelry, sporting goods, baby carriages, toys, mirrors and picture frames, meerschaum pipes, show-cases, stationery, furniture of all kinds, and ten thousand other things, the mere enumeration of which would fill a bulky catalogue. If any article is beautiful or useful, it may almost to a certainty be found at Lade’s Bazaar, which is one of the sights of Manitowoc, and the reasonable prices prevailing, and the prompt and polite attention received, have rendered it both a desirable and popular purchasing center. Mr. G. German Lade, the proprietor, was born in Germany in 1850, and came to America in 1872. On coming to Manitowoc, in 1876, he established himself in business. Prompt and reliable in all his business undertakings, and courteous and obliging at all times, Mr. Lade has long since won the public confidence, and is highly esteemed as a business man of rare worth, integrity and ability—a representative merchant in all that the term implies, and an upright private citizen.

J. E. Barnstein, Druggist.—Among the best informed and most reliable druggists and chemists in this city, none have achieved a more merited reputation than Mr. J. E. Barnstein, whose handsome and conveniently arranged store occupies one of the best localities in Manitowoc. Here is always kept a full line of the purest and freshest of drugs, chemicals and family medicines, as well as a very choice stock of the latest and most fashionable toilet articles, including extracts and perfumes of the rarest quality, of which he makes a specialty, and for which he is justly celebrated. The prescription department is far-removed to both the medical profession and to the community in general, as one of the most complete and carefully conducted in the city. It is presided over by Mr. Barnstein in person, and for minute accuracy and thorough care is unsurpassed. Mr. Barnstein is a native of this city, and after receiving a thorough pharmaceutical education, and enjoying two years’ practical experience in the profession, established himself, in 1883, in business. His trade has been large and substantial from the very outset, his patrons always receiving prompt and polite attention from the genial and affable proprietor and his able staff of assistants. He is a gentleman well known in this city and vicinity, where he was previously engaged for twelve years as a teacher in the schools.

Schmidt & Wittenberg, August Schmidt, Albert Wittenberg, Coal and Lumber Yard, corner Seventh and Quay Streets, South Side, near Ed. Zander’s planing mill. Laths, shingles, timber and pickets, ready-made siding and flooring, wholesale and retail.
N. B. Morse, Dealer in Produce, Coal, Wood, Hay, etc., corner Sixth and Quay Streets.—No branch of trade has a more direct bearing on the general commercial prosperity of this city than that in which Mr. Norman B. Morse is engaged, and in which, since his establishment in 1879, he has occupied an essentially representative position. He is an extensive dealer in all kinds of produce, of which peas, beans, butter and eggs are made a specialty—handling hay by the cargo and operating two presses. His facilities are such as to enable him not only to fill all orders at short notice, but to extend especially liberal accommodation to buyers. Flour and feed is also carried at his commodious premises, corner of Quay and Sixth Streets, as well as coal and wood in large quantities, which, being procured direct from first hands, are offered to his patrons at prices hard to duplicate elsewhere. His trade is constantly increasing, already requiring the constant service of seven assistants. Mr. Morse was born in Burlington, Vt., and on coming to this city, in 1871, was engaged in the milling business with Mr. H. Truman for eight years prior to engaging in his present occupation. He is the owner of a farm of 200 acres in this county, acquired by his energy and industry. The business of this enterprising house is conducted upon a sound, well-balanced basis, the proprietor of which justly merits his excellent reputation attained by long years of honorable and liberal dealing.

Seeger Bros., Dentists, near Post Office.—Among the prominent representatives of the profession of dentistry in this city none have acquired a more merited reputation than Messrs. Seeger Brothers. This well-known firm is composed of Messrs. Carl and Ernst Seeger, both of whom are natives of this State, the former having been born in 1860 and the latter in 1854. After assiduous study of the theoretical part of their difficult profession, and thoroughly familiarizing themselves with its practical details, the former by six and the latter by eight years of practical experience, they established themselves in the profession in 1889, succeeding to the business of the above firm. As has been already intimated, these gentlemen are thoroughly grounded in every branch of dentistry, and at their handsome offices every appliance and facility is at hand for treating both the simplest and most difficult cases. Their spacious offices, 25x45 feet in area, are elegantly furnished and are conveniently and centrally located two doors south of the Post Office. These gentlemen stand high in the estimation of the profession, and the most delicate and difficult operations may be safely entrusted to their care. During their residence in Manitowoc they have enjoyed a large popularity both in social and professional circles, and, as estimable citizens and upright gentlemen, are highly regarded by all with whom they are brought in contact.

L. Sherman & Son, Leather and Findings, No. 212 North Eighth Street.—The prosperous business conducted by Messrs. L. Sherman & Son, at No. 212 North Eighth Street, as manufacturers of and dealers in leather and shoe find-
John Franz, Real Estate and Insurance, No. 207 South Eighth Street.—The real estate interests of Manitowoc have attained proportions of such magnitude as to enlist the attention and services of many of our most talented and enterprising business men. Prominent among these is Mr. John Franz, who has been actively engaged in this line since becoming a resident, in 1866, and who has developed a connection of the most superior character, including among his permanent customers many leading capitalists and property owners. In regard to values, Mr. Franz is the recognized authority, having held the responsible position of Register of Deeds for this county for ten years. As a negotiator of loans on bond and mortgage he has met with marked success, having long since secured the perfect confidence of lenders in his judgment, and is prepared to place loans for any amounts at the most reasonable terms. Besides being a notary public, Mr. Franz also represents many leading steamship agencies, over whose lines passage to and from Europe is sold at the lowest rates. He also enjoys special facilities for placing insurance in many of the soundest companies in the country, among which may be mentioned the Fireman’s Fund, London Assurance, Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Co., German-American Insurance Co., Westchester of New York, Western Assurance Co., Glenn’s Falls Insurance Co., and Phoenix Insurance Co. of Brooklyn. Mr. Franz was born in Germany in 1833, and came to this country in 1856. His spacious offices are centrally situated at No. 207 South Eighth Street, and during his long and busy career he has ever maintained an unimpeachable reputation for honorable, straightforward dealing, and well deserves the success achieved by his energy, industry and perseverance.

G. W. Fechter, Dealer in Books, Stationery, Wall Paper, etc., corner Eighth and Buffalo Streets.—Much attention has been given of late years to the beautifying of residences by means of fine paper-hangings, and in this branch of industry Mr. G. W. Fechter, corner of Eighth and Buffalo Streets, is unexcelled, carrying in stock all the latest patterns of wall papers, dadoes, frizes, borders, etc., in all shades and colors which the market affords; while in the line of books, stationery, picture-frames, baby carriages, toys, etc., his stock is unsurpassed, and all work performed by his corps of skilled and experienced artisans is guaranteed to give entire satisfaction. Mr. Fechter was born in Manitowoc in 1860. Since inaugurating his enterprise, in 1884, he has obtained a most liberal and substantial patronage, and already takes rank among the leading and representative houses in the city. Occupying a well-arranged and spacious store, 30x50 feet in dimensions, the entire two floors of which are devoted to the requirements of his business, and operating at low expense, all exorbitant charges are avoided, of which fact those consulting their own interests realize the advantage and benefit by giving their patronage to this popular establishment.

Truman & Cooper, Contractors for Dredging, Pier-building and Public Works, and Proprietors of Manitowoc Flouring Mills.—The house of Messrs. Truman & Cooper, in addition to conducting one of the most completely-equipped flouring mills in the country, are also extensive contractors for public works, such as dredging, pier-building and kindred work. Mr. H. Truman, the founder of the house, is a native of Vermont, has been actively, and philanthropically interested for more than twenty years. Mr. George Cooper, his partner, is a native of Bristol, England, who, on coming, in 1855, to Manitowoc direct from his native land, engaged in the lumber business, when only nineteen years of age, with Mr. Nelson Pendleton, from which, after a highly successful career, he retired in 1890 to form the present firm. Their spacious three-story mills, 30x40 feet in dimensions, have a capacity of two hundred barrels per day, most of which is shipped to the Michigan markets, in which the well-known brands of the Manitowoc Flouring Mills are in prime demand, both among bakers and private consumers. For the prompt execution of all contracts for dredging, pier and dock building their facilities are unsurpassed, owning their own tugs, dredges and scows. Both are perfect gentlemen in the strictest sense of the term, whose reputation through long years of active business life has ever remained unimpaired, and whose useful career is in every respect a credit, not only to themselves, but also to the busy and thriving city with whose interests they have been so permanently identified.
John Mendlik, Manitowoc Marble Works.—Among the noteworthy industries of this city the Manitowoc Marble Works occupies a position of the first importance. Since the foundation of his business, in 1866, Mr. John Mendlik, the proprietor, has always obtained a large and influential patronage. Headstones, monuments and memorials of various styles and sizes are made in the most chaste and expressive designs, in both granite and marble, polished to the highest degree of perfection, and many of the memorials in the cemeteries of this city and vicinity testify to his artistic taste and workmanship. He also prepares all kinds of stone, marble and granite work, both for exterior and interior fittings for buildings, and can offer special inducements to those desiring this kind of work. In the show-rooms are to be found beautiful specimens of monuments, headstones, statuary, etc., all of designs embodying the exercise of a fine cultivated taste and conception. Born in Bohemia in 1837, he came to this country in 1854. He is held in the highest esteem in social and commercial circles for his unswerving honor and strict integrity, and justly merits the success which has attended his well-directed efforts.

The T. C. Shove Banking Co., T. C. Shove, President; George Cooper, Vice-President; F. H. Harris, Cashier. Established 1858; incorporated 1884. Capital $50,000. — This is the oldest bank in the county, and offers safe and reliable facilities for banking.

KENOSHA.

The city of Kenosha is one of the most interesting towns in the State of Wisconsin, the judicial seat of Kenosha County, and the metropolis of the southeastern section of the commonwealth. It is beautifully situated on a bluff on the western shore of Lake Michigan, at the mouth of the Kenosha River, a few miles above the northern boundary of Illinois, fifty-five miles north of Chicago, and thirty-five south of Milwaukee. The most southern lake port of the State, it has a most excellent harbor, with piers extending into the lake. The site of the town was originally settled in 1836, had grown to 337 inhabitants in 1840, and in the following year was incorporated as a village under the name of Southport. A few years later this was changed to the present one. The country on three sides of it is a beautiful fertile prairie that has been brought to a high state of cultivation, and whose rich and abundant products constitute an important element of its commercial activity. It has ample railway connections, the Milwaukee and Chicago Railroad passing through it, and it is the eastern terminus of the Rock Island Road. The plan of the city is regular, its improvements are modern and metropolitan in character, and its manufactures and general trade are in a highly prosperous and flourishing condition. The religious needs of its citizens are provided for by nine church organizations, several of whose edifices are handsome and substantial examples of architecture. The public school system is admirable and complete, the school houses being well equipped and ample in their accommodations for the large attendance. Prominent among the noticeable public buildings are the Court House, City Hall, High School, and two Opera Houses. The number of elegant business blocks and fine private residences is very large and challenges the attention and favorable comment of visitors and strangers. There is also a good public library and several bright newspapers, likewise two banks.

Manufactories of various kinds are numerous, many of them operated upon an extended scale, and these enterprises are a very essential factor of the industrial activity of Kenosha. Carriages and wagons, furniture, wire mattresses, and leather, thimble-skein machinery, organs, pumps, drain tile, and brick are extensively manufactured and dealt in. Grain, beer, lumber, wagons, and leather are largely exported, and the abundant deposits of superior potter's clay, and brick clay in the vicinity are a source of very considerable revenue. Gas and electric lights are distributed throughout the city; the supply of pure water is abundant, and a prompt and efficient volunteer fire brigade is a sufficient protection against fire.

The financial condition of the city is remarkably good and indicative of exceptionally wise government, the bonded indebtedness being but $200,000, while the assessed valuation of real and personal property is $1,250,000; evidencing an honest and able municipal dispensation.