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MIAMI, I. T.

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INTRODUCTORY.

In presenting this PEN PICTURE OF MIAMI, I. T., we desire to call the attention of homeseekers to the superior advantages offered by Miami and the Quapaw Agency, and to emphasize the fact that this is the only place in the Indian Territory where a warrantee deed can be issued at once to the purchaser of a town lot; and where a purchase of an Indian's title to land is possible. A lease of farm, grazing or hay land can also be made for terms ranging from one to ten years on favorable terms and an agreement for ultimate purchase made. The prices of town lots are low; price of lands reasonable, and the terms of lease very favorable to tenants.

An expression of thanks is due the various business and professionalmen who have made this work possible and we hereby tender the same, and to them dedicate this volumn. The advertisers herein found are the progressive element of the community and town pride should make you a patron at their places. A liberal advertiser is always a trustworthy dealer; his stock is fresh and just what you want, and his prices less than the impecunious dealer who seeks to stem the tide without the help of printers' ink.

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A PEN PICTURE

..OF..

MIAMI, INDIAN TERRITORY,

AND

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City Elections.

City elections are held annually on the first Tuesday in April, when a mayor, recorder, treasurer, attorney, assessor, collector, marshal and five aldermen are elected. They are installed at the next meeting of the council after the election.

Two members of the school board are elected annually on the third Saturday in December, and their term of office is for three years.

Council Meetings.

Regular meetings of the City Council are held on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month at 7:30 o'clock. Special meetings may be called by the mayor at any time, on a petition signed by three or more aldermen.

Fire District.

The fire limits are as follows: All of blocks number seventy-four (74), seventy-five (75), ninety-four (94), ninety-five (95), one hundred and two (102) and one hundred and three (103), of the original plat of the incorporated town of Miami, I. T.

Names of Streets and Avenues.**EAST FROM NEOSHO RIVER.**

A st, B st, C st, D st, E st, F st, G st, H st, I st, K st, L st, M st, N st, O st, P st, Oak st, Main st, Vine st, Q st, R st, S st, T st, U st, V st, W st.

SOUTH FROM NORTH CITY LIMITS.

First ave, Second ave, Third ave, Fourth ave, Fifth ave, Warner ave, Neosho ave, Nichols ave, Sixth ave, Seventh ave.

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Classified Business Directory.

Abstractors.

Swindle, W E, Bank of Miami bldg, E 4th ave.

Attorneys.

Cooter & Stiles, Opera House blk, W 4th ave.

Fullerton, S C, Bank of Miami bldg, E 4th ave.

Pope, John H, Fox bldg, N Main st.

Talbot, G W, Bank of Miami bldg, E 4th ave.

Auctioneers.

Smith, R M, Wills & Amos' grocery, N Main st.

Banks.

Bank of Miami: C P Williams, prest; G W Bigham, vice-prest;
J S Cheyne, cashier; n e cor Main st and 4th ave.

First National Bank: E R Frayser, prest; W L McWilliams, vice.
prest; S D Harper, cashier; s w cor Main st and 4th ave.

Bakers.

Keen & Veenie, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th aves.

Barber Shops.

Gill & Bray, Lykins' bldg, S Main st.

Green, J W, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th aves.

Triplett, J A, N Main st.

Wells, O F, Beck's Row, S Main st.

Bill Poster.

Bright, J W, office McWilliams' Opera House.

Blacksmith and Wagon Shops.

Brown, M, S Main st.

Holloway, G W, N Main st.

Kipps, Milton, S Vine st.

Markey, J W, S Main st.

Potter, M L, cor Main st and Warner ave.

Smithley, A M, E 4th ave.

Timmons, G W, N Main st.

Boarding Houses.

Doan, Mrs. Linnie, E 4th ave.

King, Mrs K C, S Oak ave.

Bottling Works.

Miami Bottling Works, E C Zilar, mgr, E 3rd ave.

Bowling Alley.

Horne, Chas, Sweeney bldg N Main st.

Cigar Stores

Keen & Veenie, S Main st bet 4th and 5th aves.

Zilar, Will N, S Main st bet 4th and 5th aves.

Cigar Manufactory.

Strauss, F, N O st, bet 2nd and 3rd aves.

Clothing and Gents Furnishings.

Beck, G W, 27-28-29 S Main st.

Chicago Bazaar, Herzberg & Sternberger, props, Wise bldg, N Main st.

Malone, Harned & Wade, S Main st.

Robards, U L, cor Main st and 4th ave.

Stiffler, C L, Litton bldg, S Main st.

Sweeney & Son, Belew bldg, S Main st.

Contractors.

Maddox, D B, Forest Lumber Co, cor 4th ave and Q st.

Shoe & Hull, Dickason & Goodman's Lumber yard, N Vine st.

Washburn, John, E 4th ave.

Coal and Wood.

Leonard & Ormerod, cor Main st and 5th ave.

Reniker, H F, E 4th ave, near depot.

Dentists.

Milligan, Dr W S, Talbot-Aiken bldg, N Main st.

Petit, Dr S H, McManaman bldg, S Main st.

Sneed, Dr A A, Talbot-Aiken bldg, N Main st.

Department Stores.

Beck, George W, Nos 27, 28 and 29 S Main st.

Malone, Harned & Wade, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th aves.

Robards, U L, cor S Main st and 4th ave.

Druggists.

Alpha Pharmacy, Shriver & Tidwell, props, Opera House bldg.

Central Drug Store, L Mathews, prop, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th avs

Crowell Drug Co, Crowell & Son, props, Nichols bld, S Main st.

Parrish & Coldwell, Talbot-Aiken bldg, N Main st.

Elevators.

Miami Roller Mill & Elevator Co, G W Niceley, prop, end S P st.

Reniker, H F, N S st.

Express Companies.

Adams and Wells-Fargo Express Companies, J H Murphy, agent,

Bank of Miami bldg, E 4th ave.

Feed Stores.

Belew Bros, Belew bldg, S Main st.

Leonard & Ormerod, cor Main st and 5th ave.

Sorrell, Robert, Smith bldg, S Main st.

Wilson, W F & Co, S Main st, bet 5th and Warner ave.

Florist.

Waddle, Mrs G A, S Vine st, bet Warner and Neosho aves.

Furniture and Undertakers.

Beers Hardware Co, cor S Main st and 5th ave.

Clark & Richardville, Talbot-Aiken bldg, N Main st.

Meredith & Sons, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th aves.

General Merchandise.

Beck, George W, Nos 27, 28 and 29 S Main st.

Malone, Harned & Wade, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th ave.

Robards, U L, cor Main st and 4th ave.

Wagoner, W A, E 4th ave, bet Main and Vine sts.

Grain Dealers.

Bigham, E J, W 5th ave, bet Main and Oak sts.

Carmichael, Charles, cor E 4th ave and S st.

Forest Lumber Co, M L Pierce, mgr, cor 4th ave and Q st.

Miami Roller Mill & Elevator Co, G W Niceley, prop, end S P st.

Reniker, H F, E 4th ave, near depot.

Grocers.

Aubuchon, E L & Bro, Talbot-Aiken bldg, N Main st.

Belew Bros, Belew bldg, S Main st.

Gable & Roark, Davis bldg, S Main st.

Sorrell, Robert, Smith bldg, S Main st.

Wagoner, W A, E 4th ave, bet Main and Vine sts.

Webster, Irl E, E 4th ave, near depot.

Wills & Amos, Sweeney bldg, N Main st.

Wilson, J R, Meredith bldg, S Main st.
Wright Gro Co, A J & Clinton Wright props, S Main st.

Hardware.

Beers Hardware Co, cor Main st and 5th ave.
Millner Bros, Dragoo-Creamer bldg, N Main st.
Talbot, J L, McManaman bldg, S Main st.

Harness and Saddlery.

Abbott, E F, Dragoo Creamer bldg, N Main st.
Martin, B W & Sons, Martin bldg, S Main st.

Hay Dealers.

Carmichael, Charles, E 4th ave, near depot.
Forest Lumber Co, M L Pierce, mgr, cor E 4th ave and Q st.
Moore, J K, office Bank of Miami.

Hotels.

Hotel Moore, Ed M Moore, prop, (\$1.00-\$2.00 per day,) E 4th ave.
Hotel Miami, Mrs V Freeman, props, (\$2.00 per day,) cor Main st and 4th ave.
Hotel Oliver, Mrs Mary Oliver, props, (\$1.00 per day,) cor Main st and 5th ave.

Ice Plant.

Dobson, S B & Sons, near cor 4th ave and S st.

Implements and Vehicles.

Forest Lumber Co, M L Pierce, mgr, cor 4th ave and Q st.
Fibley Implement Co, C J Fibley, mgr, Bank of Miami bldg, N Main st.
Millard, H H, Millard bldg, S Main st, bet 5th and Warner aves.

Infirmary.

Infirmary of Healing, Prof R E Hughes, mgr, N Vine st.

Insurance.

Robinson & Harvey, Fox bldg, N Main st.
Shriver, R M J, Bank of Miami bldg, E 4th ave.
Swindle, W E, Bank of Miami bldg, E 4th ave.

Jewelry.

Allen, T G, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th aves.
Crowell, H C, Crowell Drug Co, S Main st.

Kennedy, M H, Talbot-Aiken bldg, N Main st.
Rentz, J B, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th aves.

Job Printers.

The Miami Herald, Fox bldg, cor Main st and 4th ave.
The Miami Republican, Fox bldg, cor Main st and 4th ave.
The Miami Record, E 4th ave, bet Main and Vine sts.

Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings.

The Fair, Henry & Co, props, Fox bldg, N Main st.

Laundry.

Miami Steam Laundry, J L Bliler, prop, E 4th ave, near Vine st.

Livery Stables.

Ensworth & Tharp, W 4th ave, bet Main and Oak sts.
Stewart, C A, N Vine st, bet 3rd and 4th aves.
Stone Barn, W R Austin, prop, S Main st.

Lumber Yards.

Dickason & Goodman Lumber Co, A C Porter, mgr, N Vine st.
Forest Lumber Co, M L Pierce, mgr, cor 4th ave and Q st.

Lunch Stands.

Beck, R L, cor S Main st and 5th ave.
Webster, Irl E, E 4th ave, near depot.
Zilar, Will N, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th aves.

Marble Works.

Miami Marble Works, C E Middaugh, prop, S Main st.

Machine Shops.

Miami Planing Mill and Machine Shop, Paul Raddis, prop, end S Main st.
Purkett, T A, S Vine st, bet 5th and Warner aves.

Meat Markets.

Cold Storage Meat Market, Ginter & Herriott, props, wholesale and retail, S Main st.
Gutting & Co, Lykins bldg, S Main st.

Merchant Mills.

Miami Roller Mill & Elevator Co, G W Niceley, prop, end S P st.

Millinery.

Devin & McConnell, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th aves.
 Rentz Millinery Co, Mrs J B Rentz, props, S Main st.
 Wagner, W A, E 4th ave, bet Main and Vine sts.

Newspapers and Publications.

Charity, (monthly,) Prof R E Hughes, editor, N Vine st.
 The Miami Herald, (democratic weekly,) V C Yantis, ed-pub, Fox bldg, cor Main st and 4th ave.
 The Miami Record, (democratic weekly,) M C Falkenbury, ed-pub, E 4th ave, bet Main and Vine sts.
 The Miami Republican, Chas W Parker, ed-pub, Fox bldg, cor Main st and 4th ave.

Novelty Works.

Miami Novelty Works, W H West, prop, S Main st.

Notary Publics.

Cooter, D W, Opera House blk, W 4th ave.
 Fullerton, S C, Bank of Miami bldg, E 4th ave.
 Talbot, G W, Bank of Miami bldg, E 4th ave.
 Swindle, W E, Bank of Miami bldg, E 4th ave.

Opera House.

McWilliam's Opera House, W L McWilliams, mgr, s w cor Main st and 4th ave.

Opticians.

Kennedy, Dr M Henry, Talbot-Aiken bldg, N Main st.
 Rentz, J B, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th aves.

Painters, Paper Hangers and Sign Writers.

Davidson, C T, E 4th ave, bet Vine and Q sts.
 McDaniels, J B, N Vine st, bet 3rd and 4th aves.
 Moore, H W, Sweeney bldg, over Wills & Amos, grocery.

Photograph Gallery.

Harness, I L, E 4th ave, bet Main and Vine sts.

Physicians and Surgeons.

Cooter, A M, Opera House bldg, W 4th ave.
 Doan, W E, S Main st, opposite G W Beck's store.
 Hepler, C R, Talbot-Aiken bldg, N Main st.

McWilliams, W L, Opera House bldg, W 4th ave.
 Smythe, G E, McManaman bldg, S Main st.
 Sneed, C M, Talbot-Aiken bldg, N Main st.

Planing Mill.

Miami Planing Mill and Wagon Works, Paul Raddis, prop, end S Main st.

Produce Dealers.

Frederick, S Z, office Wright Gro Co, S Main st.
 Wilson, W F & Co, S Main st, opposite Wright Gro Co.

Real Estate Agents.

Miami Town Co, W C Lykins, pæst mgr, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th aves.
 Robinson & Harvey, Fox bldg, cor N Main st and 4th ave.
 Shriver, R M J, Bank of Miami bldg, E 4th ave.

Restaurants.

Blue Point, R E Price, prop, S Main st.
 Candy Kitchen, T A Bledsoe, prop, S Main st.
 Fourth Avenue Restaurant, W P Devine, prop, E 4th ave.
 Hunsucker, G W, Winfrey bldg, S Main st.
 Shelly, J L, cor 4th ave and Vine st.
 St Charles Eating House, Chas Hupert, prop, cor Main st and 5th av.
 Wyckoff, Mrs M, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th aves.

Racket Stores.

McFarland, J C, S Main st, bet 4th and 5th aves.
 Miami Racket, Faulkenberry & Carter, props, S Main st.

Scale Company.

Miami Scale Co, Maxwell & Coleman, gen'l agts, Fox bldg, N Main st

Second Hand Stores.

Denbrow, W T, S Main st, bet 5th and Warner aves.
 Pickler, M B, near cor N Main st and 3rd ave.

Shoe Shops.

Routh, A F, Winfrey bldg, S Main st.
 Taylor, G B, N Main st, bet 3rd and 4th aves.

Tailors.

Wells, C L, Beck's Row, S Main st.

Telephone Company.

Indian Territory Telephone Co, Dudley Ellis, mgr, Bank of Miami bldg, E 4th ave.

Telegraph Company.

Western Union Telegraph Co, M E Mahan, agt, Frisco depot.

Tin Shops.

Miami Tin Shop, Fred Swallow, prop, S Main st.

Millner Bros, Dragoo-Creamer bldg, N Main st.

Talbott, J L, McManaman bldg, S Main st.

Town Company.

Miami Town Company, W C Lykins, president and mgr, S Main st.

Transfer Lines.

Ensworth & Tharp, W 4th ave, bet Main and Oak sts.

Leonard & Ormerod, cor S Main st and 5th ave.

Stewart, C A, N Vine st, bet 3rd and 4th aves.

Stone Livery Barn, W R Austin, prop, S Main st.

Wagon and Carriage Manufacturers.

Miami Planing Mill and Wagon Works, Paul Raddis, prop, cor Main and Neosho ave.

Miami Carriage and Wagon Works, J W Markey, prop, S Main st.

Water Works and Electric Light Plant.

Miami Artesian Water and Light Co. H F Reniker, supt, N S st.

Wheelwrite.

Busch, Walter, N Main st, bet 2nd and 3rd aves.



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- E. G. Nongesis, chief of Ottawas.—Granulated lids for one year.
 Seth Edwards, Euno Ferry, I. T.—Daughter cured of paralysis of eye lids.
 J. L. Cantrell, Miami, I. T.—Stomach trouble for six years.
 S. N. Maxwell, Miami, I. T.—Stomach and heart trouble; 16 years standing.
 R. M. Peek, Miami, I. T.—Indigestion of long standing.
 Mrs. E. E. Sheer, Welch, I. T.—Indigestion. Sick two years.
 H. H. Herold, Afton, I. T.—Indigestion with heart complication.
 Mrs. B. C. England, Afton, I. T.—Indigestion with heart complications.
 W. D. Cromer, Melrose, Kan.—Indigestion.
 Geo. Dill, Keelville, Kan.—Indigestion and ague of five years standing.
 Henry Froman, I. T.—Granulated eye lids.
 Pat Gilbreath, Miami, I. T.—Snow-blindness of five years standing.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Herbert, Galena, Kan.—Indigestion and its accompaniments.
 E. B. Herbert, Miami, I. T.—Indigestion of long standing.
 Mrs. Heck, Miami, I. T.—Dyspepsia of 20 years standing. Pronounced incurable.
 Mr. E. G. Blowlock, Bluejacket, I. T.—Complication of indigestion and kindred troubles.
 Mrs. Emma Kerry, Bluejacket, I. T.—Complication of indigestion and female troubles.
 Harry Meredith, Miami, I. T.—Granulated lids with periodical conjunctivitis after other doctors had failed.
 W. I. Thornton, Southwest City, Mo.—Indigestion and ulceration of bowels. Had been given up by other doctors as incurable.
 Mrs. N. E. Bridges, Melrose, Kan.—(72 years old.) Indigestion, rheumatism and dropsy. Pronounced incurable by Chetopa's best physicians.
 D. A. Goodrich, Keelville, Kan.—Sore eyes and stomach trouble of long standing.
 Mrs. Chas. Little, Bluejacket, I. T.—Indigestion. Removed large abdominal tumor. Pronounced incurable by 10 or 12 able(?) doctors.
 Mrs. F. M. Jones, Lawrence, Kan.—Neuralgia, stomach trouble and granulated eyes. An invalid for twenty-five years.
 Wm. Stewart, Weir City, Kan.—Granulated lid and scum over eye balls, causing blindness of left eye.
 Mrs. J. W. Dewey, Rock Island, Texas.—Granulated lids and scum over eye balls. One year standing.
 Mrs. C. C. Jones, Shawnee, Okla.—Indigestion of hypochondriac stage; morphine habit contracted through treatment other physicians.
 D. W. Talbot, atty., Miami, I. T.—Child. Keratitis of the eyes which threatened to destroy the sight.
 C. C. Mead, Kingman, Kans.—Granulated lids for 16 years; almost blind; sight restored.
 J. L. Talbot, merchant, Miami, I. T.—Son. Pterygium, both eyes, which would have resulted in blindness.
 W. B. Watson, Grove, I. T.—Granulation and Pterygium, both eyes, which prevented him from performing any work.
 Miss Nellie Eddy, Miami, I. T.—Granulated lids: inflamed eye balls for 13 years; pronounced incurable.

MIAMI

THE BEAUTIFUL FEDERAL COURT TOWN OF THE
 QUAPAW AGENCY-:-----THE TRADE CENTER OF A
 RICH FARMING, GRAZING, OIL AND GAS SECTION

Location and Early History.

The town of Miami is located on high, rolling prairie lands, and has within its incorporation six hundred acres. The beautiful Neosho river circles its southwest border and is the dividing line between the Cherokee Nation and the Quapaw Agency. The state line of Kansas is eleven miles north, and that of Missouri fourteen miles east. Within these lines there are 212,298 acres of land which is conceded to be the most productive of the Indian Territory, and from this fertile region the town draws its trade.

The site was purchased by W. C. Lykins in March, 1891, and by special Act of Congress patented to the Miami Town Company May 19th, 1891. It was then platted and the sale of lots commenced June 26th, 1891. At this sale Dr. W. L. McWilliams purchased the first lot and received the first deed issued by the company, and on it erected his comfortable home at the corner of Fourth avenue and Q street. Thus it will be seen that the town is only eleven years old; but its history is that of all towns. The nucleus around which this contented and prosperous community has built is the three hundred who located here the first year. In 1895 the population had increased to eight hundred and around Col. Lykins had grown up a band of faithful, pushing citizens, with but one object, and that the up-building of their town. Their leader was dauntless, far seeing, and generous in the expenditure of his means, and the others seeing the benefits to be derived came nobly to his assistance, and by the combined efforts of all an act was passed by Congress at the session

of 1894-95 granting to Miami the location of a Federal court. Previous to this citizens were compelled to journey to Ft. Scott, Kansas, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, or Paris, Texas, to attend court, and this worked a great hardship; therefore the opening of the first court on Sept. 1st, 1896, was hailed as a day of emancipation from foreign jurisdiction, and is today remembered as the beginning of home rule. In the same year, viz: June 10th, 1896, a special act was passed by Congress establishing a recorder's office at Miami where all instruments pertaining to real estate within the Quapaw Agency may be placed on record.

In the spring of 1896 the Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Memphis R. R., (now the Frisco system,) was induced to build to the town by becoming interested in the property of the Miami Town Company, and have since aided the advancement of the place. The allotment of lands began in 1889 and continued until 1892, when the various members of the Peoria, Miami, Quapaw, Seneca, Shawnee and Wyandotte tribes received their lands in severalty, and the farm-stock and grass land were opened to white settlement. The allottees being allowed to lease their lands for a period of three to ten years, without the interference, supervision or consent of the government, and on any terms they saw fit, stimulated the settlement of the country and built up a trading population in and around Miami of more than twenty-five thousand. They are an industrious, sober and law-abiding people and have prospered. Many can be classed among the rich, while all are on the high road to prosperity.

To fashion a town as beautiful as the little city of Miami, and to populate it with twenty-five hundred, and settle a country with an entirely new people has been the miraculous work of eleven years, and those who have borne the brunt should share the honors. The interests of a community is a public concern, and we believe that every individual inhabitant has lent his mite toward this work. If space permitted the names of all early settlers would be given, yet we do not feel that justice would be done were we to fail in mentioning a few of the most prominent: W. C. Lykins, Dr. W. L. McWilliams, G. W. Bigham, G. W. Beck, C. E. Malone, W. S. Harned, Lon Wade, J. S. Cheyne, C. P. Williams, H. H. Butler, U. L. Robards, Charles Carmichael, J. B. Warren and L. L. McManaman.

The Town Described.

The business portion of Miami extends along Main street for about four blocks, and along Fourth avenue for three. The buildings are modern, compactly placed, and the majority are of stone and brick. The more pretentious are two and three stories high, and a few extend one hundred and twenty feet to an alley in the rear. Modern plate glass fronts are numerous, and most merchants show tastefully decorated windows and handsomely displayed stocks. In fact the town is new, the buildings new and modern, and an air of business prevails along these main thoroughfares. Main street is eighty feet wide, and all other streets sixty feet in width. All are straight and well kept, and where sidewalks have not yet been built are reasonably free from mud in wet seasons, because of the character of the soil. The streets and buildings are lighted by electricity and the latter connected by telephone, and will shortly be supplied with pure artesian water by the water works now being installed.

The residences and cottages of the town have the appearance of having been built for homes, and all show evidences of housewifely care. Where stone and brick have not entered their construction timbers have been fashioned to please the eye, and the many shades of paint lend harmony. Nature planted a sod in every yard, and trees, plants, shrubs and flowers have been set and cultivated by loving hands. This is why Miami is known as "The Beautiful Indian City," and why all strangers are impressed by this fact and by the refinement of the community.

When Terror Reigned.

At this time the town is famed for its orderly ways, and its many churches prove the piety of the inhabitants. Yet there was a period between the years of 1894-96 when terror reigned. Then it is said to have been unsafe to be abroad at night, and that daylight afforded little security. The laws of the Territory prohibiting the sale of intoxicants, it was claimed, did not extend over the town of Miami, because the land had been sold by the Indians, and for a time four saloons flourished. They were the resort of many lawless characters, and among them was one known as Bill West. The better element, headed by Col. Lykins, used every means to purge the town, and

thus engendered the enmity of saloonmen. West was selected to scare the morality party out of town; and to do this he repeatedly discharged his weapons in the streets, and drove the women and children from them. The officers of the town were afraid to do their duty, and A. L. Keeney, a local blacksmith, was selected to make the arrest. Mayor H. H. Butler and Col. Lykins swore out a writ and Keeney arrested him. He escaped from the officers and crossed the river into the Cherokee Nation; but when he became thirsty he returned to Miami for a drink, and to "fix" the man who had had the nerve to arrest him. Keeney again outwitted and arrested him, but while under guard and chained to his chair he managed to escape, and while at large treacherously shot and killed Keeney while working at his forge. He was later arrested at Fairland by Heck Bruner and confined at Ft. Scott, Kan. There he broke jail and fled to Dakota, from which state he was brought back by a United States marshal and confined at Topeka. Again fortune favored him and he escaped from prison, returning to his relations living on Illinois river in the Cherokee Nation. There for a time he defied the officers, and openly rode the country; mounted on a fine animal and dressed and armed in true bandit style. His career, however, was cut short by United States Marshal Brown, who, discovering his horse hidden in the brush, shot him through the heart when he came to feed it at daylight.

The Public Schools.

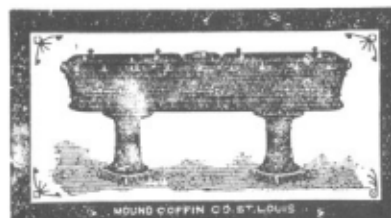
Miami enjoys the reputation of having the first free schools of any town in the Territory, and the beginning was made in 1898. Previous to that date white children were either sent to the states to be educated, or attended the private subscription schools then quite common. "What to do with the children" was the thought uppermost in the minds of parents, and meetings were held to devise ways and means. Relief came with the passage of the Curtis bill; or rather through its interpretation by Col. H. H. Butler, who was then the radically progressive mayor of the town. He caused the teachers and children to be marshaled before Judge Wm. M. Springer and had the town incorporated into a school district. Then, by common consent of the citizens, he began issuing school warrants of the face value of \$100.00 each, and drawing eight per cent. per annum, and

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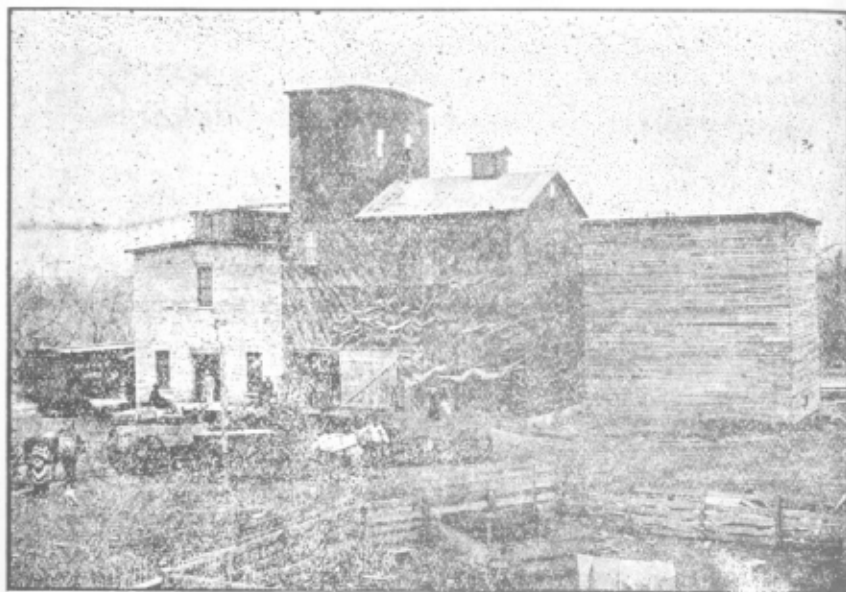
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on this doubtful security the local bankers, merchants and others advanced the necessary money to create a school fund. Then the church buildings and the opera house were secured and the first public schools installed. The result has been entirely satisfactory and the indebtedness then incurred practically paid.

The present school board, composed of Don P. Wills, president; L. B. Zilar, secretary; J. F. Robinson, C. M. Harvey, J. C. Ginter and D. S. Jackson are able, enterprising and painstaking, with the interest of the public at heart. Frederick M. Tartar, of Joplin, Mo., is principal, and he is ably assisted by nine teachers, who are well qualified to conduct the various grades. The enrollment in the city for this session is eight hundred and twenty-five, and seventy additional students have been cared for from out of town. Eight months school is held and the advancement in all grades is fully up to the standard.

The present modern school building contains eight rooms and is an ornament to the town. It was erected and furnished in 1900 at a cost of \$8,200 00: the funds being raised by the sale of school warrants issued by the school board. These were also taken by citizens, and eighty-five per cent. of this debt has been discharged. The grounds cover an entire block and are located at the corner of Second avenue and Vine street.

In order to keep pace with the growth of the town additional school buildings are needed, and an election was held Sept. 20th, 1902, and \$10,000 in school bonds voted. These bonds have not yet been sold, but will be now that all conditions of the law has been complied with; and then one or more buildings will be erected. The object of those having the matter in charge is to make of Miami an educational center and they will work with that end in view.

Taxation.

The total tax collected for all purposes is one and one-half per cent. Of this one per cent. is set aside for school purposes and one half of one per cent. to defray the expenses of the city government. As all city officers serve without compensation, with the exceptions of the city attorney and city marshal, and as there are no county or state taxes to be paid, Miami can well claim to conduct its municipal and school affairs at a less cost than any other town of its size or age.

A City of Churches.

That morality and religion prevail to an unusual degree is borne out by the fact that there are eleven church organizations, and nine of them have comfortable church buildings within the incorporation. The ministers who fill the pulpits are talented and well learned in theology and the services are well attended.

Lodges and Societies.

Most of the leading lodges are to be found here domiciled in tastefully furnished halls. The rolls are made up from the better citizens and the attendance is good.

The Commercial Club has on its rolls the names of all the progressive citizens of the town. They are the leaders in all public enterprises and have and will accomplish much for the town. Their usefulness will be more apparent as the conditions of the country change, and as the town grows in age. They are awake to the superior advantages that their home possesses and solicit a correspondence with manufacturers and others intending to locate. Address Geo. W. Bigham, president, or H. H. Millard, secretary.

The Grand Army of the Republic has a membership of forty and meet regularly. They send greetings to their comrades in other states, and will cheerfully reply to letters in reference to this beautiful Indian country.

A Town Without a Negro.

Although the color line has never been drawn, the two political parties being about equally divided, Miami can be congratulated because there is not a colored person living in the town. There are also few foreigners or full blooded Indians, the population being mostly American born.

A County Seat Town.

Being located in the center of a section of the Territory certain to be formed into a county when statehood is secured, and already being the commercial and railroad center of this territory; and by reason of the fact that the Federal district court and recorder's office are already located here, it is but reasonable to suppose that this will be a county seat. A square near the center of the town, nicely set with grass and forest trees, has been reserved for court purposes, and this will be presented to the new county when formed.

Building Material.

The best of timber for hardwood lumber can be obtained along the rivers and streams adjacent to the town, where the country is covered with a fine growth of all the woods usual to this climate, and they furnish an unlimited supply of the finest lumber for building and other purposes. There are, however, few mills, and local dealers are compelled to ship in most of the lumber consumed.

The inexhaustible stone quarries, located within the city limits and skirting the river for miles, supply the market and ship to neighboring towns, a fine quality of hard blue sand stone, unexcelled for building and flagging purposes. It is free from all substances of a discoloring nature and will retain its natural color. It can be obtained in any size, shape or quantity, and of any thickness from four inches to four feet. The stratas run uniform in thickness; the first being four inches; the second six inches; and they increase in thickness as a deeper depth is attained until a thickness of four feet is found. Owing to the location and the superior quality of stone there is no better place than this to put in machinery for cutting stone for building and sidewalk purposes.

Clay for the manufacture of brick and also an excellent quality of sand and gravel are also found at the town's edge which cheapen the cost of building.

The Water Supply.

During the past year artesian water has been obtained on the property of the Miami Artesian Light & Water Co., at the depth of one thousand feet. A well was started by H. F. Reniker, manager of the above company, and at the depth of five hundred feet abandoned. Then the citizens of the town, assisted by the Miami Town Company, raised the necessary funds and continued sinking until a flow of 200,000 gallons per day was secured. Following this the city council granted this company a franchise and it is their intention to at once put in water works. But outside of the benefits to be derived from this feature the water itself has proven a great blessing to the town on account of its medicinal qualities. Numerous persons suffering from kidney, bladder, blood and liver troubles have been benefited, and constipation, typhoid fever, ague and kindred disorders are unknown among those who use it constantly. It is clear and sparkling; as soft as free stone water, and can be used in boilers with good results.

ANALYSIS OF WATER.

The following is the analysis of the water as given by Prof. Edward M. Sheppard, analytical chemist. Drury College, Springfield, Mo.:

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DEAR SIR: Your sample of artesian water from Miami, I. T. yields the following results upon analysis:

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| Color, odor and taste | none |
| Hardness, Franklin's scale | 7 : 4 |
| Removable hardness | 1 : 6 |
| Calcium sulphate, grains per gal. | 4 : 8 |
| Calcium Carbonate, grains per gal. | : 6 |
| Chlorine | 1 : 4 |
| Magnesium sulphate | a trace |
| Albuminoid Ammonia | none |

The great Sulphur Springs, on the Louis Cardin place north of town, is visited annually by hundreds of visitors who accord it many virtues, and predict that in the near future this farm will be converted into a health resort by some enterprising company. There is no doubt but what this water has much to recommend it and adds to the healthfulness of Miami's environments.

Following the meanderings of the beautiful Neosho river many soft water springs are found bubbling forth their contributions to nature; and at a depth of from ten to twenty feet good, cold sparkling pure soft water may be had in many places on the townsite. By drilling from sixty to one hundred feet a fine sulphur water is found which has superior medical qualities.

If Miami was not otherwise supplied with water for all purposes the Neosho river and Tar creek would furnish a neverfailing supply of the purest and clearest. The former has a fall of ten feet to the mile, and a volume of water the driest season sufficient to furnish unlimited water power for any kind of manufacturing interests, with the advantage that the river is never frozen over.

Fuel.

Wood for fuel can be had along the borders of neighboring streams for the cost of cutting, and native coal from nearby mines

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can be bought delivered at \$2.50 per ton; while foreign coal is sold by local dealers at \$3.50 per ton.

Scenery, Hunting and Fishing.

The scenic beauty of the Neosho river is unrivaled in this part of the creation, and the boating and fishing are all that can be desired. The well wooded lands along this and tributary streams are well stocked with wild game, and there are many beautiful camping places beside bubbling springs. The rolling prairie with its waving grass and growing crops is a feast for the eye if one is tempted to drive over the many roads centering in Miami.

Health and Climate.

The altitude of Miami is eight hundred feet above sea level, and summer nights are cool and pleasant. It is protected from the cold blasts of winter and the rigors of that season are not felt. The abundant supply of pure artesian and other mineral waters prevent and drive away disease and makes of this one of the most delightful and healthful places in which to live.

Bridges and Ferries.

The business interests of Miami, desiring to make the town accessible to citizens of the Cherokee Nation, organized the Miami Toll Bridge Co., with a capital of \$10,000.00 in 1900, and at this date a handsome iron bridge spans the beautiful Neosho one-half mile south of town. There is also a ferry across the stream near by, and the Frisco system has an \$80,000 steel bridge in the immediate vicinity. The roads leading to these crossings are fairly good for a country in our present state of development and are in the hands of parties who will use every means to make them better.

Oil and Natural Gas.

While it has long been known that indications of both oil and gas existed at many points adjacent to the town no systematic effort has yet been made to test fully the supply. Within the last few months, however, two companies have entered the field and between them have leased about fifteen thousand acres and will at once test the lands. Ex-Gov. Renfrow, of Oklahoma, is at the head of a Joplin-Oklahoma combination and is preparing to begin operations, while J. B. Conover, of Kilbourn, Ill., is now drilling with the most per-

fect outfit that can be purchased. He is backed by men of large means and business experience and will push the work vigorously. With these two companies in the field we may expect this resource to be fully determined within the coming year.

Agricultural, Vegetable and Fruit Lands.

The lands surrounding Miami are above the average and this year testifies abundantly as to their productiveness. The Quapaw lands will stand the most thorough investigation, and this will be given all homeseekers. The following is the average made during the past several years:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Peanuts..... | 100 to 125 bushels per acre |
| Corn..... | 30 to 50 " " " |
| Wheat..... | 15 to 35 " " " |
| Oats..... | 30 to 70 " " " |
| Flax..... | 8 to 15 " " " |
| Prairie hay..... | 1 to 3 tons " " |
| Tame grasses..... | 3 to 4 " " " |
| Alfalfa..... | 6 to 7 " " " |
| Specimens of cabbage..... | 15 to 20 pounds |
| " " watermelons..... | 50 to 60 " |
| " " sweet potatoes..... | 5 to 8 " |
| " " Irish potatoes..... | 1 to 3 " |

The fruit yield is equal to any section of the Southwest. Apples, peaches, pears, plums, cherries and all kinds of small fruits grow to phenomenal size.

The country is well watered and adapted to stock raising and can be purchased outright or leased on favorable terms; with the result that the prairies are dotted with fine herds of well bred cattle, horses, hogs and sheep. The leasing of lands and the cutting of prairie hay is at present one of the chief industries as freight shipments show.

It is also believed that lead and zinc ore exists in many localities near town, and some attention has been given to this matter. The parties, however, who did the prospecting were badly equipped and left the hidden mysteries of the earth to others better prepared.

A Hay and Corn Market.

The favorable terms on which lands may be purchased or leased for a term of years has stimulated immigration, and Miami has be-

come quite a shipping point. Hay, corn and flax are the principal articles grown and sold in the local market, and we give the shipments for the present season, (copied from the books of the Frisco System,) from the stations of Miami, Quapaw and Narcissa, the two latter being switches a few miles distant from this point:

| | CORN | HAY | FLAX |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Miami..... | 1200 cars | 1800 cars | 60 cars |
| Quapaw..... | 800 " | 1000 " | 25 " |
| Narcissa..... | 800 " | 800 " | 18 " |
| | 2800 cars | 3600 cars | 103 cars |

A recent experiment in the growth of peanuts proves the soil to be adapted to their growth. J. A. Logan, residing just south of town marketed 300 bushels from $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land. As the average crop is 100 bushels per acre we think this an excellent showing for this product and shall expect to see this industry flourish.

Miami's Newspapers.

The two political parties are represented by three local weekly publications, although the time has not arrived when political alignments must be made. They faithfully represent the faith that is in them, besides being chroniclers of local happenings and the condensed news from all parts of the Indian Territory. All are well edited and printed and have good lists of subscribers besides being well fitted for commercial job printing.

The Miami Herald, (democrat,) established in 1893 by Jesse Drago.—V. C. Yantis, editor and publisher. \$1.00 per annum.

The Miami Record, (democrat,) established in 1895 by H. C. Brandon.—M. C. Falkenbury, editor and proprietor. \$1.00 per year.

The Miami Republican, established in 1899 by the Republican Ptg. Co., Dr. W. L. McWilliams, president; H. J. Butler, secy.—Chas. W. Parker, editor and proprietor. \$1.00 per year; 50c for six months.

COL. WAYLAND C. LYKINS,**Father of Miami and President Miami Town Co.**

It is hard to write of Col. Lykins and imagine any existence separate in any way from the town of Miami, and yet it appears that he was born in Miami county, Kansas, in 1847; was the son of Dr. David Lykins, a Baptist minister and missionary among the Peoria Indians, and a member of their tribe by adoption; that his education was acquired in the common schools of Missouri and in Harrisonville academy of the same state; that for a time he was with a surveying party of the Union Pacific R. R. in 1865, and assisted in sectionizing the townships between Pueblo and Canyon City, Colo., and was then clerk and later a partner in the firm of C. E. Middaugh & Co., of Columbus, Kan., and that he removed to the Quapaw agency in 1884 and engaged in farming and stock raising until 1890, when he bought the present townsite of Miami and began carrying out the cherished scheme of his life. To accomplish this and have passed by Congress the various measures that have been found necessary from time to time, he has passed much time in Washington and has an acquaintance with most of the leaders of the nation. Aside from this and taking the leading part in securing the Federal Court and the Recorder's office for Miami, it is possible that the greatest work for the town was the donation of \$30,000 in town property to secure the K. C. Ft. S. & M. Ry., and the influence of that company for the upbuilding of the place. He has, however, always been foremost in all public enterprises, and no citizen stands higher or has spent more liberally from his private means to make Miami a model town than has Col. Lykins. He is a Scottish rite Mason and a staunch republican of the old line; but a hale and hearty companion who delights in showing strangers and prospective homeseekers through the town and explaining the possibilities of this beautiful Indian country.

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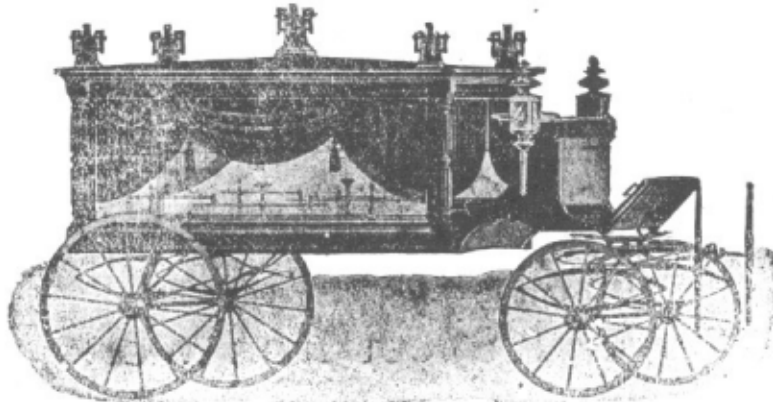
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of \$50,000.00 and at this date has net earnings of \$11,000. Its business is conducted on conservative lines and is liberally patronized by the business men, farmers and stock men of this section. Many of the stockholders of this bank are also interested in national banks at Vinita, Tulsa, Claremore, Chelsea and Adair, I. T., and in mercantile houses, large stock ranches and other public enterprises throughout the Territory and Texas. They are men of large means, enterprising and public spirited and have spent their money liberally for the benefit of the section in which they trade.

E. B. Frayser, is president; Dr. W. L. McWilliams, vice-president; S. D. Harper, cashier; and Dr. Oliver Bagby, W. M. Farmer, G. W. Clark, Jas. K. Moore, P. L. Soper, S. C. Fullerton and W. P. Farley are directors.

The collection department and the sale of domestic and foreign exchange receives the personal attention of the cashier, and has grown with the other business of the bank; probably because of the popularity and courteous treatment of Mr. Harper, who is highly esteemed by all citizens of the community.

THE BANK OF MIAMI.

Corner Fourth Avenue and Fourth Street.

The above named bank is the oldest financial institution of the town, and is officered by men who have taken an active part in all public affairs in Miami since its birth. They have been liberal in the expenditure of private means when the town most needed help, and their public acts are so intertwined with the history of the place that it is hard to write of the town without mentioning the Bank of Miami. They have also assisted many worthy men in the improvement of their property and farms, and so used their wealth that it has been an important factor in settling the Quapaw Agency. For these reasons, and on account of the high standing of all connected with the bank, it is a popular depository for merchants, stockmen, farmers and others of this section. The sale of exchange and collection of accounts has grown to be an important part of the bank's business, and this department, as well as all other matters, has the personal attention of the president and cashier.

The bank was organized as a private enterprise Dec. 5th, 1895, with a capital stock of \$10,000.00. The capital was increased June, 1902, to \$15,000.00. At this date they have a surplus in excess of \$30,000.00.

The officers and directors are: C. P. Williams, president; Geo. W. Bigham, vice-president; J. S. Cheyne, cashier; R. J. Tuthill, assistant cashier; G. W. Niceley, E. J. Bigham and J. R. Wise.

G. W. BECK,

Dealer in General Merchandise.

The name which heads this is probably as well known in business and religious circles as any individual in Miami, and has been identified with the town since 1895. He occupies a seventy-five foot frontage on South Main street and his wares cover seven thousand five hundred feet of floor space. He is also interested in stores at Welch and Bluejacket, and was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Vinita. He has also taken a leading part in all enterprises tending to build up this section of the Territory, and has been foremost in extending help to his home town. He takes a great interest in religious work and is a consistent member of the Holiness Church, and it is probably through his efforts that Miami has become such a religious and educational center. At any rate he enjoys the confidence of the trading public to the fullest degree and when an article is known to have been purchased at Beck's it is known to be of the best quality and grade for the price charged. He will be glad to answer all letters in reference to the town and country, and intending homeseekers will do well to write him.

U. L. ROBARDS,

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Groceries.

This department store is one of the largest of its kind in Miami, and was established by Robards & Early in 1895, and did business under that name until August of this year when Mr. U. L. Robards became the sole proprietor. He is also the owner of what is known as the Miami Hotel block and occupies the entire ground-floor with the various departments of his establishment, and here tastefully displays his wares. In one room are found clothing and

gents' furnishings; in another dry goods, cloaks and ladies' goods; in another millinery and dressmaking; and in still another staple and fancy groceries. His fixtures are modern and include the latest air line carrier system, while his plate glass show windows are decorated with much taste by experts in their line. In fact his aim is to make his place a delightful resort for intending customers, and in this he has succeeded and the amount of annual sales has grown greater each year. He is a native of Henderson, Ky., and carries the affability of the Kentucky gentleman into his dealings with his many customers and has built a trade second to none, but which will grow greater as Miami expands, and the fertile lands adjacent become more densely populated.

THE ALPHA PHARMACY,

Shriver & Tidwell, Props.

The history of this establishment is part of the history of Miami, from the fact that it is the pioneer of its line, having been started by Dr. W. L. McWilliams in 1895. It is located in the opera house block; the stock is large, fresh and well displayed, and the fixtures and arrangements equal to that of much larger towns. The present firm purchased the stock in 1900, and enjoy a lucrative trade; probably from the fact that both partners are practical druggists and first-class business men. E. E. Shriver, the senior member of the firm, began the drug business as a clerk for Dr. McWilliams when the store was first opened, and by continued application gained the confidence of the public and his employer, and today is at the head of the largest drug store in Miami. M. R. Tidwell, the junior member, holds diplomas from the Northwestern University of Chicago, is registered under the laws of Ill. and Mo., and a member of the Indian Territory Pharmaceutical Association. Before the latter he was valedictorian and carried off first honors. He is chairman of the committee on Scientific Research, and also a member of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association, and will deliver a paper before that body in May.

A firm thus equipped with a practical and thorough knowledge of medicines, should enjoy a large prescription business, and Shriver & Tidwell are continually busy in this department. They use

nothing but the purest and freshest drugs and chemicals and therefore get the best results. Their stock of proprietary medicines, perfumes, paints, oils, stationary, school books, cigars, etc., is complete and customers always find what they want at this house.

MIAMI ROLLER MILL AND ELEVATOR CO.

G. W. Niceley, Prop.

In a grain producing country a mill and elevator is both a necessity and a convenience and to supply this want G. W. Niceley began the erection of his plant in 1897, and as the settlement of the country brought more grain to the local market he has added to his facilities until now he owns one of the best equipped mills in the Territory, which is located on the Frisco track at the end of South P st. His machinery is new and up-to-date and especially adapted to the production of a high grade of flour and feed stuffs. He pushes two brands of flour: the "Queen of Neosho" and "Pride of Miami," and the amount to be seen in the stores of the town proves their popularity. He also guarantees and ships a large amount of feed, and is a large buyer and shipper of grain; and as these shipments show the productions of the section we give them for the present and past two years: 1900, 200,000 bushels; 1901, 75,000 bushels; 1902, 300,000 bushels. Last year was drouthy and shipments fell behind, but as crop conditions are unusually favorable he will gain what he then lost.

Mr. Niceley is a director of the Bank of Miami, and a member of the City Council and the Commercial Club and a conservative but progressive citizen. He intends to buy, feed and ship cattle and hogs the coming season, and for this purpose is adding to his facilities at the mill.

Dr. M. HENRY KENNEDY,

Wholesale and Retail Jeweler and Optician.

A proper understanding of the jewelry business, and the science of fitting glasses to the human eye, can not be acquired in a day, or without both practical and theroretical knowledge. This fact was made plain to Dr. M. Henry Kennedy seventeen years ago when he applied to be apprenticed to an Englishman who had served his time as a Swiss watchmaker. He engaged with him and served four years

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.....Drivers who know the
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Meet all Trains and Deliver Passengers and
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WEST FOURTH AVE.

MIAMI, I. T.

and at the end of that time was pronounced an expert workman. Then for a time he sought knowledge in the employ of other firms at various places that he might come in contact with other classes of work and learn fully the practical part of his trade. In 1894 he graduated from the Chicago Optical College, and again in 1900 from the Illinois Optical College. He is a constant reader of all up-to-date optical publicans and spends a time each year attending lectures on this subject. Besides having the greatest practical knowledge of the jewelry business and in testing and fitting glasses to the eye, he is the only graduated optician in the Indian Territory.

The stock of diamonds, jewelry, silverware, watches, clocks, and other articles usual to a first class dealer is very large and is tastefully displayed with all the attractions of a city store. His lathes, burnishing wheels, and other tools in the repair department show that he is well fitted for this work, and we trust that you will join the majority that visits him in the Talbot-Aiken block.

H. H. MILLARD,

Dealer in Implements and Vehicles.

The subject of this sketch came to Miami in March, 1898, from Plymouth county, Iowa, and at once took a leading part among the business men of the town. He has creditably filled the offices of City Clerk and Assessor, and now fills the positions of Secretary of the Miami Commercial Club and also of the Republican Club. He is Venerable Council of the M. W. A., and a mason of good standing, and usually fills the office of secretary in all meetings where matters affecting the public interests of Miami and this section of the Territory are considered. At this time he enjoys a lucrative trade in implements and vehicles, on South Main street, and among his leaders we find the Anchor buggy, Bain and Webber wagons, Kingman plow goods, Champion binders and mowers, and many other articles suited to farmers. His rubber tired, and other up-to-date rigs, are beauties and well worth examining, as are the many new improvements that are coming out on late vehicles. An hour can be spent here profitably by intending purchasers, and we advise all to see Millard before buying.

DR. A. M. COOTER,**Office in Opera House Building, W. Fourth Ave.**

Domiciled in cosey offices, and a partner of Dr. W. L. McWilliams, we found Dr. A. M. Cooter whose name appears as one of the City Board of Health. He is a graduate of the Louisville (Ky.) University of the class of 1894, and a member of the Indian Territory Medical Association. He began the practice of his profession at Columbus, Kans., but came to this place in 1895 to join his friend and school fellow, and at once entered upon a lucrative practice. He is prominent in society circles, Master of the Masonic lodge, and a member of several other orders, and popular among the business men of the town. Besides attending to his practice he looks after a ranch of several hundred acres which he owns west of town, and from which he receives a good rental. He is a native of Lewis county, Missouri, and to men of his state sends greeting, and will be pleased to correspond with all seeking a country offering opportunities not now presented in the older states.

G. A. MEREDITH & SONS.**Furniture and Undertakers.**

This firm is the oldest exclusive furniture dealers in Miami, and they have recently taken possession of their new store building just completed on South Main St. This building, which was designed for their own special use, is 50x120 feet and cost approximately \$10,000. It is modern in all respects, centrally located, and one of the best in town. The display of late designs in furniture, carpets, rugs, window shades, etc., is very fine and adds much to the attractions of the street. The stock, however, is made up of all qualities of goods, ranging from the cheapest to the most expensive, and all can be suited in price and quality.

All members of the firm are thoroughly posted in every detail of the business and fill all duties when called on, yet it is well to mention that E. B. Meredith is a graduate of the Champion School of Embalming, of Kansas City, Mo., and has had several years' experience as an embalmer and funeral director. They carry a good stock of coffins and caskets and offer their services to the public.

DR. W. L. McWILLIAMS,**Office in Opera House Block, West Fourth Ave.**

In order to show what a young man of energy may accomplish in the Territory we refer to the life of Dr. W. L. McWilliams, who came to Miami in 1891. During that year he finished his medical education by graduating from the Louisville (Ky.) University, and had begun practice at Melrose, Kansas. He was attracted to this place when it was first decided to build a town here and became the purchaser of the first lot sold. During the same year he removed to this place to practice his profession, and later established the Alpha Pharmacy and built a comfortable residence. In 1895 he built a two

**THE McWILLIAMS' OPERA HOUSE.**

story stone building at the corner of Main street and Fourth ave, and in 1901 remodeled and converted this into the W. L. McWilliams Opera House. The present fine building, which is 50x120 ft. and three stories high, was erected at a cost of \$15,000.00. It is of native stone and of modern design, and is claimed to be the neatest and best appointed opera house between Kansas City and Dallas, Texas. On the ground floor is to be found the First National Bank, Alpha Pharmacy and post office; on the second story the Opera House, Federal court room and court officials, and on the third floor an elegant lodge room occupied by the Modern Woodmen.

In April, 1897, Dr. McWilliams received the appointment of postmaster of Miami, and at this time is serving his second term. He is also vice-president of the First National Bank; president Miami Artesian Water and Electric Light Co.; a director in the Miami Toll

Bridge Co., and part owner of an addition to the city. He was a delegate to the Philadelphia convention which nominated McKinley and Roosevelt in 1900, and of the committee which notified the latter of his nomination. Besides attending to his duties in connection with the various businesses enumerated, he is in the active practice of his profession as well as the local surgeon of the Frisco system and a member of the city board of health.

This life has been an extremely busy one, but richly crowned by success, and stands out prominently from among all who located at this place during its first year. Many others have been unusually successful, but there are few that began life here on a limited capital ten years ago who can point to property representing as many thousands as they then had dollars.

MIAMI PLANING MILL AND WAGON WORKS,

Paul Raddis, Prop.

The people of Miami are just now rejoicing over the erection of the well built, 50x50, two story frame planing mill and wagon factory, by Paul Raddis, a late immigrant from Pender, Thurston Co., Neb., on South Main street. He is equipping his plant with up-to-date planing mill and wagon machinery and machinist and blacksmithing tools, and has in his employ some of the best skilled workmen of this and the old country. Being a German by birth and Yankee raised we may expect the Raddis wagons, carriages and buggies, when turned out, to be a credit to Miami, and to contain all the late improvements and conveniences of the 19th century. He will use nothing but carefully selected second growth stock and his vehicles will be sold for low prices under the usual guarantee. He also owns a similar plant at Pender, Neb., and the Pender Times says "it is the best equipped between Sioux City and Omaha." This paper also mentions the superiority of his output, his skill as a manufacturer and his high standing among the business men of his former home. So we say: long may he live; and busy be the hum of his machinery and many the tracks of the vehicles leading from his factory.

ROBINSON & HARVEY,

General Real Estate and Insurance Agents.

James F. Robinson and C. M. Harvey, who have comfortable rooms in the Fox building from which they conduct a general insurance and real estate business, are among the oldest and best known citizens of Miami. They have grown up with the place and are conversant with the laws of the Territory and the history of every lot and tract of land surrounding the town. They represent the oldest and best insurance companies and do a good business.

Both members of the firm are at present members of the school board, Mr. Robinson served one term as mayor, and they have been otherwise identified with the town since its infancy. They are thoroughly reliable in all business transactions and homeseekers can not do better than to open a correspondence with this firm who will cheerfully answer any and all letters about this or any other section of the Territory.

Dr. C. M. SNEED,

Office Talbot-Aiken Building, North Main Street.

In writing of those who have lent their brain and energies to the medical profession it will not do to pass C. M. Sneed, M. D., who has recently located in the Talbot-Aiken block. He came highly recommended by the physicians and citizens of Centralia, Mo., his former home, and by the president of the Missouri State Board of Health. He is a graduate of the medical department of the Missouri State University, and has taken a post-graduate course in the medical department of the Northwestern University, of Chicago. Last year he held the position of assistant in Pathology and Bacteriology in the first named college, and was highly esteemed as a preceptor. He is comfortably domiciled in his new offices and starts in with a fine prospect for a good practice, and will be a welcomed addition to the professional and social circles of Miami.

ROBERT SORRELL.

Dealer in Groceries, Feed and Hay.

When a merchant can turn his entire stock three times during the dull month of August any one will say that he is a successful

CLARK & RICHARDVILLE,**Furniture Dealers and Funeral Directors.**

There is no firm trading in Miami more closely identified with the people than is the furniture and undertaking establishment of Clark & Richardville; and probably no two gentlemen better equipped for handling the trade which comes to this town. F. E. Clark, before engaging in his present business, followed contracting and is a first class woodworkman, and finished his apprenticeship by serving two years in the finishing rooms of a large furniture house; where he also practically learned the art of embalming and properly preparing the dead for burial. He is expert at all kinds of repair work, a good salesman and a collector who can jolly the dollars out of the pockets of the worst delinquents. C. W. Richardville, who is the son of Chief T. F. Richardville who first owned the land on which Miami has been built, is a native of the Territory, and enjoys the acquaintance of most of the people who trade here. He is salesman and book-keeper and is well qualified for the credit man of the firm. Both are gentlemen well liked in the community and they enjoy a large portion of the trade.

Their stock is well selected and includes all the latest and up-to-date articles in their line, and persons needing furniture should not fail to visit their place on North Main street. They also own one of the finest hearses in the Territory, and the only one in Miami, and offer its services to the community.

PARRISH & CALDWELL, DRUGGISTS,**Paul H. Caldwell, Mgr.**

This busy drug firm, occupying a handsome store room in the Talbot-Aiken block on North Main St., is a branch of one of the oldest firms of Nevada, Mo. They came to this place in 1901, buying the business of N. S. Sweeney, which has been moved to larger and more centrally located quarters and the stock greatly increased. Besides handling a fresh stock of the purest standard drugs, they have the only complete stock of wall paper, books, window shades, paints, etc., in the Territory, and are making prices that draw custom. Mr. Caldwell, the resident partner, is making many friends in Miami by his obliging ways and willingness to share profits with those who trade with him, and is laying the foundation for a much larger business as the Territory is opened to the new conditions that will follow statehood.

ROBERT SORRELL.**Dealer in Groceries, Feed and Hay.**

When a merchant can turn his entire stock three times during the dull month of August any one will say that he is a successful business man and a hustler, and this is what Bob Sorrell did. He works for and controls a large part of the trade of the hay camps and corn huskers, and in this way is enabled to dispose of staples in large quantities. He also caters to the town trade and his prices and well assorted stock draws custom, and his fair dealing and affable manner holds them. A good index to a merchant's heart is his treatment of children; and it is said that Bob has "a corner on the kid trade" and that parents send their offspring for blocks to his store, knowing they will be fairly dealt with. His stock is made up of staple and fancy groceries, feed and hay, and if his store is not the largest in town it is the best place to trade.

W. F. WILSON & CO.,**Dealers in Produce and Feed.**

The above is a new firm which has recently opened its doors on South Main street, just across the street from Martin's Harness Shop. The senior member, W. F. Wilson, is from Lamar, Mo., where he lived for several years and enjoyed the reputation of being a first class business man. He comes to engage in a calling that will be of great benefit to the farmer and others, and is therefore welcome. The highest prices will be paid for all kinds of produce; eggs, butter, poultry, game, hides, furs, potatoes, apples, pecans, hickory nuts, or anything else raised by the farmer for which a market can be found. He will supply merchants, hotels and others with dressed poultry and game, and can always be depended upon to have nice fat chickens, turkeys, ducks, choice butter and fresh eggs on hand. His aim being to build up a trade at this point if hard work and attention to business will do so. Give him a call when you have anything to sell or buy.

THE PARKER PRINTING COMPANY,**Chas. W. Parker, Mgr.**

This firm have recently become the owners and publishers of THE MIAMI REPUBLICAN, and are at present located in the Fox building, corner Main street and Fourth avenue. Not being satisfied with an equipment which cost them \$1,500.00 they now have enroute presses, paper cutters, type and other accessories costing a like amount, and will shortly have in operation in their own building, in Miami, one of the best equipped weekly papers and job plants in the Indian Territory. Among the type which will enter the job department will be found most of the later faces, and the presses and other machinery are up-to-date. They will therefore be prepared to do any class of commercial printing in a first-class manner and at short notice and Miami should welcome this addition and support them liberally.

Chas. W. Parker, who is the editor and manager of the REPUBLICAN, is a young man twenty-three years of age, and from Meriden, Conn. He is a nephew of L. F. Parker, Sr., general attorney for the Frisco system, and well connected socially and financially. He was employed for three years on the New Britain Herald, a leading Eastern paper, and for one year by The Dodd Lithographic Co., Hartford Conn., and left their employ to engage in the job printing business in his home town. He is a typical yankee, full of energy and progressive ideas and taking this in conjunction with his past experience in the printing business his venture in Miami should be richly crowned with success. This firm are the printers of this booklet and present it to you for inspection

MIAMI CARRIAGE & WAGON WORKS,**J. W. Markey, Prop.**

The above name aptly described the business carried on by J. W. Markey on South Main street, where he has been established since 1895. During this time he has built a number of the better vehicles in use in and about Miami; besides doing general blacksmithing, repairing farm implements and machinery castings. He also does considerable business in supplying new wheels, bodies, etc., and in general repairing work. His trade is a very satisfactory one,

yet he is never too busy to figure on work of any kind, and will be pleased to see all old friends who may desire his services, as well as others who may want work done by a first class mechanic. He owns his own building, which is well adapted to the business, and divided into rooms suitable to the different classes of work.

He was born an Englishman; reared, educated and learned his trade in Illinois; but was finally attracted to this beautiful Indian country and now intends to make it his home. These are the kind of men Miami likes to have settle in her midst and strives to help in every way possible.

THE STONE LIVERY BARN TRANSFER CO.**W. R. Austin, Prop.**

The proprietor of this enterprise entered the livery business in Miami three years ago, and the appearance of his stable proves that he has made a success. He has also formed the acquaintance of a majority of the traveling men who visit Miami, and his teams may be seen carrying them to all neighboring towns. This class delights in good steppers and neat traps, and to supply his needs Mr. Austin has just added several handsome turnouts, together with a handsome new bus. He meets all trains and delivers passengers and baggage at all hotels, or to any part of the city. He is a good citizen, enterprising and "a jolly good fellow," as all lovers of fine horses are, and all travelers coming to Miami should see that their bus tickets read via The Stone Barn.

M. B. PICKLER,**New and Second Hand House Furnishings.**

Those who have read Dicken's "Old Curiosity Shop" will enjoy a visit to the store of M. B. Pickler, on N. Main street, where it is possible that some of the very articles delt in by the second hand man of that story may be found; or if not, "others equally as good." The stock is one of quaint old relics and mammoth bargains, and is known to contain just what you have failed to find at any other place in town. Then it can be bought for less than half price and is often new, or as good as new. With Mr. Pickler you can always trade; because he both buys and sells, or will trade one article for another; anything to keep trade moving in the north end. He calls for and delivers goods, or will store goods for those leaving town.

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Green's Barber Shop

My room is neat and towels clean,
Scissors sharp and razors keen.
And everything I think you'll find
To suit the face and please the mind.

Shaving I will do at any old time,
But for a shave I want a dime—
I do not mean a dime in trust,
For that would make the barber bust.

James W. Green,

SOUTH MAIN ST. OPPOSITE BECK'S.

E. L. AUBUCHON & BRO.

Talbot-Aiken Building, North Main St.

When we say that the neatest, best arranged and best stocked grocery store in the Indian Territory is that of E. L. Aubuchon & Bro., on North Main street, we believe that the people of Miami will sustain the statement. The room is large, well lighted and the goods arranged artistically on shelving properly made, and the show cases and counters of latest designs. The staples are those usually found in a well appointed grocery, yet many of the fancy brands are not usual to this market. They are selected for the best trade of Miami and draw well. The opening day was the 16th of Sept., but if appearances count Messrs Aubuchon cannot complain of a lack of trade. They also deal in flour and feed and guarantee everything in stock to be the best money can buy.

E. L. & J. N. Aubuchon are the individuals composing the firm, E. L. being the resident partner, while J. N. is vice-president of the Grenola State Bank, of Grenola, Kans., where the brothers were engaged in a general store for many years. At home they stand high socially and financially and are a great acquisition to Miami's business circles.

ENSWORTH & THARP'S

Livery, Feed and Sale Stables.

This firm, which has recently purchased the well appointed stables on West Fourth street are well prepared to do a livery, feed and sale business in a much larger town than Miami. Their harness and single teams are sleek and good drivers, and their saddlers are all that could be desired; while their buggies, carriages and hacks please their customers. They make a specialty of providing traveling men and land seekers with teams for inland points, and persons needing outfits of this kind should patronize them. They also own the City Transfer line and meet all trains.

Mr. O. J. Ensworth is an old settler and well acquainted in the Quapaw agency, while Mr. J. B. Tharp is from Franklin Co., Kans., where his private and business reputation was the best. Taking them as a firm they are well qualified and equipped for their business and do now and will in the future receive their full share of the trade.

I. L. HARNESS, PHOTOGRAPHER,**East Fourth Ave., bet Main and Vine Sts.**

The only photograph gallery in Miami is that of I. L. Harness, and he is just now introducing several new kinds of work and among them we notice the aristo-platino and collodio-carbon finish. He also does enlarging at a very cheap rate and customers may have choice between pastel, crayon, oleograph, platino, cepia, or various other styles. In ordering work of this kind it is much more sensible to patronize a good artist at home in preference to trusting your old pictures to strangers and run the risk of losing them and being compelled to accept work not entirely satisfactory.

Mr. Harness came to this place last May from Quincy, Ill., where he had been engaged in the same line of business for several years. His samples displayed cover a varied line of work and prove him to be a first class artist. He is permanently located and owns his residence and is a member of the M. E. Church. He is the successor of L. B. Zilar and has many old negatives from which prints may be made at short notice. Give him a call.

MIAMI STEAM LAUNDRY,**Cor. Fourth and Vine Sts.**

The recent purchase of the Miami Steam Laundry by J. L. Blier, of Joplin, Mo., gives assurance of the continuance of a deserving enterprise; and the new proprietor's business reputation is such that his patrons may feel confident that he will serve them even better than they have been served heretofore. His intentions are to turn out nothing but the best of work, and with the improvements to be added, and the skilled home labor he employs, there is no reason he should not succeed. His former experience in this line in Colorado and Nebraska fits him for a successful manager, and by the continued use of Miami's famous artesian water we shall expect our garments to retain their accustomed whiteness. His wagon calls for and delivers all work, and he guarantees it to be equal to that turned out at other points. Give him a trial and you will not be disappointed, and at the same time patronize a home institution.

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Sell Groceries for Spot Cash.....Make Prompt
Delivery to Any Part of the City.
For Quality and Price We Defy Competition.

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IT IS NOT TO TELL YOU THAT WE LOVE YOU. If we knew one word that would bring every person within twenty-five miles of Miami to this store, that, as a matter of fact, is the word we would use.

We began business in Miami August 28th, 1895. Our business has grown steadily. We have done more business in one single day this fall than we did the first month. That is quite a growth you say.

We Have Pinned Our Faith to Good Goods.

We have worked and attended to our own business, the people did the balance. People always need reliable merchandise. We always carry that kind in ample quantities. If we adopt one phrase to declare the future policy of this store it shall be: "TWENTIETH CENTURY ENTERPRISE." That's all you need. That's all anybody can give.

U. L. ROBARDS,
The People's Merchant.

THE MIAMI NOVELTY WORKS,

W. H. West, Prop.

This business, which was established in Miami two years ago, is a veritable hospital for sick machinery, and its proprietor claims to repair any thing that runs on a spindle or that is propelled by steam. To be able to do this he prepared himself by a five years' apprenticeship in the Iron Mountain Shops in De Sota, Mo., and then by seven years' actual experience working on any and every old thing in various shops in all sections of the U. S. This is the kind of education it takes to become an expert, and the work turned out by Mr. West proves him to be one. The sale of bicycles, and their repairs, is quite a feature of his business, yet he is equally as well at home working on an engine or a trunk or a door key. His is "the fix it shop of Miami," and his business is as highly appreciated by those who need his services, and he stands as well socially and among the business men of the town as any young man in the place.

THE MIAMI TIN SHOP.

Fred Swallow, Prop.

This busy little enterprise is the only exclusive tin shop in the town and enjoys a good run of custom. Mr. Swallow is supplied with machinery for doing all kinds of tin and sheet iron work, and is generally kept employed by those building in and around Miami. He located in this place in 1899, having previously conducted a similar business at both Seneca, Mo., and Fairland, I. T., and from which points he still draws trade. He owns his place of business and a comfortable residence and is thoroughly identified with the town, and is an enthusiastic member of the Commercial Club and also of the Fraternal Aid Association. He is very progressive for a man of his means and hopes to see the town of his adoption rank among the best. He can be found on South Main, next to Millard's implement house, and will be found a good man to have do that next job of work.

COL. HARDY H. BUTLER,**First Mayor of Miami and Father of the Free School System.**

As the public life of Col. Hardy Hubbard Butler is a part of the history of the town we mention him in this connection. He was born on a farm in Henry county, Indiana, Oct. 6th, 1842, of Quaker parentage, and still retains his membership in the Society of Friends. His first venture was as a merchant at Kokomo, Indiana, but becoming impressed with the possibilities of the west he emigrated to Sterling, Rice county, Kansas, in 1887, where he remained until April, 1885, and then came to the Territory and located east of Vinita in the Cherokee Nation. In 1893 he removed to Miami, engaging in the real estate and collecting business, and on Nov. 4th, 1895, was elected the first mayor of the town. He served in this capacity for three years and six months, and resigned to accept the appointment of Clerk of the United States District Court at this place, which carries with it the duties of Recorder of Deeds for the Quapaw Agency. In this office his duties are constant, arduous and intricate, but are performed with satisfaction to the government and the approval of the patrons of the court.

As mayor the law made him ex-officio Justice of the Peace, and his jurisdiction was about the same as a county judge in the states. He presided at the trial of many noted cases, and it is said of his decisions that they were tempered with justice and never reversed. He was also instrumental in the establishment of free schools in Miami, and was declared by Judge Wm. M. Springer to be the father of this system. He also devoted much attention to converting the prairie roads which entered the town into graded and graveled streets, and in this way rendered the town a valued service. It is but natural that he should feel a pride in these official acts, because they were accomplished in a town without a commercial credit, and in a country ruled without sufficient law to make his acts binding on the taxpayers of the incorporation. Hampered as he was by the absence of law he and his council assumed the responsibility of issuing and selling school and street improvement warrants, based wholly on the honor and willingness of property owners to pay taxes, and with funds raised in this way carried into effect these projects. If there was

nothing more to the credit of Col. Butler and his administration, these two acts would commend him to the all citizens of the town.

Col. Butler has been twice married, but is now a widower, and has reared and educated four children in whom he takes pride: Alvah R. Butler, postoffice inspector, Bois, Idaho; Joseph H. Butler, postmaster, Vinita, I. T.; Harland J. Butler, assistant postmaster, Miami, I. T., and Ollie Belle Butler, wife of Chas. W. A. Davis, Neosho, Mo.

MILLNER BROTHERS,**Hardware, Tinware, Stoves, Guns and Amunition.**

This hustling firm of hardware dealers came to Miami May 15th, 1902, from Crestline, Kansas, and are located in the Dragoo-Creamer building on North Main street. They carry a general line of hardware, cutlery, stoves, tinware, guns, amunition, and all other articles usual to this line, and are building up a nice trade. Mr. F. E. Millner is the resident partner, and is fast forging his way to the front among the business men of the town. He has selected his stock from the best manufacturers, and has it arranged in a way to attract trade; and as he is an agreeable gentleman to deal with he holds his customers and makes it interesting for his competitors. When visiting Miami drop in and form the acquaintance of this firm. They sell articles not found at any other store, and it is possible that you will find just what you want, and at a price that will make you a regular customer.

STUART'S LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLE,**C. A. Stuart, Proprietor.**

This well appointed Livery, Feed and Sale Stable was built and opened for business April 15, 1902, by C. A. Stuart, of Lincoln country, Okla., and has been doing a good business since. The buggies, carriages and bus are the equals of any others in use in town, and among the horses are to be found some of the best movers in this part of the Indian Territory. Mr. Stuart has the contract for carrying the United States Mail and meets all trains, and delivers passengers to hotels or any part of the city. He also makes a specialty of sending drummers and homeseekers to nearby towns and over the country, and employs careful drivers to go with all teams. Call for Stuart's bus when you arrive by train or his stable when you intend making an inland trip.

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CHARLES CARMICHAEL,

The Largest Exclusive Grain and Hay Dealer in the Quapaw Agency.

Chas. Carmichael, who is a native of Metropolis, Ill., located in Miami in 1892' and during the first five years of his residence was engaged in the grocery business, and formed the acquaintance of the majority who trade at this place. In 1897 he embarked in the grain and hay trade and his hay barns, cribs and corn shellers are the most extensive in the Quapaw Agency, which is one of the greatest grain and hay sections of the Territory. He ships annually twelve to fifteen hundred cars of corn, hay and wheat.

He has also platted two additions to Miami; one of twenty acres in the northeast portion of town, and one of forty acres in the northwest part of the city. As this property is in the most desirable localities abutting the original town site the town is fast extending over his property and it will eventually all be covered with the best residences of the place. At this time he resides in a beautiful home just northwest of the city and is not a voter or eligible to office in the incorporation. But during the years past he served several terms as alderman and as a member of the school board, and took an active part as a republican in city politics. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and has been a prominent and progressive citizen and has shared the burdens and helped shape the policies which have made of Miami a pleasant place to live and a profitable in which to conduct business.

LODERICK MATTHEWS.

The Pioneer Pharmacist of the Indian Territory.

The proprietor of the Central Drug Store, Loderick Matthews, is the oldest druggist, both in years and experience, and in the uninterrupted continuance in this line of business in Miami. It is probable that he is also the oldest registered pharmacist in the Indian Territory, as well as the best informed. An examination of his credentials shows that he was a member of the Arkansas Association of Pharmacy in 1884, and was one of the organizers of that body. This was prior to any law in that state requiring druggists to stand an examination, and a law to that effect was brought about partly through his efforts,

and under this act he was again registered May 27, 1894. He still retains his membership in Arkansas, and is also a member of the Indian Territory Pharmaceutical Association, and was its president during the year 1901. On retiring from this office he delivered a paper which ranks high among writings on the subjects treated, and was appointed a delegate to the American Pharmaceutical Association at Philadelphia Sept. 8, 1902. During his term of office the association added more members than in any year before or since, and it is said to have been a year during which many reforms were inaugurated.

He was born at El Dorado, Ark., May 13, 1855, but came to Miami in 1895 and has been engaged at his profession continually since, conducting a drug store where the purest and freshest drugs are used in the compounding of all prescriptions. His stock includes all essentials of a first class store, and is patronized liberally by those requiring the skill of a professional druggist.

J. Stanley Moore, a graduate of the Kansas School of Pharmacy, and registered under the laws of that state, is in the employ of the Central Drug Store, and will welcome his many friends.

GUTTING & CO.

The Neat Butchers of Miami.

When we dropped in on this firm it was near meal time and Mr. Gutting was busy serving his many customers. The choicest of meats were in view, and we saw temptingly displayed roasts, steaks, pork and mutton chops, veal cuttlets, brains, link and homemade sausages, boiled ham, fish, oysters, dressed poultry, game, celery and salt meats; and we venture that his ice chest contained many appetizing morsels not in view. While we inspected the spread his knife and saw were busy and we noticed with what skill he handled them; but when he said he had worked at his trade for twenty-one years, and in some of the best shops of the country, it was evident that he had taken instructions from many men and had fully mastered his trade. His salesroom is unusually neat, and as he buys nothing but the best and fattest heaves, veals and hogs procurable in this market it is an easy matter to retain the best trade of the place. His business has doubled during the past year, and will continue to increase as he becomes better and better acquainted with the people.

FOREST LUMBER CO.

M. L. Pierce, Mgr.

The headquarters of The Forest Lumber Co. is at Kansas City, Mo., and they have yards at Alliance, Nebraska; Joplin, Webb City and Aurora, Mo.; and Afton, I. T. They are the successors of S. B. Dobson at this place and began business June 20, 1899. The buildings and yards are the best arranged and most conveniently located in town, and they do a lucrative trade. The stock is made up of all kinds of lumber, sash, doors, blinds, shingles, laths, lime and cement, Stearn's paints, Staver and Emmerson buggies, Charter Oak and Fish Bros.' wagons, J. I. Case Plow Co. and John Deere Plow Co's lines, and Sattley Mfg. Co's implements. They also buy and ship hay in car lots and buyers of grain can usually be found at their office. M. L. Pierce, the local manager, is very popular among the business men of Miami, and with the farmers of the Quapaw agency and in the Cherokee Nation, and his sales and collections have been greater each year. He is affable, good natured and fair in his dealings and is a capable representative of one of the largest lumber concerns trading in the Indian Territory.

WILLS & AMOS, GROCERS,

Sweeney Building, North Main Street.

This business was established in 1898 by Don P. Wills, but purchased by the present firm in August, 1902. Both Roy Wills and Charles E. Amos are young men of unusual business qualifications and are fast building up one of the best grocery trades in the city. This is their first business venture, although both have been brought up behind a grocery counter and understand its every detail. They give their store the closest attention and work hard to secure new customers and to retain the business of the old firm.

The stock is fresh and well selected and kept in a neat manner. It is made up of both staple and fancy groceries and feed, and we noticed Dunwoody's Best Flour in generous stacks. They run a delivery wagon and promptly deliver goods to all parts of the city, and take orders as they pass through the streets.

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Among those who deal exclusively in clothing, gents furnishings and boots and shoes we find the firm of Sweeney & Sons, located in the stone block of Belew Bros. on South Main street. The father, N. S. Sweeney, has been in Miami four years, and during that time has followed contracting and merchandising. Until recently he was the owner of what is known as the Sweeney Hall building on North Main street, and there conducted a drug store, besides renting the hall for entertainments. He has also been active as a contractor and the Wise and Fox block and a number of other buildings stand as a monument to his skill.

His present store was opened July 1, of this year, and from the first has enjoyed a good run of custom. The brands of clothing, boots and shoes included in the stock would insure this even if not sold by as popular and affable gentlemen as Mr. Sweeney and his two sons. They are industrious and work to make their place the popular resort of the south end.

THE HOTEL OLIVER. Corner Main Street and Fifth Avenue.

This quiet hostlery is presided over by Mrs. Mary Oliver, who is well known, having spent the greater part of her life catering to the wants of the traveling public. She came to Miami in 1896 opening in the building she now occupies where she continued for eighteen months. Later she conducted the National Hotel for four and one-half years, removing the second time to her present location July 3, 1902. The Oliver is nicely furnished and is neatness itself, and those who patronize it pronounce the accommodations the best of any \$1.00 per day house in the Indian Territory. It is centrally located and in five minutes walk from the depot

THE FRISCO SYSTEM.

Miami is fortunate in being located on a road controlled by a corporation as powerful and far reaching as the Frisco system with its 5,000 miles of track, giving an outlet for passengers and farm pro-

ducts through Memphis, Kansas City and Chicago, and carrying the grain of the Indian Territory through Texas to the Gulf for export. Its lines and connections diverge in all directions which makes the town accessible by rail from all points. There are 700 miles of rail belonging to this system in the Indian Territory, and the company are expending \$1,000,000 in ballast that they may be in readiness for the World's Fair at St. Louis in 1904. "The Meteor," the Frisco's fast train between St. Louis and Kansas City and Oklahoma City, is lighted by electricity and upholstered in the most elegant manner.

The station at this place has been in charge of M. E. Mahan for several years, and it is said the monthly revenues are greater than at any other station in the Territory. Up to this date there has been shipped 3,700 cars of grain and hay, and two-thirds of the crop remains to be shipped. The daily incoming freight averages four cars of merchandise, two cars lumber, two cars cement, three cars coal; or, 3,650 cars per annum. The monthly earnings are \$27,000, and this average is kept up during the entire year. The company will soon make this a coupon ticket office and provide the station with electric lights and artesian water, which will add to the convenience of patrons.

THE HOTEL MIAMI,

Corner Main Street and Fourth Avenue

As thriving a town as Miami must of necessity have a first class hotel where the traveling public may be cared for, and this want is supplied by the Hotel Miami, where Mrs. V. Freeman presides as hostess. The building is of native stone and pressed brick, 50x120 feet; the second floor being divided into twenty-three comfortable rooms. These are neatly furnished, and the spacious dining room is made pleasant by many windows and cheerful heaters. Mrs. Freeman has conducted this hotel for the past five years and has become popular among the traveling men and court officials on account of her many kindnesses, and her house has become headquarters for this class. The office, kitchen and dining room are in charge of experienced help, and those who stop at Hotel Miami are assured of polite attention, neat rooms and comfortable beds, and the best table in town.

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A LAST WORD FOR MIAMI.

In closing these pages we cannot resist saying a last word for Miami, or add a few additional words for the benefit of homeseekers who may be directed to this inviting field through the instrumentality of this little booklet.

It is a well known fact that the desirable acreage in the United States is growing less each year and those who fail to provide themselves with homes during the next decade will be of the homeless class, which we regret to say, grows larger year by year. It is a duty you owe to posterity to provide a home for your loved ones, and to do this now; because the lands will never be as plentiful as now, and the price will never again be as low. There is no section which so temptingly invites the homeless as does the beautiful Indian Territory, and no portion of this productive region which offers so many present inducements as do the Quapaw Agency and the Cherokee Nation, or the lands which are tributary to the beautiful little city of Miami.

Legislation which the majority hope will be passed at the present session of Congress will admit us to statehood as a portion of the state of Oklahoma, and also take the last restrictions of sale from the major portions of the lands already allotted to Indians. Then the formation of counties and the organization of the state government will present opportunities for laying the foundation for fortunes to those who purchase lands or town property now.

Church Directory.

Calvary Baptist Church, cor Oak st and Fifth ave.—Sunday school 9:45 a m; preach, ing Sundays 11 a m and 7 p m; Missionary Band 2:30 p m; B Jr U 3 p m; B Y P U 6 p m; prayer meeting Wednesdays 7 p m; Young Men's prayer meeting Thursday 7 p m; song service Friday 7 p m.

Second Baptist Church, cor Vine st and Second ave, I J Bray, pastor.—Sunday School 10 a m; preaching every third Sunday at 11 a m and 7 p m.

Catholic Church, cor Fourth ave and M st.

Christain Church, Vine st, bet Second and Third aves Rev W S Deatheridge, pastor.—Sunday School 10 a m; preaching every first and Second Sundays at 11 a m and 7 p m.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, cor Fourth ave and P st, Rev J S Lish, pastor.—Sunday School 10 a m; services first and third Sundays at 11 a m and 7 p m; Junior Christian Endeavor Sunday 3 p m; Christian Endeavor Sunday 6 p m; prayer meeting Thursday 7 p m.

Friends' Church, cor Vine st and Third ave, Rev Jerry Hubbard, pastor.—Sabbath School 10 a m; preaching 11 a m and 7 p m; prayer meeting Tuesday 7 p m.

Holiness Church, cor Z st and Neosho ave, Rev Geo R Sneed, pastor.—Sunday School 10 a m; preaching 11 a m and 7 p m; prayer meeting Tuesday and Friday at 7 p m.

Methodist Episcopal Church, cor Fifth ave and Vine st, Rev Willis F Jordan, pastor.—Sunday School 10 a m; preaching every first and third Sundays at 11 a m and 7 p m; prayer meeting Thursday 7 p m.

Methodist Episcopal Church (South), cor Oak st and Second ave, Rev W F Freeman, pastor.—Sunday School 10 a m; preaching 11 a m and 7 p m; prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p m.

Later Day Saints, South Oak st, bet Fourth and Fifth aves, Rev Stephen Briggs, presiding elder.—Sunday School 9:30 a m; preaching 11 a m and 7 p m; prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p m.

Lodge Directory.

I. O. O. F. Hall over Fibley & Bigham Implement Co, North Main st.

Masonic Hall over Bank of Miami, cor Main st and Fourth ave.

McWilliam's Hall Opera House bldg, cor Main st and Fourth ave.

MASONIC—MIAMI LODGE A F & A M No 102 meet Wednesday night on or before the full moon of each month in Masonic hall.

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F E CLARK, Secy.

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M W A—CHARTER OAK CAMP No 6973 meet every Thursday night in McWilliam's hall.
H H MILLARD, V C.
LON WADE, Secy.

W O W—OAK CAMP NO 17 meet every other Tuesday night at 7:30 in Masonic hall.
JAMES ROBARDS, C C.
JOHN CANNON, Clerk.

R N OF A—MAPLE CAMP NO 2716 meet every Friday night at 7:30 in McWilliam's hall.
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Mrs H F RENIKER, Secy.

FRATERNAL AID—MIAMI COUNCIL NO 698 meet every Wednesday night at 7:30 in Odd Fellows hall.
Wm McCULLUM, prest.
F U STILES, Secy.

FRATERNAL HOME—MIAMI LODGE NO 161 meet every Thursday night at 7:30 in McWilliams hall.
J W DENEEN, prest.
Mrs E PALMER, Secy.

G A R—J B MCPHERSON POST NO 11 meet every first and third Saturdays in each moth in Odd Fellows hall.

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