

People and Scenes



THIS IS THE FIRST MUNICIPAL BAND organized in McPherson under the direction of George T. Hapgood. This picture was taken in 1899 on the south side of the Opera House. Those in the picture, first row, left to right: Carl Anderson at the drum, Albert Hapgood, E. Anderson, Albert Hall, George T. Hapgood, director, Carl Hawkinson, Prof. Franz, Ralph Wright, Herbert Haight, Fred Street, Hal Curlee. Second row: Lynn Crabb, Frank Hapgood, Bill Hapgood, Rufus Garst, Paul Crabb, Harry Hapgood, John Hawkinson, Ed Haberlein. Third row: Dallas McMurray, Carl Haberlein, Fred Garst, Guy Abel, W. Hall, Charles Smith, Guy Nelson, Albert Lincoln, Harry Sweeney, Arvid Okerlind, Henry Widger.



B. HARMS, 1890—Grain dealer at Inman, county clerk, school board, founder of present Home State Bank.



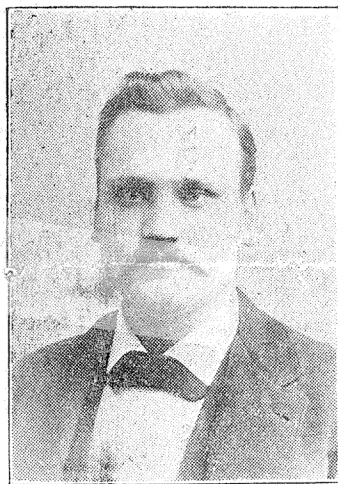
J. STROUSE, 1884—Established the present Strouse & Son clothing business and built its building.



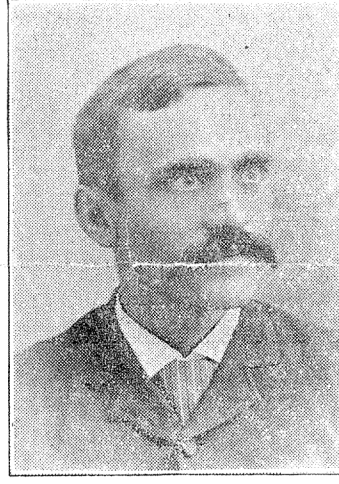
GEORGE W. ALLISON, 1879—Law, real estate and insurance, city councilman, member of school board.



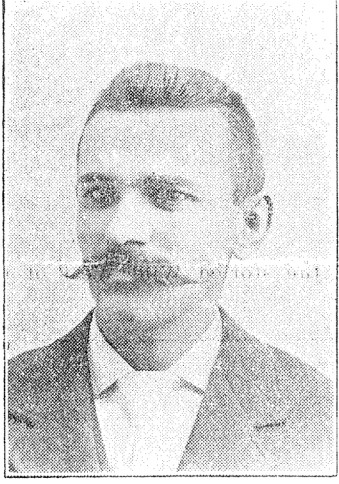
JOHN KERN, 1878—Established first department store in McPherson, member of school board.



A. ENGBERG, 1873—Student of medicine under Drs. Murphey and Day, began practice in 1886 studied in Europe and was captain in first world war.



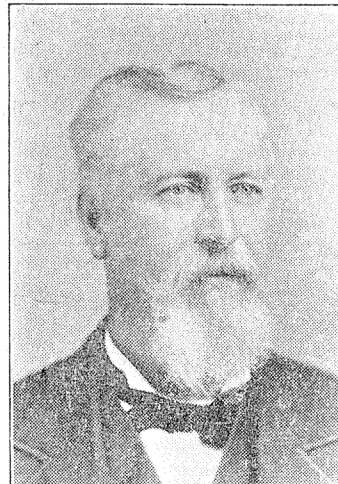
KRIS SORENSEN, 1884—Carpenter and builder until 1896 and then fully occupied with his grocery.



A. SORENSEN, 1882—Farming, store salesman, in 1893 established Sorensen Bros. grocery, now the Swanson grocery.



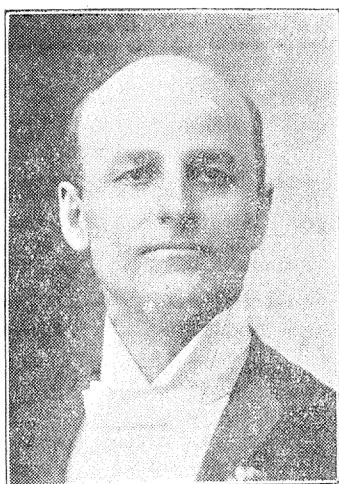
SIMON KERN, 1878—Only three years old when he came here with his father, John Kern, by 1897 he was junior partner in the firm of Kern and Son.



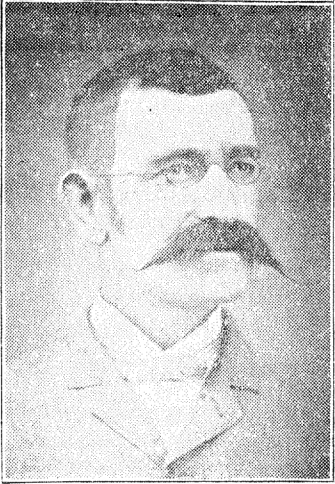
WILLIAM WEST, 1871—Built first hotel in King City which he moved to McPherson in 1872 to site of Grand corner. Once owned McPherson street railway.



JEFF TOURNAY, 1880—Lawyer, real estate, county surveyor and builder of the present Manor theater.



FRED B. CLARK, 1880—Vice president Citizens bank, (later merged with McPherson), president Inman and Canton banks.



WARREN KNAUS, 1886—Editor of McPherson Democrat, postmaster, entomology collector, president of Kansas Academy of Science.



THIS IS THE OLDEST existing picture of a McPherson band. It was taken on the west side of the Merchants Hotel, present site of the Town Tavern, in 1885 or 1886. The clarinet played by Dick Wade, shown in the picture, is reputed to be the first E flat clarinet in the state of Kansas. Those in the picture, seated, left to right: John Sherwood, Charles Sherwood, Dick Wade, Link Kaylor, A. A. Norton. Standing, left to right: B. McFadden, Charles Fellers, Ed Hutto, George Robinson, John Kistler, Walter Jeffers and Charles Norton.



FIRST SWEDISH-LUTHERAN CONFIRMATION CLASS—On Easter Sunday, April 13, 1884, this picture was taken of the first confirmation class of the Swedish-Evangelical Lutheran church. This picture, the property of N. O. Sellberg of McPherson, was taken when the Lutheran church was located on East Kansas Avenue immediately east of where the Rock Island depot now stands. When the Rock Island built through McPherson the Lutheran Church was moved to its present location. The minister in the pulpit is Rev. P. M. Sundquist. In the picture starting from the left, are August Regnhold Rosberg, Carl P. Nelson, Henry Westling, Carl Emil Freeberg, Ida Odla Johnson, Dilla Linden, Mathilda Christina Strom, Clara Christina Erickson, Ida Olson, Johanna Nelson, Emma Sophia Almgren, Ida Carolina Lincoln, John W. Anderson, Otto Alfred Sellberg, Axel G. Danielson, Emma Carolina Palm, Alma Josephina Gustafson, Clara M. Larson, Elin Pherson, August M. Johnson, Mathilda Amanda Stromquist, Johanna Akeson, and Hanna S. Chilstrom.



GEORGE T. HAPGOOD, 1891—Teacher of band at Bethany College and organized first McPherson major band.



FRANK O. JOHNSON, 1884—Teacher, lawyer, county attorney and state senator. Founder of the law firm of Johnson, Rhodes and Lehmberg.



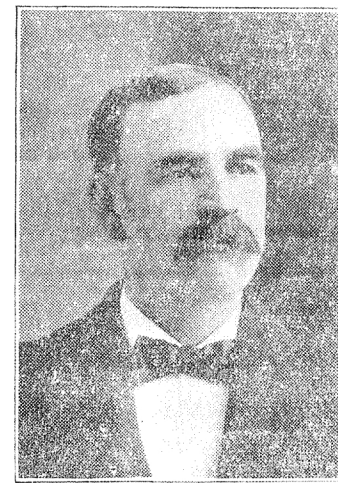
H. A. ROWLAND—Teacher, 30 years county surveyor, paving and sewer engineer, city engineer. Designed and built first McPherson sewer and paving.



C. F. MINGENBACK, 1898—Banker, farmer, over 30 years secretary and manager of Farmers Alliance Ins. Co., secretary McPherson County Hospital.



TAKEN THE WINTER OF 1884-85, in front of the Blackler Brothers Store on Main Street, a group of hunters are displaying a day's bag in the Big Basin. There are plenty of rabbits, some quail and other game birds and animals on display. Note the raised wooden sidewalks. The photo is owned by Mrs. George Guy.



B. A. ALLISON, 1879—Map maker, register of deeds, abstractor, Mayor of McPherson.



W. A. MORRIS, 1872—Farmer, and stockman in Union township, number state legislature and county treasurer.



C. J. STROMQUIST, 1872—Farmer and stockman in Union township, number state legislature and county treasurer.



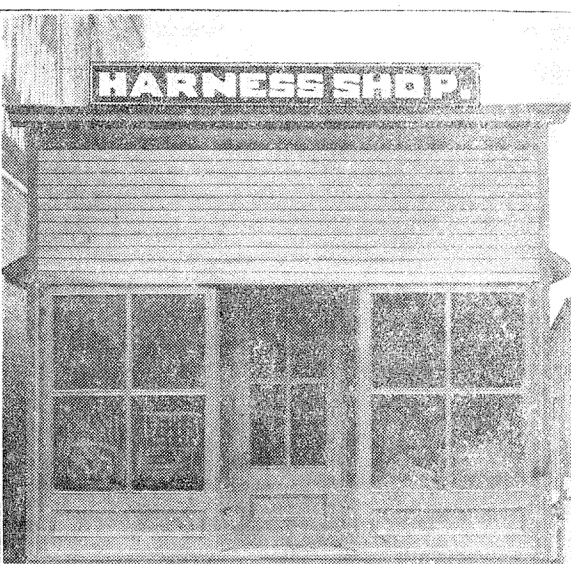
THE UNION HOTEL—This old-time McPherson hotel had quite a reputation in its day, according to the McPherson Republican's New Century Edition in 1900. The hotel had 100 rooms and was "one of the finest in the area and popular with commercial men, who often went far out of their way to take advantage of its luxurious accommodations."



I. G. LAW, 1884—School teacher in county until elected county superintendent in 1892 and serving 10 years.



G. H. MATCHETTE, 1887—The Prince Albert physician and surgeon for over 40 years and the first to own an automobile.



THIS IS THE first harness shop of G. L. McCourt, pioneer McPherson business, and was established in November 1874. Mr. McCourt, who was active in city government and development, was the father of Mrs. G. M. Shirk.