

Lenham Elevator and Lumber Co

Lenham Elevator and Lumber Company was incorporated in July, 1883, Capital \$500,000. The officers are Geo. L. Lenham, president; N. L. Lenham, general manager; Louis J. Lenham, treasurer; and Rudolf Herz, secretary. This company have grain elevators and lumber yards at Sanborn, Cooperstown, Spiritwood, Dazey, Odell, and Hobart, and will establish business in several other points in 1884. Much real estate is owned by this Company, both town and farm property. In Sept. 1879, George L. Lenham & Co engaged in merchantile business at the corner of Third and Front Sts, Sanborn, their store being 20 X 30 feet. In 1881 they increased it to 36 X 60 feet, and in 1882 to 36 X 120 feet. Their sales the first year amounted to about \$20,000 and for the year ending Jan 1, 1883, they had a business amounting to \$228,000, including their lumber and grain trade. June 1, 1883, they sold their store and stock of general merchandise to Covey & Brown for \$36,500 and in July, 1883, organized the Elevator and Lumber Co. George and N. L. Lenham are both natives of Pennsylvania. Their father, who is treasurer of the company, is a native of Germany, and settled in Pennsylvania in 1840. This company owns over 700 lots in the original town of Sanborn and its additions. N. L. Lenham owns one-third interest in the town sites of Odell, Dazey & Cooperstown,
over

J. M. Burrell, R. C. Cooper and C. A. Roberts being the owners of a two-thirds interest in these towns.

Louis L. Lenham, Postmaster and treasurer of the Lenham Elevator and Lumber Co., is a native of Germany, came to America 1840, and located in Pennsylvania where he resided until the summer of 1879. He first came to Dakota in June of that year, and in July located in Sanborn, where he engaged in mercantile business the following September. He is one of the most public spirited citizens of Barnes County, and is in every sense a gentleman. He has performed the duties of Postmaster ever since an office was established there here, at first keeping all the mail in a cigar box, not receiving more than an average of one letter a day for the first six months.

Bibliog. Atlas of Dakota 1884, page 235.