

INTRODUCTORY.

The third volume of R. L. Polk & Co.'s ALPENA CITY DIRECTORY is presented. It embraces all the alterations that modern intelligence has approved and experience adopted, and it is hoped that the unremitting care bestowed upon the canvas and compilation has brought the work very near that perfection at which the publishers aim, and that the marked improvement in the present edition will commend it to the good will if not to the admiration of the public; a result attained by the most ample facilities and experience in directory work.

The work contains 327 pages, of which the first 51 are devoted to miscellaneous information relating to the city and county in general, with lists of churches, schools, city and county officers, fire department, police, banks, newspapers, secret and benevolent societies, railroads, steamboat lines, public buildings, a street and avenue guide, etc. Succeeding this are 227 pages containing an alphabetically arranged directory of all inhabitants of the city, followed by a list of all persons engaged in business, compiled and arranged under the heading to which each belongs, occupying 30 pages.

The former plan of giving a list of telephone subscribers in the miscellaneous department has been discarded in this issue, and instead the telephone number is given after each name.

This edition of the ALPENA CITY DIRECTORY shows 5,876 names, which, with the multiplier of 2½ persons to each directory name, the lowest used in any city in the United States, would give a population of 14,690.

The publishers desire to express to the business and professional men of Alpena their acknowledgment for the many courtesies and kind co-operation they have received during the prosecution of the work on the present volume; and in conclusion would say that they will endeavor to merit still further approval by making such additions and improvements in the future editions as will render the work a perfect encyclopædia of business information.

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