

ELGIN BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM

APPLICATION

BUILDING'S ADDRESS 470 E. CHICAGO STREET

BUILDING'S NAME _____
(for public/commerical structures)

If you are submitting an application for a building which you do **not** own, include your name, address and phone number in the space below.

PHOTOGRAPH

Include a recent photograph in which the building is clearly visible.

DOCUMENTATION

Note the sources that establish the validity of the information requested on the following page.

Attach photocopies of relevant material.

Sources should be clearly identified and the relevant parts marked.

If information is obtained from persons, attach statements signed by them as well as information that establishes them as qualified to attest to the historical and/or architectural value of the building.

- ☐ National Register of Historic Places
- ☐ Illinois Register of Historic Places
- ☐ Illinois State Survey of Historic Places
- ☐ Recorder of Deeds, Kane County
- ☐ Sanborn Maps
- ☐ Subdivision Plats
- ☒ City Directories
- ☐ Building Permits
- ☒ Newspaper Building Reports
- ☒ Elgin Today
- ☐ Elgin: An American History
- ☐ A Field Guide to American Houses

Other (please specify):

ORIGINAL OWNER ARWIN E. PRICE

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1886

ARCHITECT (if known) _____

BUILDER (if known) JOHN F. KIRKPATRICK

STATEMENT OF VALUE

Review the criteria the Heritage Commission considers in awarding a plaque. Then attach an explanation of the historical and/or architectural value of the building.

BUILDING ALTERATIONS

Describe any alterations that have been made to the **exterior** of the building. If the dates of them are known, include them.

STIPULATIONS

If the building is not awarded a plaque, the application fee will be refunded.

This application and the materials submitted with it shall be retained by the City of Elgin as a part of the permanent record of the building.

The Elgin Heritage Commission has the authority to edit and publish the information in the submitted application. This does not in any way prohibit others' use of the material.

The plaque, when awarded, will remain the property of the City of Elgin and **shall not in any way be altered**. It will be the city's responsibility to replace the plaque when the situation warrants it.

In addition to agreeing to the above stipulations, the undersigned attests that the information provided in this application is, to the best of his/her knowledge, accurate.

Signature J. Ellen Pascher

Date May 15, 1993

Date _____

470 East Chicago Street
Arwin E. Price Residence

Arwin E. Price typified the "self made man" in an era when class lines were becoming more obvious. Mr. Price led a colorful local political career as alderman and mayor. Arwin Price was born on August 29 in 1850 in Waukesha, Wisconsin. At 12 years of age (1862) Arwin Price began learning the stone and marble cutting trade. At the age of 19 (1869) he married and settled in Elgin. During 1886 and 1887 A.E. Price had this house on Chicago Street constructed. His first term as mayor began in 1889, two years after the construction of this house. Price was elected mayor more frequently than any other mayor in Elgin's history. His last term as mayor ended in the 1920's when he was in his 70's. Besides his political career A.E. Price continued his interest in marble cutting and in 1896 he purchased the Elgin Marble and Granite Works opposite the Bluff City Cemetery.

The Arwin E. Price residence is an exceptional example of a finely detailed Stick Style house. Of particular note is the lattice work over the second story porch, the sunburst influence in the porch detailing, the variation in the siding pattern and the finely detailed bays. Also note the stained glass in the front bay and on the west side of the house (positioned for natural light to the interior staircase).

The interior of the house reflects Arwin Price's skill as a marble cutter. The entry foyer floor is composed of black and white marble which was cut and laid by Price. The front parlor contains a fireplace cut by Price as does the second floor front bedroom. (The second floor of the house will not be open for the house tour). Also of note in the interior is the stained glass in the entry door and along the staircase wall, the walnut bannister and spindles of the staircase and the original brass hardware on all the doors. In total the Arwin Price residence contains nine rooms (five downstairs and four upstairs).

In exiting the house imagine the election night crowds that formed around the front of Price's house and the setting the poly-sided porch and second story balcony created for the newly elected mayor to speak to the "peepul".

dairy belt. He is public spirited and takes an interest in public affairs. He has represented the second ward in the City Council and his record as a member of that body is most creditable.

In 1864 he was married to Miss Helen Kenyon. They have two daughters, Mrs. Rev. Enos Holt and Mrs. John B. Newman, and a son Frank W. Shepherd, a well known attorney. The family home is at 316 Center street.

HON. ARWIN E. PRICE.

The subject of this sketch enjoys the well earned distinction of being what the public calls "A self made man," and an analysis of his character reveals the fact that "progressive enterprise," his best efforts directed in the interest of his fellows, and honorable dealings, have been the essential features in his prosperity and popularity.

Mr. Price, being a western man by birth and training, possesses the true western spirit of progress. He was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, August 29, 1850, and is a son of Humphrey and Elizabeth Evans Price, natives of Cardiff, Wales.

Mr. Price's schooling was limited, as he was apprenticed to the marble cutter's trade before he was twelve years old, completing his apprenticeship the day before President Lincoln was assassinated. He came to Elgin in September, 1869, and from that time on has been engaged in the marble and granite business here, with the exception of three years.

On the 4th of September, 1869, Mr. Price was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. Lewis, daughter of Francis and Clarrisa Soper Lewis. Mrs. Price's great uncle was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. They have one daughter, Edith Cecil. Their's is an hospitable home, always open to their many friends. Socially Mr. Price is a

Master Mason, and in politics a Republican.

Arwin E. Price's name is closely linked with nearly all the municipal public improvements made in Elgin in the last 17 years, and his name is identified with its progress and prosperity.

In the year 1885 he was elected Alderman from the third ward for one year, in 1886 he was re-elected for two years, and again in 1888. While an Alderman he introduced a resolution for the establish-



HON. ARWIN E. PRICE

ment of a system of water works, and was one of the members of the committee who reported to the Council the water works system, and "public ownership of the same," which was adopted. He was elected Acting Mayor by the Council June 4, 1888.

He accomplished by diplomacy what other Mayors had failed to accomplish in the courts, the removal of the unsightly and dangerous obstruction of West Chicago street, and the building by the Chicago & North-Western Railway Company of the steel viaduct at said point.

**BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM
PLAQUE CRITERIA RANKING WORK SHEET**

Address of Building Under Consideration 470 E. CHICAGO ST

Average Scores

A.E. PRICE

I Architectural Value	<u>19.1</u>
II Maintenance of Building	<u>19.1</u>
III Historical Value	<u>19.6</u>
IV Age of Building	<u>16</u>

Average Total Score

~~73.8~~ 73.8

*Note: To qualify for a plaque a building must receive at least 50 or more points for a total average score.

Voting Record

Members

Criteria

	I	II	III	IV
1. John Roberson, Chairman	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	_____
2. Barbara Evans	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	_____
3. Rebecca Minetti	<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>	_____
4. Lynda Bloom-DeGroot	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	_____
5. William Ristow	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	_____
6. George Doscher	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	_____
7. Steve Grosland	<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>	_____
8. Greg Guerrero	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	_____
9. Tom Wahl	<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>	_____
TOTAL SCORES	<u>19.1</u>	<u>19.1</u>	<u>19.6</u>	_____

1886

Note: Voting can only take place if 5 or more members of the Elgin Heritage Commission are present. The high and low scores in each category will be dropped prior to determining the average scores by category and total average score.

Points - Age of Building - 1993

Points - Because of their uniqueness,

- 20 - Any structure built between 1835 and 1865 will be awarded the maximum number of points (20).

<u>Points</u>	<u>Age of Building</u>	<u>Year of Construction</u>
19 *	122	years old.....1871 or earlier
18 **	115	years old.....1878 " "
17	109	" ".....1884 " "
16	102	" ".....1891 " "
15	96	" ".....1897 " "
14	90	" ".....1903 " "
13	83	" ".....1910 " "
12	77	" ".....1916 " "
11	70	" ".....1923 " "
10	64	" ".....1929 " "
9	58	" ".....1935 " "
8	51	" ".....1942 " "
7	45	" ".....1948 " "
6	38	" ".....1955 " "
5	32	" ".....1961 " "
4	26	" ".....1967 " "
3	19	" ".....1974 " "
2	13	" ".....1980 " "
1	6	" ".....1987 " "
0	5	years or less.....1988 or later

* calculated as follows: (current year - 1865) x 19/20

** calculated as follows: (current year - 1865) x 18/20

ALBERT ALDEN RESIDENCE
460 East Chicago Street
Date of construction unknown

This is a simple wood frame Italianate proportioned house. Note the overhanging, high pitched gable roof, long windows, finely detailed bay, and the Second Empire and Eastlake influenced porch. This was the home of Albert Alden an assistant foreman at the Elgin National Watch Company and an alderman (1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898).

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

26. ARWIN E. PRICE RESIDENCE
470 East Chicago Street
Built in 1886 and 1887

This is a finely detailed Stick Style house. Note the lattice work over the second story porch, the sunburst influence in the porch detailing, the siding pattern variation and the finely detailed bay with beautiful stained glass. This home was built for Arwin E. Price by John Kirkpatrick during 1886 and 1887 at a cost of \$4,000. Arwin Price was mayor of Elgin in 1889-1890, 1897-1902, 1907-1908 and 1919-1923. Originally a stone cutter by trade, Arwin Price was also a dealer in marble and a realtor.

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

27. PRICE APARTMENTS
472-474 East Chicago Street
Built in 1903

This is a dignified two and one half story example of a turn of the century brick flat. Note the finely detailed cornice. This structure, constructed in 1903, was built for Arwin E. Price who resided next door at 470 East Chicago Street (No. 26).

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

28. RESIDENCE
477 East Chicago Street
Date of construction unknown, probably 1870's-1880's

This is an example of an Italianate residence with paired brackets under the projecting gable, long, narrow, arched windows, simple expression and circular ventilator. Note the emphatic hood moulding, the bay with arched windows and rope design - characteristic of the movement toward Second Empire detailing.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

29. RESIDENCE
492 East Chicago Street
Date of construction unknown

This frame Italianate house has been well preserved over time. Note the side bay, bracketed ornamental window hoods and the Eastlake influenced porch.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Elgin's 'drunken mayor' most entertaining

A friend of the common man, Price staunchly advocated progress

By Mick Zawislak
STAFF WRITER

Traditional histories hailed Arwin E. Price as a self-made man "whose worth and ability have gained him success, honor and public confidence."

But it was one prodigious character trait, left out of the typical biographies, for which Price was best known.

A stone-cutter by trade, Price described himself as a graduate of the "University of Hard Knocks" and friend of the common man.

In fact, it was not unusual to see the mayor among his adoring public, usually in a tavern.

Described as one of the most entertaining and "picturesque" characters in town, the six-time mayor had many abilities and attributes.

"Known as the 'drunken mayor', his antics were a source of entertainment for everyone," reads a brochure produced by the Gifford Park Association for a self-guided tour of historical homes on Elgin's east side.

Price's home at 470 E. Chicago St., was built in 1887 for an estimated \$4,000.

It is often referred to as a good example of the Stick Style, a form of Victorian architecture, that features fine details and steep gables, turrets, chimneys and contrasting roof lines. Fireplaces on the first and second floor, as well as a marble foyer, were installed by Price himself.

But it is the personality of the man rather than his habitat that is overwhelming. His supporters openly chided him on his public behavior but even his opponents

admired his accomplishments for the city.

During three terms as alderman and 14 years as mayor between 1885 and 1923, Price was known as the "Poor Man's Friend" and staunch advocate of public improvements, including the public ownership of water and electric utilities.

A native of Waukesha, Wis., Price had little formal schooling. He chose to learn the marble-cutter's trade beginning at age 12, finishing his apprenticeship at the age of 15 on the day before Lincoln's assassination. He came to Elgin in 1869 at age 19 and immediately found work.

Price was well established in the stone-cutting business when he was chosen in 1888 by his fellow alderman to fill the mayor's spot vacated by Vincent Lovell.

He had already introduced a resolution calling for the establishment of a municipal water works. The fire department was reorganized and the first fire station built during his term as acting mayor.

The next year, Price won his first elected term for the mayor's post by a vote of 1,334 to 1,134. In its post election edition, *Elgin Every Saturday* had advice for the new mayor, whom it had supported during the campaign.

The paper estimated that Price would have garnered nearly all the votes had he "maintained the dignity of the mayoralty."

"His official record, as we have repeatedly stated, was worthy (of) our hearty endorsement, but it naturally disgusted the better class of our citizens to see the mayor Elgin upon our streets and in our council chamber in a state of intoxication," the paper said.

Price's margin of victory was the result of "left-handed sup-



SCOTT SAVEL / THE COURIER-NEWS

This home at 470 E. Chicago St. in Elgin was built in 1887 by former Mayor Arwin E. Price.

"His, at times, was a stormy political career, but he had accumulated a wide circle of adherents and friends..."

—Obituary for Mayor Arwin Price

port" of the Prohibitionists, who took votes away from Price's main opponent, the paper said.

"Let us have a sober mayor and the city will stand solid at your back, Mr. Price."

The mayor didn't heed that message but, nonetheless, embarked on the first of many public improvements.

Under his leadership, the city purchased the electric plant, added 76 lamps, extended the circuits and reduced the cost per lamp from \$242 per year to about \$54.

Bluff City Cemetery was also opened during this administration (Price had purchased a

marble and granite works with a plant across the street three years earlier), and an ordinance calling for street paving within the fire limits was also approved during his first term.

He was defeated for a second term by developer William Grote, in a contest described by one paper as being between "order and disorder" and "sobriety and whiskey" and "between home and saloon."

In subsequent administrations, Price advocated the city purchase of a dynamo to light city hall, parks, the library and hospitals. He also presided over the rebuilding of the Lords Park Pavilion, which was destroyed



Former Mayor Arwin E. Price

by fire. New bridges were built at Chicago and National streets.

Price's sixth and last elected term as mayor was from 1911 to 1923. He was still considered a viable candidate when he died unexpectedly on Feb. 18, 1923 from an acute attack of asthma.

"His, at times, was a stormy political career, but he had accumulated a wide circle of adherents and friends to whom news of his death comes as shock," his obituary read.

In the fall of 1888 the Fire Department was reorganized and the first fire building erected.

When in 1889 he was elected Mayor by the people, the city was paying \$242.00 per arc lamp per year. Under his influence the city purchased the plant, added 76 lamps, extended the circuits, and at the end of the first year the cost of light was reduced from \$242.00 to \$53.70 per lamp.

On Sept. 4, 1889, Bluff City Cemetery was opened to the public.

The ordinance for the paving of the streets in the fire limits was approved March 25, 1891.

Almost the last act by this administration was the purchase of a patrol wagon, but the prejudice was so strong against the same that it was not placed in active service for months. The wonder, by even those who objected to its purchase, is how the city ever got along without one.

In 1897 he was again elected to the office of Mayor, and was re-elected in 1899 and again in 1901. He at once entered into the spirit of public improvements. One of his first recommendations to the Council was for an appropriation for the purchase of an incandescent dynamo at the city light station to furnish light free for the City Hall, Park, Library and Hospital. This action saved the taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Fire having destroyed the old building at Lord's Park the beautiful pavilion now there was erected.

The old wooden bridges at Chicago and National streets becoming eye-sores to the public and dangerous to public traffic, with the unanimous co-operation of the Council, new structures of steel and concrete were erected to take their places.

Three miles of brick pavement were laid on Chicago, Brook, North, River, Spring and Milwaukee streets, Forest and Douglas avenues. After years of effort this administration succeeded in getting the telephone and telegraph companies to place their wires underground in the fire

limits, and the removal of the unsightly poles.

Mr. Price's greatest ambition while Mayor was to furnish the citizens of this city with pure artesian well water. This proposition was approved by the Council and adopted by referendum vote, the shaft and tunnel system being inaugurated. During the close of his administration contracts were awarded for the building of a receiving vault at Bluff City Cemetery, the building of the fire house in the fifth ward, and for the completion of the shaft and tunnel system.

Public ownership of water and light was his motto, the granting of no franchises without just compensation to the public was his practice, and as shown the Elgin City Railway Company paid \$11,000 as its share of the Chicago street bridge. For the privilege of using Riverside avenue from Prairie street north to the alley, the A. E. & C. Ry. paid the city \$10,000.

He attributes his success while Mayor in establishing permanent public improvements to the fact that during the nine years he occupied the office he was accorded the confidence and co-operation at all times of at least a working majority of the representatives of the people, the several Honorable City Councils.

HARRY D. BARNES.

Harry D. Barnes is known as one of the thoroughly reliable young men of this section. He was born at Bloomington, Ill., November 29, 1863, and received his education in the public schools and at Elgin Academy, where he prepared himself for the business world. He is Secretary and Manager of the Elgin Packing Company, having charge of the large plant and business of the company in this city. Mr. Barnes has grown up with the business, having passed through all the departments and is considered one of the best in his line.

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DAILY COURIER

ELGIN, ILLINOIS, FRIDAY (DECEMBER 24, 1886.)

stores, the upper floor being devoted to offices. It is built of pressed brick and is very pretty in appearance. It was built by Andrew Magnus and Joseph Pavey, at a cost of \$12,000.

During the year of 1886, considerable money has been expended on the school property of Elgin, and, as stated, two of the finest school buildings in the west have been erected. The site for the Prospect street school was bought for \$2,750. Grading and improving the lots cost \$680. The concrete walks required the outlay of \$376.62. The school building was erected by T. F. Mackay and Andrew Magnus, costing \$11,675, and the outbuildings \$1,117.25 additional, and \$1,067.83 was expended in preparing for steam heating. For furnishing the building \$1,000 was appropriated, making a total of \$18,666.70.

The Mill street school, which is similar to the Prospect street building in appearance, was erected by the Marchhoff and Turnbull Bros. The grounds were purchased for \$2,500; grading the lots, \$704.18; concrete walks, \$479.81; cost of erecting school building, \$10,566.39; outbuildings, \$1,117.25; preparing for steam heating, \$1,067.83; furnishing, \$1,000, the total being \$17,435.46. Both were from plans by Stiles.

At the Kimball street school \$1,550 was paid for additional grounds; for grading \$190, and for additional buildings, \$1,117.25.

At the Locust street school, grading and fencing cost \$681.81, while \$1,117.25 was expended on buildings and \$257.38 on concrete walks.

At the Bent street school, \$138.88 was the amount paid for grading and concrete sidewalks.

On Oak street, in the southwestern part of the city, a school site has been purchased for \$900.

On general repairs on other school buildings, \$2,091.62 has been paid: a total of \$44,000 for schools.

At the watch factory an enamel house has been erected at a cost of about \$5,000, an ice house costing about \$500, a front entrance, probably \$800, sidewalks and copings, perhaps \$1,000, and some minor improvements. At the National house the putting in of an hydraulic elevator and changes made necessary cost \$1,800.

At the publishing house a new water wheel, house and other "fixings," costing \$2,000 have been put in.

Judge Ranstead has now one of the finest homes in Elgin.

The finest new house which the year has produced is that of Alfred B. Church, on Division street, at the corner of College. It is an elegant structure of pressed brick and brown stone, and built in the latest and most approved style of architecture. It is heated throughout with steam, and fitted with all modern improvements. The building presents a very fine appearance, and the interior finish is a marvel of beauty and elegance. The cost of the building is \$12,000, and Andrew Magnus the erector thereof. The house will cost half as much more to complete.

Another one of Elgin's model homes is the residence of V. S. Lovell on Liberty street. The building is frame, of very novel design, and elegantly finished. It was erected by Henry Jensen and cost about \$5,000.

E. L. Gilbert, South Gifford street, two-story frame house, very pretty in appearance, costing probably \$2,700.

Mrs. Townsend's house on Villa street is among the best of the residence building erected during the year. It is two stories, built of brick, finished in the best possible style with all modern improvements, costing \$4,500. Jensen and Hanck did the work.

Louis Gerlach has built on Milwaukee street a store building at a cost of \$4,000.

The Western Edison Electric Light company now have in the course of erection a building in the rear of Turner's block, for engine rooms which will cost \$2,000.

The Bosworth block, the upper part of which was destroyed by fire in the early summer, was rebuilt from plans by Hoag. The building is now much handsomer in appearance than formerly, and is also better arranged. About \$5,000 was spent in its reconstruction.

Alderman A. E. Price is building a fine residence on Chicago street which, when completed, will cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000. It is a frame building, and the design is very attractive. John F. Kirkpatrick is the builder.

The new Congregational church built on Prospect street is a great addition to that portion of the city. It is a frame building and very neat and tasty in appearance, costing about \$2,500.

The addition to, and improvements

Thomas Tefft, southwest of the city, a \$600 barn.

Arthur Rein, Center street, repairs on house, \$500.

August Nollig, Ettner avenue, improvements on residence property, \$300.

Elgin Gas company, building on the west side, \$200.

William Sutton, Prospect street, two-story frame dwelling, \$1,800.

E. Foss, Douglas avenue, two-story frame house, \$1,800.

John Beth, Grote & Church's addition, a frame cottage, \$1,000.

P. Pethybridge, Spring street, improvements on residence, \$250.

Mrs. D. W. Hewitt, Fulton street, repairs on residence, \$250.

George Daum, Cherry street, improving residence, \$200.

J. W. Mallett, Prospect street, improving house, \$300.

Volstorff Bros., River street, addition to, and improvements on store building, \$1,200.

Henry Washer, Geister's addition, \$250.

Henry Geister, North State street, frame cottage, \$1,000.

G. Stimpson, Porter street, improvements on house, \$200.

A Hammer, two-story frame house near shoe factory, \$1,500.

Dr. Jaeger, corner Brook and Cherry streets, remodeling house, \$600.

B. Gulick, Brook street, two-story frame house, \$1,500.

A. Walker, Walker place, two-story frame house, \$1,200.

Will Wilson, west of city, two-story frame dwelling, \$1,900.

Henry Rush, Brook and Plumb streets, frame cottage, \$1,400.

Mrs. M. Youngs, South street, two-story frame dwelling, \$1,200.

Delos Palmer, Slade avenue, two-story frame dwelling, \$1,500.

L. C. Towner, River street, addition to business block, \$900.

P. S. Sullivan, Ann street and Douglas avenue, improvements on residence, \$400.

John Newman, improvements on buildings, \$200.

Elgin Driving Park association, improvements on buildings, \$300.

J. Wall, Moseley street, frame dwelling, \$1,000.

A. Rundquist, Chicago street, frame dwelling, \$2,500.

T. F. Swan, improvements on residence, Raymond street, \$300.

William Lamming, Franklin street, cottage, \$1,000.

William Brei, Dundee street, brick cottage, \$1,500.

John Koch, Orchard street, cottage, \$500.

B. Hagelow, River street, remodeling store building, \$250.

Hill, Chicago street, barn, \$350.

Thomas M Perry street, \$

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B. Hooper, cottage, \$800.

James Raw frame cottage,

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Repairs on foundry, \$200.

Improvement buildings, \$500

The New Elgin City Directory.

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- Powers, John, constable, res 37 Washington.
 Powers, John, cooper, Wood & Sherwin, bds 100 Lawrence.
 Powers, Julia, Miss, wks watch fcty, bds 100 Lawrence.
 Powers, Mary, Mrs., wid, res 54 Prairie.
 Powers, Mary, Miss, bds 54 Prairie.
 Powers, Mary, Miss, wks watch fcty, bds 100 Lawrence.
 Powers, Nellie, Miss, wks watch fcty, bds 54 Prairie.
 Powers, Thos., with Elgin electric light co., res 100 Lawrence.
 Prast, Chas., lab, res 75 Wing.
 Pratt, Albert, wks watch fcty, bds 87 Milwaukee.
 Pratt, Chas. C., ex conduct C. M. & St. P. Ry., res 288 Douglas
 Pratt, H. L., Dr., office 114 Chicago, res do.
 Pratt, Mary, Miss, teacher, bds 215 Fulton.
 Pratt, Virginia, Miss, res 89 Dundee.
 Pratt, W., agt. McCormick harv. co., res 208 Seneca.
 Prentice, Mary, P., Miss, seamstress, res 114 DuPage.
 Preston, Frank, wks watch fcty, res 271 Division.
 Preston, H. L., bds 133 Dundee.
 Preston, Mabel R., Miss, music teacher, res 29 Raymond.
 Preston, R. G., bds 29 Raymond.
 Preston, Sarah L., Mrs., wid George, res 29 Raymond.
 Preston, S. K., wks watch fcty, bds 29 Raymond.
 Preswhead, John, cooper, res 349 N. Crystal.

 Price, A. E., marble wks 68 River, res 300 Chicago.

 Price, E. J., wks watch fcty, res 149 Raymond.
 Price, James, tailor, bds 15 Bridge.
 Price, P., bds 10 DuPage.
 Pride, John, wks watch fcty, bds 102 Oak.
 Pride, John T., wks watch fcty, bds National house.
 Prille, George, lab, res 119 South.
 Priller, Joseph, carp res 174 N. Crystal.
 Priller, Lucy, wks watch fcty, bds 174 N. Crystal.
 Pritchard, W. J., wks watch fcty, res 127 Fulton.

Fruit Trees of the best varieties. J. E. H. BICKER & CO.
359 South Street.

MODERN STEAM LAUNDRY, 5 Town's Block, M. F. POMEROY, Prop'r.

ROVELSTAD BROS., 35 Chicago St., PRACTICAL WATCHMAKERS AND JEWELERS.
 1887/1888 CITY DIRECTORY

McClure & Struckman,

Cor. River and Ann Streets,
ELGIN, ILLINOIS.

POSTS, BUILDING PAPER AND LUMBER.

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Preston Reduction Co, 10 and 11 Cook's block, F E Miller, Chicago, pres.

Preston Ruth G Miss, bds 29 Raymond.

Preston Sarah F Mrs, wid Geo, r 29 Raymond.

Preswick Jno, lab, r 349 Crystal.

Price Amos P, hack driver, r 12 DuPage.

✓Price Arwin E, mayor city of Elgin, also dealer in marble, granite.
&c, 58 River, r 310 Chicago.

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A. R. VOSS, WESTERN FARM LANDS.

1889/1890 CITY DIRECTORY

When I realized Liberty street has made such a
improvement I decided to drive around Elgin one
Sunday and found so many beautiful old homes.

I love Victorian Homes especially ornate.

I am an artist. I like to make things beautiful.

I own Cotra Inc a small corporation.

I bought the house because it is very ornate
match stick design Eastlake style. unaltered
Genuine collectable home. I did research in
Victorian Homes from library in St. Charles
and selected this house. It has original
hardware & lighting fixtures.

I want to make this house like jewel.

I hope my effort in this house adds to community
and improve neighborhood.


I hope it would improve in value as Historic
Community grows and ^{any negative} problems ~~are in the direction~~
will be solved very soon

C. Lee, president of Cotra Inc. 4/23/93.


MAYOR'S HOUSE

(Upstairs will not be toured)

(Mike Alft would be one to call on details. Owners know little)

Black and white marble entryway laid by mayor.  on diagonal
Downstairs' fireplace (think it's rose granite) was carved by mayor, as was lighter colored fireplace in bedroom above living room.

Note marble hearth of downstairs' fireplace and iron fire screen with brass fixtures/hardware that resembles hand rails

 decorative brass

Entry way hall paper with lambs is, according to Mrs. Earnst, original, as is the fox-hunt fireplace in downstairs' bedroom.

Decorative stain glass in door to house.

Two geometric stain glass windows (blue, red, yellow) in hall to upstairs (are the windows that have the interesting framing from the outside...on west side of house)

Stained glass that you see from outside in living room has been boarded up on the inside so you can't see it from inside!


Stained glass window you see in front of house on second floor is in a closet of master bedroom.

One of the windows in the master bedroom has its sill about 5" off the floor so that it's symmetrical with window in another bedroom, which also has its sill in that almost-on-the-floor position. The other window in each of those bedrooms has sill at normal level.

One of the upstairs' bedrooms (one above dining room) has a bay that is a carry up (my term) from dining room bay window directly below it.

Upstairs hall has ²~~two~~ original brass fixtures.

All doors in house have original brass hardware (pretty classy looking)

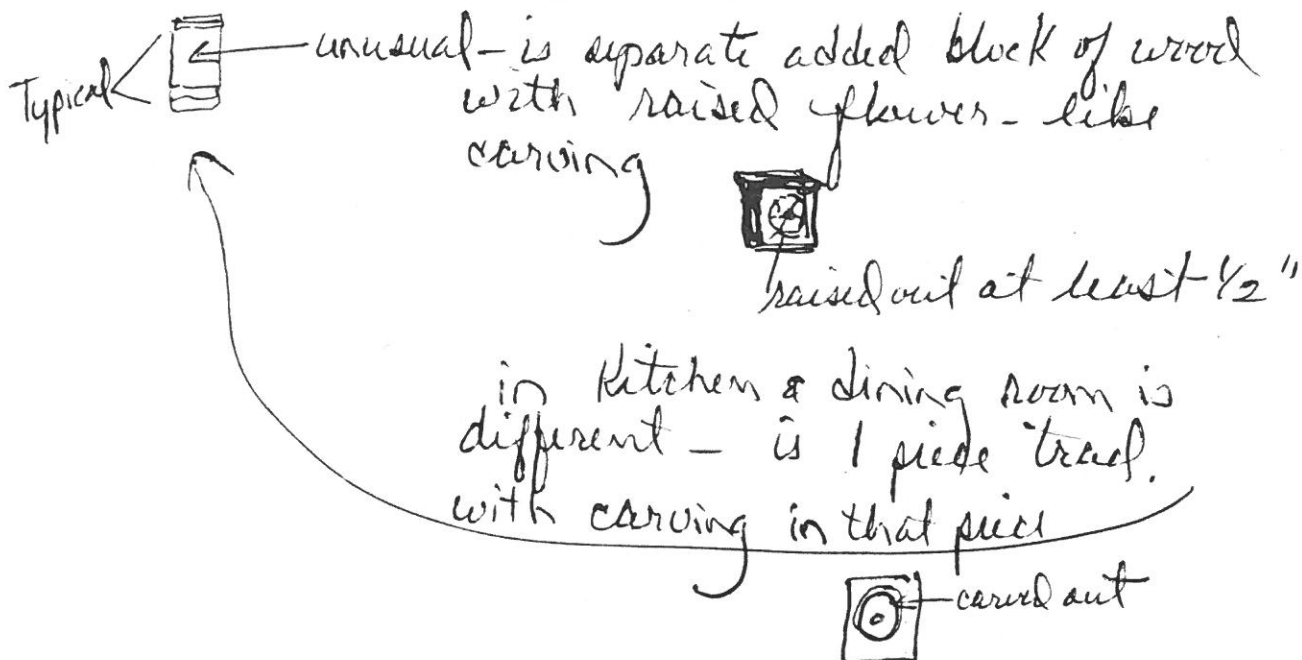
 Knobs have squared treatment

Wainscoating in dining room is only on 2 of the walls because it wasn't needed on other walls to protect wallpaper from chairs being pulled back.

Doorway leading into downstairs bedroom is wider than that leading into what would have been front parlour. A strip has been placed where owners think double-rolling doors were.

Curved entry banister and carved spindles are probably walnut.

Woodwork/~~is~~ top pieces are quite decorative



Is closet off front foyer.

Upstairs' bedrooms have glass transoms.

Ceilings in upstairs have curved treatment at top

Upstairs has 3 large bedrooms plus 1 small one which was the maid's room. That small room has a doorway that leads out into the north balcony. Also, staircase down into kitchen is entered from this maid's room. Also it has a little half-bath. Upstairs also has ~~large~~ regular bathroom...not very large.

Downstairs —
front porch
living
dining
bath
bed room
Kitchen



3. Fill out the application, citing your sources when possible.

4. Mail your completed application to the Elgin Heritage Commission, City of Elgin, Dexter Court, or drop it off in person.

To have your application reviewed and voted on at the commission's first Wednesday of the month 7:30 p.m. meeting, have it in at least ten days prior to this time. (These meetings, incidentally, are open to the public.)

Shortly after the meeting, you will receive written notification of the commission's decision. If your home has been approved for plaquing, you will be sent a letter with the date and name for the plaque. This, along with \$10 of yours, is then given to the commission's sign painter. You are also asked to be present at a City Council meeting so that the mayor can commend your efforts.

The buildings that have been plaqued thus far are as follow:

328 Mountain Street
302 Fulton Street
302 West Chicago Street
363 Prairie
116 North Porter
600 East Chicago Street
376 Prairie Street
71-73 Park Row
259 Villa Street
417 Algona
826 Douglas
225 Grand

"Painted Lady"

After we moved into our beautiful 1982 Queen Anne home on East Chicago Street, the first thing on our list of many things to do was to paint her. The idea seemed simple enough -- just pick a few colors and start painting. But when the painter handed me a set of what seemed to be a thousand little squares of color and, grinning, said, "Pick five," we knew we were in trouble.

Fortunately, polychromatic painting has come to the attention of the major paint companies. So with visions from Painted Ladies -- a compendium of photographs of San Francisco's restored Victorian rowhouses -- in mind, I turned to "Century of Color," Sherwin-Williams' chart of historically correct Victorian colors. This, plus the fact that we had found traces of the green stain originally on the shingled portion of our house, helped immeasurably. Finally, after much on-the-spot mixing, we decided on our five colors.



All we had left was to decide which color was to go where. To aid us in this, we took a photograph of the house, drew a representative section of it and xeroxed it. Then, with colored markers that matched our house colors, we began to experiment. Eventually, the color placement you now see on our home evolved.

If you are interested in transforming non-descript homes into painted ladies such as ours, you may be interested in the 20%-discount certificates for Sherwin-Williams' paint that I have. For this and any other advice you may wish from a now-experienced hand, please write the Gifford Park Association, P.O. Box 928, Elgin, IL, 60121.

GAZETTE

JULY - 1986



Quarterly

5th ANNUAL HOUSEWALK

The Gifford Park Association will hold its Fifth Annual Historic Elgin House Tour on Sunday, July 13, from 9:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door and will include refreshments at The Buttermen's Restaurant, 321 Division St. Advance tickets can be purchased at Gromer's Supermarket or by calling 742-6631.

The Housewalk Committee worked very hard to find a representative sampling of Elgin's varied architectural history. There are, of course, many new houses on this year's tour, and, for the first time, a house will be repeated on the tour. Because of the many requests for it, the first floor of the 1892 Queen Arne at 600 East Chicago Street will be seen again this year.

Also new this year will be horse-drawn carriage rides, available at a small charge.

Please join us for a close-up view of some of our city's architectural, historical and cultural treasures.

Plaque Program Underway

To heighten public awareness and educate Elginites to our cultural, historical and architectural heritage, the Elgin Heritage Commission has instituted a city-wide program for plaquing buildings to indicate the year of construction and the original owner's name. In order to qualify for a plaque, the building should have all or some of the following characteristics: be at least 50 years old; be historically and/or architecturally significant; have original exterior details such as windows, doors, porches, building material, brackets and cornices; be in good repair.

The process for obtaining a plaque for your home is as follows:

1. Call the Planning Department, City of Elgin, 695-6500 or stop by in person to obtain a plaque application package.
2. Research your home for the needed information. (Those within the Historic District should call the Gail Borden Public Library or the City of Elgin's Planning Department and ask if your home is in the Nomination of the Elgin Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. If it is, your research will be easy!)

ELGIN BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM
APPLICATION

BUILDING'S ADDRESS 470 E. CHICAGO STREET

BUILDING'S NAME _____
(for public/commerical structures)

Owner COCO LEE Phone 708.612.8975
416 N. 2ND AVE., ST. CHARLES, IL 60174
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

If you are submitting an application for a building which you do **not** own, include your name, address and phone number in the space below.

JO ELLEN DOSCHER
220 S. STATE ST.
ELGIN, IL 741-3339

PHOTOGRAPH

Include a recent photograph in which the building is clearly visible.

DOCUMENTATION

Note the sources that establish the validity of the information requested on the following page.

Attach photocopies of relevant material.

Sources should be clearly identified and the relevant parts marked.

If information is obtained from persons, attach statements signed by them as well as information that establishes them as qualified to attest to the historical and/or architectural value of the building.

- ☐ National Register of Historic Places
- ☐ Illinois Register of Historic Places
- ☐ Illinois State Survey of Historic Places
- ☐ Recorder of Deeds, Kane County
- ☐ Sanborn Maps
- ☐ Subdivision Plats
- ☒ City Directories
- ☐ Building Permits
- ☒ Newspaper Building Reports
- ☒ Elgin Today
- ☐ Elgin: An American History
- ☐ A Field Guide to American Houses

Other (please specify):

ORIGINAL OWNER ARWIN E. PRICE
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1886
ARCHITECT (if known) _____
BUILDER (if known) JOHN F. KIRKPATRICK

STATEMENT OF VALUE

Review the criteria the Heritage Commission considers in awarding a plaque. Then attach an explanation of the historical and/or architectural value of the building.

BUILDING ALTERATIONS

Describe any alterations that have been made to the exterior of the building. If the dates of them are known, include them.

STIPULATIONS

If the building is not awarded a plaque, the application fee will be refunded.

This application and the materials submitted with it shall be retained by the City of Elgin as a part of the permanent record of the building.

The Elgin Heritage Commission has the authority to edit and publish the information in the submitted application. This does not in any way prohibit others' use of the material.

The plaque, when awarded, will remain the property of the City of Elgin and shall not in any way be altered. It will be the city's responsibility to replace the plaque when the situation warrants it.

In addition to agreeing to the above stipulations, the undersigned attests that the information provided in this application is, to the best of his/her knowledge, accurate.

Signature

J. Ellen Pascher

Date

May 15, 1993

Date

Elgin's 'drunken mayor' most entertaining

**A friend of the common man,
Price staunchly advocated progress**

By Mick Zawislak
STAFF WRITER

Traditional histories hailed Arwin E. Price as a self-made man "whose worth and ability have gained him success, honor and public confidence."

But it was one prodigious character trait, left out of the typical biographies, for which Price was best known.

A stone-cutter by trade, Price described himself as a graduate of the "University of Hard Knocks" and friend of the common man.

In fact, it was not unusual to see the mayor among his adoring public, usually in a tavern.

Described as one of the most entertaining and "picturesque" characters in town, the six-time mayor had many abilities and attributes.

"Known as the 'drunken mayor', his antics were a source of entertainment for everyone," reads a brochure produced by the Gifford Park Association for a self-guided tour of historical homes on Elgin's east side.

Price's home at 470 E. Chicago St., was built in 1887 for an estimated \$4,000.

It is often referred to as a good example of the Stick Style, a form of Victorian architecture, at features fine details and deep gables, turrets, chimneys and contrasting roof lines. Fireplaces on the first and second floor, as well as a marble foyer, are installed by Price himself.

But it is the personality of the man rather than his habitat that overwhelmed. His supporters only chided him on his public behavior but even his opponents

admired his accomplishments for the city.

During three terms as alderman and 14 years as mayor between 1885 and 1923, Price was known as the "Poor Man's Friend" and staunch advocate of public improvements, including the public ownership of water and electric utilities.

A native of Waukesha, Wis., Price had little formal schooling. He chose to learn the marble-cutter's trade beginning at age 12, finishing his apprenticeship at the age of 15 on the day before Lincoln's assassination. He came to Elgin in 1869 at age 19 and immediately found work.

Price was well established in the stone-cutting business when he was chosen in 1888 by his fellow alderman to fill the mayor's spot vacated by Vincent Lovell.

He had already introduced a resolution calling for the establishment of a municipal water works. The fire department was reorganized and the first fire station built during his term as acting mayor.

The next year, Price won his first elected term for the mayor's post by a vote of 1,334 to 1,134. In its post election edition, *Elgin Every Saturday* had advice for the new mayor, whom it had supported during the campaign.

The paper estimated that Price would have garnered nearly all the votes had he "maintained the dignity of the mayoralty."

"His official record, as we have repeatedly stated, was worthy (of) our hearty endorsement, but it naturally disgusted the better class of our citizens to see the mayor Elgin upon our streets and in our council chamber in a state of intoxication," the paper said.

Price's margin of victory was the result of "left-handed sup-



SCOTT SAVEL / THE COURIER-NEWS

This home at 470 E. Chicago St. in Elgin was built in 1887 by former Mayor Arwin E. Price.

"His, at times, was a stormy political career, but he had accumulated a wide circle of adherents and friends..."

—Obituary for Mayor Arwin Price

port" of the Prohibitionists, who took votes away from Price's main opponent, the paper said.

"Let us have a sober mayor and the city will stand solid at your back, Mr. Price."

The mayor didn't heed that message but, nonetheless, embarked on the first of many public improvements.

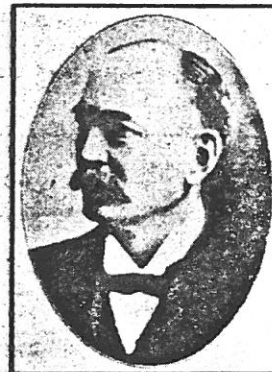
Under his leadership, the city purchased the electric plant, added 76 lamps, extended the circuits and reduced the cost per lamp from \$242 per year to about \$54.

Bluff City Cemetery was also opened during this administration (Price had purchased a

marble and granite works with a plant across the street three years earlier), and an ordinance calling for street paving within the fire limits was also approved during his first term.

He was defeated for a second term by developer William Grote, in a contest described by one paper as being between "order and disorder" and "sobriety and whiskey" and "between home and saloon."

In subsequent administrations, Price advocated the city purchase of a dynamo to light city hall, parks, the library and hospitals. He also presided over the rebuilding of the Lords Park Pavilion, which was destroyed



Former Mayor Arwin E. Price

by fire. New bridges were built at Chicago and National streets.

Price's sixth and last election term as mayor was from 1911 to 1923. He was still considered a viable candidate when he died unexpectedly on Feb. 18, 1923 from an acute attack of asthma.

"His, at times, was a stormy political career, but he had accumulated a wide circle of adherents and friends to whom news of his death comes as shock," his obituary read.



Fox Valley
Landmarks

McClure & Struckman, Cor. River and Ann Streets.
ELGIN, ILLINOIS.

POSTS, BUILDING PAPER AND LUMBER.

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Preston Reduction Co, 10 and 11 Cook's block, F E Miller, Chicago. pres.

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Preston Sarah F Mrs, wid Geo, r 29 Raymond.

Preswick Jno, lab, r 349 Crystal.

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1889/1890 CITY DIRECTORY

470 East Chicago Street
Arwin E. Price Residence

Arwin E. Price typified the "self made man" in an era when class lines were becoming more obvious. Mr. Price led a colorful local political career as alderman and mayor. Arwin Price was born on August 29 in 1850 in Waukesha, Wisconsin. At 12 years of age (1862) Arwin Price began learning the stone and marble cutting trade. At the age of 19 (1869) he married and settled in Elgin. During 1886 and 1887 A.E. Price had this house on Chicago Street constructed. His first term as mayor began in 1889, two years after the construction of this house. Price was elected mayor more frequently than any other mayor in Elgin's history. His last term as mayor ended in the 1920's when he was in his 70's. Besides his political career A.E. Price continued his interest in marble cutting and in 1896 he purchased the Elgin Marble and Granite Works opposite the Bluff City Cemetery.

The Arwin E. Price residence is an exceptional example of a finely detailed Stick Style house. Of particular note is the lattice work over the second story porch, the sunburst influence in the porch detailing, the variation in the siding pattern and the finely detailed bays. Also note the stained glass in the front bay and on the west side of the house (positioned for natural light to the interior staircase).

The interior of the house reflects Arwin Price's skill as a marble cutter. The entry foyer floor is composed of black and white marble which was cut and laid by Price. The front parlor contains a fireplace cut by Price as does the second floor front bedroom. (The second floor of the house will not be open for the house tour). Also of note in the interior is the stained glass in the entry door and along the staircase wall, the walnut bannister and spindles of the staircase and the original brass hardware on all the doors. In total the Arwin Price residence contains nine rooms (five downstairs and four upstairs).

In exiting the house imagine the election night crowds that formed around the front of Price's house and the setting the poly-sided porch and second story balcony created for the newly elected mayor to speak to the "peepul".

dairy belt. He is public spirited and takes an interest in public affairs. He has represented the second ward in the City Council and his record as a member of that body is most creditable.

In 1864 he was married to Miss Helen Kenyon. They have two daughters, Mrs. Rev. Enos Holt and Mrs. John B. Newman, and a son Frank W. Shepherd, a well known attorney. The family home is at 316 Center street.

HON. ARWIN E. PRICE.

The subject of this sketch enjoys the well earned distinction of being what the public calls "A self made man," and an analysis of his character reveals the fact that "progressive enterprise," his best efforts directed in the interest of his fellows, and honorable dealings, have been the essential features in his prosperity and popularity.

Mr. Price, being a western man by birth and training, possesses the true western spirit of progress. He was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, August 29, 1850, and is a son of Humphrey and Elizabeth Evans Price, natives of Cardiff, Wales.

Mr. Price's schooling was limited, as he was apprenticed to the marble cutter's trade before he was twelve years old, completing his apprenticeship the day before President Lincoln was assassinated. He came to Elgin in September, 1869, and from that time on has been engaged in the marble and granite business here, with the exception of three years.

On the 4th of September, 1869, Mr. Price was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. Lewis, daughter of Francis and Clarrisa Soper Lewis. Mrs. Price's great uncle was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. They have one daughter, Edith Cecil. Their's is an hospitable home, always open to their many friends. Socially Mr. Price is a

Master Mason, and in politics a Republican.

Arwin E. Price's name is closely linked with nearly all the municipal public improvements made in Elgin in the last 17 years, and his name is identified with its progress and prosperity.

In the year 1885 he was elected Alderman from the third ward for one year, in 1886 he was re-elected for two years, and again in 1888. While an Alderman he introduced a resolution for the establish-



HON. ARWIN E. PRICE

ment of a system of water works, and was one of the members of the committee who reported to the Council the water works system, and "public ownership of the same," which was adopted. He was elected Acting Mayor by the Council June 4, 1888.

He accomplished by diplomacy what other Mayors had failed to accomplish in the courts, the removal of the unsightly and dangerous obstruction of West Chicago street, and the building by the Chicago & North-Western Railway Company of the steel viaduct at said point.

In the fall of 1888 the Fire Department was reorganized and the first fire building erected.

When in 1889 he was elected Mayor by the people, the city was paying \$242.00 per arc lamp per year. Under his influence the city purchased the plant, added 76 lamps, extended the circuits, and at the end of the first year the cost of light was reduced from \$242.00 to \$53.70 per lamp.

On Sept. 4, 1889, Bluff City Cemetery was opened to the public.

The ordinance for the paving of the streets in the fire limits was approved March 25, 1891.

Almost the last act by this administration was the purchase of a patrol wagon, but the prejudice was so strong against the same that it was not placed in active service for months. The wonder, by even those who objected to its purchase, is how the city ever got along without one.

In 1897 he was again elected to the office of Mayor, and was re-elected in 1899 and again in 1901. He at once entered into the spirit of public improvements. One of his first recommendations to the Council was for an appropriation for the purchase of an incandescent dynamo at the city light station to furnish light free for the City Hall, Park, Library and Hospital. This action saved the taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Fire having destroyed the old building at Lord's Park the beautiful pavilion now there was erected.

The old wooden bridges at Chicago and National streets becoming eye-sores to the public and dangerous to public traffic, with the unanimous co-operation of the Council, new structures of steel and concrete were erected to take their places.

Three miles of brick pavement were laid on Chicago, Brook, North, River, Spring and Milwaukee streets, Forest and Douglas avenues. After years of effort this administration succeeded in getting the telephone and telegraph companies to place their wires underground in the fire

limits, and the removal of the unsightly poles.

Mr. Price's greatest ambition while Mayor was to furnish the citizens of this city with pure artesian well water. This proposition was approved by the Council and adopted by referendum vote, the shaft and tunnel system being inaugurated. During the close of his administration contracts were awarded for the building of a receiving vault at Bluff City Cemetery, the building of the fire house in the fifth ward, and for the completion of the shaft and tunnel system.

Public ownership of water and light was his motto, the granting of no franchises without just compensation to the public was his practice, and as shown the Elgin City Railway Company paid \$11,000 as its share of the Chicago street bridge. For the privilege of using Riverside avenue from Prairie street north to the alley, the A. E. & C. Ry. paid the city \$10,000.

He attributes his success while Mayor in establishing permanent public improvements to the fact that during the nine years he occupied the office he was accorded the confidence and co-operation at all times of at least a working majority of the representatives of the people, the several Honorable City Councils.

HARRY D. BARNES.

Harry D. Barnes is known as one of the thoroughly reliable young men of this section. He was born at Bloomington, Ill., November 29, 1863, and received his education in the public schools and at Elgin Academy, where he prepared himself for the business world. He is Secretary and Manager of the Elgin Packing Company, having charge of the large plant and business of the company in this city. Mr. Barnes has grown up with the business, having passed through all the departments and is considered one of the best in his line.

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DAILY COURT

ELGIN, ILLINOIS, FRIDAY (DECEMBER 21, 1886.)

stores, the upper floor being devoted to offices. It is built of pressed brick and is very pretty in appearance. It was built by Andrew Magnus and Joseph Pavey, at a cost of \$12,000.

During the year of 1886, considerable money has been expended on the school property of Elgin, and, as stated, two of the finest school buildings in the west have been erected. The site for the Prospect street school was bought for \$2,750. Grading and improving the lots cost \$680. The concrete walks required the outlay of \$376.62. The school building was erected by T. F. Mackay and Andrew Magnus, costing \$11,675, and the outbuildings \$1,117.25 additional, and \$1,067.83 was expended in preparing for steam heating. For furnishing the building \$1,000 was appropriated, making a total of \$18,666.70.

The Mill street school, which is similar to the Prospect street building in appearance, was erected by the Marchhoff and Turnbull Bros. The grounds were purchased for \$2,500; grading the lots, \$704.18; concrete walks, \$479.81; cost of erecting school building, \$10,566.39; outbuildings, \$1,117.25; preparing for steam heating, \$1,067.83; furnishing, \$1,000, the total being \$17,435.46. Both were from plans by Stiles.

At the Kimball street school \$1,550 was paid for additional grounds; for grading \$190, and for additional buildings, \$1,117.25.

At the Locust street school, grading and fencing cost \$681.81, while \$1,117.25 was expended on buildings and \$257.88 on concrete walks.

At the Bent street school, \$138.88 was the amount paid for grading and concrete sidewalks.

On Oak street, in the southwestern part of the city, a school site has been purchased for \$900.

On general repairs on other school buildings, \$2,091.62 has been paid: a total of \$44,000 for schools.

At the watch factory an enamel house has been erected at a cost of about \$5,000, an ice house costing about \$500, a front entrance, probably \$800, sidewalks and copings, perhaps \$1,000, and some minor improvements. At the National house the putting in of an hydraulic elevator and changes made necessary cost \$1,800.

At the publishing house a new water

Judge Ranstead has now one of the finest homes in Elgin.

The finest new house which the year has produced is that of Alfred B. Church, on Division street, at the corner of College. It is an elegant structure of pressed brick and brown stone, and built in the latest and most approved style of architecture. It is heated throughout with steam, and fitted with all modern improvements. The building presents a very fine appearance, and the interior finish is a marvel of beauty and elegance. The cost of the building is \$12,000, and Andrew Magnus the erector thereof. The house will cost half as much more to complete.

Another one of Elgin's model homes is the residence of V. S. Lovell on Liberty street. The building is frame, of very novel design, and elegantly finished. It was erected by Henry Jensen and cost about \$5,000.

E. L. Gilbert, South Gifford street, two-story frame house, very pretty in appearance, costing probably \$2,700.

Mrs. Townsend's house on Villa street is among the best of the residence building erected during the year. It is two stories, built of brick, finished in the best possible style with all modern improvements, costing \$4,500. Jensen and Hanck did the work.

Louis Gerlach has built on Milwaukee street a store building at a cost of \$4,000.

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Powers, John, cooper, Wood & Sherwin, bds 100 Lawrence.
Powers, Julia, Miss, wks watch fcty, bds 100 Lawrence.
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Prast, Chas., lab, res 75 Wing.
Pratt, Albert, wks watch fcty, bds 87 Milwaukee.
Pratt, Chas. C., ex conduct C. M. & St. P. Ry., res 288 Douglas
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During the year of 1886, considerable money has been expended on the school property of Elgin, and, as stated, two of the finest school buildings in the west have been erected. The site for the Prospect street school was bought for \$2,750. Grading and improving the lots cost \$680. The concrete walks required the outlay of \$376.62. The school building was erected by T. F. Mackay and Andrew Magnus, costing \$11,675, and the outbuildings \$1,117.25 additional, and \$1,067.83 was expended in preparing for steam heating. For furnishing the building \$1,000 was appropriated, making a total of \$18,666.70.

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At the Kimball street school \$1,550 was paid for additional grounds; for grading \$190, and for additional buildings, \$1,117.25.

At the Locust street school, grading and fencing cost \$681.81, while \$1,117.25 was expended on buildings and \$257.38 on concrete walks.

At the Bent street school, \$138.88 was the amount paid for grading and concrete sidewalks.

On Oak street, in the southwestern part of the city, a school site has been purchased for \$900.

On general repairs on other school buildings, \$2,091.62 has been paid: a total of \$44,000 for schools.

At the watch factory an enamel house has been erected at a cost of about \$5,000, an ice house costing about \$500, a front entrance, probably \$800, sidewalks and copings, perhaps \$1,000, and some minor improvements. At the National house the putting in of an hydraulic elevator and changes made necessary cost \$1,800.

At the publishing house a new water wheel, house and other "fixings," costing \$2,000 have been put in. A smokestack represents \$600 more and the new house and plant for the Merchants' electric light entailed an outlay of \$2,500.

The Chicago & Northwestern railway company has built, on Douglas

Judge Ranstead has now one of the finest homes in Elgin.

The finest new house which the year has produced is that of Alfred B. Church, on Division street, at the corner of College. It is an elegant structure of pressed brick and brown stone, and built in the latest and most approved style of architecture. It is heated throughout with steam, and fitted with all modern improvements. The building presents a very fine appearance, and the interior finish is a marvel of beauty and elegance. The cost of the building is \$12,000, and Andrew Magnus the erector thereof. The house will cost half as much more to complete.

Another one of Elgin's model homes is the residence of V. S. Lovell on Liberty street. The building is frame, of very novel design, and elegantly finished. It was erected by Henry Jenson and cost about \$5,000.

E. L. Gilbert, South Gifford street, two-story frame house, very pretty in appearance, costing probably \$2,700.

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K. Hill, Chicago street, barn, \$350.

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Mr. Cree, Porter street, two-story frame dwelling, \$1,800.

In the northeastern part of the city, a two-story frame house, costing about \$1,800.

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Robert Tod, street, \$1,000.

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