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Years ago a couple traveled out west looking for a new home and a new life because the wife had severe asthma. They found their home after some searching in Green River where the brother of the wife lived. In 1910, they had their first child, Carl Gaensslen. Carl grew up in Green River and still resides there. Carl tells about the different games he used to play as a child, and most of them do not differ much from the games the children play today. Hide and go seek, the big fad of marbles, run sheepy run, and football are on the top of the list of favorite games. Football was more prevalent in high school where they also played basketball.

The style of the town of Green River is different in a lot of ways, but still very similar in others. For instance: every grocery store in Green River used to deliver the groceries to the residents. The children would occasionally ride with the delivery man as he made his rounds. The stores today certainly do not do that, but there is still the same peaceful serenity in the town of Green River.

The town of Green River being very peaceful was a perfect setting for many children, and there were a lot of children in Green River. This was good in some ways, but bad in others. With there being so many children, there was always a birthday

party to go to, which was quite a big ordeal for a small child. But with so many children, the schooling situation was poor. There were overcrowding conditions and a couple of grades had to be moved to the basement of the library before the new school was built. Unfortunately, the brick facility burned down in later years. On Saturdays, after the school week, Carl was expected to do chores such as chopping up kindling, washing his mother's store windows, and shoveling snow in the winter time. When he got older he started delivering ice as a job and he mentioned delivering ice to the saloons. There weren't supposed to be any saloons at that time because of prohibition, but Carl said that the people around here didn't pay much attention to that. Every house and home had a still, and this is what put his family out of the brewery business. Carl's family manufactured Near Beer, which looked like beer and tasted like beer, but wasn't beer. There was no alcohol content. Obviously, the people liked the idea of making their own booze, even though it was illegal.

After Carl finished school, he attended the University of Notre Dame. After graduating there, he worked at the State Engineers Office in Wyoming where he met his wife, Fern. They adopted one boy. Their child grew up to follow his father's footsteps by attending the University of Notre Dame. He is presently a member of the forensic science department, and a very valuable member at that. Obviously, the small town of Green River didn't hinder his professional career.

Carl is proud to have such a successful son and is just as

proud to live in Green River. He loves the town and for what it stands for: Green River is still a lot like life was in the olden days. The pace of life there is unhurried; it has a pace all of its own as well as a spirit all of its own.