Last June’s Elkhorn River flood, top, damaged the 1910 bridge at Neligh Mill State Historic Site, and dumped eight feet of sand in the mill’s flume. Below, Rutjens Construction of Tilden cleaned the sand out of the flume last December; work to repair the mill island will get underway this spring and will be completed in time for vacation season. From 1874 to 1920, dams diverted water into the flume and penstock to turn the turbine and power the mill. (The turbine is still visible in the lower left corner of top photo.) In 1920 a major flood washed away a concrete dam and ended the use of water power for milling.