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DWIGHT.

The "Star and Herald's" First Annual Review of the Business Interests of Dwight.

The City, Schools, Churches and Business Interests Receive the Attention of Reporters.

"The Livingston," Hagerty Block and Other Business Houses and Private Residences Illustrated.

A tin can nailed to the top of an oak post, the post set into the ground very near the locality of the Pearre property, originally marked the site of Dwight. By a mere accident we came across this fact which was related to us by the person who saw the original can. We can not tell, or do we know, who it was that nailed the can to the post.

THE LOCATION.

Dwight is situated in a fine farming community on the Chicago & Alton and Indiana, Illinois and Iowa Railways. It is seventy-three miles south of Chicago, and fifty miles north of Bloomington, and has nearly two thousand population.

The Chicago & Alton Road, which in its infancy extended from Joliet to Alton, was conceived and built by Henry Dwight, of New York City, from whom the town was named. The town was located by Richard P. Morgan, James C. Spencer and Henry A. Gardner.

Each of these men had been surveyors and engineers on the Hudson River Railroad, and on the completion of that road came West, surveyed and laid out the Alton. After the completion of the road, Mr. Dwight, of New York City, rode over its length, in company with Mr. Morgan, and made this prophesy with regard to the territory through which the road ran, and from which it was expected to draw its support. At that time Central Illinois was very thinly settled, and the prairies were covered with rich luxuriant grass. Turning to Mr. Morgan, Mr. Dwight said: "The capabilities of this country to sustain mankind are beyond conception."

EARLY SETTLERS.

The village of Dwight, in its early days was settled very largely, if not wholly, by New York people. There were a few families here in 1855, from Southern Illinois, also one or two from Pennsylvania.

1855 to 1861.

During this period, the growth of Dwight was slow. Crops were bad and very little was done to induce settlers to locate at this point. In fact it was a very discouraging era for a new settlement. Those who had located here regarded the situation a poor one for grain growers and all that it was fit for, was grass land and stock growers.

1862 to 1866.

During this important period Dwight suffered very largely in the reduction of its population by the enlistment of an unusually large number of its citizens into the army. There was not a town in the state of the same population that sent as many men as the town of Dwight. An entire company was raised for the 129th Illinois Volunteers a regiment which made an excellent record during the war. The work, the money raised and contributions of every kind sent to the seat of war by the women of Dwight, was simply extraordinary. Crops were bad, also all through the terrible struggles through which we passed in this trying period. After the cruel war was over, however, light began to dawn upon this community, and a new order of things took place.

1867 to 1880.

During the years following, a new impetus was given, not only to this locality but to the whole country, by the return of the soldiers from the war. A very large proportion of them had saved more or less money, brought it back with them and settled down into quiet life. Farms and land were in great demand, and our whole prairie was infused with life and activity. It was about that time that the state of Illinois woke up to the necessity of some system of drainage which would insure us better and larger crops. Like every innovation it required a great deal of perseverance, philanthropy and practical demonstration, to convince the average farmer that when he put a rod of tile into the ground he had not buried his money where he would never see it again. The details of the introduction of tile drainage into this community would make a chapter by itself. Suffice it to say that

we have redeemed this country so far as its agricultural situation is concerned. By the most universal adoption of tile drainage, we now grow larger and better crops and with more certainty, than at any other previous date since the town was settled. 1880 to 1891.

These last eleven years mark an era of the greatest prosperity this village and township has ever known. We have all our land under cultivation, while we have had some short crops, yet we have not during that time had any practical failures. The general condition of our farms all show solid progress. They have increased in value and are now considered by capitalists as excellent investments.

WHAT WE OFFER

To those seeking homes either in the village or near the town. We have a market of easy access, either north, south, east or west. Our mail communication is excellent and answering every purpose for every business. We have excellent schools and churches to suit the inclination and persuasion of every one.

During the last two or three years, coal has been found at a depth which will pay to mine it, and last but not least, the artesian water cannot be surpassed either for culinary or for drinking purposes.

We have not made any attempt in this short historical account to boom individuals, trades or businesses but have attempted only to make a plain statement of facts.

Our Public Schools.

The first school house was built in Dwight in the fall of 1855 at a cost of \$275 and served for three years as a school house, church and public hall. It was 16x24 and stood about fifteen rods east of the residence of D. McWilliams and is now the L of Col. J. B. Parson's residence on Mason ave.

The school directors were D. McWilliams, Jeremiah Travis and Nelson Cornell.

Sarah Snyder was the first teacher, followed by Clara Colister and America Crowel.

In '57 it was found necessary to build a larger school house. All agreed that the house must be built, but the location caused heated discussion. At the election the "East Side" party won the day by three votes, a little over 100 votes being cast. In '64 an addition, 26x28, was built to the east side building which cost about \$1,500. The play ground is very fine. In 1870 the two story brick on the west side was erected at a cost of about \$5,000. A bell weighing 304 pounds was purchased for the east side building. On account of insufficiency of room a large brick addition was built to the west side building in 1890. Our schools are unexcelled by any in this section. The following named gentleman have filled the position of principal of the Dwight schools commencing in 1857:

Edwin Lathrop, 2 years; L. W. P. Wilmot and wife, 3 months; S. G. Glenn, 5 months; D. S. Eyer, 1 year and 4 months; O. F. Pearre, 2 years; L. W. P. Wilmot, 2 years; W. H. Gurney, 3 years; B. M. Moore, 2 years; L. F. Walker, 1 year; C. J. Gruely, 1 year; W. S. Wilson, 2 years; C. F. Diehl, 4 years; Jesse Hubbard, 5 years; H. D. Fisk commenced his duties in 1883 and is still principal.

The high school assistants commencing in 1879 are: Alice Graves, 1 year; Margaret Sudduth, 1 year; Mary E. Bradford, 2 years; Lida A. Kelly, three years; Ella New, 1 year; S. Estelle Krohn, 2 years.

The following named teachers have been employed here since 1856 in the order named:

Sarah Snyder, Mrs. Lathrop, O. S. Wescott, Misses Bennett, Crisp, Mrs. Wilmot, Hattie Newell, Misses Alden, Hobbs, Ketcham, Wright, George Winans, Mary Whitlock, Olive McClure, R. S. McElduff, Mary J. Paul, Emily Haney, M. E. McClure, Lizzie Weagley, Alice Dwellley, Laura Rodman, Mary Sumner, Marietta Baldwin, Mary E. Haines, Miss Diehl, Franc McClure, Nettie Ketchum, Ella Mills, Emma Paul, Agnes McElduff, Mrs. Wright, Jennie Bradbury, Lucy Banks, Mrs. Cyrus, Emma Baker, Belle McGinnis, Emma Rodman, Clara Dunlop, Sarah Crawford, Mattie Paul, Jessie McHugh, Mary Dow, Addie Northam, Georgiana Scott, Hattie Strawn, Mrs. H. D. Fisk, Isabel Phillips, C. R. Tombaugh, Jennie Payne, T. J. Haney, Clara Fisk, Louisa H. Bartlett, John H. Smith, Minnie Ahern, Lucy Barnum, Samuel E.

Houston, Minnie Hollmeyer, Lilly B. Conrad, Amanda Hubbard.

The high school has a museum connected with it which contains many objects of interest.

The attendance of non-residents is very large which attests the fact of the schools being popular and well-managed. Prof. Fisk, the present principal, is very popular with his pupils and the public generally, and his corps of assistants is good.

The following gentlemen have served as directors: D. McWilliams, J. B. Travis, Nelson Cornell, Geo. Whitlock, Oren Gould, Robt. Young, Henry Eldredge, Chas. Newell, Walter Halden, S. Ramsey, J. Strong, Dr. Hagerly, W. Sims, John Sherrill, J. McElduff, A. Gould, S. Witt, J. Diffebaugh, E. Baker, A. McKay, J. Gore,

the Rock River conference. A Methodist church was at once organized, consisting of six members only. Being too weak numerically and financially to meet the expenses of an independent society, in accordance with the polity of the denomination to which it belonged, it became attached to the "Mazon Circuit." By this arrangement preaching every alternate Sunday was secured and Dwight's first school house was used as the place for holding meetings.

Sensible of the need of a better place in which to worship, as the town was growing and its membership increasing, the society, in 1858, erected a building at the corner of Prairie avenue and Waupanse street, which four years later was enlarged. This structure was used as a church for some

ing been appointed to this station for the third time.

This flourishing society, which entered upon its career of usefulness thirty-five years ago with a membership of six persons only, viz: David McWilliams, Isaac Baker, Isabella Baker, Jeremiah Travis, and Simeon Lutz and John Routhong, has in its growth kept pace with that of the village and surrounding country. Its membership now numbers 265. The expenditures provided for during the conference year ending September 17th last were in the aggregate \$2,049. Of this sum \$297 were contributed for the support of home and foreign missions and \$127 donated to the different benevolent objects for which collections are annually taken in all the churches of the denomination.

The M. E. church of Dwight has a model Sunday school with twenty-five officers and teachers, and upon its list of members the names of 25 scholars are enrolled. Its library is one of the very best.

Under the auspices of this prosperous church an Epworth League has been organized to which 100 young people have attached themselves. All things considered western Methodism cannot boast of a better and more promising society than the one which has been made the subject of this brief article. It has been spoken of with pride as one of the institutions which has done much to make our village the gem that it is. May its prosperity ever continue. On another page of this paper can be seen a picture of the church.

Congregational Church.

The First Congregational church of Dwight was organized in Gieson's hall, Jan. 12, 1866, with the following charter members: Jonas Brewer and wife, H. Eldredge and wife, Mrs. S. M. Wright, Samuel Cutler, Mrs. H. M. Cutler, Miss S. Alden, Miss S. A. Snyder, Mrs. Mercy C. Armstrong and Mrs. Rebecca Snyder.

The church has had a total membership of 330; present membership 140. The church building in which the congregation now worships was erected in 1868 at a cost of \$3,500, and has a seating capacity of 300. The church has been served by the following pastors:

Revs. J. A. Montgomery, eight years; M. M. Longley, three years; W. C. Rogers, one and three-quarter years; R. C. Hartley, two years; Albert Lee, one year; G. A. Jameson, one year; J. R. Barnes, one year; William Wilson, two years; P. M. France, two years, and present pastor.

The church sustains a Sabbath school of which C. M. Moberwell is now the efficient superintendent.

The following societies are connected with the church and are doing effective work: The Ladies' Benevolent Society, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, the Young People's Missionary Society, and a Christian Endeavor Society of more than fifty members.

This church, in proportion to its means and numbers, has always been generous in the support of its ministers and of the various benevolent societies of the church at large. As an illustration of this, there is given herewith a statement of the funds raised within the last twelve months:

Pastor's salary, \$800; church expenses, \$143; Sabbath school, \$55; American Congregational Union, \$18; Sunday school and Publishing Society, \$13; Home Missions, \$146; Foreign Missions, \$24; New West Educational Company, \$7; Young People's Society, Christian Endeavor, \$50; total, \$1,256.

The above includes all the societies named. None of the charter members now here. The oldest resident members now here are Deacons A. Brubaker and J. C. Hetzel, the former having held his office for twenty-four years. Endeavor \$50. This church, though never strong in numbers, has been a blessing in its place, and all over the great West are found men and women active in church work who once were worshippers here, some of whom were converted at its sacred altar.

St. Patrick's Church.

The organization of the above society in Dwight, dates back to the "sixties." The parish at that time was a part of the Archdiocese of Chicago, but in 1877 the new diocese of Peoria was formed and the Rt. Rev. J. L. Spalding became its first bishop.

It was attended formerly by clergymen from other places, there being no pastoral residence here and the Catholics not very numerous, but since 1870 it has had its resident pastor. The following clergymen have been at some time connected with St. Patrick's parish: Revs. E. Dunn, M. Hanly, J. Halpin, N. F. Reconvier, A. Belanger, S. B. Hedges, and F. B. Moore, the present incumbent.

Of these some are now laboring in other dioceses, but the Rev. L. Dunn is at present the pastor at El Paso, Ill., and the Rev. J. Halpin is at Odell. The Rev. S. B. Hedges some three years ago was given charge of the church in Pontiac, which, after about two years' service, he resigned in order to return to the Paulist order, of which he had been a member.

Rev. Father Moore, the present pastor of St. Patrick's church, is also pastor of the Catholic church in Samburg, where he holds services every other Sabbath. He has a large amount of work on his hands. He is a gentleman highly respected by everyone in this community, is liberal in his views and his two charges are particularly well pleased with his pastorate.

Danish Lutheran Church.

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran St. Peter's congregation was organized the 14th of March, 1876. The church was built the same year, and Pastor Rosenstaud was called to be the first minister of the congregation. He was in charge until 1878, when he resigned, and Jae Holm was called, who was pastor of the church till he went back to Denmark in 1881. Then Th. Lyngby became pastor of the church and was here about a year and a half. Then he resigned and the congregation was without a minister a short time, till Pastor L. Hansen was called in the year 1883. He remained here until 1887, when he moved to New York state, and the pastor now in charge, N. P. Simonsen, was called. The congregation commenced with 64 members and now there are 74.

German Lutheran Church.

The German Lutheran congregation was first organized in Dwight in the year 1867 under Rev. Schleppeik. Their church was built the same year. Their membership was then 15 and at present is 42. Rev. Schleppeik served the congregation till the year 1883. His successor was Rev. Frederking, who is still here. Services are held every alternate Sunday.

German M. E. Church.

This society has a neat building on the corner of Washington and Delaware streets, where services are held regularly, and the society is in a flourishing condition. Revs. Brose and Lintner preach every other Sunday.

Prime's Crop Bureau.

It goes without saying that there is not another village of the same number of inhabitants which is better known all over the length and breadth of the United States, to say nothing of the commercial centers of Europe, than the village of Dwight. We can truthfully assert that this fact of the universal recognition of Dwight can be largely traced to the work of Prime's Crop Bureau.

Mr. S. Thornton K. Prime has for many years been a successful writer for the press, not only for this country but abroad. In 1880, he conceived the idea of concentrating into some practical form the results of a very extended acquaintance and correspondence he has for years enjoyed, with the representative farmers, millers, grain dealers and commercial Boards of "Trade of the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

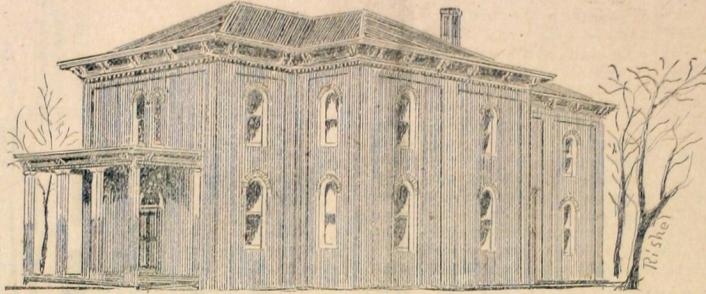
The majority of the correspondents, however, reside in the great surplus grain growing states of the Union. Mr. Prime has brought the standard of his work to the highest degree of perfection. His reports published in the leading papers of the country, are looked for and watched for with the greatest interest, and there is no factor which has a greater effect upon the market than "Prime's Crop Reports."

Besides furnishing the leading newspapers of the country with weekly reports, Mr. Prime's chief work is that of giving, either by mail or wire, private crop information to the leading grain operators, millers and Boards of "Trade of the country."

J. A. Spencer's

Hay Press Works are situated in the southern part of the city, near the Alton railroad, and cover over an acre of ground, and utilizes over 16,000 feet of floor, and is one of the institutions of which the people of Dwight are justly proud. Mr. Spencer is the patentee of the press manufactured by him. The first two or three presses made were constructed entirely by hand in one of our small wagon shops about seven years ago. These presses proved to be a success and a small shop was soon built and machinery introduced for their manufacture. His business has gradually increased until an abundance of the best wood and iron working machinery made has been introduced. The entire plant is heated by steam and presents a well kept and managed appearance. Mr. V. S. Wright, the superintendent, has entire charge of the factory, and there is nothing from the clerical work of the office to the minutest detail of any department that he is not familiar with.

The material is taken in the rough and as it is finished goes to the erecting room, where the presses are put together, then to the paint room, and then it is ready for shipment. The press is called the "Alligator," and is guaranteed to press three tons more hay a day than any other portable press with the same amount of help, or no sale, and freight refunded. On account of large capacity it is being bought largely by the extensive hay and straw pressers in the United States. Mr. Spencer has just had a deep well drilled which supplies the factory with abundance of very nice soft water.



HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

O. W. Pollard, C. J. Judd, R. P. Morgan, B. A. Buck, J. C. Lewis, Geo. S. Baker, Jno. Leach, Jno. C. George.

Board of Education elected in April 1890, under the new law: Pres., John C. George; clerk, Geo. S. Baker, John Leach, L. J. Trunnell, N. Mickelson, John Geis, John Dennehe. In December, 1890, President George resigned and Dr. M. Palm was elected to the office without opposition.

Following are the names of the graduates of the high school:

Class of 1880—Alice Eld edge, Charles Rhodes, Charley Follis.

Class of 1881—Alice Rattenbury, Alice Paul, Edith Kneeland, John McWilliams, Anna Baker, Fred Wool.

Class of 1882—Mary Marshall, Frank Tuola, Nora Goodman, John H. Smith, Laura Thompson.

Class of 1883—Jennie Rattenbury, Elm E. Baker, Annie E. Fox, Jennie E. Parke.

Class of 1885—Mary Long, Frankie Wilson, Minnie Ahern, Ella Conant, Mary Cusick, Frank L. Smith.

Class of 1886—Corra Adams, Eugene George, Verena Koehnlein, Samuel E. Houston, Louise McWilliams.

Class of 1887—Lilly B. Conrad, Julia O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Nellie Walton.

Class of 1888—Jennie Cadwallader, Lilla Koehnlein, Aura Gallup, Alice Perry, Anna Dunlop, Luella Stevens, M. nls Lower.

Class of 1889—Dwight C. Morgan, Louise de Clercq, Bessie Buer, Nellie Jeffers, Fred Smith, Charlie Vickory, Nellie Doherty, Henry Wood.

Class of 1890—John E. George, Walter O'Malley, Jeannette Koehnlein, A. Alice Longe, Della Pearre, Mary Conrad.

nine years. In 1867, under the admirable leadership of Rev. E. D. Hall, then the pastor in charge at Dwight, and now a prominent member of one of the New England conferences, the society undertook the erection of the church now standing at the intersection of Mazon and Prairie avenues. It was at the time a great enterprise, the success of which was held in doubt by some, but the untiring energy of the pastor, the great liberality of the members, and the generous contributions of outside parties, insured its accomplishment.

It is made easy of access by two flights of steps on the outside and the same number on the inside. The original cost of the edifice was \$16,000, a very large sum, the population of the village at the time of its erection considered. Since its construction expensive repairs in two instances have been made. Within two years the large upper room has been newly frescoed and the whole outside, the roof excepted, thoroughly re-painted. It now presents a clean and stately appearance and is a credit to the organization to which it belongs and a real ornament to the thriving and prosperous village in which it is located.

Ten years ago another financial en-



WEST SIDE MEAT MARKET.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

The history of the Methodist Episcopal church of Dwight, as to the period covered by it, is almost co-extensive with that of the town in which it is located.

In the early part of the year 1854 Messrs. R. P. Morgan, Jr., James C. Spencer, John Lathrop, J. and K. W. Fell, as original owners, gave to our city its name and donated its streets and alleys to the public.

On the second Sunday in June of the year following a small congregation gathered in the upper part of a newly-built store, owned and occupied by Mr. David McWilliams, and enjoyed the pleasure of listening to the first sermon preached in the locality, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. A. D. Field, a prominent member of

terprise was inaugurated which resulted in the completion of a fine parsonage. These church and parsonage properties are well insured and are free of all incumbrances.

In the fall of the year 1862 the bishop presiding at the conference held at Galesburg was requested to have this charge severed from the "Mazon Circuit" and the same provided with a resident pastor. From that date this enterprising church has not been pastorless for a day.

The ministers who have in succession been sent to this charge are Revs. O. W. Pollard, A. W. Harris, L. Deitch, E. D. Hall, J. G. Evans, James W. Haney, George M. Irwin, M. V. B. White, E. B. Hall, B. F. Tallman, C. O. McCulloch, E. A. Cool, E. A. Wilson and H. K. Metcalf. The Rev. F. W. Merrill is the present pastor, hav-

Star and Herald.

It would not be just exactly the thing to do in writing about the progressive business men of Dwight and a sketch of the village, the schools, the churches, the Leslie E. Keeley Co., etc., to omit saying a few words regarding the newspaper in which the review is published and the office in which the work was done. The extent of the edition is sufficient evidence of the fact that we have material to meet most any emergency in the printing line, and the clearness of the print that the office has competent machinery to do fine work. As to the composition of the literary department in this issue we leave our readers to judge for themselves. As to the enterprise of the proprietors we are also willing to be judged by this number of the STAR AND HERALD.

We endeavor in every way to meet the demands of the people of Dwight and the surrounding country, and hope that our efforts are appreciated. The office is thoroughly equipped to do almost anything in the printing line. The proprietors, Zimmerman & Dustin, are practical printers and all work is under their personal supervision. Our press room is under the charge of Mr. Fred Mowbray, a competent and attentive pressman of many years' experience.

The STAR AND HERALD is issued every Saturday morning, and contains a weekly review of the local news of this part of the state, general telegraphic news from all over the world, Talmage sermons, and miscellaneous matter on all subjects of interest. The subscription price is but \$1.25 per year.

The office is situated on Mazon avenue next to Keppinger's machine shops. Our latch string always hangs out, and we invite every reader to call on us at any time. We are always busy, but not too busy for a pleasant chat with all callers. Remember you are always welcome.

Baker's Furniture Bazar.

On East street is situated a very imposing brick store, which is one of the many marks of success of the proprietor of the largest and best equipped furniture establishment in this section. Mr. I. H. Baker moved to Dwight with his family in 1855 and in 1856 embarked in the above business in a frame building on the site of the present store. He started on a small scale. C. M. Baker, the present proprietor, and son of I. H., was taken in as a partner in 1870, and in June, 1880, the firm had the misfortune to have been burned out, losing most everything. With persistent enterprise Baker & Son, almost before the smouldering ruins had become cold, commenced the erection of their new store building and in November of the same year moved into the same. The store is two stories and basement, and is completely filled with goods in his line. Indeed Mr. Baker is at present crowded for room.

In 1883 C. M. Baker purchased the entire business, his father retiring. In addition to the store room mentioned he has a large work shop and finishing rooms in the rear, 16x24 feet, two stories. Mr. Baker's success has been brought about by close attention to business, fair and honorable dealing with all, and a successful effort in keeping up to the times, and to-day we venture to say there is not so large a stock carried in any town of the size in the state, and the volume of business conducted is immense.

The furniture department is complete and anything in that line can be found there that can be found in any city. Especial attention is paid to the undertaking business. A handsome hearse is one of the features and everything in relation to funerals is promptly attended to by Mr. Baker.

A fine stock of carpets, wall paper, window shades, awnings and paints of all grades are among the many necessary articles in stock.

Mr. Baker's school supply department is complete, also a large supply of blank books, etc. Any books printed will at any time be ordered for customers from the best publishing houses.

Albums, toilet and manicure sets, fancy ink stands, lamps, etc., pictures, frames and mouldings constantly on hand. In fact, everything you want. As regard prices Mr. Baker's are as low as any one, quality considered.

Losee & Brown.

The above gentlemen have only been in partnership since early last fall, but their experience in the business in which they are engaged dates back a number of years. The members of the firm, especially Mr. Ed Losee, is known to every owner of a chicken or calf for miles around. It is said that even the chickens themselves fly to the top of the highest tree when they see Ed coming their way. Their place of business is on East Mazon avenue. They deal in all kinds of poultry, veal, hides, furs, wool, and sell the highest cash prices. They pay at wholesale and retail. The reliability, business integrity, fair dealing and gentlemanly and accommodating manner in which they deal with their customers has made Messrs. Losee & Brown very popular in this community. They stand in the front rank of our young business men.

Miss Lizzie Burger.

This is principally for the ladies, but of course the gentlemen can read it if they choose. The above lady has been engaged in the millinery business in Dwight for about twenty years, and has turned out more headgear and made more ladies and girls look nice than any dealer in Dwight. Her store on East street is a veritable little flower garden, and contains everything that is in demand in the different seasons of the year. Once during the long time she has been in business her store was burned out and she lost everything. With her usual enterprise, however, she soon started up again, and her business increases every year.

The coming spring Miss Burger will display the largest stock of millinery goods ever brought into Dwight. Every season she visits Chicago and remains some time visiting the different large establishments until she is familiar with all the new styles, and then makes her purchases, which accounts for the latest styles always being displayed on her counters. In her store also can be seen an extensive line of the Warren Feather-bone corset, the latest and best in the market. Hats and bonnets trimmed by the best trimmers, ribbons, feathers, flowers, lace goods, collars, ties, ruffles, etc., can always be secured at this extensive millinery emporium.

J. K. McKinley.

On Franklin street, just north of Flagler's hardware store, is situated a small building, but the business conducted therein is not to be compared therewith, as it is much larger in proportion and increasing rapidly. Mr. J. K. McKinley established himself in business in Dwight about a year and a half ago, and by the finest and most durable work in his line has built up a trade that is very creditable to that gentleman and to Dwight.

Before locating in Dwight Mr. McKinley was engaged in the marble and granite business in Odell, where he is well known and has many friends. His work for different people in that locality not only stood as monuments to the departed, but as monuments to Mr. McKinley's workmanship. Especially do we call attention to the monuments in the Odell cemetery of Mr. C. W. Carpenter and W. D. Angell, which are said to be the finest in this section. He deals in foreign and domestic marble and granite and his work cannot be surpassed. His prices are as low as possible for good work. We sincerely hope that none of our friends may have need for anything in the above line, but if they do we take pleasure in recommending the Dwight Marble and Granite Works.

Mrs. W. E. Fenn.

Considering the length of time Mrs. Fenn has been in the millinery business her success has been something wonderful. Her handsomely furnished parlors in the Hetzel block on East street are thronged with customers during the busy seasons and at times she has six and seven assistants. This success has been accomplished by close attention to business, and her constant efforts to keep on hand what is needed for her trade in the seasons. She handles all kinds of goods pertaining to her business and her customers can always rest assured that they are wearing the latest style bonnet or hat when purchased at her immense establishment. Before Mrs. Fenn was engaged in the millinery business she was in the dressmaking business, which branch she still continues at the same store. Hundreds of people of Dwight and vicinity can attest to the fact that in the line of dressmaking she cannot be beaten. Her assistants are always of the best and her prices reasonable. All theadies in this neighborhood should be prepared to witness a grand display in Mrs. Fenn's parlors as soon as the spring season opens.

Baker Bros.

The "Star Grocery" was established by I. W. Baker & Son in 1876 at the present stand on East street. Jan 1, 1889, Baker Bros.—John and George—succeeded to the business. The house has always done a flourishing business and is growing every year until now every inch of space in their store room and basement is occupied. The firm always have a stock of plain and fancy groceries that attract the attention of people from far and near, and by their strict attention to business, honesty and uprightness, have secured a large share of the grocery trade, and after they once get customers they always keep them. In the fancy grocery line they probably have the largest trade in town. Their stock of confectionery, fruits, vegetables in season, etc., is always large. They make a specialty of Washburn's best flour and have the exclusive sale for this locality of Bloomington Kosuth and other fine brands of flour. They keep constantly on hand a large stock of fine cigars and the best brands of tobacco.

Their delivery system is good and appreciated by our citizens. Anything ordered at their store is sure of prompt delivery. Their neat delivery wagon may be seen at all times of day fitting here and there in the discharge of its duties.

Baker Bros. are accommodating and reliable business men, and are always in the front rank when anything for the public benefit is being agitated. Their motto in business is "The Price Tells; the Quality Sells."

Mr. John Baker is at present manager of the I. O. O. F. opera house, and Mr. George Baker is clerk of the school board.

Samuel Lower.

It is as necessary to keep your horses' feet well shod as it is the more intellectual, two-legged animals. With this idea in view the name of the gentleman at the head of this article comes prominently to the front. Mr. Lower is the oldest established blacksmith in Dwight, having commenced business here about twenty-seven years ago. In 1864 he came here from Pennsylvania, where he had been engaged in the same business twelve years, making thirty-nine years in all. This long experience makes him amply capable to execute any kind of work in his line, which he does with neatness and dispatch. He repairs anything from a threshing machine to a skate. He is one of the best horseshoers in this section, and his reputation as a repairer of plows is second to none. He has a very nicely arranged, large shop on West Mazon avenue.

Personally Mr. Lower is a very pleasant gentleman and relates many pleasing anecdotes of his early experiences. He is popular in this community and last spring was elected alderman by a large majority, which shows the confidence our people place in him.

John W. Baker, Insurance.

Insurance is fast becoming one of the most important branches of business in this country, and this fact is appreciated by our citizens. John W. Baker engaged in the insurance business about two years ago, and made it a point to secure the agencies of the most solid companies in the world. The fact that Mr. B. was well known in the community as a thoroughly reliable business man has made his success comparatively easy in the insurance business. He represents the Northwestern Mutual Life, of Milwaukee, a company that stands pre-eminently as the best life company in this country. In the line of fire insurance he represents the North British, Mercantile, German American, Continental of New York, and Concordia of Milwaukee. He is prepared to write lightning and tornado policies at short notice. Mr. John Baker conducts his insurance business at the "Star Grocery," and any business entrusted to him will receive prompt attention.

Leach & Reeb.

One of the finest and most important business houses in Dwight is the large harness and boot and shoe store of Leach & Reeb, in the Hagerty block on East street. These gentlemen are well known to most everyone within a wide range of Dwight as popular, efficient and trustworthy business men, which accounts for their great success in business. They have been engaged in business for a number of years, but it was not until about three years ago that the firm commenced selling fine boots and shoes. At this time their stock of every kind of footwear is the largest in Dwight, and no better place can be found to make purchases in that line. Their stock embraces the brands of the best manufacturers in the world.

Leach & Reeb also make a specialty of hand-made harness, doing this work themselves and under their personal supervision. Their \$12 single harness cannot be beaten anywhere. In fact, anything pertaining to horse furnishing and of foot furnishing can be found at this establishment.

A few years ago the firm started in business in an unpretentious way, and by hard work, square dealing, business integrity, fair prices and courteous treatment of customers, have obtained an enviable reputation, and enjoy a prosperous business.

Dwight Flouring Mill.

The stone mill on Franklin-st. was one of the first large buildings built in Dwight and was the means of furnishing flour for farmers for several miles around here many years ago. Mr. H. E. Seigert took possession of the property about twenty-three years ago and has continued to operate it since then. Mr. Seigert has always been honorable in his dealings with his customers and has prospered as such men should. The mill is provided with all the modern appliances for grinding. Mr. Seigert grinds all kinds of grain. In 1888 he put in at large expense the new roller process, which is far superior to the old way of grinding.

Mr. Seigert is an enterprising man and at the time the city made its contract with the Thompson-Houston Electric Light Company, that firm looked around for a reliable man to sell part interest to

for the price are made to order by this company.

The Dwight Art Company not only own this large studio, but have lately branched out, and now control the studio at Gardner, Ill., where the work done will equal that accomplished in Dwight. They propose to still further enlarge the field of operations as soon as the opportunity offers.

Bank of Dwight.

There are very few cities the size of Dwight in Illinois or any other state that are possessed of such a solid financial institution as the Bank of Dwight. In 1855 Mr. D. McWilliams came to Dwight and the same year started the present banking house. By careful, judicious and honest transactions the concern has been enabled to secure business from a vast area of country, and to-day probably does the largest business in Livingston county. From the fact of extreme caution and absolute refusal to do any species of speculative business, the bank has the unlimited confidence of our business men and the general public. The large brick block in which the bank and also the postoffice is situated was erected by Mr. McWilliams in 1878, and is an ornament to the town.

The business has assumed such proportions that to-day there is not a bank in the state outside of Chicago that is more reliable. The house conducts a general banking business, domestic and foreign exchange, collections, and makes a specialty of farm loans, in which it stands among the largest in Livingston county. The house also represents several of the most reliable insurance companies in the world, also several prominent ocean steamship lines, including the Quion, White Star, Anchor and German lines.

For the better protection of depositors Mr. McWilliams placed in the bank about a year ago a fine Hall, burglar proof safe with an infallible time. This is an absolutely fire proof vault.

Personally Mr. McWilliams is one of the first citizens of Dwight, he having been closely identified with its growth and development. He is one of the largest land holders in this section, and is a public spirited gentleman.

Mr. McWilliams has always been sole proprietor of the Bank of Dwight. For the past eight years Mr. L. A. Naffziger has been the efficient cashier. He is gentlemanly and courteous to all and has won many friends both in business and socially.

Mr. Andrew Doherty, for the past four years assistant cashier, is well known as an affable gentleman. His popularity is evinced by the fact that he was elected city clerk last spring by the largest majority ever given to any candidate for that office.

LOCAL EVENTS.

Our subscription price is but \$1.25 per year. Subscribe immediately.

Eyer Bros. are now engaged in boring a well at the residence of Dr. Keeley.

Will Morris purchased a fine horse of John Kleppin Monday for his dray line.

Sabbath school and evening services as usual at the Congregational Church next Sabbath.

Congressman Payson received two votes for senator at Springfield last Saturday. He only needs 101 more.

Mrs. Martin swallowed a bone Monday and had a narrow escape from choking to death. A doctor was called, how ever, and gave her relief.

Photographs are being placed in many of the Alton depots on the line. We have a first class talker in the Dwight depot. Drop a nickel in the slot and get buzzed.

The STAR AND HERALD publishers are prepared to club with any paper published in the United States, and we can save you money. Call on us when you are in Dwight.

The last page of this paper is devoted entirely to the Leslie E. Keeley Co., and includes a splendid illustration of "The Livingston," the finest hotel in this section of the state.

The electric light wires were struck by lightning Tuesday night and played havoc all over the town. The globes in several of the stores were broken and the streets were left in darkness.

Candidates for assessor are being named in different towns in the county. No supervisor will be elected in Dwight township this year. Mr. Thompson having drawn the two year term.

Five prisoners passed through here Monday on the Denver bound for Joliet penitentiary from McLean county.

Hon. Geo. Torrance, of Pontiac, is prominently mentioned for the warden ship of the penitentiary at Joliet. He is one of Livingston county's foremost men.

The next regular meeting of the Epworth League will occur Tuesday evening, March 8. An interesting program has been prepared on the Epworth course of reading. All are cordially invited.

An old man tried to jump on the 4:08 passenger train, which does not stop here, Tuesday morning, and was thrown violently to the ground. His head was badly cut and he was otherwise bruised.

The Dwight Art Gallery, Gray Staunton, proprietor, has made a new departure, which will add greatly to the business. Mr. S. has secured a lease of the

Gardner gallery and made arrangements for Mr. Evans to spend two days each week there—Tuesdays and Fridays.

We have heard many inquiries regarding the horse belonging to Geo. Busch, on which Dr. Yates performed the difficult operation of placing a tube in its throat last fall. Mr. Yates informs us that the horse has been worked on a corn shelter all winter and is doing well.

The W. R. C. met Wednesday and passed resolutions regarding the death of Gen. Sherman. They decided to hold a 10 cent sociable at the Sons of Veterans' hall Friday evening of next week. All G. A. R. men and their families, Sons of Veterans and friends are invited to attend.

There is one thing that should not be countenanced, and which has become a great annoyance to a great many of our citizens of late, and that is, the sling shots that a number of our boys are using on the streets. Tuesday night five or six windows were broken in the Keppinger hall building by this process.

Union memorial services in honor of the late General Sherman will be held at the M. E. church next Sunday at 10:30 a. m., to which the public are invited. The Grand Army post and Sons of Veterans will meet at their respective halls at 10 o'clock sharp to attend in a body. The pastors of the different denominations have all been invited to participate in the services.

The publishers of the STAR AND HERALD wish to return their sincere thanks to the business men of Dwight for the ready assistance they have given in bringing about the issuing of the "Business Review," contained in this number. We hope our patrons will be pleased with our efforts to do the best we can for them and Dwight. We wish also to thank all who have lent a helping hand to make the issue a success.

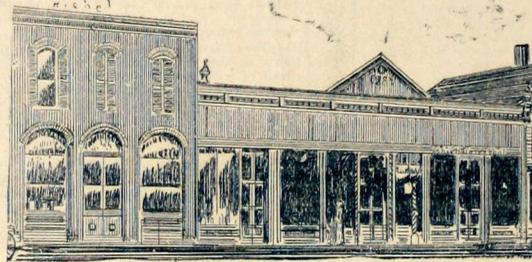
Men who advertise and need a new idea now and then, or who have not always the time or inclination to prepare their advertisements, will find a valuable assistant in the novel book of "Ideas for Advertisers" just published by D. T. Mallett, New Haven, Conn., and sent on receipt of \$1.00, postpaid. He also publishes a tasty pamphlet called "When," (price 25c), a treasury of good advice to business men. Descriptive circulars of both these new books can be obtained upon request to the publisher.

Ottawa young ladies continue to kick. They objected to talking instead of dancing when there was a chance to trip the light fantastic. Now the kick is in another direction and of a more decided nature. The lady teachers and girls at the high school have purchased a foot ball and spend recess and the time before school, in the rear of the building, kicking that much abused article. They should be encouraged, however, in their athletic sports.

The "Dot" company, under the efficient management of E. B. Barber, held the boards at the opera house Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week. It is the best troupe that has been in Dwight for a long time and gave entire satisfaction at every entertainment. They are evenly balanced, and are all efficient in their parts, and the troupe is composed of ladies and gentlemen in the true sense of the word. They were in Odell the remainder of the week. They deserve a good patronage wherever they play and we take pleasure in recommending them. It is not appropriate to "Wink Your Other Eye" when the "Dot" company is in town.

One of our prominent real estate men procured a gentle riding horse the other day to attend the sale in the country. The dealer can tell you more about lands and loans than he can about riding horseback, or could before his recent experience. The gentleman mounted the horse and sat as straight as an arrow, but was a little rattled and pulled at the bridle more than the horse liked. It is not stated by deponent whether the horse was trained or not, but when he was supposed to go forward he went backward. The aforesaid dealer in lands endeavored to face the horse in the opposite direction to which the sale was, hoping the horse might kick his way out there, but he wouldn't. The horse evidently became tired and sat down to take a rest and the auctioneer rolled off in the mud. It is said on good authority that the next time the real estate dealer wants to go to an auction sale horseback he will take a sawhorse or walk.

D. B. Stevens, the efficient leader of the M. E. church choir, was the recipient of a surprise party Tuesday night last by the members of the choir and a few of his intimate friends. The occasion was taken for the purpose of making Mr. Stevens a present in token of the esteem in which he was held by those who are under his instruction every week. The present consisted of a fine crayon pastille, which was presented to him by Mr. L. A. Naffziger in a few very appropriate remarks. Mr. Stevens proved himself equal to the occasion, returning his sincere thanks for the confidence shown, and the appreciation manifested by those present. An enjoyable evening was spent by all present. Those present were: L. A. Naffziger, S. Houston, H. T. McLane, Manning Smith, A. R. Zimmerman; Mesdames M. Smith, L. A. Naffziger, H. T. McLane, W. E. Fenn, and Mrs. Adams; the Misses Minnie Barr, Minnie Lower, Sadie Clarkson, Artie Pollard and Emma Baker.



HAGERTY BROS.' BLOCK.

Hahn Brothers.

The stand occupied by the gentlemen of the above firm, has been occupied for a meat market the past fifteen years or more. About two years ago Hahn & Keim succeeded to the business and named their place the "City Meat Market." Their business was very prosperous and we venture to say, larger than any market in a town of this size in this section of the state. Recently Mr. Keim retired from the business by disposing of his interest to E. P. Hahn, and the firm named was changed to the above. These young gentlemen—G. L. and E. P. Hahn, have lived among our people for many years and are well known as honorable, straight-forward business men, and are accommodating and pleasant to all their customers.

The firm not only transact a large retail business, but also buy cattle, hogs and all kinds of live stock for shipping. In doing this they have the choice of the finest animals for their retail trade. In their market on East street they always have a fine display of the best meats including beef, pork, mutton, smoked and salt meats, sausage made by them, poultry and oysters in their season, etc.

When a firm of business men make up their mind to be gentlemanly and accommodating, and to always supply the demands of the public in all its branches, and stands by the resolutions made, it is sure of success. This is just what this firm has resolved and it never fails, as their large number of customers will attest. Hahn Bros. are public spirited men and not only run their business on that plan, but are in for anything that will benefit the town.

J. Schott.

The merchant tailor establishment which the above gentleman conducts has been established about twenty-five years and was purchased by Mr. Schott about two years ago. Under his management a large and successful business has been established. He is a first class workman, and only employs the best artisans. He keeps constantly on hand a large stock of all kinds of clothes from which his customers may select. He has lately secured an elegant line of spring samples and is prepared to make fine spring suits to order on short notice. Mr. Schott is a reliable business man and guarantees satisfaction. He employs three tailors most of the time. Give him a call.

and finally settled on Mr. Seigert as just the man they wanted. He purchased an interest and now controls the plant and the power is furnished from the same engine that runs the mill. He therefore "lights the weary traveler on his way" and also furnishes the wherewith for "the staff of life," two very important items in any community.

Honesty, integrity and straightforwardness in business has caused success for Mr. Seigert, as it will for any man who follows it up. Success T. Mr. Seigert.

The Cornell Hotel.

Situated in the very heart of the village of Dwight, within five minutes walk of the depot on the Chicago & Alton road, stands the Cornell Hotel. Its present proprietor is Mrs. Gertrude Kaylor.

The hotel is conducted and managed by Mrs. Kaylor. The house contains fifteen rooms, all of which are comfortably furnished. The hotel has a very home-like air about it. To the traveler and to the invalid this house offers unusual inducements to any one either in search of business, pleasure or medical treatment. The table is well kept and the charges are moderate.

Dwight Art Company.

The above institution is very creditable to the town of Dwight, and people of places of this size are very seldom favored with so complete and handsome a studio. The gallery is on East street, in the Hetzel block, and occupies the complete flat over E. T. Miller's store. It is filled with all the modern appliances for doing fine work, and the appointments are complete. They are making a specialty of fine crayon enlargements, in which they are doing as fine work as any house in the county, and are employing agents in all parts of the country to canvass for their crayon and photographic enlargements, and would be pleased to correspond with any one who wishes this kind of work done.

The framing department is under the same management, but occupies rooms by itself. A large number of frames are constantly on hand and an endless variety of mouldings can be seen at all times for their customers to choose from. The reporter of the STAR AND HERALD was recently shown through this department, and we freely acknowledge that the display is the finest we ever witnessed. The mouldings are of all designs and all prices. Some of the prettiest frames

One year.....	\$1.25
Six months.....	.65
Three months.....	.35

Hetzel & Romberger,

Real Estate, Loan, Insurance and Law Firm.

This enterprising firm has been in business in Dwight since 1887. Their office is located on the second floor of the "People's Bank Building" on East street.

In less than four years they have built up a very large and important business in real estate, loan, collection and insurance. They have effected a large number of sales of real estate, to the entire satisfaction of both buyers and sellers, and have now on their books much desirable property for sale at reasonable prices. Their loan department has been a very important one, and the firm has handled large amounts. Their careful scrutiny and attention to these transactions, has been most creditable to the firm, and not a dollar has been lost by the firm or their clients on any loans through the hands of the firm—a record unprecedented.

The gentlemen have the entire confidence of all who know them. Messrs. Hetzel & Romberger have a collection business which has already assumed vast proportions and is growing rapidly. They rank among the best collectors in this section.

In Fire Insurance the firm represents the very best and safest companies, and write insurance at the very lowest rates possible for safety. They are agents for the "German" of Freeport, which company issues special farm policies, insuring against fire and lightning, and also tornadoes, cyclones and windstorms. The record of this company in adjusting and paying losses is unexcelled. Those who are acquainted with its standing will insure with it only.

Another important feature of the transactions of the house is looking after the interests of non-resident real estate owners: Collecting rents, paying taxes, and renting village property.

The business of this house is now very large and requires work early and late, yet they are always ready to attend to the minutest details of any business entrusted to them, and it is always a pleasure to call on them in their pleasant and convenient rooms.

Mr. J. C. Hetzel, the senior member, is one of Dwight's oldest residents. He is well and favorably known as among the successful merchants in this part of the country. He is a notary public, and his services are frequently sought for in drafting documents to be sent to Germany, and the collection of claims in all parts of Europe. He is also agent for several lines of ocean steamers, and sells tickets of passage for the Hamburg-American; the North German Lloyd; the Red Star Line; the Netherland American Steam Navigation company and several of the best British lines.

Mr. Charles L. Romberger has practiced law in Dwight the past seven years, and has built up a lucrative business. He still continues his law practice, in connection with the business of the house, and gives especial attention to the examining of titles and making abstracts.

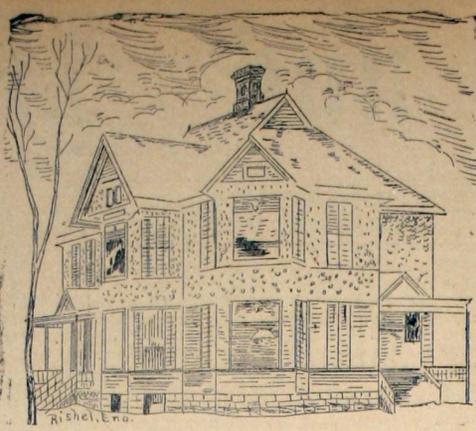
The business of the house of Hetzel & Romberger is not by any means local as they have on their real estate lists Chicago suburban property and choice farming lands all over the country. They can accommodate those who are seeking homes in the west, either by purchase or trade. The established reliability of the house is sufficient guarantee of all their transactions.

The firm of Hetzel & Romberger is a most reliable and energetic one, and the gentlemen are considered as among the leading business citizens of Dwight and Livingston county.

J. P. McWilliams.

Among the business interests of Dwight there are none of more importance or of more immediate benefit to the public than that of J. P. McWilliams, importer of Percheron horses. Mr. McWilliams' first importation marks him as a connoisseur in horse flesh. His selections have been made with rare judgment and his stable of horses is a monument to him as a horseman, of which many an older dealer might well be proud.

As is well known when Mr. McWilliams went to Europe it was with a prejudice against the Percherons and in favor of the Clydesdales, but when he saw them in their native country, saw the splendid carriage, lofty crest, well rounded body, magnificent feet and legs (a point all important in a draft horse) and amiable disposition of the Percheron as compared with the ewe neck, thin shelly feet, suppurating and dangerous disposition of the Clydesdale or English shire; he had the moral courage to throw his prejudice to the wind and invest his money in Percherons, everywhere acknowledged to be the king of draft



RESIDENCE OF CARL MILLER.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, in every state, in every territory he is in type, in quality, in disposition the same peerless animal. His power, his endurance, his unequalled kindness and tractability have won for him the warmest chamber in the heart of the breeder and the most exalted place in public favor, realizing this and believing that the best were none too good for Livingston county.

Mr. McWilliams went among the most reliable breeders in France and selected the very best regardless of cost. In his stable may be found animals combining the greatest individual merit with pedigrees denoting the choicest lineage.

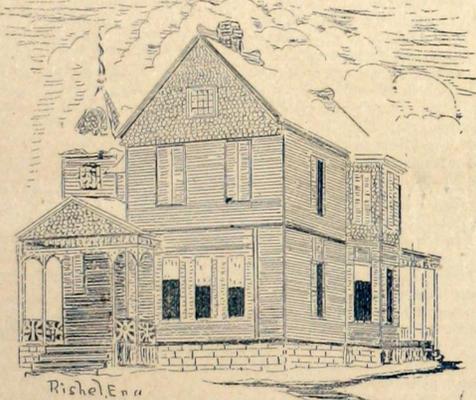
Dwight is to be congratulated that it numbers among its citizens a man who, like Mr. McWilliams, possesses the means and the judgment to build up a business that must result in placing thousands of dollars in the pockets of the breeders and farmers in Livingston and adjoining counties.

Some seem to think that the day for breeding draft horses at a profit is passed. Not so; and the very fact that so many are inclined to strike out

we must breed them, and to breed them we must breed to the best stallions, and he who brings into the community a superior stallion is a public benefactor and deserves a liberal patronage from all breeders of that country.

G. Z. Flagler & Son.

There is hardly any business which men engage in this western country which is so much of a public benefit so far as the growth and advancement of a city is concerned as the sale of building materials. In the furnishing of lumber and lime and such like articles which go to make up the comfortable dwellings which are the homes of the enterprising citizens of Dwight and of the farmers whose tasteful residences dot the surrounding prairies. The firm of G. Z. Flagler have probably done the principal part. The senior partner, Mr. G. Z. Flagler, is one of the pioneers of the city, having come here thirty years ago and has ever since been an industrious and enterprising citizen, aiding all in his power by his industry, his capital, and his counsel, the growth and the busi-



RESIDENCE OF C. L. ROMBERGER.

ness interests of our thriving city. For the first few years of Mr. Flagler's residence in Dwight he engaged in the tanning business, but in 1873 he opened a lumber yard at the same location he now occupies. Eleven years ago his son, George, was taken into partnership in the business, since which time the firm name has been as it appears at the head of this article. The firm has done a large and safe business and has the confidence of the people who deal in Dwight. Mr. Flagler & Son carry a large line of everything needed in this section in the way of lumber of all kinds, lime, cement, etc. They also deal largely in coal. They are prompt and accommodating business men and deservedly popular in this community.

If we want to raise the best selling and most profitable horse we must study the markets and then select our mares the nearest the type demanded and breed to the best stallion of that type in the reach. Never allow a few dollars in the way of service fees to prejudice our judgment. In many cases farmers and breeders are doing themselves and their country great injury by insisting on breeding to a first-class stallion at the price of an inferior one, thereby driving out the better ones and encouraging the poorer grade. It costs no more to raise a colt that will bring the highest price in the market, so far as feed and labor enter into the account, than one that will sell for half the price; and to grow the best

Good meat is good living. The Bible tells us "Man cannot live on bread alone." And though this is a sacred truth on which many sermons might be written, it is probable none of the preachers would advise their flock that in making up their memorandum of

D. B. Stevens.

get no better goods in the tobacco line than Mr. Geis keeps and they should buy no other.



RESIDENCE OF H. T. McLANE.

other articles to live on they should leave out good, well-dressed, neatly cut, juicy steaks and roasts, beef, mutton, pork, etc. No city would be worthy of the name, was there not included in its list of trades, a well appointed and well regulated meat market. In this respect Dwight can class as a tip-top city for there cannot be found between Chicago and St. Louis, a better and more complete establishment of this order than that of D. B. Stevens' on West street.

Mr. Stevens has been in business two years. He first opened a market on East street, but because of the superiority of the meats he kept and his obliging way of doing business his business increased so rapidly that he was obliged to seek more commodious quarters.

In 1889 he built a fine market on West street and is doing an excellent business. Mr. Stevens buys only the choicest cattle for slaughter and keeps everything perfectly neat. He always carries a full and complete stock of everything in his line—all the variety of meats the market will supply. He also keeps prepared meats, a choice stock of canned goods. The ice house

If the readers of the STAR AND HERALD want good things to eat, nice dishes to eat and drink from, or any of the various useful little knick-knacks which are so handy about the house, in the parlor, dining room, bed room, or kitchen, they will find the very best of all these things at the store of G. L. Kern, and they will find them there as cheap as they can be bought at any store in the county.

John Geis.

In these latter days of science, education, culture and progress, very many articles which a hundred; yes, even thirty years ago were classed only as luxuries, are now acknowledged by all sensible men to be necessities, and go to make up not merely the sum of life's comforts, but also of life's absolute needs and constitute in the business world the most important articles of commerce, both on account of the immensity of the demand and the magnitude of their value. There is probably no article of commerce in which the trade has grown so largely



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Mr. Stevens has in connection with his market building affords him the opportunity of keeping his meats and fitting them for use in the very best order.

The citizens of Dwight who get their meats of Mr. Stevens always get the very best there is to be found.

G. L. Kern.

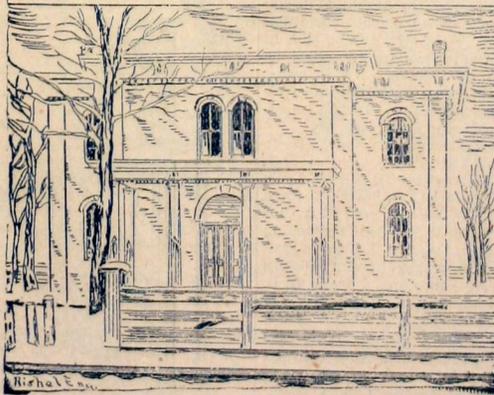
Mr. G. L. Kern, whose grocery store is on West street, is one of the very busiest men in Dwight. Commencing business here ten years ago by fair dealing and always selling the best of goods he has succeeded in building up a very large trade, which is satisfactory to himself and to his large and increasing line of permanent customers.

Mr. Kern understands fully the needs of the people of this vicinity and has always on hand a complete stock of those staple and fancy goods which will suit the wants of all, from the dainty epicure to the humblest seeker after something to keep soul and body together. It is a pleasure to buy goods at Mr. Kern's grocery store be-

in the last half century as it has in tobacco and its products. Tobacco and cigars are in these days as staple articles of trade as sugar and coffee.

The people who buy cigars and tobacco like always to deal with those men who sell only reliable goods. In this respect the people of Dwight are especially favored.

For sixteen years Mr. John Geis has catered to the tastes and wants of our people in this city. With most excellent judgment in the purchase of raw material, Mr. Geis has built up a very large trade and an even increasing demand for the brands of cigars he manufactures. He is in every respect a first-class tobacconist and carries in stock everything which would delight the heart of the smoker or the lover of the weed in any form of use. Mr. Geis keeps up the standard of all the brands of cigars he makes, and his store on West street is one of the popular resorts of the city. If there is any one thing more than another which maintains the prosperity of any city, it is the resolution by every citizen to buy everything he possibly can of home manufacturers. Dwight people can



WEST SIDE SCHOOL BUILDING.

cause one is always sure in the first place of getting just what he wants, and of getting reliable goods. In the next place it is a pleasure to go to his store and see the tempting array of good things and the display of beautiful and substantial articles on his shelves in the way of China, Queens ware, Glassware, etc. The bargain counter in Mr. Kern's store is a veritable museum and is filled with curious, ingenious and useful articles at prices so wonderfully low that they amaze even the most penurious, or those with the fewest nickels in their pocket books.

Mr. Kern is noted as a hustler in the fullest sense of the time. He hustles in the best of goods. He hustles the prices down so as to defy competition, and he hustles the sale and delivery of his goods so as to satisfy and please all who give him an order.

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Hagerty Bros. Block.

The first postoffice was located on East street where now stands the Hagerty Block. Directly in front of this old postoffice was planted what is probably the oldest tree in town now standing. This tree still spreads its verdant boughs abroad and furnishes a cool and refreshing shade for weary wayfarers on our streets in the hot summer months. It is a patriarch among Dwight trees and although many a designing hand has been raised against it and its foliage has been sadly shorn, yet it still stands. Its broad extending branches shade the oldest

brick block in our city. This known as the Hagerty block. The northwest corners of this block, which is of the oldest brick buildings in town, was erected in 1870 by Dr. J. H. Hagerty, father of LaHarpe, W. J. and H. L. Hagerty. It is therefore one of the oldest business blocks in our city. Since its erection it has been used as a drug store, Dr. J. B. Baker and Manning Smith being the first occupants. The southwest portion of the Hagerty block was built in 1889. This new building is divided into three parts occupied respectively by a boot, shoe and harness firm, a barber shop and confectionery and tobacco stand. The Hagerty Brothers naturally take more than ordinary pride in anything that pertains to improving or beautifying of our town and their new business block was the first of a series of extensive improvements. If more of our citizens who are better able would do as much in the same line we would have a boom the like of which has never been known. Mr. H. L. Hagerty deserves particular credit for laying at his personal expense the first stone pavement in town. Keep it up boys.

Miller Brothers.

It is always a pleasure to a newspaper man to give generous credit to genuine enterprise. Enterprising and liberal business men are the life of any town. This is true as regards the town, however, but in these latter days it is always the rustler who gets the cream of the business and thus helps along his own prosperity.

It is a notorious fact that the public always is ready to help those who manifest a sturdy and persevering spirit of helping themselves. In general trade the fact also pertains that the true way for a business firm to help itself, is by fair and honest dealing, proper shrewdness, in buying and keeping a full supply of such goods as the public demands make necessary, and a prompt and courteous attention to the calls of these customers.

In all these particulars of an enterprising and successful firm there is no town in Central Illinois more favored than is Dwight, in the firm whose name heads this article.

Messrs. Miller Bros.' establishment is pre-eminently the Dry Goods and Clothing Emporium of our busy and thriving city. For seventeen years these gentlemen have held the front rank in the trade in the lines of goods they keep. Their large store room, covering over 5,000 square feet, is in fact crowded for room, and their business frequently demands greater space. Their shelves are always loaded with the greatest variety of goods, for they carry everything their large trade demands. In the way of dry goods the finest, or the cheapest, grades are always on hand in accordance with the wishes and demands of their several customers.

Messrs. Miller Bros. also make a specialty of Men's Clothing and Furnishing Goods, and have in connection with this department of their store, one of the most complete Merchant Tailoring establishments to be found. They carry a large stock of fine piece goods, and employ the best of cutters and workmen, and the work turned out by them equals in fit and quality the best of city work, while it has the superior merit of being well and strongly made by experienced artisans and no stop jobs come from their hands.

This firm has been doing business in Dwight for seventeen years, and by square dealing and fair prices have not only made a success for themselves, but by their enterprise and liberal public spirit, been of incalculable benefit to our city. The firm gives regular employment to from fifteen to eighteen persons, and thus helps every other line of trade. Two commodious and beautiful residences have been built by them during the past year. They are rustlers in the fullest sense of the term. They are firm believers in, and practical exponents of their faith, of the immense value of printers' ink as an auxiliary to business. They prepare themselves to defy all competition in goods and prices, and then take care to let the public know these facts. The firm is doing an enormous business and their prosperity, and the confidence of the public in them, is the result of well defined, honorable business principles and undomitable energy, well stuck to for many years.

J. C. Lewis.

Editors, as a general thing, do not get round shouldered carrying an immense amount of jewelry, but they can look in the show cases and admire just like any other person. There is no better place or finer display of watches, clocks, silverware and jewelry in this part of the state than at J. C. Lewis'. Competent judges claim that the engraving done at this establishment is not excelled anywhere on the line of the Alton railroad. The stock of spectacles is complete. J. C. Lewis is also agent for the celebrated Eldredge sewing machine, and his prices on all goods are very reasonable. The repairing department is excellent.

J. C. Lewis has been in business here since 1867—24 years—and is a thorough man a designing hand has been raised against it and its foliage has been sadly shorn, yet it still stands. Its broad extending branches shade the oldest

W. H. Luther.

Successor to Luther & Gantzell is located on East Mazon avenue. Mr. Luther, as a member of a firm or personally has been the exponent of the marble and granite business in Dwight for ten years.

Few towns in the state can boast a dealer in marble whose work is so well and widely known. Mr. Luther deals in every variety of marble and granite from which we select the names of the following kinds as those most sought for: Vermont, Georgia and Whitney, marble; New Hampshire, Aberdeene, Wisconsin; Red Beach, Quincy and Berry, granites. The last named is the finest and most sought for granite in the market, and Mr. Luther has some very beautiful specimens of it.

Enterprising as he is in all departments we must not forget to speak especially of his designs which are always the latest obtainable. While interviewing him he showed us some of those beautiful fancies originated by the artistic brain of our most skillful sculptors.

Dealing in every conceivable variety of stone, employing none but the best workmen, securing the very latest and most artistic designs, and competing with Chicago and St. Louis dealers in prices, it is not to be wondered at that success has always attended this, pushing, straight, forward, young business man. Visiting any of our surrounding cemeteries you will not fail to notice the beautiful and substantial work put out by this house.

W. T. Scott.

Now we rather dislike to talk about Will Scott, the groceryman, he's so bashful, you know. But nevertheless we can't refrain ourselves. Beginning business in Dwight as a groceryman four years ago, this popular young man has stepped right into the very front rank of Dwight's hustling, enterprising, wide-awake business men. No one business is so essential to a growing city as a thoroughly appointed grocery store, such as Mr. S. manages. The man who provides the necessities of life needs must be a man of judgment, tact and business ability, the same which aptly describes the subject of our sketch. It is a tempting sight to enter his store at any time and see the bountiful supply of good things displayed there: Fruits of all kinds from all climates; the choicest and most toothsome candies, nuts and gums; and not by any means to be omitted the celebrated bread and buns from C. C. Gilbert's bakery. In other departments Mr. Scott carries complete stocks of the finest glassware, queensware and crockery. One more feature which we must not omit is the large supply of the best brands of cigars, tobacco and smokers' supplies, where anything to suit the taste of those who enjoy the weed can be found. Those who are not already customers of Mr. Scott should investigate this matter thoroughly at his store on East street.

McPherson House.

This edition of the STAR and HERALD would not be complete as an epitome of the business and advantages of our thrifty little city without a notice of the McPherson Hotel, one of the prominent institutions of the city. The proprietor of this popular establishment, Mr. L. J. Trunnell, has been in the hotel business nineteen years in Dwight. For eleven years he was a trusted employe, and assistant manager of the hotel under its former landlord.

Having at that time the full run of the business and the good will and confidence of the traveling public, Mr. Trunnell took charge of the McPherson himself and has by his careful attention to business, by his careful looking to the accommodation of his guests, the maintenance of an excellent table, and a general homelike air to all the surroundings of his house, succeeded in building up an enviable reputation for the McPherson House, at home and abroad, and for himself, as an excellent, genial and popular landlord.

F. W. Ford.

F. W. Ford has been engaged in the Restaurant and confectionery business in Dwight for twenty years, during which time he has made no particular change in his line of business, other than a line of sportsmen's goods and ammunition. He being a sportsman by nature has made the wants of customers a study, in consequence of which he holds a large share of trade pertaining to this line of goods. This house is content with making no great flurry, but does a plain, everyday business, constantly keeping its surplus largely in excess of any and all business obligations.

Phillip Weicker

Proprietor of the City Bakery, has been one of the business men of Dwight for the past sixteen years. During the most of this time he has been located on West street. In connection with his bakery Mr. Weicker has a fine restaurant business, and furnishes ice cream, cool drinks and oysters in season. He also carries a line of the best confectionery, cigars and smokers' supplies.

N. N. Mickelson.

Plain and fancy groceries. Our readers should bear in mind that this house has a large and fine stock of queensware, glassware, crockery, and a full assortment of hanging and stand lamps.

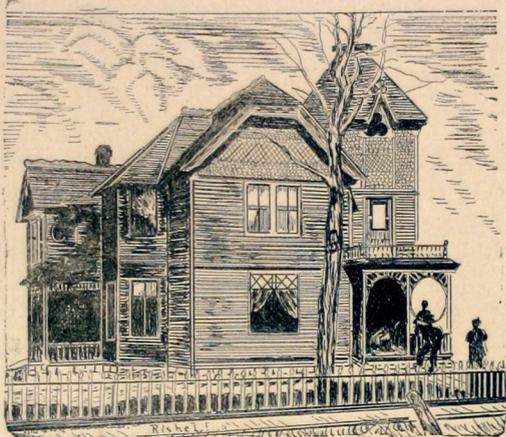
Mr. Mickelson also sells the best sewing machine in the market for \$25 up. Also the largest and finest assortment of wall paper and window shades ever offered in the north end of Livingston county. Prices to suit. Call and see.

Ed. Breen.

Manufacturer of and dealer in fine foot wear has in the course of his residence in Dwight taken the lead as a manufacturer of fineshoes and boots. His work is always neatly and stylishly done and gives the best of satisfaction. Anything in the line of a fine ready made shoe also can be found in the large stock that he always carries. Mr. Breen is located on East street.

Charles Waters

Started in business here sixteen years



RESIDENCE OF DR. LESLIE KEELEY.

ago as a blacksmith and wagon maker, and after having, by honest, hard labor and fair dealing, built up a large and increasing business, he started a hardware store, the business of which increased so rapidly that he sold his interest in the blacksmith and wagon shops and has since been giving his attention entirely to his hardware, wagon and implement trade in which he has been very successful. Mr. Waters carries a full line of fine hardware, cutlery and everything found in a well stocked hardware store. Next door to, and connected with this is his carriage and implement rooms, where can be found a large stock of wagons, buggies, road carts, besides mowers, harvesters and all kinds of farm machinery. His establishment is located on Franklin street.

Flagler & Potter.

Five years ago John Potter, Esq., the oldest established hardware dealer of Dwight, sold his business to the present firm of Flagler & Potter. It seems almost unnecessary for us to say anything concerning this firm, so well and favorably known and they to all. They have continued and added to the reputation of the old firm by fair dealing. Prob-



RESIDENCE OF J. R. OUGHTON.

ably there is no place in our city where you will find so large and choice a stock of hardware, tinware and stoves as well as fine cutlery, while their trade in the best make of agricultural implements is immense. Mr. Eugene Flagler the active partner is more than slightly bald, but he can show you the fine points of a Walter A. Wood harvester quicker than any man on earth, unless it is his popular assistant, Lee Barnum.

J. S. Guardenier.

Our people have come to speak of Jew elry and the subject of this sketch in the same breath. Having been in business as a jeweler for three years Mr. Guardenier, by his excellence of workmanship and fair dealing, has secured a good patronage. He makes a specialty of repairing. His store is on the corner of East and Chippewa streets. If you need any thing in jewelry or watches don't fail to call in and talk the matter over with John. He can show you just what you want.

Sargent & Son.

Among the business interests of any city, that of hardware and farm implements, stands as one of the most important. In this business Messrs. Sargent & Son have, since 1888, successfully supplied a very flattering patronage in a manner that has won the confidence of all. In that year the firm began business on Mazon ave. at the former stand of G. J. Keplinger, but wishing to obtain more commodious and pleasant quarters for their increasing trade a store was built at the corner of Franklin and Mazon, where they have since been located. Their stock is complete comprising everything from a pin to a traction engine.

A. J. Diefenbach,

or "Tony," as he is familiarly called, has dexterously whisked the ergyle whiskers from the countenances of our citizens and trimmed their flowing locks for

nigh unto eight years. His handsomely furnished three chair shop is located in the Hagerty block on East street. In connection with the barber shop there is a hot and cold bath with improved appliances, and that which is next to Godliness is observed by our citizens in a way that encourages Tony.

He also carries a full stock of fine cigars, tobacco, pipes and in fact everything that conduces to the pleasure or convenience of smokers. The custom which this enterprising young man has secured and the improvements he has made places him among the most successful business men of Dwight.

H. T. McLane.

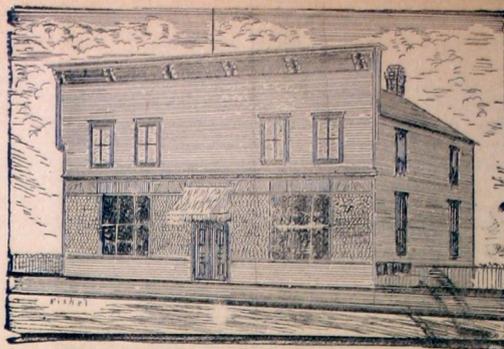
As agent for J. J. Case threshing machinery and engines, he has been much more than ordinarily successful. Mr. McLane is one of our youngest business men, having been in business in Dwight seven years, but during that time he has built up a rushing trade in his line and has made for himself an enviable reputation as a business man. His success as local agent was such that the J. I. Case Co., decided to give him a larger field for labor, and so appointed him a general agent for this section, giving him control

of seventy-five agents. This was the direct outcome of honest, persevering enterprise, coupled with the fact that he represents a company whose machines of all kinds have become standard. He can tell you more about an engine or threshing machine than a cyclopaedia, and in a much more convincing manner. To those who think of investing in anything in his line, we would confidently advise to see H. T. first.

Mr. McLane's cozy residence on Mazon avenue is one of the late improvements in our city. We present a cut of it to our readers. His place of business is on Chippewa opposite East street.

H. C. Rosendall.

The enactment of the McKinley Bill didn't seem to effect Hans Rosendall's cigar and tobacco trade in the least, and those who enjoy the exquisite pleasure of an after dinner cigar or pipe, habitually drop in at Rosendall's for their supplies.



OFFICE OF THE LESLIE E. KEELEY COMPANY.

He has been in business in Dwight six years, and has become an expert in making lemonade and other cool and refreshing temperance drinks. His handsome stand is found in the new Hagerty Block. When you feel you want something and don't exactly know what it is call around and try some of Han's choice cigars, and you will become his regular customer. It is the general experience.

Dr. C. H. Barr.

Dr. Barr began the practice of medicine in Dwight early in 1882, and since that time has been one of our most prominent business and professional men. In 1888 he bought a half interest in the drug business of C. M. Baker, and the following year became owner and manager of the entire business, which includes a complete line of drugs, chemicals, toilet articles, etc., in fact everything necessary to a splendidly equipped drug store.

For some years past Dr. Barr has made a special study of chemistry, which that branch pertaining to the compounding and manufacture of medicine. He has brought out the celebrated B. I. U. Remedy for the cure of cholera in hogs. This has had a very extended sale as a most efficacious remedy. Numerous luxuries of the toilet, many of which have become deserved popular, especially among the fair sex, owe their origin to Dr. Barr.

Our citizens are certainly to be congratulated on having so skillful and scientific a chemist in their midst.

Schumm & Hearing.

When you think of "roast beef and spare rib too" your thoughts naturally drift toward the market of this firm.

The senior member Mr. Schumm has been a resident of Dwight for thirty-five years and during most of that time has been in business as a butcher. Adam was the first man, and Mr. Schumm was the first butcher in Dwight. Some years ago he sold out to Mr. Ackerman and for a time retired from business. Two years ago he formed a partnership with his son-in-law, Chas. Hearing and opened a market on East Street where they received a large share of the patronage of our people.

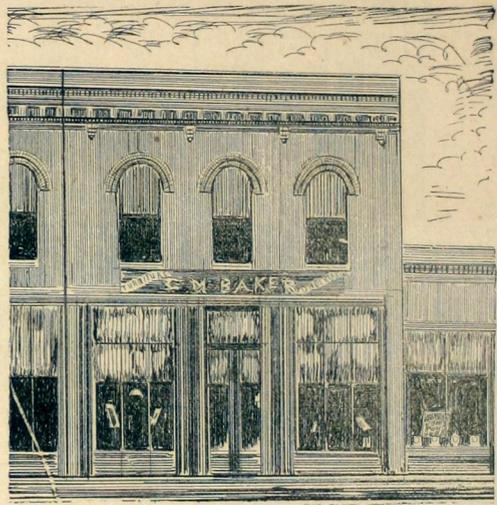
Mr. Hearing, formerly of D. B. Stevens, has become an expert cutter, a fact that has brought the firm no little amount of new business.

Aside from this Mr. Schumm's reputation as a provider of only the finest meats and as a cutter who always gives satisfaction would have been sufficient to insure them a goodly patronage. Together they are hard to beat as the public is aware.

The stand now occupied by the firm is one which was built and occupied by Mr. Schumm for many years.

W. M. Weese.

One of our hustling blacksmiths, who has, by his fine workmanship and valgen



C. M. BAKER'S FURNITURE BAZAAR.

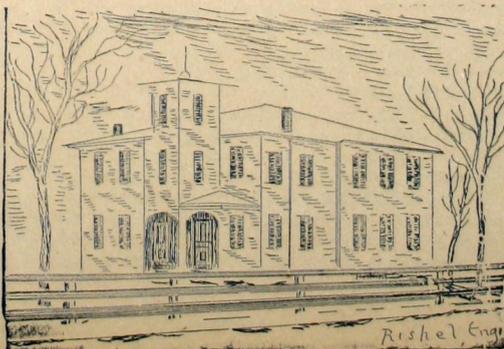
Bargain Store,

The Bargain Store in Dwight is one of our foremost institutions, and is always up to the times. The store is under the management of James Kelagher, has been established about a year and a half, and the business is growing rapidly. Mr. K. has been a resident of Dwight since '58, and has been town assessor for a number of years.

At the Bargain Store can be found almost everything in the novelty line, and fresh supplies of goods are received in the different departments every week. The school supply department is complete, and the house also conducts a general book business, and anything in this line not in stock will be ordered at any time. The supply of tinware, notions and nicknacks is always large. A special feature of this house is its Saturday's sales. Every Saturday, when the weather permits, the store is thronged with people. New goods are displayed each week for these sales, and customers seem to appreciate the enterprise of the manager of the Bargain Store.

Outside of business Mr. Kelagher is always found in the front rank when any work is to be done for public demonstrations or private enterprises.

whole-souled manner, won for himself a constantly increasing trade, has served his trade nineteen years, having been in business in Dwight six years as successor to Chas. Waters. Walt. can do more fine work while he is entertaining his customers with some wild, wondrous story than any man in the trade. As a straight forward business man he is a success, as his many customers attest, and besides he never gets on high horses but is the same yesterday, to day, and forever. He has a decided weakness for skilled mechanics which accounts for the fact that his patrons are always satisfied and he can show you the fine points in buggies as thoroughly and convincingly as any man that we know of. Mr. Weese deals in fine buggies, road carts, etc. of all styles and he asks you to call when you are looking for anything in his line. His blacksmith shop is one of the most convenient and completely furnished of any that we have seen for many a day and is located near Franklin street just back of Waters' Implement House.



EAST SIDE SCHOOL BUILDING.

McWilliams & Smith.

This, the oldest established business house in our city, naturally takes a prominent place in this summary of our commercial interests.

Away back in the early fifties Mr. D. McWilliams came to Dwight, which was then the southern terminus of the Chicago & Alton railroad, and immediately built a store and stocked it with a line of general merchandise suited to the requirements of a new and rapidly developing community. He conducted the business alone till the close of the civil war, when Major C. J. Judd became a member of the firm, which was known until 1879 as McWilliams & Judd. In that year (1879) the firm was reorganized under the name of McWilliams & Smith, Mr. Edward McWilliams, son of the founder, and Mr. Manning Smith, constituting the firm and management.

Year by year their trade steadily and solidly increased until now they occupy more space than any house in their line of trade between Chicago and Bloomington.

At present they occupy three large rooms, each 24x100 feet. The first department is that of dry goods, furnishing goods and boots and shoes. Of this last line they carry the largest, finest and most complete stock to be found in our city. Before leaving this department we should notice the carpet and rug stock which is sufficiently varied and extensive to supply the ever increasing demand for a fine grade of goods in this line. The headquarters for the latest styles of neckwear is found here also. And anything in the line of gent's furnishing goods is a specialty with them. Their stock of dry goods is immense and includes everything to be found in a first-class store. Indeed there is nothing to compare with it in this part of the state.

The second room is the clothing department. There we find a limitless stock of the latest and best and the shelves and counters are loaded with bargains the year around. Few houses devoted exclusively to the sale of clothing carry as large a stock as we see here.

The third and last is the grocery department, under the supervision of Mr. J. R. Knudsen. The goods sold over the grocery counters are on a par with all lines carried by this extensive establishment, and as in other departments a trade is catered to which constantly draws new customers, and the fact that patrons can buy almost anything they need under one roof, is no small advantage.

They make a specialty of the higher grades of goods and in their various lines carry the heaviest stock in town.

Their influence reaching far and wide in the ranks of competition has attracted the cream of trade from a wide scope of surrounding country. While their ripe experience, true knowledge of the business, energetic, determined and straight forward principles have placed them in the front rank of Dwight's prosperous commercial enterprises.

Another feature has been added to the already large aggregation of improvements, and that is, that this mammoth dry goods emporium is the only one in Dwight using electric lights.

Real Estate Bargains.

Following is a partial list of the bargains in real estate in Dwight and vicinity, offered by Helzel & Romberger, of this city. This enterprising firm also have on their lists lands almost everywhere.

- 1 1/2 story dwelling, large barn and 2 lots conveniently located \$1300.
- 1 story house, 2 barns, 4 lots, in good location, for \$1300.
- 1 1/2 story dwelling house, well located with 7 lots, for \$1000.
- 1 1/2 story dwelling house, with 9 lots, in southwest part of Dwight, for \$750.
- 1 story dwelling house and 6 lots in Rutter's addition good barn, for \$750.
- Three lots on Seminole St. for \$150.
- 2 Choice lots on Mazon ave., \$400.
- 2 Fine lots on Deleware st., \$400.
- 2 story dwelling house, barn and crib with 5 lots in Morgan's addition for \$1000.
- 1 story building 24x80, with barn and other out buildings and fifty feet frontage good well, rents for \$12 per month \$1200, or boarding house, with two lots, centrally located, good barn, good well of water, in Campus, for \$1,200
- 1 1/2 story dwelling nearly new, with 1 1/2 acres of land, in Campus. Good supply of water \$700.
- 2 story building, well suited for hotel 3 acres near brick school house for \$475.
- Good 1 story house and lot, in south part of town, good well, cistern, and out buildings. Price \$350.
- Beautiful farm for sale. 640 acres in a body, with No. 1 buildings, modern conveniences, tiled, fenced, divided into fields, never failing water, well suited for stock raising; four miles from Dwight, at \$55 per acre.
- 32 acres either together or in 160 acre lots, 2 fair houses, good barn, and other buildings; an abundance of water, cross-fenced and tiled, payment to suit purchaser, \$55 per acre.
- 160 acres four miles east and 1 mile south of Dwight, fair house, good barn, fenced, at \$50 per acre.
- 95 acres 1 1/2 miles northeast of Dwight good improvement at \$52 per acre.
- 160 acres in Grundy county, 4 miles east and 1 mile north of Dwight, good improvements at \$50 per acre.
- 160 acres, 4 miles south and 1 1/2 mile west of Dwight, at \$36 per acre.
- The feed mill property next to the bridge, consisting of two buildings, well and reservoir, for \$500.
- 240 acre farm 1 1/2 miles south of Mazon centre, all under fence, living spring on it, well suited for a stock farm. \$50 per acre.
- 160 acres 3 miles from Campus, good house and barn, good supply of water, well fenced at \$45 per acre.
- One and one-half story house and barn on Mazon avenue. Price \$500.

One year.....	\$1.25
Six months.....	.65
Three months.....	.35

A Just Tribute.

Foremost in the line of enterprise and public improvement for Dwight to-day, stands The Leslie E. Keeley Co., who, anticipating a great public demand, have with industrious energy and perseverance transformed the eastern half of West street from a mass of hovels into one of the most desirable and attractive thoroughfares in our beautiful village. The gradual expansion of their business is better illustrated by saying that the five hundred feet frontage from Mazon avenue South, is now a model of business enterprise represented by the the "Cornell House" and "The Livingston", two well adapted hotels for the accommodation of patrons, and the commodious offices and laboratory building, all occupied by this company. These buildings, as well as the "Ketcham House," and "Annex" on Prairie avenue, are exclusively used in the interest of the Company, as well as an additional dozen private houses.

It is a source of gratification to us, and in this we only voice the sentiment of the readers of the STAR AND HERALD, to be able to present such an issue of our paper that will to some extent publicly express the well earned congratulations, justly due this firm for personal effort favorable to every proposed feature of public improvement for the general good of Dwight.

Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, Curtis J. Judd and John R. Oughton, the individual members, have been intimately associated with the progress and growth of Dwight from its earliest days and the comfortable and attractive residence homes of each give assurance of a permanent future for this well merited enterprise, of world-wide reputation.

"The Livingston."

Every citizen of Dwight points with pride to the latest and best of our building improvements, "The Livingston."

Situated on West street with a lawn front of twenty-four feet, supplemented with a promenade porch twelve feet deep covering the entire front, stands this attractive edifice of stone and pressed brick, 80 feet front and extending a depth of 106 feet, three stories and basement surmounted with turreted corners and center dome. Beneath the slated dome in letters of gilded terra-cotta it bears the honorable title of our county, "Livingston."

The location meets with the admiration and approval of all. It perpetuates the familiar land-mark of the earliest "tavern" in the annals of Dwight history, and brings to the front an unfortunate street which for many years has been so burdened with sheds, shanties and shops as to preclude further encouragement for business. Originally West street was the hotel avenue of Dwight, and at one time contained the three most prominent "inns," well remembered as the Dwight House, The Amos Hotel, and Chambers European Hotel. These were all swept out of existence by two disastrous fires, and to-day in their places we revel in the enjoyment of an elegant Opera House, and anticipation of luxurious entertainment, as we spin tales of love and romance around the cheerful grates of our "Livingston."

Every modern convenience that a generous investment could anticipate has been included in the general consideration of "The Livingston," such as steam heat, electric light system, electric bells,

and baths. Externally the building has the appearance of completion, and internally the workmen in each department are hastening the finish for occupation by April 1st. The basement will be occupied as a barber shop, bath rooms, laundry, supply rooms and steam boilers. The first floor, finished in oak, will represent the office, reception room, ladies' parlors and dining hall. The second and third floors finished in Georgia pine are arranged for fifty-six guests' rooms, with bath rooms. Every feature of comfort is here displayed with a view to obtaining good ventilation, light and heat. Ninety steam radiators, one hundred and fifty electric lights, and electric annunciator connection with every room and office are distinctive items which every patron will appreciate.

The entire building is roofed with metallic iron and slate. The walls are finished in Adamant cement, with a view of reaching as near a fire proof condition as pos-

sible. Two large stairways connect the first with the third story, and affords easy and ample means of exit. In the fourth story of the tower at the rear centre of the building is placed a tank built of matched timber lined with lead, having a capacity of sixty barrels, which is supplied with pure water furnished by a well two hundred and twenty-four feet in depth, to which is attached a wind mill and tower fifty-five feet high.

of Joliet, Ill., and gentlemen of artistic reputation. In presenting "The Livingston" we feel that it practically illustrates the expression of a favorite author:

"Who doubts not through the ages one increasing purpose runs. For the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns."

Progressive Science.

The following address was delivered by J. F. Martin, Esq., a prominent attorney of Nevada, Iowa, at a reunion of the members of "The Keeley Institute," of Des Moines, Iowa, which is a branch of the parent house in Dwight, and will well repay a close reading. The "Iowa Keeley League" spoken of was organized at the same time.

"Man's physical, moral and mental faculties in their very highest forms of development are found faulty and defective. The environments which ever surround our existence have much to do in

strates the fact and repeats itself with the flight of years that the man with the strong iron will power resolution of to-day is found a demented inebriate tomorrow.

We sign volumes of temperance pledges every year which are converted into mountains of worthless, broken and forgotten promises, and we see temperance organizations on every hand and we hear the appeals of temperance orators and divines day by day painting the living and vivid pictures of vice and crime which they trace to this one destroying element of society.

We hear the appeals of poverty on every hand from women and helpless children; we see the drunkard and his family clothed in rags on and about our streets, begging for bread, and we read in every morning paper of his crimes and revelry by night.

We read and commit to memory the prohibition planks of the political platforms of the day and

The experience of the past and the light of the present shows us that this treatment of the unfortunate disease (drunkenness) is impracticable and that it is not accomplishing the good results which society demands, claim for it or needs to stem this destroyer of home and of happiness.

In this progressive age of ours, we seem to be skeptical of any new remedy or invention placed before us: The vast discoveries and perfections of the past and present centuries have been laughed at by the wise and treated with ridicule and contempt by the learned of the various professions. The various discoveries and inventions of steam and electricity have passed through their dark ages and when language was given to lightning and it commenced to talk, man was forced to believe the truth; "That time makes more converts than reason in this progressive age of ours."

We have here in Des Moines an institution established and con-

the blow for personal independence, liberty and freedom, which places him above their alluring charms.

I see before me the faces of many men and women who verify whereof I speak and believe that their Gibraltar of faith, freedom and happiness is due to the treatment received at the "Keeley Institute," and I trust that this institution may year by year continue to roll back the curtain of reform and place on high the ensign of demonstration to the world that they can and will cure the liquor and opium habits in all their various forms and conditions. That they can and will take the inebriate wherever found and place him upon the highway of life a sober and an industrious man, a blessing to society, to himself and to his family.

In forming an organization of this character I believe you should be encouraged, and I am fully convinced you cannot only aid this institution, but are conferring a needed blessing upon mankind, while time will but serve to brighten the luster and spread the fame of Dr. Keeley's remedies throughout the land. Trusting that time may place on high the good work being done here and cause the same to shine forth as the many stars in the Canopy of Heaven so that every lone wanderer adrift in our land can see the path leading to the Keeley Institute, which leads him on and on to manhood and to happiness.

"O, turn thy rudder hitherward awhile, Here may the storm-beat vessel safely ride,"

Until each lone wanderer from God, May safely reach the other side.

Eleven years ago, on the present site of "The Livingston," Dr. Keeley opened a small office for the purpose of demonstrating, after much experiment, the efficacy of the Double Chloride of Gold for the Cure of Drunkenness. He at once associated Mr. John R. Oughton with him, and later on Major C. J. Judd. The business won its way slowly but surely. Many patients who were cured here at that time still visit their mecca as graduates do their alma mater and rejoice at the progress for poor humanity's sake that has been made since that time. In the fall of the year 1880 it was found that Gold was also a specific for the Opium Habit. This was discovered by accident and the doctor at once began to experiment in that direction. He devoted time and expense with which to ascertain if the Opium Habit was amenable to a Cure by Gold. This satisfactorily demonstrated, increased his business and to-day the Opium Habit is cured here so easily and comfortably, in from eight to twenty days, that patients hardly feel themselves going through treatment till they have dropped the "drug" and all medication and are ready to return to their homes in hearty, vigorous health with Opium in any form never again a necessity or a temptation. It was also found that patients here readily gave up their tobacco habit while going through treatment for either of the above diseases. The doctor at once formulated a tobacco cure with a base of Gold, which is as much a specific for that habit as quinine is for ague.

These remedies now go to every part of the world and it amuses travelers waiting for trains at the depot to read the various destinations of the little wooden boxes as they are piled up for transportation.

The time required here to make an absolute cure of the Opium or Liquor disease is three weeks. At the end of that time the Liquor Habitue has never again want of desire for liquor, and opium is never again a factor in the existence of its former devotee.

Dr. Keeley's present effort is to keep back the crowd which press him to come here for treatment. Every house in the town is filled up which will take a boarder, and the hotels are crowded beyond the limit of their accommodation.

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forming and in moulding our character and our habits in life, they are about us even before we are entirely conscious of them or of an independent will power of our own.

The history of the formation of tribes, nations and kingdoms is the old, old story of birth, vigorous youth, old age and of death; all along the highways of the ages are seen the monuments erected to commemorate the achievements of men, of nations and of kingdoms, just as are seen the tombs in yonder cemetery to-day, "Where friends meet but never greet."

We find that the study and the development of man is a peculiar and progressive science, aiming to advance him with each decade to a better condition of himself and of his surroundings. In short to a higher plane of manhood.

A glance over the history of the past shows us that society in some form or another for ages has continuously tried to place certain restraints upon the diseased weaknesses and passions of men for stimulants in their various forms and this examination demon-

we teach the people the legislative enactments of the legislatures of every state of this mighty Union of ours wherein, they declare drunkenness in all its forms a menace to society, a vice and a crime; even an examination of the official figures recently published in our city papers shows us that over one hundred thousand dollars was expended here in Des Moines in 1890, mostly for court and other expenses in the suppression of this one vice.

By a thorough knowledge of the history of the past and the effort being made by individuals and by nations some light ought to cast its shadow upon us now and he who observes carefully the events passing ought to commence to realize that the signing of a temperance pledge has little, if any effect upon the diseased or demented condition produced by the long years of the use and abuse of intoxicating liquors and drugs in their various forms; that the signing of resolutions and temperance pledges may be sufficient preventive for children and for persons who have no diseased system from the use of intoxicants we are willing to concede.

The bondage which held him to the appetite for alcohol and opium was stronger than that which ever held property in human flesh in the dark and dismal days of slavery, and when once free from its use by its removal from the system of one who has suffered as a slave from its use and abuse he feels that he has forged and struck

ducts upon business principles by men of high standing and character who treat the use of alcohol and opium in their various forms as diseases of the human system, by the use of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley's "Double Chloride of Gold Remedies," which are daily curing patients and reclaiming men back to manhood by a thorough remedy with the use of this medicine which removes from the inebriated system every trace and vestige of the poison left there by the use of stimulants. When this poison is extracted from the system the patient is necessarily left in the same condition he was before he commenced its use, and the demand for the daily portion of the stimulant has ceased and the patient has become a free and sober man.

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Every modern convenience that a generous investment could anticipate has been included in the general consideration of "The Livingston," such as steam heat, electric light system, electric bells,