

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 are 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 Kepplinger'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 regards 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 pay the highest cash prices. They sell 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 Featherbone corset, the latest and best in the market. Hats and bonnets trimmed by the best trimmers, ribbons, feathers, flowers, lace goods, collars, ties, ruches, 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 stand 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 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 the ladies 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 flitting 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 horsehoers 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-eminent 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 timer. This is in 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, however, and gave her relief.

Phonographs 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 wardship 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 department, 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 Kepplinger 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 back 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 very appropriate remark. 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 to 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 country, 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