

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 agent 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 special attention to the examining of titles and making abstracts.

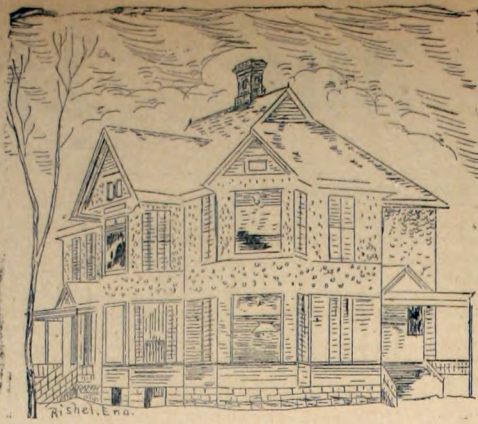
The business of the house of Hetzel & Romberger is not by any means local as they have on their real estate lists Chicago suburban property and choice farming lands all over the country. They can accommodate those who are seeking homes in the west, either by purchase or trade. The established reliability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

horses.

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.

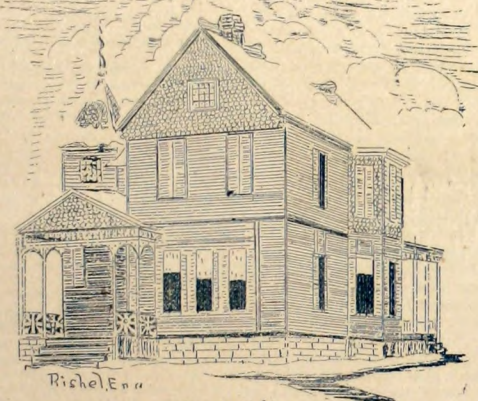
Dwight is to be congratulated that fit numbers among its citizens a man who, like Mr. McWilliams, possesses the means and the judgment to build up a business that must result in placing thousands of dollars in the pockets of the breeders and farmers in Livingston and adjoining counties.

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.

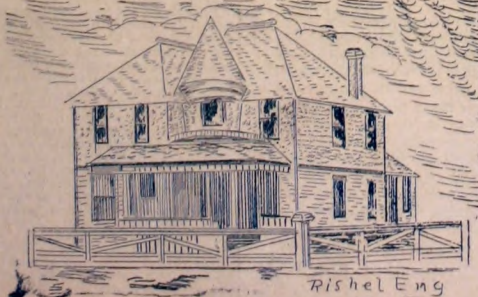
ness interests of our thriving city. For the first few years of Mr. Flagler's residence in Dwight he engaged in the tanning business, but in 1873 he opened a lumber yard at the same location he now occupies. Eleven years ago his son, George, was taken into partnership in the business, since which time 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.

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.



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 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 tobaccoist 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.

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

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.

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 help 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 slip 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 indomitable energy, well stuck to for many years.

J. C. Lewis.

J. C. Lewis has been in business here since 1867—24 years—and is a thorough business man and his integrity is unquestioned. He is a courteous, companionable gentleman and one of Dwight's most popular business men.