

**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, Aberdeen, 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.

Entertaining 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 rather dislike to talk about Will Scott, the grocery man, he's so bashful, you know. But nevertheless we can't refrain ourselves. Beginning business in Dwight as a grocerman 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 beautiful 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 seven 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.

The McPherson House is centrally located, the entrance being on East street. It is well furnished, has efficient and accommodating help, sets a good table, and deserves the patronage of the public.

**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.

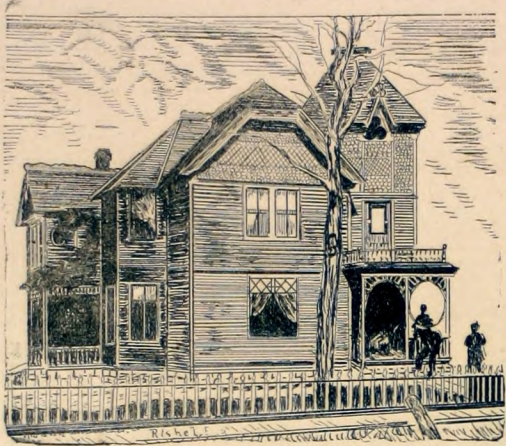
Mr. Mickelson also sells the best sewing machine in the market from \$25 up. Also the largest and finest assortment of wall paper and window shades ever offered in the north end of Livingston county. Prices to suit. Call and see.

**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 fashions 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

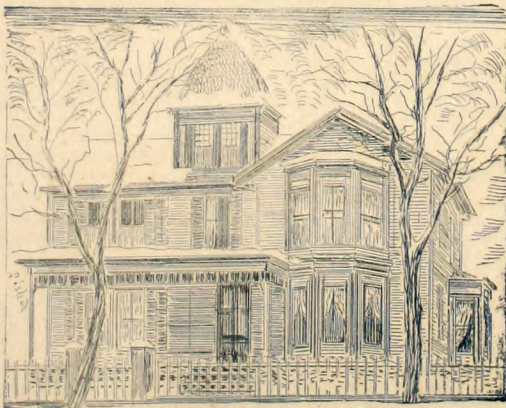


RESIDENCE OF DR. LESLIE KEELEY.

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 are 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. Guardianer.**

Our people have come to speak of jewelry and the subject of this sketch in the same breath. Having been in business as a jeweler for three years Mr. Guardianer, 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 Chiprawa 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 erstwhile whisks 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.**

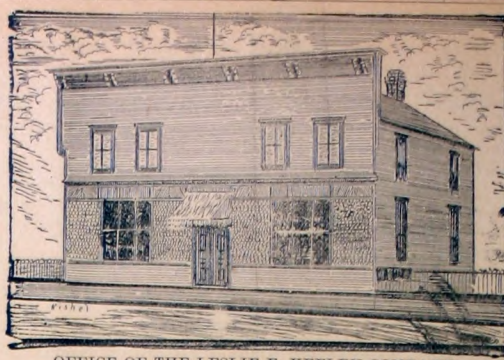
As agent for J. J. Case threshing machinery and engines, he has been more than ordinarily successful. Mr. McLane is one of our youngest business men, having been in business in Dwight seven years, but during that time he has built up a rushing trade in his line and has made for himself an enviable reputation 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 cycloneda, 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 Chiprawa 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 hand- some 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 1883 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, especially 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.

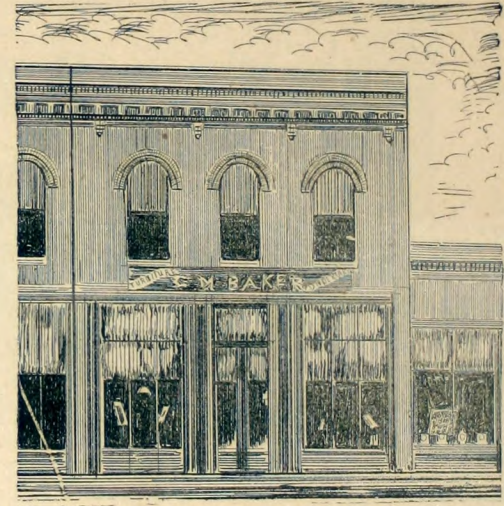
Mr Hearing, formerly of D. B. Stevens, has become an expert cutter, a fact that has brought the firm no little amount of new business.

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 val-



C. M. BAKER'S FURNITURE BAZAAR.

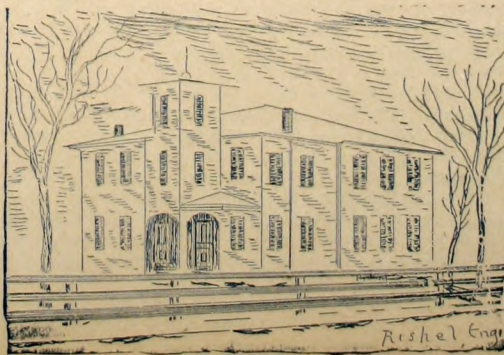
**Bargain Store,**

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 '68, 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 sale. 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, weird 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 1870 as McWilliams & Judd. In that year (1870) 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 out 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 Hetzel & Romberger, of this city. This enterprising firm also have on their lists 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 of Dwight, for \$750.
- 1-story dwelling house and 6 lots in Rutzler'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 outbuildings 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, \$700, good supply of water
- 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.
- 320 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 \$35 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. \$30 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.