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Real Estate

Farm and Village Property

FOR SALE

Money Loaned on Real Estate.

J. P. McWILLIAMS,

BANK OF DWIGHT.

DWIGHT, ILL.

Special Announcement TO CASH BUYERS.

I have made arrangements with a number of the leading

FURNITURE

AND

BEDDING FACTORIES

by which I can furnish my trade anything in my line

at very low prices, quality of goods considered. I now show the largest

and finest assortment of

House Furnishing Goods

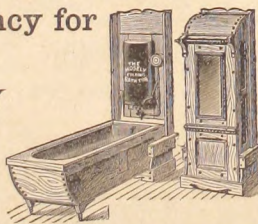
ever placed on sale in Dwight. I

also have the agency for the popular

MOSELY

FOLDING BATH TUB,

The Best and Finest Thing in the Market.



Baker's Furniture Store.

-- IT'S A CHILLY DAY --

WHEN

KETCHAM & SMITH

Can't sell you a good piece of property at Reasonable Figures.

LOOK

at their Numbered ad on the Sixth page of this paper.

Everybody knows where our office is in the Mickelson Block.

We list—We sell. That is our Biography.

Terms of payment reasonable, and many cases to suit purchaser.

Real Estate and Building.

We Present to our Readers this week a Write-Up of the Real Estate and Building Interests of Dwight.

Also other Leading Business Men who are Greatly Interested in Dwight.

The past year has been one of unprecedented prosperity for our city, and the prospects for the future are bright indeed. The new buildings erected in the business centre are all elegant modern structures and cannot be beaten anywhere. The old shells in the burnt district have been replaced by beautiful brick stores suitable for commercial purposes. Block 15 will present as fine appearance before another year as any block anywhere. The new and handsome laboratory of The Leslie E. Keeley Company, the Livingston, and the other building to be erected will present a view to people passing through Dwight almost equal to that of Pullman, Ill. New and handsome residences have sprung up in all directions, and the growth and prosperity is healthy and strong.

Our system of water works, which already gives fire protection to the business centre, will soon be extended all over the city.

The arc electric light system will soon be in operation.

The sewerage contract for a \$40,000 system was let Tuesday night and work has already commenced.

Our streets will be macadamized during the coming season.

Another large hotel, a beautiful club house, and hundreds of new residences will be built during the coming season.

We present to our readers a write-up of many of our citizens who have furnished much of the material, did the work, furnished money, and handled real estate during the past busy season, and who will do so in the future. These write-ups should be read by all:

Chas. L. Romberger; Real Estate, Law, Loans, Insurance and Collections.

Now that the real estate interests in Dwight are looking upward and so much interest is being taken not only by those holding property and residing in Dwight, but by those outside who are looking for paying investments, it behooves us to bring forward our enterprising business men who are at the head of the real estate business here. It is with pleasure we mention the name of Chas. L. Romberger.

This gentleman was formerly of Princeton, Ill., where he was engaged in business with the law firm of Henderson & Trimble. He moved to Ottawa and associated himself with Mays & Wedmer, lawyers, and came to our village from there.

When Dwight commenced to shake off her old-fashioned ways, Mr. Romberger, as a far-seeing business man, saw at once that there was a big future in real estate and that taking this into his business would be a profitable adjunct, so accordingly formed a partnership with Mr. J. C. Hetzel, and purchased the land known as Hetzel & Romberger's division. In May he purchased Mr. Hetzel's share and has gone it alone ever since. The large amount of property bought and sold by him for others entitles him to the leading position in this business in Dwight. He has just published a handsome map of Dwight giving the location of all the principal buildings and valuable property for sale in the town. He will take pleasure in forwarding one of these fine maps to anyone sending their

name and address free of charge. By referring to his advertisement in this issue of the paper we find a list of fine property placed in his hands for sale. Mr. Romberger is always to be found at his office, No. 30 East street, and ready to give advice to his patrons looking for good investments.

In connection with his law business and real estate he makes loans to parties at reasonable rates on approved security from \$100 to \$15,000 from three months to five years. By dealing with Mr. Romberger you will find in him a man of honest principle, one who is thoroughly posted in his business and willing to help along enterprising parties requiring money for purchase or improvements, etc.

Fire, lightning, windstorm, cyclone, tornado and plate glass insurance is made a special part of his business. Having only the best companies to deal with, such as the German Insurance Co., Freeport, Ill., etc., we would call the attention of farmers who wish insurance on their house furniture farm stock, etc., at fair rates.

Chas. L. Romberger is also largely interested in insurance, and has agencies from the best financial companies in the United States, such as the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, etc. This company is known to be liberal and prompt in all its dealings. Most of the leading business men in Dwight and surrounding country have been written up by this gentleman.

Collections made for business men all over the country at reasonable rates and promptly. The business was established in 1884, and with business tact and energy Mr. Romberger has built up a large and increasing business.

Should you require any papers lacking a notarial seal you will find him at his office.

He is a genial gentleman and above the average business man in ability, and is well liked in Dwight and stands high in business circles.

Mr. John W. Baker is in the employ of Mr. Romberger and attends to the insurance department and having had long experience in this branch is the right man in this position.

Mr. O. C. Jensen is also in Mr. Romberger's employ; does the soliciting for the farm department, and is in every way qualified for his post. He has a great many friends and is building up a business in this line.

William H. Taylor, Real Estate.

Mr. William H. Taylor who is the subject of our article, might be considered one of the pioneers of Dwight. He came to Dwight twenty-eight years ago, we might say, a poor boy without a friend and without much of this world's necessity, money; but being of thrifty disposition and not afraid of work he plodded along until he had sufficient means to buy cattle, and from one step to another he increased his capital until he bought a fine farm, and continually bought larger quantities of cattle and to-day he has made sufficient wealth to feel at ease. On his farm he has a fine two-story frame building with all the out-houses that are necessary to conducting a large farm. He has a farm consisting of forty acres under good cultivation, besides other property, all in the northwest part of town. The property is well located, being near the Chicago & Alton Railway and on the line of the I. I. & I. Railway. This latter road is doing a large business and increasing the value of property all along their line of road. Mr. Taylor has now some fine property on hand, it is well laid out and is in the best part of town. The property he is now handling is located on the west side of the park which was donated to the town of Dwight by one of her enterprising citizens, and only four blocks from the line of the Chicago & Alton Railway. Any one wishing to invest in Dwight property will do well to give Mr. Taylor a call and look over his property before investing elsewhere. Mr. Taylor has a great many friends in Dwight and is looked upon as good authority in regard to property in and around Dwight. He stands high in business circles and is a good business man and genial gentleman.

Charles Waters, Stoves, Hardware and Agricultural Implements.

Builders' hardware is in great demand in Dwight just now. Nothing is talked of but building interests; the people are waking up to the idea that we have a boom in Dwight and it is here for keeps. Everyone seems satisfied with Dr. Keeley's statement that he is going to remain in Dwight as his headquarters. The gentleman whose name stands at the head of our write-up is an old established citizen of the town, he was formerly in the blacksmithing business and has resided here for seventeen years. He is a thorough business man and has given his attention to the business which he now carries on in stoves, hardware and agricultural implements. He carries a fine line of stoves of the best manufacture and as many of our citizens can attest, good family cookers and bakers made to last, of heavy iron with all modern improvements. He also sells the "Harrison Wagon," many of which can be seen in the town, as the farmers of the surrounding country consider it the leading wagon for their use. In agricultural implements he has a fine stock of mowers, reapers, plows, etc., and he carries also a line of stove repairs as well as repairs for agricultural implements. Buggies of the best and most durable make can be found here, suitable for either farmers or town-folk, at reasonable prices. For the building interest he carries a fine stock of builders' hardware and carpenters' tools, paints, oils and glass and painters' supplies of all kinds. Mr. Waters is giving his attention to this branch so that mechanics, builders, painters and others in these lines can find any stock they require to suit their demands.

Mr. Waters is well acquainted with the necessary demands of this class of trade and will spare no time or pains to get any article required. Mr. Waters is a thorough business man and stands high in the business relations of Dwight.

Frank Jackson, Contractor and Builder.

In this season of building fever when all our powers are called into force, our contractors and builders play a very important and conspicuous part. The gentleman whose name is at the head of this article is a resident of Joliet, Ill. He commenced business on his own account in 1885 and has made rapid strides to gain the position he now holds as one of the leading and most prominent contractors and builders in and around Joliet. He came to Dwight under instructions and put in a bid for the construction of the Livingston Hotel then being about to be built by the Leslie E. Keeley Company. His first-class references and fair figures secured him the job which was his first contract in Dwight, Mr. Julian Barnes being the architect. The thoroughly practical and satisfactory way he filled his contract on this fine building gave him the preference above other contractors for the letting of the contract for the "New Keeley Institute" to him. This fine structure, which is an ornament to Dwight or would be to any city, was built and finished under his supervision. This handsome edifice is built of pressed brick and cut stone foundations and finished throughout very handsomely in hard woods, oak being principally used. Mr. Julian Barnes was the architect of this building and in credit to him it may be said that he may be justly proud of it. Mr. Jackson is at present engaged in finishing the annex to the old institute and a fine, creditable piece of work it is, in every way suited for its purpose. In Joliet Mr. Jackson has some fine monuments of his work to which he looks back and feels justly proud of. The Saus Block, a handsome structure, a two story and basement stone building, lower floor stores and upper part flats, handsomely finished throughout; the Metropolitan Block, a two-story brick building and basement, 10x130; Mr. Chalmer's two story and basement brick and terra cotta stores and flats, handsomely finished throughout, and G. L. Vance's furniture emporium, three story and basement store. Mr. Barnes was the architect of these buildings. All of them are finished in first-class style and workmanship and reflect

a great deal of credit on Mr. Jackson as contractor and builder and also on Mr. Barnes the architect. Mr. Jackson has made many friends in Dwight from the able manner in which he has fulfilled all his contracts here.



The Livingston Hotel, O. B. Stanton, Manager, Dwight, Ills.

This fine hotel was opened for business in June of last year. It was put up for the comfort and accommodation of Dr. Keeley's patients who have come here for treatment of opium, morphine, dipsomania and tobacco habit. The architect that was trusted with the drawings and plans of this building was Mr. Barnes of Joliet. The building is put up of pressed brick and stone, having 87 guest rooms fitted up specially for this business. It is heated by steam and has 125 electric lights all through the house, electric bells and all modern fittings in this line; laundry is also made a special feature, and fitted with the latest and most economical machinery. The dining room is very handsome and commodious, is 25x60 feet and fitted up to accommodate a large number of guests. Mr. O. B. Stanton is manager of the house and to his credit be it said, has given general satisfaction to his guests. The chef de cuisine is a perfect artist in his line and has everything on the tables to suit the tastes of the most fastidious. The help he has to use consists of the best men in this line that can be procured. The office is very well fitted up and convenient for the carrying on of this large business. The clerks are always on the qui-vive to see that the guests get every attention necessary. The house has 60 employees who are at all times courteous and prompt to carry out all orders given them. This building has all modern improvements. The guests' rooms are well lighted and heated and the ventilating has been well looked after. It was put up on the ground that Dr. Keeley had his offices and spent many an anxious hour studying out the problem which he has now completed and is benefitting mankind by. Any patients wishing accommodations here would do well by engaging rooms before coming to Dwight.

Holman & Crowley, Contractors and Builders.

The "Boom at Dwight," this is the all absorbing talk in town, everyone that owns a piece of ground is talking of building. The enterprising firm that heads our article have their hands full attending to the many buildings which they are starting or finishing, as the case may be. These gentlemen have served their time to this business and thoroughly understand the details of every branch. Mr. Charles Holman was born in Winchester, Mass., and took to this branch of business when a young man. Mr. Florence Crowley, his partner, was born in Potsdam, N. Y. He also started in young at the business, and both gentlemen have mastered the trade. They have progressed with the times and have taken advantage of every modern idea, both from architects and mechanics as time went on. They have in hand at present a fine frame building 79x40 which is to be used for morphine patients, being put up by the Leslie E. Keeley Co. The Avenue House on Mason Av., for Mr. B. R. Griffiths, a 3 1/2 story frame building containing thirty rooms, a two-story brick building for Mrs. Koehnlein facing on Mason Av., also a two-story brick building for Mr. A. J. Diefenbach. These buildings are all put up in the most substantial manner and are a great acquisition to the avenue. They have all the modern improvements. Messrs. Holman & Crowley came from

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