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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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For the Greatest Display of

## Holiday Goods, WATCHES AND JEWELRY,

Do you want a First-Class, Full Jeweled, Reliable and Warranted Watch? We have them for little money. LADIES' WATCHES a Specialty. Solid Gold Wedding and Engagement Rings. Remember the Place.

**JOHN S. MURPHY,**

South of Square.

PONTIAC, ILL.



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We reduced the subscription price of the STAR AND HERALD to \$1.25 a year so that our subscribers would pay in advance. Hundreds of them have appreciated this fact and done so. All papers from away have to be paid in advance or no paper. The money is worth some thing. From January 1, 1893, the subscription price in all cases will be \$1.50, with this exception:

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The little slip on your paper or wrapper tells you the time your subscription expires, and if any mistake has been made you will confer a favor by so informing us immediately.

### Our Holiday Number.

Once More We Wish Everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The "Star and Herald" Tells You Where to Buy All Kinds of Goods.

Trade at Home and Abide by the "Golden Rule."

"DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU."

Reddick and Campus Are In It This Year.

It has been customary each year for the STAR AND HERALD to issue a holiday number at considerable expense, which gives our merchants a chance to let the people know what they have got nice for presents, and also advertise their business generally. As will be seen by a close perusal of our columns this year is no exception. Nearly all our merchants are represented by either display advertisements or write-ups. The business men of Dwight generally, have always been liberal with us and we have no cause to complain. We have always advocated what was, in our judgment, the best thing for the permanent business interests of Dwight. We probably have made mistakes; most people have; but we have been honest in our intentions, and had the courage of our convictions. We believe that "one good turn deserves another," and if we do what we can for the business interests of Dwight, the business men of Dwight should do what they can, reasonably, toward the support of our business. This has been done, as we said before, to a large extent, but there are a very few that chafe to get their work done away, for what reason we do not know. It is surely not because we cannot do it, for the STAR AND HERALD plant is one of the best equipped in this part of the state. We have the fastest presses and latest style type, and visitors to Dwight are surprised to find such a printing office in a place of this size. We have no word of censure for these people, but we believe they have a mistaken idea of what is right under the circumstances, or else they are thoughtless regarding the matter.

In regard to the newspaper we would say, that the circulation has been rapid in its growth, and from less than five hundred two years ago, has now a circulation averaging over 1,500 copies. There is hardly a family in Dwight that does not take the STAR AND HERALD, and we have a large and increasing list in all neighboring towns. In regard to our financial condition we will state frankly that by hard work, a good part of the time night and day, we have met our notes as they came due, have kept the indebtedness of the office paid up, paid our help promptly, and lived decently, and that is all, and we consider it very good, but like everybody else, we would like to do a little better. We return our sincere thanks to each and every one for their assistance, and hope they may continue to deem us worthy of their patronage in the future as they have in the past.

Following will be found several interesting write-ups of business interests. Particular attention is called to

the last page of this paper, which is devoted entirely to the vast real estate interests of C. Y. Trice, the land advocate, also to the many display advertisements.

### Pennsylvania House.

Samuel Lower, the village blacksmith, and Samuel Lower, the hotel keeper, are one and the same. It has been some twenty-eight years since Mr. Lower and his family landed in Dwight, and during all that time he has been a first-class citizen and a hard working and honorable man. He runs the old brick blacksmith shop on Mazon avenue for years, and was well known for miles in every direction from Dwight. Mr. Lower decided a couple of years ago that he had swung the hammer about as long as he wanted to and decided to go into the hotel business. He disposed of his old home on Mazon avenue, near Washington street, and erected the handsome hotel in the heart of the city, since known as the Pennsylvania House. In September, 1891, the house was ready for occupancy, and presented a fine appearance, second to none in Dwight. The house contains sixteen handsomely furnished and comfortable rooms, all heated by hot air. The culinary department is as good as any in Dwight, and all patrons of the house are well satisfied. Mr. Lower is working up quite a trade with the traveling public and when he gets a man he always comes again, which is a fine recommendation for any house.

We cheerfully recommend the Pennsylvania House to the traveling public, theatrical troupes or anyone desiring pleasant home-like surroundings, as the place for them to stop. With plenty of good victuals to eat, a nice room and bed to sleep in, and an accommodating and pleasant landlord and landlady, people cannot help but be comfortable, and that is what you always have at the Pennsylvania.

### Dwight Reading and Amusement Rooms.

One of the new enterprises of Dwight, and one that deserves particular attention, is the reading and amusement rooms over Kern Bros. store on West street. The entrance is distinguishable by the electric bell that keeps up a constant ringing in the candy case at the side of the stairway. The rooms are neatly and comfortably furnished, and provide a nice retreat to spend the leisure hours in the day time or evening. Among the furnishings are an organ and other musical instruments, "drop a nickle in the slot" machines, tables and chairs, and all kinds of amusing games are in operation, such as horse racing, card games for amusement, dominoes, chess, etc. All the choicest brands of cigars are always to be found on sale in the rooms. Mr. Rowley, the proprietor, is one of the enterprising new-comers in Dwight. He is very particular to interest all visitors and makes everything as pleasant as possible.

### Home Bakery.

There is hardly a man, woman or child, in Dwight, or for miles around, that does not know the kindly face of George L. Kern. He has been in business in Dwight for many years, and by honest and fair dealing has gained an enviable reputation. He is at present located in one of his father's buildings on West street, and in engaged the cash grocery, confectionery, fruit and bakery business. His store is always well supplied with everything the market affords in his line, and his customers always get their money's worth. His bakery business has become quite an industry in Dwight, and people are fast coming to the conclusion that his home baked bread, pies, cakes, etc., are better than other makes, and are giving him their patronage. (Mr. Jos. Murphy, of Pontiac, not the Joe with the lullaby, but Joe the baker is in the employ of Mr. Kern, and he understands thoroughly every branch of the business. He has been in the business for a number of years in Pontiac, and was foreman of one of the largest establishments in Joliet.

Mr. Kern will add a new feature to his business during holiday week. He will have a fancy candy maker here for a couple of weeks,

and invites everyone to call and see the handsome display. His store is the first north of the all opera house.

### Lumber, Lime, Hair, Cement, Etc.

There is one thing sure, we all have to have houses to live in, and when building them it is for everyone's interest to use the very best material. Mr. W. H. Conrad has been one of the enterprising dealers in all kind of builders' materials in Dwight for many years. During the past year he has moved his office building from the old stand next to the railroad on Chipewa street to the opposite side of the track near Boyer's livery barn where he may be found at any time. Mr. Conrad has gained an enviable reputation in this business by always doing what he says and always furnishing just what he agrees to do to his customers.

Mr. Conrad is also an extensive dealer in all grades of coal, hard and soft, which he sells at the lowest price possible and delivers promptly to all parts of the village. He enjoys a large country trade in all branches of his business, and when once he secures a customer he keeps him, which speaks volumes for any business man.

Anyone who is about to let a contract for a residence, barn or any building, will do well to buy their material of the old reliable dealer, Mr. Conrad, and as winter is here and coal is needed, you will find him a good man to trade with.

### W. H. Taylor, Grain, Coal, Etc.

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-nine 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 large business and increasing the value of property all along their line of road. Mr. Taylor has some fine property on hand, it is well laid out and is in the best part of town. Mr. Taylor has a great many friends in Dwight, and has been of the leading grain dealers of Dwight for many years, and always pays the highest market price. He is also a dealer in coal, stone, lime, hair, cement, and he defies competition in price and is a good business man and genial gentleman.

### Kern Brothers.

Kern Brothers, "Fony" and "Pete," as they are familiarly called by their many friends, purchased the old established Kern grocery store several months ago, and have conducted the business in so successful a manner that to-day their trade is second to none in Dwight. The boys are well-known in Dwight and for miles in every direction, and their reputation as thorough business men is well established. They are always full of fun, good natured, and pleasant gentlemen to do business with, and they do lots of it. Their store is literally filled with fresh groceries, canned goods and everything to be found in a first-class grocery store. They pay the highest market price for butter, eggs, etc.

Their meat market department is an extensive adjunct to the business. They are very particular in regard to selecting their meats and nothing but the best ever gets into their shop. They also deal in poultry, etc.

Their farms delivery system is complete in town, and anything ordered will be delivered on time if it takes a "leg." They never "beef." John Stack, one of the best butchers and buyers in the country, attends to the meat department.

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A continuation of the Dwight write-ups will be found on the fourth page, also some Campus write-ups.

What an Offer!  
The Prairie Farmer and this paper from now to Jan. 1, 1894, for \$1.75.

### REDDICK DEPARTMENT.

M. F. Reilly & Co.

A representative of the STAR AND HERALD happens around most everywhere in the course of time, and last week visited the lively little town of Reddick, nine miles east of Dwight, at the junction of the Wabash and 3-1 railroads. There is no place of its size that enjoys a better or larger trade than Reddick, and the people there are among the best there is. In visiting this place there is always one enterprising firm that attracts notice, on account of the immense amount of business it conducts. We speak of the old reliable firm of M. F. Reilly & Co.

The firm is composed of M. F. Reilly, or Mike, as he is familiarly called by his many friends, and W. J. Unz. Mr. Reilly started in business there December 2, 1880, and through his untiring energy, perseverance, honorable dealing, and constantly adding too of some new branch, the volume of business conducted became so large that he concluded to take a partner, and in 1882 Mr. Unz was admitted. They are both very fine business men.

M. F. Reilly is a New Yorker by birth and came west at an early age and worked on a farm until 1880. He saved his money earned husking corn (and it is said he didn't take a back seat for anyone husking), and worked in the field during the cold winter until late the Saturday night before going into the grain business, and the next Monday morning started in a full-fledged grain merchant. As in everything else he prospered in this, and in April, 1881, opened the present store. His success and the success of the firm has been remarkable, and the business has increased from a small scale unit at present the firm is doing a business of \$60,000 a year. This has been brought about by courage, honest and upright dealings, and is one of the practical illustrations of what pluck and honesty will bring about for a poor boy.

The business now occupies, if placed together, more than a block of ground, and includes a large double store with large store houses in connection, immense warehouses filled with every conceivable kind of machinery, two large grain elevators, lumber yard, coal sheds, stock yards, etc. In the store and store houses may be found everything in the line of groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes, hardware, tinware, furniture, musical instruments, sewing machines, jewelry, clothing, and general goods of all descriptions. The warehouses are filled with machinery, wagons, buggies, etc. The firm buys an immense amount of grain and are extensive dealers in live stock. In fact, a customer may go into that store and buy anything he wants, or sell anything he has to sell. What more do you want. During the holidays M. F. Reilly & Co. always have a large supply of useful and ornamental articles suitable for presents, and this year they will sell everything in the store at greatly reduced prices for cash.

Good-bye Mr. Reilly, we will see you again, and we know you will always be 'the same' Mr. Reilly."

The Reddick House, E. J. Johnson, Proprietor.

While in Reddick recently, we got hungry, and being in the habit of eating occasionally, we called at the hostelry of which E. J. Johnson is proprietor—the Reddick House, and we are not sorry for doing so. Mr. Johnson and his estimable wife and family have been residents of Reddick for several years. Mr. Johnson is city marshal and constable, but that has nothing to do with his running a first-class hotel. Everything is neat and nice, and the meals that are served under the supervision of Mrs. Johnson are simply excellent, and if anyone goes away from there hungry it is their own fault. The prices are very reasonable, and in fact, we don't see how they can afford to give such good meals for the price they charge. When in Reddick be sure and call at the Reddick House. Good livery barn in connection.